Noxious fumes lead to Complex evacuation

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Staff Writer

Residents of Sorenson, North and Gibbs Halls were roused from their Sunday night studies Oct. 5 when a discharged can of pepper spray forced a complete evacuation of all three residence buildings. At 8:14 p.m. that night, a can of pepper spray was emptied in the first floor stairwell of Sorenson Hall, causing irritation to the throats, noses and eyes of about 20 residents. At first the cause of the fumes was unclear, leading campus Safety and Security to pull the fire alarm and evacuate the building.

“We were taught to treat things like this as a fire drill and just have everyone meet outside, across from Complex,” said Sophomore Biology Major and Colleague Fellow Sam Nothum.

Safety and Security then proceeded to alert the St. Peter Police and Fire Departments and the Nicollette County Sheriff’s Office. Police cars, a fire truck, ambulances and sheriff’s deputies arrived on the scene shortly thereafter. Medical staff evaluated 19 students, and an additional two students voluntarily went to the St. Peter Hospital due to complications involving preexisting asthma conditions.

“It was really confusing, we kind of didn’t know what was going on,” said Sophomore Kate Ibberson, a resident of Sorenson who was affected by the pepper spray.

“The EMT people checked our throats and vitals and the police officers took our names and phone numbers,” said Ibberson. When students were evacuated from the building the exact cause of the fumes was still unknown. After entering and searching the building, the St. Peter Fire Department determined that pepper spray was the cause, and began working with campus officials to air out the building.

All students were contacted via the campus emergency alert system at about 10:00 p.m. that night with an explanation of the incident and assurances that the situation was under control.

The large-scale response seemed superfluous to many after the cause of the incident was discovered, but Safety and Security Director Ray Thrower said the actions taken by campus officials and local authorities were both necessary and well-executed.

“Gustavus and the surrounding area first responders train yearly for situations like this,” said Thrower.

Since it was unclear at first what exactly the threat was, Safety and Security communicated directly with the police and fire department and arrived at the scene prepared for whatever the situation may have been. After the evacuation of the building, campus employees and St. Peter authorities used fans to air out the building so that students could return to their residences. Since the incident occurred, all public surfaces in the dormitories, including walls, stairs and carpets have been cleaned.

It is still unknown whether the pepper spray was discharged intentionally or unintentionally, but campus authorities suspect that this was not an accident. “If it had been a mistake,” said Thrower, “we would expect that whomever was responsible would have come forward.” Since no one has claimed responsibility thus far, both Safety and Security and the St. Peter Police are engaging in full investigations of the incident and pursuing already apparent leads.

Safety and Security urges anyone with information relating to the incident to report it, either in person or anonymously on the Silent Witness website provided by Gustavus.

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Staff Writer

A safety video being made on the Gustavus campus this Friday through Sunday, Oct. 10-12, to be used at colleges around the country. It will be used for training as well as crime prevention.

“It’s about campus safety as well as safety in checking into a hotel and safety at the bar,” said Terena Wilkens, technical director of the theater department. It will also include information about how to protect yourself and avoid being a victim.

“We were presented with a unique opportunity for a video about campus safety to be filmed at Gustavus,” said Ray Thrower, director of safety and security. “Filming will occur in the residence halls and in academic buildings on campus grounds, as well as off-campus locations.”

The company that is in charge of the film is McCoy and Associates, out of the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, who “felt that an updated security video that speaks to the students today would be more effective than the older version in existence,” said Andrea Gullixson, a junior theater major who was involved in the production.

“In the older version, the segment on theft prevention still has a tape player being stolen, and the company thought that should be updated to an iPod,” Gullixson said.

Gustavus students were given the opportunity to audition for the film as well as assist in other parts of the production. “Many students auditioned for speaking roles, non-speaking roles and as extras,” said Wilkens.

In addition, “There are five Gustavus technical theater students who will be working on the production side of things: assisting in set up, shooting and also helping find students to be interviewed for short segments of the film,” said Wilkens.

The cast has not been finalized yet, as audition tapes are still being reviewed, according to Thrower. He emphasized, however, what a great opportunity this was for students to get involved.

“Students are very excited about it, and we are very excited about it,” said Thrower.

Not just the students working on the production of the video benefit from the project. Those who view the final product are provided with updated information that may be helpful and more effective than the older version.

“It is generally helpful to have as much information as possible. Individuals can determine if they wish to view this information,” Senior Business Management Major Marisa Schloer said. “I would view it and apply the helpful information as needed.”

Student actors: Public safety video shot at Gustavus
WEEKLY Safety and Security Report

Sunday, September 28
A student was cited by Safety and Security for underage consumption.

Monday, September 29
A student reported the theft of an unlocked bicycle from the bike rack in front of Pittman Hall.
A student reported the loss of a tooth in a dorm room accident.

Wednesday, October 1
A student reported a bike being stolen from the bike rack outside Southwest Hall.
Three Gustavus students and three non-students were cited for underage consumption of alcohol. One non-Gustavus student was cited for non-compliance with a College Official and issued a Trespass Warning. Two Gustavus students were cited for a Social Host violation.

Thursday, October 2
A student reported that their bike had been stolen.
Another student reported that their bike had been stolen.
A third party vendor loft frame collapsed in a student’s room. No one was in the room at the time of the incident and no injuries or property damage were reported.

Saturday, October 4
A Gustavus student in North Hall was sent to Detox.
Three students and two non-Gustavus students, were cited by SPPD and Safety and Security for underage consumption of alcohol while in North Hall.

Tip of the Week:
Taking Care of Our Community
To help prevent injury and property damage while also keeping your fellow community members safe, take a few minutes to report “little things” like:
- Water leaks
- Slippery floors
- Missing window screens or broken window panes
- Burned out interior and exterior lighting
- Broken doors
- Burned out emergency lighting
To report, contact Physical Plant at x7504 or Safety and Security at x8809.

Who Were the First Humans?” sparks debate on campus

J. Wentzel van Huyssteen spoke on Wednesday about the recent findings in paleontology and anthropology at this year’s Nobel conference. The conference was titled “Who Were the First Humans?” and drew people from across the country, including many high school students.

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Michael Domitrz was on campus a few weeks ago for “Can I Kiss You?” While here, he spoke about asking someone for their consent, and emphasized that rape is one of the two worst crimes. He commented that each individual should have a choice in the physical activities they engage in. Sexual assault, however, is absent of choice and consent. Gustavus Safety and Security defines sexual assault as the following: “Any physical contact of a sexual nature that occurs by force or coercion or that is directed at a person who is physically helpless or mentally impaired or incapacitated. Mental incapacitation includes intoxication. Sexual assault is not limited to sexual intercourse.” Domitrz believes that everyone should have a choice, and when that choice is violated, the Gustavus community must respond. Gustavus is attempting to address this problem with two new sexual assault programs. The Sexual Assault Response Team (or SART for short) and the Sexual Assault Education Program are two new programs to prevent, confidentially respond to and educate the campus community about sexual assault.

SART’s main priority is to keep the campus safe by utilizing confidential staff as a survivor’s first response. SART assists patients in a number of different ways, such as medical tests or exams that can be used for evidence, transportation and working off campus to pursue additional information. SART has the ability to help survivors take legal action.

It is also important to note the full confidentiality of this reporting system; there is no automatic reporting. Additionally, if a case of sexual assault does happen, the student is strongly suggested to contact Safety and Security. The only information the dispatcher may ask is the phone number so that the Response Team can contact you immediately.

“The main goal of SART is for the campus to have a safe and confidential first response team that will make our community more secure,” said Patty Dawson, a member of the Response Team who works in the Health Services office as a Registered Nurse.

The Sexual Assault Education Team is working on a website to help educate staff, faculty, administrators and students. Because it is a community wide organization, the Education Team is always looking for students and organizations to get involved in the program and to help spread awareness.

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Both SART and the Sexual Assault Education Team are separate from SART, but members work together within the two organizations to gather information about sexual assault. The Sexual Assault Education Team is headed by Rachel Slater and supports a number of different school activities and organizations such as the Peer Assistants’ behavior class, “Can I Kiss You?” and the up-and-coming Chill Out. It is involved with the American College Health Association and Womyn’s Awareness Center.

“We just want a safe and healthy community and to give our community a realistic picture of what’s going on. We realize sexual assault is out there on campuses and we need to know more,” Dawson said.

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Though the numbers remain confidential, the education team and SART have been cited as successful in combined efforts between Safety and Security and the members of both sexual assault teams.

Any organizations interested in joining the Sexual Assault Education Team or any students that have questions, concerns or who are in need of SART may contact any of the following staff members:

Patty Dawson: x7165
Jason Stratman: x7446
Stacy Gerken: x6067
Health Services: x7630
Safety and Security: x8888

Both SART and the Sexual Assault Education Team work to promote healthy relationships.
Renowned historian to visit campus
James McPherson to Speak at Lefler Lecture

Anna Dzurik
Staff Writer

On Oct. 13, 2008, the nationally renowned historian and Gustavus alumnus James McPherson will come to Gustavus to present a lecture about the role of President Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War. Most Americans know about the Civil War, but not everyone knows about the significant role that President Lincoln played in it as master and commander.

McPherson, who graduated from Gustavus in 1958, lived through one of America’s most turbulent time periods, during which the civil rights movement took place. After Gustavus, McPherson attended graduate school at Johns Hopkins University, concentrating on civil rights, the circumstances of slaves in the reconstruction era and the abolitionists, whose passion and protests helped bring Lincoln to his position and create the social reforms resulting from the war.

McPherson was amazed to see the similarities of the 1960s in comparison to the times 100 years prior: “I was struck by all of these parallels between what was a freedom crusade of the 1960s and a freedom crusade of the 1860s,” said McPherson. The Struggle for Equality, Abolitionists and the Negro in the Civil War and Reconstruction his first major work, published in 1964, captured these interests.

The lecture, entitled “President Lincoln: Master and Command-er,” will focus on McPherson’s latest book, Tried By War: Abraham Lincoln as Commander and Chief, which was scheduled to be released on Oct. 7.

This most recent book is McPherson’s 18th novel. In 1988, his most recognized work, Battle Cry For Freedom: Civil War Era, won the Pulitzer Prize. It “sold over 600,000 copies, and it set the standard [for books] about the Civil War,” said Professor of History Kevin Byrne.

McPherson’s other awards include the Anisfield-Wolf Award for The Struggle For Equality, published in 1994. Another major accomplishment came in 2007 when McPherson was presented with $100,000 from the Pritzker Military Literature Award for Lifetime achievement in military history.

He was the first recipient of the award.

He also won the Lincoln Prize for his work For Cause and Comrades: Why Men Fought in the Civil War in 1998, which reveals the feelings and thoughts of soldiers on both sides. “Three million soldiers fought in the Union and Confederate armies. How does a historian discover and analyze the thoughts and feelings of three million people?” asked McPherson. To answer this question, McPherson read over 25,000 diary entries and letters. He found that “both sides look back to the same revolution of 1776 as the inspiration for the liberty that they were fighting for: from 1861 to 1865.”

Because McPherson grew up in St. Peter and graduated from Gustavus, it was not difficult to schedule him to give this lecture. “[The Gustavus history department] knew that he was coming to the Midwest for the Lefler Lecture, and we wanted a speaker to the Midwest for the Lefler Lecture, and we wanted a speaker.”

“[I’m] really looking forward to seeing a world class scholar who is recognized as a top authority figure in the field of study and has such personal ties to the Gustavus community.”

Anyone who has ever done anything history-oriented should go to the presentation. It is so rare that we have a speaker who is really unparalleled in their field, with the exception of the Nobel Conference speakers,” said Ringdahl-Mayland.

The presentation “will help people understand the past and help people to see where they are at this point,” said Young. “It will be a good learning experience, even if you are not a history major.”

“James is an eloquent speaker who addresses a topic of enduring interest about an individual who served as president in the moment of the greatest crisis the nation has ever faced. Not only history, individual psychology, political science, but so many different disciplines come together to enhance the historical understanding of the era,” said Byrne.

“The presentation will be a better chance to grasp more knowledge in a significant era. It’s a chance to look at Lincoln solely as [commander-in-chief],” said Sophomore history Major David Young.

“His viewpoint will be interesting and engaging. Any president would have had difficulty [during the Civil War], especially since the Civil War is very controversial, with parts of the country wanting to split,” said Byrne.

“This viewpoint will be interesting, given the recent flurry of scholarship with regards to the presidency of Lincoln,” said Senior History Major Anders Ringdahl-Mayland.

In addition to the presentation itself, which will be held in Alumni Hall from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., McPherson will be in Lin-ner Lounge on Tuesday, Oct. 14, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for personal questions. “James is a remarkably receptive individual who loves to engage the audience: they will not be disappointed. They will find him to be a very open historian at work,” said Byrne.

The lecture is open to the public.

James McPherson is the author of the book Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era. This book won Mcpherson a Pulitzer Prize and has sold over 600,000 copies. He will be on campus Monday Oct. 13 at 7:30 in Alumni Hall.

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October 10, 2008
Gustie of the Week:

Ray Thrower serves through thick & thin

“Ray Thrower’s job requires, he still manages to juggle his role in the Gustavus family” with his role as father and husband in his own personal family, Thrower is married to Val Thrower, who works for the City of St. Peter. Just this week, the two shared their 30th anniversary. Ray and Val are the parents of two daughters, Heather, 23, and Nicole, 19.

Being director of Safety and Security at Gustavus along with being a father, Thrower said, “What keeps me going, what keeps me young at heart, is working with the students on a daily basis.”
What if, when you set foot in the Market Place this afternoon or opened your fridge, there wasn’t any food to be found? What would that feel like? What does hunger feel like?

According to Kids Against Hunger, a nonprofit organization with a mission to significantly reduce the number of hungry children in the U.S. and to feed starving children throughout the world, 17,000 children under the age of five die every day due to starvation and hunger-related diseases. Just to put it in perspective, that means that about seven times the number of students at Gustavus die every day because they don’t have food to eat.

Gustavus Greeks are working to make a dent in the number of children who go without nutritional food every day. For the last three years, all of Gustavus’ fraternities and sororities have worked together to package food and raise money for Kids Against Hunger.

This year, on Sept. 20, the students participating in the Greek pledging process volunteered at the Kids Against Hunger office in Mankato, where they packaged enough fully nutritional meals to feed 21,384 starving children around the world.

Junior Elementary Education Major Andrea Stevens, a member of Theta Xi Gamma and community service chair for Inter-Greek Senate said, “while you are busy packaging the food … you truly feel like you are physically making a difference in the world. Many Gustavus Greeks work to fight global hunger
Poet Tim Nolan comes to Gustavus

Thus, Nolan decided to pursue a career in law and went on to obtain a Juris Doctor degree from William Mitchell College of Law. Nolan currently practices law in Minneapolis.

Many notable poets have held other professions. “There has been more precedent than you might think. Wallace Stevens was a lawyer and insurance man. William Carlos Williams was a doctor. T.S. Eliot was a publisher/banker,” said Sutphen.


“I hope that the community finds enjoyment in [Nolan’s] poetry. I hope that his poetry helps people connect with their lives. He loves poetry so much. He writes everyday, I think. He just can’t help but write new poems everyday and talk about [poetry] all the time,” Sutphen said.

Lindsay Leilvelt
News Editor

I suppose that every performer has an off night every once in a while. Their voice will be a little scratchy, or maybe they forget the lyrics to a part of one of their older songs, or they will try to update songs into something new and fail, or maybe they’re tired and cut a bunch of songs short so that they can go and take a much-needed nap on the tour bus. But never have I ever thought that it could all happen at once.

Such was the case at last Tuesday’s, Beck and MGMT (formally known as The Man) show at the Roy Wilkins Auditorium in St. Paul. While opening band MGMT played quite the stellar performance, Beck was a little lackluster. Having already seen both bands perform, I expected the opposite.

Compared to their show at Lollapalooza this past summer, MGMT vastly improved. Maybe it was the added bonus of being inside without the excruciating summer heat, but they really impressed. Songs like “Electric Feel” and “Time to Pretend” were executed quite flawlessly, and it was easy to see the band was having just as much fun as the crowd.

Really, the only noticeable mistake throughout their performance was when singer, Andrew VanWyngarden, picked up the wrong guitar before beginning a song, only to have a stage hand come on stage and correct him. MGMT’s danceable songs set the crowd up for a good evening full of great music. Unfortunately, Beck did not live up to the standard set by his opening band, or the standard he set for himself when I saw him just a few years back in the same venue. If only this show had been more like the first.

Opening with the barely audible lyrics of “Loser,” Beck was a little flat to some weird, mottled music not recognizable as the actual music for the song. I was not impressed. The song’s time was cut almost in half and ended suddenly. I thought maybe they just got off to a bad start, but the awkwardness continued throughout the evening.

Each song seemed to be played in some sort of grungy style that didn’t add to the performance, but rather subtracted from the overall feel of the night. It was as if he was trying to update his old classics, trying to fix what wasn’t broken.

A highlight of the show was when the band played a pretty true-to-album rendition of “Black Tambourine” with a contest winner taking the stage of playing electric guitar and dancing around, shaking, well, a black lamb–“slim,” her contest winner, known as Jed, had more energy than the entire band put together. But this enjoyable moment in no way makes up for what may be the least enjoyable show I’ve ever seen. The lowest point of the show was when the entire band abandoned their instruments, donned microphone headsets, held digital beat machines and struggled through “Clap Your Hands” and “Hell Yes.” They looked awkward and uncomfortable standing at the very edge of the stage, pretending they knew how to dance and that the audience could actually hear what they were singing.

Between songs, there was little to no crowd-Beck interaction—a huge disappointment compared to the last night he played Roy Wilkins when Beck was upbeat and energetic, talking to the crowd and making them feel involved.

Not even the new, superb guitar player was able to salvage the show. Half the time it seemed like her voice, although nice, was drowning out that of Beck. Maybe that was a good thing, however, because when his voice was audible, it wasn’t in top condition.

Although I love Beck dearly, and was in the past extremely impressed with his shows, Tuesday night was not impressive. I would have to rate the show a 1.5 out of three, and that’s mostly because MGMT was so good.

Career Center Events!

**GRE Prep Session III**
When: Mon, Oct 13, 6:30pm – 7:30pm
Where: Career Center
Description: Learn strategies to get the highest possible score on the GRE required for most graduate programs. This is a series - NOT repeated sessions!

**How to Find an Internship/Career Exploration**
When: Tue, Oct 14, 3:30pm – 4:00pm
AND Thu, Oct 16, 3:30pm – 4:00pm
Where: Career Center
Description: Learn about the benefits of an internship and how to set up your own experience.

**G-Net Workshop**
When: Tue, Oct 14, 4:00pm – 4:30pm
AND Thu, Oct 16, 4:00pm – 4:30pm
Where: Career Center
Description: Learn what G-Net is, how to set up your personal profile, and how to navigate and find things on G-Net. G-Net is the Career Center’s website for job/internship opportunities, alumni career mentors, and more.

**Macy’s Pre-Night Info Session**
When: Tue, Oct 14, 6:30pm – 8:00pm
Where: St. Peter Room
Description: Meet and mingle with Macy’s representatives
*All candidates planning on interviewing with Macy’s Oct. 15 should be there.

**Year of Service Workshop**
When: Thu, Oct 16, 6:30pm – 7:30pm
Where: St. Peter Room
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October 10, 2008
A year-and-a-half ago, the International and Domestic Programs Committee (IDPC) assembled with one goal: to find a way to interweave awareness of various global issues across all the departments at Gustavus. Soon the Gustavus Global Insight program was conceived. This program encourages students, faculty, staff and community members to increase their focus on global issues.

The Global Insight program is currently administered under a four-year pilot program. Each academic year, a new country, region or international issue will be chosen. This year’s theme is China. Next year the theme will be Mexico, followed by Food and Nutrition the year after, and then Circumpolar Year, incorporating topics relevant to Scandinavia, Northern Canada, Greenland and Russia.

Global Insight in a nutshell

“The program has the aims of expanding the Gustavus curriculum to look at things beyond [the college],” said Thomas Huber, chair of the IDPC and professor of physics. “Aside from the non-Western culture requirement, we wanted to find a way of establishing some of these issues into … the classroom.”

Political Science Professor Richard Leitch is looking forward to seeing the results. “The goal of this new initiative is based around the ideals of the liberal-arts degree. It allows for students to gain a broad understanding of the many issues that our global community faces,” Leitch said. “If a student can walk away after four years with the knowledge and awareness of the pressing global issues of today, then we’ve done our job.”

The IDPC has worked in cooperation with many members of the college to bring a campus focus on China. Throughout the year, the IDPC hopes Gustavus students will have more class discussion about issues relevant to China. In addition, there will be a variety of lectures, films, concerts, and other events.

Another aim of the Global Insight program is to give faculty the ability to incorporate the annual theme into their curriculum. The IDPC hopes this will allow students to apply concepts and theories learned in the classroom to a real-world context.

Although many students study abroad at Gustavus, Phil Voight, chair of the Global Insight Steering Committee and Professor of Communication, said this is not a reason for the students to gain a broad understanding of the many issues that our global community faces.

“The [Global] Insight program really connects the students with the real world. [When] they … go out into the workplace, they will be expected to have … some awareness of the role of China.”

- Phillip Voight

Voight, chair of the Global Insight Steering Committee and professor of communication studies, said this is not a reason for the school to be complacent about introducing a more international perspective to the campus.

“If the committee thinks that [Gustavus] does really well in international programming, and has a strong study abroad program. But we also felt that many people were graduating without … a strong global awareness.”

The steering committee was pleased to develop a program that would achieve its goals without requiring significant resources or changes. “One of the ideal things about this program is that it doesn’t require a huge financial commitment, and it is really just adding the elements of the Gustavus Insight program into things that the community is already doing,” Voight said.

The program utilizes things the college already offers. Specifically, this fall the Global Insight program was able to work in conjunction with the college’s Reading in Common program and the Campus Activities Board with the chosen book Chinese Lessons: Five Classmates and the Story of the New China, by author and journalist John Pomfret.

“Instead of having this program be an add-on, we would like the faculty to view it as something that has relevance to the course that they are teaching,” said Huber, “and that there are global issues that come up in a lot of different contexts.”

This year a new campus-wide program was introduced, entitled Global Insight. Each year a different country, region or them will be chosen and integrated into campus activities, classes and discussion. The goal is to encourage the campus community to look outside itself to issues of international importance.

This year the theme is China.
China and its global influence

Richard Leitch

2008 Summer Olympics in China, provided a human springboard for this Global Insight theme. It was not the only reason focusing China for the 2009 school year, however. The committee felt that China’s rising presence on the world stage and the transformation of its economic, political, social, and human rights issues as something the school could not ignore. In addition, international students attend Gustavus from United International College in China, and in modernizing and engaging such a rapid pace, a Gustavus student can say, “Honestly, I don’t need to worry about China’. Clearly, we will be dealing with China in the future, whether (in) one way or another,” said Leitch.

The Global Insight program really connects the students with the country, but on the United States and several humanitarian organizations in China. "The Insight program really provides students with the chance to draw connections with topics from different years." Obermiller believed that the amount of time and effort dedicated to the program “speaks volumes” about the goals and values of the college.

Students need to be informed on these topics,” Leitch said.

China’s economic gains come with many benefits. However, there are major obstacles to sustaining this economic growth. Professor of History David Tobaru Obermiller said, “China has been experiencing these very high percentages in their economic gains, but at the cost of degradation to the surrounding environment.”

Kerry Brown, Director of Strategic China Ltd., points out that the State Environmental Protection Agency in China recorded that the country’s corporations achieved double-digit economic growth at the expense of harming the environment.

Brown argues that the companies cut costs by leaving out critical environmental protection measures, and ultimately the price of cleaning up this environmental mess will reverse economic gains that have been made in the last 30 years.

“Now, as the years continue, China is beginning to see limits to their economic growth. They are seeing their air become more and more polluted, land conservation, and the amount of unusable water and a deterioration of the status of health among its citizens.” - David Obermiller

The United States and several humanitarian organizations critically address the Chinese government for its human rights violations. The government limits the religious freedom of groups that may generate political or social awareness of the role of China,” said Obermiller.

“China is beginning to see limits to their economic growth. They are seeing their air become more and more polluted, degradation of the land, increases in the amount of unusable water and a deterioration of the status of health among its citizens,” said Obermiller.

Social justice concerns

The Global Insight program provides students with the opportunity to look at the role that the United States plays in the international community with a critical, outside perspective. In essence, the Global Insight program enables the campus community to approach global topics with a two-way mirror, offering an opportunity to view China from diverse perspectives and view ourselves and the United States from new outside perspectives.
Tolerant toddlers: tolerant teens

I know, right?

Tasha Carlson
Staff Columnist

“H” eather lives in a little house with a big apple tree in the front yard and lots of tall grass in the backyard. Heather’s favorite number is two. She has two arms, two legs, two eyes, two ears, hands and two feet. Heather also has two mummies, Mama Jane and Mama Kate.”

The above quote is from the well-known and groundbreaking children’s book, *Heather Has Two Mommies*. Author Leslea Newman broke significant ground by writing a book in which a child has two lesbian mothers. Sarah Hadrian, editor of *AfterEllen.com* asserts in a Jan. 19, 2006 article that *Heather Has Two Mommies* caused a storm of controversy. The book was lambasted on the floor of the U.S. Senate and stolen off of library shelves. Despite arguments that Heather was “teaching homosexuality,” this book actually started a huge ground by writing a book in which two mommies. Mama Jane and Mama Kate are simply part of the human landscape. They are one of the many gay-friendly children’s literature storybooks that have been published since the 1980s.

Heather Has Two Mommies

*by* Leslea Newman

In a Sept. 16, 2007 article that in recent years, children’s literature has directly challenged sexist, racist, classist and finally heterosexist ideologies, and has become increasingly and explicitly politicized. The following is an excerpt from *Zach’s Story* by Keith Elliot, an amazing tale of confidence and understanding regarding a young boy with lesbian mothers.

I know that some kids think that having a lesbian mother is strange, or very different from the way they’re being raised. But I think we live the same way any family does. My mother said, ‘We’re in a family where everybody loves each other, and that’s what matters.’”

Hadrian continues to fight for these amazing books when she explains, “With estimates ranging from two to eight million gay and lesbian parents in the United States, books featuring positive portrayals of same-sex households are vitally important to teaching tolerance, love and diversity to all children. Educators suggest that young children learn best when first presented with books that mirror their own lives. GLBT-themed children’s literature is most important to the roughly seven million kids being raised by gay and lesbian parents.”

AppreciateDiversity.com begs the question: “Do you think your child doesn’t need gay-friendly books because YOU are straight?” Think again: your toddler may not be out to be gay. Arthur Levine, an editor for Scholastic Press, emphasizes that ten percent of the children’s book readership—at least—will grow up to be gay or lesbian. There is an alarmingly high rate of suicide among gay and lesbian teens. If your child turns out to be gay, they should feel safe talking with you about his or her sexuality. If your child turns out to be straight, your child should know how to accept and be kind to their gay and lesbian peers.

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And Tango Makes Three

*by* Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell

Illustrated by Henry Cole

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There is no excuse in being a nation asleep. There is no power in a flag that represents the complacency of a country that has ignored the warnings of the 60s and early 70s can now be easily put in bed, oblivious to the world outside themselves. This is not to say that being radical is or has ever been, in itself, the most important thing of all. What I am saying here is that embracing habitual complacency as we have is never a good thing, and that every time we as a society choose to never fall asleep are found passed out in bed oblivious to the need to act.

Today, it is as if a significant portion of our nation has drunk the Kool-Aid and laid down to die. There is a cult of complacency in the United States, and like any other cult, it’s tearing our national family apart. I’m hoping that we can break free of this cult of complacency to which we as a nation seem to have sworn an oath. It is understandable that we have ended up where we are, but that does not make it all right. It would be a mistake ever to underestimate the ability of people to lock themselves away and ignore the world. However, I cannot say enough about how our tendency to ignore the important issues in pursuit of a superficial happiness does not make our inaction OK.

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Once upon a maverick

I John McCain has long charac-
terized his political behavior as being that of a maverick. Up until recently, this would prove true in his voting record and public statements. Unfortunately, John McCain has sacrificed every principle he once held in order to do whatever it takes to win the presidency. Since the beginning of the primaries sev-
eral months ago, I’ve watched an unsettling change come over Senator McCain and his second campaign for the presidency, and it has left me shaking my head in disbelief and dissi-
pointment. John McCain has become a sell-out, plain and simple.

John McCain is a man whose positions on numerous vital issues seem to change with the political winds. As soon as Sena-
or McCain believes that hold-
ing onto a position would hurt his poll numbers, he changes his position. Take the immigration bill that McCain cosponsored with Ted Kennedy. Eventually, after receiving tons of negative responses from the public and getting lampooned by other Republican presidential nomi-
nees, Senator McCain actually stated he would vote against his own bill! Perhaps if McCain weren’t seeking higher office, he wouldn’t have done the same.

These changes on Senator McCain’s political stances can usually only be traced back a couple of years—around the time McCain declared he would run for President again in March of 2007. Since that time, McCain switched his position on the Bush tax cuts, the estate tax, waterboarding, hunting down terrorists in Paki-
stan, kicking Russia out of the G-8, sending a surge of troops into Afghanistan, the GI Bill, storing nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain, teaching intelligent design, fully funding No Child Left Behind, fighting for drilling and withdrawal timelines for Iraq.

Some of the most disconcert-
ing flips-flops of Senator McCain, at least for me personally, are his support for waterboarding and the Bush tax cuts. His opposi-
tion to the Bush tax cuts showed that McCain was willing to go against his party on an issue that was clearly not meant to help the majority of Americans. His subsequent change of heart, however, proved that McCain is more interested in furthering his ambitions by trying to win over the conservatives he has long-since alienated.

The alienated include a lot of evang-
elicals who still remember how McCait once (correctly) proclaimed that people like Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell were “agents of intolerance” during his 2000 presidential campaign. This time around, he proudly sought out the endorsements and support of these “former” agents of toler-
ance for his second presidential campaign. The other disappointing flip-
flap of Senator McCain’s is his support for waterboarding. You would think that a former POW would better understand the need to ban the use of water-
boarding for interrogating ter-
rorists. He was once a long-time opponent of waterboarding, explaining that interrogation techniques should be limited to what is found in the Army Field Manual. Today, though, he tacitly supports allowing the Bush Administration to use waterboarding in order to gain “intelligence” to defend the homeland.

John McCain can no longer wrap himself around the veil of honor and integrity that he once had. Ever since the Mc-
Cain camp began airing increas-
ingly ludicrous and malicious campaign ads against Senator Obama, it has left many people in McCain’s own party shocked and amazed. Karl Rove, a key strategist in President Bush’s re-
-election campaign over John Kerry, and who is known for having coordinated the Swift Boat ads, actually decried McCain’s ads as “gutless” and made fun of the “truth test.” The irony of hearing this from Karl Rove, of all people, is double irony after learning that McCain decried the polities of Karl Rove in his 2000 presidential campaign (Rolling Stone, October 2008).

The Rogness rant

Election hysteria

Kavan Rogness

I am desperately looking for-
toward to an otherwise ordinary Tuesday in November. Nov. 4, 2008 will mark the end of an excessively hyped, overdrawn and contentious election season. Once the elections are over, I can get back to my normal life without perpetual political bombard-
ment, and the country can settle itself down a little bit.

I have always been a bit over-
whelmed by the campaign cov-
erage in the years and months leading up to an election. Grant-
ed, I haven’t been alive all that long to know a lot about how much attention was given to any particular past election. In recent years, however, I’ve noticed that elections are given more and more attention. The Bush/Gore battle was a big deal, but the post-election drama far over-
shadowed the election itself. The Bush/ Kerry showdown in 2004 perhaps eclipsed even the post-
election issues of 2000. Now, in 2008, we have an election that is bringing the general public to the verge of mass hysteria.

I’m not going to argue that it’s not an important election. It is in need of a new direction. The economy is clearly having some serious issues. Our nation is at an important historical juncture. All of this is evident, and it is indeed critical that we engage in discourse about these issues and make informed decisions at the polls.

As important as this elec-
tion is, however, I think it’s high time that we gave ourselves a reality check.

Barack Obama is not the next Messiah. I’m sorry if that offends someone, but it’s true. He is a politician. I’ve heard people declare that the country’s only hope lies in this one man. While he is undoubtedly an extraordinary man and inspiring individ-
ual, it is impossible to say that he will fix every problem the country is facing. The fanaticism surrounding Obama has extended beyond a po-
litical movement and has become a cultural move-
ment. Although I don’t agree with it, I’ve heard that Obama is a cultural movement is a bad thing. Rather, as a cul-
tural movement, it extends beyond a political choice.

Similarly, John McCain is not Ronald Reagan reincarnate. He is not the only war hero to ever seek office, and thus has no more right to claim patriotism or to have the best interests of the country at heart than those with similar experiences. McCain certainly deserves respect for the experiences he endured in ser-
vice to the country. And there is no qualification for office than Obama’s rags to riches story. Also, McCain is the only one both abroad and at home may trump Obama’s, but experience is argu-
ably not the sole quality that is important when seeking office.

Part of this exces-
sively hyped election comes from the over-
zealous assault on the presidency of George W. Bush. Many like to blame Bush for each and every problem the country currently faces, whether in jest or in all seriousness. Though he certainly will not go down in history as the most suc-
cessful president, the enormity of his failures while in office have the country forced to believe that the current administra-
tion is a blight on his-
tory and that it has had a seriously negative impact on the world. The scene is set for an election that must create unpar-
alled change, something that neither candidate can realistically offer.

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I'm another presidential election year, so the signs are coming out, the buttons are being fastened on and the babies are being kissed. Tangent: why do politicians kiss babies? Babies crawl around on the floor, eat anything that doesn't eat them first and crap in their own pants.

But I digress. This year's election offers Americans some colorful characters to choose from. We have the tough, stern "Uncle Joe Biden," the change-able Terence "Terry" Obama, the comically inarticulate Sarah Palin and John "I Was Alive for Most Americans' Conceptions" McCain.

Alas, America, none of these options is the right one. When it comes to putting the best candidate in office, you can think of just one man. He is a true leader in times of crisis; he is self-assured, confident and poised; although flawed, he also has the moral integrity to admit these shortcomings and pull his team together for the last-minute victory.

That's right. We Need The Mighty Ducks' coach Gordon Bombay for president in 2008.

Let's start back in 1992, when Gordon was nothing but a greaseball lawyer from the Twin Cities. Having reconnected with his hockey roots, Bombay was successfully leading his team to the playoffs. Then, mid-season, they lost faith in him—based on false information—and believed him to be a traitor and a fake. Often the U.S. does the same thing to our own president; we judge without knowing all the facts. But Bombay humbled himself before God and team, apologized like a true leader, re-unified and re-energized the kids and best of all, got them all out of detention! This man can do it all, America.

Now put this great man in the Oval Office; think if he had been the president during Watergate back in '74. Rather than announcing a resignation, Bombay would have had our country cheering, saluting and ready to invade Red China at the drop of a hat.

Bombay's record only improved two years later with D2. This time the leadership wasbottom. After a broken Iceland- lander cracked a hockey stick across his wrist, Ducks player Adam Banks thought he could hide his injury from the world. One problem: Coach Bombay was watching his back. In a dramatic and touching heart to heart, Bombay discovered Banks' physical injury...and his emotional injury: a fear of dis- appointing his father. Bombay assured Adam that he, too, felt a similar pressure to impress his father, and believed Adam would make any father proud, hockey star or not.

Now picture President Bomba- wy waving the American flag together. His leadership was finally complete. When I handed my paper in, Professor Terry Morrow immediately asked for a pen, marked areas that needed improvement on almost every page, and told me I had more work to do.

Terry Morrow held me to a higher standard, and I'm better today because of it. But Terry doesn't only de- mand the best from his students, he applies that same high stan- dard to himself—particularly in the work he does on your behalf in the State Legislature.

As a freshman lawmaker, Rep. Morrow has taken the lead on improving the lives of people who live in this region and the students of Gustavus Adolphus College. I

The College Republicans chose to participate in the Homecoming Events just like any other student organization. One of the events that we chose to participate in was the variety show that took place on Thurs- day evening. There were a few derogatory comments made. It's very disheartening to wit- ness the hypocrisy of Gustavus. Gustavus prides itself as having a willingness to embrace people of all ethnicities, all lifestyles and all religious beliefs, just to name a few. But when a voice of traditional values speaks, it gets shut down. This just goes to show how transparent and one-sided this idea of diversity really is. I am very disappointed with my community.

I only hope that the commu- nity starts to really embrace all diversity, including intellectual diversity.

Carla Shustrop '09
Chair
College Republicans

Letters to the Editor must be fewer than 300 words and must be received by Monday at 5:00 p.m. to make it into the week's issue. If you would like to submit a Letter to the Editor, email lettertotheeditor@gustavus.edu
**Friday, October 10**

**King Corn** at the Treaty Site History Center 6:30 p.m.
This title makes me picture a big ear of corn climbing the Empire State Building, holding a wide-eyed Naomi Watts and longing to be understood by society.

**On-Campus Film, Mamma Mia!** 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
A donkey in heat? No, just Meryl Streep singing.

**Drag Show** 8:00 p.m.
It’s frustrating that most of these guys look better in a dress than I ever will. Damn you, Donovan Thorgrimson, damn you!

**Guitar Hero Rock Out**
Mac’s Bar and Cafe, Mankato 9:00 p.m.
It’s an open competition for people who claim they can slam out to “Sweet Cherry Pie” on a plastic guitar. Chicks dig it.

**Saturday, October 11**

**Schell’s Brewing Company Tour** 9:30 a.m.
For $18 you tour a magical factory that produces the nectar of the gods. For $2 you can rent Willy Wonka and get the same idea, just with chocolate.

**BBQ&A** 12:30 p.m.
I know it’s stereotypical, but I somehow don’t associate the inhabitants of the Q & A House with outdoor grilling and barbeque.

**Women’s Rugby at St. Cloud State University** 2:00 p.m.
This is the team that made a human Tetris game onstage; I’m sure they will come out on top.

**On-Campus Film, Mamma Mia!** 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
It’s a Broadway musical about a sexually promiscuous middle-aged woman confronting the infidelities of her past, as well as the questionable paternity of her child, all on the eve of her daughter’s wedding! Some call it Jerry Springer; I call it sing-along fun for the whole family!

**Sunday, October 12**

**Chat ‘n’ Chew** 11:00 a.m.
At least here you get the chance to discuss the issues, unlike at “Evolution Exposed.” Here’s a tip, College Republicans: next time, don’t bring a close-minded, egotistical Creationist in the name of “open-mindedness.” Done.

**Reader’s Theatre, The Laramie Project** 2:00 p.m.
It’s a play about homophobia in a small rural town. Hopefully it won’t ring any bells for St. Peter and Gustavus folks.

**ILS BBQ** 3:00 p.m.
The Greens will be cooking Veggie Burgers, Peterson House will serenade us with their theatrical ability, and the Wellness Program participants will be handing out free hugs.

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**Monday, October 13**

**Happy Columbus Day!**
Remember in third grade when we thought this guy was cool?

**Monday, October 13**

**Gustavus Dems** 6:00 p.m.
Their symbol makes sense; John Kerry did kind of look like a donkey.

**Lecture, Pavane for a Dead Infant: Consolation in Euripides’ Hypsipyle** 7:00 p.m.
I wonder if the Classics Department opens this lecture with a dead baby joke.

**Student Senate Meeting** 7:00 p.m.
Let’s crash the meeting mob-style. We need torches, pitchforks and battering rams.

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**Tuesday, October 14**

**Announcement:**
Study Abroad Rep. on Campus—Council of International Educational Exchange (CIEE). Study abroad sounds appealing given my choices for the presidential election. Let’s make for the borders, amigos!

**Health Careers Fair, U of M** 2:00 p.m.
Misery star Kathy Bates is giving a special Power Point on “How to Keep Your Patient Comfortably Immobile.”

**Safe Zone Training** 7:00 p.m.
If you don’t get trained, you don’t get the cool sticker that says, “This Room is a Safe Zone.” If you don’t get the cool sticker, your door will be naked and cold and empty. Then everyone will judge you.

**Medication Classification Lecture** 7:30 p.m.
Be sure to catch Morpheus’ seminar on “Blue Pill vs. Red Pill.” The difference is somewhat crucial.

**Womyn’s Awareness Meeting** 9:00 p.m.
You can choose to come, or you can choose not to come (because being a woman should be about the right to choose).

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**Wednesday, October 15**

**Announcement:**
*Topsy Turvy Mouse* tickets on sale. Rumor has it Rhea Muchalla bitch-slaps Eric Noun in the play. Will he sit there and let her get away with that crap? Find out and order your tickets today.

**Ellis Concert** All Day
The Ellen DeGeneres of folk music.

**Poetry Reading, Tim Nolan** 7:00 p.m.
Roses are red, violets are blue, Tim’s good at poetry, and I suck at haiku.

**Holden Evening Prayer Service** 7:30 p.m.
I guess this means participants are “Holden” on by a prayer: HA! Get it? ... You’re not laughing.

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**Thursday, October 16**

**Announcement:**
Faculty Service Award Nominations are due tomorrow. My vote is on Henry MacCarthy. Who else can pull off orange crocs and still be so gosh-darn amazing?

**Explore Gustavus** 8:00 a.m.
It is a huge Prospie visit day. Keep the swearing, sneaking and white slave trading to a minimum, you guys.

**Amnesty International Meeting** 6:30 p.m.
Amnesty ... Isn’t that what Governor Swan granted Will Turner at the end of *Pirates*? Oh wait, that was clemency. ...

**Pizza and Politics** 7:00 p.m.
I don’t know, U.S. politics usually makes me lose my appetite.

**Sauna Society Hours** 8:00 p.m.
Who wouldn’t want to be in a hot, sweaty box with Adam Strand and Sarah Cartwright? Go sweat it up!

**Gustavus Greens Meeting** 10:00 p.m.
Save the trees; if we cut them all down, how else will Floc Radley communicate with the neighborhood children? ...

**Quotes of the week:**

Evan Hilsabeck: *Alliteration is always useful. …*

Prof. Kevin Byrne: *Sorry, I just found a gray hair and it freaked me out.*

Jordan Barry: *I’m the hypotenuse, what now?*

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**The Pickle supports Coming Out Week.**

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**Announcement:**
Happy Columbus Day!

**KGSM, The Silver Lining** 5:00 p.m.
If Building Bridges gets third place at the Variety Show, I’m going to need all the silver lining I can get.

**Gustavus Dems** 6:00 p.m.
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KGSM, *Humpday Meltdown* 8:00 p.m.
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**Gustavus sees improvement as MIAC postseason push continues**

With two big wins now behind them, the Gustavus Women’s Soccer team aims to hit its goals for the remainder of the season. The season started out with a win over the University of Minnesota-Morris and then a loss to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Beating Morris 3-0, they then fell 3-1 against Stevens Point and followed it up with two ties against Luther and Concordia.

“All of the girls really feel confident in each other,” said Senior Christy Tupy. “We’re frustrated with our key losses, but we didn’t lose by more than one goal, and we outplayed those teams for the most part. We fully expect to win the rest of our games this season.”

Senior Christy Tupy, Junior Chelsea Crawford, and Senior Ashley Voigtlander scored the three goals on Morris, and the team out-shot the Cougars 12-2. Sophomore Ashley Anderson scored the team’s only goal against UW-SP while Senior Ashley Ohlson had her first shutout of the season against Luther, blocking nine attempts. In their first home match and first MIAC game, the Gusties tied Concordia 1-1 in double overtime. Craven scored the only goal for Gustavus early on in game play, while Ohlson blocked six attempts.

Following the ties were three tough losses for the Gusties, Simpson, UW-LaCrosse and St. Ben’s all pulled out wins against Gustavus. However, following the rough patch, they defeated Saint Mary’s University 3-0. A close loss to Carleton, 1-0, got the Gusties fired up to win their next two matches. UW-Stout lost 2-0 and Hamline, 1-0. Against Stout, Anderson and Senior Callie Christensen scored the two goals, and was Christensen’s first of the season.

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**More Details**

- The SAVE and SAAB organizations on campus are sponsoring a ‘Fall Fever’ in which all students are invited to attend athletic events for a chance to win prizes. See the Red Desk for more details.
The streak continued with a homecoming game victory in which Sophomore Mackenzie Del Santro scored the only goal of the game with only two minutes and forty-five seconds remaining. This goal was Del Santro’s first of the season.

On Oct. 7, the women lost to Augsburg College, bringing their record to 4-5-2 overall. Against Augsburg, Christensen scored the first goal of the game on a corner kick. In the second half, however, the Augies took over to score two goals and remained untouchable for the remainder of the game.

“The upcoming MIAC games matter more but every game is a big one. We need to pull everything together and get wins,” said co-captain Voigtlander. “We need to continue to work hard at practice and take every game seriously. The play-offs are still optimal and anything could happen.”

The Gusties only have six games remaining, of which five are MIAC games. Gustavus will host the Bethel Royals Oct. 11 at 11:00 a.m. “We’ve got to pull it all together. I can’t overemphasize the improvement that I’ve seen from day one to now. It’s like comparing night and day. I’m proud of how far we’ve come, but now we should win some games” said Head Coach Mike Stehlik. “There’s not much more for us to add. We hope to do what we do best and have it carry over into games. We have the players; it’s down to who’s going to run the gauntlet and carry the torch.”

The Gustavian Weekly Sports Schedule

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“Tell Me!”
Wartburg’s Video Festival, January 30, 2009

Call for Short “You Tube” Videos by College Students

College students should submit their videos of two minutes or less on energy conservation, alternative energy sources, or carbon footprinting. Students are encouraged to explore old ideas, unveil new ones, and tell about the human experience, theories, and concepts. Content, videography, editing and impact will be determining factors in the top three cash awards.

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NATIONAL GUARD

Sports Editor | Andy Keenan
The sun shined brightly on a celebratory Saturday afternoon in southern Minnesota last weekend, and the crown jewel of Homecoming weekend did not disappoint.

After falling to a 16-0 halftime deficit, Gustavus came out firing in the second half, scoring 22 points and making a game out of a poor first half performance. The first score of the game for the Gusties was a 99-yard touchdown strike thrown by Junior quarterback Jordan Becker into the sprinting arms of Senior All-American Chad Arlt to put the Gusties on the board.

Becker threw another touchdown to Arlt in the fourth quarter as well as a 50-yard strike to Junior Blake Noenning, but it just wasn't enough to bring them back. Becker finished 26 for 47 with 313 yards and three touchdowns without turning the ball over once, while his prime target Arlt caught seven passes for 134 yards and two scores. The Gusties had numerous chances to score late in the game but huge stops by St. Thomas prevented a Gustavus victory on Homecoming.

The telling statistic of the contest was the time of possession for both squads. St. Thomas held the ball for nearly forty minutes while the Gusties had possession for a little over twenty. Gustavus combined with the Tommies for 775 total yards of offense in the game, 239 of those coming from the rushing offense of St. Thomas. Junior rover Joe Welch and Sophomore linebacker Zach Lundquist led the Gusties in tackles, combining for 23 stops while Junior Tony Palma had the games only interception. Despite the wealth of yards given up, Gustavus’ defense held tough, especially in the game’s second half. In the game’s final three drives, the Gusties pushed St. Thomas off of the field in four downs in two of the three instances.

Gustavus flies to Tacoma, Washington this weekend to play a non-conference game with highly-touted Pacific Lutheran University. With a record of 2-2 (1-2 in MIAC play), the Gusties sit in a knot for fifth place while three teams—Concordia, Carleton and Augsburg—remain unbeaten in the conference.