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Although the Initiative does not explicitly call for a lowering in the legal drinking age, it has started conversation on the topic. Sophomore Adam George said, “Most people do it anyway, at least if the age was reduced to 18, it would be safer, because they would not be doing anything illegal.” Sophomore Noah Setterholm said, “The federal government cannot mandate the states. However, federal transportation funding is tied to the drinking age. If the states lower the age, they lose that essential funding.” Sophomore English Major Susan Kranz said, “We need to promote responsible drinking, such as starting with the family or those closest to you, so that healthy habits are learned sooner.”

Last year, five students died in Minnesota as a result of excessive drinking. President Ohle believes that this is unacceptable.

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**Marketplace makes changes**

**Andy Setterholm**

Staff Writer

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Saturday, August 30
A student while in the College View Apartments was cited by the St. Peter Police Department and Safety and Security for underage consumption of alcohol. The same student was transported to the St. Peter Hospital Emergency Room. Another student was cited for a Social Host Violation.

Monday, September 1
A non-student was cited by Safety and Security for underage consumption and indecent exposure near Southwest Hall. A Gustavus student was cited by Safety and Security for providing a minor with alcohol and for a Social Host violation.

Wednesday, September 3
Safety and Security responded to an incident in North Hall resulting in a liquor law violation of underage consumption, damage to College property and a domestic boyfriend/girlfriend dispute.

A Gustavus student reported the theft of textbooks from his unlocked vehicle.

A Gustavus employee reported the theft of College property.

Saturday, September 6
A bike matching the description of a Murray brand, teal in color with orange handlebars, was reported stolen from campus.

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

Crime Prevention Tip of the Week
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Al Franken vies for student votes, volunteers

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"Amethyst" from page 1

“I just want to make sure that students understand the responsibility of drinking and how it can affect their lives,” said Ohle. “I’ve asked [Dean of Students Hank] Toutain to lead the effort to start a discussion on campus.”

The Amethyst Initiative is a public statement signed by 130 presidents and chancellors of colleges and universities across the country, including Ohle. Started in June 2008 by John McCardell, the president of Middlebury College, the initiative supports discussion and debate on the 21-year-old drinking age.

According to the group’s website, the Amethyst Initiative calls upon elected officials “to weigh all the consequences of current alcohol policies and to invite new ideas on how to best prepare young adults to make responsible decisions about alcohol use.”

Ohle, the only representative from Minnesota, is extremely pleased that Gustavus Adolphus College is part of the Amethyst Initiative. “I strongly believe that college campuses must have a robust discussion and debate about high risk drinking,” he said. “We have to bring up the root cause rather than put up barriers and laws. The important thing is to drink in a reasonable way and for every student to take responsibility not only for themselves, but for others.”

"Mediacom" from page 1

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Pomfret to visit Chapel

Maria Freund
Staff Writer

After months of reading and discussing works of literature, a dedicated committee decided on Chinese Lessons: Five Classmates and the Story of the New China, by John Pomfret, as this year’s Reading in Common book.

China’s successes are no secret. That may be why the country was chosen as the topic for this year’s Global Insight. Kicking off the program is the visit of John Pomfret. He will be speaking in Christ Chapel on Monday, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. A question and answer session and book signing will follow the presentation. Pomfret’s insightful perspective is expected to draw many people from the Gustavus community.

The Reading in Common selection prompts discussion groups during New Student Orientation. Much like Pomfret, new Gusties found themselves being immersed in a new culture. Gusties were introduced to college life—Pomfret to Chinese customs—and both coped with the change. Pomfret’s book dialogues his experiences in a foreign country and tells the story of five Chinese classmates and the hardships they faced as a result of the Cultural Revolution.

“One of the biggest themes that I saw recur in the novel was change, and more importantly, how it affects people,” said First-year Stephanie Duley. “All of [Pomfret’s] classmates were faced with change, but it was really fascinating to read how differently each student dealt with the changes around them.”

“Like the people of China, new Gusties also face obstacles of change. Gustie Greeters combat these challenges by smoothing the transition for new students on campus. Just as Greeters help new students understand the new Gustavus culture, readers found Pomfret’s experience helpful in understanding the history of the Chinese Revolution.”

“I didn’t know much about communist China and...the completely different culture,” said First-year Ben Batz. “It was beneficial to hear about China from an American perspective. When I was reading, I could feel the culture shock John Pomfret was exposed to.”

When in unfamiliar territory, one might naturally make comparisons to what is familiar. While reading, Duley found herself reflecting on that process. “When you’ve lived your entire life in a country that believes in freedom of speech, it’s hard to imagine what it’s like living in a country with a government that punishes everyone who speaks their mind,” she said.

While some readers gained new understanding of Chinese history, others found a new appreciation for the Chinese work ethic. “Now I know why the Chinese are so driven to succeed,” said First-year Sandie Walker. “They have been held back for so long, and now they are showing the world what they can do as a country.”

In a concluding statement in Chinese Lessons, John Pomfret writes, “I grew to know [China] more intimately than I know my own country.”

Junior Gustie Greeter and Communication Studies Major Katelyn Johnson reflected on this passage: “Hopefully our new first-years this fall and 2012, will come to feel the same way about Gustavus.”


campus security goes high tech

Luke Garrison
Staff Writer

Most of the work they do is often out of the public eye, but recently the officers of Safety and Security have been hard to miss. Scooting around campus in three-wheeled chariot-like vehicles, Safety and Security has become a conversation piece for many students.

“Those things look sweet,” said Senior Economics Major Bentley, is, “Are they really that much of a conversation piece for many students.

To address perhaps the largest security concern of all, S&S purchased a training video called “Shots Fired on Campus,” in the wake of tragic school shootings at Virginia Tech and other colleges. Available for all staff and students to watch on the Safety and Security website, it serves as a guide for surviving active shooter situations. “If something is that we never want to think about, but something we should plan for,” said Thrower.

Additionally, a campus-wide public address system is being installed over the next couple of years that will allow for a direct message to be sent to all students on campus. “Instead of a siren that doesn’t tell you exactly where something is going on,” said Thrower. The PA system will be an addition to the layered communication system that Gustavus already has, including an instant text-messaging and phone-calling program that alerts students to any emergencies. Safety and Security encourages all students to enter and/or update their emergency information on the Grilly to ensure they receive the notifications.

Thrower is excited about all of these additions, hoping they will help the college be “proactive instead of reactive” for any emergency situation.

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Local flavor shines through at Minnesota Square Park

The annual Rock Bend Folk Festival in St. Peter featured bands such as the Brass Kings, City Mouse and Friends, Watermelon Slim and the Workers, and the Divers. This free festival gave audiences a chance to experience unique music along with dozens of vendors selling everything from handmade baskets to homemade instruments.

A s I listened to The Go-Team through my iPod headphones on my way down to Minnesota Square Park for the annual Rock Bend Folk Festival on Saturday, I heard a steely twang. I noticed a booth dedicated to “Save the Kasota Prairie” and decided to ask the gentleman what it was all about. It wasn’t long before he had launched into the entire saga of the Kasota Prairie.

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I listened to the washboard player make some shuffle and I listened to the music they love for hours of their precious free time—who decided to devote many years of their precious free time to playing music they love for whoever would stop to listen. The band, The Brass Kings, jammed off a minor chord past the tents selling mini-cousine.

Decades ago, a big mining company tried to buy up some land about two miles from campus. Citizens of St. Peter didn’t like the idea because it would mean destroying acres and acres of natural prairie. About a dozen public hearings and lawsuits later, a compromise was reached. The mining company would give 20 acres of prairie to the citizens of St. Peter. On top of that, they’d also pay to have it restored to its natural state.

Well, it’s still there, only a couple of miles away from here, complete with walking trails and guided tours. Past the tents selling mini-doughnuts, polished rocks and dreamcatchers sat another local merchant. He was surrounded by mandolins, banjos and a couple of stringed instruments that I’ve never seen before. He must have noticed that I was looking at them curiously. "Lots of people look, but not many buy. Especially with the economy the way it is," I agreed and asked him how long he’d been making mandolins. "Since ‘78. Dropped out of college and taught myself," he said. I looked at the price tag for a banjo and quickly decided not to touch anything else. I left with a business card for Teejay’s Cricket Fiddle Instrument Company and a request to “talk me up good now.” I soon realized that I’d missed the Minnesota Zoo’s visit and the opportunity to hear from a non-electric appliance. The mandolin player wasn’t bad either; his finger-picking was fast, frantic and fascinating. The crowd sat on lawn chairs, picnic benches and blankets, listening, talking to friends and family and snacking on county fair cuisine. I noticed a booth dedicated to “Save the Kasota Prairie” and decided to ask the gentleman what it was all about. It wasn’t long before he had launched into the entire saga of the Kasota Prairie.

The whole audience, including myself, loved it all. Next, I decided to stop in at the tent belonging to the Society of Creative Anachronism. You may refer to them as medieval re-enactors.

I stayed away from the fully-garbed knight patrolling the area—he looked scary—and said hi to the guy sitting under a tree making chain link armor. He went by Peter the Wanderer (even though his real name was Gary) and he gave me some tips for making my own chain link armor. Before I left, a kindly wench offered me an e-mail sign up sheet. Apparently, because I’m 18, I’m welcome to stop by for a fight sometime, complete with authentic shields and maces.

The Rock Bend Folk Festival had the look of a county fair, the atmosphere of a family gathering and the honesty of a Dylan song. I only wish I’d seen more than the ten or so college students, because the other 99.5 percent of this campus doesn’t know what they missed.
Gustie of the Week: Lisa Brown takes a shot at the Olympic games

Amara Berthelsen
Staff Writer

When I mentioned to a few friends of mine that I was going to interview fellow Gustie Lisa Brown, the first words that came flying out of their mouths were something like this: “Lisa … she’s hilarious!” followed closely by “she’s an amazing athlete; she went to the Olympic Trials for javelin throwing this year.” I had never met Lisa before, so I really had no idea what to expect. However, in just our short half-hour interview, I could see why Lisa’s peers were so quick to comment on her sense of humor and her athletic accomplishments.

Lisa transferred from Minnesota State University-Mankato to Gustavus halfway through her first year of college after discovering that she preferred a small college setting. Although she’d been throwing both shot and disc since her freshman year of high school, she never picked up the javelin until college. “I thought the javelin sounded like fun,” she said, “but I didn’t know that I would be good at it.”

After progressively improving all season, Lisa found herself competing at the 2006 National Championships. “I was ranked sixteenth out of eighteen going into Nationals,” she said, “so I didn’t expect to win.” However, after throwing 154 feet and six inches, a personal best—174 feet and five inches—Lisa continued to excel. She placed seventh at the Drake Relays, which is a prestigious invitational track meet, and was the only Division III athlete in the top ten to do so. 

When the 2008 National Championships came along, Lisa went in ranked first and came out ranked first. Commenting on her final throw of the championship, Lisa said, “I was standing on the runway thinking, I just won Nationals again. Whatever happens, happens.” And she threw a new personal best—174 feet and five inches—for the Olympic Trials. She is the first Gustie ever to qualify. The track and field Olympic Trials were held in Eugene, Oregon, also known as “Track Town USA.” “The first day,” Lisa said, “I practiced and had the whole field to myself. It was like, ‘Wow. I’m really here.’” Although she didn’t qualify for the Olympic Finals, finishing just one place shy, Lisa now knows that she can compete with the very best athletes.

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Tom Thorkelson, began more intense, javelin-specific training: “I do a lot of javelin-specific weight training and I swim, bike and run. Sometimes,” she laughed, “I feel more like I’m training for a triathlon.” During her sophomore year, Lisa competed in the 2007 National Championship, but this time she didn’t win. She placed second. “Freshman year,” Lisa said, “I thought ‘Wow. I’m going to train for the Olympics,’ but when I didn’t improve as much over sophomore year, I wondered if that goal was too far-fetched.” Apparently, her hopes were not too far-fetched. Although the 2008 track season got off to an interesting start—all three of the home track meets were canceled due to uncooperative weather—Lisa continued to excel. She placed seventh at the Drake Relays, which is a prestigious invitational track meet, and was the only Division III athlete in the top ten to do so. Then, at the conference track meet, she broke the Gustavus and conference javelin record with a throw of 158 feet and five inches.

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“Once I was done at the trials, I realized that even though I’m Division III, I can compete with these girls, and I can beat them,” she said.

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Students at Gustavus call St. Peter home for nine months out of the year, but do we ever wonder about the history of our home-away-from-home? Due to the combined efforts of Gustavus Adolphus College, the St. Peter Community College and Family Education Office, students have several opportunities to learn about the land and history of St. Peter this fall.

There are many events to take part in this fall to learn more about St. Peter.

Saturday, Sept. 6: Morgan Creek Vineyards and Winery Tour, 3-9 p.m., $18
Tuesday, Sept. 9: The Land, 7-8 p.m., $9
Monday, Sept. 15: Beginning Spanish, 7-8 p.m., (This event is a series of four sessions, with future dates on Oct. 6, Nov. 3 and Dec. 1) $9 per session or $30 for all four sessions
Thursday, Sept. 18: What’s the Name of that Tree? 6-8 p.m., $9
Tuesday, Sept. 23: The New Minnesotans, 7-8 p.m., $9
Monday, Sept. 29: Preview Nobel Conference 44: “Who Were the First Humans?” 7-8 p.m., $9
Saturday, Oct. 11: Schell Brewing Company Tour, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., $18
Monday, Oct. 13: Lefler Lecture: Abraham Lincoln, Commander-in-Chief, 7:30-9:00 p.m., free
Thursday, Oct. 16: Which Wood Would Be Best? 7-8 p.m., $9
Tuesday, Oct. 21: Archaeology of the Minnesota River Valley, 7-8 p.m., $9
Saturday, Nov. 8: Museum of the St. Peter Regional Treatment Center, 10-11:30 p.m., $18
Tuesday, Nov. 11: The Travers des Sioux Treaty of 1851 and Its Consequences, 7-8 p.m., $9
Thursday, Nov. 20: The Staff of Life: Trees in Folklore, 7-8 p.m., $9
Tuesday, Dec. 9: In This New Land-Scandinavia Yuletide Breakfast, 8-9 a.m., $18

For more information on a specific, contact Shirley Mellem at the Gustavus Linnaeus Arboretum at 507-933-6151 or shirley@gustavus.edu. Register online for events at www.stpetercommunityonline.com or call 507-934-3048.
Tim Burton’s classic flick is a delightful nightmare

Noth ing gets me in the mood for autumn like The Night- mare Before Christmas. And since fall is right at our doorstep, the release of brand new, special edition of Tim Burton’s macabre masterpiece seems too good to be true. Thankfully, it is true. A few weeks ago, the film made its way to DVD for the first time in almost ten years, along with a bevy of wonderful bonus features that are guaranteed to make any fan of Skeleton Jack scream out in excitement.

For those who’ve never had the wonderful experience of seeing The Nightmare Before Christmas, it takes place in a village known as Halloweentown, whose inhabitants are charged with the task of organizing and carrying out the fears and frights of Halloween each year. Jack Skellington, the pumpkin king, is the protagonist. Tired of the monotonous repetition that comes with terrifying children once every year, he longs for something more meaningful.

One night, while walking through the woods and brooding over such thoughts, Jack stumbles upon a grove of trees adorned with strangely shaped doors. Compelled by curiosity, Jack investigates the door decorated with an evergreen tree and soon finds himself in Christmastown, a place of happiness and shimmering lights. Jack is astonished and decides that this year Halloweentown will takeover Christmas.

The film is shot entirely in stop-motion, an arduous style of moviemaking in which the puppets used must be adjusted roughly 20 times for every one second of film. It’s analogous to creating a flip-book comic (but on a much larger scale). Since very few films are made this way, it gives the film a unique style and a certain charm that has yet to be duplicated.

The DVD is also packed with great special features, including commentaries by Tim Burton, Director Henry Selick and musical composer Danny Elfman, as well as a number of behind the scenes documentaries and deleted scenes. As if that’s not enough, you also get two short films from Tim Burton’s earlier days: “Frankenweenie” and “Vincent.” To top it all off, legendary actor Christopher Lee does a reading of Burton’s original poem (on which the movie is based).

Whether you’ve been a fan since it came out in 1993 or haven’t even seen it yet, this special edition DVD of The Nightmare Before Christmas is really the best there is. Either go out and buy it or find a friend you can convince to do it for you. Whichever way you go about it, get into the Halloween mood with this great DVD.

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With the recent conclusion of both the Republican and the Democratic National Conventions, the election season politics rages across the country, what will be the political climate on the Gustavus campus?

Eliza L. Swedenborg
Commentary Editor

Within a crowd of 10,000 people, a single flag-draped coffin came down the road, accompanied by a slow and deliberate drumbeat. The Veterans for Peace joined numerous other organizations at the state capitol on September 1, 2008, to march in protest of the Republican National Convention (RNC).

The protesters followed the coffin down the march’s route, walking within 300 feet of the Excel Energy Center. That night, the Republican National Convention commenced, concluding three days later, on September 4, 2008.

“I think [this campus] will be full of energy on both sides,” said Sophomore Political Science major and co-president of the Gustavus College Democrats, Tessmer, co-president of the Gustavus College Republicans.

“The St. Paul air, thick with protest, politics and pepper spray, was carried as far south as St. Peter, where Gustavus students were beginning their first week of the fall semester. The excitement is likely to grow here on campus as we approach the November elections.”

“I think [this campus] will be full of energy on both sides,” said Sophomore Political Science major and co-president of the Gustavus College Republicans.

“It was a blast. Fred Thompson and Joe Lieberman ... really needed to hear ... more of what he’d like to do and who he is as a man.”

In recent history, college students do not have a great reputation for showing their political engagement at the voting booths. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the 18-to-24 age bracket had the lowest voter turnout in 2000 and 2004 at 36 and 47 percent, respectively.

“I just want to know, as a veteran and as a student, why students are so quiet now?” said Iraq War veteran Cameron White at the March on the RNC.

“There was a mass student movement during the Vietnam War. Why aren’t people outraged? So many college students I’ve met know people who have fought in Iraq and Afghanistan. Are they okay with it? Or if they are against it, why don’t they do anything about it?”

Kacy Wothe, senior political science major and co-president of the Gustavus College Democrats, foresees a different Minnesota candidates, most likely Gustavus Professor of Communication Studies and Minnesota State Legislature Democrat Terry Morrow with Republican opponent Mike Bidwell, and possibly Democratic Congressman Tim Walz with Republican opponent Brian Davis.

“I think [it] would be really good for the campus to get some opposing viewpoints clashing on campus,” said Tessmer, “to try to stir up some discussion, because that’s really what we want; we want discussion and we want people to learn from each other and bring that intellectual diversity and intellectual growth that comes from challenging and defending ideas.”

The College Democrats are hosting a barbeque for anyone interested at 6:30 p.m. this Friday, Sept. 12 in the Johns Family Courtyard. Representative Moritz and an evening vigil.

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Iraq War Veteran

Despite the tense dialogue between democrats and republicans at the national level, the Gustavus College Democrats and Republicans are collaborating this year to encourage voter turnout.

“It’s something, I’ve strived to do, because I think that we can do more together than we can apart,” said Senior Political Science Major Carla Shutrop, co-president of the Gustavus College Republicans.

“Even though there are a lot of differences between our organizations in beliefs, etc., in the end we all have the same goals. We want people to be involved and engaged, and our groups have always been able to work together since I’ve been here.”

One way the two groups hope to work together is by hosting debates on campus with different Minnesota candidates, most likely Gustavus Professor of Communication Studies and Minnesota State Legislature Democrat Terry Morrow with Republican opponent Mike Bidwell, and possibly Democratic Congressman Tim Walz with Republican opponent Brian Davis.

“I think [it] would be really good for the campus to get some opposing viewpoints clashing on campus,” said Tessmer, “to try to stir up some discussion, because that’s really what we want; we want discussion and we want people to learn from each other and bring that intellectual diversity and intellectual growth that comes from challenging and defending ideas.”
of Change

With the recent conclusion of both the Republican and the Democratic National Conventions, the election season is in full swing. While a storm of politics rages across the country, what will be the political climate on the Gustavus campus?

“I think we’re going to see some of the biggest turnout by college students ever. College students become interested in something new and fresh, and here, regardless of the outcome, we have a history-making election.”

- Senior Kacy Wothe

Both groups are making efforts to bring candidates to campus to speak and interact with students. The College Democrats have confirmed Morrow, the College Republicans confirmed Bidwell and Minnesota House Majority Leader Marty Seifert. The Republicans are also hoping to bring in Norm Coleman and possibly Governor Tim Pawlenty.

The College Democrats sponsored a rally for Senate candidate Al Franken on Saturday, September 6, as a part of Franken’s tour of college campuses around the state. Over 100 students showed up to see him speak.

“I think [students] are going to play a big role,” said Al Franken after Saturday’s rally. “I feel the excitement on college campuses for Obama. They’re hungry for change, or they’re hungry for a different approach.”

“What we’ve seen in the last two elections,” Franken said, “is [that] people under thirty are voting Democratic better than 60-40, and I think that is because they’ve grown up watching the Bush administration. I think they desperately want a change, so I think we’re going to have a big turnout among college kids—a big turnout for Obama and a big turnout for me and a big turnout for the DFL-ers for the state.”

“I think college students can literally turn this election,” said Tessmer. “If they choose to go out and become active and ditch the apathy that our age demographic and our generation is notorious for, we could turn the election for either side.”

Left: Protestors gathered at the state capitol on Sept. 1 before beginning their march on the Republican National Convention. Some protestors, like those pictured above, were creative in the method they chose to convey their opposition to the Republican Party, and specifically Sen. John McCain.

Right: The protestors waving flags above represent a group entitled Youth Against War and Racism (YAWR). Founded by students from Kennedy High School in Bloomington, MN, YAWR is a national network of youth activists opposed to the American military presence in Iraq.

Far Left: Among the protestors marching on the RNC, a group entitled Veterans for Peace followed a coffin down the street, commemorating soldiers who have died in Iraq, a sacrifice the group believes is unnecessary.

Center: Inside the Excel Energy Center thousands in the crowd watch while presidential hopeful Sen. John McCain delivers a 50-minute speech. Meanwhile, journalists type away on laptops.

Right: St. Paul police, outfitted in riot gear with clubs in hand, watch as protestors file past. Multiple times throughout the RNC police used force to control the crowds.
Everybody love Reagan
Actions speak louder

Andrew Evenson
Staff Columnist

Hope! Reform! Change we can believe in! Stand up and fight for your country! There is no more exciting time in the presidential elections for a political junkie like me than during the Democratic and Republican National Conventions. Hour after hour I sat in front of my TV watching C-SPAN’s no-frills coverage of the old and new stars of each of our country’s two main political parties making their cases for the future of our nation. There was, however, one main theme that rang in my ears after all of my TV watching C-SPAN’s publican National Conventions. During the Democratic and Republican delegates in St. Paul last week he declared that this election is the most important in recent history, and it will be decided by “the people ... not the media, not Hollywood celebrities, not anyone else.” He was also correct when he said that Barack Obama got his start in community organizing. He was incorrect, however, and insulting to thousands of people across this country when he characterized that experience as “nada, nothing.”

Barack Obama got his start in public service as a community organizer on the south side of Chicago where he worked with church congregations in highly diverse, blue collar neighborhoods to help them cope with the loss of the local industry.

According to an article in The Nation, his work earned him $15,000 a year and $2000 to buy a car, “a beat-up blue Honda Civic, which Obama drove for the next three years organizing more than twenty congregations to change their neighborhoods.” That work drove his life’s work and his career as a politician.

His colleagues described him in glowing terms, saying that he was “a strategist who could turn general problems into specific, winnable issues.” He fought hard and was tested while attempting to change neighborhoods largely forgotten and ignored by much of the mainstream political conversation.

Obama never gave up in the face of opposition. He continued to fight for the people on the south side of Chicago to get a shot at the American dream. He is dedicated to the idea that the dream is for us all, not just a privileged few.

Obama’s story should serve as a reminder that Americans who serve their country in as many ways as there are opportunities to do so. John McCain was tested, both physically and emotionally in Hanoi and yes, McCain did put his “country first” time and again, but so did Barack Obama. Obama’s spirit for public service has been tested since his first day as a community organizer when he was twenty-four years old.

His dedication to ensuring that the opportunities for achievement and success in this country are available to everyone is how Obama put “country first.” His spirit does not come from serving in the armed forces, but in the vigilant effort to pursue the idea that all people deserve to lead a fulfilling and prosperous life. It lies in the idea that for one man to own seven houses when there are millions who will never own one in their lifetime is unfair, unjust and un-American. It lies in the idea that, as the late Senator Paul Wellstone said, “We all do better when we all do better.”

When Giuliani ignited the chorus of laughter at Obama’s biography of public service and pursuit of the American dream—a theme which would carry throughout the remainder of the convention—Giuliani and the RNC attendees laughed in the face of millions of Americans living below the poverty line who yearn for the day when they will never again need to choose between paying rent and putting food on the table. They laughed at the woman in Minneapolis who struggles to raise two children alone on two part-time salaries. They laughed at every person in this country who has ever dedicated their life to working for the greater good—including Dr. Martin Luther King, who was a ...
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need to be kept low in order to strengthen our economy, but he also understands that you can’t cut taxes while massively increasing spending. Although I still have disagreements with Senator McCain on some of these issues, I have developed a great respect for his positions and admire his courage to lead in tough situations.

Governor Sarah Palin also has a record of acting with courage on tough issues. She took on the corrupt Republican political machine in Alaska and won, which isn’t an easy task for someone without expansive political connections. One example of her reformist record is how she sold the jet her predecessor had bought with state money. “That luxury jet was over the top,” Palin said to loud cheers at the Republican convention. “I put it on eBay.” She also took on the big oil companies in Alaska by taxing them as heavily as other companies and she has even been praised by environmentalists for taking on political corruption related to the oil and gas industry. Sarah Palin knows that actions speak louder.

Barack Obama faced tough votes on issues when he was in the Illinois State Senate, but 129 times he chose to bypass going on the record with a “yes” or “no” and simply voted “present.” One of the votes he voted “present” on concerned whether or not a doctor could provide medical care to a child who was supposed to be aborted but was somehow born anyway. Voting “present” on tough issues like this isn’t John McCain or Sarah Palin’s style and it isn’t the kind of leadership our country needs.

Finally, when it comes to who you can trust as Commander-in-Chief, John McCain has a long history of successful leadership that Barack Obama lacks. As a prisoner of war in Vietnam, he refused to be released before those who were captured ahead of him, and he tried to boost morale among his fellow prisoners by giving them small signs that he was OK. When the President began the war in Iraq, John McCain said they needed more troops. Now success is being achieved in Iraq through the troop surge that he supported and Senator Obama still opposes. In the global security climate that exists today, we need a president who is ready to act immediately in the best interest of our country. John McCain has the judgment, the experience and the courage to keep our country safe.

Barack Obama and Joe Biden are good men who love their families and their country, but when it comes time to act on all of the hard decisions that a president must make, I believe John McCain and Sarah Palin have the records of action we need. A speech can’t win a war, strengthen our economy or improve our health care system, so this election, don’t vote for the candidate who gives you the most goose bumps; vote for the team of action who can lead on day one.

On the lighter side...

You are incredibly sexy while intoxicated

Maggie Sotos
Staff Columnist

From the desk of Maggie’s Wild Weekend:
Well hello there, handsome stranger. I didn’t know about your eye, as have the other scantily dressed women at this bar. The difference between those bar-hoes and me is that they are here tonight with male companions. As you have observed, I am not. I see you are offering to buy me a beverage. Let the courtship rituals of the evening begin.

Why yes, I do come around here often. I don’t know why you wouldn’t have seen me before, as I usually have dinner with the other singletons desperately craving the temporary acceptance and sense of worth that a one-night-stand can provide. Well, last week I was wearing a hat—maybe that threw you off.

My goodness, you certainly are talented at singing along to this song. No no, it’s okay, keep going. I just didn’t know anything meaningful to communicate at this juncture anyway. I think it’s a great opportunity to memorize and recite rock songs from the 1976-1981 era is indicative of a virile specimen; I look for it in my potential mates. I’ve never heard anyone belt out “Piano Man” with impressive flexibility and seething sexuality. And crying my back and shoulders, I think a man’s ability to communicate at this juncture any-thing is extremely sexy.

I’m a Woman of the New Millennium, and I need a man who will provide for me (offering me a cup full of a mysterious fizzing drink does not count as ‘providing’). And I’m also looking for a man who will protect me although stumbling around and challenging every other male within a five foot radius to “look at her again like that, man. Come on, I dare you!” I freakin’... God I’m gonna go call Lorrie,” does not make me feel inherently safer. I can see your inner beauty, Prince Charming, but before we take things too fast I should tell you that I have needs.

I must confess that your seeming inability to remain standing for extended periods of time is quite endearing. How did you know that “helping those with significantly greater body mass than myself up off the floor” was listed under my Facebook profile activities? You are quite the Casanova. You slide around on the bathroom floor with impressive flexibility and seething sexuality. And crying out the name of your ex as you wretch into the porcelain is nothing short of erotic, raw power. If you hug women with half the passion with which you’re currently hugging that toilet, I think this could be the beginning of a tumultuous affair.

Yes, yes, our future does indeed look bright. I think this evening’sW hom’s projected interactions will be mutually beneficial in addressing each party’s raging hormones, overwhelming sense of loneliness and the fear of dying in solitude eaten by our domestic pets. But before this bout of upgrading, loveless sex can commence, you need some water. Here you go. And stop calling me Lorrie.
Those "fairies" are the values campaigning three years to bring in Greens, who have been campaigning and especially the Gustavus students. The editor intends entitled students to become involved in the production of The Weekly. Interested students should contact the editor-in-chief.

The following are the editorial and advertising policies of The Gustavian Weekly.

PURPOSE: The Gustavian Weekly is a student-run, written and produced campus newspaper that attempts to bring the community comprehensive coverage of the news and events affecting our campus. The Weekly is not only an extra-curricular activity, but also a service to the college community in general and the students in particular. The editors invite interested students to become involved in the production of The Weekly. Interested students should contact the editor-in-chief.

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STAFF WRITING: The Weekly will attempt to produce the most journalistic, well-written and informative articles possible. The editors and community should be aware, however, that The Weekly is a college newspaper and a training ground for students. The staff aims to meet professional journalistic standards but cannot reasonably be expected to succeed in all situations. Constructive criticism can help us learn from our mistakes, while ridicule is of little value. Cognizant of the potential for conflict of interest in a small student body, The Weekly will strive for objectivity in its reporting. Writers with a special interest in a particular organization will not write articles relating to that organization, otherwise an editor's note following the article will disclose the writer's involvement. The staff and editors will attempt to be responsible contributors on issues affecting the college community and encourage others to do the same. Accordingly, The Weekly encourages the submission of letters to the editor.

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Friday, September 12

Announcement:
Members of the St. Peter Co-Op are welcome to enjoy live music, discounted prices and a wide range of free samples all weekend. For the rest of us non-member losers, we can stand outside the window and weep.

College Democrats BBQ 6:00 p.m.
Today’s special: Roasted Elephant.

Women’s Tennis at Gopher Invitational 7:30 p.m.
The Invitational is at the U of M, but given Gustavus’s recent gopher invasion I think we could hold it here. God, those things are so creepy! They just pop their little heads up like freakin’ Whack-a-Moles and then vanish.

Progressive Progressives Dinner 5:00 p.m.
A dinner sponsored by the Greens, so expect to be served veggies, tofu and fruit grown in politically correct locations.

On-Campus Movie, Sex and the City 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
Are you a Carrie, Charlotte, Miranda or Samantha? Trick, question, honey: THEY’RE ALL FICTIONAL CHARACTERS!

Saturday, September 13

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BRITTANY SALISBURY! 11:00 a.m.
With a last name like that, maybe your peeps will get you some steak for the big day.

Pridefest in Mankato All Day
So. Gay.

Volleyball hosts Gustie Triangular All Day
Triangular? What is this, a geometry convention or a Queers and Allies Meeting?

Men’s Golf at St. John’s Invitational All Day
Our golf program better be stellar, now that they took over a whole Racquetball Court for themselves. Ugh. Sorry, some of us are a little bitter.

Women’s Cross Country at Grinnell Invitational 10:00 a.m.
A bunch of attractive, blonde, college-aged women running as hard as they can in a corn field? Sounds more like a slasher film than an athletic invite.

Football at Coe College 1:00 p.m.
Ah, but who does Associate Director of Admission Megan Coe root for?

On-Campus Movie, Sex and the City 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
She should be with Aidan, not Big. There. I said it. What? We’re all thinking it!

Monday, September 15

Teachers Talking 5:30 p.m. and while they talk, students text under their desks.

China and Food Reading Group 5:30 p.m. 
... or you could just walk down to The Great Wall and read on your own. Done.

Chinese Lessons author John Pomfret 7:00 p.m.
I’d go, but I have to be to The Kite Runner for my friend, and I’ll have to climb Mountains Upon Mountains to find it. Gosh, sometimes I feel like such a Honky.

Tuesday, September 16

Birdwalk through the Arb 7:30 a.m.
Wait, hold up, let me get this straight: you get up at 7:30 a.m. to look at birds? That’s what retirement is for, dude!

Writing Center open House 3:30 p.m.
A great place to learn wrong from write! Get it? WRITE! Hehehe hehe he ugh. Is it Christmas break yet?

Proclaim 9:00 p.m.
Young children singing and celebrating the joy of Christianity. It’s like Sister Act II, except, you know, without all of the black people.

Women’s Awareness Center Meeting 9:00 p.m.
At this evening’s meeting, the women will be discussing the pros of Sarah Palin’s VP nomination. The meeting should be over by 9:12 p.m.

Wednesday, September 17

Birdwalk Why do I picture a raptor on the hunt? They hunt in threes, you know...

Prepare Ministries Like Proclaim, only without the joviality and ban.

Can I Kiss You? 8:00 p.m.
CAUTION: Attendance at this speaker may cause laughing, happiness, increased sense of awareness and confidence in relationships, as well as the promotion of healthy communication.

Thursday, September 18

Doug Thorpe Address 7:00 p.m.
He’s written a book. What have you done with your life?

Gustavus Greens Meeting 8:30 p.m.
As Americans we must protect endangered species. This is an issue that crosses party lines. As one of our own beloved conservatives put it, “If you and I don’t stand up for these most innocent lives, who will?”

KGSM, Must Be the Moon 9:00 p.m.
If Emma Squire keeps playing that indie-music nonsense I will kick her to the moon.

FIIA 9:00 p.m.
A celebration of Swedish heritage and culture. This week they will go raid other ILS Houses, pillage their kitchens and plunder the lawn and landscaping ... just like real Vikings!
New-look Gusties seek MIAC gold

Gustavus opens season with a victory over UM-Morris

Despite the current drought in greater Minnesota, the grass here at Gustavus is freshly cut and looking as green as ever. The sight of these fine fields is just a friendly reminder that the fall sports season is underway.

The Gustavus Women’s Soccer team opened their season with a 3-0 win over the University of Minnesota-Morris. Coming together to keep everything out of the net were Sophomore Chelsea Bayer and Senior Ashley Ohlson, and Junior Chelsea Craven led the Gustavus offense by scoring the first goal and assisting the third. Also scoring for the Gusties were Senior Captains Ashley Voigtlander and Christy Tupy.

Although the Gusties fell 3-1 to the University of Wisconsin- Stevens Point in their second game of the season, they have set the bar high and maintain a hopeful outlook.

Sophomore forward Ashley Anderson, who scored the only goal against Stevens Point, believes that the key to a winning season will be “staying positive and competitive.” Junior defender Rachel Iblings agrees and also notes that, “Stevens Point has always been a good team and we competed very well with them.”

The win over Morris is expected to be a good team. Anderson said, “In years past, we would get into these terrible ruts after a loss.” Kwapick helped the Gusties 4-2.

Although many familiar faces remain, the team as a whole has made some changes this season. Anderson said that the team’s “passing has improved and chemistry on and off the field is really good.” Iblings said that fans can “expect to see more attack from our offense and definitely more shooting.”

This new style of play will be key, not only in scoring goals, but also in reaching the goals they have set for themselves this season. Sophomore midfielder Nicole Kwapick said that they hope to be in the “top four of the conference, make it to playoffs, stay positive and bounce back after losses.” Kwapick helped the effort against Morris by assisting Craven’s goal.

These next few games will play a crucial role in determining whether or not these aspirations will be attainable this season. Iblings said, “In years past, we would get into these terrible ruts after a loss.”

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New-look Gusties seek MIAC gold
Newly decorated alum Trevor Wittwer has joined a very short list of Gustavus grads who have played professional basketball overseas. Wittwer has been residing in Werne, Germany, for the past three weeks, earning a living by playing professional basketball.

Werne, a town of about 30,000 people, is located in the northwestern part of Germany, less than 10 miles from the city of Dortmund. His team, TV Werne 03, plays in the 2. Regionaliga Division—one of the lower divisions of the league.

Much like he was in his basketball career at Gustavus, Wittwer is looked to as a go-to scorer and a leader on the floor. As one of the older, more experienced players on the team, he is a perfect fit for the role. Listed as guard in the Werne team roster, Wittwer is playing a different position professionally than the forward position he played in college.

In their first game of the season, a six-point win, Wittwer scored 30 points and fouled out late in the game. Their season stretches from the first week of September all the way into March, over which their seemingly minimal twenty-five game schedule is spread out. There are also rule changes from the American game that have staggered Wittwer a little bit.

“The biggest challenge I would have to say is the rules, and not being able to talk to the officials. They have different rules when it comes to traveling and the games are officiated much differently. They get an extra step that is crazy and really hard to guard,” said Wittwer.

“Practice is a lot different, not quite as intense as college. The language is a struggle on a daily basis. Only a few guys on the team know pretty good English, so communicating can be difficult at times: a lot of showing and not very much explaining.”

Wittwer is playing under a seven-month contract that expires at the end of the season. He’ll return to the States in April and will look for a new team, perhaps in Italy or Spain, for next season.

“I am thrilled for Trevor that he is getting the opportunity to play overseas,” said Mark Hanson, the men’s head basketball coach. “It is a valuable learning opportunity that doesn’t come around all the time. "He still loves playing basketball and this allows him to do that.”

According to Coach Hanson, the other Gusties who have played abroad make up a very exclusive list, a list that includes Tom Carlson ’78 (Germany), Ross Peterson ’79 (Australia), Bobby Johnson ’01 (Germany) and Coach Hanson who graduated in 1983 and played professionally in Sweden.

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Schoenebeck’s Swan Song

After 14 years at the helm of Gustavus’ football program, Head Coach Jay Schoenebeck has decided to step down at season’s end.

He’s one of the most wonderful people I’ve met,” said Gustavus Athletic Director Al Molde. “His personality, warmth and deep feeling for all players on his team has led us to have a program representative of his embodied character... He bleeds black and gold.”

Schoenebeck arrived on the hill via Green Bay in 1976 and spent the next four autumns in the backfield for the Gusties. Upon graduation, the All-American tailback stayed with the program, instructing the tight ends and wide receivers—the first of his eventual 29 years of coaching. He also coached at the University of Wisconsin-Madison for two seasons, where he received his Master’s degree in Educational Administration, as well as South Dakota State University, before being handed the reigns of his alma mater in 1994.

Over the course of his career at Gustavus, Schoenebeck’s record sits at 69-72 overall and 59-61 in conference play before the start of the current season. Against MIAC powerhouses St. John’s and Bethel, who have won or shared 12 of the last 14 conference titles, Schoenebeck’s Gusties have amassed a 4-24 record against those two programs. Although the Gusties win/loss numbers haven’t always been stellar, the impact of their current head coach is certainly felt considering the state in which he leaves the program.

“His impact on the program from the development of the players, to their values, work ethic and commitment, as well as his major impact in the development of the stadium, has the program in the perfect position for the future,” said Offensive Coordinator Tom Brown. “I fully understand and respect his decision to commit himself to his immediate family.”

As far as this season goes, the Gusties hope to improve upon their 3-5 mark of last season. Gustavus returns 14 starters from last season (eight on defense, six on offensive) as well as 34 letterwinners from a year ago. Led by Senior Captains defensive lineman Teddy Alckson, offensive lineman Jared Thelemann and wide out Chad Arlt, as well as Junior safety Joe Welch, the Gusties have strong pieces already in place.

Junior Jordan Becker steps in under center for the Gusties being the first quarterback other than Jordan Stolp to start there since 2004. He’s surrounded by tremendous pass-catching talent, highlighted by Arlt who is coming off a 100 catch season and is a preseason All-America selection. Arlt is joined on the wings by fellow Senior John Retka and Junior Cameron Maurer who helped shoulder the burden last season, as well as talented First-Year players Elliott Herdina and Logan Becker, Jordan’s younger brother.

The Gustie defense comes back this season returning their entire secondary as well as three downlineman that saw extensive time last season. Senior cornerbacks Ethan Armstrong and Issac Perry team with Junior free safety Hamada Omar and Welch give Gustavus an experienced defensive backfield that hopes to improve from last season.

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end Christian Vanek hope to make life difficult for the opposing offensive line. Senior Peter Keegan and Junior Tony Palma will patrol the middle for the Gusties, a very vital portion of their team defense.

There are new pieces to this seasons machine but if they are to be successful, this team will rely heavily on their veteran leadership on both sides of the ball.

“For me, this will be a very special season,” said Schoenebeck. “I’ve been associated with this program for a lot of years and its been a big part of my life... It’s important for the staff to stay focused. This isn’t about me, it’s about the team over the next 10 weeks.”

Gustavus begins their season this weekend in Cedar Rapids, IA against Coe College. They open up the season at home on September 20 against Hamline.

“As far as coach Schoenebeck’s resignation, I believe he is doing what he believes in. Family values are a very important part of his life and with the arrival of his daughter last year, he wants to be there for her and his wife. As she gets older, it’s important to be a significant part of her life,” said Thelemann. “Coach always tells the team how important family values are and we should cherish our families and now it is his time to do just that.”