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Vikings off to a strong start despite some apprehension; team hopes to maintain momentum as season progresses

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Plaza dedication fosters reflection on campus history

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Students, facutly, and Their Majesties await the dedication of the Sesquicentennial Plaza during royal visit.

During the royal visit from Their Majesties this past Friday, Oct. 5, King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia of Sweden took part in a Chirst Chapel service and dedication ceremony for the new Sesquicentennial Plaza and sculpture.

With a number of media outlets from the Twin Cities, Mankato and Sweden, the dedication of the Plaza and sculpture took place on a windy afternoon.

"The dedication of the Plaza, other than the weather, was excellent. Their majesties appreciated the opportunity to see the mall and see the timeline of the college. I think it's fair to say that Their Majesties were appreciative of the history perspective from when the college was founded by Swedish immigrants to today," President Jack Ohle said.

The Plaza, which features a sculpture made primarily from stone reaching 18 feet high and a timeline spiraling out from this sculpture to the Chapel, sits in the enclosure between the Chapel, Olin Hall, Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library and the Nobel Hall of Science.

Students from across the campus have remarked that the sculpture resembles a tornado. The designer of the sculpture had intended for the helix and Mobius strip to represent spiritual growth and time. "I believe that layering the sculpture to represent every year of our existence was masterful," Ohle said. "I've heard concerns about why it would look like a tornado. To some it would, but Greg addressed that in his remarks. Although I wasn't here during that tornado, our son was here in the early 90s. I know the devastation and observed firsthand what was done to recover from that. The sculpture speaks to that. In all of that turmoil and tragedy, we stand strong. And the institution is in a very good place today and that's a sign of our ability to recover."

While many media outlets attended the event, few students took part in the dedication. However, for students who joined in the dedication of the Plaza, a greater understanding of the sculpture seemed to have emerged in many of them.

"I liked that different people went up and talked about why the statue was such a big deal," Junior Blia Xiong said. "I liked that they brought back their own memories and shared a part of their piece of Gustavus. There weren't a lot of students there but I think that were students to go to the dedication, they would've had a greater appreciation for the sculpture."

"The plaza will be a great area for us students to socialize and hang out," said Xiong. "Before now, it was just a place, a shortcut for us to get to class. It wasn't used for anything, so I like how now it has a sense of meaning."

Media Services specialist receives new role

Tram Bui
News Editor

The large scale, media productions of student led programs to the campus's highly regarded Nobel Committee Series and Christmas in Christ Chapel are put on yearly to much success and celebration. The man behind the technology of it all is looking forward to a change in position.

Matt Dobosenski '99, currently the Coordinator in Media Services and Gustavus Technology Services, will transition into the role of Event Support Specialist, a position he will hold in the Student Activities Office.

"[During my time at Gustavus], there has been a huge push on education technology and applying technology to academic situations. That's where media services come into play. We've been more involved on campus and doing signature events such as Nobel and C in CC," Dobosenski said.

Dobosenski, Director of Student Activities Megan Ruble, Dean of Students and Vice President for Student Life Dr. JoNes R. VanHecke '88, along with other members of campus have been in conversation about how they could provide better technical support for the myriad of events on campus. Events on campus have increased in quantity and scope and range from visiting academics speakers to athletic events to highly regarded events like the Nobel Conference series and Christmas in Christ Chapel.

They ultimately decided to create the Event Support Specialist position with Dobosenski in mind. The position will allow Dobosenski use his unique skill set in media technology and communications to support faculty and student led events on campus.

"My hope now is that students and staff who need technical support outside of the classroom will know that Student Activities is the place to make requests and get information. In addition to the Campus Center and Student Union, we are excited to build on existing partnerships that the former Media Services department had with Athletics, the Chapel, Dining Services, and special events," Ruble said.

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Dobosenski works with a team of students to run hundreds of events a year

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Campus Safety Report

Monday, October 1

• Fourteen students were cited for noise violations, and one student was cited for underage consumption in Sorensen Hall.

• Two Collegiate Fellows cited ten students for noise violations in North Hall.

• Campus Safety investigated suspicious activity and a report of a verbal bias incident by the Interpretive Center.

• Four students were cited for a noise violation, two students were cited for underage possession, one student was cited for underage consumption and one student was cited for failure to comply with a College official in Norelius Hall.

Tuesday, October 2

• Collegiate Fellows responded to a possible alcohol violation in Rundstrom Hall involving three students and three visitors.

• Campus Safety responded to a noise complaint at the ten-o-nine house. Three students were cited by Campus Safety for a College policy violation.

Wednesday, October 3

• Two students were cited by Campus Safety for underage consumption on College grounds.

• A Collegiate Fellow responded to a noise violation in Uhler Hall and requested assistance from Campus Safety.

• A Campus Safety Officer responded to a report of property damage on College grounds.

• A Campus Safety Officer responded to a theft report at the Adolphson House.

• A Campus Safety Officer responded to a medical assist at Johns Family Courtyard.

• A Collegiate Fellow responded to a medical concern in Norelius Hall and contacted Campus Safety for a medical escort for a student.

• Campus Safety responded to a medical assist in the Lund Center.

Thursday, October 4

• A Campus Safety Officer responded to a report of damage to College property at the Music building.

Sunday, October 7

• A Gustavus student in Sohre Hall was cited by Campus Safety for underage consumption and transported by ambulance to the hospital.

• Campus Safety responded to a welfare check in Rundstrom Hall. Two students were cited by Campus Safety for underage consumption.

• Campus Safety responded to a medical assist in the Jackson Campus Center.

Tip of the Week:

Bicycle Regulations and Registration

• All students, faculty, and staff who wish to park a bicycle on campus must register it with the College.
• Registration of bicycles is accomplished in person at the Campus Safety Office located in the basement of Norelius Hall Room A35 or on the Campus Safety web page https://gustavus.edu/safety/

• There is no fee for registering a bicycle. You will receive a free Gustavus Adolphus College Bicycle identification sticker that is to be placed on your bicycle. The bicycle permit is good for as long as you are at Gustavus, you do not need to re-register. Notify Campus Safety if the bicycle changes ownership. Bicycle Parking Regulations

• Parking and storage of bicycles is only permitted in the student's resident hall/room, employee office, or any of the bicycle racks placed at various outside locations on campus.

• Indoor bike parking is never allowed in corridors, stairwells, exit pathways, or outside on trees, metal poles, or anywhere where it may impede emergency exit or maintenance around or in a building.

• November through March, bike racks at Academic/Administrative buildings are no parking 2 a.m.-6 a.m. Bicycles parked overnight outside of these areas will have their locks cut and will be subject to storage fees. Please make plans to take your bicycle home or park it at a Residential Hall.

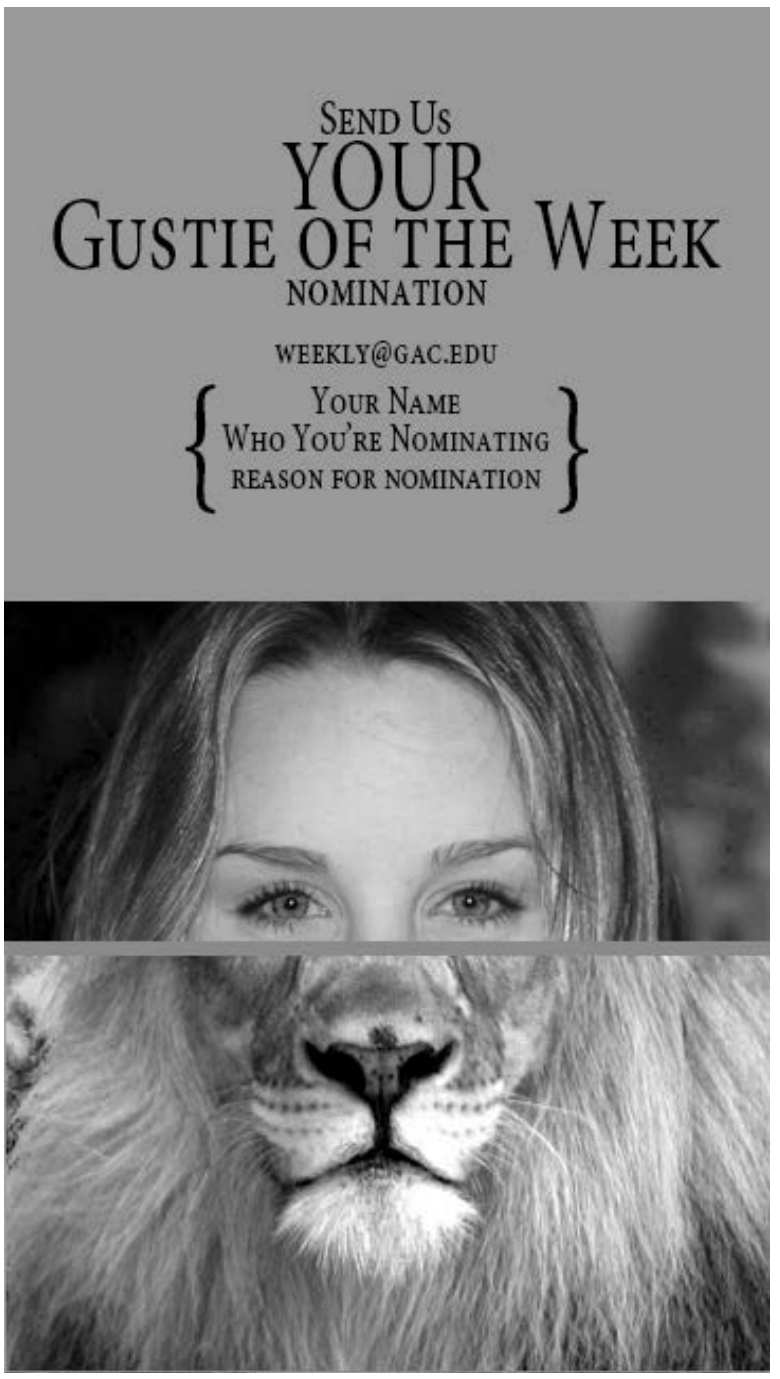
• Bicycles parked on campus must be locked in a bicycle rack with a chain and padlock or other locking device.

• All improperly parked bicycles will be confiscated by Campus Safety or Physical Plant personnel. If the bicycle is secured, the lock will be removed at owner expense. Campus Safety will hold registered bicycles at a charge of $5/day. Non-registered bicycles well be held at a charge of $10/day.

• All students not staying at the College during the summer months must take their bicycle home with them at the end of the school year.

The Gustavian Weekly will not be publishing over the academic break running from October 19-23.

Look for Issue 7 on November 2.



Psychology department renamed to reflect scientific nature

Tia Gustafson
Staff Writer

The former Department of Psychology has been newly christened the Department of Psychological Science. This change of title is a reflection of a nationwide trend in the field of psychological research. What once was The American Psychological Society (APS) is now the Association for Psychological Science. The APS adjusted the name to emphasize the fact that they are more internationally inclusive and that they are first and foremost a scientific organization. The Department of Psychological Sciences here at Gustavus felt the need to make such a change for a very similar reason. The name change was decided by a unanimous vote of faculty within the department last spring, and the new name went into effect at the beginning of the current academic year.

"The public first thinks [about psychology as] psychoanalysis, counseling and therapy, and while that is a slice of what we do, it's not all," Psychological Science Professor Jennifer Ackil said.

Ackil reassured that no changes have been made to the department's available courses or to the major.

"It's more to reflect the fact that we are a science. Everything we do from teaching to research has a clinical application. None of that would be possible if it wasn't founded in the science of behavior and thinking," Ackil said.

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> —Madison Heckel

Ackil went on to say that the national trend of emphasizing the science aspect of psychological studies is due to the desire to correct a common misconception that psychology isn't a valid science. Ackil expressed that this "misconception also exists on this campus."

"I have to defend my major and validate its difficulty," Junior Psychology Major Madison Heckel said. "People think that biology and chemistry are much more scientific majors. People think that psychology is an easy major because it's 'common sense.' These are the same people who aren't as familiar with psychology and don't understand the research that we have to know," Heckel said.

Heckel also said that she personally really likes the renaming of the department because there is a clear emphasis on the scientific aspect of psychology.

"The word psychology means the study of the mind, but people's previous thoughts override the actual meaning of the word. It sounds cheesy (i.e. the "Department of Psychological Science"), but we're making a point of the science to emphasize the overall goal of psychology," Heckel said.

Ackil had a similar sentiment: "In some ways it is crazy that we need to make it more explicit."

Colleges and universities throughout the country have changed the names of their psychology departments, and Gustavus has followed suit to emphasize a strong basis in science in hopes of challenging people's preconceived ideas as to the validity of psychology and the resulting misconceptions.

CAB incorporates new events to homecoming

Imani James
Staff Writer

Homecoming this year is sure to surprise the Gustavus community with much anticipation for our new Gustie lion mascot reveal, plus much more.

In addition to the new events, this year will include yearly traditions like Pep fest, Parade, a concert from David Barnes, Cash CAB, the Medallion hunt, First-year door decorating competition, pizza-off and the crowning of homecoming king and queen. This year is particularly special because CAB has reached out to First-years in a way to get them involved and feel the spirit of homecoming, Cash CAB, the event is a new addition to this year.

"The new lion is ferocious, it is definitely official-looking, the new reveal will not be anything like the Gustie lion in the past," Batz said.

She is extremely excited to see the reactions from people after the unveiling. Although Batz is anxious for Gus she said, "I have always had a special place in my heart for our parade, so that is what I'm most looking forward to."

Batz and Junior Comfort Dolo, also part of CAB, both recommend students get involved by going to all the events and supporting the football team playing against Valley City State at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday afternoon. Dolo says everyone should attend the Pizza-Off, where students will get to sample pieces of pizza from Godfather's, Dominos, and Jake's Pizza. After our tasting, everyone will vote on his or her favorite to decide which one is Gustavus's favorite.

"I'm a little bit biased, I'm really looking forward to the Medallion hunt because I helped plan and organize it this year," Dolo said.

Cash CAB is new and should be quite fun, CAB got the idea from a TV show originally and will be recreating this idea. Cash CAB will be driving around campus and stopping people to ask questions about Gustavus and ResLife to give out gift cards to people who answer correctly.

Another addition to the CAB team, Caitlin Dow, says this homecoming is the closing of the 150th year celebration.

"Overall this year's homecoming will be special because it's the people at Gustavus that make it special," Dow said.

This year's pep fest will be like no other year because Gus will finally be unveiled and David Barnes is coming to campus to perform Friday night at 8 p.m. in Alumni Hall. Dow encourages everyone to attend everything all weekend, but says she is particularly excited for the concert.

"Events that I would love to see in the future years are a talent show, or a campus wide carnival but we shall see what next year brings," Dow said.

This year's homecoming features a number of exciting events for Gusties to take part in. Get your rest, grab your spirit-wear, and put your game faces on for this years homecoming.

CAB gears new activities towards first-years during homecoming

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Gustavus welcomes royalty, engages in global dialogue

Beth Schmidt and Rebecca Hare
A & E Editor and Copy Editor

On Friday, October 5, Sweden's King Carl XVI Gustav and Queen Silva visited Gustavus to celebrate the end of the College's Sesquicentennial. Their Majesties arrived on campus and walked from Three Flags to Christ Chapel as over 1000 children and guests lined the sidewalk to watch the processional.

Following the processional, a worship service was held in Christ Chapel that included remarks from His Majesty. During their visit to Gustavus, the King and Queen also received a private showing of the current exhibit, 150 Years of Swedish Art: Highlights from the Swedish National Collections in Stockholm, in the Hillstrom Museum of Art.

Later in the day, the Sesquicentennial Plaza was dedicated in Their Majesties' honor, before the King and Queen each presided over concurrent panels on global issues they champion.

His Majesty's Seminar entitled "From Global to Local: Teaching and Living Environmental Sustainability" was held in the Jussi Bjorling Recital Hall. The prelude to the seminar featured Gustavus's a cappella ensemble, G Sharp, who performed three pieces before President Jack Ohle announced the entrance of His Majesty King Carl Gustaf XVI of Sweden.

The seminar was moderated by President and CEO of Minnesota High Tech Association Margaret Anderson Kelliher '90, who is also distinguished by having served five terms in the Minnesota House of Representatives. Anderson Kelliher began her address with a poem by English Professor and Poet Laureate Joyce Sutphen and referenced the Nobel Conference as one of Minnesota's greatest opportunities for the presentation of scientific research and public dialogue.

The panel of presenters included Associate Professor of Chemistry and Environmental Studies Jeff Jeremiason, Senior Environmental Studies Major Alex Christensen, Chair and CEO of the Margaret A. Cargill Foundation Christine Morse and Swedish Ambassador to the United States Jonas Hafstrom.

Christensen was the first to present an address and emphasized the importance of a holistic view of environmental studies. He touched on the Gustavus "bubble" that disconnects students from the greater St. Peter community as well as from larger world issues, including sustainability. Both Jeremiason and Morse highlighted the importance of citizen involvement in promoting sustainability and investigating solutions to environmental concerns. Jeremiason related personal experience from his stay in Sweden as well as his goals as an educator while Morse touched on both the Cargill Foundation's philanthropy and the role colleges play in creating future leaders.

Ambassador Hafstrom shared his goals for both Sweden and its cooperation with the United States in their endeavor to eliminate carbon emissions and transition to alternative energy.

"Political actions and tough legislation has brought Sweden a long way. Fossil fuels for heating will be completely phased out by 2020," Ambassador Hafstrom said of his country's progress.

After the presentations there was a chance for audience discussion and formulation of questions for the panel. Many addressed the political aspect of creating environmental policy while others asked advice on how to move towards local and national sustainability, with Sweden and its engagement of government, business and citizens as a model of progress and success.

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Queen Silva greets students from St. Peter elementary schools during Friday's procession

Her Majesty's Seminar entitled "Protecting and Supporting the World's Women and Children" was held in Christ Chapel. Kris Ohle announced Queen Silvia's entrance and gave a brief introduction before Professor of Communication Studies and Advisor in Pre-Law Terry Morrow, the seminar's moderator, introduced each of the panel participants.

The panel included Neo Mpunga, a Gustavus sophomore; Elizabeth Baer, Professor in English, African Studies, and Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies; Cathy ten Broeke '91, Special Advisor to the Executive Director at the United States Interagency Council, and Her Majesty Queen Silvia. Each panelist gave a narrative as to why they stood for the rights of children and women.

Mpunga shared his story of losing his father at a very young age and what it was like growing up in a single-parent family. He spoke of his experiences and how he came to Gustavus.

"My story is of success but I am here representing the other tens of thousands of children," Mpunga said.

Professor Baer described three stories of Gustavus students that highlighted them fulfilling their responsibility for a strong community and social justice. Ten Broeke discussed her work to end homelessness alongside a program called Opening Doors, a national program to end homelessness. She noted that 13,000 people are on the street in Minnesota each night as the cost of living has risen too high. Her Majesty wrapped up the seminar by describing her Childhood Foundation.

After the introductions, Morrow asked the panel what keeps them going. Ten Broeke looks at the progress, even if it is slow and small, as the guiding light to keep pushing for more. Mpunga is guided by his faith and Her Majesty Queen Silvia talked of the stories that she has heard of the tragedies that people share.

Baer echoed these sentiments: "I love seeing Gustavus students and their passion for social change in class and then being acted out in the world, really watching people be the change that you want to see in the world," Baer said.

Queen Silvia ended the seminar with a call to action. "Everybody can take responsibility. We have to give them a chance to do good, because we can all make a difference," Her Majesty Queen Silvia said.

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Previously, support and resources were scattered about campus in various departments. The creation of the position will ensure that faculty and students will have more support with their organizations.

"There hasn't ever really been a single, cohesive way to support events on campus. As different technology and media positions changed, skills don't necessarily transfer and different experiences lead to different challenges. These needs have always existed, but there hasn't been a singular entity that has provided support for all these events," Dobosenski said.

Dobosenski hopes that certain services will be delegated differently as to better suit the needs of media constituents. Relocating such services as camera rental to the library instead of the Art and Communication department will hopefully make more sense and be more efficient. Other changes will include moving large format printing and lamination to Print Services and passport photos will now be taken at the ID card office in Dining Services. Many of the changes are tentative.

The new process of obtaining assistance from department will affect faculty and students who have a hand in ensuring their own events run smoothly. It will hold people more accountable in the process of their events.

"We definitely want to make the constituent more involved and aware in their own events throughout the entire process so that they won't be surprised or rushed later due to confusion or lack of communication," Dobosenski said.

Another goal for Dobosenski is to continue to build a team of highly skilled students who will be trained extensively in media services so that they will be prepared to assist in running large media technology events.

"I began going to Nobel during my sophomore year of high school. If someone would've told me that I would one day be the man in charge of running [the media aspect of] it all, I would have never believed it."
—Matt Dobosenski

"Personally I'm excited to take the expertise that Matt Dobosenski provides along with our office's proven success in programming and utilizing student employees to improve processes and procedures," Ruble said.

Senior Drew Jensen has been working closely with Dobosenski since sophomore year and credits Dobosenski as an unsung hero on faculty.

"He's the only full time staff member in Media Services. So it's basically him and 6 student workers who help when they can. His knowledge is needed for events to go on. He makes events work when they seem like they shouldn't and he often does go out of his way to make sure these things run smoothly. He never seems like he is just sitting around. And he accepts that and seems to really enjoy his job," Jensen said.

"Most of the student workers come in without experience, and Dobo has helped us with his expertise, and now we've been trying to train in sophomore and freshmen it's a really young squad and pass down experience and knowledge that we can," Jensen said.

The change has been a long time coming for many. In the past few years, Media services has evolved into a successful, multifaceted department largely due to Dobosenski. This change will hopefully allow for the department to run more efficiently and for Dobosenski to more effectively use his talents and be recognized for them.

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GUSTIE *of the* WEEK

– James Trevathan

Rebecca Hare
Copy Editor

When Junior Physics and Computer Science Major James Trevathan has a moment away from sitting through science lectures, working in labs and conducting research, it might not be a surprise that he cherishes the outdoors. James is a member of Gustavus Outdoor Enthusiasts (GOE) and enjoys the adventure and exhilaration of outdoor activities like rock climbing.

Not only is James involved in GOE, but he is also Co-President of the Society of Physics Students (Sigma Phi Sigma). The group of physics majors meets every Friday to engage in activities ranging from volleyball to research presentations.

James is very passionate about physics, and in fact, his favorite class this semester is Experimental Modern Physics. The class centers primarily around a six-hour lab portion where students repeat physics experiments that have had a significant impact on the field.

His combination of interests in scientific research and passion for the outdoors is reflected in the characteristics others see in him. James is a research associate in Physics Professor Paul Saulnier's research lab, and Saulnier sees in James the qualities of "hard work, curiosity and a high energy level." He also appreciates James for the approach he brings to his research lab.

Vinny Bartella

When he's not in the lab, James enjoys rock-climbing.

"James is always asking good questions and pushing to get things done in the research lab. His enthusiasm is contagious," Saulnier said.

Saulnier is an influential person in James's life because he first introduced him to research, which has now become very important to him.

"Paul asked me to do research halfway through my freshman year, something I might not have thought about otherwise," James said.

Since his first foray into research his freshman year, James has worked with both Physics Professor Tom Huber and the Mayo Clinic. Huber commented on the work James did for him two summers ago studying ultrasound excitation.

"James did an extraordinary job in that internship—he was instrumental in writing software that allowed us to acquire and analyze data from our new $300,000 scanning vibrometer and other equipment that had been received with NSF funding," Huber said.

Huber also discussed the characteristics that James has that will aid him as he enters into the scientific field.

"He is very talented and creative in his problem-solving and programming, but more important is his strong work ethic. Because of his work ethic, he would work above and beyond the call of duty in solving the challenges that inevitably arise in a research setting. We are still using the programs he developed in my research program," Huber said.

This summer James was an intern at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester where he worked with computed tomography (CT) physics on two projects related to kidney research.

Vinny Bartella

Over the summer, James worked on kidney research at the Mayo Clinic.

One involved using computed tomography to differentiate between two types of kidney stones while the other measured calcium within patients' kidneys to track the progress of polycystic kidney disease.

"I like doing research because there's always a new problem to solve. It's interesting to always have another problem to look at," James said.

These opportunities to gain research experience have increased his interest in medical physics, biomedical engineering and research in general. James is looking to take his MCAT in June and apply to the Mayo Clinic for graduate school.

His friends appreciate him for his intelligence and dedication to his academics. They appreciate him for his kindness and supportiveness as well. Sophomore Biology Major Kendyl Greimann first met James in their Organic Chemistry class, and they have since become good friends.

She sees many positive aspects in James and appreciates his positive impact on her life.

"I would characterize him as genuine, intelligent, kind and extremely helpful to anyone who needs him. I feel like his exceptional drive to help others and make a difference in the world will take him wherever he wants to go," Greimann said.

To demonstrate these characteristics, Greimann shared a summer rock climbing experience where James helped her overcome her fear of heights to scale the wall.

"I didn't think I was going to rock climb. Ever since I was little I've had a fear of heights. But his reassuring smile and words of encouragement convinced me that I would be all right," she said.

"James has had a very positive impact on me. I have never met such an awesome guy,"Greimann said.

Vinny Bartella

As a physics and computer science major, James has had the opportunity to work in the lab and research since his first year at Gustavus.

Let the games begin, the hunt for five medallions will end with winners

Sandy Xiong
Staff Writer

In preparation for Homecoming, the Gustavus Campus Activities Board has been busy putting together events, including the annual hunt for the medallion.

During Homecoming week, each day the medallion is placed in a hidden area somewhere on the Gustavus campus. A clue is given out daily as to where the medallion may be hidden next. These clues vary from cryptograms to riddles, composed by Campus Activites Board (CAB) members.

The medallion's hiding locations were strategically thought-out by CAB Executive Members Comfort Dolo and Brittani Bartelt. The aim of the medallion hunt has been to get students actively engaged in anticipation for Homecoming. After doing extensive research on treasure and scavenger hunts, both Dolo and Bartelt composed clues and hints to use the campus as a treasure map.

"When I first started looking for places to hide the medallion, I just thought about where the popular places on campus were," Dolo said.

"Then I thought the opposite; what about the places that people don't really go to? One day I just walked around campus and thought about whether areas were either populated or not, about whether there were little nooks where the medallion could be hidden."

The many hiding places of the medallion have ranged from the Schaefer Fine Arts Center to Jackson Campus Center, with clues both directly and indirectly leading students to the medallion.

One of the key goals of putting on the Medallion Hunt is to get diverse students into areas that they normally wouldn't traverse through.

"We looked at different areas that might be overlooked by students sometimes," Bartelt said.

"We wanted to get people who don't usually go to the Lund Center to go there, or for those who don't usually have a reason to go to the music building to go there. Part of CAB's mission statement is to enrich the recreational needs of the community that is interesting and diverse. Comfort and I had in mind different locations where people wouldn't normally travel to."

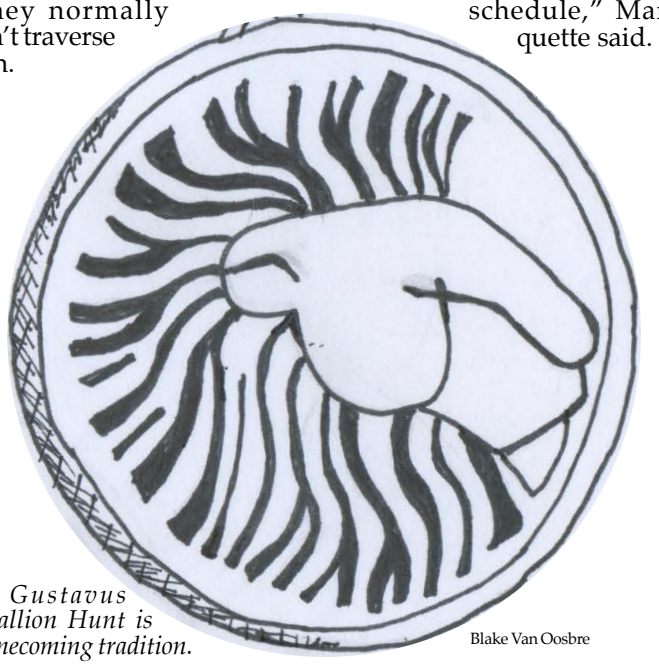
"There are some people who are super dedicated to the medallion hunt," Co-executive Chair of Special Events Jenny Marquette said. "I think it's really awesome that people are getting into it. It's been found really fast, too, so people are obviously looking for it. Some people even team up for it."

Prizes for those who have found the medallion and turned it into the Student Activities Office will be awarded during Pep Fest. These prizes include twenty dollar gift certificates to the BookMark.

"With the gift cards, it'll be easier to split among students who may have worked in groups or teams to find the medallion," Marquette said. "We're handing these out Friday during Pep Fest so that they can be recognized because the riddles and clues are actually pretty difficult."

The annual medallion hunt is just one of many events as a part of Homecoming.

"We have a bunch of different events that are usually main things that we always have, and the medallion hunt is different in that respect; you can just walk by and see the clue and you get to decide whether or not to keep an eye out for it. It's just something fun you can do in the midst of your crazy class schedule," Marquette said.



The Gustavus Medallion Hunt is a homecoming tradition.

Blake Van Oosbre

I didn't know bears could swear so much

Aaron Albani
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If you were wondering what a film would be like if directed/produced/written by "Family Guy" creator Seth MacFarlane, it would turn quickly into *Ted*. Starring Mark Wahlberg and Seth MacFarlane himself and co-starring Mila Kunis, this movie finesses its way into your funny bone and pricks around until you laugh.

The film tells of one John Bennett (Wahlberg), at first as a child, who has no friends. One Christmas he's given a teddy bear to keep him company and after a lucky magic wish, the stuffed animal is running around the house with John, playing and vowing to be friends forever.

It's rather adorable, if you like happiness. The movie (which is also narrated by Patrick Stewart) then fast-forwards about twentyish years later. John is in his mid-thirties, has a girlfriend (Kunis), works in a car garage, is still best friends with his teddy bear Ted and frequently gets drunk and smokes pot with him. The story quickly becomes rather raunchy and vulgar, complete with the "f*ck you thunder" song Ted and John sing together.

Turmoil ensues. And how could you blame it? Ted is keeping John from really growing up, and it comes down to the ultimatum: Ted or his girlfriend, Lori. It's an impossible decision, and there are adventures aplenty ahead that will mold his decision.

It's an enjoyable story. I, for one, am a follower of "Family Guy" and have respect for Seth MacFarlane and the innumerable voices he can master. Being the source of at least four main characters and countless lesser ones, he carries the show on his irreplaceable vocal chords' back. The humor is that of his respective television show: line-crossing and at times uncomfortable. If "Family Guy" isn't really your style, then *Ted* will remain in the RedBox this weekend and the next.

Like many movies, *Ted* is one that will be far better enjoyed when seen in the correct context or setting. I've seen many films that I've been partial to when I watched them by myself, chomping on popcorn; then I'll be roped into seeing it again, this time in a group of people and it happens to be the most funny thing around.

Ted is a prime example of a movie to watch on a lighthearted evening with the pals. It's one that is entertaining but not demanding enough that a bathroom trip is impossible. I laughed heartily multiple times and thus will award *Ted* four of my stars out of five.

Feature Photo: Swedish Royal Visit

Submitted

King Carl XVI Gustaf and Her Majesty Queen Silvia of Sweden visited campus last Friday Oct. 5. After the processional down the sidewalk leading to Chapel, Their Majesties were given a Gustavus welcome during the Chapel Service and a tour of the Hillstrom Museum. Afterwards, the King and Queen split into two different seminars covering topics close to their hearts.

Homecoming concert—"enjoy the moment"

Dave Barnes will perform for this year's Homecoming concert put on by Campus Activities Board

Dave Barnes, who wrote the single God Gave Me You, *comes to Gustavus to share his "emotional" and "thought-provoking" music.* Submitted

Heidi Ide
Staff Writer

As part of this year's Homecoming celebration, singer/songwriter Dave Barnes will be performing at Gustavus on Saturday, Oct. 13, at 8:00 p.m. in Alumni Hall. Many people may be unfamiliar with Barnes. Indeed this was the case when talking with Senior Nicole Zibolski.

"I don't know who that is," Zibolski said. When told that Barnes was the original artist of the popular song "God Gave Me You" by Blake Shelton, her face lit up with the connection.

"Absolutely, I have 100% more incentive to see him [now]," Zibolski said.

The Campus Activities Board conducted a Facebook survey this past summer asking students who they would like to see for this year's homecoming concert. CAB narrowed the results to the top six, and Barnes polled in at number three, right behind Timeflies and Augustana.

The concert will be a seated venue.

"It should be a fun show … a really laid back, chill setting that a lot of people can relate to," CAB Concert Executive Dylan Bodette said. He expects a pretty fair turn out.

Dave Barnes performs a varied genre. He has a mix of acoustic, pop, rock and some R & B contemporary Christian music. CAB members compared Barnes to other artists like Tyrone Wells and John Mayer.

"It provokes a lot of thought. … There's depth to his music," Senior Katie Batz said.

Bodette described Barnes' music as "very … emotional." If the only reason you decide to go is because it's free, then go. Free is appealing to any college student. Grab your friends, be entertained and listen to someone who produces a good sound and relatable music, at no cost. Following the concert, there will be merchandise available and credit cards are accepted.

Barnes was born in South Carolina, but grew up in Mississippi. He graduated from Middle Tennessee State University with a degree in Recording Industry Management.

"I'm one of the few musicians in the world actually using my major," Barnes said in his biography on his professional website.

After, he moved to Nashville to become a singer/songwriter. His main genre at the time was folk and he found his inspiration from artists like Stevie Wonder and Steely Dan. "Those artists covered so much ground musically, and no one cared that they recorded whatever they wanted)," Barnes said in an interview for the American Songwriter website.

Barnes started off doing solo shows and selling two independent albums: "Bring the Sun" and "Chasing Mississippi." Soon after, he landed songs for various television shows and movies. He was brought into the big music industry by fans of such major music artists like John Mayer, Amy Grant and Vince Gill. Barnes also does stand-up comedy on the side.

"God Gave Me You" was a single from his album *What We Want, What We Get*. Country artist Blake Shelton first heard Barnes' song on the radio. The song went up for a Grammy Award and was number one on the country charts. The publicity and popularity of the song opened many new doors for Barnes.

Barnes released his newest album in March of this past spring. *Stories to Tell* is his fourth album release, but the first one that wasn't recorded in Nashville, Tennessee.

"I've done all the other records in Nashville but for this one I really wanted to do something different; I wanted to get out of town and do something that wouldn't sound quite as much like the stuff I've done before," Barnes said in the news feed on his website.

The songs for this album are based on his personal life and experiences, as well as the theme of "enjoying the moment."

- **Who** - *You and your friends*
- **What** - *Free concert*
- **Where** - *Alumni Hall*
- **When** - *8:00 p.m.*
- **Why** - *To celebrate Homecoming*

Homecoming Schedule

Friday Oct. 12

- **Medallion Hunt** - *Gustavus campus*
- **Cash Cab** - *Gustavus campus, win a $5 gift card*
- **Parade** - *5:30 p.m. at Eckman Mall*
- **Pep Fest** - *6:00 p.m. in Lund Arena*
- **The Pizza-Off** - *6:30 p.m. in Lund Center Forum*
- **Movie: Ted** - *8:00 p.m. in Wallenberg Auditorium*

Saturday Oct. 13

- **Cash Cab** - *Gustavus Campus, win a $5 gift card*
- **Football vs. Valley City State University** - *1:30 p.m.*
- **The Bend in the River Big Band** - *7:30 p.m. in Bjorling Recital Hall, ticket required (free to GAC students)*
- **Homecoming Concert: Dave Barnes** - *8:00 p.m. in Alumni Hall*
- **Movie: Ted** - *8:00 p.m. in Wallenberg Auditorium*

Sunday Oct. 14

- **Homecoming Worship Service** - *10:30 a.m.*
- **Movie: Ted** - *2:00 p.m. in Wallenberg Auditorium*
- **Documentary Play: "8"** - *6:00 p.m. in Christ Chapel*

8 Fun October Outings

Chelsea Johnson
Features Editor

With the incoming cold fronts and fall colors appearing on trees, it's safe to assume that the fall season has arrived— along with many fun-filled activities. Things like pumpkin carving, apple picking and haunted houses are being brought back to attention as the month of October begins. For many college students, weekend activities are a fun way to celebrate the season and its accompanying holiday, Halloween.

"My favorite part about fall is going to the pumpkin patch and picking out a big pumpkin to carve," Junior Janelle Derbique said.

Of the many attractions fall has to offer, some students make it a tradition to visit Minnesota's largest candy store, located on highway 169. Although the store is open during other seasons, they offer some fall specific items during October such as pies and apple smoked bacon.

"I love going to the big yellow barn because there are so many goodies. I especially love going in the fall to get a good bag of apples, and while I'm at it, I usually pick up a pumpkin, too," Junior Maggie Carlson said.

Before the snow arrives, some like to take advantage of the River Valley Ranch to go horseback riding.

"If you've never ridden before, the pathways they take you on aren't hard, and the horses are used to them. It's close too, so it doesn't make too much time out of your day to get there—I really liked it," Jennifer Mullins said.

One of the more traditionalized activities that students partake in during October is the St. Peter Halloween Fun Run & Walk. Besides the run itself, the event consists of costume judging, a silent auction and more. Working for the fun run is one of Inter-Greek senate's mandatory volunteer activities for Greek organizations on campus. Whether you are working or running, it's sure to be a great October activity for all.

"The Fun Run is a great experience and a really easy way to volunteer in St. Peter. I love watching all the runners pass by in their creative costumes ... its a wonderful way to spend a fall day," Junior Becca Nelson said.

1 Corn Maze

Lost in the Dark: Haunted Corn Maze & Mill
Where: Farm America. 7367 360th Ave, Waseca MN
When: October 12, 13, 19 and 20, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Price: 8 dollars per person
Ghosts and goblins are on duty each night to spook you as you get lost in the corn maze and are frightened in the haunted feedmill.

2 Apple Picking

Minnesotsa Harvest: Come Out and Pick Your Fun!
Where: Minnesota Harvest, 8251 Old Highway 169 at Apple Lover's Lane Jordan, Minnesota 55352
When: Mondays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Price: 20 dollars per peck bag
Buy your peck bag in the Apple Lodge and hop on the wagon for a ride through the orchard. People of any age may pick. Use two hands when picking. Apples in pairs or clusters will fall to the ground if you try to pick just one. If you happen to drop an apple, please pick it up. It won't have fallen far. To pick like the professionals, curl the apple a half turn and upward. This works much better than pulling or twisting. The apples "pop" right off.

Shauna Younge
Minnesota's Largest Candy Store features an eccentric selection of candy, one of which being "bacon flavored toothpicks."

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River Valley Ranch is a popular place for horseback riding during every season.

Shauna Younge
Thousands of assortments of candy are available at Jim's Apple Farm.

6 Halloween Fun Run

St. Peter Halloween Fun Run
Where: St. Peter Community Center, When: October 27, 8:00 a.m.
Come check out Southern Minnesotas Fast and Largest Parade of Costumes. Activities include 5K Run/Walk, Lil Monster Dash, Halloween Activity Area and More!

3 Horseback Riding

River Valley Ranch: Saddle Up!
Where: River Valley Ranch, 16480 Jonathan Carver Parkway Carver, Minnesota 55315
When: Monday through Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Price: 25 dollars per person for a one hour guided trail ride, 20 dollars per person for groups of 20 or more
River Valley Horse Ranch is open all of the amazing (and very different) Minnesota Four Seasons!. While they cherish the spring and summer months, there is nothing more invigorating than a cool fall ride or a Minnesota winter outing on horseback.

4 Haunted House

Scream Town
Where: Scream Town, 7410 U.S. 212 Chaska, MN 55318
When: Peak Nights: October 19,20,26, & 27. Off Peak nights: October 18, 28. Attractions open at 7 p.m.
Price: 25 dollars during Peak Nights, 20 dollars during Off Peak Nights
Have access to all 5 attractions: The Oak Blood Forest, Terror in the Corn, Rabid Alley, The Red Neck Resort, and Circus Asylum. The attractions are built with quality and the best possible scares in mind. Scream Town is located just perfectly outside the suburb atmosphere and feels like you are in the middle of nowhere.

5 Pumpkin Patch

The Pumpkin Barn: The Small Farm in the City
Where: Hilltop Acres, 1411 Pohl Rd, Mankato MN 56001
When: 7 days a week, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
A former dairy barn is this pumpkin shop and the owners have incorporated their woods and love of nature/ wildlife into their farm operation. Visitors are invited to visit their pumpkin patch and take a stroll through the woods. They have premium quality fall decoration items for all.

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Halloween wouldn't be the same without a hand picked pumpkin to carve.

Shauna Younge
The barn's bright yellow color attracts many travelers passing by.

Submitted

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The annual scarecrow festival features over 100 creatively made scarecrows.

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Prizes are awarded to the best costume during the annual halloween fun run.

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7 Minnesota's Biggest Candy Store

Jim's Apple Farm: Minnesota's Biggest Candy Store
Where: 17365 Johnson Memorial Dr, Jordan MN 55352
When: Every day, 9:00 am to 7:00 pm
The bright yellow quanset shaped building is enough to get the attention of any passing motorist, but the lure of sweet stuff makes it a perfect place to stop. More than half the building is devoted to tables and tables of candy, everything from jelly beans to Cadbury's finest. They offer 58 different kinds of licorice, taffy and fudge galore, and even the hard-to-find nostalgic candies as well. As part of an orchard, a wide assortment of apples and homemade pies are available.

8 Scarecrow Festival

2012 Scarecrow Festival
Where: Emma Krumbee's, 331 Enterprise Drive, Belle Plaine, MN
When: 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m Tuesdays through Fridays until October 28
Price: 5 dollars per person
This tour includes admission into the Scarecrow Festival with over 100 scarecrows on display, a tractor-pulled wagon ride through the orchard, a ride on the Blue Line Express Barrel Train, visit the farm animals and goat trail at Emma's Petting Zoo, access to play areas, including Emma's mountain slide, all-terrain farm pedal trikes, tile maze, rope maze, and giant hay pile.

Food for thought

The take away lesson

Andy Bryan
Staff Columnist

Something out of the ordinary happened to me recently at Gustavus. I was sitting in a seminar, listening to one classmate react to another's point when I noticed something strange was taking place. All around me my peers were eagerly conversing as if interested in what was being said and genuinely curious as to what idea might be brought up next. I suddenly realized that I was enjoying myself, and my classmates were apparently enjoying themselves, too. An unfamiliar feeling came over me: I felt as though I was getting my money's worth.

This sensation alarmed me for several reasons. First, I was struck by the irony that my conscious appreciation for my class had caused me to become distracted and lose track of our conversation. Second, and more importantly, I was disturbed by how unfamiliar this feeling of intellectual gratification was.

I don't think I'm alone in appreciating the rarity of this feeling. Think of how many times you've noticed, or even been, that student hoping not be called on, sitting stock still, hoping that professors can only see movement. One would think that — given the premium we pay to attend this college — there would be more vocal dissatisfaction with the atmosphere of disinterest that regularly saturates the air during class conversations. But there's not.

Instead, the typical gripe heard on campus focuses on teachers that are too tough on their students. As a senior, I've had a few classes with professors that have had what I consider to be disproportionate expectations of their students, and I can sympathize. It's stressful to enroll in a class only to suddenly find out you're expected to work hard for a grade you'd usually complain about.

If I rise to meet the challenge, however, I usually find the outcome of these classes to be invigorating. At worst, I walk away with a grade to complain about, and my GPA takes a hit. At best, I've earned the satisfaction of overcoming a demanding trial and have had the opportunity to learn extensively about my field of study and myself. In either case, and what's most important, is that the experience is memorable. Isn't that what we're paying for? For the opportunity to have our intellects challenged and for a learning experience we will retain for years to come? Well, no, not really.

Andy Bryan

Quality diplomas at a competitive rate, education sold separately

Students part with thousands of dollars and several years of their lives for a college education. Still, many of them work tirelessly to make it the least memorable academic experience it can be, so long as it ends with receiving a college degree. Never mind what that degree is intended to stand for, and why it should afford students upward mobility in the professional world. What's important is that mobility, and students will pay tuition to earn it. When stripped bare, this is a disturbing transaction to look at: the right to make a higher level income is for sale at a price only affordable to those already situated in society's upper echelon.

The Gustavus community is progressive, and its members take social justice pretty seriously. As a member, it is difficult to view this institution as an instrument of social inequity, but that is exactly what is left when its academic faculties are disregarded. Thankfully, every tool necessary to make this an academic experience worth every penny invested is in place and waiting to be used. The only piece that's missing is an eager student looking to get more for their money than the world's longest, most expensive beer pong lesson.

And so it goes

Young voters demand dynamics, not details

Brittany Knutson
Staff Columnist

Last Wednesday night, my Facebook news feed blew up with an intensity only rivaled by angry Packers fans' gruesome threats. However, the Facebook population was not speaking out to protect the sanctity of the All-American sport, but the All-American entertainers: the presidential candidates.

One particularly distraught Facebook friend posted, "Ugh. I'm already wanting to hang myself with a stopwatch cord. Can we go back and pick Newt Gingrich and Bill Clinton instead? THAT would be worth watching."

Although lackluster, hanging oneself with a stopwatch because a presidential debate lacks spark seems both melodramatic and impractical. However, voter's demands for dynamic candidates were articulated loud and clear, not only after Obama's disappointing performance, but during, as Twitter updates flashed across the bottom of the screen throughout the debates.

Discontent with President Obama's performance was voiced via social media as a means of civil dialogue, indicating that young voters have higher expectations for candidates and have found new venues to make their demands, criticisms and voices heard.

Obama, the 2008 version, was his worst enemy: articulate, passionate, engaging, not a tired version of himself from running the country for four years. Wednesday's listless and defeated Obama probably hates that charming young man for setting his standards so high.

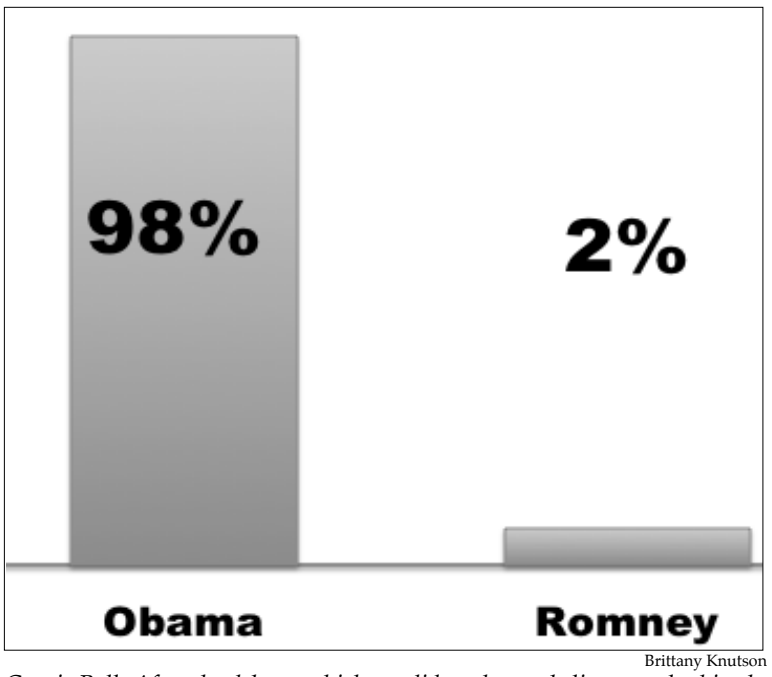
However, Romney was also illustrating his self-transformation, finding moderate ground on a lot of issues and displaying facts. Conan O'Brien tweeted during the debate, "Romney prepped for tonight's debate by debating with a man whose views differ radically from his own: himself from 8 years ago."

However, because of Romney's previous performances, voters were impressed by his use of any evidence at all as well as his humanizing performance. Because we expected Obama to spin gold with his words and give us undeniable hope that he was our savior, viewers were inevitably disenchanted.

As a result, the younger generation, composed of those who vote for the candidate they would most like to have a beer with, flips off the TV and feels the world darken with the screen. This disappointment raises an important question: Why must a candidate portray himself as a personable superman with an affinity for beer? If viewers had examined the facts presented in the debate, rather than the American dream fairytale, a much more productive political dialogue would have filled Twitter feeds and Facebook walls.

As the presidential election season reaches its most important and most entertaining point, we as young voters must stop viewing election events as a spectacle and start viewing them as political venues. The next three debates will never rival the heroic characters in the latest *Jersey Shore* season or the cat fights on *The Bachelor.*

However, just because Obama didn't get into the scrappy debate over Romney's 47% comment doesn't mean we should deny him a rose at the end of the night.



Brittany Knutson

Gustie Poll: After the debate, which candidate do you believe resulted in the most shots taken in the Presidential Drinking Game?

Next debate, I encourage you to close your computer, ignore the Twitter feed at the bottom of the screen, and listen to the arguments presented on both sides, regardless of whether or not you could imagine grabbing lunch with either candidate. Both parties focused on significant election issues.

A closer analysis of Obama's performance reveals strong language, strong evidence, and ultimately, a strong commitment to the American population.

Cloudy with a chance of musing

Please (don't) stay off the grass

Kelly Dumais
Staff Columnist

To "like" something on Facebook can be a very powerful statement. People use the infamous "like" button to give their endorsements to everything ranging from pillow pets to presidential candidates. They have used it to take a stand against things such as world hunger and also to get free coffee coupons. To "like" something is a form of expressive conduct, where our actions are communicating words. We would not "like" something just because someone told us to. While we may be influenced by suggestions of friends, it is ultimately our decision whether or not we will hit that button.

For a quite a while, there was a large sign outside of the River Hills Mall in Mankato that said, "Like us on Facebook." Yet I have never taken the time to do so — not because I disliked the River Hills Mall; I just did not want to "like" them. Expressive conduct does not only reside within the digital universe though; it is all around us, all the time. Whether we are deciding which shoes to buy, which candidate to vote for, or what path to take on our way to class, we are making statements and hitting the figurative "like" button of life.

To hit the "like" button in everyday life may consist of deciding whether or not to buy fair trade coffee, whether or not to wear a "Vote No" shirt, or even whether or not to walk on the grass on your way to class.

This year, tiny signs have popped up along the perimeter of the west mall on campus declaring the grass to be off limits. The signs read "please stay off the grass." They remind me of that scene in the movie *Princess Diaries* where Anne Hathaway runs across the grass to the Genovian embassy because she is late for princess lessons. When she steps foot on the grass, she is commanded by a multitude voices from above, all speaking different languages, to "GET OFF THE GRASS!" I wonder if something similar would happen if a Gustie dared to venture upon the restricted lawn. Would we hear, "gå inte på gräset," or "get off the grass," in Swedish? I do not know, for it appears as though no one has tried.

"GET OFF MY LAWN," said no one. Kelly Dumais

It baffles me that while a giant sign outside the River Hills Mall has been unable to get me to simply hit their "like" button on Facebook, the tiny little signs around the mall have enabled a seemingly impenetrable barrier that forces Gusties to travel out of their way and expands the amount of time that we are exposed to the infamous "Gustie" winds.

I understand the desire to keep the mall looking pretty for our recent guests, #NobelandRoyalVisit, but what message are we sending with our blind obedience of these little signs?

Foot paths exist all around campus; they are manifestations of the lives that we are living here every day. The forming of foot paths is like breaking in a new pair of shoes. They signify that this is our home, this is where we live, and this is where we go. They make the campus comfortable.

Last year, as upperclass students might remember, there were a few select foot paths that made their way to the west mall. They were logical, they manifested where we walked and were a statement that "we were here!" Why are we silencing that proclaimation? Why are we not making our mark? Why are we listening to tiny little signs? This is our home, our school, our path.

If the little signs said, "Jump off a bridge," would we do it?

Letters to the Editor

An Alum's Perspective

A couple weeks after being labeled as one of the best Greek systems in the country, The Weekly publishes an article talking about how "The Greeks" are upset with "the administration," making for one of the most vaguely written articles of all time.

As a student I was part of Gustavus' Greek life, and part of Student Senate, and I know several students quoted in the article. Interestingly, the article quotes a few members from two orgs: the Deltas and the Eppies.

There are two problems here: one, I think this is unfair to the Deltas and the Eppies. I like them, and have friends in both. Unfortunately it seems to me that a few non-Presidents stepped out of line by speaking out against IGS and the administration unfairly, rather than dealing with problems directly. It's an ineffective strategy of attacking a small problem with napalm, and I don't believe that's how either the Deltas or Eppies operate.

But further, the article itself does very little to justify the claim that all Greeks are upset. No effort is made to talk to National chapters, who are used to a more heavy-handed style of management, or more than two of the several local chapters. What do the Thetas think? How about the Reds? Do the OKs agree with assertions of those quoted? We don't know. But in the mean time, "The Greeks" have been painted with a broad brush stroke.

As someone who worked to disprove the stereotypes that all Greeks are the same, I'm more than a little annoyed that The Weekly seemed intent to take the opinion of a few members as representative of an entire community.

Quite frankly, that article should never have been written, and many people should learn from their mistakes.

Nick Prince, '12

An opportunity to improve dialogue

In response to Prince's concern over the fair representation of the Gustavus Greek community, I would like to assure him that it was not my intention to exclude any interested or affected Greek members from contributing to the article.

Though the article by no means reflects the many diverse opinions of Greeks on campus, this is due to a lack of response from other chapters I requested interviews from, and an intentional focus on local chapters, who are experiencing their primary regulation by the Inter-Greek Senate.

I deliberately chose to speak with Greek members who could discuss their interaction with IGS on either personal or chapter level in order to report on personal experience rather than speculation.

When sending out requests for interviews, I sent one to representatives from both Omega Kappa and Nu Upsilon Gamma (the Grays). I thought these would be important voices to include, as both are undergoing transitional periods and need to incorporate IGS involvement into their new vision for their chapters.

Omega Kappa received recognition as an active fraternity this year after being inactive since 2006, and I thought it would be interesting to contrast their perception of communication with the other local Greek chapters that have been active more recently.

The Grays also seemed an interesting choice because they are currently an off-campus fraternity that has been working to get back on campus, so they have had a different experience as well. Unfortunately, however, neither of the members that I requested an interview with responded to my request.

The majority of chapters on campus are local and receive regulation by the College rather than national standards, so I believed this to be an important difference to emphasize. In my discussion with Megan Ruble, she explained that IGS often encountered fewer incidents/problems with national chapters during pledging, and therefore had less interaction with them on the whole regarding that aspect of Greek life.

So, it was a conscious choice to focus on local chapters and seek to express the opinions of the College, IGS and affected students in order to facilitate a dialogue using The Weekly as that venue; a goal which was communicated, understood and supported by all those who were interviewed.

Rebecca Hare, '14
Copy Editor and Reporter of
Tensions arise in Greek system over communication issues

A tip from your bonny lass

Let it go!

Riley Lass
Staff Columnist

If someone so much as whispers the word 'tornado,' the image of a horse so dead and beaten it qualifies as chili comes to mind. I've been driven to my knees listening to the pissing and moaning of peer after peer saying the exact same thing: our new statue looks like a tornado.

For some reason, everyone on campus is only able to think of one thing when they see the new Sesquicentennial statue. Without a hint of imagination, a boo-hoo statement is loosed and forgotten about. When someone said it will look like an ice-cream cone when it snows, I almost joypuked from the surge of faith in humanity.

This isn't the first insurrection among students over our college's plans. Scrutiny over billboards, commercials, iPad apps and our slogan (which I'll admit is not worth much if it has to be explained) all draw students' ire. It cheapens an image of Gustavus we all believed in once. However, there's a very special reason why we students should just bite the bullet and admit that these executive decisions are going to continue for another 150 years.

Because it doesn't matter. No matter how much we pound our fists on the ground, scream at the sky, or poison our livers in spite, whatever is done to curse the name of our decision makers will always be in vain. The higher-ups know what they're doing, and when we say we disagree, it won't be heard. Their job is to engineer a good looking college that gets asses in classes, and every student has to admit that they themselves were once drawn in by the idea of the Gustavus they put together. And so the suits keep doing what they do regardless of the fuss we put up, seeing as we are a walking "Mission Accomplished" sign.

It hurts that many of the decisions of the higher-ups are made for everyone but students, but at the same time they're aware that we're not going to pack up and leave because there's a giant corkscrew, wedding cake, box fort, Seuss Pyramid (c'mon, this is easy) sitting in our lawn. I won't; I've already passed Organic II!

This is probably what players under coach Belichick or campaigners under Karl Rove feel like. They're undoubtedly aware of the cloud of evil that shrouds their superior, but they also can't argue with results. The Patriots win games, George Bush got his presidencies, and Gustavus is a great college.

For what looks like a tacky, shameless showing of neglect to the past translates to a record student class size, good marks on college ranks charts and an active group of alumni. The system is dirty, but man, can our collegiate powers play it right! I have to admit to myself, I could be at a much worse place than Gustavus. There are colleges that can't focus on invested capital-like artwork. Saint Olaf doesn't have Wifi.

Countless Gustie graduates return to the school that meant so much to them with their sons and daughters to hope that it will one day be their home, too. It's incredible listening to their tales of the football field right next to the library, or how Uhler rooms used to be unreasonably large. (If only...)

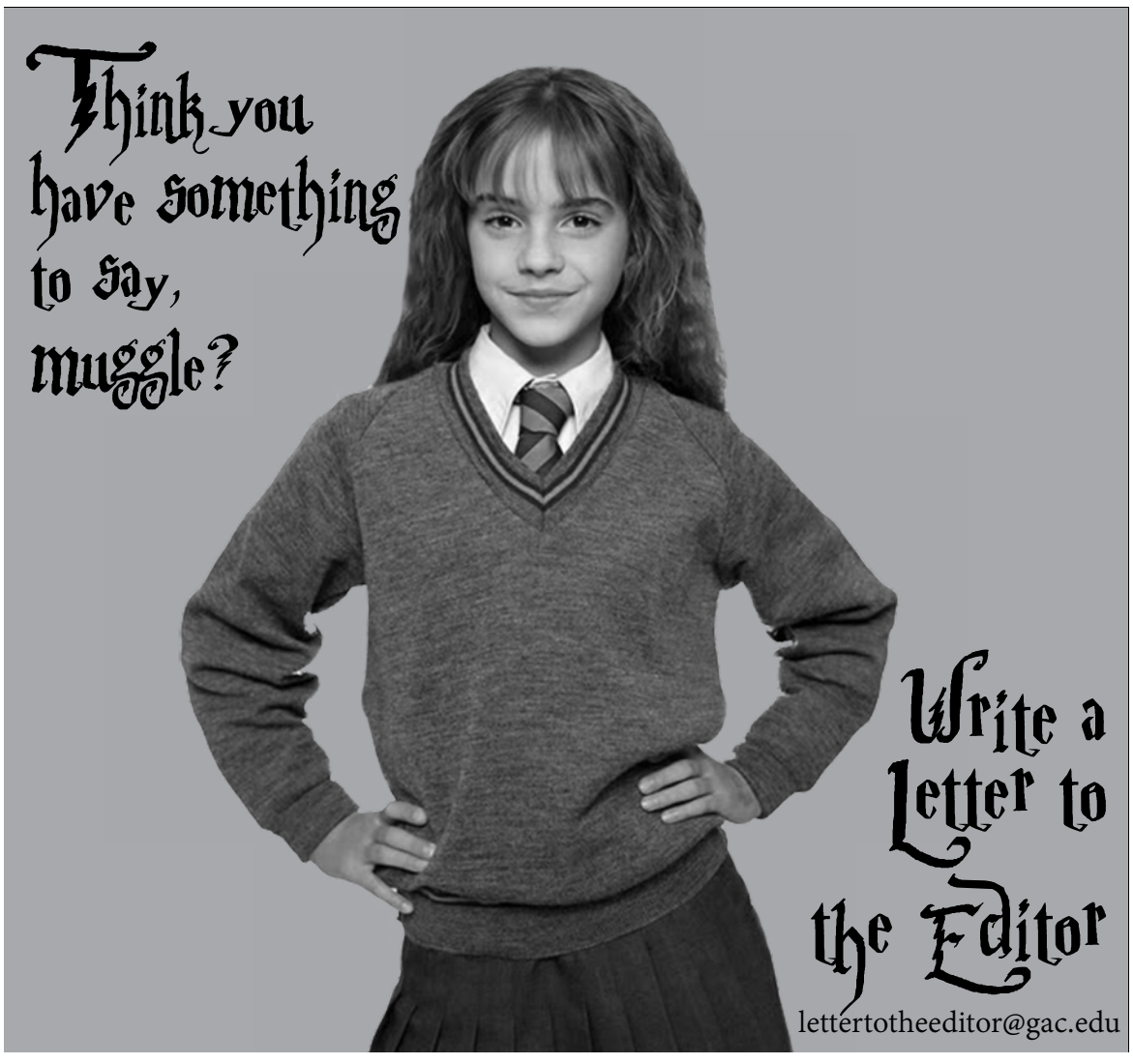
Surprisingly enough, one thing they don't say is how much Sesquicentennial plaza looks like a tornado. Their children aren't crying because we have a billboard north of town or cringing at the idea of a college's iPad app when looking for more information on our wonderful student organizations.

And they're certainly not shaking their heads at our newest statue addition when touring our beloved campus. They're being inspired by what Gustavus has to offer. If we're not careful, we may forget why we came in the first place.

So stop yelling at the stone. You're going to be late to class.

Riley Lass

A suit and tie are the sword and shield against a peon's comments.



The Good, the Bad, and the Meh

Week the Eighth

Homecoming Weekend! Let us celebrate in true Gustie fashion with trucker hats, painted windows and a concert by someone we've never heard of.

Fall Break is but a distant dream. A very distant dream.

The annual influx of old people on campus for Homecoming clogging up the halls and paying with cash in the Caf.

* The Calendar Page is considered editorial. The opinions expressed herein are not the opinions of The Gustavian Weekly, but rather the inner dialogue of President Obama during the debate. He had a lot on his mind.

Friday, Oct. 12

Sophomore Socials

Johns Family Courtyard
3-5 p.m.

With the absence of this event last week, the last seven days have caused the sophomore class to fall into a state of disillusionment.

Shop Talk

Interpretive Center
4:30 p.m.

It's going to be an emotional discussion at Shopaholics Anonymous this week.

Homecoming: Parade

Eckman Mall
5:30 p.m.

Instead of candy, they are throwing out constant reminders to pay your tuition.

Homecoming: The Pizza-Off

Lund Center Forum
6:30 p.m.

Otherwise known as laundry day for me.

Weekend Movie: *Ted*

Wallenberg Auditorium
8 p.m.

Will Mark Wahlberg be more ashamed of Marky Mark, or the fact that he made a movie with a talking teddy bear?

Saturday, Oct. 13

West Mall Dedication and Recognition of Beck Hall Donors

West Mall
10 a.m.

The donors are going to be pissed their money went to make a tornado statue.

Homecoming Concert: Dave Barnes

Alumni Hall
8 p.m.

Jason Derulo backed out. . . AGAIN.

Weekend Movie: *Ted*

Wallenberg Auditorium
8 p.m.

This movie is beary good. I hate myself for that one.

Sunday, Oct. 14

Weekend Movie: *Ted*

Wallenberg Auditorium
2 p.m.

Are we ready to call Seth MacFarlane the Orson Welles of our time?

Documentary Play "8"

Christ Chapel
6 p.m.

It's like 1/2 as good as Fellini.

Monday, Oct. 15

"Christianity & Judaism after the Holocaust," Exploring Religious Questions Series

Olin 103
7-9 p.m.

I will not make a joke. I will not make a joke. I will not make a joke.

Wednesday, Oct. 17

Free Archives Tour

College Archives
11:30 a.m.

Nothing is free at this college. Don't be fooled.

Thursday, Oct. 18

Thursday Evenings with the Religion Department

Third Floor of Old Main
6-7:30 p.m.

Either you go or you don't. Hindu or Hindon't.

Fika!

Swedish House
9-11 p.m.

This is your destiny. You were Bjorn to be there.

Manspider is going home for Homecoming this year.

Feit-sty Horoscope

Aries

Skipping class is never quite as cool as Ferris Bueller makes it seem.

Taurus

Your skills at the old Nokia game "Snake" have gotten you nowhere.

Gemini

You look like President Obama during a debate. Good thing Reading Days are soon.

Cancer

The people in front of the Caf on Columbus Day weren't really dead, were they?

Leo

Does Haley Joel Osment see his career now that it's dead?

Virgo

Maybe the honey badger does care and is just unhealthily supressing emotions.

Libra

Diet Coke doesn't really taste like regular Coke. Somebody had to say it.

Scorpio

At some point Maggie Gyllenhaal will have to atone for her role in *The Dark Knight*.

Sagittarius

Your surroundings are betraying you, like talking about you behind your back.

Capricorn

How long does it take for Mitt Romney to get the perfect amount of gray in his hair?

Aquarius

No job is more hands-on than a clock maker.

Pisces

Santa is one more B & E arrest from prison time.

Not so great expectations

Vinny Bartella
Staff Writer

That's what I, as a fan of football, had for the Minnesota Vikings going into this season. Living in Wisconsin as a Chicago Bears fan is no easy task, especially since the Green Bay Packers consistently have a Super Bowl caliber team every year. At the beginning of the past few NFL seasons, the NFC North has been trying to catch up to the Packers. During the last couple seasons, the league has seen the reemergence of the Detroit Lions. Quarterback Matthew Stafford and Wide Receiver Calvin Johnson, aka "Megatron," have taken the league by storm, and have become the new dynamic duo of the NFL. With the Bears making some key additions in the offseason, the NFC North looked like a three team battle between the Bears, Packers and Lions. No one I knew expected the Vikings to do anything this year, in what was expected to be another rebuilding season.

Week one for the Vikings started against another young team, the Jacksonville Jaguars, who are also looking to rebuild over the coming season. Jacksonville quarterback Blaine Gabbert connected with Cecil Shorts III with 20 seconds left in the game to put the Jaguars up 23-20. It seemed like a dreadful way to start the 2012 season for the Vikings until they drove down the field to position themselves for a 55-yard field goal attempt by rookie Blair Walsh out of Georgia University. Walsh, reminiscent of former Vikings kicker Ryan Longwell, made the tying kick with ease. The game headed to overtime, where Vikings quarterback Christian Ponder and running back Adrian Peterson drove the team down for an opening possession field goal. Now a 26-23 game, the Jaguars had a chance to either tie or win the game on their possession, due to the new overtime rules that allow each team a possession if the first score in overtime was a field goal. However, the Jaguars were unable to score on their final possession, giving the Vikings a narrow week one victory.

The 1-0 Vikings headed to Indianapolis to face the new-look Colts in week two. Rookie quarterback Andrew Luck and new Colts head coach Chuck Pagano both picked up their first career victories in the Colt's home opener as Adam Vinatieri made a 53-yard field goal with eight seconds left to win the game 23-20. In both weeks, the Vikings rallied back to either take the lead or at least tie with little time left in the fourth quarter. Christian Ponder looked great both weeks, throwing no interceptions to keep the Vikings in both games. Week three however, looked like it would be a guaranteed loss, against the then number one rated team in the league, the San Francisco 49ers.

The 49ers started out hot, winning both their games with ease. They looked destined to go back to the NFC championship game again this year, only this time, with a legitimate chance to go to the Super Bowl. With all expectations for a 49er's blow out, I went to the game at the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome with other Gusties on the CAB organized trip. Not only did the Vikings pull off a huge upset, they did so in a dominating fashion. From the start, the team and the crowd took control of the game. As a Bears fan, I was rooting for the 49ers to win so the Bears could be on top of the division. I found myself, however, rooting for the underdog Vikings team. No one but the diehard fans gave them a shot at winning.

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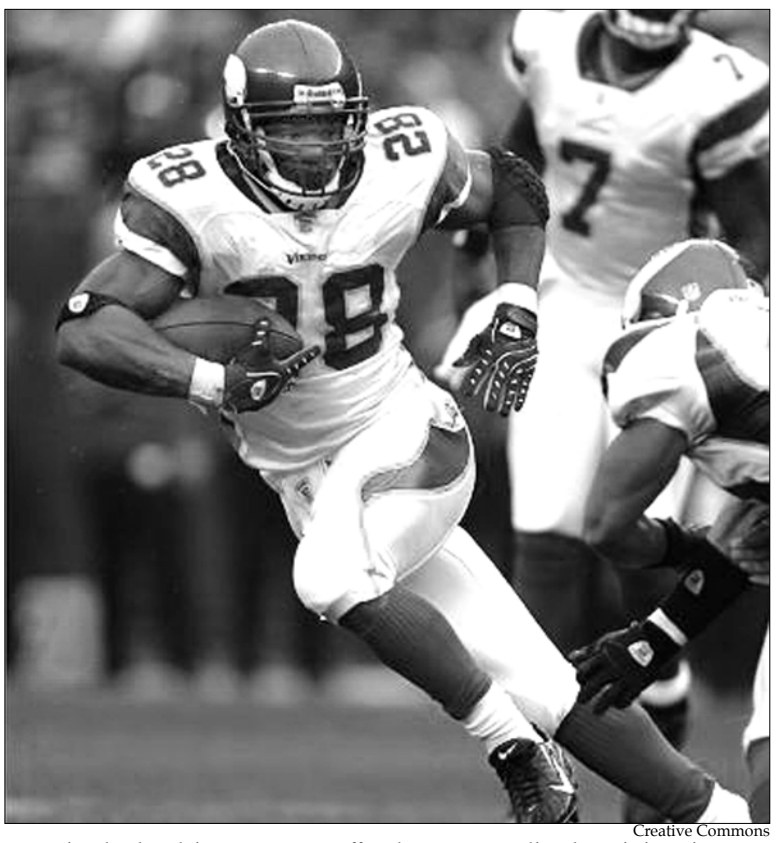
Wide receiver Percy Harvin has been an integral part of the Vikings success this season. The Vikings are off to a 4-1 start and are tied for first in the NFC North with the Chicago Bears.

Despite an impressive start to the season, a win week four against the Detroit Lions also looked to be a stretch. Percy Harvin started the game out with a bang, returning the opening kickoff for a 105-yard touchdown. The two teams alternated field goals for a while, until Marcus Sherels returned a punt 77 yards for a touchdown in the third quarter. The Vikings defense and special teams flourished in a 20-13 win over the much-improved Detroit Lions.

With a 3-1 record, the Vikings headed into week five against the Tennessee Titans with confidence. The Vikes scored 23 unanswered points, until the Titans finally scored late in the fourth quarter. Minnesota won 30-7, outgaining their opponent by over 200 yards, and controlling the ball for 7 minutes longer. While quarterback Christian Ponder threw his first two interceptions of the year, he also threw for two touchdowns and almost 260 yards. After such a dominating performance, the league has started to take notice, and regard the Vikings as a serious threat to steal the NFC North from the heavily favored Green Bay Packers.

The Minnesota Vikings now stare down a five game stretch until their week 11 bye. With games against the Washington Redskins, Arizona Cardinals, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Seattle Seahawks and the Detroit Lions, all expectations point towards a competitive Vikings team late in the season. Despite dealing with injuries to defensive end Jared Allen, linebacker Erin Henderson, wide receiver Michael Jenkins and guard Charlie Johnson, the Vikings still have Adrian Peterson leading the number nine rushing attack in the league. Second year quarterback Christian Ponder looks poised to defeat any notions of a sophomore slump, and make his case to be the long term option at quarterback for the Minnesota Vikings. Despite not so great expectations, the Vikings continue to prove they can be a threat in the playoff hunt.



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Running back Adrian Peterson suffered a season-ending knee injury in 2011, but made an impressive recovery over the offseason. Peterson has returned to his typical form, and has helped the Vikings to a 4-1 start this season.

Women's Soccer: kicking for a cause

Renee Hoppe
Asst. Sports & Fitness Editor

Although the Gustavus women's soccer team had a rough beginning this season, they have managed to improve with every game, bringing their standing up to 5-6-0 overall and 3-4-0 in the MIAC. With four new first-years on the team, working out the kinks in their game and learning how to work as one cohesive unit has been an ongoing project. The Gustie women have two opportunities to show off their improving skills on the field with a home game against Augsburg on Oct. 13, and another home game against Buena Vista on Oct. 17.

Being that the women will be hosting Augsburg during Homecoming weekend, a strong win is a major goal that has been driving them to practice harder and play stronger with each successive game.

"I am really looking forward to our game this Saturday against Augsburg. Playing at home during Homecoming always has a special aura about it, and it's another chance to get a conference win," Senior Maggie Lane said.

With high hopes for the rest of the season, it's clear that the soccer team is planning on meeting and exceeding the expectations they have set for themselves. This will hopefully manifest itself in the form of consecutive wins, improved plays and higher scores all around.

"So far the season is going really well. We continue to improve from one game to the next, which is really exciting. We have produced some good results, and when the score hasn't been what we have wanted, we have recovered and learned from the loss. What is going well is that we continue to work hard and improve. What needs work is our consistency during our games. We have moments of brilliance, and we just need to work on making the whole game one continuous moment," Lane said.

In addition to working hard on the field, the women's soccer team has been working hard off the field in order to plan a successful fundraiser for the Minnesota based non-profit, Yuwa. This organization reaches out to girls in Jharkhand, an area in rural India, in order to create an environment for young women to gain confidence and a sense of self-worth. Since its creation, Yuwa has been providing necessary resources to at-risk girls in order to break the negative marital and educational system that currently prevails in this area in which girls are undervalued and expected to adhere to strict and oftentimes unjust social mores.

According to yuwa-india.com, "When a girl organizes or joins a Yuwa team, through positive peer pressure she becomes a more regular student—players elect team captains, who keep track of school attendance, and many girls attend daily study sessions at Yuwa Club. She pays attention to her own health and to the health of her teammates, and gets access to information about her body through weekly adolescent health classes with her teammates. She marries when she chooses—on Yuwa's first team, not a single girl has gotten married below the age of 18, even though several of their older sisters had been married off at age 15. She will raise a healthy family. The cycle continues."

In order to contribute to Yuwa, spectators can donate money at the Buena Vista game on October 17 at 4:00 pm where the St. Peter Soccer Club's U12 girl's team will serve as ball girls and play during halftime. During the game there will also be a raffle for a signed Gustavus Women's Soccer practice jersey. Afterwards, spectators are invited to join the team at Patrick's on 3rd for specials and a silent auction to benefit Yuwa.

"It promises to be a fun and inspiring event," Assistant Soccer Coach, Andrea Rosenthal said.

Despite a shaky start to the season, the Gustavus Women's soccer team has really stepped up their game and brought their best to the field through improving both their plays and cohesion as a team.

"I hope to win. Winning at home during Homecoming would be great. It should be a great atmosphere to play in, and is another important conference game. Also, for the Buena Vista game I hope we draw a large crowd and have a fun time. Some of the St. Peter youth girls have been practicing with us throughout the season and they will be our ball girls at this game. I really hope we can get the win for them," Lane said.

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Junior Emily Papagapitos gained control of the ball in the Gusties' 1-0 win over Hamline University.

"My main goal is that we continue to improve until the very last game. It is easy for teams to get complacent with where they're at. I hope we bypass that, work extra hard and continue to get better," Lane said.

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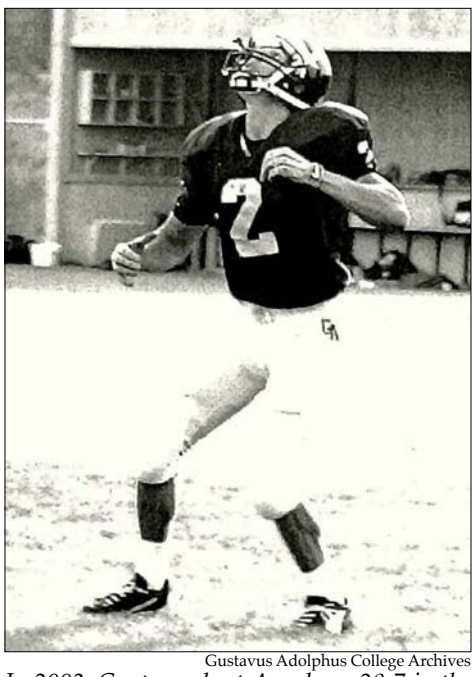

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In 2003, Gustavus beat Augsburg 28-7 in the Homecoming game.

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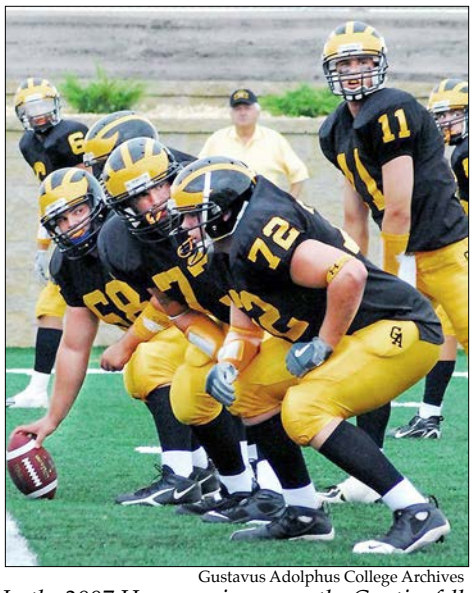
In the 2005 Homecoming game, Gustavus beat Augsburg 42-27.



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In the 2007 Homecoming game the Gusties fell 40-0 to Saint John's University.

2003

The Gustavus football team recorded a 28-7 Homecoming victory over Augsburg College in St. Peter.

2004

Gustavus Adolphus College was defeated by Concordia College with a score of 42-27. The team fell to 0-4 overall and 0-3 in the MIAC.

2005

The football team was victorious over Augsburg College with a score of 42-27. The teams played in St. Peter at Lloyd Hollingsworth Field, improved to 1-5 overall and 1-3 in the MIAC.

2006

Gustavus lost to Bethel University with a score of 40-0. The Gusties fell to 2-3 overall and 1-3 in the MIAC.

2007

The Gustavus football team lost 40-0 to St. John's University. The team had only 133 yards of total offense. The 2007 Homecoming game marked the third loss in a row and caused the Gusties to fall to 3-3 overall and 2-3 in the MIAC.

2008

Gustavus was defeated by the University of St. Thomas. The score of the Homecoming game was 30-22. The Gusties dropped to 2-2 overall and 1-2 in the MIAC.

2009

Gustavus scored within the last 12 seconds of the game, and defeated Pacific Lutheran University with a score of 34-33. The Gusties won their Homecoming after three consecutive Homecoming losses.

2010

The Gustavus Football team was defeated 19-14 by St. Olaf College. Gustavus fell to 1-2 overall and 0-1 in the MIAC.

2011

The team had its fourth straight loss of the season to Concordia College with a score of 37-20. 2011 marked the third time Concordia had defeated Gustavus in a Gustavus vs. Concordia Homecoming matchup.

Haley Bell
Staff Writer

The Gustavus Adolphus football team began its season on a high note with a 35-26 win over Simpson College. This year is the first year since 2008 that the team has won their first game of the season.

The second game was a 26-24 loss to Augsburg College. The team then played St. Olaf and lost with a score of 17-14.

The football team received its first MIAC win over Hamline University, improving Gustavus to 2-2 standing, and 1-2 standing in the MIAC.

The team traveled to play St. Thomas at O'Shaunessey Stadium on Saturday, October 6, losing with a score of 28-14.

The 2012 Homecoming game will be against Valley City State University on Saturday, Oct. 13 at 1:30 p.m. at Hollingsworth Field.

In the past, the Gustavus football team has suffered from some heartbreaking Homecoming losses, but according to Senior Captain Muresuk Mena, this year the team has more hope.

"We will prepare as much as possible. I think this year is going to be a different story because we have a different team, and I think it should be a really exciting homecoming game," Mena said.

Head Coach Peter Haugan stated that Valley City State University is not a team that the football team traditionally plays.

"They play in the NAIA as opposed to the NCAA. The NAIA gives athletic scholarships unlike NCAA division three. We expect this game to be a competitive one," Haugan said.

Haugan also pointed out that the team is very motivated and ready to take on a challenge.

"Our team is led by our four captains who have done a great job keeping our players focused. Our team has shown strong character this year. We have embraced the adversity that has come our way, and we are a group of players and coaches who are committed to each other," Haugan said.

Junior Captain Torey Asao explained that this year the team has a great attitude and is looking forward to representing Gustavus. With such close losses, the team is supporting one another and focusing on their number one goal: winning.

"We have lost a few close games, but we are moving on. We have a lot of talent and we are a really good football team so we want to show that at Homecoming. We are going to give 'em all we've got." Asao said.

The Gustavus football team had a close game in 2009, winning within the last seconds with a score of 34-33. The team has not had a Homecoming victory since then. With a total of two wins this year, and a few other close games, the athletes seem determined to win on their own turf.