Co-Presidents Elect Tessmer and Thayer make plans for the future

Andy Setterholm
Assistant News Editor

Emily Thayer, a junior political science and communication studies major, and Sean Tessmer, a junior political science and religion studies major, have been elected Student Senate Co-Presidents for the 2010-2011 school year. The election took place last Monday following a race between the Thayer-Tessmer pair and the other campaigning pair of Junior Phil Cleary and Junior Environmental Studies Major Katie Winkelman.

Thayer and Tessmer will assume their new Student Senate positions next fall after the current Co-Presidents Senior Economics major Matt Olson and Senior Management Major Derek Holm conclude their term.

The final results of the election showed Tessmer and Thayer gaining 81 percent of the vote, while 15.3 percent went to Winkelman and Cleary, with an additional 3.7 percent going to write-ins.

In addition to the election of Thayer and Tessmer, students also voted to pass a referendum on a change in the Student Activities Fee. Over the past five years, the Student Activity Fee has been raised from $130 to $150, and each time the raise had to be approved by a student vote. The referendum that passed last Monday will convert the Student Activity Fee from a flat rate to a percentage of the annual tuition. This change is not intended to increase fees but to reflect the steady change that was already happening and avoid having had a year.

The co-presidential race for 2010-2011 was filled with hot issues. Both pairs running for the seats were pressed with difficult questions at the candidates’ pair debate on Feb 24, 2010. Among the most common issues were the qualifications of the candidates themselves, communication between the Student Senate and the student body and the potential for a student seat on the Board of Trustees.

Tessmer and Thayer touted their experience within the Student Senate during the debate. Tessmer is the current financial chair and has also served as representative for Rundstrom Hall. Thayer has served as the Student Senate’s academic affairs and Student life chair, public relations chair, representative of North and Pittman Halls and is currently parliamentarian.

Communication between the Student Senate and the student body has been a lasting issue, and the future co-presidents addressed the concern in their time at the debate.

“We’re just a vehicle for the students. We’re here to represent the students and that’s what we want to do.” -Emily Thayer

“Thayer and Tessmer are considering working with incoming first-year students through the Peer Assistants and the Gustie Creators to inform the new students about how the Senate works and who to contact with their concerns. They also would like to utilize GACSpot and even Facebook to better communicate with the student body.”

“We want to try to make the Senate office more open and increase communication with current students as well,” Tessmer said.

Tessmer and Thayer said they want to do more to reflect the steady change that has been happening and avoid having had a year.

“Besides these important topics, each of the future co-presidents gave his or her opinion on what his or her priorities would be upon taking office. Thayer is committed to delivering on the issues listed in the pair’s platform (which can be found on their Facebook page) including student representation on the budget committee, keeping the Gus Bus sustainable, hosting a co-Presidential senate forum each month and more.”

“The platform that we’ve established is one that we can really deliver,” Thayer said. Tessmer kept his priorities in the immediate future, commenting on his commitment to recruit new members for the Senate from a variety of groups on campus, including first-year students, the Diversity Leadership Council and others.

“I would have to say that recruiting … would have to be the highest priority because we’d be doing that even before we were handed the gavel,” Tessmer said.

“The change in co-presidency will take place the last Monday of Spring semester classes.”

“We’re excited.” -Tessmer and Thayer

Clark Kampfe
Campus Safety Report

Monday, February 22
• Four students in Gibbs Hall were cited with a drug violation, and two were cited for alcohol possession.
• A non-Gustavus student was charged with underage consumption by the SPPD and was trespassed from campus.

Wednesday, February 24
• Camps Safety responded to a Medical assist in Norelius Hall.
• Campus Center Staff reported the theft of three posters advertising the upcoming Lupe Fiasco concert.

Thursday, February 25
• A non-Gustavus student was cited for underage consumption, issued a Trespass Warning and sent to Detox by the St. Peter police Department.

Friday, February 26
• An employee reported a theft of College property at College View Apartments.
• It was reported to Campus Safety that copies of the current issue of The Weekly were missing from the distribution stands in the Campus Center.

Saturday, February 27
• Campus Safety responded to a medical assist in the Lund Center.

Sunday, February 28
• Two Gustavus students were cited by Campus Safety for liquor violation / underage.
• A Gustavus student in Sorensen Hall was charged with underage consumption.
• Two non-Gustavus students were cited for underage consumption by Campus Safety and the SPPD. One student was cited for a theft; both were issued Trespass Warnings by Campus Safety.

Tip of the Week:
Minor Medical Emergencies?
Call Campus Safety!

It is widely known that Campus Safety regularly responds to students with medical issues and even transport them to the local hospital for minor medical emergencies if needed. Each Campus Safety Officer is a State of Minnesota First Responder and is trained to deal with minor medical issues. Of course, each case is different. However, if you feel there is a need for medical assistance, contact Campus Safety first at x8888, explain your emergency and an officer will respond.

Response to the Letter to the Editor from Angelica Matthes

Jake Seamans  
Editor in Chief

I wanted to clarify a few things that may have confused some of our readers about our story on the sexual assaults reported to campus authorities a few weeks ago, specifically things brought up in Angelica Matthes’ Letter to the Editor.

First, I want to clarify Dean of Students Jeff Stocco’s role in the article. Stocco refused, as was appropriate, to give me any details of the complaints or those involved. Our conversation was limited to a general discussion about sexual assault, how it is handled on campus and the e-mail that was sent to the campus community.

On another note, I believe that Stocco was correct in his decision to send an e-mail to the campus community notifying it of the reports. From what he told me, he believed that he was obligated by law to notify the campus community.

I would also like to clarify that the staff at The Weekly and I decided to run the article because we thought this was an important issue that needed to be addressed. We also thought that certain details—specifically that all three complaints were against one student—needed to be brought to the campus’ attention. We also decided that it would be appropriate to include information about the student accused of the sexual assaults. I should note that this information did not come from any College official, but was instead obtained from one of the complainants, as I stated in the article.

Not only did this article not violate confidentiality, but I believe it upheld our commitment to justice. Furthermore, the article was published after the hearing and could not affect its outcome.

God’s Words for a Life of Virtue, Love, Grace and Truth.

“And Jesus said unto them ... If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say unto this mountain, nothing shall be impossible to you.”  
Romans 1:17

In stress or impossibility, God is with you, His seed is you.

Order dear in your heart the teachings of the Bible. For scripture of yesterday is today in thought, word and deed. It is not generational, but everlasting.

Friend in Christ, Tommerdahl@aol.com

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In the Student Senate meeting on Monday, February 15, 2010 the group passed a resolution that will likely lead to a campus-wide marijuana policy. The “Typical Minimum Sanctions for Marijuana-related Violations of College Policy” consists of a grid system that outlines the College’s response to marijuana violations. Based loosely on the College’s Alcohol Sanctions Grids, the proposed marijuana policy includes three levels of violations and their corresponding disciplinary actions.

The tiers will be divided based on whether the student possesses, consumes or distributes marijuana. The punishments range from a $50 fine and meeting with Residential Life staff for a first-time Level I offense to suspension, which will occur in the case of any Level III violation. Most violations will result in a fine, disciplinary censure or probation and educational workshops.

The push to create a separate marijuana policy began in the 2007-2008 academic year, as Residential Life and the Alcohol and Drug Education office looked for ways to consistently enforce marijuana-related violations. “The area coordinators asked for it,” Associate Dean of Students Dendre Rosenfeld said. “If you got caught with marijuana in Sohe, the consequences might be different than if you got caught in Complex.” With the proposed campus-wide policy, all marijuana violations will be treated equally.

Last spring, the administrators approached Student Senate hoping to gain a student perspective on the issue. “It shows that students have a say in the process,” Student Senate Co-President and Senior Economics Major Matt Olson said. “It’s better to have a student voice than having it forced upon students.”

This fall, Student Senate tasked the housing and health committee with exploring the policy. The committee researched the policies that have been enacted at many other colleges. One sticking point that may upset students is parental notification. The proposed grid specifies that a student’s parents will be notified the second time a Level I violation occurs, or any time a Level II or III violation is committed. “If a student is at risk of being suspended or expelled, we feel that parents should be notified,” Helt said. Now that Student Senate has created a sanctions grid, the Dean of Students Office, Residential Life and the Alcohol and Drug Education Office will have to sign off on the proposal. Next month Student Senate hopes to host a forum where students may speak and ask questions about the proposed policy. “It’s a fluid process,” Olson said. “Any input from students is important.”

If students are interested in viewing the draft of the marijuana sanctions grid, it can be found on the GACspot.com.

“We’re here “We want to create an educational component that helps students instead of punishing them,” Helt said, stressing that the proposed policy was more realistic than those found at many other colleges.

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The Weekly would like to clarify a few things about the Feb. 26, 2010 issue, specifically the article on Case Day.

First of all, it was not our intent to be inflammatory or malicious in publishing the Case Day article. We firmly believe that Case Day and the larger issue of binge drinking are important issues that affect this campus. In publishing the story, we intended to expose the hidden concern and spark discussion about binge drinking in general. It was not our intent to endorse either viewpoint—for or against Case Day—rather, to give both sides equal voice.

Secondly, the timing of the article was not purposely planned for Scholarship Day. This day happened to fall the week after Case Day occurred, so the article was published at that time by pure coincidence. We did not want to publish an article before Case Day took place because students might have felt encouraged to participate in the problem we wished to expose. We do not aim to tarnish the College’s image for prospective students, but rather to talk about unspoken issues that face our campus.

In addition, we want to address the theft of our newspapers last weekend. We pay quite a bit of money so students have access to one free newspaper each week. When members of our campus steal and throw away these papers, they are depriving other students and community members of the opportunity to read the paper. The news paper the campus saw on the stands was the product of a collaboration between 31 people last week, so it is frustrating when campus community members have so little respect for that work.

Finally, whether community members agree or disagree with the issues we talk about, or our decision to publish an article on a specific topic, it is important to respect our right as a press organization to talk about these difficult topics. Throwing away newspapers is censorship of The Weekly, and hence the students’ voice on campus. When people choose to censor the students’ voice on important issues like binge drinking, it silences a problem and does not allow us to discuss productively, which is what we, as an educational institution, need to do.

Further questions or comments can be either posted on our website, www.weeklyblog.com, or sent via e-mail to weekly@gustavus.edu.
Forensics team brings home the bacon

The Gustavus Forensics Team shows off its awards. Senior History and Communications Studies Major Mary Cunningham took three individual titles in addition to the many awards taken as a team in a recent competition.

Chris Stewart
Staff Writer

This Gustavus Forensic Team has earned three consecutive team state titles, won eight individual state titles in 2010, been ranked nationally in the top-20 for the past three seasons and has brought more than 500 high school students to campus in the past year for recruiting purposes. The organization has brought an endless string of hardware home to the hill competition after competition. Its 20 members have continued to make a splash recently. Kristofer Kracht, director of the forensics team, said that the team’s recent successes have “made the students begin to realize that it was really possible for us to succeed on a larger scale.”

The weekend of February 20 and 21, 2010, the forensics team competed in the 2010 Minnesota Collegiate Forensics Association (MCFA) State Tournament at Concordia College-Moorhead. Competing against eight other collegiate teams from Minnesota, Gustavus handily took first place by a margin of 117 points. In addition, the entire team was awarded the Greg Lapanta Quality Award, which is given to the team with the highest point total per event entered.

“What is most impressive is that we won eight of the 13 events from 2010, senior philosophy major C.J. Hunt placed first in two categories and sophomore biology major Sam Hennemich and first-year Eric Halvorson each took home a first-place title in their own events. Cunningham also won the Individual Sweepstakes award for the strongest showing by an individual competitor in the state, with Hunt and junior math major Chloe Radcliffe finishing a close third and fourth, respectively.

State competitions are not the only level on which Forensics is gaining a reputation, however. Last April, the team made its strongest showing in school history on the national level at the American Forensics Association National Individual Events Tournament (AFA-NIET) by placing 18 out of 89 teams. “The best way to put this into context,” Kracht said, “is that fifteen of the top twenty teams are Division-I schools, and none of the other five (besides Gustavus) is D-II. We are only one of fourteen schools in the nation to be ranked in the top twenty consecutively for the past three years.

In 2008 the team achieved twentieth place nationally, the same mark they reached in 2007. The Forensics Team hopes to improve that mark at the 2010 AFA-NIET competition at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in the first week of April. “Our goal this year at AFA-NIET is a top 15 finish, and we are willing to work for it,” Sagstuen said.

The manner in which forensics is organized is a bit different than most activities on campus. It is not considered a student organization or an athletic program. Instead, it is a co-curricular activity sponsored through the communication studies department that counts for a varying amount of academic credit based on student choice and credit load. However, the amount of credit only signifies one’s participation in the activity, not how many competitions or events in which the members compete. “[The credit] really has nothing to do with the amount of time and effort you are willing to put … into the team” Sagstuen said.

Funding of the program is also unique. Throughout the season (September-April), the team travels to eight states to compete in more than 20 weekend tournaments. As a result of the program’s co-curricular status, this travel is funded largely by the communication studies department. “[Forensics] doesn’t get any funding from the Student Senate budget … it’s been part of the department budget and always has been,” Kracht said.

The student members also make a coordinated effort to seek out additional funding from other sources. “Sometimes we will have fundraisers and whatnot to get some extra financial help, much of which we will dedicate to local charities,” junior history major Eric Cronin said.

A portion of the finances also comes from alumni and other donors. Cunningham mentioned that the team “has a possible matching funds opportunity through an alumnus” that has come to the team’s attention recently.

In order to be a part of the group, team members employ a “no-experience-necessary” attitude. “We are looking for kids who are willing to work hard and kids who are committed. Anything beyond that, we can teach you,” Kracht said.

“People should know that anyone can just come and join … take C.J. Hunt, for example. All he had was a high school teacher who encouraged him to be part of the speech club, and now after joining Forensics, a few years later, he won two titles this year at state. It’s really impressive” Cronan said.

This is not to say that the team does not do some heavy recruiting. Each summer, forensics hosts the Summer Speech Institute that brings 80 to 90 high schoolers to Gustavus from six to eight states to learn about the program. They will also again be hosting the MSHSL State Speech Tournament in April, which will bring nearly 700 competitors and 1,300 observers to campus over a two-day period. The program also has a forensics scholarship that grants $1,000-2,000 annually to a new Gustie who commits to the forensics team. This year, there are twenty applicants for the scholarship.

Because of its dedication to academic excellence and community service, the Forensics team fits well into the culture of Gustavus. “Forensics epitomizes the liberal arts paradigm. There is nothing more ‘liberal arts’ here than our group,” Kracht said.

“You’re going to find people from pretty much every major on our team, and despite the time we commit to forensics, we still excel academically, competitively and are well-rounded students. We support one another, and as cliché as it sounds, we are kind of like a family,” junior history and communication studies major Phil Holt said.
Kathi Tunheim is a passionate, hard-working woman who has had an amazing journey through life so far. She has had six careers that have taken her all over the world and eventually led her to her current position as an Assistant Professor of Economics and Management at Gustavus.

“It was fascinating to be pretty young—23 to 28 years old—and to be traveling all over the world interviewing, hiring and training people.”
—Kathi Tunheim

Kathi attended Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., and double majored in Communication Studies and Spanish. During her final semester at Concordia, Kathi was a student teacher and realized that she enjoyed teaching, but wanted to teach something other than high school students. Following this, Kathi attended the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee and received her Masters in Communication Studies where her masters program focused on training and development within communication studies, and her favorite class was interpersonal communication.

At the end of her time at the University of Wisconsin, she acquired an internship with Republic Airlines, and in 1983 was recruited to work for them full time. During her five years of employment, Northwest Airlines bought out the company, and Kathi became the Manager of Training.

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In 1987, she was recruited to work for the Carlson Travel Group as the Director of Training. When Kathi began working with this company she was a one person department. By the end of her five years with Carlson Travel Group, there were 20 people in the department.

In 1992, Kathi was recruited to work for the American Express Financial Advisors as the Director of Leadership and Organizational Effectiveness.

“This is where I became really interested in the art of leadership development and focusing on really helping leaders to be successful,” Kathi said.

At the end of her five years with the company, Kathi experienced a serious illness and discovered that she had a hole in her dura, which surrounds the spinal cord. Kathi was forced to lay flat on her back for six months in order for the hole to heal. This was a trying time for Kathi, as she is such an active and involved person.

During this time I realized that if I were to make my life count, I needed to make a different choice. I decided I wanted to do something more meaningful than working for more money,” Kathi said.

This is when she decided to go back to school to get her Ph. D in Human Resource Development at the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. In 1998, she opened her own business called the Tunheim Leadership Group.

“I felt like I was being called to teach and be a leader in my community and church. To do this best while working on my Ph. D, I opened my own business,” Kathi said. “I started my own business because I have three kids, and then I would have more control over my schedule [so I could] be involved in volunteering at their schools and at church. I thought I could have a better work life this way.

Over the next ten years, Kathi ran her own company and taught briefly at the University of Minnesota, Concordia St. Paul and Augsburg College.

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Kathi’s experience teaching at Augsburg College inspired her to continue teaching at a Lutheran college. In the fall of 2008, she was hired as an adjunct faculty member for management and economics at Gustavus.

Although Kathi commutes about 65 miles one way to teach at Gustavus, she does so with pride. “The students are worth it. I really enjoy teaching at Gustavus. I have the brightest students I have ever taught.”

Kathi is currently on the tenure track at Gustavus and will continue working hard for her students.

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Kathi’s time at Gustavus has only strengthened her passion for teaching as she continues to work for the development of the students and faculty here.
John Mayer broke onto the music scene with his album *Room for Squares*, an album filled with songs such as “Your Body is a Wonderland” and “83,” geared for the teenage girl audience, while utilizing his heartthrob image, boyish charm and acoustic guitar melodies to initiate his original appeal. However, in the past nine years with his latest album, *Battle Studies*, released in November 2009, Mayer has evolved into a bluesy, adult-contemporary songwriter, with a devout passion for making music. This fact was evident in his concert at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul, Minn., last Tuesday, March 2.

Mayer’s latest album release doesn’t rely on his fancy fretwork and guitar solos, but the attraction of a live concert allowed Mayer to demonstrate some of his musical capabilities, which are sometimes lost by just listening to one of his albums. Mayer kicked off his concert with the up-tempo soft rock opener on *Battle Studies* called “Heartbreak Warfare” before transitioning into the bluesy techno feel of “Crossroads.” After these two songs from his new album, Mayer brought back the nostalgic feelings with “Vultures” and “Why Georgia.”

Despite generating a strong upbeat rock vibe in the arena with a couple more songs, Mayer played his full guitar repertoire by shifting into a short acoustic segment of the concert, including “In Your Atmosphere” and the popular Tom Petty cover “Free Fallin’.”

Mayer had seemingly not broken into his true concert groove until he busted into the dark and ominous “Assassin,” which concluded with a scintillating guitar solo. From this point in the concert, Mayer intermixed solos from drummer Steve Jordan and keyboardist Charlie Wilson with solos of his own, covering more songs off his newest album such as “Half of My Heart,” “Perfectly Lonely” and “Edge of Desire,” while dispersing more classics from his Continuum album including “Waiting On the World to Change,” “Belief” and “Gravity.”

After nearly two hours on stage, Mayer was quickly recalled for an encore. He launched into his only single off his newest album, the acoustic stoner tune “Who Says,” and ended the show with his popular classic “No Such Thing.”

It was astounding to see how Mayer evolved from the artist writing sensitive acoustic songs to appeal to his teenage girl fans to an eclectic musician with a true passion for a deeper meaning to his songs. I found this extremely evident when he relayed to the fans his feelings of gratitude for attending the concert, even though he considered himself to have somewhat “made it” in the music industry. Yet, he noted that his passion and love for music is deeper than ever before. His new songs reflect his maturity and an intention to find a deeper understanding in life.

Thankfully, this concert was not designated for the adolescent girl hoping for Mayer to read her “Will You Marry Me?” poster (although he did make the point to notice one such sign), but instead aimed to demonstrate Mayer’s growth as a musician, most notably as a songwriter and guitarist. By my standards, he’s quite good at both. I give this concert 3 out of 3 crowns.
Spring blood drive kicks off

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As the Building Bridges Conference draws near, so does the annual GAC Idol competition.

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Life without coffee is not an attainable reality, at least not for some. You get up, drink your coffee and then you can let your day begin. But not before. For many college students, coffee is a necessary part of the daily routine. Without the stimulant of caffeine, 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. classes are impossible concepts, let alone physically achievable feats.

So where does one living in St. Peter go to get his or her fix? The Market Place, for one, offers decent coffee at a decent price—with free refills, a nice bonus. Then of course, there is the Courtyard Café, serving higher quality coffee at a higher price. Off campus, there are Waldo’s and River Rock.

Of course, for those who are more committed to their addiction, there is the option of home brewing. There’s nothing like waking up to the smell of freshly brewed in your own home/dorm/apartment.

River Rock:
River Rock employee and Junior Psychology Major Josh Plattner dishes out the skinny on what makes River Rock so great.

“River Rock is unlike any other coffee shop I have ever been to, and I am not exaggerating just because I happen to be employed there; it’s the most unique coffee experience around,” he said.

A unique aspect of River Rock is its wholehearted dedication to a sustainable lifestyle.

“[It] is committed to the green revolution. We only use 100 percent certified organic products, including many certified fair trade coffees. Our cups and lids are all made from corn plastics and are completely compostable. This does not mean that our cups can be recycled, but that the cups, lids and straws won’t take up any space in landfills or trash sites,” Plattner said.

Not to be outdone by its container, the coffee at River Rock is pretty good, too.

“The materials we use to serve our drinks in play second fiddle to what’s actually inside of them: perfect espresso drinks. The flavors, both bitter and sweet, are perfectly harmonized by our extensive menu testing and playful creations. Each drink is made with absolute precision to guarantee the tastiness that our customers have grown accustomed to,” Plattner said.

Waldo’s:
For a quieter, older crowd, Waldo’s is the place to be. The coffee is fantastic and the seating is ample. There’s a nice fireplace and set of couches that make for great homework stations.

“Waldo’s is a mom’s coffee shop, but it has decent coffee. Also, it’s open later than River Rock a lot of times, which is nice,” Sophomore Dan Enright said.

Courtyard Café:
The Courtyard Café is Gustavus’ own version of a coffee shop. It has sandwiches and chips, baked goods and bottled teas. But most students know it for its coffee. Standing around by the PO boxes on any given morning between 10:00 and 10:30 a.m., and it may literally be impossible to walk a foot in any direction without running into someone carrying a white cup filled with piping hot perfection.

“The coffee downstairs is better than the coffee they serve upstairs in the [Market Place],” Junior Music Major Logan Arndt said. “And they have really great cookies.”

The Courtyard Café serves Peace Coffee, which is organic and fair trade. So, you know you can feel healthy about feeding your addiction, because it’s all natural and all good.

Really, the only downside to the Courtyard Café is the fact that you have to have your Student ID (or cash) in order to buy. ID numbers won’t get you anywhere.
Editor | Steve Palmer

Learning from the left

Fear of health care

Sean Maertens Staff Columnist

You know what really yanks my chain? Hypocrisy. Especially when it comes in the form of political theater. Every time a politician has some sound bite that is played repeatedly in the media and never gets challenged by said media makes me wince in barely suppressed indignation. This indignation has been happening a lot more recently thanks to Republican leaders in Congress explaining why they’re against the Democratic health care reform proposals.

Take for example this quotation from Rep. Eric Cantor, the No. 2 House Republican in his statement to the press following Obama’s health care summit: “We have a very difficult gap to bridge here. We just can’t afford this. That is the bottom line of the problem. Oh really Mr. Cantor? You are against health care reform that would give millions of Americans health insurance, would prevent insurance companies from denying people coverage due to pre-existing conditions and help contain the skyrocketing costs of premiums because it would be too expensive? Well then, what were you doing when President Bush single-handedly turned a CBO projected $5 trillion surplus into nearly $6 trillion of debt? I know what Rep. Cantor and other prominent Republican leaders such as Mitch McConnell and John Boehner were doing. They were rubber-stamping President Bush’s two wars, his tax cuts for the very wealthy and watched as the financial markets collapsed due to the imprudence in part to their removal and opposition to stricter regulations of banks.

And now, after all these costs have been pushed onto the future generations, these same people who are now hyped up to mount under President Bush are saying they can support President Obama’s health care proposal because it costs too much?

Even the idea that the Democratic health care proposal would add to the deficit isn’t accurate. The CBO noted on Nov. 5, 2009, that the Democratic proposal from the House (that has the public option) would yield a net reduction in federal budget deficits of $129 billion over the 2010-2019 period. The Republican Party had nearly eight years of control of both the House and Senate, and all they were able to accomplish was an unfunded $1 trillion drug program and its now infamous “donut hole” that the Democratic proposal seeks to fix.

There is a word for such blatant skullduggery and deceitfulness. That word is BULLSHIT. It is bullshit for people who have repeatedly allowed the government to run up massive deficits to turn around and state they are against the Democratic health care plan because it “costs too much.” Let me tell you something that costs too much: tax cuts for the rich, a war sold to us on lies and deceit and a $1 trillion prescription drug program (Medicare Part D) all being paid for on deficit spending.

Former Vice President Cheney once famously stated that “deficits don’t matter.” Apparently, they only matter when Democrats are in charge, never when Republicans are running the show. It’s too bad for the Republican Party that Americans are not so gullible as to buy this line of reasoning. The time for real change of our health care system is now—many millions of uninsured Americans cannot wait any longer.

Now that Democrats have the opportunity to create meaningful health care reform, they have to seize this opportunity. Republicans have demonstrated during this health care debate that even when the Democrats include parts of what they want in their proposal, such as tort reform and purchasing insurance across state lines, that they still won’t be satisfied enough with the bill to vote for it. Democrats have repeatedly attempted to compromise with Republicans to try and get a bipartisan bill passed. If Republicans are too concerned with sticking with their party to pass meaningful reform for health care, that’s too bad for them. Hopefully Democrats can seize the moment and deliver on the promise of the Affordable Health Care for America Act and provide real change for a broken health care system.

Susan Kranz

A different approach

How high will the sycamore grow?

I was one of those girls who had a massive Barbie collection. I’m talking three full shoeboxes for dolls alone, then another couple full of their oh-so-age-appropriate clothing and modest footwear. But remember the day I got my Pocahontas Barbie complete with hat accessories was a special day for me.

As a child, I saw myself as a real-life Pocahontas in that I loved being outdoors, wandering through the pine trail forests of my backyard (but staying away from those “sourweet berries of the Earth” per my parents’ instruction). So when Disney introduced the Pocahontas movie, I became mildly obsessed. I first had the Barbie and then moved on to the Pocahontas Animated Storybook for the computer and then a giant stuffed animal of Meeko. I enjoyed all things Pocahontas because she was, in a way, like me.

Last Saturday night I was reunited with my childhood fixation when my friends and I watched the movie, which I hadn’t done since I was about seven. But as we sang along to “Colors of the Wind” as adults, a thought repeatedly appeared in my head: have we learned nothing? I still enjoyed watching and listening, but I also realized there’s more to this favorite song of mine than pretty words to pretty music to a pretty picture. And as cheesy as some Disney movies can be, I feel there is much truth to what those pretty words mean. I feel as though we have learned nothing from the conquest of other nations, the destruction of land and people and the ignorance of the fact that our Earth is finite.

That’s the bottom line right there: our Earth is finite. We have to acknowledge the fact that eventually we will have touched every corner of our planet. Once we’ve done that, where do we go? Let’s take a listen to what Pocahontas has to say.

“You think you own whatever land you land on / The Earth is just a dead thing you can claim.”

The Earth is a living thing. Regardless of how you think it came to be, it is still alive and moving. Our planet exists in itself. If humans were not on it, it could still exist, but it is not the case otherwise. We need to stop thinking we as humans have any ultimate ownership and start thinking about how to respectfully borrow (and return) from our environment.

“Come roll in all the riches all around you / and for once, never wonder what they’re worth.” This does not equate to “Let’s dig up all the Earth’s resources, sell them for lots of money, and make a profit off of something that isn’t ours to begin with.” It means we can and should enjoy our natural environment, but need to stop putting a price tag on it. Numbers are just symbols, arbitrary things that help us communicate with each other. Let’s explore and appreciate nature for its personal experiential benefit and not for monetary compensation.

“And we are all connected to each other / in a circle, in a hoop that never ends.” People say this all the time. We know we are all connected. But I am sick of people saying things when they don’t mean it. Yes, we are all connected, but what the hell are you going to do about it? Connected means staying within the loop, not changing things that would alter our circle.

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Fear of health care

Representative Eric Cantor, above, speaks against Obama’s health care proposal on Jan. 13, 2010.

MCT Campus

Pocahontas, pictured here in statue form overlooking the Black River in Missouri, has many lessons to impart to us all through the 1995 film Pocahontas.
Commentary

Haven Davis  
Staff Columnist

There are many times in our culture when two labels are created to describe something that is actually far more diverse than what can fit under just two groupings. These two labels become so culturally pervasive that, suddenly, we no longer see the spectrum that was once there. It is either one thing or the other. Choose black or white, because suddenly any other color is not an option. While I’m sure the widespread use of “binary” and “dualism” is not limited to the meanings I attribute to them, these labels are what I am thinking of when I use these words in this article.

I chose to use the word “binary” because one great example of this is commonly referred to as a gender binary. The most obvious level that this dualism works on is individual people: a person’s genitals designate whether their gender is male or female, and in the rare case that their genitals are ambiguous, they may be arbitrarily assigned a gender. This dualism works on more than just individuals, however. Gender is also associated with clothes, colors, toys, mannerisms, extracurricular activities, social customs, careers, movie genres ... the list goes on and on.

Closely related to the gender binary is sexuality. It’s socially acceptable in mainstream American culture to be a heterosexual, and it’s slowly becoming more acceptable to be homosexual. With the exception of some more progressive cultural circles, these are really the only two sexual orientations recognized by many people. A person is either straight or gay, nothing else. Sexuality can be associated with many cultural aspects just as gender can (bars, television shows, dance clubs, types of music, etc.), and the binary carries over to and categorizes these associated things as well. I have never heard of a “bisexual bar.” I have never overheard anyone say, “That guy dresses really pansexual.”

Another great example is political affiliations. The popular American ones being liberal/conservative and Republican/Democrat. Political careers are built and destroyed by these, and pundits scream themselves hoarse about how the other side of the dualism is wrong. Despite the die-hard dedication here, these binary groupings are just as tricky as gender or sexuality dualism. Their definition is culturally embedded to the point of being ambiguous. I know there are specific definitions of what liberal, conservative, Democrat and Republican mean, but how many people really subscribe to those definitions? Do you tell someone that you are liberal or conservative and a Republican or a Democrat while thinking about how you feel about specific social issues and economic policies? Or do you just think of yourself in relation to the current mainstream definition of these terms?

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Shine on

How I stopped worrying and learned to dance

Paul Huff  
Staff Columnist

At the beginning of every school year, I always try to make a mental note of the important dates throughout the academic calendar, such as Homecoming, Halloween, Reading Days, Thanksgiving Break, Christmas Break, Spring Break—well, you get the idea. However, my first priority when planning my college agenda is to find out when President’s Ball is. I realize this sounds creepy and unnecessary, but like most hopeless romantics, I have a slight addiction to school dances.

For the majority of people, these social functions generate many ambivalent emotions. Women love having the opportunity to dress up like fairytale princesses and parade around like fashion divas. But at the same time, many hate the hours of preparation it takes to reach diva status, not to mention the ungodly pain of wearing high-heels for an extended period of time. For me, dances give us an excuse to spend a whole evening with an alluring, bodacious girl. The downside is that guys usually have to foot the bill, and when you include transportation and dinner, dances aren’t cheap. Yet between the excitement and the hassle, there seems to be a point where all the stressful planning gives way to moderate enjoyment.

The thought of dressing up and spending a night on the dance floor can also bring back many troubling memories. Recollections of high school proms, for example, are enough to permanently scar one’s psyche. I have a theory that prom is really a torturous rite of passage imposed by society in order to strip away any childhood conceptions of romance. But paradoxically, this is where my obsession with dances began (cue dream sequence … now!).

I was a junior at the time, dating a senior who attended a different high school. Being young and naive, I felt obligated to take her to the last dance of her secondary education. The first sign that something was going awry was the archetypical awkward silence exchanged between us while my dad chauffeured us to our dinner reservation. Secondly, our solitary table at the restaurant happened to be uncomfortably close to a large group of prom participants, who spent the hour passing ironic glances at us. Once the two of us arrived at the ballroom, I knew I had entered the ninth circle of high school hell. I recognized virtually no one and was forced to witness the unnatural movements of horny teenagers. I also had no idea how to dance to any of the songs, instead opting to stand motionless while occasionally placing my hands on my date’s hips. She probably would have had just as fun with an inflatable dummy.

Anyway, after that experience I vowed to master this skill known as ‘dancing’. Fortunately for me, Gustavus offers many avenues into the world of “dancing.” Unfortunately, the first avenue led me to the Dive, which I would not recommend to anyone who is sober. I eventually found my way up to Swing Club, a student group that teaches popular dances from your grandparents’ time, including the Jitterbug, Charleston and Lindy Hop. Here I was introduced to a world where guys are designated as leads and ladies as follows (sorry feminists, I didn’t make the rules). In this setup, it’s the man’s responsibility to know the dance steps and guide the follow’s movement. It took awhile for my dance partners to forgive me for stepping on their toes, but I think I’ve finally gotten the hang of executing spins and rock-steps.

In my opinion, dancing isn’t just about holding hands or rating hips. It’s about reconnecting a past when suitors and maidens would perform elegant rituals in the name of courtly love.

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Liberal isn’t a four letter word

Can I see in color, please?

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At Des Moines, Iowa bar Blazing Saddles, the gay pride extends all the way to the rainbow border around the pool table.
“Pocahontas” from page 10

With all the natural disasters going on, I have to wonder if it is has something to do with our disruption of the natural cycle. Who knows, maybe all these cancer-related deaths are due to us eating this jacked-up genetically modified food. Maybe depression is somehow linked to the chemicals in sunscreen.

I guess my frustration comes from the fact that not everyone thinks about these things and the reality that there are some things we will just never know. We continue living as though our planet will be here forever, that it will somehow fix itself, or that it is not our problem. Think about this: Would you bring a child into this world if you knew he or she would face the problem of not having enough food to eat? This is possible. I think about the fact that we are living longer, but is our quality of our lives better? This seems like it is the minority of people who care about these things. What does this say about us as a society?

I don’t know if I would call myself a "Pocahontas girl" any more, but rather one who truly cares about our natural world and our lives in it. And as to not leave you readers on a pessimistic note, I’d like you all to challenge yourselves to think more about these issues and more importantly, to act on them. How do you want to live in this world? Maybe watch Pocahontas for yourself. We do have a pretty amazing Earth here, with some pretty amazing people, and I for one would like to see it continue.

I read an interesting article awhile back by the amazing and outrageously controversial Greta Christina, in which she argued that bisexual women are sometimes marginalized by lesbians because the mere existence of bisexuality blinds the lines between straight and gay. It is much easier to fight for equal rights and cultural acceptance of gay people when those lines are clear, and the gay minority can define itself as opposed to it not being straight. What good is a system of categorization that marginalizes (what I would call) minority-minority groups in favor of majority-minority groups?

Despite how I feel about them, I don’t think we will ever really be rid of them. I obviously perpetuate them myself. Ignoring that I’m not sure I can even define what all liberals have in common, I call myself a liberal, going so far as to make reference to it in the title of this column. With no regard to the fact that much more than genitalia plays a role in who I choose to date, I identify as heterosexual. Even though, like everyone else, I express a complicated and nuanced mix of “masculine” and “feminine” traits, I am considered female, both by myself and those around me.

So even though we’re always going to talk and think in black and white sometimes, we can’t let these labels control the direction of an argument, or even worse, become the topic of the argument itself. Don’t let binary distinctions distract you from the real issues. Don’t forget to occasionally ask yourself, “Could I be thinking in color right now?”

“Color” from page 11

I may not be able to tell you what liberals stand for, but I can certainly tell you that they disagree with conservatives.

I have some guess as to where these two-sided distinctions come from and why they are so prevalent. I think they can be useful at times. Binary distinctions can simplify incredibly complicated issues. They can create a communication between dissenting groups by streamlining the conversation and bringing focus to the most salient parts of a discussion. Its hard to make progress on an issue when there are multiple sides all clamoring for something unique and specific, and dualism allows similar groups of people to consolidate and present a united front. They can also be helpful to minority groups trying to define themselves and create solidarity in order to fend off oppression.

Despite all of this, I see binary categories as a powerful tool that can be destructive when not kept in check. I can see value in their use in certain situations, but I wish we didn’t need them. Anything that can simplify can oversimplify. Oversimplification can lead to stereotypes, narrow-mindedness, flat and unproductive discussions and even hatred of others. When you align yourself with a group only because it is not the group you disagree with, you give up some of your autonomy and the valuable nuances you could have brought to the table. Dualism can marginalize minority groups, just as it can strengthen them.

Letters to the Editor

Although The Weekly has never been a highly professional news article, I have enjoyed feeling connected with my Gustavus community through its articles. However, the previous release of The Weekly took an unprofessional and unacceptable turn in splitting the community with their main article. Why are we writing articles about what is wrong in our community when we could be writing to bring our community closer together?

Are we really so ungrateful about our College that we want to show prospective students we disrespect it?

When we write about problems in the community, are we actually avoiding the “real” issue? Is it about the alcohol or something else?

I challenge you Gustavus, what is the underlying issue behind this? Are we caught up in being selfishly righteous individuals? Or are we not taking care of our community? Better yet, what does that even mean?

Amanda Hochstatter ’11

“Dance” from page 11

These days, most people seem to think chivalry is dead, or worse yet, the name of a new STD. In fact, I’ve found that it’s fairly difficult to incorporate gallantry into everyday life. Writing love songs about women and worshipping them from afar gets you labeled a creep... at best. Thus, dances are significant because they offer a safe place for romantic interaction to occur. Romantic relationships themselves are a kind of metaphorical dance to discover your partner’s graceful qualities in addition to their not-so-graceful qualities. Granted, this dance plays out over the course of a lifetime as opposed to just one night.

Lovey-dovey nonsense aside, the real point of this column is to remind you to pick up tickets for President’s Ball because you won’t want to miss it (CAR, you can pay me advertising royalties later). To quote Lady Gaga, the wise sage of pop music, “J-J-J-Just Dance!”

“Eye on Gustavus”

What’s up and what’s down this week at Gustavus and in the world (and what’s a tepid, lukewarm, middle).

Online Voting

While it might not work out too well in the real world, on campus, online voting for Senate elections is sure nice and dandy.

Die, Snow, Die

Snow melting means it’s nice and warm, but also brings the oceans of standing water to all the sidewalks.

Papers Stolen

Not cool at all. Second year in a row, too. Why not discuss this important issue? Let the people talk about Case Day! Let’s confront problems instead of avoiding them.

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The Shady Character
may be a cat burglar,
but at least he
doesn’t steal Weeklys!
For shame.

Monday, March 8

Circuits
Lund Center Aerobics Room 11:40 a.m.
The first step, of course, is to get our robot protestors physically fit. That way they can fight off the police ... who will also be robots.

Yogalaties
Lund Center Aerobics Room 4:30 p.m.
Want to know something? Yogi Bear was named after a baseball player who got his nickname “yogi” because his friend thought he looked like a yogi. So, yes. You’ve been right the whole time.

Cultural Show
Alumni Hall 7:00 p.m.
Ooo! I wonder which culture will win!

Juggling Club
The Dive 7:00 p.m.
Juggler: one of the only professions where you need money to stay on the streets.

Tuesday, March 9

Kickboxing
Lund Center Aerobics Room 6:30 a.m.
Just in case anyone tries to steal your Weekely too!

Windows Getting Started Training Class
Olin Technology Classroom 9:00 a.m.
It’s actually a list of things to keep you from going mad with boredom and screaming at the loading screen while “Window’s getting started.”

Teachers Talking Writing
St. Peter Banquet Room 11:30 a.m.
Want to know something mind blowing? This is writing talking teachers. Wrap your head around that!

HIT (High Intensity Training)
Lund Aerobics Room 5:30 p.m.
Or join their sister program “Today’s Original Kinetic Exercises.”

Bootcamp
Lund Center Aerobics Room 7:00 p.m.
You’ll be taught how to make a martini still from scratch, how to wear a Hawaiian shirt correctly, how to get away with, cracking wise, at a commanding officer and how to get Radar to work up the nerve to talk to girls.

Wednesday, March 10

Internship Fair
Heritage Room 11:00 a.m.
You know, another phrase for concentration camp is internment camp. Interns, you’re warned.

American Red Cross Blood Drive
Alumni Hall 11:30 a.m.
You give your blood away for free, but the person who needs an emergency transfusion gets a hospital bill. Someone, somewhere is making a buck off this, and I want in on the action!

Body Redemption
Lund Center Aerobics Room 11:40 a.m.
Again, I’m looking forward to the future when we can go to some government office and redeem our bodies for some sweet robo-appendages.

Thursday, March 11

American Red Cross Blood Drive
Alumni Hall 11:30 a.m.
No, I’m not giving blood, but it’s not because I’m a bad person. It’s because I’m a coward, which I think is far more respectable.

Documentary Film: Farming Forward
Treaty Site History Center 7:00 p.m.
What happens when Ol’ Man Jenkins learns about Manifest Destiny? Come find out.
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## Sports

**Lauren Bennett**  
*Staff Writer*

**“Don’t even know where to begin,”** Senior Captain Bri Radtke said about the Gustavus Women’s Basketball team’s 2009-10 season.

On Monday, March 1, the women found out they did not receive a bid to the National Tournament. This news was only more heart-breaking after their close loss to the University of St. Thomas on February 24, 2010. After a season with great accomplishments, the team’s record dropped from 20-5 to 20-6 after a set of free throws. They claimed third place in the MIAC Championship Tournament, but sadly, that is where their journey ended.

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“The last two losses were for a (combination) of five points. If you were to add up all the points that we lost by in the Conference games, it would be 26 points and we only lost five games,” Junior Brittany Holm said. “That’s how close we were in all of our games, especially the last two. We were reminded how every possession, every pass, every shot and every effort for a loose ball counts.”

The memories too count just as much for the seniors this year. For the four captains on the team, this is it. The last time they played for Gustavus was on February 24, 2010. For many of the remaining team members, it is a great loss.

“Every pass, every shot and every possession,” Brittany Holm said. “That’s how we only lost five games,” Junior Brittany Holm said. “That’s how we only lost five games,” Junior Brittany Holm said. “That’s how we only lost five games,” Junior Brittany Holm said. “That’s how we only lost five games,” Junior Brittany Holm said. “That’s how we only lost five games,” Junior Brittany Holm said. “That’s how we only lost five games,” Junior Brittany Holm said. “That’s how we only lost five games,” Junior Brittany Holm said. “That’s how we only lost five games,” Junior Brittany Holm said. “That’s how we only lost five games,” Senior Amber [Steffenhausen] was the ‘Rudy’ of the team. She came to practice and did all the little things right. She didn’t play a lot but she had a lot of heart and passion for this game. [Senior Captain Katie] Layman was a vocal leader on the court. She was always encouraging others, talked on defense nonstop and said things at the right time. [Senior Julia] [Schultz] was a versatile player. She could probably play any position but was best at the shooter spot. Not only could she shoot three [pointers], but she could rebound as well. She also brought creativity to the team,” Holm said.

Holm along with Junior Molly Mathiowetz will be the only players to earn at least half of the MIAC voting in both JV and varsity squads has a unique talent to bring. The future of Gustie Women’s Basketball is a bright one.

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For the rest of the team, they have a lot to look forward to next season. There’s a lot of experience returning,” Shultz said, “and every girl coming back from both JV and varsity squads has a unique talent to bring. The future of Gustie Women’s Basketball is a bright one.”

“A Cinderella story for women in sneakers”

Senior Bri Radtke brings the ball up the court under pressure at Gus Young Court.

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beat us because of our trip to the Frozen Four [last season], and they come out and play their best hockey against us,” Senior forward Patrick Dynan said. “This has forced us to step up our game and continue improving and playing consistent hockey.”

The explosive Gustie offense is led by the Conference’s three highest point scorers in Martinson, Dynan and sophomore Ross Ring-Jarvi. In the net, Swartout led the conference with a 2.10 goals against average.

“We have lots of heart and determination,” Swartout said. “A deep [NCAA Tournament] run is definitely feasible, and we know we can do it. We just need to keep everything in front of us and not get overconfident.”

The team’s playoff experience will undoubtedly come in handy if the team is to get a bid into the NCAA Tournament. The Gusties will find out if they will play more hockey on Monday.

Our strength is our team’s leadership. We have 11 seniors, and everyone plays a vital role,” Dynan said. “We are a mature group, and we know what it takes to win games, especially in the playoffs.”

The talent-rich Gusties feature 13 different players on their roster with at least one goal to their name and 11 players with double-figure goals.

“Our strength is definitely our depth,” Martinson said. “None of the teams in the conference have teams with our blend of speed lines for 60 minutes [like we can], which allows us more rest and keeps us in better condition at the end of the game.”

Gustie’s knack for winning games in recent years has led to a renaissance for the school’s hockey program, with its recent success likely to draw top recruits in the coming years.

I think our team’s success has brought some needed attention back to our program,” Mosbeck said. “We have a rich history and tradition here, and it feels good to know that we were able to contribute to it.”

Consistently raucous crowds and plenty of supporting fans have made Don Roberts Ice Rink a safe haven for the Gusties this year, with their 8-2-1 home record perhaps due in part to home ice advantage.

“We have the best fans in the MIAC—” Dynan said. “Every team that comes into our rink will have a tough time trying to play because of the environment and great atmosphere.”

Last Saturday’s four-overtime victory over Augsburg in the MIAC Semifinals helped the Gusties preserve their momentum for possible postseason hockey. The game lasted 138 minutes and 38 seconds, setting a Division III record and narrowly missing the national collegiate record.

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With such high expectations, the Gusties faced a lot of adversity from game to game. Overcoming these adversities can be difficult; however, the team has proved itself time and time again. Senior post Sam Paulson elaborated on the team’s strengths. “We have a strong team chemistry and tend not to rely on one another too much. Everyone plays their own role, and we rebound as a team,” Paulson said.

Schmidtntknecht agreed with Paulson but also feels there is room for improvement on the team for next season. “Sometimes we are a little lax in preparation for games. We started our season 8-0. It would be nice to keep that consistency throughout the season and not go back and forth,” Schmidtntknecht said.

While the men are busy overanalyzing the game and not going back and forth,” Schmidtntknecht said.

While the men did get to host both the MIAC Semi and Championship games at home, they unfortunately lost in the Championship game to Carleton 78-71 in overtime. The game against Carleton was well matched, and neither team was going to lose without a fight. Paulson elaborated on his strategy going into Saturday’s game. “For me specifically, I’m going to play like it’s the last game I’ll ever play. Whether I get my chance on the court or if I’m cheering from the sidelines, I’m going to do my very best to support my teammates,” Paulson said.

Looking back on Saturday’s game, Anderson felt both teams were evenly matched, which is the way it should have been. “Saturday was tough. Both teams were so evenly matched [that] the game came down to one possession and it was between who wanted it more. The team effort was there and we played smart throughout the entire game,” Anderson said.

McPartland agreed with Anderson and felt the team played well on Saturday. “I thought we played well on Saturday, but [we] had a few defensive lapses at the most crucial times. Both teams played evenly throughout the course of the game, and we gave ourselves a good chance to win on a last second shot at the end of regulation. It is hard to ask for more than that,” McPartland said.

However, not everyone felt that way right after the game. Anderson’s reaction to Saturday’s game was somewhat different. “Everyone was very emotional after the game. It seemed like we should’ve won it. There was also a lot of disappointment. It felt like we could have won; it just didn’t feel right,” Anderson said.

With the season behind them now, most teams would regret that last game, or the way the season went. However, the Gusties are optimistic for next season. Schmidtntknecht feels it is important to look ahead toward next season and not dwell on what has happened in the past. “Next year is going to be fun. We’re going to perfect the little things and come back with more confidence,” Schmidtntknecht said.

Paulson also feels the team next year will be successful. “They’ll be ready next year. They’re ready now. We have a strong team,” Paulson said.

“Sure we’re going to look back on that game and ask ourselves what if? But we play with no regrets, and now we’re looking forward to next season,” Anderson said.

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Craig Nordquist
Staff Writer

The Men’s Hockey team will have to wait to see if it gets a bid into the NCAA Tournament for the second straight season after losing to St. Thomas for the MIAC Tournament title. Coming off a magical season last year that carried the team all the way to the national championship game, this year’s squad captured the school’s fourteenth regular season MIAC title, the first since 1993.

“Our regular season went almost perfect. We had a couple of hiccups but were able to bounce back,” Junior goalie Josh Swartout said. “We definitely played hard, and it shows because we finished the season on top.”

The Gusties—who rank sixth nationally in the latest USCHO.com poll—finished the regular season with an overall record of 18-5-2, which was enough to hold off Hamline by two points in the standings.

“I am very proud of what our team has accomplished up to this point,” Senior defenseman Cody Mosbeck said. “With the group of people who are on our team, we want to drag out our season as long as possible.”

Last season, the Gusties got hot at the right time and went on a streak that saw them win the MIAC Tournament and two NCAA Tournament games. With only three graduating seniors, the team knew that another successful season could be on the horizon.

“Heading into this season there was more excitement knowing that we had a good team coming back,” Senior forward and MIAC Player of the Year award winner David Martinson said. “All season long we’ve been a team that everyone wants to beat.”

Despite playing the entire season with last season’s success providing a target for opponents, the Gusties have lost only once in their last 12 games.

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A disappointing end

Julie Hammond
Staff Writer

The Gustavus Men’s Basketball team finished second in the MIAC this year with a season record of 16-11-0. With all the success the men have had this season, the approach they took at the beginning of the season was unlike any other year.

“Our approach at the beginning of the season was to put emphasis on the team aspects of the game. We knew we weren’t the most athletic or talented individuals in the league, but as a whole we knew we could be one of the best. We didn’t have one star player this season but instead had 10 players that could contribute day-in and day-out,” Senior Captain Ryan McPartland said.

Junior guard Dan Schmidt-knecht also reflected on the approach the Gusties took at the beginning of the season. “At the beginning of the year we came into this season with the mindset that we’re an unbeatable team,” Schmidt-knecht said.

Sophomore guard Seth Anderson agreed with Schmidt-knecht. “Gustavus has expectations for a good basketball team, and this year we definitely came in with confidence like we were looking for something to prove,” Anderson said.

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