



## Gustavus' 45<sup>th</sup> Nobel Conference

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Staff Writer

Early next week, time on the Gustavus campus will come to a screeching halt for all students, faculty and staff. Daily routines will be put on hold, the campus will flood with outsiders and for two days the college will, for the 45<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, commence hosting the Nobel Conference. As the Conference approaches, it is important to take time to reflect on the impact the event has on the greater community and why Nobel has become such an integral piece of Gustavus' traditions.

We all know the basics of Nobel. Each year, classes more or less stop for a Tuesday/Wednesday in October, about 6,000 people travel to Gustavus and for those two days, the community is provided with the unique opportunity to listen to scientists (who have more official titles than we have letters in our names) speak about salient global issues.

"[The Conference] is the signature event of the College and is becoming known throughout the world," Chuck Niederriter, professor of physics at Gustavus since 1985 and the director of the Nobel Conference said.

"For the last 25 years, I have attended or watched the overflow-



Beginning Tuesday, Oct. 6 Gustavus will host its 45<sup>th</sup> annual Nobel Conference. The lectures will focus on global issues with water resources.

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ing seating at Nobel ... Once I realized the incredible opportunity I had to learn from top scientists, philosophers and theologians, I just had to go," Niederriter said.

Sandi Francis, a St. Peter resident and administrative coordinator for the education department, said that Nobel "makes science come alive with practical

applications. It is a wonderful life-long learning experience for residents of the St. Peter area and gives a very different kind of learning opportunity with strong academic themes."

How the material is presented seems to be one of the most defining characteristics of the Conference each year. It is not

provided in a dry, monotonous and plodding discussion forum, but a lively consideration of a variety of different elements within a broader focus area.

While not all Gusties choose to participate in the opportunities that Nobel Week provides to the student body, they too recognize the importance of the Conference

to the college.

"[Not only does] Nobel represent us in how Gustavus functions as an intellectual community that encourages debate and critical thinking," Senior English Major Marlene Kvitrud said.

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## Campus Safety releases Clery Act report

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Amidst the hustle and bustle of college life, safety and awareness often take a back seat to studying and socializing. The average college student has an overflowing schedule full of classes, study groups, extracurricular activities and periodically even a social life. Gustavus works to protect students' safety and well being through the Campus Safety Department.

Director of Campus Safety Ray Thrower has been with Gustavus for nearly 11 years. During his time in this field of work, Thrower has become acclimated to the ins and outs of campus safety and crimes on campus. According to Thrower, "one of the most common crimes on campus is theft." People have

been known to unthinkingly leave their dorm rooms or cars unlocked, or leave backpacks and laptops sitting unattended in the library, which can lead to theft.

Bicycle theft has also been a worrisome problem at Gustavus. In order to thwart these criminals a new bicycle registration program was implemented. Thrower stated that this program has been a "great success" when identifying and returning stolen bicycles to their rightful owners.

Other changes in campus safety policy are taking place this year. The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act states that higher education institutions must "collect, report and disseminate crime data to the campus community and U.S. department of Education." This act helps keep the community

aware of crimes on campus and also keeps community members updated on serious issues that could affect their well being.

Gustavus is taking this requirement one step further. Certain measures are being taken to make the response and reporting of crimes on campus proactive instead of reactive. This means that Gustavus not only reacts to reported crimes that take place on campus, but it looks for ways to prevent crime as well.

It is important that students understand the risks and dangers of college life in order to remain both safe and aware. To make that possible, crime and fire logs will become available online at [gustavus.edu/safety](http://gustavus.edu/safety). This year students will be able to take a closer look at crimes taking place in and around Gustavus.

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Director of Campus Safety Ray Thrower on a T3.

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## Campus Safety Report

### Monday, Sept. 21

A student reported the theft of his unlocked bicycle from the bike rack at College View Apartments.

### Tuesday, Sept. 22

A student was charged with drug possession and drug paraphernalia possession.

### Wednesday, Sept. 23

The department of Campus Safety responded to a medical assist at the Chapel.

An attempted burglary was reported in Schaefer Fine Arts.

### Thursday, Sept. 24

A student reported the theft of a bicycle from the bike rack at College View Apartments.

### Friday, Sept. 25

A students in Gibbs Hall reported a laptop computer was vandalized in his unlocked room.

### Saturday, Sept. 26

A student was charged with underage consumption at Norelius hall. Campus Safety was called to Rundstrom hall for a broken window at the west entrance of the building.

One non-Gustavus student was cited by Campus Safety and SPPD for destruction of property. The non-Gustavus student was issued a Trespass Warning. One Gustavus student was issued a Social Host violation.

### Tip of the Week:

#### Date Rape Drugs:

As with any community, campuses are subject to criminal activity, including theft, physical violence and sexual assault. One of the more widespread problems at higher education facilities is the use of date rape drugs.

#### Date Rape Drugs on Campus

The most popular use of date rape drugs is to incapacitate women so that they are completely helpless. The drugs start to work almost immediately: first the victim will have trouble breathing, then they will start to lose control over their own body, and the end result is usually a total blackout. When the victim wakes up, they will very likely not have any memory at all of what happened to them.

Perhaps the primary reasons why date rape drugs are so commonly used is that they are small, easy to conceal and very difficult to detect. They are odorless, and generally have no taste. There are three primary drugs that predators use: Flunitrazepam (also known as a roofie), GHB (also most commonly known as a "G"), Ketamine (commonly known as Special "K")

Each one is available as a small pill, liquid or powder in that will completely dissolve in any liquid, so it easy to slip one into a drink. This happens to many students who are out on a date with an acquaintance they don't know very well. The person offers to purchase beverages, sneaks a drug into one glass, and soon after makes a hasty exit claiming he must take his date home because she has had too much to drink. Once the victim has completely succumbed to the effects of the drug, she will not be able to defend herself or object to unwanted advances. The best way to stay safe is to be wary of people you don't know handling your drinks and to watch your friends closely.

## Correction

In last week's article "Gustavus to add academic building, redesign Anderson," the text cited the current Anderson Social Science Center as the home of the Folke Bernadotte Library from its dedication in 1950 (built in 1948) until 1978. The New Folke Bernadotte library was actually opened in 1972, six years earlier than last week's article stated.

## What do Superman, Ben Franklin and Barbara Walters all have in common?

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Tuesday, October 6th

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 Spanish Rice  
 Refried Pinto Beans  
 Chili Lime Potatoes  
 Mexican Style Pizza  
 Roasted Vegetables

Black Bean & Mango Salad

Chicken Chowder  
 Vegetarian Chili

B.B.Q. Pulled Pork Po' Boy Sandwich

Wednesday, October 7th

Chicken Parmesan  
 Four Cheese Manicotti  
 Linguine in Roasted Red Bell Pepper Pesto  
 Parmesan Roasted Potatoes  
 Spicy Orange Tofu  
 Brown Rice  
 Fresh Asparagus Al Pomodoro  
 Vegetable Pizza

Chicken Penne with Basil & Asiago Salad

Tomato, Basil & Feta Soup  
 Ham & Bean Soup

Blackened Chicken & Pesto Po' Boy Sandwich

## A word with Dr. Smith

Rachel Chase  
Staff Writer

Dr. Leonard Smith, emeritus professor of history at California Lutheran University and a former professor at Luther College, is scheduled to deliver two presentations on the Gustavus campus as part of a publicity tour for his new book *Religion and the Rise of History: Martin Luther and the Cultural Revolution in Germany, 1760-1810*, available in the Book Mark.

The first lecture, titled "Teaching the Idea of History and How to Write a History Paper in a Useful, Delightful, and Lutheran Way," will be held from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the Phi Beta Kappa room. The second lecture will be the presentation of Smith's paper "Martin Luther and the Cultural Revolution: 1760-1810" and will take place from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in Confer Hall 126.

Dr. Smith said that the idea for his new book has existed in some form since 1971. Quoted in a press release from the publisher, Cascade Books (a division of Wipf and Stock), Thomas A. Brady Jr. of the University of California, Berkeley, calls Dr. Smith's book "a splendid marriage of classical themes with new and original insights", and adds that "everyone interested in the evolution of European historical thought should read it."

In the book, Dr. Smith suggests that the "cultural revolution," a

"formative period for modern German thought" was fueled by Luther's writings and deeply changed the world by culminating in the establishment of the modern liberal arts educational tradition.

Gustavus Professor of Religion Garrett Paul suggested that students of all disciplines attend Dr. Smith's presentations, but added that any student with an interest in history, religion, or philosophy would find the lectures especially intriguing.

Smith's lectures will focus in part on the influence of Martin Luther's writings on the development of historicism, a school of thought that stresses the importance of looking at change and historical context when studying history.

When speaking of Luther's influence on Western historical thought, Smith focuses on Luther's use of "simul" or "at-the-same-time" comparisons, as well as "in-with-and-under," a concept for teaching general ideas of religion and history "in, with, under and through the particular."

"Lutheran ethos is second to none for historical thought," Smith said. "In-with-and-under [is] the best way to write. Abstract thinking is always boring."

But don't fret—all this writing theory isn't as dry as it sounds. Smith promised to cover "2,000 years of Western historical thought in 15 minutes," and added that "I put on quite a show."



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The Clery Act will make campus crime data available to the Gustavus community.

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Copies of crime reports can be sent to students and others if requested. Hopefully, this new addition to Campus Safety will help make students more aware of crimes on campus and what they can do to keep themselves safe.

With all of this talk about crimes on campus, you may find yourself thinking that Gustavus is quite a dangerous place. However, according to Thrower, "We are very fortunate." Gustavus has very little crime and is "in range with other schools our size." Also, during his career at Gustavus, Thrower hasn't noticed much of a change in either the types of crime or the number of crimes committed every year. Many students also feel that Gustavus is an astonishingly safe campus.

Gustavus not only protects its students, but it also goes out of its way to prevent any harm that may befall that student. One aspect of Gustavus safety is the escort system.

Junior Linda Evans stated that "knowing I can always get an escort after dark makes me feel safe on campus."

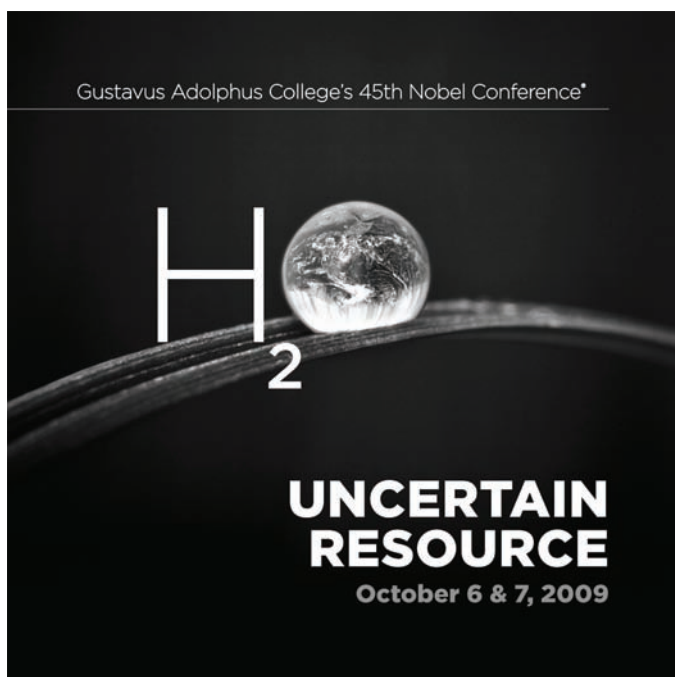
Other students feel that Gustavus is a safe school because of its size and location. Junior Biology Major Chris Whitney said "I think that a lot of it has to do with the size of the campus and the small town feel of St. Peter, as opposed to a large metropolitan area."

Junior Health Fitness Major Amanda Hestness also feels that Gustavus is a safe place to live "because of the feeling of being in a small community."

Sophomore Emily Hoene, who works as a campus safety dis-

patcher, also has strong feelings about the safety of Gustavus and those who protect our students. "The officers are funny and very caring about the students. My job gives me good life skills and teaches me how to deal with issues. Some people think that Campus Safety is out to get them, but they are just here doing their job."

Junior Art Studio Major Annie Ahlbrecht also voiced her opinion about the safety of Gustavus. "I feel very safe on campus, but whenever I have the slightest feeling that I'm not, I just call for an escort. Gustavus is such a close knit community that you can't help but feel safe."



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# CAB changes nomination process for Homecoming Court

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Staff Writer

Last year, some students may have noticed a change during Homecoming Week: the seniors were not asked for their Homecoming Court nominations. Instead, the faculty, administration and staff were asked for Homecoming Court nominations. The court is then selected by tallying the nominations, and the five most nominated men and five most nominated women make up the homecoming court.

After the selection of the court, the Homecoming King and Queen are selected in the same manner as in years past, with the entire student body voting on which members of Homecoming Court they would like to see crowned king and queen.

The process was changed for a few reasons. First, it was confusing who got to nominate and who got to vote and when. Many underclassmen did not realize they had the opportunity to vote for the king and queen. This new process is meant to be clearer as to what the Gustavus students' role is in the Homecoming Court process and to involve more people in Homecoming traditions.

"Nobody really gets involved in Homecoming Week here, so I hope that this newer method for Homecoming Court helps get everyone involved and more pumped up about our school," Megan Lundin, a sophomore student, said.

Also, the new process helps incorporate the entire Gustavus community into the Homecoming festivities by asking faculty, administrators and staff to nominate seniors for Homecoming Court, and it adds honor to receiving



Alex Messenger

The selection of the Homecoming Court was changed last year in an effort to better involve the entire Gustavus community.

a place on Court by the criteria the nominators are asked to use. Senior Psychology Major Maggie Hansvick, Campus Activities Board (CAB) co-president, explained, "The nomination forms ask the community member to nominate a senior who exemplifies Gustavus' five core values." Professor of Political Science

Richard Leitch said, "I nominated someone who I met with as a prospective student and have seen develop and contribute to the Gustavus community. They may not have a 4.0 GPA, but they work hard, love life and are thankful for what they have." Senior Psychology Major Kyle Goodfellow agreed that this aspect of the

nomination process is an important change: "I feel like it becomes more of an honor this way. Not to say that being on the Homecoming Court is not an honor in the first place, but being held in high esteem by your superiors makes it that much more special."

However, there is some debate as to whether or not those asked

for nominations will take the opportunity to participate, or if they will simply throw their nomination form in the recycling. "It's not as easy as you'd think to find someone to nominate," Leitch explained. "I have to remember if the first person who comes to mind is a senior this year or not. It would be easier to nominate people if we were given a list of seniors to help jog our memories."

In addition to the selection process, the responsibilities of Homecoming Court members have changed slightly. "In the past, those who were selected for Homecoming Court were obligated to put on the entire hour-and-a-half Homecoming Variety Show on Friday night. Now, we only ask them to be responsible for a section of the show, which makes their time commitment smaller.

"Since the Court is generally very involved on campus, it gets exhausting to put in all those hours planning the show and still keep up with their other responsibilities," Hansvick said. The Homecoming Court is also featured in the Homecoming Parade on Saturday morning and at the half-time show during the football game.

Voting for king and queen will be held at the Student Activities Office desk from Monday, Oct. 5 until Thursday, Oct. 8. King and queen will be announced and their coronation will be at the Homecoming Variety Show on Friday, Oct. 9 at 8:00 p.m. in Alumni Hall.

You can learn more about Gustavus Homecoming Week festivities at [gustavus.edu/calendar/17072](http://gustavus.edu/calendar/17072).

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According to Kvitrud, one of the most exciting parts of the event for her is the "display of music ensembles, the evening concerts and the obvious appreciation of fine arts" that is part of the Gustavus personality.

While it is important not to forget the content of Nobel each year, it also important to remember how Nobel serves to reach out to the community. The Conference reflects very positively on Gustavus as an academic community. "I remember seeing the Nobel posters in my high school classrooms and having the teachers talk about it. The number of students who hear about Nobel through high school definitely makes a difference," Kvitrud said, a graduate of Irondale High School. Nobel can attract any student curious about the environment, global social issues, economics and a whole host of other topics. Throughout its history, the Nobel Conference has served as a platform for nearly 60 Nobel prizewinners.

"How many college students across the country can say they've been taught by a Nobel Laureate? ... The College sees this as an important part of its mission, a major outreach program that is relatively unique," Niederriter said.

Anyone who wants to attend

is invited to listen to the speakers, ask questions, go to panel discussions and soak up what the annual topic has to offer.

This year, the Nobel committee has made an extra effort to reach out to St. Peter and the surrounding area. On Friday, Oct. 2, just

**"We were the first school—the only school—45 years ago to be recognized by the Nobel Foundation in Sweden, permitting us to hold the Nobel Conference here."**

**- President Jack Ohle**

days before the Conference, a gathering of almost 500 local elementary students, grades 4-6, will be coming to campus for a day of science centered around this year's Nobel Conference theme, "H<sub>2</sub>O: Uncertain Resource."

Topics of interest for these students include the hydrologic cycle, fresh water aquatic systems, dam and channel engineering and water treatment and sanitation systems.

Dr. Michele Koomen, assistant professor in the education department, has spent a great deal of time with the Nobel committee working on developing and

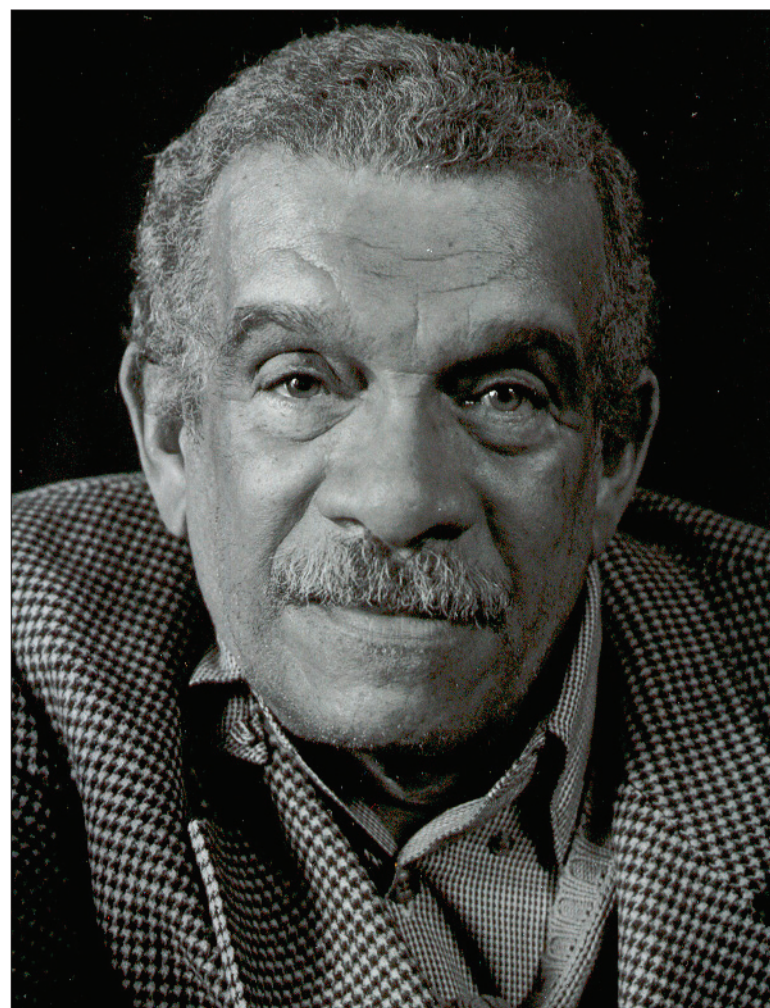
coordinating this program. "For about two years ... through my work, I began to envision this day ... linking together teachers and students in science and engineering," Koomen said.

As part of this program, nearly 100 education majors will be involved in teaching the students their lessons throughout the day.

Nobel has become one of the most important traditions at Gustavus. "We were the first school—the only school—45 years ago to be recognized by the Nobel Foundation in Sweden, permitting us to hold the Nobel Conference here," President Jack Ohle said in a previously recorded interview. More than this, however, no event brings the Gustavus community together like Nobel.

Niederriter extended his gratitude to offices like Campus Safety, Marketing and Communications, Dining Services, Media Services, Print Services, Physical Plant and many more for their work. As a result of this collaboration, Nobel has some serious staying power at Gustavus. Not surprisingly, the topics for 2010 (Food and Nutrition) and 2011 (Neuroscience, Religion & Chemistry) have already been set.

If any student, faculty or community member has input on possible future topics for Nobel, contact Niederriter at [chuck@gustavus.edu](mailto:chuck@gustavus.edu).



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Derek Walcott, 1992 Nobel Laureate in Literature, speaks on Tuesday at 8:15 p.m.

## Gustie of the Week:

# Sophia Backman: Getting the education of a lifetime



Alex Messenger

In her college career, Sophia Backman has studied in Switzerland, Spain and the United States. Not only were these experiences memorable to her, but they also instilled in her a passion to learn about the different lifestyles and cultures throughout the world.

**Kelli Ludwig**  
Staff Writer

Sophia Backman, a senior international management and Spanish major, has spent half her college career traveling around the world. Her experiences have brought her into contact with many cultures and has encouraged her to improve the world around her.

Sophia's version of first-year orientation consisted of meeting students speaking a variety of languages all from very different backgrounds on her flight to Franklin College, an international school in Switzerland.

"It was great because we still had a chance to form this amazing bond over the long flight before we even got to the school," Sophia said.

At this school, students aren't just encouraged to travel and explore the world around them; they are required to do so. During her year studying in Switzerland, Sophia traveled all over Europe. Her most memorable trips were to Sicily and Yugoslavia studying the culture, history and political problems disrupting these areas.

It was during one of these trips that Sophia decided on a major that had an international component.

"In Seravejo, Yugoslavia our tour guide took us to the front lines of the war where the walls still had bullet holes in them and the atmosphere was so gray, unresolved and depressing. He then told us a story from his childhood where he was held at gunpoint

by the enemy that had invaded his neighborhood. The thought of this shocked me, and I realized that I wanted to understand the lifestyles of people that are very different from me and where they've been," Sophia said.

Sophia continued her education at Gustavus for her sophomore year, choosing it for its strong academics, a variety of organizations and the liberal arts education process.

"Everyone I worked with to make the transfer was so welcoming and helpful that I knew I had made the right decision," Sophia said.

Although she enjoyed her second year at Gustavus, Sophia soon became restless and craved another opportunity abroad. Her goals for her year-long studying on the island of Palma de Mallorca right off the coast of Barcelona, Spain included becoming comfortable and confident with the Spanish language and also becoming immersed in the Spanish culture and learning from it.

Sophia feels as though she accomplished those goals along with undertaking other responsibilities like living alone for the first time and interviewing in Spanish. The language and cultural barriers made everyday tasks more challenging but rewarding once realized.

Back at Gustavus this year for her senior year, Sophia is a very active student as a member of the Delta Phi Omega Sorority, the Model UN and Amigos. She hopes to explore more of what Gustavus has to offer throughout

her last year here.

"I want to explore what I have an interest in and have fun with it," Sophia said.

More traveling, especially in Europe, is in store for Sophia's future so that she can use her past experiences in business and society.

"My greatest goal for the future is to stay in contact with those [who] I've met from all over the world that I don't want to forget, even as I travel," Sophia said.

Sophia always keeps her mother's words in mind: "Do your best; no one is going to do it for you. If you want to do something, be the best at it. Don't be passive; be aggressive to accomplish your goals."

She always has and always will remind herself of these very important words through every endeavor. They have encouraged her thus far in the path of success and always will.

Sophia has advice for underclassmen: "If you can, study abroad in college. Take advantage of every opportunity to travel—even if it is just three weeks. Very few people have a bad time, and those that do still don't usually regret going because they still came back having learned a valuable lesson about the world and themselves."

This extraordinary senior has taken advantage of every opportunity and has fully immersed herself in her endeavors—a strong accomplishment to have achieved at such a young age.



Alex Messenger

On campus, Sophia is involved in the Delta Phi Omega Sorority, the Model UN and Amigos.

# Crowd favorite Ari Herstand returns to Gustavus for another performance

Katie Volney  
Staff Writer

Ever since his first performance opening for Ben Folds two years ago, singer/songwriter Ari Herstand has become a favorite performer on campus.

"I was able to see Ari last year when he performed here in the Courtyard Café. He has a great voice and plays many instruments ... well," Sophomore Political Science Major Jen Fox said.

23-year-old Herstand is perhaps best known for his incredible live performances, in which he incorporates a medley of instruments: guitar, keyboard, trumpet, vocals and harmonica.

"I have been looking forward to Ari's return since he was on campus last fall. He doesn't just play guitar and sing—he has a live looping system that incorporates his guitar, keyboard, trumpet, harmonica, vocals and his ability to beat box," Junior Communication Studies Major Michelle Tanner said.

He is a truly entertaining live performer and has opened for several artists, including Matt Nathanson, Joshua Radin, Sister Hazel, the Bodeans and many others. Herstand has also performed at several large music festivals, such as Austin's South

by Southwest and Milwaukee's Summerfest.

"We love having Ari play on campus because he is a very dynamic performer and appeals to a lot of different music fans. Ari puts on an amazing show, using loops and different instruments to create a full band sound. He is a true showman, and if you come out to his show, you will not be disappointed," Senior English Major and Campus Activities Board Coffeehouse Coordinator Kady Johnson said.

*"We love having Ari play on campus because he is a very dynamic performer and appeals to a lot of different music fans."*

-Kady Johnson

Herstand's large-scale success led him to take a break from touring to record a second album. His sophomore work, *Whispering Endearments*, is meant to "bring a sincere and honest glance" into Herstand's life, according to a press release from the singer's website. The album was released in September of last year.

"I think I enjoyed watching the audience the most. Due to Ari's stage presence, everyone in the audience is very excited and they



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Ari Herstand has had multiple performances at Gustavus and is always well-received by his crowd. This Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. he will give yet another show for Gusties to enjoy.

enjoy themselves very much. Ari is a great performer, he brings a lot of energy to the stage, he sings well and he is cute; hence, many Gusties enjoy the performance. He is such a great performer that we are expecting many to watch, so we put him in Alumni Hall. I am very looking forward to seeing Ari as well as many Gusties there," Fox said.

Ari now returns to a string of live performances, including a stop at Alumni Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 7. The much-anticipated Homecoming show was moved to Alumni Hall instead of the Courtyard Café this year, due to the large turnout at Herstand's previous Gustavus performances. The show is set to begin at 8:00 p.m. and is free to students.

"He's not only a great musician, but he is wonderful at interacting with his audience and making sure everyone enjoys the show. His music is fun and easy to listen to. Last year the Courtyard Café was packed, and hopefully this year he has even more fans," Tanner said.

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## Schedule 2009

### Tuesday, October 6

10 am Rajendra K. Pachauri

"Climate Change and Global Peace"

1 pm Nancy N. Rabalais

"Nutrients, Nutrients Everywhere and Not a Drop to Drink: Land Meets the Sea"

3 pm David L. Sedlak

"Short-Circuiting the Hydrologic Cycle to Meet Urban Water Needs"

6:15 pm **Minnesota Water Connections**

Lund Center Arena: Venue 1

Lucinda B. Johnson

Alumni Hall, Johnson Student Union: Venue 2

Steve Colman

7 pm **Minnesota Water Connections 2**

Lund Center Arena: Venue 1

Ed Swain

Alumni Hall, Johnson Student Union: Venue 2

Erin Binder and Fred Rose

8:15 pm Derek Walcott

Conversation at the Conference: "Water Words"

### Wednesday, October 7

10 am Peter H. Gleick

"Water for the 21st Century: New Thinking"

1 pm Larry L. Rasmussen

"Just Water"

3 pm Asit K. Biswas

"Global Water Crisis: Myth or Reality?"

8 pm William Graf

"Where the Wild Things Are: Dams, Rivers and Wildlife Preservation"

The Lecture will be simulcast in the Heritage Room

See the official Conference Program for updated events

# Gustavus welcomes alumni for Homecoming Weekend

**Krystal Bundy**  
Staff Writer

Whether you are a first-year, an international student, a transfer student, an alumnus, a staff member, a sophomore, a junior, a senior or community member, you have to admit there is something special about the Gustavus campus. Wherever you go, you are never in want of a friendly face at Gustavus. It therefore only seems natural that many people proudly call this campus home.

This idea of home is the essence of Homecoming Week. And the essence of home at Gustavus is a place where you feel comfortable, a place to get involved and have fun with friends.

The Campus Activities Board provides that fun and camaraderie, and owing to the fact that the Nobel Conference takes place during Homecoming Week, you will have at least one free evening to let loose and enjoy the festivities. In good humor, Sophomore Music and Communication Studies Major Chris Duhaime said that there is "no reason not to show up during Nobel" if you are not at a lecture.

*"[Homecoming Week] is a celebration of student life on campus during the fall ... It's a chance for student organizations to showcase themselves ... It's all about students making the campus theirs."*

-Andrea Junso

Student organizations and unattached students alike can enjoy all that Homecoming Week has to offer. For student organizations, it really is the perfect opportunity to start the year with a bang. Homecoming not only provides an optimal setting to show other students what the organizations are about, but it also grants them the chance to win monetary support through the Homecoming competition.

For students, it is another chance to get involved in school spirit. As Junso said, it is a great tool for unifying campus life and your own life. The parade on Saturday, Oct. 10 at 11:30 a.m. is another event. Just before the football game vs. Pacific Lutheran at 1:30 p.m., the parade loops around Ring Road. Students can sign up to be involved in this event until Oct. 5 at the Information Desk.

Alumni are also welcome to come and visit. There will be stands set up for student organizations, and current students will have the chance to hear a little about the history behind their own groups at the Fifth Quarter event on Saturday. "It's fun to see [everyone] come home," Assistant Director of Alumni Relations Erin Wilken said. Seeing how much Gustavus means to its alumni is one aspect many people enjoy.

"Gustie pride" was what Senior Psychology Major Erin Watt of the Campus Activities Board listed among her favorite parts of Homecoming Week. Homecoming is "a fun, energy-filled week. It gives you a balance between



Alex Messenger

Steve Douglas, lead painter for Physical Plant, paints a new post in Hollingsworth Field to finish sprucing it up for the Homecoming game and festivities.

academics and involvement." Since Homecoming Week over-

*"It's fun to see everyone come home."*

-Erin Wilken

laps with Family Weekend, it is also an optimal opportunity for relatives to tour the campus and get a taste of what Gustavus is all about. Family members can even participate. The Fun Run on Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. is

open to everyone, and you can sign up on site.

With all the choices, almost anyone can participate in something of interest. To become more involved this Homecoming, Oct. 5-11, 2009, you can find more information about these and other events at the Information Desk in the Campus Center.

Welcome home.

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## Employer Information Day



Evan Taylor

Last Wednesday, about twenty organizations came to Gustavus where they spoke to students about what their companies do as well as providing them with internship opportunities.



## Harvest season proves bountiful

Lindsay Lelivelt  
Features Editor

It's harvest season and Big Hill Student Farm is in full bloom. Throughout the summer and all of this semester, the farm interns have been keeping themselves busy in order to produce crops for the Market Place.

Established in early 2009 by Gustavus alumni Eliza Swedenborg '09 and Cat Wiechmann '09, the Big Hill Student Farm is located in the Linnaeus Arboretum.

"Our mission is to augment the effort to make Gustavus an environmentally sustainable institution [as well as] to encourage healthy and ethical eating habits," Swedenborg said.

The farm is all-natural and fully organic, staying away from "any of the standard petrochemical fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides. Instead we are relying on natural fertilizers and nutrient amendments, aged manure, compost [and] fish emulsion," Swedenborg said.

The Big Hill Student Farm interns are Junior English Major Jordan Walker, Senior Environmental Studies Major Lucas Neher, Senior Dance and Psychology Major Sarah Jabar and Senior History Major Steve Palmer.

Throughout the summer, the interns learned the ins and outs of local farming.

"The most rewarding thing that I have gained from working on the farm is a deeper connection with and appreciation for the food I eat and where it comes from. Understanding how delicious and fresh local food can be has changed my values around agriculture, and I am now much more intentional about the food that I buy and promote," Jabar said.

Neher, who grew up on a farm in Iowa, was immediately attracted to the idea of working at Big Hill Farm.

"Almost every day on the farm is worthwhile. I can be outside and play in the dirt. It has allowed me to give something special to Gustavus. It gave me the opportunity to work with the most outstanding people at Gustavus," Neher said.

Although the experiences were mostly positive, there were some kinks to work out.

"The most difficult part has been problem solving when things don't go as planned, for example, dealing with pests and plant diseases. However, it has all been part of the process and we were able to deal with just about everything that came up, so I don't see those difficulties as a negative thing. We will now know how to best prepare for and tackle problems that may come up next year," Jabar said.

Neher also mentioned dealing with soil as being a difficult part of the summer.

"The soil had been the hardest challenge. We started off with some rough stuff. Not to say it's not bad now, but it will take lots of continued work to help it out," Neher said.

As of late, the interns have been busy harvesting their crops. Tomato plants are ripe and ready for picking. This past Sunday, interns Neher and Jabar picked 12 pallets full of tomatoes for the Market Place.

Tomatoes aren't the only produce being grown on the farm. Here's a list of what's being/ been harvested: Tomatoes (romas and brandywines), bell peppers, various hot peppers, sweet corn, beets, sugar snap peas, green beans, onions, potatoes, leaf lettuce, radishes, cauliflower, herbs (basil, cilantro, mint, chives), cucumbers, summer squash, assorted winter squash, butternut squash, asparagus, rhubarb, strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, muskmelon and watermelon.



The Big Hill Student Farm is located in the Linnaeus Arboretum, near the Baseball Stadium.



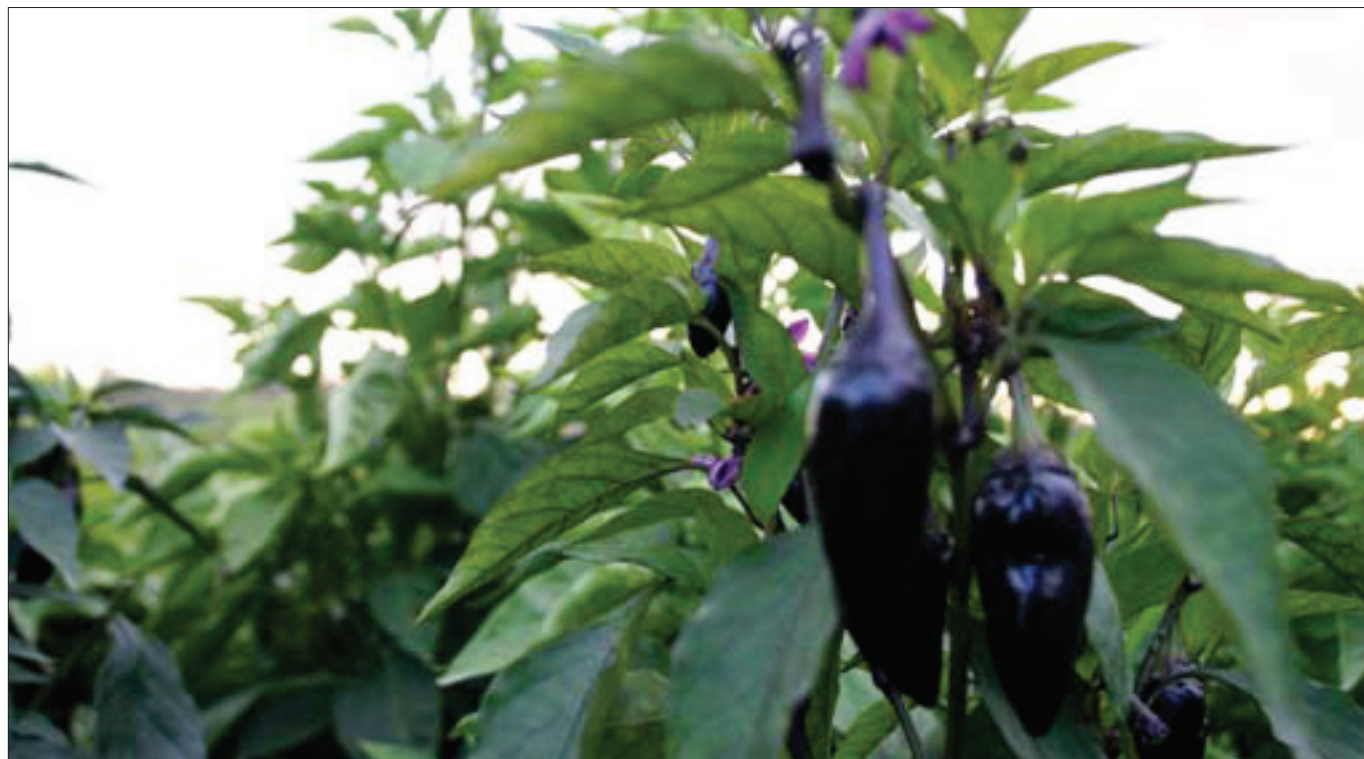
Ripe roma tomatoes hang on the vine waiting to be picked.

LINDSAY LELIVELT



Big Hill Farm has a pumpkin patch growing in a corner of the plot.

LINDSAY LELIVELT



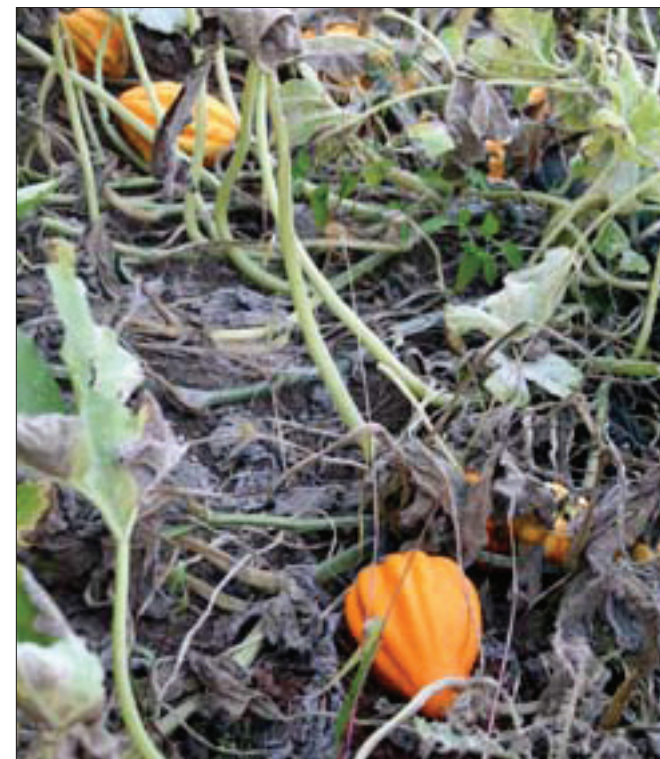
This hot purple pepper is one of many different varieties of peppers found on the farm.

LINDSAY LELIVELT



These green jalapeno peppers are among the spiciest produce grown on the farm.

LINDSAY LELIVELT



Squash from Big Hill Farm has been used in the Market Place lasagna.

LINDSAY LELIVELT



These baby tomato sprouts were planted in the spring and have since grown in the delicious tomatoes served in the Market Place.

ELIZA SWEDENBORG



Examining life

Of students and teachers at Gustavus



Alex Legeros  
Staff Writer

We can all agree that we are paying too much, or not getting paid enough, by this institution. I pay almost double now than what I did for my first year (which was only two years ago, mind you) as tuition, fees and residence costs have gone up, while state and college financial aid has diminished. At the same time, faculty members are paid half of what they should be, or what they could be if they taught elsewhere, especially if they're not sitting in endowed chairs or are here as "visiting" or "assisting" professors/instructors. I will say right now that I am woefully uninformed about the college's budget (other than that, of course, we don't have enough money), spending goals and future plans, so I am not going to attack or defend those ideas. Instead, I want to examine our view on the relationship between faculty and students here at Gustavus.

Yes, we need administrators—they do, in fact, make every part of the college run outside the

classroom. Although perhaps "[Our] bureaucracy is expanding to meet the needs of the expanding bureaucracy," (unattributable) I won't comment on that either. The bureaucracy is the engine of

officials, so I'll let President Jack Ohle and the Board of Trustees decide what to do with it.

I am, however, a student. I attend college. It is generally accepted that one attends college to

get a degree. If the degree were the only important part of attending college, I'd expect we'd all do it in a cheaper way. But we don't.

I attend Gustavus. I have my reasons, some of which are more reasonable than others. I think it is the people in this community who keep me here. It's a beautiful place too, but not the only one. Yes, if I had to choose one thing

that makes me want to attend Gustavus, it is the community.

Now, our professors don't have the same kind of freedom we as students do to choose the institution we are a part of, or the freedom to leave it either, but they are here nonetheless.

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Why are you at college? Some are here to text in class, some are here to party and some are here for jaunts into the woods with friends.

Emperor Norton's Patent of Nobility  
Minnesota's niceties: staring at the floor



Steve Palmer  
Commentary Editor

Minnesota Nice is a definite piece of Gustavus culture. During my three years here, I have come to conclude that Minnesota Nice is perhaps a complete representation of Gustavian culture; the good and the bad aspects of Minnesota Nice define the Gustavian identity. But what exactly is "Minnesota Nice?" It is a term that can be used positively or derisively, alternately implying genuine politeness or mere surface-deep politeness, one that barely conceals phoniness. Like all words, the meaning of Minnesota Nice is not definite, but a common definition can be agreed upon.

Minnesota Nice seems to rest on an attitude of non-confrontation and politeness, avoidant of disruption or distinctiveness. Since the Gustavus community is completely reflective of its Minnesota-oriented student body,

it should come as no surprise that Minnesota Nice plays a large part in campus life, from student groups to classroom settings. Minnesota Nice permeates all levels of the campus, from our relatively homogenous student body, and to our large contingent of socially conscious "I-can-change-the-world" activists, to our large worship groups, to our friendly "frost-your-own" events. Not to mention Gustie Greeters, the epitome of "people who pretend to like absolutely everyone." An examination of Minnesota Nice can offer insights into the true nature of Gustavus.

Minnesota Nice maybe stems from a Scandinavian solemnity—probably rooted in the fact that the upper reaches of Sweden (or the Eckman Mall in January) are too cold to even conceive of opening one's mouth to breathe, (let alone speak). We are unable to divert our gazes from anywhere but locked firmly ahead, staring at the ground, silently hoping to die because at that moment our lives are completely intolerable. Small towns in Minnesota definitely carry on this tradition, and even those in big cities carry on in this demeanor.

My mother, growing up on the East Side of St. Paul, noted that there was a sort of "East Side" sense of humor; deadpan sarcasm

with a subtle wit. That's "big city" Minnesota Nice—even in a hectic city, you're quick, but still reserved and quiet.

The fact that Minnesota Nice is its own distinct term seems to say

that it is a concept distinct from actual nicety. However, I think Minnesota Nice can truly be nice. Why? The image of church basement potlucks full of politeness, community and bars is just too warm and fuzzy for me to dislike. What's nicer and more wholesome than a fun exchange of hot dish in the church basement?

In fact, a 2004 *New York Times* article about flu shot shortages said that Minnesota was not having any issue because "even people considered most vulnerable [were] forgoing the shots so there will be enough left for others."

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The free exchange of delicious bars and potato salad precludes passive-aggressive sniping in the car ride home.

## Katie Kaderlik's words of wisdom

## Of printing and printers at Gustavus



Katie Kaderlik  
Staff Writer

The printer purrs as the 50 page article your professor posted on Moodle is slowly churned out. Your GAC printing account quickly depleted, you walk back to your study area to begin reading. What happened to the good old days when printing was free at Gustavus?

I understand that Gustavus and the rest of the world are trying to be more earth friendly and want to go green, but at what cost to students? We pay over \$40,000 a year to get an education here and yet we are now being charged to print when we are already paying thousands of dollars for classes and on top of that, an outrageous amount of money for textbooks.

More professors are placing their articles on Moodle for students to read for their classes, but many students struggle with actively engaging in the text while reading it online. How are we supposed to actively engage in the material, take notes on the copy of the article and highlight portions we want to talk about in

class without a physical copy of the article in class (which many professors require you to bring

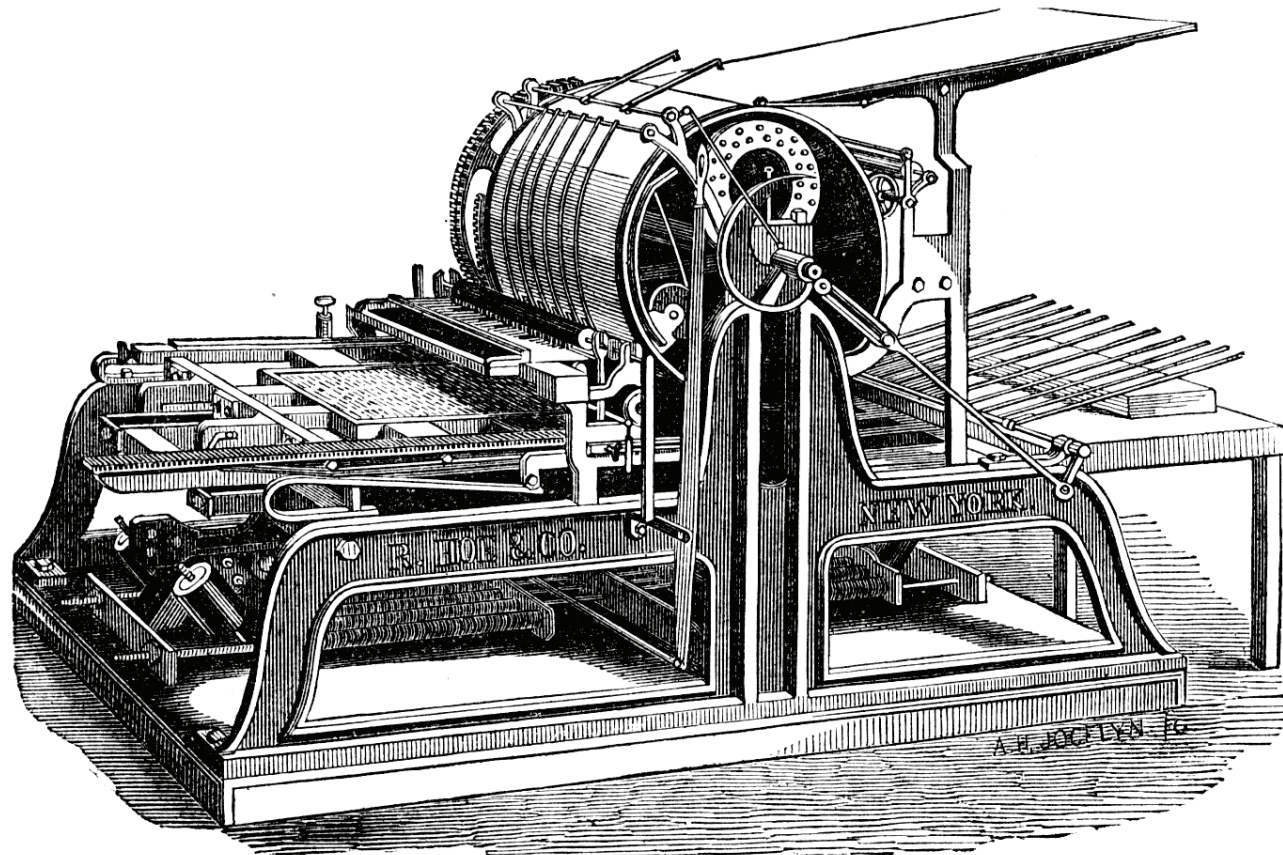
for their class).

Even if you choose to print on both sides of a page, you are

charged for printing two sheets. How does that motivate students to save paper if they will be charged the same amount as printing single sided. Multiple drafts are often required for papers and sometimes professors

even want the full articles you used as a source turned in with the final draft of a paper.

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*What did students in 1800s Germany do when they had to write papers? Start lining up the woodblocks, that's what.*

## Letters to the Editor

So Nicollet County has passed an ordinance stating that Gustavus must conduct noise pollution studies before it can erect even a single wind turbine. Don't worry about the cars from Highway 169, sirens from various vehicles, trains that pass through the town with horns sounding (sometimes at night) or dogs from the neighborhoods that yap outside your Complex window that all are bound to occur throughout the day. Those clearly aren't obnoxious enough.

Jokes aside, a quick Google search shows that wind turbines and noise pollution may cause health problems, not because of the volume, but rather because of the low frequency of noise that is emitted. However, other studies state that these health problems may actually be psychosomatic and thus not directly related to the turbines: noise. I am in support of Gustavus for this issue, but please get the facts from both sides (including myself, as I was almost prepared to send a 300-word rant on Friday) before you blast someone's opinion.

Commissioner James Stenson said that he believes the primary reason Gustavus wants a turbine is because St. Olaf and Carleton have one. I won't disagree that it may be a contributing factor, but I believe it's more likely because those two colleges have shown

that it's possible to acquire one, not because it's a fad. I think Sunday and Monday's windy weather should have been good reasons as to why GAC is pursuing a wind turbine, and our school has better things to do than copycat our rivals.

Andrew Bryz-Gornia, '11

We as members of the Gustavus community need a clear commitment to the College's environmental sustainability goals, first and foremost the addition of a wind turbine on campus.

We demand an affirmation of the Gustavus Climate Plan. If the College decides to not go forth with the wind turbine, we want to see the focus of sustainability shifted elsewhere, particularly LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification for buildings on campus, updating current buildings to higher sustainability standards and offsetting carbon emissions.

We would like to be a part of active and open communication within the College, especially between the Administration and the student body. We feel it is in the best interest of the future of the College to aggressively pursue these initiatives in the reality

of climate change.

In order to show our support, we are participating in a Sustainability Teach-In Speak-Out on Wednesday, Oct. 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Johns Family Courtyard. This event is open to all members of the Gustavus community. Any other organizations or individuals who would like to be a part of this coalition should contact the Greens' Co-Presidents Susan Kranz and Katie Webster.

Brit Barkholtz '12, Secretary/  
Treasurer of the Gustavus Greens

Diversity is a word that we take pride in around this campus. Gustavus truly values diversity as a part of our community and how it fits into the core values of our College. To exemplify this, we have the unique Diversity Center, which provides a safe place for the open exchange of discussion about diversity.

This fall, the student group InDepth from the Communication Studies Department will expand diversity in the St. Peter and Mankato area by advocating the non-profit organization Greater Mankato Diversity Council (GMDC). The GMDC was founded in 2004 and exists to create an inclusive and welcom-

ing community. GMDC's specific goals are to build capacity in the community to proactively address issues of diversity and discrimination by celebrating differences.

It also works to eliminate racism and all forms of discrimination in the community, while raising community awareness about diversity. Finally, GMDC expands diversity and education programs for all. Group InDepth plans to hold a variety of fundraisers to generate funds in order to help continue GMDC's work. Keep your eyes open for donation jars, and please feel free to give at your own discretion. Thank you.

Nadvia Davis '11  
Jenny Behan '11  
Bekah Jorgenson '11  
Cheng Lee '11  
Nicole Meyer '11

In response to Joey Taylor's insightful article concerning the planned academic building and the redesign of the Arthur H. Anderson Social Science Center, I would like to correct a couple historical inaccuracies regarding both the center and the library.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the library building occurred

on April 1, 1947. When completed, the facility cost \$420,000 and was dedicated on Homecoming Weekend during October 1948. A rededication occurred during June 1950 when the building was renamed the Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library, in honor of slain Swedish mediator Count Folke Bernadotte. Although designed as a library, the building soon proved too small to address the needs of a growing student body and greatly expanded collection of books, journals and microfilms.

Subsequently, planning began during the late 1960s for the construction of a new (the current) library. After spending approximately 2.7 million dollars, the second Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library opened during autumn 1972. While the current library has space and some electrical limitations, the building has served the campus well over the past 37 years.

To learn more about campus history, please visit the College Archives located on the library's third floor.

Jeff Jenson  
College and Lutheran Church  
Archivist

## The observations of Rebecca Hohag

### Take a moment to breathe in the present



Rebecca Hohag  
Staff Writer

It's a gorgeous day atop the Hill, the Old Main clock ticks away steadily, and the question flies out of our mouths: Howareya? As the wind brushes up the autumn leaves, this salutation is immediately overtaken by a mission to beat the clock. Hanging in the air is a conversation about someone's unique and present well-being. How do we treat the answer—as if we've heard it before or like we can guess it? Past ... future ... aren't we in the present?

The feeling extends from that conversation to our lives. Hanging unanswered, breath held—how do we slow down?

Recently, bright orange fliers yielded students' attention to Erazim Kohak's presence at Gustavus. The former Gustavus philosopher and current Czech professor graciously spoke in Chapel and at several lectures. He

reminded us to simply appreciate the gift of waking up healthy each morning—ears hearing, eyes observing, lungs breathing.

Kohak, eyes crinkling his eight or so decades of life, observes how we try to understand and delineate time into neat little boxes of past, present and future. These boxes, Tupperware-style perhaps, prevent a peaceful and joyous lifestyle. Kohak writes and speaks of “seeing the present as a link of what has been and what will be.” Moments are gifts—reminders that life is more than what should have been done or what we should do. Life is full of moments to be treasured and indeed worked through, full of pockets of life to wonder and to relish the abundance of good in each day. These moments are valuable as momentary lapses and also pieces of the story of our lives. Simple as this idea seems, Kohak lives his life as a gift of the past and the future and encourages a genuine hope in oneself and the world.

Woven into this momentary appreciation, Kohak gently encourages the story of living. The leaves will always fall. Birds will migrate, snow will fall. Human life brings uniqueness to the regularity of the seasons. Predictable and knowable as some things are, Kohak suggests that mankind is

given “a will to history.” Hope for change, capacity to wonder and ponder and to bring about change. This is uniquely human. Kohak said, “It is the story of my life that I live that gives life meaning.” History, no longer past and future, is now in our hands.

As I grow into my drawing class, I'm pondering these words. Goodness and hope dwell in the process and practice of living. Perfection of living does not ex-

ist—instead, like a drawing, it is etched and erased, penciled in and attempted again for another chance. Each day is that white sheet, and Kohak reminds us that our lives are so as well.

Filling the blank page with a smattering of shades is a fine way to creatively and freely live, but the white, unmarked parts are living moments as well. Perhaps they even exist as a gift of the present. There a change will be made or a risk will be taken. Each day and every moment is full of opportunities.

The blessings of living in a community of compassion, life and opportunity lead us to believe we

can do five, ten, no, one hundred things ... all at once! As we busily highlight our schedules hour by hour, is white even a color anymore?

When given the moment to gaze at the sky or trees instead of your computer, what do you see? Perhaps a great space—a grace-space inviting and full of peace and hope. The clouds float by, white and plain to busy minds. Each cloud freely travels and lives wherever the wind wills.

Gaze upwards, off your life to see the clouds or to notice the leaves. What colors will you see today?



A brisk fall day can inspire some thought about life. Take a moment to appreciate what's going on around you.

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#### “Minnesota Nice” from page 10

Wow. Maybe this will happen again this fall? For the H1N1 fearful the answer is hopefully. But should we really bank on Minnesota Nice?

Because there can be a dark side to Minnesota Nice. Mrs. Johansen on the way home from the church potluck could conceivably make remarks about how horrible Mrs. Petersen's tator tot hot dish was. Indeed, she probably does, or at least thinks them to herself. Simultaneously her husband could make—or think—similar expressions about how Mr. Petersen gained a spare tire since the last potluck. It is this distinction between thinking and speaking that I think is another aspect of

Minnesota Nice.

Let's be honest: I do not like everybody. I don't think I hate anyone in particular, but I definitely do not like everyone. Is it nice to conceal or lie about your feelings toward other people? Or is it nicer to be honest when a problem arises? It's probably Minnesota Nicer to do the former, but real-life nicer to do the latter, to avoid an explosion that's even worse than an awkward conversation. I have seen many incidents on campus where people say something behind somebody's back that they definitely would not say to their face.

A time and place I think Minnesota Nice is completely detrimental to Gustavus is in the classroom. While at times the intense Minnesota Nice present

on campus can be charming, with our group celebrations and traditions, in the classroom it stifles expression and discussion, and dare I say it, learning. I see Minnesota Nice in the meek and prolonged pause that occurs after a professor poses a question to the class. Ostensibly the class could be “formulating their thoughts,” as many professors explain it away, but the collective peering at the floor on the part of the class could suggest otherwise. I think Minnesota Nice weeds out having opinions or expressing oneself. Tell me—if we are a shy people, we can assume that we are afraid of awkwardness. Tell me, what's more awkward, asking a question that may or may not turn out to be “stupid” (is this why people don't want to talk in class?) or staring

at the floor silently, among others staring at the floor? For me, I find the floor staring remarkably awkward and far worse than discussion, even trivial or poor discussion.

I was struck by the men's bathroom stall in the basement of the library. Someone scrawled, amongst puerile drug and alcohol references, proclamations of heterosexuality, accusations of homosexuality and incendiary pro/anti-frat graffiti, that it was the “true democracy wall.” Only in complete anonymity do people feel comfortable expressing themselves. That is the epitome of Minnesota Nice.

The point of a liberal arts environment is a lively exchange of ideas and learning from peers. If we were only to read books, there

would be no point in meeting for class. My professor commented in one class session that “the ideas you wrote down” on a submitted prompt were “very impressive.” Then, she inquired, “Why did nobody want to share?” The answer is the Minnesota-Nice-imbued shyness. It instills a fear to disagree or express oneself. That is why I think the reaction to Jack Ohle's presidency is so heartening. Not even that I take any side or the other, it is merely fantastic to see people have an opinion on something and speak and act on it in a campus situation. Take that energy to the classroom, and we might all learn something, because I'm sure you have fantastic ideas. Minnesota Nice doesn't preclude good ideas.

#### “Teachers” from page 10

Are they here for the money? That's a laughable proposition. No, I'd guess they're here to teach, but they could teach elsewhere. They might be here specifically because of the other people who are here, a certain sense of community.

So we're all here for the community. What the community is, I have no idea. My point is that we're here for each other. We're not here to hold hands and cry on each other's shoulders, but if it happens, it happens.

We're an academic community. Vigorous debate, vocal student leadership, proliferous student involvement opportunities, and the freedom to engage in sometimes uncomfortable but neces-

sary conversations are all parts of it. Above all else, however, we're here to learn. We're here to teach. Often both.

We learn in many ways and in many places, but primarily we interact with other learners in the classroom. Yet we all know that learning is not the only thing that goes on in the classroom. Recall the usual culprits like sleeping, texting and doodling, but also some pretty creative ones too: I heard someone clipping their nails during a video the other day. I've seen some cool iPhone apps being used and demonstrated in class too.

There's nothing wrong with these activities; everyone clips their nails, everyone sleeps. It is not my job, nor is it a teacher's job, to tell you to stop doing them. Only we can decide for ourselves what to do with our bodies and

our time. Maybe that means I write a post-it note on my Blackberry that says “each minute in class costs \$5” (which I did, before I got rid of my Blackberry) so that when I reach for it during class I know exactly what I'm missing out on. As a student, I'm paying to be in class. Sometimes I have to remind myself of that.

I still zone out in classes. I still doodle when I'm bored. I don't think I'm going to ever get rid of those kinds of activities entirely. But if I pay to be in a class where professors have spent years of their lives and money they probably didn't have training to teach me, I like to at least respect them enough to try and be present in class.

I'm here, and I'm here because of you, and I'm here to learn. Why are you here?

#### “Printing” from page 11

Some majors also are more apt to have to print numerous pages for projects, lesson plans or drafts of a senior thesis. An example of this is the communications studies major. It is difficult for professors to find a whole textbook to address everything they need to teach in the course and they rely heavily on using articles from various sources in an attempt to reduce the need for students to buy textbooks. Their valiant efforts to save poor college students money may be worthless now with the printing regulations, because printing off all of the articles required for a communications studies class may cost more than a textbook.

Another issue with the new

Gustavus printing policy is that when you release a print job everyone can see what you are printing off. This could easily become a privacy issue because other students could access personal information. There is also the issue with how Gustavus chooses to allocate its funds. Walking around campus on move-in day made me feel so happy to be able to attend this school, and as I walked into the Marketplace I noticed the snazzy, new flatscreen TV that displays announcements along with the new flatscreen TV placed in Lund, but I wonder were they really necessary to add to our campus, especially in the time of this economic crisis? I think that Gustavus needs to reevaluate how it allocates its money and what it chooses to support with it.

\* The Calendar Page is considered editorial. The opinions expressed herein are not the opinions of THE GUSTAVIAN WEEKLY, nor in fact anyone's. We're not even quite sure how they got here. We fed them one time and they haven't left. We could keep them I guess but we'll have to take them to the vet first.

## Friday, Oct. 2

### Weekend Movie: *My Sister's Keeper*

Wallenberg Auditorium 7:00 & 10:00 p.m.

The story of a young girl who discovers that she was born for the sole purpose of keeping her sister alive and then bashes her head in with a rock and gets cursed for it. ... I may be getting my stories confused.

### LineUs Improv Comedy Performance

Courtyard Cafe 7:30 p.m.

I know Outdoor Worship is at the same time, but look at it this way: God's love is eternal, but LineUs is once a month.

### Outdoor Worship

Ludgren House 8:00 p.m.

If God is everywhere, can't we be somewhere warm and inside?

### Dive Dance

The Dive 11:00 p.m.

Cooler than a Siberian work camp.

## Saturday, Oct. 3

### Local Music at the Co-op

St. Peter Co-Op 12:00 p.m.

I like getting my musicians at the Co-Op. They're much healthier than the ones pumped full of chemicals. I mean, look what happened to Jim Morrison.

### Weekend Movie: *My Sister's Keeper*

Wallenberg Auditorium 7:00 & 10:00 p.m.

Keep'er? I hardly know'er! Also, I could get charged with anything from kidnapping to human trafficking.

## Sunday, Oct. 4

### Michael Jorgensen Faculty Voice Recital

Bjorling Hall 3:30 p.m.

The difference between an amateur singer and an expert like Michael Jorgensen is that when someone yells "Freebird," he does it.

### Local Music at the Co-op

St. Peter Co-Op 4:30 p.m.

Hmm, music centering around natural foods, so will they be playing the "mandarin"?

Yes, it's a pun, and yes, I'm appropriately ashamed.

## Monday, Oct. 5

### International Photo Contest Deadline

CICE All Day

An international photo contest you say? Well, I just so happen to have this photo taken from orbit of all the nations. I'll accept my prize now.

### Seminar: "Historicism & Doing History"

Phi Beta Kappa Room 1:30 p.m.

Ah, yes, Historicism, it's a prejudice that has gone almost unnoticed in our society. It makes me sick when someone crosses the street just to avoid a person from the Neolithic Age.

### CIEE Study Abroad Representative on campus Lower Level Campus Center 10:00 a.m.

Abroad representative? Guess they should hit Lund! I mean broad ... like wide ... so they're bigger. Shut up, I don't have to explain myself to you.

### How to Find an Internship Workshop Career Career 10:30 p.m.

The answer? Follow your heart. So long as your heart leads you to the damn coffee machine and back to me—pronto—with no talking!

### Lecture: "Martin Luther and the Cultural Revolution in Germany, 1760-1810" Confer 126 4:00 p.m.

Being at a Lutheran College makes it really hard to sell indulgences. I've had to start doing it out of the trunk of my car. Hit me up on my pre-paid. Make sure Campus Safety doesn't follow you.

## Tuesday, Oct. 6

### Homecoming Week: Blast from the Past 'Ery where! All Week

We were going to invite H.G. Wells to speak, but since he's dead that would mean asking another time traveler to go back and get him, which is a little like calling a friend you don't want to hang out with to get another friend's number.

### 45<sup>th</sup> Nobel Conference

Lund Center 'til water gets it together!

Focusing on "water as an uncertain resource." Gatorade, however, will never betray you.

### Nobel Conference Mentoring Lunch Linner Lounge 11:30 a.m.

"This is the fork. This is used to transfer whatever is on your plate into your mouth." — Overheard from a certified lunch mentor

### Trivia in the Caf

The Market Place 7:30 p.m.

We made the mistake of letting the Philosophy Department write the questions, so they're all things like, "What is the sound of one hand clapping?" and "If you point a mirror at another mirror what does it reflect?"

## Wednesday, Oct. 7

### Homecoming Week: Blast from the Past BEHIND YOU!!! The Past

The past and the present, coming together to put an end to Historicism!

### 45<sup>th</sup> Nobel Conference

Lund Center Before it's too late

Alfred Nobel was famous for the invention of dynamite. Since then we have honored anyone who invents something that might help catch that damn road-runner.

### Scarecrow Contest

Linnaeus Arboretum All Day

My method is to run at them waving my arms wildly. We'll see how I do this year.

### Birdwalk

Linnaeus Arboretum 4:30 p.m.

A Birdwalk and a Scarecrow contest at the same time? Do I sense a turf war?

### CAB Coffeehouse Concert: Ari Herstand Alumni Hall 7:00 p.m.

Activities, alliteration and Ari's awesome acoustics, all at Alumni. Attend!

### One Hit Wonders Lip-Sync Contest Alumni Hall 8:00 p.m.

Why haven't we tried lip-syncing famous political speeches yet? Someone get on this!

### Gustavus Swing Club

The Dive 9:00 p.m.

Drop your keys in the bowl, but bring an extra set in case you decide to back out.

## Thursday, Oct. 8

### Homecoming Week: Blast from the past In your heart The present

The past and the present, coming together to put an end to Historicism! (See what I did there? That joke is from the past.)

### Scarecrow Contest

Linnaeus Arboretum Until 10:30 a.m.

It's not that the crows are actually convinced that they're real people. Crows are just terrified of crucifixion.

### Dodgeball

Lund Forum 7:00 p.m.

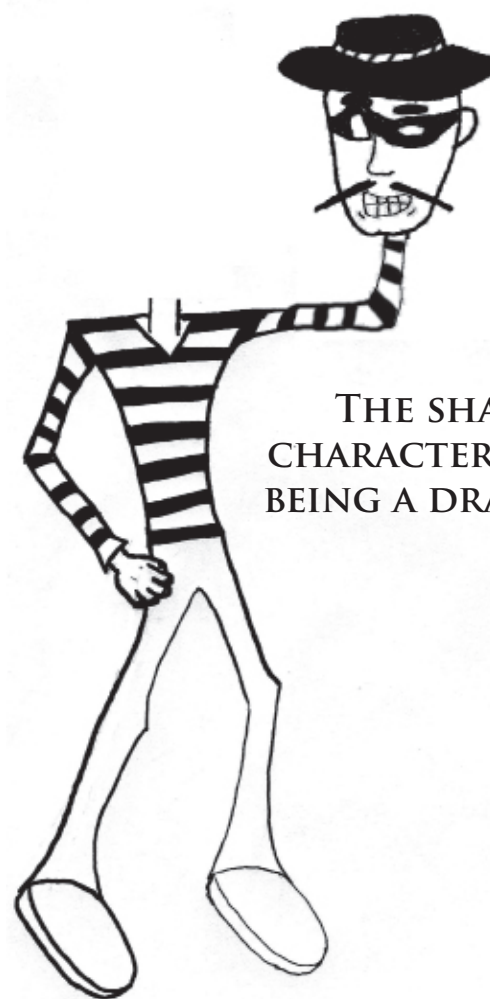
"If you can dodge the crushing existential angst of living in an uncaring void where all your ideals lead you to the same fate as a fool charging a machine gun nest with a toothpick, then you can dodge a ball."

Seriously, when are we going to stop letting the Philosophy Department organize events?

### Gustavus Greens Meeting

The Gustie Den 8:00 p.m.

Wouldn't it be nice to end the calendar with a big joke? Yep, that would be great.



THE SHADY CHARACTER LOVES BEING A DRAWING.

# Volleyball prepares for Border Battle

Julie Hammond  
Staff Writer

After finishing second last year at the Border Battle Tournament, the Volleyball team returns to bring home the victory. Junior defensive specialist Jenny Ewert feels strongly about the upcoming tournament this weekend. "This tournament is a huge competition. It is basically Iowa teams versus Minnesota teams, which turns out to be a preview of what our regionals will be like," Ewert said.

Sophomore middle hitter Angela Ahrendt agreed with Ewert and also felt it was a chance for the team to shine outside of the MIAC. "The Border Battle gives our team a chance to prove ourselves outside of the Conference. Doing well in this tournament will be helpful in the long run when we're trying to get to Nationals," Ahrendt said.

This year the Border Battle Tournament will be held in Dubuque, IA, and the Gustavus Volleyball team will be competing against the top four nationally ranked Iowa teams, including Central College, Loras College, Wartburg College and Simpson College.

Junior outside hitter Nicki Ainsworth felt the team is fully prepared for the upcoming matches. "We are as prepared as we're going to be for the tournament this weekend. Although we have had some set-backs like losing our setter [Junior Sam Broderius] to a sprained ankle, we have come together as a team to get through this challenge," Ainsworth said.

Head Coach Kari Eckheart, entering her 13<sup>th</sup> season with Gustavus, feels the MIAC is one of the strongest conferences in the nation and this tournament is the perfect place to prove that. "This tournament is not only a chance

to prove ourselves against other nationally ranked teams, but also to prove to the Iowa conference that the MIAC really is the toughest conference in the nation," Eckheart said.

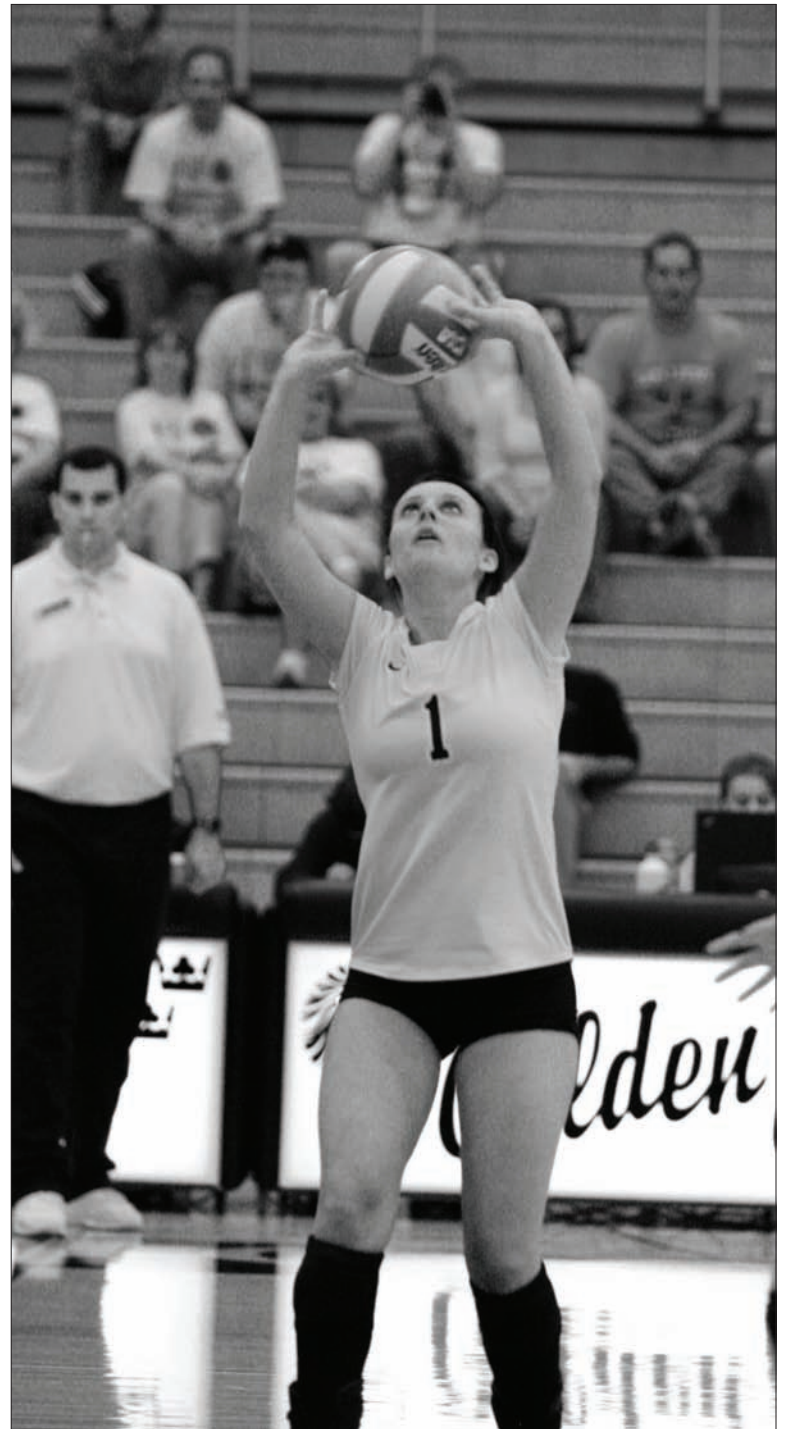
All of the girls felt very comfortable with this weekend's line up of games and saw no problems they could face along the way. However, Senior Captain Meghan Gehring felt the issue of traveling five hours could present a problem. "After five hours in a bus you feel a little shaky and not necessarily ready to jump into a game right away, but our team tends to cope with that fairly well," Gehring said.

Ainsworth agreed with Gehring and also presented her own feelings of concern for the weekend. "The only other issue, aside from the travel, would be adjusting to a new gym; we are so accustomed to our nice gymnasium at Gustavus. We will just have to stay calm and focused through our matches and not get distracted by the little things," Ainsworth said.

Winning five out of their last eight games, the team has been doing so well lately that no one would notice they have gone through some major changes. The Gusties have had some major injuries on the team, including Junior setter Sam Broderius and First-year outside hitter Lisa Beacher. They have also lost a lot of veteran players from last year, according to Coach Eckheart, which means they are a relatively new team this year.

Despite the injuries and loss of leadership on the team, Ahrendt still feels prepared for the upcoming matches. "We'll do fine. Four games is a lot, and we definitely need to take things one game at a time. You cannot get a pass to Nationals unless you win the little games first," Ahrendt said.

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SPORTS INFORMATION

Sophomore Malea Noennig focuses on a set during a recent home game.

## STANDINGS

### FOOTBALL

SCHOOL	MIAC	RECORD
ST. JOHN'S	2-0	4-0
ST. THOMAS	2-0	4-0
BETHEL	2-0	3-1
ST. OLAF	1-1	3-1
GUSTAVUS	1-1	1-2
CARLETON	0-1	2-1
AUGSBURG	0-1	1-2
CONCORDIA	0-2	2-2
HAMLIN	0-2	1-2

### VOLLEYBALL

SCHOOL	MIAC	RECORD
ST. THOMAS	3-0	12-2
AUGSBURG	3-0	10-6
ST. BEN'S	2-0	12-4
CONCORDIA	3-1	7-4
ST. OLAF	2-1	14-2
CARLETON	2-1	9-3
ST. MARY'S	1-2	11-5
ST. KATE'S	1-2	12-7
GUSTAVUS	1-2	8-6
HAMLIN	0-3	9-6
MACALESTER	0-3	6-9
BETHEL	0-3	5-8

### MEN'S SOCCER

SCHOOL	MIAC	PTS	REC
CARLETON	3-1	15	5-3
BETHEL	2-1-1	19	6-3-1
GUSTAVUS	2-1-1	15	4-2-3
MACALESTER	2-0	16	5-4-1
ST. OLAF	2-1-0	19	6-1-1
CONCORDIA	2-3	12	4-6
ST. THOMAS	1-1-0	16	5-4-1
AUGSBURG	1-2	12	4-4
ST. JOHN'S	1-2	12	4-4
ST. MARY'S	0-2-1	14	4-4-2
HAMLIN	0-2-1	13	4-5-1

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

SCHOOL	MIAC	PTS	REC
CONCORDIA	5-0	27	9-0
ST. THOMAS	4-0	21	7-2
ST. OLAF	2-1	15	5-3
ST. BEN'S	2-1-0	13	4-3-1
GUSTAVUS	2-2	18	6-3
CARLETON	1-1-1	17	4-4-1
MACALESTER	1-1-1	17	5-2-2
BETHEL	1-2-1	22	7-2-1
ST. MARY'S	1-2-1	16	5-2-1
AUGSBURG	0-2-1	9	2-3-3
ST. KATE'S	0-3-0	10	3-4-1
HAMLIN	0-4-0	6	2-7

## RESULTS

9/29

Men's Soccer  
@ Concordia T 1-1

9/27

Men's Golf  
@ Frank Wrigglesworth  
Blugold Invite 3<sup>rd</sup> of 14

9/26

Football  
vs. St. John's L 10-38  
Men's Soccer  
@ St. John's L 0-1  
Women's Soccer  
@ St. Ben's L 0-3  
Men's Cross Country  
@ Roy Griak Inv. 19<sup>th</sup> of 35  
Women's Cross Country  
@ Roy Griak Inv. 19<sup>th</sup> of 37  
Women's Golf  
@ Mustang Inv. 2<sup>nd</sup> of 16

## Men's Tennis optimistic for 2009 season

Lauren Bennett  
Staff Writer

With only one meet so far, the Men's Tennis team is looking forward to the remainder of its season. Coming up for the men: the Midwest Fall Intercollegiate Tennis Association's regional tournament right here at Gustavus.

At the Drake Invitational September 18, 2009 in Des Moines, IA the men played well. They went 6-5 in the doubles round and 4-7 in the singles.

One doubles team made a great first impression for the season. First-year Tyler Johnson and Washington transfer student, Sophomore Amrik Donkena reached the semifinals along with Sophomore Patrick Clark and another First-Year Niko Karnop. While the team has only competed in one invitational this season, they still want to work hard for

this weekend's event.

Donkena expressed his goal for the rest of the season. "As far as the Midwest Regional tournament, my goal is to play my hardest and focus on trying to win one match at a time," Donkena said, "and hopefully the results reflect how hard our team has been working this fall."

Among the sought-after first-years are Johnson and Karnop, who also competed in the singles competition as well.

Notable performers from the Drake Invitational included Senior Kyle Olson and Sophomore Dan Pomeranc who spent the summer training in Brazil.

Coach Tommy Valentini looks forward to this weekend's tournament, with a unique method of play.

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## SKIING • SNOWBOARDING • SNOW TUBING BACK AGAIN THIS SEASON:

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Students must present a valid college ID and current tuition statement when picking up the pass at Mount Kato, no exceptions!

Pass must be purchased by 10/31/09 for the discounted price. Price after 10/31/09 is \$129 and \$249 with rental.



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or MountKato.com

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"As long as we execute the three crowns we, will have success," Valentini said.

The three crowns refers to the way the Men's team approaches each match. The three pieces are giving a full effort, having a positive attitude and playing with the highest level of sportsmanship. Valentini hopes using the three crowns will help them progress as far as they can, and that will provide them with success.

For many team members, experience right now is the most important piece of the fall season.

"We have a young and new team," Valentini said, "and experiencing matches will make us

better in all facets."

Tough competition this weekend will be Kenyon, Grinnell and Luther Colleges. "[We'd like to beat] all of them," Valentini said. However, Drake was one of the top teams in their invitational, but Gustavus hopes to come out on top this time. Although the wins are not about what court you play on, it would be nice to consider a home-court advantage.

"We love to host the tournament," Valentini said, "but there is no competitive advantage. We love for the players' families to come and watch."

Although this is the final competition for those that do not win the singles or doubles tournament this weekend, the men will

continue to push themselves this winter. Even though Valentini cannot coach in the off-season, he knows the men will play as much as they can to improve for the spring season.

**Next Tournament:  
Midwest  
Regional  
ITA**

**Date:** Oct. 2-4  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m.  
**Location:** Swanson Tennis Center

*"Battle" from page 14*

"The team has definitely had its highs and lows, but this is not something we can dwell on. We have to play with what we have got and do our best every game," Ainsworth said.

Coach Eckheart agreed with the girls and feels equally prepared for the games this weekend. "I am very excited for the games this weekend. This tournament is very competitive. We have gotten to know some of these teams very well over the years and picked up on their style of play making the games that much more fun to watch," Eckheart said. "Some of the team's goals for the tournament are to improve every

game, and I think that is a very achievable goal in the sense that we have naturally gotten better throughout our non-Conference games."

Although the women have got a long road ahead of them before their season is over, they have not forgotten about their long-term goals. "We have our eyes set on being in the final four of the MIAC, the higher, the better. We definitely want to get to Nationals. However, for now all we can focus on is this weekend's games," Ewert said.

Coach Eckheart agreed with Ewert's statement. "The final four and Nationals would be nice and are ideal goals for any team to have. However, I am focused

on our game against St. Olaf last Wednesday, and after that I will look at the stats of the teams we are playing this weekend, and even then my focus will be one game at a time," Eckheart said.

The team's first opponent in the tournament is Central College at 2:00 p.m.

**Next Tournament:  
Border  
Battle**

**Date:** Oct. 2-3  
**Time:** All Day  
**Location:** Dubuque, IA

**SPORTS  
SCHEDULE**

**Friday, Oct. 2**

**Men's Tennis**  
Midwest Regional ITA  
All Day

**Volleyball**  
@ Central College  
2:00 p.m.

@ Loras College  
6:00 p.m.

**Saturday, Oct. 3**

**Men's Tennis**  
Midwest Regional ITA  
All Day

**Women's Golf**  
@ MIAC Championships  
All Day

**Men's Golf**  
@ MIAC Championships  
All Day

**Volleyball**  
@ Wartburg College  
11:00 a.m.

@ Simpson College  
3:00 p.m.

**Football**  
@ St. Thomas 1:00 p.m.

**Women's Soccer**  
@ St. Olaf 1:00 p.m.

**Men's Soccer**  
vs. St. Olaf 1:00 p.m.

**Sunday, Oct. 4**

**Men's Tennis**  
Midwest Regional ITA  
All Day

**Women's Golf**  
@ MIAC Championships  
All Day

**Men's Golf**  
@ MIAC Championships  
All Day

**Women's Soccer**  
vs. UW-Stevens Point  
2:00 p.m.

**Monday, Oct. 5**

**Women's Golf**  
@ MIAC Championships  
All Day

**Men's Golf**  
@ MIAC Championships  
All Day

**Tuesday, Oct. 6**

**Men's Soccer**  
@ Macalester 7:00 p.m.

**HOMECOMING 2009**

**BLAST FROM THE PAST**

**OCTOBER 5TH - 10TH**

**MONDAY**

**Kickoff & Window Painting**

Evelyn Young Dining Room  
6:00pm



Live Music By:  
Dim Light Shining

**TUESDAY**

**Trivia**

Evelyn Young Dining Room  
7:00pm



Free Food: Buffalo Wings and Nachos

**WEDNESDAY**

**Ari Herstand & One Hit Wonders Lip-sync Contest**

Alumni Hall  
7:00pm



Get your groove on with Ari

**THURSDAY**

**Dodgeball**

Lund Forum  
7:00pm



Dodge, Dive, Dip, Duck, & Dodge

**FRIDAY**

**Variety Show & Coronation**

Alumni Hall  
8:30pm

**Weekend Movie**

Wallenburg Auditorium  
7:00pm & 10:00pm



Campus Activities Board

**SATURDAY**

**5K Fun Run**

Lund Parking Lot  
8:30a - Registration  
9:00a - Run Starts

**Parade**

Ring Road  
11:30am

**Football Game**

Hollingsworth Field  
1:30pm

**Weekend Movie**

Wallenburg Auditorium  
3:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm



**Medallion Hunt**

Whole Campus  
New clues posted daily, Monday through Friday by the SAO desk. Let the best hunter win!

**Student Organization Competition**

Throughout the week, groups will compete for the grand prize of \$1000. Come and watch the competition unfold.



## Golfing for the greens

**Craig Nordquist**  
Staff Writer

The Gustavus Men's and Women's Golf teams head into next weekend's MIAC Championships at Bunker Hills Golf Course with two very different fall seasons behind them.

The women continued their outstanding season last weekend by finishing runner-up to Nebraska-Omaha in the Southwest State Invitational. Junior Captain Katie Schenfeld and Sophomore Taylor Drenttel tied for seventh overall in the competitive tournament that featured mostly Division II programs.

The men bounced back after a rough start to the season with a strong performance in the Blugold Invitational this past Sunday and Monday. They finished 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 14 teams with a composite score of +60, only two strokes behind St. John's, which took first. First-year Saul Menendez and Seniors Josh Curb and A.J. Olson led the team. Menendez finished second overall.

The Gustie women are led by Senior Captain Kali Griggs and Schenfeld. The pair was named last week's Co-MIAC Golfers of the Week for their performance at the Midwest Classic, where

they led the Gusties to a first place finish.

"It's always great to share an honor with a teammate," Griggs said. "We both left some shots out there, but we were able to pick [them] up the next day."

Schenfeld felt confident in her team's chances to successfully defend its Conference title.

"We haven't been defeated yet this season against a Conference rival," Schenfeld said.

"We obviously want to win, and we know we have that capability to win."

Griggs said the Conference offers tough competition, but she feels optimistic heading into next weekend's MIAC Championships.

"The MIAC is incredibly strong, but we'd obviously like to win the Conference Tournament and get another number on the banner," Griggs said. "Our team is incredibly deep, and we all have the ability to shoot some low rounds."

The Gustie men, on the other hand, have battled issues with consistency over the course of the season. Senior Captains Ricky Copeland and A.J. Olson have led the way in the team's efforts to turn the season around heading into the MIAC Championships.

"We're obviously not performing as well as we hoped," Copeland said. "We're trying a little too hard to make the perfect shot out [on the course]. The team just needs to make the game simpler for ourselves."

According to Olson, the team's ability isn't the culprit for the team's struggles.

"We have lots of talent on the team from our seven seniors down to our talented [first-years]," Olson said. "We just need to bring more competition into our practices and [build our] confidence heading into the MIAC Championships."

The men look for their recent improvement to get them back on the right track heading into the Conference Tournament.

"We're just trying to get the wheels turning so we can have everyone get confident for [Conference]," Copeland said. "Our mistakes have made us work harder to get better before the MIAC Championships."

Olson believes the team can compete at the same level as any Conference rival as long as the

Gusties post scores that live up to its golfers' capabilities.

"We haven't played to our potential yet, and our Conference is [looking] strong this year," Olson said. "But all we need [to compete] is to get everyone to play well the same week and get some momentum going."

**Next Tournament:**  
**MIAC**  
**Championship**

**Date:** Oct. 3-5

**Time:** All Day

**Location:** Bunker Hills Golf Club, Coon Rapids, MN



SPORTS INFORMATION

Josh Curb, a senior all-conference performer last season, admires his iron shot from the fairway.



SPORTS INFORMATION

Junior Katie Schenfeld, named co-MIAC Player of the Week, concentrates on a putt from the edge of the green.