With a new year comes a new student government. Student Senate elections will be held next Monday, Sept. 22, outside the Evelyn Young Family Dining Room from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Two pairs of students are seeking the Student Senate Presidential Office. Senior Dance Major Shawn Grygo and Senior Communication Studies Major Luke Neher are running against Junior Management Major Ashley Melville and Junior Political Science Major Chad Allen. In addition, a variety of representative positions are open.

Current Co-Presidents Kim Edelbrock and Tony Spain administered. Edelbrock was the Director of Communication under the Eydelbrock/Spain administration. Melville accepted the position of Vice President of Finance under Braun and Neher. Allen has served as the Senate’s Diversity Committee Chair and was also a candidate for the Senate presidency in the last election. Melville and Allen have consciously made a decision to run a positive campaign. “I have no intention of ever bad-mouthing our opponents or even saying that we can do a better job than they can. I think that all of us are very qualified for this position. But I think that Chad and I can do a very good job,” Melville said.

But Grygo and Garrison have some concerns about their opponents’ ability to govern effectively. “It is little disappointing to look at our opponents’ record. Last year, Chad was appointed Chair of the Diversity Committee. He dropped that, and said he didn’t have time for it. If you don’t have time to be the Diversity Chair, how do you have time to be president?” Garrison asked.

“I was over-involved, hyper-involved. I had a very heavy course-load and was very involved in a fraternity. I think [my resignation from Senate] was a good decision. If I hadn’t resigned at that point, I would have lost my interest in Senate and been burnt out. I can’t do something unless I can do it 100 percent, and I am ready to go 100 percent in Senate again,” Allen said.

The Financial Controversy
At the end of last semester, Student Senate faced problems in the annual budgeting process. As the student governing body, Senate is responsible for allocating money to student organizations. This spring, however, that didn’t happen. In a tremendous oversight, Student Senate over-estimated the amount of money it had to allocate to organizations. It was believed that Senate controlled the entire amount of student organization fees.

Ashley Melville, a current presidential candidate, was serving as the Vice President of Finance during the budgeting process. “Yes, it was a train wreck. Yes, it didn’t go as planned,” Melville admits.

But she believes the process is flawed and hopes to make the process “fluid” if she is elected president.

“So many administrations have gone through word-of-mouth training. It just didn’t work this time. It just happened. If you need to point a finger at somebody, point it at me. I’ll take that blame. And I will take that blame wholeheartedly confident that everything is OK because I busted my [butt] all summer to make it better. So blame me, but find me an organization that hasn’t gotten what it needed,” Melville said.

Still, her opponents are concerned by this misstep. “If you don’t know what you are doing, you need to ask questions. That is a big thing that I wish Ashley would have done during the budgeting process,” Grygo said.

Under whatever administration is elected on Monday, yearly budgets will be discussed and allocated at the first Senate meeting.

A Constitutional Convention
Last fall, Student Senate decided to change the presidential term from a calendar year to an academic year. Tony Spain, former Co-President of Student Senate believes that this helps Senate to function more effectively. “We wanted a chance for the presidents-elect to have a semester to shadow the current presidents so we wouldn’t have inexperienced presidents leading Senate,” Spain said. Senate amended their Constitution so that new presidents would be elected in February, and would then follow the current presidents for the remainder of the academic year.

In January, concerns about the required qualifications of presidential candidates arose. Previously, first-years were not allowed to run for the Senate presidency, but with the change in presidential terms, some Senators thought that first-years should be allowed to run, as they would not be taking office until the beginning of their sophomore year. In the absence of many elected Senators due to January interim courses, a combination of elected Senators and proxy Senators amended the Constitution. This made it so that first-years are eligible to run for the highest office of the Student Senate.

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Elections are September 22nd
Remember to vote

The Gustavus Judicial Board. Following debate, the Judicial Board ruled that Senate had to form a committee to examine the Constitution and correct any missteps in amending it in the past. Also, Senate was commanded to have a re-election this fall to elect new presidents, due to the errors in which the amendment occurred.

“The problem is that Student Senate is bound by its Constitution, and unfortunately, the Constitution that we should have been operating by said that a first-year could not be Co-President. I would have supported the ruling had they ruled to allow the co-presidents to finish their term, but they did not, and I understand where they came from and I respect that,” said Conor Bennett, senior political science major and former representative for Student Senate.

Co-President Lucas Neher has worked very hard on revising the Constitution. “It has gone very well so far, and I am very excited with its progress. There will be many exciting changes coming to Senate,” Neher said.

The Constitutional revisions will be discussed at the first full-Senate meeting this semester, on Monday the 29th at 7pm.

CORRECTION:
Environmentally conscious improvements on campus

Charles Owens
Staff Writer

Reusable to-go containers, high-efficiency washing machines and fluorescent light bulbs are a few of the many changes the Gustavus campus has undergone as a way to convert to new energy-efficient and pro-green policies.

Dining Services is phasing out paper to-go boxes and has introduced reusable containers, or “GustieWare.” Dining Services Director Steve Kjellgren estimates 250,000 cardboard to-go boxes were used and thrown away by students every year.

Because the dining service is à la carte instead of an all-you-can-eat, it helps cut down on waste. “There’s a connection between every glass of milk and a banana that you as a consumer put on your plate and a value. So you know that if that glass of milk costs 80 cents and that banana costs 70 cents, you’re not going to take four glasses of milk and five bananas, where in an all-you-can-eat situation you will, because you won’t want to go back. … [People] take two or three bananas, and if they don’t want them they throw them away.”

Physical Plant has also been working alongside Dining Service in the environmental initiative. Most of the thirty-two watt fluorescent light bulbs on the Market Place have been replaced with twenty-five watt bulbs. Although this would normally mean less power and less light, Director of the Physical Plant Warren Wunderlich explained, “Theoretically, it will produce as much light, if not more light. We’ve heard a couple of other places doing it. … We replaced those with 1.1 gallon toilets [were] older than that and flushed three, four gallons. We replaced those with 1.1 gallon or 1.28,” said Wunderlich. This effort came about due to rising costs of water, and Wunderlich expects that in three years Gustavus will see substantial savings in both money and gallons of water. Head of the Johnson Center for Environmental Initiative Jim Dontje said, “We have a unique situation where we can both do and teach at the same time. We need to change ourselves as we teach students to go out and make change in the world.”

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“… So we had a student working here this summer and that was part of his priorities [to research the possibility of having it on our campus].” Wunderlich noted that in addition to saving energy, the lower-watt bulbs save the campus money. Other lighting projects across the campus include sensors that turn off or dim lights when ever a room is empty or there is sufficient sunlight.

This past summer, high-efficiency washing machines were installed in all the dormitories. These machines run on a special detergent and will save both resources and money. Sophomore Psychology Major and Collegiate Fellow in the Carlson International Center Victoria Hidalgo Gonzalez said, “I don’t understand how they work, but they save the college water and money, and they do a good job cleaning our clothes.”

About $40,000 was spent during the summer to replace many of the toilets. These toilets were in older buildings and predated legislation that mandated that toilets flushed no more than 1.6 gallons of water. “Fifty percent of the toilets were older than that and flushed three, four gallons. We replaced those with 1.1 gallon or 1.28,” said Wunderlich. This effort came about due to rising costs of water, and Wunderlich expects that in three years Gustavus will see substantial savings in both money and gallons of water.

“… Maybe we’ll be looking to the wider community for the changes. The utilities might be making some changes [to electric ity] that might pay for that.”

Dontje, Kjellgren and Wunderlich realize there are still more challenges to overcome. Dontje says the solution to the campus’ energy consumption could be installing wind turbines. For Dining Services, there is still the issue of food waste, and Kjellgren wants to see a compost established in a few years.

Wunderlich has been able to make cost-saving changes, but says the campus’ greatest environmental challenge—replacing fossil fuels with alternative sources—will be costly.

“As we proceed, we’re going to be bumping up into some more expensive alternatives, and perhaps a decision [may be called for] to do them even though the economic payback might not be as good, just because it’s the right thing to do,” said Wunderlich. “At some point these become motivated by doing the right thing instead of saving the most money.”

Lunch Menu
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Valid Daily From 10:30am til 3:00pm
Any Oven Baked Sandwich
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Medium 1-topping Pizza
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Grilled Caesar Chicken Salad
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Large 1-topping Pizza
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1-topping Pizzas
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Medium Single Topper
$7.99 Code RP41
Medium 1-topping Pizza
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Two on Tuesday
$10.99 Code 3343
Two Medium
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### Making peace on campus: A call for faithful action

*In observance of the International Day of Peace, Dr. Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer is giving a free public lecture titled “Peacemaking and Human Rights: A Call for Faithful Action.” Observed on Sept. 21, the International Day of Peace was established by the United Nations in 1982 and is celebrated annually as a time when individuals and governments focus on ways of ending conflict peacefully and generally promoting peace.*

Dr. Nelson-Pallmeyer’s lecture is co-sponsored by Amnesty International and St. Peter United Methodist Fellowship and will take place in Wallenberg Auditorium at 7 p.m. on Sept. 21st.

Nelson-Pallmeyer is an associate professor of justice and peace studies at the University of St. Thomas. He has written numerous books on the subject of peace and justice, including *War Against the Poor and Hunger for Justice: the Politics of Food and Faith*, the latter of which was used extensively as a resource by U.S. anti-hunger groups throughout the 1980s.

“Dr. Nelson-Pallmeyer was chosen to speak because he has taught and published extensively on peacemaking and human rights,” said Reverend Amy Jo Bur of the St. Peter United Methodist Fellowship. “[Pallmeyer] has been active in leadership of the campaign to close the U.S. Army School of the Americas.”

Pallmeyer’s credentials include a Master of Divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York City, where he focused his studies on the politics and faith dimensions of hunger. His Master’s thesis eventually became his first book, *Hunger for Justice.* Pallmeyer later served for nearly five years as the national program director of the Politics of Food Program for the interfaith organization Clergy and Laity Concerned.

Nelson-Pallmeyer recently sought to bring his platform to the U.S. Senate, running for the DFL Party, but was defeated by Al Franken.

As to how students can get involved in the cause of peace, Bur said, “[Anyone can] make a commitment to nonviolent conflict resolution in their personal lives. Students can become part of Amnesty International, their local faith community or other organizations that promote systemic peace and human rights advocacy. Students can take a class on peace studies and become part of the Gustavus May Day celebration.” Bur also recommends the writings of Thomas Merton, Martin Luther King, Jr., Desmond Tutu and Mahatma Gandhi for anyone interested in learning more about peace.

“I hope that people will become more aware of how we can be part of efforts to promote peace and end the abuse of human rights,” said Bur.

### WEEKLY Safety and Security Report

#### Sunday, September 7
A student was cited by Safety and Security and Saint Peter Police Department for underage consumption. SPPD transported the student to the hospital.

A student in Sorenson Hall was charged with underage consumption.

Safety and Security was called to Norelius Hall for a domestic dispute boyfriend/girlfriend.

A student who took a photo of a deceased student was cited for trespass.

#### Monday, September 8
A student reported that they received a nuisance phone call.

A request was made to Safety and Security for a welfare check on a student in a residence hall.

#### Tuesday, September 9
A Gustavus student reported the theft of personal items from Dining Service area.

A student in Sorenson Hall was cited for underage possession of alcohol.

#### Wednesday, September 10
Safety and Security was dispatched to Sorenson Hall for an incident involving alcohol.

A student who took a photo of a deceased student was cited for trespass.

A student was cited for underage consumption.

#### Thursday, September 11
Safety and Security and the St. Peter Police Department responded to Norelius Hall for an underage consumption. The student was cited and released.

#### Saturday, September 13
A request was made to Safety and Security for a welfare check on a student in a residence hall.

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#### Crime Prevention Tip of the Week:
**Your Residence**

Thieves are opportunists! Several community members reported non-forced burglaries (rooms were not locked) to Safety and Security. Theft was reported in Sorenson Hall as well as Norelius Hall.

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“It is a great honor to have my work recognized in this way,” said Briggs, who went on to say, “I’ll be working on a project related to my last [one], on the topic of consumerism.”

The money from the fellowship will help finance her travels to China, where she plans on taking photos of manufacturers. These photos will then be included in a series with other photos of consumers in America. Briggs says she hopes to shed light on the issues of “identity within a capitalist society.”

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It is not often that a college can find a professor who perfectly matches the institution, but Gustavus has found this in Richard Leitch, this issue’s Gustie of the Week.

As an Associate Professor of Political Science, Leitch has become a visible fixture in the campus community. An educator at Gustavus since 1996, Leitch teaches courses such as International Relations, Comparative Politics, Asian Politics, Environmental Politics, Analyzing Japan and Politics of Developing Nations.

Last June, he was awarded the 2008 Edgar M. Carlson Award for Distinguished Teaching during the college’s commencement ceremony. His courses are some of the first to fill up during registration. This comes as no surprise to students who know Leitch for his energy and enthusiasm in the classroom.

“He’s very charismatic, and he knows what he’s talking about. Plus, he’s entertaining to listen to,” said Junior Political Science and Environmental Studies Major Brian Curran.

According to the Gustavus website, one student wrote, “Professor Leitch brings an amazing enthusiasm into the classroom. He becomes more than just your teacher, but also your colleague. He pushes you to excel and have a real desire to learn.” Another student simply stated that Leitch “inspires true critical thought—the best teacher I have ever had.” There’s no question that Leitch is among the most popular professors on campus.

Despite his popularity, Leitch remains very humble. When told that he was a rock star of sorts on campus, he responded with a characteristic sense of modesty and humor. “What does that mean, I’m a rock star? Does that mean I have to walk around in leather pants? I can’t even play air-guitar!” said Leitch. “But no, I’m just so lucky, and I love what I do.”

Leitch is passionate about his job and the students here. “Gustavus is the bomb. I love Gustavus, and I could not imagine being at a different college. People here are doing what they really want to do; they want to be here. This college has all the things that made me want to get into teaching in the first place,” said Leitch.

Leitch is presently writing a book on Japanese domestic politics. He earned his Ph.D. in Political Science from Illinois in 1995, where he was the recipient of the Harriet and Charles Luckman Award for Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching and the College of Liberal Arts Award for Distinguished Teaching by a Graduate Assistant. His research interests include Japanese domestic politics and foreign policy, and he is the co-author of Japan’s Role in the Post-Cold War World (1995). He earned his B.A. in East Asian Studies from Colby College in 1985. After a two year career on Wall Street, he went on to earn a Master’s in Asian Studies from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

He lives in Mankato with his wife, his son Bill, his daughter Abbey and two dogs. When asked what he did this summer, Leitch said, “I was the proverbial soccer-dad. Both of my kids played competitive soccer, which meant that we were driving them all over the state.” Besides cheering on his kids, Leitch also wrote a scholarly review for a book about Japanese politics.

“If I really wanted to change my career while here at Gustavus, I probably could. If I ever got sick of teaching—not that I ever would—I would like to become an administrator. I couldn’t imagine anybody saying, ‘Well, you’re of no use to this community other than being a teacher.’ So I can’t imagine ever going somewhere else because I just really love this place,” said Leitch.

I think I speak for many on this campus when I say Gustavus loves Professor Richard Leitch, too.
If you were at the Student Involvement Fair last week, you may have noticed a single table with a large, plain banner lying across it. The banner read, “Join the Gustavus Sauna Society.” It might have been the simplicity of the display, or the energetic board members standing behind it, or just the mention of sauna, but the table was swarming with interested undergrads.

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But why the sauna? Why not hot-tubbing, or something else? “It’s a celebration of our Scandinavian heritage,” said Co-founder Sophomore Kim Braun.

Despite being a fledgling organization, the Sauna Society is not limiting its goals to just trying to get people to sit around in saunas more often. There is a project in development to make Sauna Society calendars, which would feature pictures of sauna club members.

The executives claim that the pictures will be “edgy, but in good taste.” Profits from the sales of the calendars would help fund Sauna Society activities, and possibly other nonprofit organizations, as well. “So with the environmental stuff and the fundraising from the calendars, we’re actually a social justice group,” said Braun.

The Society is also planning on resurrecting a feature of the original Sauna Society: The Sweater Letter. This monthly newsletter would feature sauna-related news stories, promote usage of Gustavus sauna facilities and help educate its readers on the health benefits of using saunas.

October 2004 Gustavus Sauna Society

Ilan R. Jacobson

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Forgetting Sarah Marshall

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Have you ever been in a relationship with someone who was absolutely perfect? Perhaps so perfect that you wondered why he or she would ever date a slob such as yourself? Then one day, your worst fears materialize and your partner dumps you for a popular British singer/songwriter? If you answered yes to all these questions, then Forgetting Sarah Marshall might just be a retelling of your own sad life.

It certainly is for Peter Bretter (Jason Segel), a musician whose TV star girlfriend Sarah Marshall (Kristen Bell) leaves him for a British pop star after a five and a half year relationship. Peter is devastated and takes a vacation to Hawaii in order to clear his head. He is horrified when he arrives at his hotel to see none other than his ex-girlfriend and her new boyfriend.

Producer Judd Apatow cannot be praised enough for his work in the past few years. He produces arguably the funniest, big-budget comedies around today. Mind you, not everything he does is gold (Walk Hard comes to mind), but with flicks like The 40-Year-Old Virgin, Knocked Up, Superbad and Pineapple Express, it’s easy to forgive a few missteps.

Forgetting Sarah Marshall—showing this weekend in Wallenberg Auditorium—falls under the category of stellar hits. Like all of his great films, it’s rife with dirty, surprisingly witty situations and dialogue.

This is really writer Jason Segel’s movie, and I for one could not be happier. Segel hasn’t had much going for him since the demise of Apatow’s heartbreakingly short TV series Freaks and Geeks, and it’s great to see the man back in the game. There are only one or two scenes where you see a little bit too much of Segel—and you’ll know what I mean when you see the movie.

The supporting cast does a great job of adding just the right amount of their own humor to the mix. Paul Rudd, Bill Hayder and Jonah Hill all have great roles.

If you are worried about this movie being too much of a chick flick, don’t be. There are sentimental parts, but it’s never overwrought. If you’ve enjoyed any of Apatow’s previous projects, you are sure to enjoy Forgetting Sarah Marshall.

The film will be shown Friday and Saturday night at 7 p.m. and 10:00 in Wallenberg Auditorium.

Forgetting Sarah Marshall, Produced by Judd Apatow, is a romantic comedy that will not disappoint.

Kings of Leon rocks new album

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Staff Writer

Only By the Night, the latest album from the hardest working rock band in Tennessee, finds Kings of Leon plowing new, yet oddly familiar, musical ground.

Kings of Leon is a southern, garage rock band comprised of three brothers and a cousin. They made their way out of the garage and into the clubs with their first release, Youth and Young Manhood in 2003. In recent years, they have been working their way up the musical hierarchy by opening for such acts as Bob Dylan, U2, and Pearl Jam.

The band once referred to as the “Hillbilly Strokes” have really come into their own.

Nathan (drums) and Jared (bass) Followill are the stars of Only By the Night. They each bring their best to the table, and it really pays off. Followill (vocals) delivers some of his best work yet, but also some of his worst. Matthew (guitar) is the black sheep of the family here. Traditionally a very tight player, almost every song on this album has him wandering off into space with a lot of reverberation and distortion. In addition, there are maybe two decent solos on the entire record. I long for the biting, succinct solos of past albums.

Their previous album, Because of the Times, came out a little more than a year ago. The quick release of Only By the Night is quite a feat considering the band was touring for a good chunk of the time in between. With such a short turn around, one might worry about the overall quality of the record. There is absolutely no need; Only By the Night, while not their best record overall, contains some of the King’s best work to date.

The album kicks off with the haunting and powerful “Closer,” which showcases some awesome synthesizing and reminds us how tight of a band the Kings really are. The record continues with “Crawl,” a straightforward rocker, and “Sex On Fire,” the first single. Caleb Followill, the band’s lyricist, has condensed all the sexual overtones (usually present throughout their albums) into this one song.

“Use Somebody” is blatant evidence of the band’s associations with arena rock bands like Pearl Jam, and the Kings step into these shoes equipped with all the right tools. It’s an incredible tune that will have many loyal fans yearning for days past, but others enjoying the heck out of a band at the pinnacle of its career and loving every minute of it.

The second half of the album pales in comparison to the first. It’s not that there are any horrible tracks on the record, just several that aren’t as good as others. Songs like “Revelry” and “I Want You” fall into this category. These tracks are salvaged by such gems as “17”; a song that has Followill belting the lyric “Oh, she’s only seventeen!” and “Manhattan,” arguably the best song on the record.

Despite a few hang-ups, Only By the Night is a fresh record from one of today’s best rock bands at the height of its era. In fact, Kings of Leon may be the only real rock band we have left.
Fetishism comes in all shapes and sizes

I love my Crocs. I wear them several times a week. They are bright orange and so flamboyantly colored that they rarely match other people’s aesthetic criteria for any item of clothing. I have conveniently adopted the philosophy that because they go with nothing, they go with everything.

I did not purchase them for the color, nor did I select them for their marvelous ability to be worn both in water and on dry land. It wasn’t because I was unsatisfied with conventional footwear or wanted variety in my life, and it certainly was not a result of the ‘love/hate Crocs’ commercials that aired ceaselessly during the Olympic games. I purchased them two weeks prior to the Olympics for a very specific reason.

Consumerism, or as Merriam-Webster puts it, “a preoccupation with and an inclination toward the buying of consumer goods,” permeates many aspects of the American ethos. But what is at the root of this fervor to accumulate consumer goods? An accumulation of goods is an inclination toward the buying of consumer goods, a preoccupation with and an inclination toward the buying of consumer goods. But what is at the root of this fervor to accumulate consumer goods? Are we so tremendously irrational that we purchase for the sake of consumption?

Perhaps in some cases, but for now let’s assume that we purchase things because at a basic level, we believe that owning them will make us better off. Example: I purchased a food processor because it saved me the time of chopping/dicing/mutilating vegetables and fruits when I could be doing more productive things like studying for an exam.

Underlying this cultural motive is a sometimes more elusive belief that certain products will make us better off in ways that don’t necessarily correlate to the product’s direct capacity. Fetishism, in this context, is the belief that a particular item has the ability to imbue its owner with unique gifts and powers.

Think of it: this idea has a tremendous presence in American marketing techniques. When Michael Jordan paired with Nike to produce Air Jordan in 1984, consumers didn’t purchase them merely because they were a fashion highlight. Many purchased them because, despite a lack of scientific evidence, a part of them believed that the shoe would make them a better basketball player.

This last summer, for the first time in my life, I obtained complete unadulterated access to cable television. I tried out the usual variety of programs: Deadliest Catch on the Discovery Channel, three hour marathons about Adolph Hitler on the History Channel and array of ultra-masculine, chest-pounding specials on Spike.

The one channel that ultimately held me captivated was the Food Network. Every spare moment of my summer I was planted in front of the plastic altar, worshipping the gladiators of Food Network Challenge, the benevolent deities of Iron Chef America and the uncharacteristic heroes of Next Food Network Star.

I was inevitably drawn to the rather theatric culinary antics of Mario Batali, and his rather noticeable orange plastic clogs.

Mario Batali has become so strongly associated with his distinctive orange footwear that they are an icon.
Collegiate Tales
from a Consumer Culture

Did they work? Of course they did. Did the clogs turn me into a virtuoso of Italian cooking? Of course they didn’t. There was no miraculous transformation—I didn’t absorb Batali’s culinary knowledge or palate—but I did get off the couch to start cooking more than frozen pizza and Banquet potpies.

If any pundits find me to be an exception to the norm, and believe me to be a fool who is trying to validate his flawed reasoning, consider the following: Fetishism in our consumer culture isn’t merely relegated to basketball and cooking. We purchase many things for supposed rather than demonstrated qualities. Some products promise us popularity, status, a good time with friends. Others try to convince us that we need material protection from the ravages of normalcy.

We justify our purchases in a variety of ways, and you’d be hard pressed to find an individual who, after shelling out hundreds of dollars for a pair of Ugg boots, doesn’t tell all of his or her friends how “comfortable” they are.
Welcome to “From the Margins,” a new column devoted to feminist analysis of social justice issues. For our first column, we chose to go with the hottest topic right now: Sarah Palin.

Sarah Palin is the governor of Alaska and the Republican vice-presidential nominee. Let’s be clear: as feminists it is of course good to see a woman once again in the running for vice president, the first woman to do this being Geraldine Ferraro in 1984. However, simply having a woman in the White House does NOT mean a better world for women. It does not mean that women’s rights will be protected. That we see some of women’s choices will increase or that the glass ceiling will truly be shattered for all.

In considering whether or not Palin is pro-woman, consider this quote from Gloria Steinem: “For a long time, I never had been about getting a job for one woman. It’s about making life more fair for women everywhere.” In other words, Palin isn’t worried about putting the rest of us up on her trek to the White House.

Feminism has paved the way for women in many areas, from the right to vote to the right to work outside of the home. However, just because one gains benefits from the gains won by feminists does NOT mean one is a feminist, or even pro-woman, for that matter. Consider, if you will, some of Palin’s political actions and initiatives - the issue of rape kits, for instance. These kits are essential to successful investigations and trials of sexual assault cases, and are generally free to the people who require them. Palin, however, supported legislation that required people to pay for their justiciability of rape kits - should she allocate 1,200 out of pocket to be exact, according to the Huffington Post.

Gee, thanks Sarah, for making victims pay the price for their basic right to justice.

Sarah Palin is also staunchly against women having the right to their own body. Even in cases of rape, Palin holds fast on her pro-life stance, taking away a woman’s choice to determine what is just for her, her life and her body.

She is also, and illogically, against comprehensive sex education. Palin obstructs a woman’s ability to understand her body through blocking critical information about STIs and preventing pregnancy. If Palin were truly interested in lowering the number of abortions in the United States, she should first allow the people to be educated on the topic so that fewer women find themselves with an unwanted pregnancy and abortion as the only option. Palin has cut funding for teen pregnancy shelters by 20 percent with a line item veto, according to the Washington Post.

So while she can stand up there tooting how she can do it all, she’s made it pretty darn difficult for the rest of us to do it too.

What’s also disturbing is that the media’s idea of covering women’s issues is not centered on Palin’s public policy but her family affairs. That could be because women’s issues are apparently a non-issue for Palin and the campaign she is a part of. Why would the McCain campaign bring a woman onto the campaign, but NOT talk about women’s issues? Hmmm, could it be we are being played, my friends? It seems plausible to us that one morning over coffee McCain and a few of his campaign buddies said, “Hey, there’s a woman in Alaska who has the exact same policies as Bush, uh, I mean you, Mr. McCain,” and voila, Sarah Palin. The lack of information regarding women’s issues is so deep that the McCain/Palin website refers to women through Pro-Life and children’s issues alone; they could’ve added on domestic abuse, but Palin just couldn’t choose which way to go on that issue.

What we need to do, men, women and everyone in between, is not get caught up in the political nonsense that is the McCain campaign’s treatment of, or better yet ignor- ing, of women’s issues. We need to celebrate having a woman VP candidate, but then we need to move on to the issues she stands for. And the issue here is that Palin is not a maverick, not a forward thinker and certainly not a feminist. Although the media is steadily touting the fact that Palin being a feisty hockey mom means Palin is a feminist, the students who receive medically inaccurate/abstinence-only sex education, the women who are in NEED of a choice and the teen mothers who need a bed to sleep in are proof that if Sarah Palin is a feminist ... she’s a feminist for McCa- in and his ol’ boys alone.

Feminism is a very tricky term to discuss because it incorporates such a wide range of ideas, concepts and movements. Even among feminists there is disagreement as to what feminism is or should be. This discussion and debate of feminism has rarely been more prominent than in the past couple weeks with the nomination of Governor Sarah Palin for vice president. McCain’s controversial choice has sent pundits and bloggers scrambling for their keyboards in an effort to determine what, if any, kind of feminist Palin is.

I’m going to come out and say that Palin is absolutely a feminist, and I love her for it. Palin brings a new form of feminism to the table that we don’t get to see very often. Her staunch pro-life positions put her at odds with what many perceive to be an integral aspect of feminism, the alleged right to choice. This has been a new form of feminism for feminists who believe Governor Palin’s stances are setting femi- nism back. I would argue the opposite--that Palin’s offers a new avenue for feminism to flourish. The perception that feminism is solely pro-choice is a myth. Many women who firmly believe in a baby’s right to be born. In standing up for her convictions, Governor Palin is saying that women don’t have to agree with every alleged integ- ral tenet of feminism to be a feminist. Feminism is supposed to incorporate a variety of posi- tions that empower women, not prescribe an ideology.

Governor Palin is also balancing her duties as a mother and wife while sustaining her highly successful career, showing us women can easily be both and handle each successfully if that is their wish. This more clearly adheres to the traditional facets of feminism. MSNBC reported on Sept. 11, 2008 that she liter- ally does both simultaneously, feeding her son Trig while attending to her governmental duties. I believe that Governor Palin said it best herself as re- ported by the Anchorage Daily News in March: “To any critics who say a woman can’t think and work and be a baby at the same time, I’d just like to escort that Neanderthal back to the cave.” Others are also argu- ing that with such a large family (five children) and one that is facing an unplanned teenage pregnancy, she needs to refocus her priorities and see the family through this difficult period. Such an argument brazenly assumes that Governor Palin is incapable of raising five kids at once and ignores that the doting parents of one teenage daughter could also face an unplanned pregnancy. This argument is in- credibly demeaning not only to Palin, but also the multitudes of women who pursue successful careers while also being there for their families.

The fact that this is even be- ing discussed about Palin high- lights a revealing disparity. Has Senator Obama been criticized for running for office while raising a family? He hasn’t, nor should he be. I’m confident that Obama can balance his duties as a father and husband while in office, there’s no reason to believe that Governor Palin cannot. It’s a simple fact that people who are busy public office are often persons who have families, and to say that ascension to any office w o u l d require neglect of the family is absurd.

It’s very easy for me, a conserva- tive male, to laud Gov- ernor Palin as a feminist. I’m certainly no expert on femi- nism, and I may be pre- disposed to believe that being the political fantan of a candidate who shares many of my beliefs. I know that I’m not alone, however, in my view that Palin is a feminist. Senior Social Studies Teaching Major Emme Mohn says, “Even though I’m a Democrat and a liberal, I feel that Sarah Palin is a feminist. It’s wrong that people are saying bad things about her because she’s choos- ing her career and being a mom at the same time. That’s what feminists have been fighting for - the choice to work or to be a mom or to do both.”

Sarah Palin has brought the definition of feminism into national focus.

My point is that Palin’s candida- cy is highlighting the debate within this country about what feminism should be and giving us a new view of feminism that embraces pro-life stances. To say that Sarah Palin is not a feminist ignores her strength and is the backlash to an already bad situation. You may not agree with her politics or stances, but at least acknowledge the em- powering value her candidacy has for women in this country.
**Cleansing your environmental palette**

**With intentions to inspire**

Breanna Draxler  
Staff Columnist

T he senior class edition of *The Echo* (a highly censored but enjoyably lame periodical produced by the students of Amery High School) made the following prediction for my post-graduation future: In five years, Breanna Draxler will be a vegetarian living in a cabin in the woods. As a girl who grew up in a tent in the front yard, relocating to a cabin in the woods would hardly be a stretch. Giving up meat though? Not happening. Animal rights do not concern me, and, quite frankly, I like the taste of meat too much. Why is it, then, that four years later it is only the first half of this post-secondary prophecy that has been fulfilled?

I have come to see beyond the stigmas associated with vegetarianism. For me, it isn’t about saving someone from the slaughterhouse. It’s a simple matter of environmental efficiency. Meat production is one of the most resource-consuming and polluting industries in the world. Livestock-related water consumption and pollution disturb the vast majority of freshwater bodies in the United States. Tropical rainforests are being destroyed at a frightening rate to raise and graze livestock. Brazil drafted a plan for emergency action just to save their rainforests earlier this year, after a government report declared that nearly 1,250 square miles had been cleared in a period of only five years. Exorbitant amounts of energy and fossil fuels go into the meat industry, and even more pollution comes out. The greenhouse gases attributed to meat production alone account for a whopping one fifth of the world’s total emissions—more than the entire transportation sector, based on estimates from the United Nations’ Food and Agriculture Organization.

In a recent study from Japan’s National Institute of Livestock and Grassland Science found that the production of a single pound of meat emits as much carbon dioxide as a 70-mile drive in the average European car. That means that the 18-pound steaks you ordered at Famous Dave’s actually creates more pollution than your drive to Bloomington to get it! Add to that track record the incessant amounts of excrement and methane that each animal creates, and you’ve got your self a recipe for environmental disaster … also known as our current state of meat-obessed affairs. The worst part is that meat consumption is growing with no sign of stopping. Why? Those obvious solutions would be to reduce meat production, but would eating less meat really make a difference?

I argue it would. According to an article by David and Mar- cia Pimentel, published in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, the amount of grain we currently dedicate to livestock feed alone would be enough to feed 840 million people on vegetarian diets—almost three times the current population of the United States. By eating the grains directly, we avoid the unnecessary steps that make food production such as inefficient and energy-intensive processes.

This is where environmental vegetarianism comes in. By reducing, or replacing meat in your diet, you can significantly reduce the impact of your nutritional regimen on this lonely planet of ours. Order your pizza without the pepperoni next time, or opt for the meatless broccoli pasta. It doesn’t have to be difficult.

There is nothing wrong with meat. If you do not wish to give up meet completely but you still want to lessen your environmental impact, try to buy free-range chicken, bug from local farmers or eat game meat.

To address: meat, in itself, is not a bad thing. Yet are I recommend that everyone swap their steaks for soy burgers. (Most imitation meat products will make me nauseous.)

The goal is to encourage an environmental consciousness that speaks louder than the grunts of one’s meat-loving stomach. Being realistic is as important as being conscientious. Our current, pro-meat eating habits are just that: habits. We eat meat because it is available and because we are accustomed to it.

All you need to do is be more intentional about what you put on your lunch tray or in your shopping cart. Seek out free-range chicken and grass-fed beef, whose rearing methods are far more sustainable than those of feedlots. You can also cut down on transportation costs by buying them from local retailers. Pigs and chickens convert grain into meat more efficiently than cows, so try to go for white meat. If you’re feeling really ambitious, dust off that hunting license and procure yourself a bit of venison.

There are few actions that affect the environment as directly and as immediately as our food choices, so make good ones. You—and the planet—will be better off for it.

**Tackling the beast**

Hold on to your dreams

Kevin Matuseski  
Staff Columnist

O ver the summer I attended my brother’s high school graduation. As I passed through the little booklet filled with all the graduates’ future plans, the extremely high aspirations caught my attention. In regards to the overarching goals, I did not know whether to be impressed or mitten a smugness, “Good luck with that.” Most graduates will not be what they set out to be in the black and white of their little booklet filled with all their ambitions we had for life before we became adults. It started having responsibilities, the day when the sheer desire to bring them back. The great majority of post-secondary prophesy that falls in their laps. There are other programs.” All this came from my experiences, and as immediately as our food choices, so make good ones. You—and the planet—will be better off for it.

There is nothing wrong with this, but we should not give up on our dreams. When we find something easier. First-year students don’t see it coming and some of the course work and stressful exams. Some of us wanted to be artists, firefighters, professional athletes, rock stars or even superheroes. Gustavus provides students with so many quality starting points (although “How to Be German. 101” is not offered at Gustavus), it’s a sad day when the sheer desire to make money and earn a “re-spectable” income is the driving factor behind what we really want to do in life.

Sometimes I jokingly tell my friends I am going to be a spray-paint artist on the streets of New York. I usually get scoffed at, and they don’t take me seriously, but in the back of my mind, I tell myself, “Why not?” How many dream killers are there in this world? I am all for pursuing your dreams, but keep away from cynics, a lack of money, unfortunate events, fear and the biggest obstacle of all: self-doubt.

I know a lot of first-years are coming in with high hopes. Over the summer they have probably told about one-hundred grad party guests and family members where they are going and what they want to do with their lives, but occasionally the world drops anvils on your head. Some people will join new clubs, make new friends, gain new interests or just flat out get lazy. All these things are good (besides getting lazy), but they also make it easier to put your dreams in the background until one day you reminisce and find it too hard to get them back. The great band AC/DC once said, “It’s a long way to the top if you want to rock and roll.” If you really desire to be a rock star, dodge those anvils and work hard to succeed. You cannot settle for anything less than what you really want to do.

A lot of people are perfectly content settling for whatever falls in their laps. There are many people out there, how ever, who still have that voice in the back of their heads telling them to be a novelist, astronaut or maybe even solver of world affairs. The worst part is that they are not listen ing to that voice. Kevin Wit twer, a 2008 Gustavus graduate, is now playing professional bas ketball in Werne, Germany. He’s a pro athlete! Wittwer worked hard throughout college, got amazing grades, and was ac tively involved at Gustavus, but he became a professional athlete because he did not forget his true passion. He listened to that voice.

Don’t ever ignore a goal just because the “real world” is telling you it is too hard or impossible. Ellen Ruiter, Gustavus graduate, actually heard that calling loud and clear when she set up Africa Jam in Cape Town, South Africa in 2001. According to myafricajam.org, “In 2006, Africa Jam served more than 10,000 young people by provid ing safe after-school programs, camp experiences, HIV/AIDS training, Christmas fellowship and spiritual programs and other programs.” All this came about because Rutter dream big, and she worked hard to achieve her goals.

Not everyone’s life gives him or her enough breaks to follow his or her dreams, but Gustavus gives us a great start. It provides us with the educa tion and opportunities that a lot of people in this world don’t receive. Never look at the Ruit ters, the Wittwers or the AC/DC’s of the world and think, “My life’s not the same. What are the odds of that happen ing to me?” Number one: your odds are significantly better as a Gustavus student, and number two: odds are sometimes worth less dream killers. Therefore, be a street performer, a rock star or a brain surgeon, but if you are ever having doubts about mak ing it, just ask yourself, “Why not?” and don’t let yourself answer that question.
T he world is full of strange and unusual things, from the little-known sea creatures, tovarks, to pelicans and to yet unknown creatures that may only be described as bearing a striking resemblance to Ann Coulter in the morning. However, none of these things are as strange as the idea of gender that the average person seems to possess.

Before going further I should say that I am a woman who looks for and seeks out change in the world. According to my parents, my youth leads me to believe that we as a people can fix everything. I like to think that my parents’ age makes them think we can’t fix everything and that if they were only a bit younger, they’d realize we can. With all that given, take the rest of this column as a call to action. Not just the right wing or the left wing, but the whole thing. A nice, brutal attack on the way so-called liberal and conservative thinks. I refuse to believe that none, the sooner we can move forward. I refuse to believe that none, the sooner we can move forward. I refuse to believe that none, the sooner we can move forward. I refuse to believe that none, the sooner we can move forward. I refuse to believe that none, the sooner we can move forward.

Gender, as I see it, is completely divorced from a person’s sex and is an arbitrary mold we create and push people to fit every day based on one, often tiny, difference: the content and cut of that person’s underwear. When phrased this way, I hope it seems silly to draw a hard distinction between women in any sense other than the physical and chemical, and even in those cases we tend to generalize. I am in no way trying to say that women and men are exactly the same and that culture shapes and creates all differences between them. We know entirely too much about biology and the different ways a baby boy’s room painted blue and decked out with airplanes, or a baby girl’s room painted pink with princesses and ballerinas, makes me want to vomit. The idea of a baby boy requiring walls decorated with particular activities and in a particular color based on their gender is absolutely nuts. When we realize this, we have to admit that what we are doing when we decorate and treat children in this gender-centric manner is simply “shaping and fashioning” a roughly little thing to fit our society’s made-up cookie cutter ideas of gender.

The sooner we realize that our conceptions of gender are manmade and only cause us to draw differences where there are none, the sooner we can move forward. I refuse to believe that the image society creates of gender is at all accurate. Women are not over-emotional relationship nuts full of mystery and a lust for all things chocolate, and men are not couch-riding, beer-drinking, nacho-eating, football-loving oafs. Men are men, and have a lust for chocolate, or happen to be female and love beer and nachos, take heart in the fact that this is simply due to the extreme tastiness of these foods, and that the idea of gender is simply defining any substantial difference between people is ridiculous.

People are people, and yes, there is a definite genetic and biological difference between men and women that can lead to different ways of thinking and interests, but this is not always the case. More often than not, society plays a huge part and the rest is made up.

So, what is the discontinuous mind? It is a state of mind in which we convince ourselves that item A is fundamentally different from item Y solely due to minute difference z. For example, I believe that something fundamentally different than Toasty O’s because they are packaged in a bag within a box rather than just a bag. When used the way it today, the discontinuous mind destroys much of our ability to understand ourselves and others as truly are. It is the idea of a baby boy’s room painted blue and decked out with airplanes, or a baby girl’s room painted pink with princesses and ballerinas, makes me want to vomit. The idea of a baby boy requiring walls decorated with particular activities and in a particular color based on their gender is absolutely nuts. When we realize this, we have to admit that what we are doing when we decorate and treat children in this gender-centric manner is simply “shaping and fashioning” a roughly little thing to fit our society’s made-up cookie cutter ideas of gender.

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The sooner we realize this, the sooner we can move forward into a society where men and women can understand and appreciate each other as people first and not get hung up on silly made-up notions of behavior and expected positions in society. The opportunity, salary and understanding gap that exists between men and women is simply a product of the discontinuous mind, and while the discontinuous mind held us in the past, it now holds us back.

Not to so common sense

Reshaping gender conceptions

Galen Mitchell  
Staff Columnist

Letters to the Editor

Al Franken, although super-  

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is exactly what we need in Wash-  

ington at this crucial time in our  
nation’s history. Al Franken has been speaking out against corrup-  
tion and hypocrisy in politics  
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uie to do so. Al Franken will work  
for Minnesotans by addressing  
both national and state issues.  
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will likely include raising the  
tax cuts, proposing a new $5,000  
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war in Iraq and supporting our  
troops through full funding for  
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is fighting the same fight Paul  
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September 19, 2008
The annual Dakota Pow-Wow commemorates that on December 26, 1862 the largest mass execution in U.S. history took place, with the hanging of 38 Native Americans, despite a lack of credible evidence.

"Whitye really is a bitch, isn’t he?

W. Tennis hosts Midwest Regional ITA Tournament

"It's all Midwesterners? Half the matches will be spent with our Gusties insisting their opponents should serve first since ‘you’re our guests, don’t cha’ know?’"

Free Yoga in Kresge Dance Studio

"If I wanted to watch a person look really uncomfortable, I’d just look for Bristol Palin’s “fiancé” right about now.

On-Campus Movie, Forgetting Sarah Marshall

7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

‘The Oscars certainly will.

LineUs Improv Comedy

7:30 p.m.

‘There’s less comedy in this troupe than there is freedom in The People’s Republic of China.

Davina and the Vegabonds Live

9:00 p.m.

‘It’s a New Orleans jazz band in Mankato at the Wine Cafe. Go for the music, stay for the Merlot (and eventually the latter will improve the former for the listener).

Women’s Golf at Mustang Invitational

All Day

Women’s Rugby at Concordia

2:00 p.m.

‘Ruck those Cobber Hookers and make them Scrum.

John McKay, A Faculty Emeriti Piano Recital

7:30 p.m.

‘At first I thought it said “John McCain Piano Recital.” It makes sense; the man was almost alive for Mozart!

On-Campus Film, Forgetting Sarah Marshall

7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

‘This film should go over well with Gusties. I mean, we can’t even seem to remember where F***ING GUSTIEWARE goes. I’m sure we’ll have no trouble forgetting this Sarah Marshall chick.

Anime and Manga Society

6:00 p.m.

‘In a cage fight, who wins: Anime geeks or World of Warcraft fanatics? Discuss.

Men’s Golf at UW-Eau Claire Invitational

All Day

Does the city of Eau Claire make anyone else think of pastry?

St. Peter Car Show and Swap Meet at the County Fairgrounds 8:00 a.m.

I wonder what price the yellow Jesus-mobile would fetch at such a gathering.

International Peace Day Lecture

7:00 p.m.

‘It’s sponsored by Amnesty International. Hmmmm. Amnesty ... isn’t that where you promise not to have sex?

ASAP Meeting

8:00 p.m.

‘Actions Supporting All People (ASAP). Show up at your leisure.

Gustavus Library Associates Membership Tea

10:00 a.m.

Make sure you get there before the Mad Hatter and the March Hare, or they’ll be yelling, “Clean cup, move down!” the whole time.

Looting the Iraq Museums; Loss of a Nation’s Memory

All Day

Between the oil and the museums, the U.S. just can’t keep its hands to itself.

Juggling Club

7:00 p.m.

‘They’ll be juggling fire at Minnesota Square Park. The last person I know who played with fire was that deaf kid from There Will Be Blood. Look where that got him.

College Democrats Meeting

8:00 p.m.

‘Tonight the group votes on “Who is Sexier: Barack or Michelle.” Your vote matters, so get to that meeting!

KGSM, Tons o’ Fun at 9:01!

9:01 p.m.

‘Sorry, my bedtime is 9:00 p.m. And my mom will know if I stay up any later. She always knows ... (sobs quietly in corner to Teddy Bear).

Hillstrom Art Exhibit, The Post-war Russian Avant-Garde

All Day

The color scheme of the day: red.

Teacher’s Talking

11:30 a.m.

Hope it’s not on the test.

Women’s Awareness Center Meeting

9:00 p.m.

Disclaimer: The Pickle is apolitical when it comes to the issues, but just to clarify something: being a woman does not necessarily make you a feminist. Done.
**STANDINGS**

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### VOLLEYBALL

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- Gustavus Sophomore linebacker Paul Stommes was named the MIAC Defensive Player of the Week this past week after his performance last Saturday at Coe. Stommes recorded 15 tackles, (seven solo) and an interception.

### FOOTBALL

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Ryan McPartland

**Staff Writer**

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**Sports Information**
After best start since 1984, the Gusties hope to continue their strong play

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first set, rallying from a 19-19 tie to clinch the set, forcing several UND errors. The second set was nearly a reversal of roles, with the Gusties making several errors, allowing the Fighting Sioux to get free balls and easy points. In the third and fourth sets, UND made a flurry of kills and finished the match 3-1 (25-20, 16-25, 14-25, 16-25), handing the Gusties their first loss of the season. Meghan Gehring led the Gusties with 10 kills and Bridget Burtzel had 28 assists.

The Gusties took on Carleton College later in the afternoon. Warren and Ahrendt took control of the first set, getting the Gusties off with a 15-10 start. Gustavus took advantage of several Carleton hitting errors, stretching the lead to 22-14 before Ahrendt finished the set with two consecutive kills. The second set was very evenly played, allowing the score to be tied seven times throughout. Carleton fought back from a 22-19 deficit to tie the score at 23-23. Gustavus fought off both Carleton set points and finally battled back to win the set 30-28. The third set was also very close, with both teams working to a 20-20 tie late in the set. Gustavus managed a 24-20 lead before Carleton came with 2 at 24-22. Warren killed any hopes of a comeback, literally, ending the set at 25-22. With the win, Gustavus improved their season record to 10-1.

This past Wednesday, the Gusties opened their conference schedule with a victory over Augsburg in St. Peter. Gustavus held an advantage in blocks–12.0 to a meager 5.5 by Augsburg–and dropped only the matches second set. Gustavus will travel to Northwestern to participate in a quadrangular Saturday, September 20 before the heart of the MIAC season takes place.

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Senior Co-Captain and libero Emily Klein, last week’s MIAC Volleyball Athlete of the Week, has the team lead in digs (257) and has the highest dig/assist ratio (5.87) for the Gusties this season.
Presidential initiative promotes change

Gustavus’ new man in charge has an affinity for sports and comes in with a host of fresh ideas to improve athletics upon the hill.

Lauren Bennett
Staff Writer

Growing up in a town of about 30,000 people, President Jack R. Ohle is no stranger to small-town football. “I started playing football in the second grade, grew up in Steubenville, Ohio, which was a steel mill and coal mining town, and football was a big thing. I didn’t play in a high school football game, to my knowledge, which had less than maybe 10 to 12 thousand people there,” said Ohle.

While he played football for years, it is not the President’s only athletic interest. “I was a football player all the way through college, I was captain of the football team and I coached, but is that more important than basketball? Absolutely not. I couldn’t play basketball, but I love basketball. I’m looking forward to going out and watching Nordic skiing—I’ve never been involved in Nordic skiing—I’ve never seen hockey; I’ve never seen that has hockey; I’ve never seen hockey on television, but never live at a college. Does that mean I’m making it more important than anything else? No.”

The Gustavus athletic program has been rated within the top twenty Division III colleges in the Director’s Cup (a NCAA ranking of Division I, II, and III athletic programs) since 1997, and Ohle wants to keep it that way. He states that the program is already top notch, but any changes to be made would be more on the facility side. There has been rumor of a Lund expansion. However, the first issue on the table is the ice for the hockey teams. If there was a decision to make the ice permanent, then the rest of Lund would be reconstructed at that time.

“If we want the ice to stay in Lund, we also want it to be done in conjunction with other things. You don’t want to do things in pieces,” said Ohle.

The idea of a Lund expansion is based on the interests of the students. There are many options that could be put in place for the future of Lund. “What we really need to do is look at a building that was built in the 1980s and how we can upgrade the building and maybe add on [to] the building. Areas that I see as areas that students would probably be interested in would be something along the lines of a major fitness center, [with] everything from crunch balls to a climbing wall to stations where people can go through equipment,” said Ohle. “We have that now, but in a very small space, and the students are somewhat restricted … opening that space up is one idea that has certainly been discussed.”

Ohle also suggested a second idea of a more recreational pool area in addition to the competitive pool, where students can be “playing water volleyball and basketball and to have something that would be a vortex where the water moves—also a big slide and hot tub for 40-50 students—those are things that colleges are now doing,” said Ohle.

The idea of general play is the limit to what could happen here at Gustavus,” said Haller. “President Ohle is very supportive of athletics and very personable. I feel that his goals for our institution are well-founded, and will continue to propel us for many years to come.”