In its first meetings, Student Senate faced controversies over finances and allocations for student organizations, and spent two seven-hour sessions addressing these issues.

Last year, controversy arose when changes made within Senate were called into question. One of these changes, which allowed first-year students to run for the Co-President, led to a new co-presidential election this fall. Senators hope that adopting a new constitution will clear up any confusion.

The old constitution was not taken care of very well; it was run-down. It didn’t have a good system set up. It had a system that worked, but it wasn’t a very cohesive system that worked together in optimal form,” said Junior Political Science Major Nick Harper, who served on the Constitution Committee. “This new constitution set up a system with lots of checks and balances, so that people are kept accountable and work efficiently.”

The new constitution, if adopted, would reduce the number of seats on Senate by nine. This would be accomplished by reducing the number of representatives from individual dorms and cutting in half the number of representatives from each class.

“We’re creating a leaner Senate that makes it easier for students to take leadership roles,” said Senior Political Science Major and Senate Communications Director Nick Stramp, who also served on the committee that wrote the new constitution.

The constitution would also establish committees to handle Senate’s elections and student finances. The Ethics Committee, which would ensure fair elections, grew out of a controversy over last year’s elections. Accusations of improper and unfair campaigning, as well as confusion over the composition of Senate’s ad hoc Ethics Committee surrounded that election and resulted in calls for new rules regarding Senate elections. The new constitution also created a new position — Ombudsperson — to chair the committee and serve as a neutral observer who ensures Senate follows the rules laid out in the new constitution.

“Ombudsperson is an outside person looking in on Senate and chairs the Ethics Committee. [He or she makes] sure the Senators are staying in line and that the whole process is going well,” said Stramp.

Outside of the Ethics and Finance Committees, however, there are no other permanent committees, a significant change for Senate.

“It will help make sure all the senators feel a strong connection to Senate and are able to consistently stay involved and be working on tasks they are excited about,” said Sophomore Kim Braun, who served on the Constitution Committee.
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**Firethorne: back from the ashes?**

*Rebekkah Steinwand  
Staff writer*

*Firethorne,* Gustavus’ literary arts magazine, has not been published in over a year. According to a brief description by the new, motivated management, past editors dropped the ball on the literary magazine, which led to the disappointment of submitters and readers alike.

However, despite those setbacks, *Firethorne* is back with a new staff and is ready for submissions.

Twice a year, *Firethorne* debuts eighty pages of student-produced poetry, prose, short stories and other literary creations, as well as photography and other printable art.

In the fall, a black and white issue is released, and a larger, color issue is released in the spring. "I was not aware that *Firethorne* was in existence at Gustavus until just recently," said Matt Dirose, a first-year student. "I think that this literary magazine is something I will definitely partake in. … It allows the students to really get what they want to say out there for feedback and to have [their] work published."

So far, the news about the revival of *Firethorne* has been well-received, with over 100 submissions of multiple genres, ranging from creative fiction to memoir.

In past years *Firethorne* has accepted photography and this year they are also accepting submissions of drawings and pictures of sculptures.

"I think it’s really important on a liberal arts campus to get everyone involved in this publication," said *Firethorne* Managing Editor Katie Anderson, a senior English major. "We’re not just looking for English majors either. [Firethorne] gives the campus a voice … a literary magazine lets their creativity flow."

Organizational Manager Molly Kolpin, who is also a senior English major, said, "I think it’s important to take advantage of it. It’s important that physics, math, biology and history majors get involved in this publication, too. It’s a unique opportunity provided that needs to be utilized."

Students may submit as many pieces of work as they choose, but entry into the publication ultimately depends on the editors’ approval.

Those who choose to enter submissions should specifically note that anonymous work will not be published, nor will any work sent from a non-Gustavus e-mail address. Finally, prose should be 2,500 words or less, and artwork/photography may be any color at any size, but if a painting is too colorful, it may be reverted to grayscale, upon the artist’s consent.

*Firethorne* is back, and this is going to be a great year with a great, exciting and ambitious staff," said Anderson. "We’re already back on track."

Those interested in submitting their work, or looking for further submission requirements, can visit gustavus.edu/orgs/firethorne for more information.

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New student group sparks debate on campus

Junior Political Science Major Mary Depuydt is the founder of the new Parliamentary Debate team. The team consists of many former Forensic Speech team members.

“I was hesitant as to how the college community would respond to a secondary team. There was resounding support,” said Depuydt. The Parliamentary Debate team was approved by SAO this past week and therein given the school’s official approval of the group.

“We’re argumentative people by nature, and we think that competitive debate is essential to … teach improvisational discussion,” said Depuydt. Junior Political Science Major Nick Harper is one of the members who used to be on the Forensics team but left to join the Parliamentary Debate team.

“It just because you speak well doesn’t mean that you debate well,” said Harper. “Forensic speaking can be very useful, but in some senses very impractical. It’s memorized by script. There is no point where a scripted speech is needed in someone’s life. However, immediate and logical arguments will occur.”

“It is not just the difficulties of time constraint and rules that caused Harper and Depuydt to form a new student organization. They also had problems with Forensics Coach Kris Kracht.

“I respect Kris a lot, but … I lost faith in him due to his feelings toward parliamentary debate. I sense that he does not approve of parliamentary debate as much as forensic speech, which comes out in the way he schedules agendas for practice. There is not enough time or money spent on debates or tournaments,” said Harper. “He has standards, and that is good; it’s just that sometimes it’s very difficult for students to live up to them. He is unchanging about flexing requirements for debate. You have to join forensics. He pushes you to go to and do more events.”

“Though he’s stern, and that can be a good thing, for a system as dynamic as debate, he is not lenient enough,” said Depuydt.

“In response to these critiques, Kracht said, “To compete at national level, it takes a great deal of commitment and hard work. Because of this, forensics is not for everyone.”

“When asked about his thoughts on the new organization, Kracht said he “know[s] very little about the organization and their intentions.”

“I have nothing to do with it, its formation or its funding. I couldn’t even tell you who’s involved,” said Kracht.

Department of Communications Chair Leila Brammer has been working at Gustavus for 12 years and has seen Forensics change over the years. “The [Forensics] debate back then [was] very different from debate now,” said Brammer.

She went on to explain that current Forensics members must compete in three events because it is more cost effective. To have multiple students going to tournaments to compete in multiple events costs less than having just a few students going to a costly tournament and only competing in one event.

This system “existed prior to Kracht working here,” said Brammer. “The department is so pleased to have Kracht as a coach. We are pleased that he has such high standards for the quality, work ethic and character of the team.”

Since Kracht has been the coach, the Forensics team has done well for itself, earning a top 20 national ranking for the second consecutive year at the American Forensics Association National Individual Events Tournament. The Parliamentary Debate team was approved by SAO this past week and therein given the school’s official approval of the group.

“I was hesitant as to how the college community would respond to a secondary team. There was resounding support,” said Depuydt. The Parliamentary Debate team was given $1,050 by Student Senate at the budget meeting last week. Harper, a member of the debate team, as well as a member of Senate, said, “We have the minimal of minimal. We got less than 10 percent of what [Forensics] has.”

Because Parliamentary Debate is a student group, Student Senate funds it. Forensics, however, is funded by the Department of Communications.

Now that the Parliamentary Debate team has been recognized as a group, both teams will be attending tournaments.

“I don’t think it’s a bad thing. Some Forensic speech team members have expressed concern over the image for Gustavus, but I honestly think [the] image issues are [for the] Forensics team. … It will not reflect negatively on the school as a whole because it’s still Gustavus students competing,” said Harper.

“When you think of the idea of having essentially two teams from Gustavus going to tournaments, I mean how does that really look upon us? … I’m not necessarily OK with them going to tournaments, because they’re almost kind of taking away from what the Forensics team is doing,” said Sean Maertens, a junior political science and communication studies major, a member of the Forensics team and a Student Senate member.

“The purpose is to get better at debate; it doesn’t matter who we compete against. Either way we carry the Gustavus name, and both teams represent Gustavus,” said Depuydt.
The Gustavus Theater and Dance program’s fall play this year is *Topsy Turvy Mouse*, directed by Associate Professor of Theater and Dance Amy Seham. Assistant Professor Micah Maatman is in charge of set design and Teresa Wilkens, adjunct instructor, is taking care of lighting.

Set fifteen years after the torture of the prisoners in Abu Ghraib, the play centers around the families of Richie and Amit, two high school friends. Richie’s confusion about his parents’ past is a catalyst for the play’s action. “It not only has a lot of information and historical reference, but it is legitimately entertaining. It has such a wide range of emotions displayed, from anger to humor, from fights to make-out scenes, from justifying torture to re-enacting the photos of Abu Ghraib; there is a bit of everything for everyone in there,” said Sophomore Management and Theater Major Christian DeMarais who plays Richie’s father Kenny. Christian explained how difficult it is to portray a character who has some real anger issues, as well as committed some serious crimes in the name of patriotism. “This is an awesome play. The show tells a terrific story with some funny and some terrifying situations. The play’s message is relevant; it was written very recently, and that always makes it more exciting,” said First-year Ben Batz, who plays the character of Richie.

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Dr. Newmark, a former witness for the prosecution, returns to the stand in this rare re-examination of “The Girl on the Bridge.”

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**Fall play addresses tough issues**

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**Drag Show: sweet success**

Junior Adam Strand and Senior Maggie Sotos were crowned the winners of the Drag Show last Friday night.
Gustavus is well known for its Department of Physics and the professors who create the strong base for the program. Professor of Physics Chuck Niederriter, or “Chuck” to students and fellow professors, is among the group that has worked to get the physics program to the level it is today.

In addition to teaching responsibilities and performing research, Niederriter has recently been named the new Director of the Nobel Conference. The Nobel Conference is a huge event for Gustavus and all who attend, and being in charge of it is an honor. “My duties include organizing faculty committees to determine speakers’ topics, getting speakers lined up, setting a budget, fundraising and whatever else it takes to do it,” said Niederriter.

Niederriter has been a professor of physics and astronomy at Gustavus since 1985. He completed his undergraduate studies at Gannon College in Pennsylvania and was hired as an assistant professor at Gustavus immediately after receiving his Master’s and Ph.D. from Ohio University.

He first considered pursuing physics as a career during his senior year of high school, but he said, “I took an intro course to physics my freshman year of college, and by the end of that year I knew for sure that physics would be my major.”

Besides being fascinated by nearly every area of physics, Niederriter’s interests expand to the general categories of engineering and materials science. More specifically, his research focuses on experimental solid state physics, surface science and materials science. “Currently it has been energy-related things catching my interest,” said Niederriter. “Things like wind and solar energy.”

Niederriter is also the faculty adviser for the Society of Physics Students, the Newman Center, the organization for Catholic students on campus. Niederriter’s involvement is not limited to on-campus organizations. “My wife and I have been involved in the St. Peter chapter of Habitat for Humanity since it was founded. She serves on the family selection committee of the board. I work on houses and together we maintain the contact database for the organization,” said Niederriter.

He also does astronomy programs for groups of younger students, such as Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

Science is a major part of Niederriter’s life, but so is his family and love for being active outdoors. He has been married to his wife Debbie, a fellow physicist, for 28 years and has five kids—four boys and one girl. Niederriter enjoys canoeing, hiking, biking and sailing during the summer months. He and his family own a 16-foot sailboat that they like to take out on the nearby lakes.

During the winter, Niederriter also enjoys two sports very popular to Minnesotans—cross-country skiing and snowmobiling.

This January, Niederriter will combine his love of being with family and the outdoors when he heads “down under.” He and his wife Debbie will teach a January Interim Course in Australia and New Zealand—Astronomy of the Southern Skies—for the fourth time.

At Gustavus, Niederriter has taught all the physics courses offered in the department at least once, with the exceptions of thermal and statistical physics and nuclear physics. Some of these courses include: First Term Seminars, Curriculum II, Natural World, Classical Physics, General Physics (with lab) and Electronics Lab.

There’s no question as to why Niederriter is a popular and respected professor; he has many outstanding achievements. But maybe the most recognizable one is his contribution of time, effort and energy to his students, Gustavus and research furthering the knowledge of physics.

Annie Opseth
Staff Writer

**Gustie of the Week:**
Chuck Niederriter: physicist, family man and jack-of-all-trades

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Professor of Physics Chuck Niederriter has been teaching at Gustavus for over twenty years and will take over as the new Director of the Nobel Conference this year. In addition to his involvement at Gustavus, Niederriter enjoys outdoor activities with his family.
Rascal Flatts leaves room for improvement

Amy McMullan
Staff Writer

I got a chance to relive my junior high boy-band craze at the Rascal Flatts and Taylor Swift concert on Friday, Oct. 10. Rascal Flatts returned to the Xcel Center in St. Paul for the fourth time. The sold-out concert was pure bliss for the thousands of teenage and college-age women. As for the men at this concert, the poor souls who were likely dragged by their girlfriends could have easily been counted on my fingers and toes.

Opening act Taylor Swift was just as good as if not better than the main show. The eighteen-year-old performed seven songs, all of which she wrote herself. Swift rallied the female demographic through her lyrics on ex-boyfriends in her hit songs “Picture to Burn” and “Tim McGraw.” She released some of her anguish by beating on garbage cans with the band’s fiddler in “Shud’t’ve Said No.” Yes, it seemed strange at first, but had a powerful effect overall.

Before turning the stage over to Rascal Flatts, Swift plugged her upcoming album Fearless—one of her most striking traits—which will be released Nov. 13. Country music’s boy-band took to the technologically elaborate stage after descending from the rafters on a lit-up platform.

Following this dramatic entrance was an ordinary Rascal Flatts concert. It was not a bad performance by any means, but nothing that hasn’t been done before. Rascal Flatts sang their sweet love songs, got the audience rocking to hits “Love You Outloud” and “Me and My Gang” and also sugared up the ladies by complimenting Minnesota’s fine selection of women.

Lead vocalist Gary LeVox made some lucky eight-year-old’s day when he pulled the little girl onstage to sing “Life is A Highway” with him. No doubt in my mind, we will see this girl again. She had stage presence that even Miley Cyrus would envy.

The concert concluded with a not-so-subtle “Get Out The Vote” theme, beginning with a Guitar Hero character rocking out to Hendrix’s version of the national anthem and ending with confetti and a patriotic balloon drop during the encore—possibly leftovers from the Republican National Convention.

I give this concert two out of three crowns. All in all, would I spend another $70 to do it again? Probably not. It’s worth it if it’s your first Rascal Flatts concert, but a little much for the same show over and over again.

Gustie Grad Mary Duvall helps change the world through Lutheran World Relief

Ethan Marxhausen
Staff Writer

Some people believe that the world we live in is not perfect. While this idea may lend itself to caffeine-fueled political debates in coffee shops and on college campuses all over the country, few people actually take their concern a step further and devote their lives to work as a force for good in the world.

Mary Duvall, a Gustavus graduate who has taken that extra step by working as a community organizer and humanitarian, graduated in 2005 with a major in religion and, after living in India for a year, accepted a job with Lutheran World Relief (LWR).

LWR is a nonprofit organization that works to help those in need in the Midwest and around the world to educate and promote activism in churches and communities. LWR works with other NGOs, like Amnesty International, to increase awareness about humanitarian issues in struggling communities across the globe.

Duvall describes her work as “trying to encourage Midwest constituents as citizens to work for peace and justice around the world.” To do this, she speaks with community members—especially those involved in church congregations—about important humanitarian issues and encourages them to talk to their representatives and take action to affect change. The ultimate goal is to change government policy toward these humanitarian issues and make U.S. communities more active and sympathetic in their political attitudes.

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She is, however, wary about direct government aid. “Just the fact that although there’s poverty and oppression and conflict around the world, that doesn’t mean that the people can’t take care of those problems themselves. They just need to be empowered. If we can help communities start thinking about long-term development, that’s what we want to do. People can’t be dependant on handouts; they need to learn to take care of themselves.”

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The Dark Knight overshadows its predecessors

By Ryan McGinty
Staff Writer

What can I say that hasn’t already been said about The Dark Knight? Probably nothing, so I’ll simply reiterate. Kevin Smith put it best when he said: “It’s the Godfather II of comic book films.” Amen to that.

If you have absolutely no clue what The Dark Knight is, you really need to get out more. It was by far the hottest movie of the summer, with an almost one billion dollar box office gross to date—something few films have ever achieved—and is showing this weekend in Wallenberg Auditorium.

The Dark Knight is Christopher Nolan’s sequel to his own Batman Begins (which gave the Batman franchise a much needed reboot back in 2005). It takes place one year after the events of the first movie. Batman (Christian Bale) is kicking ass in Gotham City, business as usual, until an insane, anarchistic clown waltzes into Gotham once and for all. Despite their best intentions, not everything goes according to plan, and everyone ends up with some serious scars.

This movie is even more grandiose than its predecessor (a pretty damn big movie itself). But while Batman Begins was primarily Batman’s movie, The Dark Knight belongs to The Joker. Heath Ledger does a remarkable job in the role, he literally becomes The Joker, and it is just a treat to watch. From the nuances in his voice, to his fidgety mannerisms, to the crazy, homicidal look in his eyes, Ledger nails the character in every way, and reminds us how far off Jack Nicholson’s portrayal was in Tim Burton’s Batman (1989). It is a perfect performance, perhaps Oscar worthy.

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Overall, I give The Dark Knight three out of three crowns. It improves upon its predecessor in every area. It’s an epic roller coaster ride of a film, packed with wonderful performances, fast-action and one of the greatest villain performances on screen possible; it just won’t be the same on a big screen. See it on the biggest screen possible; it just won’t be the same.

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If you have absolutely no clue what The Dark Knight is, you really need to get out more. It was by far the hottest movie of the summer, with an almost one billion dollar box office gross to date—something few films have ever achieved—and is showing this weekend in Wallenberg Auditorium.

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How About Them Apples?

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Features Editor

O f the autumnal rituals listed under, “to be completed before the crunchy leaves and crisp temperatures give way to barren trees and a subzero wind-chill,” picking apples is a top priority for many Minnesotans.

“It’s definitely a fall tradition,” said Senior Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Major Ryan Dobbs.

The fall months are a unique time when residents of the state can eat apples grown by local farmers rather than those imported from long distances, and if they are ambitious enough, pick a few of their own.

“Nothing that grows on a tree can quite compare with the apple,” Professor of Environmental Studies Jim Gilbert writes in his book, Through Minnesota Seasons. “The apple is one of the loveliest of our earth’s fruits and we grow some of the best of them here in Minnesota.”

“A lot of people think an apple is an apple,” Gilbert said, “[but] there is much more [to the fruit] than that.” Some people may not distinguish between apples, but Senior Biology and Dance Major Christine Dornbusch is not one of them.

She looks forward to being able to eat Minnesota-grown Honeycrisp apples every fall. Biting into a Honeycrisp is, “like a tidal wave of organic freshness,” Dornbusch said. For her, the appeal of an apple lies in its crunch. “I want to be disruptive on the third floor of the library when I bite into a Honeycrisp. It has to be loud.”

Junior Steven Turner agrees with Dornbusch about Honeycrisps, but Senior Biology Major Nathan Elnet prefers Haralson. Senior Psychology Major Holly Anderson is a fan of Piocheen Macs, and Linnaeus Arboretum Naturalist Bob Dunlap sticks with Honey Cold.

Dobbs appreciates tart Granny Smith apples. “I really appreciate the contrast between the Granny Smith and the caramel, the sweet and the sour.” Whatever your preference, a variety of commercial orchards can be found in Minnesota, growing an assortment of apples. “It’s a good apple-growing area,” Gilbert said. “The Northern tier states are where apples grow better because they need a cold resting time.”

Cold is something Minnesota has, in addition to a long history of developing techniques to overcome the elements to grow produce. “The Minnesota climate is colder than most fruit-producing regions,” the University of Minnesota’s apple website explains (apples.umn.edu).

Gilbert points out that in the arena of commercial growing, Minnesota does not compete with states that have huge commercial production, like Washington. However, Minnesota’s apple-growing industry does have points of distinction. The University of Minnesota is one of them.

“We have a very strong applied biology and agricultural school,” Gilbert said. “Within the agricultural school, we have a department of horticulture, and they work on apples.”

The University of Minnesota’s Horticultural Research Center (HRC), located at the Landscape Arboretum, is one of three major apple-breeding programs at the country’s universities according to Jim Luby.

Luby is a professor of Horticultural Science at the University of Minnesota and has supervised the HRC. “The University of Minnesota Horticultural Research Center is home to the oldest continuous fruit breeding program in North America,” Luby said.

In 1878, when the state was just 20 years old, the legislature appropriated money to develop an organization to be the center of fruit breeding for the state. “At the time, most Minnesotans lived on farms and depended on the food their landed provided to survive. “As 19th century settlers on the northern Great Plains discovered, this region was one of the most inhospitable of any in the young nation for fruit production,” Luby said.

The HRC has come a long way since its inception in the nineteenth century. Its research extends past academia and influences residents of the state on a daily basis. “Over two-thirds of the apples grown in Minnesota are U of MN-developed varieties,” Luby said.

By the time a new variety of apple reaches the public, it has already survived a long process of trials to test it. “Apple seedlings are put through harsh trials of cold and disease,” the HRC website states. “It takes 25 years to develop a new variety and only one in over 10,000 seedlings is good enough to find a place in the market.”

One seedling that has definitely secured its place among other apples is the Honeycrisp — developed by the HRC. Erik Larson, produce manager of the St. Peter Food Co-op, just ordered new Honeycrisp apples to fill the store’s dwindling supply.

“When in season, Honeycrisp is the best-selling produce item,” Larson said. The St. Peter Co-op gets their apples from Greggers Orchard in Waseca, MN. In the off-season, apples are provided by countries like New Zealand and Chile. “We don’t completely discontinue them — we’ve got to have apples,” Larson said, “but locally grown produce is a priority.”

Gustavus Dining Services share a similar philosophy. Catering Manager Mari Willmert said that the cafeteria sells locally-grown produce whenever possible. “When anything is in season, we try to get [produce] from here,” Willmert said.

River Rock Coffee Shop in St. Peter currently has drink specials featuring apples grown locally and purchased at the town’s farmer’s market. River Rock employee Montana Rasmussen said that utilizing locally-grown food is an important value for the coffee shop.

“It supports the local economy, ensures freshness and the best possible flavor while lowering our footprint,” Rasmussen said.

A long history follows the apples stacked in supermarkets and plucked from trees, and a part of that history is rooted in Minnesota. “We learn by seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting,” Gilbert said. Perhaps the first step in learning about the apple is to take a bite of one.
Amy’s Apple Advice

Culinary expert Amy Erickson, a senior political science major, shares family recipes from multiple generations. They all have one thing in common: apples are the main attraction.

**Apple Crisp**

Ingredients:
- 4 medium tart apples, sliced
- 1/4 c. butter, softened
- 3/4 c. packed brown sugar
- 3/4 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1/2 c. flour

Preheat oven to 375°F. Grease Bottom of 9-inch square pan. In medium bowl, stir remaining ingredients until well mixed. Sprinkle over apples. Bake about 40 min. Serve warm with ice cream.

**Applesauce**

Ingredients:
- 8 apples, peeled, cored, and sliced
- 1 c. water
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 c. sugar
- 1/2 tsp. nutmeg

Put apples in a large saucepan. Cover & bring to a boil. Boil over low heat, stirring occasionally, 20 minutes. Add cinnamon & nutmeg. Serve warm or cold.

**Hot Apple Cider**

Ingredients:
- 1 quart apple cider
- 2-3 cinnamon sticks
- 1/2 c. cranberry juice
- 1/2 tsp. whole cloves
- 1/4 c. packed brown sugar
- 1 lemon, thinly sliced

Combine juices with brown sugar, cloves, cinnamon sticks in a large pot. Bring to a boil. Let simmer for about 20 minutes. Strain. Serve hot.

Check out these specials at River Rock Coffee:

- Pepin Heights Hot Cider - Chai-
  $3.45, 16 oz.
- Sparkling Cider - Caramel Apple
  Delight
  $1.84, 16 oz.

Far Left: Junior Adam Strand reaches for an apple. Top Left: Sophomores Sarah Cartwright and Kim Braun bite into Haralson apples. The Haralson was one of the first varieties developed at the University of Minnesota Horticulture Research Center in 1922. Top Right: A Haralson apple hangs from a tree at Minnesota Harvest, a local orchard. Bottom Left: Today many apple orchards are scattered across the country, but this has not always been the case. According to the University of Illinois, the crabapple is the only apple native to North America. Currently 2,500 apple varieties are grown in the United States. Bottom Right: Sophomore Jordan Walker holds a pile of apples. In addition to being a tasty treat, many studies link apples to improved health. In 2004 researchers at the University of Massachusetts at Lowell reported that nutrients in apples may improve memory and learning.

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Everybody loves Reagan
Principles over politicians

Andrew Evenson
Staff Columnist

John McCain and the other Republican candidates across the country are experiencing a political nightmare right now. I feel, however, that this election could be the perfect opportunity for the Republican Party to reestablish the conservative principles that can best get us through our country’s current economic crisis and all of our other serious domestic and foreign policy challenges.

For far too long, many Republican politicians have tried to buy votes by outspending their Democratic counterparts and strong-arming votes from conservatives by talking up social issues and saying things such as, “You might not like me, but consider how radical the alternative is!” Americans deserve better than deciding between the lesser of two evils.

“It’s the economy, stupid!” This famous political phrase was coined by Clinton campaign strategist James Carville in 1992, but it also rings true today as the single most important issue in American politics. Conservative Republicans should be the ones to trust when it comes to the economy, but our Republican leaders have gone astray of the conservative core principles. I love George W. Bush, but he has spent money like a fat kid in a candy store.

Richard Viguerie, credited as being one of the architects of the Reagan Revolution, asserts in his book Conservatives Betrayed that federal spending has grown five times larger under President Bush than what it was under Democratic President Bill Clinton. We need to go back to the Reagan mantra of decreasing the size of government so we can get our country back into surplus.

On Friday, Oct. 10 at Lakeville South High School, I was able to attend a John McCain town hall meeting. Senator McCain came across as a much more genuine person than he sometimes appears during the debates. He also showed great class by telling the anxious crowd that Barack Obama is a good man who cares about his family and should not be feared despite his starkly different vision for America.

As he spoke, I once again realized that cutting wasteful government spending has been a goal for John McCain. He may not have conservative views on all issues, but he has been a leader in this area for many years and should emphasize this strength.

The other side of the economic coin is tax policy. Keeping taxes low is crucial during tough economic times, but conservative politicians must go beyond the politically popular income tax breaks and individual tax credits. One of the most important tax breaks we need is on the corporate tax rate. Corporations are the big bad wolf in American political culture, but having the second highest corporate tax rate in the developed world has moved corporations into other countries—taking thousands of jobs away with them. Even socialist-leaning countries like Sweden and Norway have lower corporate tax rates than the U.S., but I feel American politicians are afraid to tell voters that tax cuts for corporations are probably the best way for average Americans to get long-term relief for their pocketbooks.

Both Barack Obama and John McCain issue extremely weak on economic issues, so I believe John McCain needs to let the American people know that if elected president, he will bring into his cabinet great conservative economic minds who can navigate through our present challenges. I’m talking about people like former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney, who spent most of his life as a CEO taking over struggling companies and making them efficient and profitable. Former eBay CEO Meg Whitman is another McCain ally who understands the economy and could give advice and direction as a member of a McCain administration.

The American people aren’t abandoning conservative economic principles; they just haven’t seen them in awhile, and I think John McCain could gain a lot of credibility with voters if he brought in a team Americans could trust to handle our economy.

Both social issues (such as eliminating abortion and protecting the sanctity of marriage) and civil liberties issues (such as protecting the right to bear arms) are important, but conservatives can no longer make these issues free passes for Republicans to be liberal on economic policy. On the same note, inflicting the threats of global terrorism and using foreign policy threats to trade would be liberal on economic policy. on the same note, inflicting the threats of global terrorism and using foreign policy threats to trade would be liberal on economic policy. on the same note, inflicting the threats of global terrorism and using foreign policy threats to trade would be liberal on economic policy. on the same note, inflicting the threats of global terrorism and using foreign policy threats to trade would be liberal on economic policy.

Robert Hewitt, a conservative writer on national security, might disagree with me on this point, but I believe he is wrong on this issue.

According to Vote Yes Minnesota, the organization campaigning for The Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment that Minnesotans will see on their ballot this Nov. 4, one million acres of Minnesota forest, farmland and natural areas will be lost within the next 25 years; on top of this, 40 percent of the waters tested in Minnesota currently fail basic health standards, according to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

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To Minnesota, with love

Eliza L. Swedenborg
Commentary Editor

Would you know what I meant if I told you I were sun-drunk? Bear with me for a second; you think you know exactly what I mean. This intoxication comes not from the bottle but from hours and hours at The Lake soaking up the sun, pure and unapologetic. When you eventually retreat back indoors, you still feel the heat of the day in your skin, and you cannot help but wear an honest, smug expression behind your tired eyes.

To me, this is a significant part of what it means to be a Minnesotan.

John O’Donohue, the late Irish philosopher and poet, believed that landscape is a defining feature of our inner life, as well as the outer physical world. In other words, our identities are to some extent formed by the tangible setting in which we live. This most certainly applies to Minnesotans as much as anyone else. Unfortunately, I fear that we are in danger of losing not only the health and beauty of the land, but also our connection to it.

Minnesota is the fastest growing state in the Midwest. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the population of Minnesota is expected to increase 17.9 percent by 2030. This growth has the potential to mean greater development, depletion and pollution of our land and resources.

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What would happen to Minnesotan culture if we ceased to relate to the landscape that surrounds us? If we no longer had this part of our identities in common, would we grow disconnected to each other as well?

What does it mean to be a Minnesotan when you take away the woods, the prairie and—above all—The Lake?

For a state with such pride in its 10,000 lakes, it is disturbing to learn that 40 percent of the Minnesota lakes tested failed basic health standards.

Perks of being a wildflower

E. O’Donohue

In order to combat this trend, lawmakers have introduced a No Child Left Inside Bill to the U.S. House and Senate; the bill passed the House on Sept. 19. A ratified No Child Left Inside Act would authorize funding to states for environmental education, which at its core is about the relationship between humans and natural systems.
This is an article about being Pro-Choice. It is about what it means to be Pro-Choice and why all those who value a woman’s right to choose need to be aware of how that right is slowly being stolen away.

Pro-Choice is a lot of things. It is pro-condom, pro-birth control and pro-sex education. It is about giving people the choice to decide what they want to do with their bodies and not restricting their right to education. Being Pro-Choice does NOT mean keeping abortion as a right for women in the case that it is needed, a case that should be decided between a woman and her doctor, end of story.

Let’s take a moment to get real about abortion. Historically, women have always had abortions, whether the procedure was legal or not. Many of the illegal abortions performed before Roe v. Wade were not safe, and women were subject to infections that caused them to become sterile or to need hysterectomies. With the advent of legalized abortion, we are saying that we value the health of women and support their right to safe, accessible abortion. What abortion does not deter women from obtaining abortions, wouldn’t it be better to provide safe procedures from accredited doctors rather than having women suffer from fatal medical complications because they went to a back-alley provider? However, today, access to clinics that perform abortions is quickly declining to the point that for many women, their rights are not being met. According to NARAL Pro-Choice MN, only 22 doctors performed 98 percent of the abortions in all of Minnesota; that’s out of around 700 OB/GYN practitioners. With the loss of trained providers, a woman’s right to choose is slowly being taken away.

In places like South Dakota and North Dakota it’s even worse; there are no abortion providers residing in these states. Abortions are only available when clinics can afford to bring in doctors from the Twin Cities.

Part of the problem is that medical students are not required to learn the medical procedures in order to provide abortions, and in order for them to be trained they have to take on extra courses during the already overwhelming years of medical school. This means that most abortion providers are those who were around when abortion was illegal, who have treated scores of women with uteruses punctured from coat hangers and life threatening infections. Oh, and just as a side note: while women are the ones with bodily integrity to lose, 73 percent of anti-choice politicians have never had an abortion according to NARAL Pro-Choice Minnesota.

Another aspect of keeping the conversation about abortion real is knowing that hetero-sexual couples are not going to stop having sex. The argument that claims that if you have sex you must be responsible enough to deal with the repercussions is unrealistic and skewed across gender lines. One reason it’s unrealistic is that people engage in risky behavior all of the time and are still protected by the law.

If I go running at 2 a.m. tomorrow morning and I subsequently robbed my precious iPod, no police officer is going to deny me all the help she or he can offer. So why should the government deny a woman aid in an unwanted situation? And just to clarify, sex does not always result in a pregnancy. If it did, an American couple would only have sex 2.09 times during their marriage.

Pro-Choice means being pro-knowledge, or in other words, having comprehensive sexual education. This is the first, simple-but-imperative step to lowering the number of abortions needed in this country. Pro-Choice means being pro-contraceptives, having available condoms and affordable birth control.

It’s important to point out the hypocrisy that comes from social conservatives who block women from being taught sexual education and obtaining contraception, and then expect women to become pregnant only at the perfect time. You cannot expect to have a country based on traditional family values without being Pro-Choice, because strong families will not emerge from a culture that does not want people to carry to term unwanted pregnancies.

And finally, Pro-Choice doesn’t have anything to do with voting for and why you’re voting for them. It means understanding that if you vote for a certain way, you are inherently saying you do not respect my rights, my choice or me. This is not the time for zealous moral vindications to take precedent over the real-life restrictions of the rights of your sister, your mother or yourself. It’s the time for people who are Pro-Choice to band together and demand that the United States be a land where choice is legal, accessible and respected. If we don’t do it now, our daughters will pay the price for our inability to act.

PS: Plan B: the morning-after pill, the emergency contraceptive, whatever you like to call it, is available at the Health Services for $15. If you don’t believe us, just ask one of the nurses for a biological breakdown of Plan B’s function.

The pros of choice

From the margins

Nursing our injured limbs

Tackling the beast

Kevin Matuseski

You know when you pour your 1000-piece jigsaw puzzle out onto the table and it looks so daunting you don’t know where to start? Then you work for about two or three hours, and you start to get frustrated because there are too many little pieces. Here you have several options: you can leave and hope your mom finishes it for you, you can push the puzzle away and figure someone else will finish or clean it up for you.

Most people would not choose the last option, but I have seen similar acts in today’s society, even right here at Gustavus. These abandoned puzzles take the form of social injustices and racist ideals. People start mind puzzles, but they don’t know how to put the pieces together, so they take an easier way out. They pretend the puzzle doesn’t exist. For instance, homosexuality might be an intimidating puzzle for some heterosexuals. Too bad! We live in the same world, and we need to find a way to understand each other. Social injustice takes place when we put the puzzle out of our heads, attempting to avoid any situation that might make us uncomfortable.

Those of us who have been victims of prejudice also deal with puzzles. We need to find a way to fix the injustice in the world, and this is where it gets radical: we need to bifurcate our oppressors, reach out to your friends close and your enemies closer, but not just to protect yourself. Instead of trying to transform those enemies into people we can all live with.

Author Melanie Rae Thon, in the book Novel Voices, edited by Kevin Rabalais and Jennifer Levasseur, said, “We do not heal ourselves by severing our damaged limbs or by turning our hurt and troubled children into creatures. We heal ourselves by taking the wounded inside, bringing them close to our hearts as we can bear to hold them.” Obviously, being a victim of prejudice can be emotionally taxing, and it would be difficult for someone in the direct line of fire to try and “heal” the prejudiced individual. That is why the people who are not being oppressed need to help the victims.

The biggest responsibility lies in the hands of the majority. It is easy to step back and say, “It does not affect me, so I just won’t do anything about it.” We need to push our friends close and our enemies closer, but not just to protect yourself. Instead of trying to transform those enemies into people we can all live with.

Once we understand the problem, the hard part is solving it. Here are some techniques that we can use in our communities.

1. Do not ignore injustice. “The denial of racism is a form of racism itself,” says Wise. 2. Separate the people from the idea. If your friend says something offensive, let him or her know, but say it nicely, because a rift between you two won’t solve anything.

An offensive comment is an injury that you then need to nurse back to health. 3. Educate yourself and others. Pick up Tim Wise’s book White Like Me, or Archbishop Desmond Tutu’s No Future without Forgiveness. Use their ideals in your own life; it might take some adaptation. Then, explain to others what you learn whenever an opportunity arises. 4. Step out of your comfort zone. My fifth-grade basketball coach would always tell us that this is a way to become a better basketball player. It’s also a way to become a better human being.

We may not always be successful in our endeavors to change the world. People are resistant to change, and not necessarily because they are bad people. But we cannot let those stubborn people stop us from moving on to the next injured limb, and we must never shut down the healing process, no matter how daunting that puzzle looks when we pour it on the table.
Letters from Zhuhai

Ni Hao Zhuhai!

Greg Boone
Staff Writer

Editor’s note: From now through December, Greg Boone will be writing from Zhuhai, China.

Something called Tropical Depression Higos startles you awake around 7:30 a.m. Your travel companion Cynthia reminds you of an important fact that you did not think much about when you received the visa before you left, but which takes care of the tough process that are out of the ordinary. You decided that you will beearly than expected when you arrive. The only parts of the process that are out of the ordinary are the propaganda videos playing while you sit and wait at the airport and an airport-style security checkpoint through which you must pass with your backpack and suitcase.

On the other side of the checkpoint your contact Bill is ready to meet you. He is a student at the United International College of Beijing Normal University in Zhuhai. Bill is average height for an adult, has closely shaven hair and a giant, bright smile that makes you feel welcome and excited to be in China. Just as you get in his car it begins to rain even harder than it had been raining in Hong Kong—perhaps in this rain everything will be easier than expected. Your first morning waking up in Zhuhai is, even in the rain, a beautiful city. If it looks relatively sparse at first it is just relatively sparse. According to your small amount of research, you figure there are just over 1.3 million people in this city, considered a moderate-sized city by Chinese standards. The foothills appear at the coast and the buildings nestle along the valley. The wide road has a good amount of traffic, though it is probably lighter than normal due to the rain. Bill informs you of a typhoon—hurricane—which blew through the city just a few days prior and did some damage to the coastal decoration along the road. Being from Midwestern North America, you do not know what experiencing a typhoon might be like, but you are about to experience something very similar. Wendy and Jasmine meet you at the complex of new dorms on your campus. Wendy hands you an umbrella—to keep you dry from the waist up, at least. You make your way over to building four, where you are going to live. After receiving your keys you climb the stairs to room 409. This is going to be your home for the next three months.

Dinner is perhaps the most overwhelming part of your first day. The rain has let up a bit, which means the ground is transformed back into ground from the river it was just a moment ago, allowing you to walk less messily to the restaurant. Your restaurant this evening is called Lao Beijing, and Bill and Jasmine have offered to buy dinner. Lao Beijing is a typical dining establishment, meaning the food is served family-style. The table is set with chopsticks, a plate, a small bowl, a cup with a spoon and a pot of green tea. Bill teaches you and Cynthia that the green tea is used to cleanse the entire table setting. First, fill the cup with green tea; then, pour the tea over the chopsticks into the bowl. Drop the empty cup into the tea-filled bowl and turn it so that all surfaces are cleansed by the tea. Once all of this is finished, pour the tea from the bowl into a common basin, which is then picked up by the wait staff. It is apparently commonplace for the restaurant staff to rinse the dishes in hot water and leave it up to the customer to do the cleaning in this way.

Bill orders food for the four of you, including a home favorite, Kung Pao Chicken. It arrives on large plates, or bowls, and each person digs in by laddering a scoop of Kung Pao or grabbing with the common chopsticks a helping of sweet and sour pork or one of the other dishes. You are in heaven in eating with chopsticks, so it is good you’ve been practicing eating with them for some time. You realize that, contrary to popular opinion, authentic Chinese food is definitely better than American Chinese food, and it is at this moment that you first feel at home.

Passing through Chinese customs is significantly easier than expected. Before arriving in China you read articles and spoke with credible sources, all of whom gave you the impression that Chinese customs would be a strenuous and delicate process. You applied and received the visa before you left, which takes care of the tough part, but you still find it surprisingly easier than expected when you arrive.
Friday, October 17

Announcement:
Faculty Service Award nominations due today. "cough cough" BROWN NOSES!

Exploring Gustavus 7:00 p.m.
This is a day for prospective students to tour the campus. I say we all sit around the sidewalks and pretend we are winos for the day, just to freak them out.

The Johnny Holm Band 8:30 p.m.
The Hutchinson Event Center

The proceeds go to survivors of domestic abuse. Therefore it is bad form to request "Hit me Baby, One More Time."

Saturday, October 18

FALL BREAK!
Time to go home and let Mom tell you how thin you’ve gotten, are you eating enough up at school, you’re so weak-looking she could snap you like chicken bones, oy vey have some seconds to make you big and strong. And you need a haircut, too.

Men's Cross Country at Jim Drees Invitational 10:30 a.m.
Let’s get real: most of these guys look better in shorts than I ever will. Damn their finely toned calves and muscular yet supple thighs. ...

Men's Soccer at St. Olaf College 1:00 p.m.
I hope President Ohle understands where his loyalties lie, given the pronunciation of his name and all.

Football at Carleton College 1:00 p.m.
Here’s a suggestion for Quarterback Jordan Becker: just throw Ivy League applications into the wind, and the Carleton defensive line will go chasing after them desperately.

Sunday, October 19

Happy Birthday, Laura Janzen!
Maybe for your birthday the cast of High School Musical will serenade you. But don’t hold your breath.

Monday, October 20

FALL BREAK!
Don’t go to class; no one will be there.

Tuesday, October 21

Continuing Education:
Archaeology of the Minnesota Valley 7:00 p.m.
Let’s hope they dig up St. Peter à la Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark. The asps may be very dangerous, though, so you should go first.

Wednesday, October 22

Birdwalk 4:30 p.m.
I picture Big Bird strutting around to the hip-hop song “Now Walk it Out!”

Student Outreach to Foster Care and Adoption Meeting (SOFA) 6:00 p.m.
Adopt a kid; it’s the trendiest form of recycling.

Democracy Matters Forum 7:00 p.m.
It’s a non-partisan lecture about keeping elections clean. I think it’s easier to keep a monkey from flinging excrement.

Prepare Ministries 7:30 p.m.
Thinking about the End of Days and the Four Horsemen makes me sweat from nervousness. And sweating makes me want to go to the sauna at 8:30 p.m.!

What’s That? (a Radiohead Project) 8:00 p.m.
Hey, it’s in the Dive; how rowdy can things get in there?

Sauna Society 8:30 p.m.
The perfect destination to calm apocalyptic thoughts from Prepare!

Swing Club Meeting 9:00 p.m.
So many people are good at “swinging”. dancers, the Ocean’s Eleven guys, undecided voters, etc.

Q&A Meeting 9:15 p.m.
Tonight’s discussion topic will include celebrities we really wish were gay, but probably are not. This includes Natalie Portman, Kate Winslet Alan Rickman, Daniel Craig and Rihanna. Sigh, Rihanna.

Thursday, October 23

Announcement:
Topsy Turvy Mouse: tickets on sale. Will Christian De-Marais break out in spontaneous tap dancing amidst a dramatic monologue about terrorism and torturing prisoners of war? Find out by purchasing your ticket at the SAO desk today!

Daily Chapel 10:00 p.m.
Are you there God? It’s me, Margaret (Sotos).

International Photo Contest Judging 10:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
Be warned students; some of these photos are more disturbing than Miley Cyrus in Vanity Fair.

Amnesty International Meetings 6:30 p.m.
This group and beauty pageant contestants have one thing in common: they all want world peace.

Suuna Society 8:00 p.m.
It’s gettin’ hot in here, so take off all yo’ clothes. ...

Gustavus Greens Meeting 8:30 p.m.
And no, not showering for several days and sprouting mold on your body does not qualify you as “green.”

Fika 9:00 p.m.
Matel was having a convention in the Twin Cities, but saw the high concentration of blondes in the Swedish House and thought our students were their life-sized Barbie models.

... and here are some events coming up next week! ...

Friday, October 24

LineUs Improv Comedy Troupe 7:30 p.m.
Maybe the new members can help LineUs step it up.

Delta Dive Night 11:00 p.m.
More pink than a Legally Blonde convention.

Topsy Turvy Mouse 8:00 p.m.
Is it a contemporary drama about wartime atrocities, or a reference to Mickey Mouse on his 21st birthday? Find out!

Saturday, October 25

The Love of the Nightingale Performed in the Arboretum 4:00 p.m.
This student-directed play portrays senior Ben Martin as the bad guy. Why can I not picture this?

Topsy Turvy Mouse 8:00 p.m.
Maybe it features Jerry from Tom and Jerry singing the song “Topsy Turvy Day” from The Hunchback of Notre Dame.

Sunday, October 26

Gustavus Apple Orchard Trip 12:00 p.m.
If you see Eve, tell her to ignore the snake. If you see her with an apple, slap her.

The Love of the Nightingale Performed in the Arboretum 5:00 p.m.
An outdoor showing in late October? Let’s hope the Female Greek Chorus wears brassieres.

Wednesday, October 29

Flu Shot Clinic 4:00 p.m.
I expect free lollipops for my troubles.

Thursday, October 30

Latin as a Living Language 7:30 p.m.
If the lecture is at 7:30 p.m., I’ll have to carve dinner.

- the pickle -
I’m bored. thepickle@gustavus.edu.
Gustavus surge; cement legitimacy in MIAC

An impressive month of October has put Gustavus among the conference elite

Ryan McPartland
Staff Writer

The Gustavus Men’s Soccer team has been on a roll. The team won four of its last five matches to continue a solid month of October and improved its record to 10-3-1 overall and 6-1-0 in the MIAC.

Last Wednesday evening, the soccer team took on Augsburg College, which was 4-2-0 in the MIAC at the time. While Augsburg out-shot Gustavus throughout the match, the Gusties were able to prove their efficiency. The one shot on goal that the Gusties managed to get off was a 30-yard shot by Sophomore midfielder Ben Ikeda over the Augsburg goalkeeper’s head, landed in the back of the net. The goal in minute 77 was the only goal scored for either team, and the Gusties were able to pull off the 1-0 win and their 11th straight victory over Augsburg.

Defense was a deciding factor in the match, as the Auggies out-shot Gustavus in both halves for a 21-8 total shot advantage. The Auggies also posted an advantage in corner kicks 8-3, but were still unable to score. Sophomore Luke Strom played the entire match in the net for Gustavus, making three saves and posting his sixth shutout of the season. Strom doesn’t take all the credit for those shutouts.

“I contribute a lot of my success to the defense playing in front of my goal this year. They have been a very strong and consistent back four all year long,” said Strom.

The defensive play by the Gusties has been outstanding this year, not allowing more than a goal in each of the last four matches and not more than two goals in a match all season.

“Another huge help for me this year is the additional training the goalkeepers receive at least once a week in the morning from our goalkeeper coach. He really helps when it comes to increasing technical ability and quickness,” said Strom.

Following the win over Augsburg, the Gusties hosted Bethel on Saturday, hoping to improve their ranks within the MIAC once again. The Gusties seemed to control play in the first half and were able to build a shot total advantage of 8-1 by the half. Bethel goalkeeper Nick Kanto played well and was able to make several key saves, earning the 1-0 victory.

Junior midfielder Frasor Horton has a goal and two assists in 13 games this season.

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Senior Flynn Stewart-Franzen VanderStreek gave the team present, as Junior forward Brett scoring by the Gusties was kept with the trend of late goal the net in the first half.

MIAC. The Carleton Knights race for the top spot in the league play.

The Gusties late goal-scoring trend, Junior midfielder Sky lar Schulz said, “Against Bethel we dominated play and finally got a couple of late goals after having a bunch of chances throughout the game.” He went on to add, “Overall, I would say we are just finding ways to win games, and lately that has meant finding the back of the net towards the end of games.”

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“Gustavus will re-
sume MIAC play Saturday Oct. 18 at St. Olaf

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tages in total shot (25-3) as well as corner kicks (7-4) in the match. Strom also picked up his seventh shutout in goal without having to save a shot.

Regardless of the personal expenses incurred, the long trips and the limited accommoda-
tions, the members of the Gustavus Equestrian Team are dedicated and driven. “For horseback riders, riding is a sport, a hobby and a passion. It is an opportunity for education as well as for winding down and relaxing. Nothing can compare to the bond between a rider and her horse,” said Travis.

"There are six teams within five points of one another right now in the conference. With the small amount of games remaining, we are going to have to keep our momentum heading into the playoffs."

Head coach Larry Zelenz seems very confident with the recent playoff push of the Gusties, stating, “We continue to hold strong defensively and have a good team focus on that aspect of the game. We have learned that we can be patient and not let ourselves get frustrated if goals don’t come early, and increasingly have the confidence that we can win games in the later stages. That is going to serve us well in the last stretch of tough games through the end of the season.”

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Miles and miles of Southern Minnesota’s beautiful farmland surrounds the rolling hills of St. Peter. Years ago this area was home to early settlers and, with those early settlers, horses. Yet until last year, it seemed as though the horses had disappeared from the area, leaving residents wondering one thing: where have all the cowboys gone?

Well, a few students have brought the horses back to the area while mixing the classy Gustavus style in with the old cowboy tradition. The product? Gustavus’ very own Equestrian Team. This club sport’s season begins in September and runs through April.

“During the course of the year, we have five shows at which our members try to earn enough points to qualify for regional, zone and national competition,” said Sophomore Team President Alexandra Grandelis.

Junior Abby Travis got the team going last year. “When I applied to Gustavus, there was an active Equestrian Team. When I got to Gustavus, I quickly found out that those who had been on the team had graduated, so I decided to try to get it going again,” said Travis.

“The Equestrian Team is an excellent example [of how] students can make anything happen with hard work and dedication. The team is completely student-led and -run,” said Sophomore Emma Strand.

Due to the special needs of the Equestrian Team, members have had to jump over a lot of obstacles in order to make their team function. They practice about once per week at Pegasus Circle Farm in Mankato, where they work with instructor Katie Harrington, who teaches lessons in jumping and on the flat.

Sophomore Leah Goss stressed the vital role that the Equestrian Team fills for its members. “Some riders come to college thinking they are never going to be able to show and compete again, and this [team] gives riders a great chance to remain competitive and have a lot of fun,” said Goss.

Grandelis said that the team is a “great way to introduce new members to equestrian sports. There are competitive and non-competitive members on the team. Plus, the shows offer classes for riders that are absolute beginners. It is something that the competitive circuit outside of college usually does not do.”

First-year Anja Swenson recognized that the establishment of the team does not mean that the struggle is over. “The biggest challenge our team faces is to keep it going. We don’t have that many members, and we have to have a certain amount of members to keep our ‘team’ status,” said Swenson.

Gustavus requires that all recognized student organizations have at least 10 active members. Gustavus’ Equestrian Team has 11.

Part of the problem is that the sport itself incurs a lot of expenses. Since the Equestrian Team only has the status of a club sport, the majority of those expenses fall upon the shoulders of its members.

“Unlike some of the schools we compete against, our horses aren’t part of our education or part of a recognized college sport. Because of this, we spend a lot of extra time with instruction and competition,” said Grandelis.

Travis explained that “there are currently 290 intercollegiate teams across the country.

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