Gustavus’ 45th Nobel Conference

Chris Stewart
Staff Writer

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

“[The Conference] is the signature event of the College and is becoming known throughout the world,” Chuck Niederriter, professor of physics at Gustavus said. “For the last 25 years, I have attended or watched the overflow seating at Nobel. … Once I realized the incredible opportunity I had to learn from top scientists, philosophers and theologians, I just had to go,” Niederriter said.

Sandi Francis, a St. Peter resident and administrative coordinator for the education department, said that Nobel “makes science come alive with practical applications. It is a wonderful lifelong learning experience for residents of the St. Peter area and gives a very different kind of learning opportunity with strong academic themes.”

How the material is presented and the way Nobel is structured allows participants to take time to reflect on the importance of the Conference to the college. “[Not only does] Nobel represent us in how Gustavus functions as an intellectual community that encourages debate and critical thinking,” Senior English Major Marlene Kvitrud said.

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Campus Safety releases Clery Act report

Ally Billion
Staff Writer

Amidst the hustle and bustle of college life, safety and awareness are key topics. Safety campaigns are essential to keep students informed and aware of the risks associated with college life.

A program launched by the Campus Safety Department, Ray Thrower, aims to prevent theft. The program allows students to identify and return stolen items. Thrower stated that this program has been a great success when identifying and returning stolen bicycles to their rightful owners.

Other changes in campus safety policy are also being implemented. The College Safety Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act states that higher education institutions must “collect, report and disseminate crime data to the campus community and U.S. Department of Education.” This act helps keep the community aware of crimes on campus and also keeps community members updated on serious issues that could affect their well-being.

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

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

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Monday, Sept. 21
A student reported the theft of his unlocked bicycle from the bike rack at College View Apartments.

Tuesday, Sept. 22
A student was charged with drug possession and drug paraphernalia possession.

Wednesday, Sept. 23
The department of Campus Safety responded to a medical assist at the Chapel.

An attempted burglary was reported in Schaefer Fine Arts.

Thursday, Sept. 24
A student reported the theft of a bicycle from the bike rack at College View Apartments.

Friday, Sept. 25
A student in Gibbs Hall reported a laptop computer was vandalized in his unlocked room.

Saturday, Sept. 26
A student was charged with underage consumption at Norelius Hall.

Campus Safety was called to Rundstrom hall for a broken window at the west entrance of the building. One non-Gustavus student was cited by Campus Safety and SPPD for destruction of property. One Gustavus student was issued a Social Host violation.

Tip of the Week:

Date Rape Drugs:

Date Rape Drugs on Campus

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

Perhaps the primary reasons why date rape drugs are so commonly used is that they are small, easy to conceal and very difficult to detect. They are odorless, and generally have no taste. There are three primary drugs that predators use: Flunitrazepam (also known as a roofie), GHB (also most commonly known a “G”), Ketamine (commonly known as Special “K”). Each one is available as a small pill, liquid or powder in that will completely dissolve in any liquid, so it easy to slip one into a drink. This happens to many students who are out on a date with an acquaintance they don’t know very well. The person offers to purchase beverages, sneaks a drug into one glass, and soon after makes a hasty exit claiming he must take his date home because she has had too much to drink. Once the victim has completely succumbed to the effects of the drug, she will not be able to defend herself or object to unwanted advances. The best way to stay safe is to be wary of people you don’t know handling your drinks and to watch your friends closely.

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

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**Correction**

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

Rachel Chase
Staff Writer

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

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

Dr. Smith said that the idea for his new book has existed in some form since 1971. Quoted in a press release from the publisher, Cascade Books (a division of Wipf and Stock), Thomas A. Brady Jr., a former professor at Luther College and Stock), Thomas A. Brady Jr., a former professor at Luther College, calls Dr. Smith’s book “a splendid marriage of classical themes with new and original insights,” and adds that “every-one interested in the evolution of European historical thought should read it.”

In the book, Dr. Smith suggests that the “cultural revolution,” a “formative period for modern German thought” was fueled by Luther’s writings and deeply changed the world by culminating in the establishment of the modern liberal arts educational tradition.

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

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

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

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

But don’t fret—all this writing can shape your career. Gustavus not only protects its students, but it also goes out of its way to prevent any harm that may befall that student. One aspect of Gustavus safety is the escort system.

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

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

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

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

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

**Phoebe Breed**
Staff Writer

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

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

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

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

Also, the new process helps incorporate the entire Gustavus community into the Homecoming festivities by asking faculty, administrators and staff to nominate seniors for Homecoming Court, and it adds honor to receiving a place on Court by the criteria the nominators are asked to use. Senior Psychology Major Maggie Hansvick, Campus Activities Board (CAB) co-president, explained, “The nomination forms ask the community member to nominate a senior who exemplifies Gustavus’ five core values.” Professor of Political Science Richard Leitch said, “I nominated someone who I met with as a prospective student and have seen develop and contribute to the Gustavus community. They may not have a 4.0 GPA, but they work hard, love life and are thankful for what they have.” Senior Psychology Major Kyle Goodfellow said, “I feel like it becomes more of an honor this way. Not to say that being on the Homecoming Court is not an honor in the first place, but being held in high esteem by your superiors makes it that much more special.”

However, there is some debate as to whether or not those asked for nominations will take the opportunity to participate, or if they will simply throw their nomination form in the recycling. “It’s not as easy as you’d think to find someone to nominate,” Leitch explained. “I have to remember to ask them to be responsible for a section of the show, which makes their time commitment smaller.

Since the Court is generally very involved on campus, it gets exhausting to put in all those hours planning the show and still keep up with their other responsibilities,” Hansvick said.

The Homecoming Court is also featured in the Homecoming Parade on Saturday morning and at the half-time show during the football game.

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

You can learn more about Gustavus Homecoming Week festivities at gustavus.edu/calendar/1702.
Gustie of the Week:

Sophia Backman: Getting the education of a lifetime

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

Sophia's version of first-year orientation consisted of meeting students speaking a variety of languages all from very different backgrounds on her flight to Franklin College, an international school in Switzerland. "It was great because we still had a chance to form this amazing bond over the long flight before we even got to the school," Sophia said.

At this school, students aren't just encouraged to travel and explore the world around them; they are required to do so. During her year studying in Switzerland, Sophia traveled all over Europe. Her most memorable trips were to Sicily and Yugoslavia studying the culture, history and political problems disrupting these areas. It was during one of these trips that Sophia decided on a major that had an international component.

"In Seravejo, Yugoslavia our tour guide took us to the front lines of the war where the walls still had bullet holes in them and the atmosphere was so gray, unresolved and depressing. He then told us a story from his childhood where he was held at gunpoint by the enemy that had invaded his neighborhood. The thought of this shocked me, and realized that I wanted to understand the lifestyles of people that are very different from me and where they have been," Sophia said.

Sophia continued her education at Gustavus for her sophomore year, choosing it for its strong academics, a variety of organizations and the liberal arts education process. "Everyone I worked with to make the transfer was so welcoming and helpful that I knew I had made the right decision," Sophia said.

Although she enjoyed her second year at Gustavus, Sophia soon became restless and craved another opportunity abroad. Her goals for her year-long studying on the island of Palma de Mallorca right off the coast of Barcelona, Spain included becoming comfortable and confident with the Spanish language and also becoming immersed in the Spanish culture and learning from it. Sophia feels as though she accomplished those goals along with undertaking other responsibilities like living alone for the first time and interviewing in Spanish. The language and cultural barriers made everyday tasks more challenging but rewarding once realized.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kelli Ludwig
Staff Writer

In her college career, Sophia Backman has studied in Switzerland, Spain and the United States. Not only were these experiences memorable to her, but they also instilled in her a passion to learn about the different lifestyles and cultures throughout the world.
Ever since his first performance opening for Ben Folds two years ago, singer/songwriter Ari Herstand has become a favorite performer on campus.

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

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

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

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

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

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

-Kady Johnson

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

Krystal Bundy
Staff Writer

Whether you are a first-year, an international student, a transfer student, an alumnus, a staff member, a sophomore, a junior or community member, you have to admit there is something special about the Gustavus campus. Wherever you go, you are never in want of a friendly face at Gustavus. It therefore only seems natural that there is “no reason not to show up during Nobel” if you are not a lecturer.

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

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

“This is a celebration of student life on campus during the fall … It’s a chance for student organizations to showcase themselves … It’s all about students making the campus theirs.” — Andrea Junso

This year, Homecoming Week begins on Oct. 5 with the Homecoming Kickoff at 6:00 p.m. at the Market Place. Here, student organizations will compete to paint the best window. At the end of a week-long competition, a first-place prize of $1,000, second-place prize of $600 and third-place prize of $400 will be awarded to all participating organizations (student organizations can sign up at the Information Desk until Oct. 3).

The week will revolve around other events in which student organizations can compete. On Tuesday, there will be trivia at 7:00 p.m. at the Market Place. In Alumni Hall on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., there will be a lip-syncing face-off by Ari Herstand. Lund Center is hosting a Dodgeball tournament for combatants on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. On Friday, you can check out the Homecoming Coronation and Variety Show in Alumni Hall at 8:30 p.m.

“[Homecoming Week] is a celebration of student life on campus during the fall. It’s a chance for student organizations to showcase themselves. It’s all about students making the campus theirs,” Andrea Junso, assistant director of student activities, said. Student organizations and unattached students alike can enjoy all that Homecoming Week has to offer. For student organizations, it really is the perfect opportunity to start with a bang.

For students, it is another chance to get involved in school spirit. As Junso said, it is a great tool for unifying campus life and your own life.

The parade on Saturday, Oct. 10 at 11:30 a.m. is another event. Just before the football game vs. Pacific Lutheran at 1:30 p.m., the parade loops around Ring Road. Students can sign up to be involved in this event until Oct. 5 at the Information Desk.

Alumni are also welcome to come and visit. There will be stands set up for student organizations, and current students will have the chance to hear a little about the history behind their own groups at the Fifth Quarter event on Saturday.

“It’s fun to see everyone come home,” Assistant Director of Alumni Relations Erin Wilken said. Seeing how much Gustavus means to its alumni is one aspect many people enjoy. “Gustie pride” was what Senior Psychology Major Erin Watt said. Seeing how much Gustavus is a “fun, energy-filled week. It gives you a balance between academics and involvement.” Since Homecoming Week overlaps with Family Weekend, it is also an optimal opportunity for relatives to tour the campus and get a taste of what Gustavus is all about. Family members can even participate. The Fun Run on Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. is open to everyone, and you can sign up on site.

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

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Welcome home.
It’s harvest season and Big Hill Student Farm is in full bloom. Throughout the summer and all of this semester, the farm interns have been keeping themselves busy in order to produce crops for the Market Place. Established in early 2009 by Gustavus alumni Eliza Swedenborg ’09 and Cat Wiechmann ’09, the Big Hill Student Farm is located in the Linnaeus Arboretum.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Each plate that goes out of the Market Place’s kitchen is made with produce grown on the farm. Here’s a list of what’s been harvested: Tomatoes (romas and brandywines), bell peppers, various hot peppers, sweet corn, beets, sugar snap peas, green beans, onions, potatoes, leaf lettuce, radishes, cauliflower, herbs (basil, cilantro, mint, chives), cucumbers, summer squash, assorted winter squash, butternut squash, strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, muskmelon and watermelon.

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

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

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

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Examining life
Of students and teachers at Gustavus

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

Yes, we need administrators—they do, in fact, make every part of the college run outside the classroom. Although perhaps “[Our] bureaucracy is expanding to meet the needs of the expanding bureaucracy,” (unattributable) I won’t comment on that either. The bureaucracy is the engine of the institution. Why are you at college? Some are here to text in class, some are here to party and some are here for jaunts into the woods with friends. Why are you at college? Some are here to text in class, some are here to party and some are here for jaunts into the woods with friends.

Emperor Norton’s Patent of Nobility

Minnesota’s niceties: staring at the floor

Minnesota Nice is a definite piece of Gustavus culture. During my three years here, I have come to conclude that Minnesota Nice is perhaps a complete representation of Gustavian culture; the good and the bad aspects of Minnesota Nice define the Gustavian identity. But what exactly is “Minnesota Nice?” It is a term that can be used positively or derisively, alternately implying genuine politeness or mere surface-deep politeness, one that barely conceals phoniness. Like all words, the meaning of Minnesota Nice is not definite, but a common definition can be agreed upon. Minnesota Nice seems to rest on an attitude of non-confrontation and politeness, avoidant of disruption or distinctiveness. Since the Gustavus community is completely reflective of its Minnesota-oriented student body, it should come as no surprise that Minnesota Nice plays a large part in campus life, from student groups to classroom settings. Minnesota Nice permeates all levels of the campus, from our relatively homogenous student body, and to our large contingent of socially conscious “I-can-change-the-world” activists, to our large worship groups, to our friendly “just-your-own” events. Not to mention Gustie Greeters, the epitome of “people who pretend to like absolutely everyone.”

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

My mother, growing up on the East Side of St. Paul, noted that there was a sort of “East Side” sense of humor; deadpan sarcasm with a subtle wit. That’s “big city” Minnesota Nice—even in a hectic city, you’re quick, but still reserved and quiet. The fact that Minnesota Nice is its own distinct term seems to say that it is a concept distinct from actual nicety. However, I think Minnesota Nice can truly be nice. Why? The image of church basement potlucks full of politeness, community and bars is just too warm and fuzzy for me to dislike. What’s nicer and more wholesome than a fun exchange of hot dish in the church basement?

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

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

Steve Palmer
Commentary Editor

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Katie Kaderlik's words of wisdom
Of printing and printers at Gustavus

Katie Kaderlik
Staff Writer

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

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

More professors are placing their articles on Moodle for students to read for their classes, but many students struggle with actively engaging in the text while reading it online. How are we supposed to actively engage in the material, take notes on the copy of the article and highlight portions we want to talk about in class without a physical copy of the article in class (which many professors require you to bring for their class). Even if you choose to print on both sides of a page, you are charged for printing two sheets. How does that motivate students to save paper if they will be charged the same amount as printing single sided. Multiple drafts are often required for papers and sometimes professors even want the full articles you used as a source turned in with the final draft of a paper.

Letters to the Editor

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

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

Commissioner James Stenson said that he believes the primary reason Gustavus wants a turbine is because St. Olaf and Carlton have one. I won’t disagree that it may be a contributing factor, but I believe it’s more likely because those two colleges have shown that it’s possible to acquire one, not because it’s a fad. I think Sunday and Monday’s windy weather should have been good reasons as to why GAC is pursuing a wind turbine, and our school has better things to do than copycat our rivals.

Andrew Bryz-Gomia, ’11

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

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

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

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

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

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

This fall, the student group InDepth from the Communications Studies Department will expand diversity in the St. Peter and Mankato area by advocating the non-profit organization Greater Mankato Diversity Council (GMDC). The GMDC was founded in 2004 and exists to provide an inclusive and welcoming community. GMDC’s specific goals are to build capacity in the community to proactively address issues of diversity and discrimination by celebrating differences.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jeff Jenson
College and Lutheran Church Archivist
I’ve got my drawing class, I’m pondering these words. Goodness and hope dwell in the perception of living. Perfection of living does not exist—instead, like a drawing, it is etched and erased, penciled in and attempted again for another chance. Each day is that fresh white sheet, and Kohak reminds us that our lives are so as well.

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

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

“Minnesota Nice” from page 10

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

Because there can be a dark side to Minnesota Nice. The professor in the church pulpit could conceivably make remarks about how Mrs. Peterson’s totor hot was dirty. Indeed, she probably does, or at least thinks to herself. Simultaneously her husband could make—or think—similar remarks about how Minnesota Nice is completely different from Minnesota Nice.

Perhaps the professor was not aware that her husband’s view of Minnesota Nice is completely different from hers. These moments are valuable as reminders to find a whole textbook to etch and erase, penciled in and attempted again for another chance. Each day is that fresh white sheet, and Kohak reminds us that our lives are so as well.

Another issue with the new Gustavus printing policy is that when you release a print job everyone can see what you are printing off. This could easily become a privacy issue because other students could access personal information. There is also the issue with how Gustavus chooses to allocate its funds. When I arrived on campus on move-in day made me feel so nervous. Why? For me, I like to at least respect them, but maybe there were other people. We’re not here to hold hands and cry on each other’s shoulders, but if it happens, it happens. We’re an academic community. Vignette makes, vocal student leadership, prolific student involvement opportunities, and the freedom to engage in some times uncomfortable but necessary conversations are all parts of it. Above all else, however, we’re here to learn. We’re here to teach.

The blessings of living in a community of compassion, life and opportunity lead us to believe we can do five, ten, no, one hundred things … all at once! As we busily highlight our schedules hour by hour, is white even a color anymore?

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

Rebecca Hohag

Staff Writer

It’s a gorgeous day atop the Hill, the Old Main clock ticks away steadily, and the question flies out of our mouths How are ya? As birds will always fall. Birds will always fall. Human life brings uniqueness to the regularity of the seasons. Predictable and knowable as some things are, leaves will always fall. Birds will always fall.

Students staring at the floor? For me, I’m here because of the other people who are here. A point of a liberal arts environment is a lively exchange of ideas and learning from books, not my job, nor is it a teacher’s job to tell you to stop doing them. Only we can learn in the classroom, only we can learn in the classroom. What is chooses to support with it. How it allocates its money and precludes good ideas.

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“Printing” from page 11

Some majors also are more apt to have to print numerous pages for projects and theses. An example of this is the communications studies major. It is difficult for professors to find a whole textbook to address everything they need to teach in the course and they rely heavily on using articles from various sources in an attempt to address the need for students to have spending on their lives and money they probably didn’t have training to teach there, nor is it a teacher’s job to tell you to stop doing them. Only we can learn in the classroom, only we can learn in the classroom. What is chooses to support with it. How it allocates its money and precludes good ideas.

Are they here for the money? That’s a laughable proposition. No, I’d guess they’re here to teach. They might be here specifically because they are not here to hold hands and cry on each other’s shoulders, but if it happens, it happens. We’re not here to hold hands and cry on each other’s shoulders, but if it happens, it happens.
* The Calendar Page is considered editorial. The opinions expressed herein are not the opinions of The Gustavian Weekly, nor in fact anyone’s. We’re not even quite sure how they got here. We fed them one time and they haven’t left. We could keep them I guess but we’ll have to take them to the vet first.

Friday, Oct. 2

Weekend Movie: My Sister’s Keeper
Wallenberg Auditorium 7:00 & 10:00 p.m.
The story of a young girl who discovers that she was born for the sole purpose of keeping her sister alive and then bashes her head in with a rock and gets cursed for it. ... I may be getting my stories confused.

LineUs Improv Comedy Performance
Court Yard Cafe 7:30 p.m.
I know Outdoor Worship is at the same time, but look at it this way: God’s love is eternal, but LineUs is once a month.

Outdoor Worship
Ludgren House 8:00 p.m.
If God is everywhere, can’t we be somewhere warm and inside?

Dive Dance
The Dive 11:00 p.m.
Cooler than a Siberian work camp.

Saturday, Oct. 3

Local Music at the Co-op
St. Peter Co-Op 12:00 p.m.
I like getting my musicians at the Co-Op. They’re much healthier than the ones pumped full of chemicals. I mean, look what happened to Jim Morrison.

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Wallenberg Auditorium 7:00 & 10:00 p.m.
Keep’er? I hardly know ’er! Also, I could get charged with anything from kidnapping to human trafficking.

Sunday, Oct. 4

Michael Jorgensen Faculty Voice Recital
Bjorling Hall 3:30 p.m.
The difference between an amateur singer and an expert like Michael Jorgensen is that when someone yells “Freebird,” he does it.

Local Music at the Co-op
St. Peter Co-Op 4:30 p.m.
Hmm, music centering around natural foods, so will they be playing the “mandarin”? Yes, it’s a pun, and yes, I’m appropriately ashamed.

Monday, Oct. 5

International Photo Contest Deadline
CICE All Day
An international photo contest you say? Well, I just so happen to have this photo taken from orbit of all the nations. I’ll accept my prize now.

Seminar: “Historicism & Doing History”
Phi Beta Kappa Room 1:30 p.m.
Ah, yes, Historicism, it’s a prejudice that has gone almost unnoticed in our society. It makes me sick when someone crosses the street just to avoid a person from the Neolithic Age.

CIEE Study Abroad Representative on Campus
Lower Level Campus Center 10:00 a.m.
Abroad representative? Guess they should hit Lund! I mean broad ... like wide ... so they’re bigger. Shut up, I don’t have to explain myself to you.

How to Find an Internship Workshop
Career Career 10:30 p.m.
The answer? Follow your heart. So long as your heart leads you to the damn coffee machine and back to me—pronto—with no talking!

Lecture: “Martin Luther and the Cultural Revolution in Germany, 1760-1810”
Confer 126
4:00 p.m.
Being a Lutheran College makes it really hard to sell indulgences. I’ve had to start doing it out of the trunk of my car. Hit me up on my pre-paid. Make sure Campus Safety doesn’t follow you.

Tuesday, Oct. 6

Homecoming Week: Blast from the Past
Ery where! All Week
We were going to invite H.G. Wells to speak, but since he’s dead that would mean asking another time traveler to go back and get him, which is a little like calling a friend you don’t want to hang out with to get another friend’s number.

45th Nobel Conference
Lund Center 7:00 p.m.
“Til water gets it together!

Confer 126

4:00 p.m.
Focusing on “water as an uncertain resource.”

Gatorade, however, will never betray you.

Linner Lounge 11:30 a.m.
This is the fork. This is used to transfer whatever is in your plate into your mouth.” —Overheard from a certified lunch mentor

Trivia in the Caf
The Market Place 7:30 p.m.
We made the mistake of letting the Philosophy Department write the questions, so they’re all things like, “What is the sound of one hand clapping?” and “If you point a mirror at another mirror what does it reflect?”

Wednesday, Oct. 7

Homecoming Week: Blast from the Past
Behind You!!! The Past
The past and the present, coming together to put an end to Historicism! (See what I did there? That joke is from the past.)

Scarecrow Contest
Linnaeus Arboretum Until 10:30 a.m.
It’s not that the crows are actually convinced that they’re real people. Crows are just terrified of crucifixion.

Dodgeball
Lund Forum 7:00 p.m.
“If you can dodge the crushing existential angst of living in an uncaring void where all your ideals lead you to the same fate as a fool charging a machine gun nest with a toothpick, then you can dodge a ball.”

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

Gustavus Greens Meeting
The Gustie Den 8:00 p.m.
Wouldn’t it be nice to end the calender with a big joke? Yep, that would be great.

Thursday, Oct. 8

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In your heart The present
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The Shady Character Loves Being a Drawing
Gold Invite            3rd of 14
Men’s Golf
@ Roy Griak Inv.          19th of 37
Women’s Cross Country
Football
vs. St. John’s           L 10-38
Men’s Soccer
@ Frank Wrigglesworth
Blugold Invite           3rd of 14
Men’s Golf
@ Mustang Inv.          2nd of 16

STANDINGS

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

Volleyball prepares for Border Battle

Men’s Tennis optimistic for 2009 season

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In the world of tennis, the Men’s Tennis team is looking forward to the remainder of its season. Coming up for the men is the Midwest Fall Intercollegiate Tennis Association’s regional tournament right here at Gustavus. At the Drake Invitational September 18-20, 2009 in Des Moines, IA, the men played well. They went 6-5 in the doubles round and 4-7 in the singles.

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

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

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

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

Coach Tommy Valentini looks forward to the team’s tournament, with an unique method of play.
“As long as we execute the three crowns we will have success,” Valentini said. The three crowns refers to the way the Men’s team approaches each match. The three pieces are giving a full effort, having a positive attitude and playing with the highest level of sportsmanship. Valentini hopes using the three crowns will help them progress as far as they can, and that will provide them with success.

For many team members, experience right now is the most important piece of the fall season. “We have a young and new team,” Valentini said, “and experiencing matches will make us better in all facets.”

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

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

Although this is the final competition for those that do not win the singles or doubles tournament this weekend, the men will continue to push themselves this winter. Even though Valentini cannot coach in the off-season, he knows the men will play as much as they can to improve for the spring season.

**SPORTS SCHEDULE**

**Friday, Oct. 2**

- **Men’s Tennis**
  - Midwest Regional ITA
  - All Day
- **Volleyball**
  - @ Central College
  - 2:00 p.m.
  - @ Loras College
  - 6:00 p.m.

**Saturday, Oct. 3**

- **Men’s Tennis**
  - Midwest Regional ITA
  - All Day
- **Women’s Golf**
  - @ MIAC Championships
  - All Day
- **Men’s Golf**
  - @ MIAC Championships
  - All Day
- **Volleyball**
  - @ Wartburg College
  - 11:00 a.m.
  - @ Simpson College
  - 3:00 p.m.
- **Football**
  - @ St. Thomas
  - 1:00 p.m.

**Next Tournament:**

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

**Next Tournament:**

- **Midwest Regional ITA**
  - Date: Oct. 2-4
  - Time: 9:00 a.m.
  - Location: Swanson Tennis Center
Golfing for the greens

The Gustavus Men’s and Women’s Golf teams head into next weekend’s MIAC Championships at Bunker Hills Golf Course with two very different fall seasons behind them. The women continued their outstanding season last weekend by finishing runner-up to Nebraska-Omaha in the Southwest State Invitational. Junior Captain Katie Schenfeld and Sophomore Taylor Dreentel tied for seventh overall in the competitive tournament that featured mostly Division II programs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Staff Writer

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

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

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The Gustie women are led by Senior Captain Kali Griggs and Schenfeld. The pair was named last week’s Co-MIAC Golfers of the Week for their performance at the Midwest Classic, where they led the Gusties to a first place finish.

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

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

“We haven’t been defeated yet this season against a Conference rival,” Schenfeld said. “We obviously want to win, and we know we have that capability to win.”

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

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

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T he Gustavus Men’s and Women’s Golf teams head into next weekend’s MIAC Championships at Bunker Hills Golf Course with two very different fall seasons behind them. The women continued their outstanding season last weekend by finishing runner-up to Nebraska-Omaha in the Southwest State Invitational. Junior Captain Katie Schenfeld and Sophomore Taylor Dreentel tied for seventh overall in the competitive tournament that featured mostly Division II programs.

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

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