A gusty debate

As Gustavus continues to talk about building a wind turbine, the Nicollet County Board has intervened

After eight years of research, fundraising and talk, Gustavus is finally prepared to start building one or two wind turbines. However, the project has been brought to a standstill by the Nicollet County Board of Commissioners, who passed an ordinance making it nearly impossible for the College to build a turbine on campus.

Because of this ordinance and a previous moratorium on approving wind-power projects, the Gustavus Board of Trustees delayed consideration of the wind turbine project until its October meeting. Over concerns about noise pollution, shadows from the turbines and the safety of those living nearby, the Board of Commissioners passed the Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS) Ordinance, which bans wind turbines from being built within a half mile of any dwelling and requires a noise pollution study before work can be started.

The ordinance effectively bans a wind turbine from being built on campus. This has generated a strong response from people involved in the project and from St. Peter residents.

The Ordinance

At their Aug. 11, 2009 meeting, the Nicollet County Board of Commissioners passed an ordinance establishing rules for building wind turbines in the County. The ordinance was a product of the WECS committee, which was formed last year to study issues regarding wind energy projects and to establish a set of rules for the county.

At the same time, the County Board placed a one-year moratorium on approving any wind energy projects. That moratorium was lifted with the passage of the new ordinance.

“The committee was looking at a lot of issues that other agencies haven’t dealt with very well,” Commissioner James Stenson said, who represents Gustavus’ district.

The ordinance’s rules about noise and shadow studies, distinguishing between the size of projects and proximity to dwellings, would keep a turbine from being built on campus and has generated backlash within the Gustavus community.

“I think it is a mistake environmentally and economically, and it is an obstacle to the kind of clean energy development we—as citizens and a country—need to adopt. A setback rule is necessary, but one-half mile is excessive,” Jim Dontje said, who is director of the Johnson Center for Environmental Innovation.

According to Stenson, the ordinance was prompted by a move in New Ulm to build a wind turbine project in the western part of the County. That project caused controversy among residents in the area, and the County Board moved to establish a set of rules to deal with the problems there.

According to those involved in the project, if the County Board were to approve of the Gustavus wind turbine project immediately and if the turbines were available, then Gustavus could boast a turbine before the end of the year.

“If the zoning were favorably resolved, it then becomes a matter of turbine availability. We are currently in a far better economic climate for purchasing one than any time in the past three or four years, but it still depends on what is available when we are able to go. I think six months would be possible if everything lines up well. It could also be well more than a year,” Director of Physical Plant Warren Wunderlich said.

The Project

The turbine project has been stalled over the last several years due to a limited supply of turbines available to Gustavus. Due to the economic recession, turbine orders have slowed and Gustavus was, at the time, able to place an order.

Gustavus is looking at building either one or two turbines, depending on availability and cost. According to Ken Westphal, vice president for business and finance, the turbine would cost between $3.1 and $3.4 million for one turbine and between $6.1 and $6.4 million for two.

According to Westphal, there are a number of benefits for the College. “The benefits of a wind turbine are to reduce the College’s carbon footprint and reduce the high cost of electricity that Gustavus pays,” Westphal said.

A turbine could also allow Gustavus to make some significant steps toward goals set for the College, particularly the American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment, an initiative for colleges and universities to make significant steps toward environmental sustainability. The agreement was signed by former Gustavus President Jim Peterson in September of 2007.

“This [project] would also provide significant progress on our efforts to become carbon neutral, relative to the President’s Climate Commitment,” Wunderlich said. “Perhaps most importantly, it would be a visible demonstration of our commitment to environmental sustainability. This … has greater impact if the turbine is on campus, or at least close enough to see from campus, and if we can use the power directly.”

However, some have called into question both the College’s commitment to the project and the reasons the College wants to build a wind turbine.

“Why does Gustavus want [a wind turbine]?” To me the obvious answer is, and though it might not be the right one, is that St. Olaf and Carleton have one, so they decided they should get one too.

Gustavus has been in the market for wind turbines since December 2007, but a county ordinance has halted the project.

So, it’s kind of keeping up with Joneses. Or they might say it is for academic reasons, to educate students about wind energy,” Stenson said. “Really, the big thing is can the college save money by generating [power] from wind energy rather than buying it from the city, which generates it [energy] mostly from coal-fired plants? I think this should be the reason for building one.”

Some have also questioned whether the Gustavus Board of Trustees are committed to building the project.

“The Trustees had not made a commitment before the county enacted the ordinance in August. There is still some uncertainty about their commitment. We will not be able to test our ability to work with the new county ordinance by applying for a variance without a ‘go ahead’ from the Trustees to try,” Dontje said.
Campus Safety Report

Sunday, Sept. 13
A student experienced a verbal sexual threat from a group of males on campus grounds.

Monday, Sept. 14
The Department of Campus Safety was called for a medical assist at Lund Center.

Tuesday, Sept. 15
A Gustavus student was transported to the E.R. for a possible prescription medication overdose.

A Gustavus employee reported a burglary in Schaefer Fine Arts Center to the Department of Campus Safety.

A Gustavus student reported to Campus Safety that one of her school books was stolen in the Campus Center.

Wednesday, Sept. 16
A Gustavus student reported to Campus Safety that his car had been vandalized.

Thursday, Sept. 17
A verbal bias incident just outside the Diversity Center was reported to the Campus Safety Office.

Friday, Sept. 18
Two students while in College View Apartments were cited by Campus Safety and SPPD for underage consumption. One of the students was transported to DETOX.

Saturday, Sept. 19
A student reported that a flag had been stolen from the outside of their room door in Sorensen Hall.

Campus Safety was called to Sorensen Hall for a domestic dispute.

Sunday, Sept. 20
Campus Safety was called to Sorensen Hall for an underage drinking violation.

A student while in Norelius Hall was cited by Campus Safety and SPPD for underage consumption of alcohol.

Tip of the Week:
Avoiding the dangers of an ATM—Part 2

Walk-up ATM machines located on the outside of buildings are way too convenient for a perpetrator to come from behind and grab your cash and run, or worse, using a weapon to convince you to continue making additional withdrawals from your account. To avoid this danger, bring along a friend to stand behind you while you withdraw cash or use ATM machines that are located in highly populated areas with a great deal of activity.

While using an ATM, always be aware of activity around you. Should you become suspicious of commotion around or near you, cancel your transaction and leave immediately. Never accept offers of assistance from strangers at the ATM. It could create an opportunity for someone to take advantage of the situation, with you becoming a victim of theft or possibly worse.

Minimize your time at an ATM by having your bank card ready, deposits prepared in advance and wait to count your money until you are in a secure area. Take home a supply of deposit envelopes so you can prepare deposits ahead of time.

Use drive-up bank tellers or go inside your bank rather than making large deposits of cash using the ATM. Your deposit can be quickly snatched as you prepare to insert it into the machine.

Make sure you always remove your bank card from the ATM before leaving. Make it a habit to double-check that your card is secure and in your possession before departing.
The Anderson Social Science Center has had a very unique history here at Gustavus. Built in 1948, the building originally housed the campus library, which was named Folke Bernadotte in 1950. The library remained in this building for 30 years until 1978, when the current library was constructed.

After the library was relocated, the departments of Economics/Management, History, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology/Anthropology all moved into the slightly renovated social science building.

Since then, the makeup of the building has changed. “In the 1990s, the Political Science Department vacated Anderson for Old Main, and then the History department switched over from social sciences to humanities,” Professor of History Kevin Byrne said. This leaves the building in its present state.

Since the building was originally designed as a library, the same architecture still remains. “The [book] stack areas, on the west side of the building, were constructed as four floors with very low ceilings, since they were to be simply functional for storing books,” Professor Byrne said.

This has all led to the present state of the building and the upcoming October meeting of the Board of Trustees, who will decide whether or not to approve the plans to build a new academic building to house the departments in Anderson.

Both Byrne and Physical Plant Director Warren Wunderlich stress the point that the new building is not going to be named a social science center.

The new building is planned to house the social science departments of Economics/Management, Psychology, and Sociology/Anthropology. In addition, the departments of History and Communication Studies would also relocate to the new building.

Until a donor steps up to cover a large portion of the costs, the new building will simply be named “New Academic Building,” Wunderlich said.

The new building will be located on the north end of the old football field, with the south end filled in with landscaping.

Construction on the new building will begin as soon as approval is given from the Board of Trustees. “That all depends on the Board,” Wunderlich said, “They will either approve the plans in October or January along with setting a start date for construction.” The earliest possible start date would be the spring of 2010, with a projected construction schedule of 16 to 18 months.

As for the plans right now, since 2007, the departments involved have been helping the design team develop the plan for the new building.

According to Byrne, “Every classroom will have a full array of electronic capabilities. The spaces for psychology laboratories would be constructed precisely for that purpose, including space designed to house animals. There will be two computer classrooms and a separate digital arts space for communications studies classes.” He added that “The building will be far more user-friendly than the current building, and it will be built purposely to house the departments that will occupy it, unlike today’s Social Science Center.”

Byrne also noted that the new building will be LEED-certified, meaning that the construction crews will incorporate several measures to reduce energy wastes and costs.

With the planned exodus of all departments out of Anderson, the fate of this building is still up in the air.

“Anderson is one of the three remaining stone buildings on campus, so we want to keep it,” Wunderlich said. “There will be some renovation, additions and a name change.”

There are suggestions that the Nursing and Education departments move into Anderson, but as Wunderlich stressed, it is a big maybe.

Joey Taylor
Staff Writer

Gustavus to add academic building, redesign Anderson

The Anderson Social Science Center will be renovated when the new academic building is built.
For 45 years, Gustavus has had the honor of hosting international experts for the annual Nobel Conference. This year is no different as the Gustavus community is preparing to host H2O: Uncertain Resource on October 6 and 7, 2009. This year the focus is on global issues pertaining to water. “This year’s conference should attract a broad audience because water is essential to all life and our supply of water is both finite and vulnerable,” Conference Chair Mark Bjelland said, according to the Gustavus website. “Water resources are bound to key socio-economic issues, including global population growth, migrations to arid regions, increased use of irrigation, industrialization, climate change and international resource conflicts. This panel of world-renowned speakers will provide the Nobel Conference audience with an overview of water resources issues. They will help us understand the connections between these issues and everyday life in our country and around the world.” The lineup for this year’s Nobel Conference is once again filled with many outstanding experts from all over the world. On Tuesday, Oct. 6, there are four lectures with varying topics. At 10:00 a.m. Rajendra K. Pachauri, chair, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Geneva, Switzerland, will focus on how climate change may further stress water resources, especially exacerbating problems of clean water access and food security for the world’s poor. Nancy N. Rabalais, executive director of the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium, will be presenting at 1:00 p.m. about the health of estuaries and coastal waters as a critical ecological and food security issue and indicator of unsustainable management of land and freshwater resources. 3:00 p.m. will showcase David Sedlak from the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of California, Berkeley, and his focus on the connection between chemicals, like hormones and other pharmaceuticals, in the waste stream and the quality of the aquatic environment.

The final speaker on Tuesday, at 8:15 p.m., is Derek Walcott, a poet and playwright. He is a distinguished visiting professor in literature and drama at the University of Alberta, Canada and is also the 1992 Nobel Laureate in Literature. Wednesday, Oct. 7 brings another full day of notable speakers. Peter H. Gleick, president of the Pacific Institute in Oakland, CA, starts out the morning with a 10:00 a.m. look at the current state of world water resources and what the future might hold. At 1:00 p.m. Larry Rasmussen, emeritus professor of social ethics at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, will be presenting on the ethical issues involved in water resource management and its connections to the well-being of the planet.

The final afternoon session begins at 3:00 p.m. with Asit Biswas, president of the Third World Centre for Water Management in Atizapan, Mexico, speaking about the importance of water resources in alleviating poverty in developing countries and water as a basic human right. The Nobel Conference concludes with a banquet at 6:30 p.m. featuring a keynote address from William L. Graf, chair of the department of geography at the University of South Carolina.

A new feature to the 2009 Nobel Conference is a local forum on Tuesday night at both 6:15 and 7:00 p.m. During this session, area experts will be discussing local water issues and resources. “Our local community is very much dependent on water. As an agricultural community, water is essential to our local economy and food supply,” Amy McMul lan, senior political science major said. “The Nobel Conference often considers a given topic from a global viewpoint, but water resources need to be considered at a local level as well.” Although the Nobel Conference is now sold out to the general public, Gustavus students still have an opportunity to pick up tickets. Contact the Gustavus Office of Marketing and Communication for information. For those students wanting to catch a glimpse of the Nobel Conference, it will be webcast live at gustavus.edu/nobelconference. And for more information about this year’s conference, go to www.gustavus.edu/events/nobelconference/2009.
Christopher Stewart: Making a difference in education

As he arrived on campus on that late summer morning, Chris brought with him a passion not only for learning, but also for sharing his knowledge with others. This is the main reason he chose to major in secondary social studies teaching (also accompanied by several minors, including geography and political science). For almost his entire career at Gustavus, Chris has been involved in a variety of activities and organizations both on and off campus. He is currently president of the Student Educators Association, a member and former vice president of the education honor society Kappa Delta Pi, chapel apprentice, an economics tutor and has been a collegiate fellow for the past three years.

“[Working as CF] is really important to me and what I do on campus. My job has given me the opportunity to not only encourage responsible and safe living and learning habits, but also has allowed me to make a lot of great friends in the process,” Chris said. “Being able to support the mission and goals of Gustavus has really been a positive experience.”

In addition to his demanding academic responsibilities, Chris enjoys playing intramural sports and is captain of two of the softball teams. Chris’ participation in the teachers’ union Education Minnesota proved incredibly valuable when he was nominated to receive the 2009 Audrey Erskine scholarship for students planning to enter the teaching profession. Last year he completed a project on technology in the classroom and another that he is currently undertaking as an independent venture.

“[Chris] is a great person and always has a huge smile on his face and a welcoming hello.”

-Bergit Nerheim

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“It really depends on what the job market looks like,” Chris said. He hopes to complete his student teaching and eventually go on to get his master’s degree. As for his last semester at Gustavus, Chris also intends to study abroad in Spain as part of a teaching program there.

The future for Chris looks very bright.

“It’s important to decide for oneself what ‘busy’ means,” Chris said.

Chris is taking a realistic approach to his plans after graduation in the spring.

After applying to only one college for admission, Chris followed the footsteps of four of his family members by becoming a Gustie.

Katie Volney
Staff Writer

Alex Messenger

While attending Gustavus, Chris has participated in many activities including the Student Educators Association, Kappa Delta Pi and the collegiate fellows.

Variety
Interpretive Center to host biannual Arboretum clean up

Katie Kaderlik  
Staff Writer

A s the school year goes on, the courses we take become more demanding, we become more involved in activities on campus and the projects and papers begin to pile up. Stress levels may rise and you may feel like you barely have time to breathe. A great stress reliever that tends to get overlooked is the Arboretum.

The Gustavus community has used the Arboretum throughout the years as a learning space, a place to work out, a place to play and a place to think and be still. “It is a healthy place for students to be, and it can be a positive form of release from stress. It is really great that we have the [Arboretum] because it is this place of conservation. It’s really nice to just see something that is not developed entirely,” Junior Environmental Studies Major Katie Winkelman said.

Today the Gustavus and St. Peter communities have an opportunity to give back to the Arboretum and spend an afternoon outdoors serving the community continuing education. “It is a unique part of Gustavus and a place to think and be still. It is really great that we have the Arboretum, and the ones that don’t will eventually see it is obviously a beautiful place to be. People jog, bike, play Frisbee. It is a unique part of Gustavus and I feel like students would like to give back,” Dunlap said.

On Friday, Sept. 25, Gustavus students will help rid the Arboretum of invasive plant species as well as help with pruning, weeding and cleanup within the Arboretum.

Once a month a continuing education class is taught in the Interpretive Center and topics have included nature and art. A lot of the St. Peter schools bring their students on a field trip to the Arboretum with a guided tour from Dunlap, who strongly encourages students to start experiencing nature at a young age. “Most students know there is an [Arboretum], and the ones that don’t will eventually see it is obviously a beautiful place to be. People jog, bike, play Frisbee. It is a unique part of Gustavus and I feel like students would like to give back,” Dunlap said.

Take time out of your day to relax and enjoy the beauty of the Arboretum, and step on by the Interpretive Center to volunteer. “I think that nature has a good effect on people, for some people it is more of a spiritual thing. I do find God in nature, and it helps me to clear my mind and bring me back in perspective that it’s not all about me, I am a small part,” Dunlap said.

“It is really important that people get more involved in conservation because the world just needs that right now,” Winkelman said.

You can learn more about the Arboretum and the events that are hosted at gustavus.edu/arboretum.
Pulitzer Prize winner Sonia Nazario speaks at Gustavus

Aided by the Isabel Allende Foundation, Olga Sanchez built a bakery where mutilated migrants can work and raise money for prosthetics and medical treatments. In San Diego, a school started a campaign to raise money for Guatemalan women. Individuals have been compelled to act as well. They’ve sent money. They’ve sent clothing. They’ve sent gratitude and love and grace.

“These are only a few of the good deeds inspired by the publication of Sonia Nazario’s Enrique’s Journey (more information can be found at www.enriquesjourney.com). In addition to inspiring so many people to do something for their fellow human beings, this book has also immensely raised awareness about desperation, immigration and the devastating effects that tend to follow. “Enrique’s Journey really opened my eyes … It gave a face to the discussion about immigration,” Senior Biochem and Molecular Biology Major Haley Prittinen said, who is also one of the students on the Reading In Common book selection committee.

“The book Enrique’s Journey gave both students and faculty at Gustavus a new perspective on immigration, forcing them to question previous beliefs on the topic,” Director of Student Activities Megan Ruble said. While not everyone can be a devoted philanthropist, everyone can think. Books like Enrique’s Journey do so much more than encourage temporary solutions. Books like Enrique’s Journey cause entire nations to think, so that permanent action can take place. A little awareness can go a long way.

The response to the Pulitzer Prize-winning Enrique’s Journey has been overwhelming. Gustavus students can join in this response by attending Sonia Nazario’s lecture on Monday, Sept. 28, at 7:00 p.m. in Alumni Hall. For those interested there will also be a book signing at the St. Peter Public Library from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Come along and see what all the buzz is about.
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- Nicole Meyer, Junior Communication Studies Major

"My tattoo is my favorite call from my high school rowing team – ‘Wind it.’ I got it done at Beelistic Tattoo."  
- Kate Ibberson, Junior Gender, Women & Sexuality Studies Major

"My tattoo is a symbol of strength and recovery. It is Picasso’s dove of peace."  
- Jen Fox, Sophomore Political Science Major

"To me, my tattoo reminds me of my family’s lake cabin in northern Wisconsin which I have visited since I’ve been a baby. Plus, I really like the artwork, I just think it’s simple and beautiful. I got it done at Skin and Bones Tattoo in Sioux Falls, SD. I also have two other tattoos."  
- Dan Enright, Sophomore

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- Kyle Rosas, Sophomore ACS Chemistry Major

"I got my tattoo done at Geister Tattoo. I got it unique way to express it. It was my second tattoo and I got it done at Tank’s Tatoo.”  
- Andy Sharp, Junior Physical Health Education Major

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I will always have juice today

Damned Fire Drills Early In The Mornings

I was reading about the “stream of consciousness” the other day, and I went from stream to beach to summer to …

Matt Beachey
Staff Columnist

You’re lying in your bed at around 9:30 a.m. in that half-waking, half-sleeping state on the morning that you don’t have class until 11:30 a.m., trying to bring back that dream you were just having in which Dr. Zaius from “Planet of the Apes” revealed Michael Jackson’s death to be a giant hoax and then joined him onstage for a rendition of “The Way You Make Me Feel,” when suddenly, a blaring intermittent siren comes from the hall accompanied by a flashing strobe-light attached to your phone call, completely driving away all the last dregs of sleep. Do you, A: leap out of bed, throw on some clothes, sprint out the door and down the stairs, line up with fellow dorm mates outside of the building and wait for flames to come shooting out of your window? or B: pull your pillow over your head and curse under your breath until the friggin’ thing stops and you can return to sleep?

If you answered B, congratulations. So did everyone else. This is because all of us have experienced roughly 1000 fire drills in our lives, whether in middle school or college, while next to none of us have ever been in a fire. Now, I’m not trying to trivialize anyone’s losses due to a fire or say fire alarms should be dismantled because they are annoying. Instead, I am proposing that we abolish the fire drill.

The sheer volume of fire drills that have plagued my ears over the years has caused me to disregard fire alarms entirely. Gone is that childish query of whether or not the school is actually burning down this time. Instead, I’m left to wonder if it was caused by burnt toast or if this is the third drill of the month. But I certainly wouldn’t assume an actual fire set it off, because that just never happens. At least not statistically compared to the amount of false alarms.

What is the purpose of the fire drill? I’m guessing the State Fire Marshall would say it is to reinforce the procedures necessary for escaping a burning building. Now, I concede that fire drills have their place in our elementary schools, where getting children from point A to point B is like herding cats through a water park, but as college students I feel we have the facility to promptly and without incident remove ourselves from a burning building. We can read instructions regarding proper fire exits. We can walk without pushing our classmates. We can smell smoke. And most importantly, we know a three-word slogan that can save our lives should we catch fire. But so long as we behave like sensible adults and don’t attempt to run through the flames, this isn’t likely to happen.

Imagine a world where a fire alarm might actually send adrenaline rushing through your veins because you are most certain it actually signifies a fire. It might not seem so dammed loud and annoying if it were saving your life. Until then, pass the earplugs, mate.

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Examine life
Learning how to read

I took me a long time to learn how to read. In fact, I’m pretty sure I still don’t have it down. I remember having my parents read Roald Dahl books as a kid and finally getting to chapter books in second grade, and I definitely thought I could read pretty well when I picked up Plato’s Republic for the first time in ninth grade. But then college came around and I found out that was all an illusion and that reading is so much harder than just turning pages.

Now, the first problem some of you may have already fallen victim to: I bet roughly 25 percent of the people who started reading this column have flipped the page, checked out the other columns or just set The Weekly down entirely. Even just now I took 30 seconds to collage some pages I printed out for another class. Why don’t we read something for more than a paragraph without doing something else? When you read, do you often find your mind drifting and catch yourself staring off into space, taken by what initially was a slightly related idea to the text, but then, if you’re a

Alex Legeros
Staff Writer

well, they probably wouldn’t let me print that.

It wouldn’t be so annoying if it didn’t happen all the time. Regardless of what I’m reading, unless maybe it’s Harry Potter or The Lord of the Rings, I seemingly cannot read it continuously for very long. The worst, however, is when I have to read articles online. So many things are just one click away: CNN, Webmail, Google Chat and the worst—Facebook. That website that demands just enough checking to become habitual. Just enough diversions to soak up a half hour without you batting an eye. Just compelling enough that you can be sitting at your desk, open up Firefox, and be logged on before you know to stop yourself. I’m not going to rip on Facebook anymore. Firstly it would be totally hypothetical to do it, and secondly, I don’t think it’s that bad.

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Shine On
H2O: Don’t believe the uncertainty!

With a few weeks of school behind us and reams of homework to do, we could all use a break from the exhausting load of responsibilities placed upon us. Luckily, in just over a week, the College will grant us a vacation planted right in the middle, between Monday and Friday. And by vacation, I mean the annually held, nationally renowned science forum known as the Nobel Conference. Yes, Gustavus, it’s almost that time of year when scientists and intellectuals flock to campus to discuss cutting-edge scientific issues such as the nature of the universe, the future of medicine and even the evolution of sex (which must have set the attendance record).

Yet in the past couple years, the Nobel Conference has covered some controversial topics, namely the impact of fossil fuels on the global climate and the primitive ancestors of humanity. This year appears to be no different, as the current topic of the conference revolves around a fiercely debated, highly controversial issue: water conservation.

Now you may not think the sustainability of freshwater resources draws much skepticism or dispute, but if I’ve learned anything, the shape of the Earth, there are always two sides to every issue. Consequently, in the name of intellectual diversity, I’ve taken it upon myself to present the other side of the so-called “water problem” facing our planet. Over the course of the Nobel Conference you will hear Nobel laureates and academics warn about the environmental impacts of the world’s water supply, the inequality of water provisions to developing countries and the future of freshwater in the midst of climate change, but I say this is all just a theory. And when I say the word “theory” I don’t mean a well-tested paradigm based on years and years of empirical research—I mean a matter of opinion. Because that’s exactly what these “scientists” are trying to do. They just want to-induce you into believing their opinion is the right one! Plus, we all know that scientists are bunch of snobby elitists who consider themselves far more intelligent than the average Joe.

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Tackling the beast
Trust yourself

As I began to write this column, I hesitated for a minute or 20. Questions flowed through my mind: What if I offend someone? What if my English professors are disappointed in my grammar? What if, at parties, my friends bring up something embarrassing I wrote? What if I write a truly liberal piece, and a conservative writes back taking a shot at me? What if I do the opposite? What if my English professors are disappointed in me? Well, I’ve decided to write this column a little differently. Instead of worrying about the worst that can happen, we should be going into every assignment with enthusiasm, not dread. Although this may prove impossible, I think we would be surprised how much we already know.

I think we are too often frightened by authority figures. Even though we need to respect authority, we must not fear authority. When I used to play basketball, I would constantly glance over my shoulder at my coach. Every time I missed a basket or threw a hideous pass out of bounds, I would check to see how red my coach’s cheeks turned. It was self-deprecating. I tore me apart to constantly think about how others were viewing me. I am inspired by the movie School of Rock because a popular theme throughout the film is “sticking it to the man.” In other words, we should not let the world’s injustices bring us down, and we need to trust that what we are doing is right. In

School of Rock, the main character, Dewey Finn, played by Jack Black, pretends to be a substitute teacher so his students can join his band. Before their first performance, Dewey tries to rid his students of their stage fright by saying, “We may fall on our faces, but if we do, we will fall with dignity! With a guitar bite, and for those about to rock, I salute you.'”

Whatever happens after you turn in your 20-page thesis is going to happen no matter how stressed you get before writing it. If we use everything we have...
The Gustavus community is proud of the work that has been done over the last several years to install wind turbines in the Linnaeus Arboretum. While wind turbines may seem like a new idea, the Gustavus community has worked diligently to ensure a sustainable future for all.

On Thursday, Sept. 17, a bias incident was reported to Campus Safety. A male walked by the Diversity Center and uttered a racist remark. If you have any information that would lead to the identification of this individual, please contact Campus Safety or the Dean of Student Offices.

It is unclear whether this hurtful act was directed at the Diversity Center or at the individuals who attended the office that day. What is clear is that such a hateful act is an attack on the entire Gustavus community.

Gustavus has a new student, and this new student has made a real difference on our campus. This is a reminder that even a peaceful and tranquil place can be the scene of misfortune and danger.

We have been the victims of several attacks this year, and it is imperative that we continue to work diligently to create a welcoming space for all of our students and faculty. The Diversity Center is open to all students regardless of what they believe, and our sole purpose for living is to help others. It is important that everyone who accepts an invitation to our campus understands the responsibility that you share with your host, perhaps for the first time. Let us not make the mistake of attempting to please others at the expense of our own values.

On Thursday, September 17th, I was saddened about the news that a student walked by the Diversity Center and shouted the word "bigger." Although I was not the person who uttered the word, I wish to apologize to the student and the entire campus.

I want to emphasize the importance of having faith in ourselves. When we trust ourselves, we keep growing. When we trust ourselves, we keep learning. When we trust ourselves, we keep moving forward. When we trust ourselves, we keep writing words.

The Gustavus Weekly
Friday, Sept. 25

How to Find an Internship Workshop
Career Center 10:30 a.m.
Be hot.

Political Science Dept. Friday Forum
Old Main 303 11:30 a.m.
Landowners only please. This is a democracy after all.

Arboretum Volunteer Day
Linnaeus Arboretum 2:00 p.m.
The Greens will plant new trees while the Philosopher’s Guild cuts down the old ones and runs away before they can make a sound.

HECUA Community Internship in Latin America Info Session
Linner Lounge 2:30 p.m.
Sea caliente usted.

Weekend Movie: Sin Nombre
Wallenberg Auditorium 7:00 & 10:00 p.m.
You can probably guess that my sins are innumerable.

Saturday, Sept. 26

Weekend Movie: Sin Nombre
Wallenberg Auditorium 7:00 & 10:00 p.m.
It’s been described as “Sin-sational,” “Sin-talating,” “Sin-sative to the issues of immagra-sin,” “The film of the Sin-tury” ... I can keep this up for weeks.

John McKay, Emeritus Faculty Piano Recital
Bjorling Recital Hall 7:30 p.m.
They call him the “Maverick of the Keys.”

Sunday, Sept. 27

Men’s Golf at Frank Wrigglesworth Invitational
Eau Claire, WI All Day
I normally don’t do sports events since there are so many, but in this case, the joke is done for me.

Holy Communion
Christ Chapel 10:30 a.m.
I hate having to make the communion bread. It’s easy until you add the yeast. Since it’s the Body of Christ, it takes three days to rise.

Monday, Sept. 28

Men’s Golf at Frank Wrigglesworth Invitational
Eau Claire, WI All Day
“Wanted everyone to know we are a serious institution. Let’s brainstorm here.”

Sonia Nazario book signing
St. Peter Public Library 3:00 p.m.
That book really taught me what hardship is ... damn paper cuts.

Sonia Nazario lecture
Alumni Hall 7:00 p.m.
First we have Erazim Kohak here with his book about humanities’ place in the world, and now we have Sonia Nazario railing against conditions that force people to risk their lives to attain basic happiness. We should make them fight to the death to see who’s more humanitarian.

Tuesday, Sept. 29

Continuing Education: Nobel Preview
Melva Lind Interpretive Center 7:00 p.m.
As the topic is water, will we finally be getting that water park we were promised?

Meditation
Linner Lounge 7:00 p.m.
I highly recommend it. Hey, who knows, with enough practice you might even eventually be able to win the game, which incidently, you just lost.

Free Tango Lessons
The Dive 7:00 p.m.
I have two left feet, so I can’t dance to save my life. But, I do have a very lucrative series of websites.

Panel Discussion on Immigration
St. Peter Community Center 7:00 p.m.
I kind of want to be a part of this. I wonder if I can sneak in.

Wednesday, Sept. 30

Employer Information Day
Heritage Banquet Room 10:30 a.m.
Representatives of over twenty companies will be here to discuss students’ career paths, what their companies represent and to scope for hot pieces of potential intern tail.

The shady character is by no means worried about this whole swine flu thing.
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9/20
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vs. Concordia
@ St. John’s Inv.
W 3-2

Men’s Golf
@ St. John’s Inv.
18th of 20

9/19
Football
@ Hamline
W 30-24 (2OT)

Volleyball
vs. Waldorf
W 3-0

Women’s Soccer
@ Concordia
1-0-1

Men’s Cross Country
@ St. Olaf Inv.
7th of 17

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**Sports Writer**

Gusties prepared to reclaim MIAC title and kick their way through the competition

Gustavus’ Men’s Soccer team is mightier than ever. Having been denied a MIAC championship in 2008, these men are here to get their title back. The men started off tied for first in the MIAC with St. Olaf College and have already “set the bar.” It is rumored that Gustavus is the team to win the conference this year.

“We have a tough road schedule ahead of us, and we’re in the best conference in the nation, and we’ve been voted to win the MIAC. I would say we’re under some pressure, but we’re definitely in it to win it,” Junior Captain Stefan Kolis said. Kolis feels this is one of the best Men’s Soccer teams Gustavus has had in a couple years and this is their year to prove themselves.

Head Coach Larry Zelenz, entering his 24th year as a head coach at Gustavus, feels very confident with the way the team has played so far. “We have a unique team this year in the sense that we are a learning team. I have had to move players around and switch some positions based on what players are available. Despite all of that, the guys continue to prove themselves. The game against Carleton, for example, was a huge win for us. We haven’t been able to beat Carleton for the past two years, and we finally did it,” Zelenz said.

Senior captain Bret VanderStreek agreed with Zelenz that switching positions and introducing the first-year players has been a learning process, but a successful one nonetheless. VanderStreek also agreed that it has been difficult to find someone to fill the shoes of last year’s standout player.

“We lost a big player this year, which leaves some big shoes to fill. Luckily we found the perfect guy to do the job, [First-year midfielder] Lucas Thompson, and so far he is stepping up to the challenge with no problems.”

Sophomore forward Mark Adams agreed with VanderStreek and Zelenz. Adams was able to closely relate with the incoming first-years this year. “I was in the exact same position as Luke last year. I had to adjust to a new style of play and at the same time fill a huge gap left by the last guy. This year is no different, I have been moved around a lot and have been learning new positions, but it seems to have worked out for the best.”

For Adams it certainly has worked out for the best. He scored two goals in the second half of the game, first to tie up the game 2-2 and then scored the game-winning goal, leading the Gusties to a hard-fought victory at home. Kolis and VanderStreek both agreed that Adams’ game-winning goal has been the highlight of the year so far. “To come from behind and prove to yourself and your fans that you’re never going to give up has got to be the best feeling in the world. Adams gave 120 percent out there. We will definitely remember this goal,” Kolis said.

However, Zelenz felt differently about the game. “Adams and VanderStreek are definitely our standout players, but today I was impressed with our unexpected players. [Junior midfielder] Ben Ikeda and Sophomore midfielder Kyle Sadler] have a lot of hidden talent that I cannot wait to see in games to come.”

Zelenz also felt that winning their Conference games on the road is more important than any goal at home. “Winning that game against Carleton College last week was a huge success. We earned three points in the conference standings, which is very important to me; because winning road games is harder than winning home games.” The men have two road games next weekend versus St. John’s University on Saturday, Sept. 26 and St. Mary’s University on Tuesday, Sept. 29.

With a third of the season under their belt, the men are excited to see how they have high expectations for the rest of the year. “In the long run, we would love to go to Nationals, but for now our main focus is being first in the MIAC,” VanderStreek said. However, Zelenz has other expectations for his team. “We are approaching this season one game at a time. Yes, Nationals and the MIAC are all ideal goals for us; however, you can’t win the big things without accomplishing the small things first,” Zelenz said.

The team’s next game is at St. John’s University on Saturday, Sept. 26 at 1:00 p.m. Their next home game is against conference rivals St. Olaf College on Oct. 3, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

**Next Game:**

**St. John’s**

**Date:** Saturday, Sept. 26

**Time:** 1:00 p.m.

**Location:** Collegeville, MN

**SPORTS INFORMATION**

Mark Adams celebrates after he scores the first of two goals against Concordia on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 20. He helped the Gusties defeat the Cobbers 3-2.
The following weekend, Head Coach Peter Haugen and the Gusties traveled to Hamline to open the Conference season on the road.

“We had lots of success running the ball, and we were much more physical than [them] in the [Ham] game,” Maurer said. “They had been dominating on offense and wanted to do what we had been doing the whole game and finish strong.”

The Gusties held a 17-7 lead over the Pipers in the third quarter, but Hamline stormed back to tie the score and send the game into overtime. After both teams scored in the first overtime period, Hamline missed a field goal opportunity in the second overtime.

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Haugen’s first victory at the helm of Gustavus for the first time since they spoiled the inaugural Homecoming game in new Hollingsworth Field.

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“Any of the guys would have said to go for the win [on second down],” Palma said. “We probably would have kicked a field goal on [the next play] in case of a bad snap. We just didn’t make the play that we needed to.”

The Gusties are ready for Johnnies after an exciting overtime victory against Hamline University.

Craig Nordquist  
Staff Writer

Despite suffering a heart-breaking loss in its home opener, the Gustavus Football team bounced back with a thrilling double overtime win over Hamline last weekend to start their Conference season.

The Gusties opened their season with a non-conference loss to Coe College at home. Despite being down 5-20 after three quarters, the Gusties fought their way back into the game.

“We played poorly on offense for the first three quarters, but our defense kept us in [the game],” Senior wideout Cameron Maurer said. “It was good to see that we had the resiliency to come back, and it showed that our team has heart.”

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Haugen’s first victory at the helm of Gustavus for the first time since they spoiled the inaugural Homecoming game in new Hollingsworth Field.

Friday, Sept. 25
Women’s Tennis  Midwest Regional ITA  All Day
Volleyball  @ Augsburg  7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 26
Women’s Tennis  @ Midwest Regional ITA  All Day
Women’s Golf  @ Mustang Invite  All Day
Men’s and Women’s Cross Country  Roy Griak Invite  9:00 a.m.
Football  vs. St. John’s  1:00 p.m.
Men’s Soccer  @ St. John’s  1:00 p.m.
Women’s Soccer  vs. St. Ben’s  1:00 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 27
Women’s Tennis  Midwest Regional ITA  All Day
Women’s Golf  @ Mustang Invite  All Day
Men’s Golf  @ Frank Wrigglesworth Blugold Invite  All Day

Monday, Sept. 28
Volleyball  @ Frank Wrigglesworth Blugold Invite  All Day

Tuesday, Sept. 29
Men’s Soccer  @ St. Mary’s  7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 30
Women’s Soccer  @ St. Mary’s  7:00 p.m.
Volleyball  @ St. Olaf  7:00 p.m.

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The Gustavus Football team won its first conference game of the season with an exciting double overtime win over Hamline. It was the first victory for Head Coach Peter Haugen at Gustavus.
Women serve up new season

The Women’s Tennis team is poised for another successful year in the Gustavus tennis tradition. The team will open its individual season this weekend, Sept. 25-27, at the Midwest Regional Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Tournament, which Gustavus will host.

Although the team was strong last year, Head Coach Jon Carlson has very high hopes for the Gusties. “This is as deep a group as we’ve had talent-wise in many, many years. We’ve played matches against each other the past couple weekends, and it’s absolutely some of the best tennis I’ve seen us play against each other. I’m very excited about where we’re at as a team,” Carlson said.

The team had only one top player graduate last spring. Returning players of note include Senior Sierra Krebsbach, Juniors Marianne Barau, Ali O’Neal and Sam Frank and Sophomore Megan Gaard.

Only losing one senior was good for building depth and experience in the team. “I think we’re looking very, very good. We’ve had five players coming back from last year from the top six, so that’s very good,” Barau said.

In addition to the returning players, several newcomers have added to the team’s depth. Sophomore Alex Erickson and First-years Maria Bryan and Katie Allen all joined the squad this year. “We have a really big [first-year] class coming in this year. ... They have a really good work ethic and are fitting really well into the system, so that’s always good that everybody’s kind of pushing everybody,” Gaard said.

Another change for the team is the fact that many of the doubles partners switched. “It will be a challenge to change your habits, but it will be fun. It’s always fun to have a new partner, get to know them and try to figure stuff out,” Barau said.

All four of the new doubles teams should be competitive in the tournament. “We kind of mix it up a little bit, but all of the four teams are going to be very good, so we’ll have fun and be able to compete with everyone else that’s there,” Frank said.

The tournament this weekend will eventually end in All-American honors for the top performers in singles and doubles play. “This is a Small College Regional [tournament], and the winners will go on to the Small College Nationals. There are eight regions throughout the nation, so it’s a very competitive tournament, and the winner of the tournament in both singles and doubles receives All-American,” Carlson said.

The tournament will take place in Gustavus’ Swanson Tennis Center. “Play begins at 9:00 a.m. every day, with the semifinals and finals on Sunday morning beginning at 9:00 a.m.,” Carlson said.

Gustavus generally hosts this tournament every year because of the outstanding tennis facilities. “We just had the Gibbs courts redone. People want us to host because our facilities are so superior,” Carlson said.

Last year’s tournament proved to be different from the players’ expectations. “We thought the competition was going to be good, but there were a lot of young players, so this year it’s probably going to be up a little bit just because there is more experience,” Frank said.

This year, the competition should be challenging for the Gusties. Over 20 schools will participate in the tournament. “This always brings out the best players in our region, and we’ve had great players in the past who end up losing early in the tournament just because of the depth of the draw,” Carlson said.

In addition to battling players from other schools, the Gustie women will be in competition with each other. “Eight Gustavus [athletes] are in the tournament this year. We’re just as good competition against each other,” Gaard said.

The tennis season is not a traditional one, with individual play in the fall and team play in the spring. This makes for an extended season, but the players enjoy playing in both seasons. “I really like starting in the fall because it kind of jumpstarts us back into tennis ... and gives us a good look about what the spring is going to look like,” Gaard said.

The team season “usually begins the first weekend of February. We’re taking a training trip to Puerto Rico, and right when we get back, that’s when the season begins,” Frank said.

The players have put in weeks of practice to get to this point, and they are all excited to get back on the court for this weekend’s tournament. “You see all the work you’ve done for the past weeks come forward for that one purpose,” Barau said.

Next Tournament: Midwest Regional ITA

Date: Sept. 25-27
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Swanson Tennis Center