Nine vehicles vandalized over Halloween weekend

This past Saturday night between 7 and 11 p.m., nine cars were vandalized with “graf- fiti that appear[ed] to reflect bias against individuals’ actual or per- ceived race, religion, ethnicity or sexual orientation,” according to an e-mail sent out to the Gustavus community from Hank Toutain. This vandalism occurred both on and off campus. Six out of the nine cars belonged to Gustavus students, one was a Gustavus vehicle and two belonged to non- students.

“I saw that there was some writing on car windows, and I thought it was some sort of post- Halloween prank. But as I got closer I saw what the graffiti said and the vulgar pictures that were drawn with it, and it was just really offensive and really disturbing, and [...] I decided that I needed to call [Safety and Security] and have them investigate,” said the student who discovered the on- campus graffiti, who wishes to remain anonymous.

Statements written on the car included “nigger,” “spic,” “sand-nigger,” “I love the KKK,” “Nig- gers can’t be president,” “black monkey,” slurs against GLBT, and drawings of swastikas.

“It is impossible to describe how deeply hurt I am regarding the hateful and malicious words and symbols I found on my car on Saturday. Unfortunately, this event has completely redefined my view of people and the pain is more than just skin deep,” said one of the owners of a vandal- ized vehicle, who has chosen to remain anonymous. “I see this event, however, not as a chance to highlight hate on campus, but as an opportunity to denounce what happened and proactively address it.”

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ensure that this never happens again. I am inspired by the true spirit of Gustavus students and their quick, deliberate action to this unfortunate situation.”

“Individual students were not targeted,” said Dean of Students Hank Toutain, “but I would not go so far as to say that it was random. [At least two of the incidents] may have been related to what was on or in the car,” said Toutain. Bumper stickers or contents of the vehicles may have influenced the vandals to attack specific automobiles.

“The investigation is continuing, and it is not restricted to our campus. We are actively cooperating with the St. Peter Police Department because it may be that perpetrators are not members of the Gustavus community,” said Toutain.

“We are pursuing some leads and actively investigating,” said Director of Safety and Security Ray Thrower.

The St. Peter Police Department was not available for a comment.

The vehicles were tagged with a substance that was able to be moved with water, and no physical damage was done. A statue outside of the Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library was marked with the same substance and inappropriate language around the same time of the vandalism on the cars.

After hearing about the incident, Student Body President and Spanish Major Katie Halvorson began a petition of solidarity to propose a zero tolerance policy towards hate crimes on campus.

“I thought about writing a letter to the editor but I am one voice and there are so many voices in the community that feel the same way,” said Halvorson.

This is not the first bias incident at Gustavus this year. Last week a swastika was drawn in one of the bathrooms of the C. Charles Jackson Campus Center.

In an e-mail sent out by President Ohle to the Gustavus community, Ohle said that “hateful language and behavior will not be tolerated or condoned here at Gustavus” and that “[the campus] takes these matters very seriously.”

Ohle is in Sweden on College business, but said that “once the investigation of these matters is concluded, and I am back on campus, I look forward to host- ing an open forum for discussion of these matters among students, faculty and staff. It is important to me that we talk about these types of issues together as a community.”

Anyone with information about the above incidents can contact the Dean of Students Office (202 Campus Center—933-7526), the Diversity Center (107 Campus Center—933-7449), or Safety and Security (105 Norelius —933-8888).

Information can also be reported to the St. Peter Police Department at 931-1550 or through the “Silent Witness Program” at: http://gustavus.edu/security/silentwitness/.

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WEEKLY Safety and Security Report

Thursday, October 30
A Gustavus student reported the theft of his iPod from Lund Center.
Saturday, November 1
Several cars parked on Gustavus property were vandalized with derogatory pictures and racial remarks written on their windows.

Two students were issued Liquor Violations/Underage Consumption in Sorenson Hall.

A former Gustavus student was sited by SPPD for Liquor Violation, Underage Use and was issued a Trespass Warning.

Tip of the Week
Tip of the Week: Lost Room Keys
Report a lost room key to Residential Life or Safety and Security staff immediately! Someone can use your lost key to gain entrance into your residence hall and your room or apartment to hurt you or steal your personal belongings. Plus, when you share a space with others, not reporting a lost key can end up causing them harm, too.

New assistant to President Ohle

Barb Larson Taylor has worked for Gustavus for 14 years.

Andy Setterholm
Staff Writer

Gustavus recently named Barbara Larson Taylor the new assistant to the president for special projects.

Larson Taylor is an alumnus of Gustavus from the class of 1993 and an employee of the college since 1994. Formerly the associate director of alumni relations, she will begin her new role, serving as executive director of Commission Gustavus 150, an initiative from the Board of Trustees that will examine the future of the college as it approaches its 150th year.

“It’s a pretty amazing opportunity,” said Larson Taylor of her new position. As executive director, Larson Taylor will manage the meetings of the eight task forces created by the commission and also communicate with the college’s constituents.

Commission Gustavus 150 plans to gather the thoughts of Gustavus alumni, faculty, students, church leaders, community members and constituents with regard to the college’s strategic plan and its future. “It’s a very exciting process,” said Larson Taylor.

Larson Taylor was recognized as a well-versed employee for the position because of her history with the school. She has seen the progression of the institution from the perspective of a student as well as a fifteen-year employee. “One of [the] biggest assets I bring to the job is my relationship with members involved in the commission, though she has not experienced initiatives similar to those that President Ohle has.

The roles of assistant to the president and executive director of Commission Gustavus 150 are flexible and evolving positions, but Larson Taylor is prepared. “I’m glad I can keep finding ways to be a part of this community,” she said.
The 2008 election saw not only a surge in young voters, but voters of all ages. According to infoplease.com, this election saw a 64.1 percent voter turnout, the highest it has been since 1908. "I think the youth of this country have been more involved than ever in this election. Obama really has an appeal to young people, and I think it's because he is something different, something fresh. He's not the typical drymouthed, old, white man that we're so used to seeing in politics," said Yackel-Juleen.

"I voted for McCain, but I think Obama really connected well with younger voters, partly because he's a very inspirational speaker and was able to get a lot of younger people excited about politics for the first time . . . people are hopeful about the country, and that's always a good thing," said Andrew Evenson, senior accounting major.

Gustavus students participated not only by voting; both the College Democrats and Republicans were in full-force campaigning and registering new voters before the election. With the voter turnout as high as it was, it is evident that their struggles were not in vain. The local precinct which Gustavus is a part of had almost 1700 voters, the highest turnout it has ever seen.

"We've been heavily involved in this campaign through door-knocking, canvassing, and just talking to people, making sure they go out and vote. I drove an election van, making sure people got to the polls and handed out a lot of literature," said Yackel-Juleen.

"This was the easiest election in recent memory to get people out to vote and to volunteer—there was definitely energy among the student population and more interest than I had seen before," said Nick Stramp, senior political science major.

Gustavus students had many reasons for voting the way they did, chief among them were the economy and the environment. Garret Rorem, a senior psychology major, said, "The economy was a particularly salient issue for most of the electorate. I was disappointed to see Obama win because I believe that his economic policy is quite reflective of his socialist tendencies. Democratic presidents who have failed to take into account that America is more centrist-right than liberal have fared poorly."

"We have the technology to make America's industry and lifestyle more environmentally friendly, and Obama will take us in this direction. Obama can fix our economy and decrease the demand for foreign oil with his plans for alternative energy—creating jobs and reducing our carbon footprint," said Sophomore Jordan Walker.

Though some are disappointed by the results of the election, many are optimistic and excited about the future of America under the leadership of President-elect Obama.

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District 23a, which Gustavus is part of, turned out largely for the Democrats, with the exception of Republican Senator Norm Coleman, who carried the district over Democratic challenger Al Franken.

Vans brought students to and from their voting locations throughout the day, leaving every 15 minutes.

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Safety and Security updates surveillance

Kayla Timm  
Staff Writer

A new VIDMIC walkie talkie is being tested by Safety and Security. The device has a built-in audio and video recorder, and will help enhance officer performance.

Gustavus Safety and Security has acquired a new device called VIDMIC, which is a new type of walkie talkie that has “a microphone with video and audio built in,” said Ray Thrower, Director of Safety and Security. Thrower cites three beneficial purposes to the new equipment: Reduction of the amount of time spent on reports, enhancement of officer safety and enhancement of officer performance and professionalism. “It has a lot of wonderful features that go along with it,” Thrower said.

VIDMIC is presently being used all over the U.S. Many college campuses and almost all municipal police departments use similar devices. Presently, Gustavus is beta-testing one device. “We will write a...policy on proper use,” said Thrower.

The tool will not be used all the time, but rather the officer will turn it on to record certain incidents. If used in this manner, it can act as a manner of disputing conflicts. Actual documentation can aid in explaining events rather than trying to determine one person’s word over another.

Thrower mentioned that many students have been under the impression that it was a way of “bugging” students, but he assures that it will only be used in a positive manner.

According to Lead Safety and Security Officer Mike English, Safety and Security has no intention of invading the privacy of students. Rather, they hope that VIDMIC will allow them to serve Gustavus fairly. “It is another tool that really benefits everyone” Thrower said.

Economic downturn affects Gustavus’ endowment

Kayla Timm  
Staff Writer

The current state of the economy has many in the U.S. on edge. CNN reports that “recession fears have gone global” and “the situation is extremely grave.”

Students are also concerned. Senior Biology Major Zeb Zacharias said, “It’s really scary. While the situation has improved a bit, I still worry about what it could mean for tuition costs.”

Former Gustavus student Elizabeth Wandersee, who is now pursuing a family social science degree at the University of Minnesota, said, “Even though I no longer go to Gustavus, I think that the economy can and will affect any school, but especially those that rely on private donations.”

Among many questions, one on student’s minds is “How will this affect Gustavus?” All colleges, including Gustavus, face a certain amount of revenue. Instead of placing all of this in a certain amount of revenue.

The Common Fund was set up by Congress and is used by private colleges to ensure a return on investments of either the 90 day treasury bill rate or the increase in stock market value, (whichever is higher).

Some colleges have reserve money, which they use to pay monthly expenses, including staff, utilities, etc., while other colleges need to draw monthly from the Common Fund to pay their bills.

Additionally, many schools use interest money from their endowments to aid in paying expenses. Gustavus is lower on endowments than some other private schools, so the money that is being drawn from this source is not as substantial as it could be. Because of this, Gustavus is dependent both on tuition money and on the money it receives each month from the Common Fund.

Gaven the situation, an arising fear is that the Common Fund will not be available, or that it will become “frozen” due to the stock market fall. The concern whether Gustavus will have access to its money if the market continues to drop has been raised on campus.

The Associated Press reported that “the president of the Minnesota Private College Council says colleges [were] on alert, waiting to see whether Congress passes a bill to ease the nation’s financial crisis.”

This bill was the “bailout plan,” which, according to the New York Times, “entails $700 billion to use to buy up mortgage-backed securities whose value had dropped sharply or had become impossible to sell.”

“If the economy continues on the path that it is, tuition will go up, endowments will go down and it will have a significant impact on where people choose to go to college. It may also deter some people from attending college,” Wandersee said.

The first bailout plan was voted down on Sept. 25, 2008, but the second bailout plan was approved on Oct. 3 as the “Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008.”

This meant that if the stock goes down, Gustavus could lose money each year instead of making it. “If the school is losing money, it is hard to draw off money to run the business,” said Terry Morrow, communication studies professor and a Minnesota state representative. Although the school has endowments, Morrow mentioned that it is a bad idea to spend endowment money.

“Gustavus philosophy on investment and managing assets has provided security in troubling times, which led me to conclude that [Vice President for Finance and Treasurer] Ken Westphal and the college, by using a prudent approach, [we’re] not facing immediate danger in the last month,” said Morrow.

The bailout plan has eased some of the stress for Gustavus and other private colleges. However, greater relief would come with larger endowments. “One can say that endowments are vitally important to the overall health of institutions of higher learning,” said Tom Young, vice president for institutional advancement.

“A college like Gustavus needs more endowments so it is not so tuition-dependent,” said Morrow.

The issue is being addressed in part by Commission Gustavus 151. “One could expect that the recommendations from the Commission process will likely include increased support to the college’s endowment,” said Young.
Not many students can make the claim that they have seen the world. Even fewer can say they have done it on their own.

At the age of twenty, Swedish exchange student and Gender and Women’s Studies Major Jimmy Eriksson is able to say that he has been around the world. Five years ago, when Eriksson graduated from high school, he took a year off to work and earn enough money to travel the world. His travels lasted for ten months and he covered every continent but Africa.

“I had dreamed of doing this for a long time and I feel a strong sense of accomplishment for doing it at a young age,” said Eriksson.

Upon return from his travels, Eriksson enrolled in the Mora Folk School for two years. “Attending folk school wasn’t part of the schooling in Sweden, but I chose it for my own interests,” said Eriksson. In each of his two years there, he concentrated on a different subject. “My first year there we lived in a commune and learned about organic farming. We grew all of our own food and learned how to minimize our impact on the environment. It was not like being in school, but more like learning a way of life,” said Eriksson. His second year was spent learning about the cultural history of Sweden and covering subjects like archaeology and traces left by people from different times.

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This semester Eriksson is taking Intro to Gender Studies, Human Geography, Social Inequality and Mexico: People and Culture. “I like my classes a lot. It is interesting to get the American perspective and compare it with that of the Swedish perspective,” said Eriksson. He also participates in the Greens, the Viking Society and ASAP (Action Supporting All People).

A major difference Eriksson has noticed between Sweden and America is the way colleges operate, especially noticeable when comparing Gustavus to the University of Uppsala, where Eriksson will be attending school in the next academic year.

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“I come from a progressive, left-winged family and so I have an interest in social justice and environmental issues,” said Eriksson. He grew up with three younger brothers and the tradition of doing fika in Falkenberg on the western coast of southern Sweden. He enjoys being outside and cooking his own food, primarily vegetarian and vegan food. Eriksson plans to attend the University of Uppsala for three or four years once he returns to Sweden to earn a degree in Gender and Women’s Studies.

“Once I’ve graduated, I would like to be a teacher at a folk school in Sweden,” said Eriksson.

Whether he’s here in America, across the Atlantic in Sweden or traveling from place to place, Eriksson will surely make a lasting impression on anyone he encounters.
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Last week, three Gustavus staff and faculty members were recognized for their extraordinary service to the Gustavus community. Staff member Judy Waldhauser, Director of Multicultural Programs Virgil Jones and Associate Professor of English Florence Amamoto were awarded the Augusta Carlson Schultz award, the Eric Norelius award and the Faculty Service award, respectively. These awards are given annually to Gustavus employees who have shown great dedication to the college and have gone above and beyond their duties to serve their fellow Gusties.

The Augusta Carlson Schultz award is named after a Gustie who began working in the Market Place as a teenager and continued to serve the college until her retirement. This year, Judy Waldhauser received the award for exceptional service and dedication to Gustavus Adolphus College. "It's just a very, very special thing to have been awarded," Waldhauser said. "I'm honored, pleased, grateful and humbled."

Waldhauser is proud to talk about her "tremendous" history and her family's legacy at Gustavus, which includes almost every member of her and her husband's immediate family. Waldhauser began her work here at Gustavus in the Audio Visual department (now Media Services) before spending nine years living on campus as a residence hall director for Sohre Hall. Since then she has worked as a computer coordinator in the Admissions Office, and 33 years later, she still enjoys her work here. "All the people who have passed through my life here—the students in the residence halls and the student workers—have really made it worthwhile," she said.

Jones' efforts in that department have garnered him the 2008 Eric Norelius award for Outstanding Administrator. "One of the unique things about this office is that it's just me and an administrative assistant here, and we get done as much as we can," said Jones. He describes his work in the Diversity Center as being "all about creating awareness on campus. Many people think that this office is just a way to represent minority students on campus, but that's not the case. All students are welcome here."

Jones has also worked with Gustie Greeter Groups, First Term Seminar classes and other student organizations to educate them about issues related to multicultural awareness, including "race, racism, urban education and privilege." He has also been involved in the department's off-campus outreach in working with local elementary schools that require bilingual translators to assist students who speak English as a second language.

"I'm excited and honored to receive this award, because I stand on the shoulders of so many other people. So by winning this award, it's a tribute to them," said Jones. "I'm proud to be a member of this community. I think it just shows that it's not about who you are, it's about what you've done and how much you love doing it."

The recipient of the Faculty Service award, Amamoto, has been a major player in many initiatives and changes—especially those related to religion and diversity—that have shaped the Gustavus community into what it is today. Amamoto served as the director of Curriculum II for seven years at a time when the program was still young and going through its first external review. She was also one of three members of the 2002 Presidential Search Committee that selected James Peterson as the college’s 15th president, and she has served on numerous faculty and advisory boards throughout her Gustavus career. She was on the planning committee responsible for starting the Center for Vocational Reflection, and she is currently on the advisory board for that office.

"Gustavus is the college it is because of the faculty and staff that work here, always giving 110 percent," said Amamoto. "I think there are many people here who deserve this award. One of the things I really like is the fact that there are three awards given out, because people all over campus work really hard to make this college a great and successful place. You don't need to be a professor to teach; everybody here teaches in different ways, through different avenues."

Three outstanding faculty and staff receive awards

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As fall turns to winter, we all note the seasonal transitions differently. Sports fans pack away the pigskins and bring out the basketballs, children brace for the flu-season boosters and flip-flops begin their nine-month hibernation until Memorial Day.

But in the Arts Center of St. Peter, one artist is giving autumn a last hurrah. In her exhibit Landscape Impressions, painter Sara Leadholm elegantly captures rural Minnesotan landscapes and the Pacific coast at various times of the year, with late summer and fall striking the most memorable images.

“The Arts Center of St. Peter encourages emerging artists as well as artists in the mature stages of their careers,” said Arts Center Executive Director David Goldstein. “We try to support local artists as well as bring in artists from around the country in hopes to inspire and engage community members.”

Leadholm certainly qualifies as a local artist. The twenty-year resident of St. Peter has also taught art classes in Le Center, MN.

What makes this designer unique is her use of the plein air technique. The technique, popularized by nineteenth century impressionist painters such as Monet and Renoir, literally means to paint outdoors in the open air. Such a method is unique and often allows the environment to affect the artist, such as rain, wind or in the case of her piece “Superior Shore,” actual spray from the waves.

“The color scheme is that of bright, faux-earthy tones; colors that are not naturally occurring in nature, and yet can represent it,” said Sophomore Art History major Emma Squire. Plein air painting also places severe time constraints on the artist; shadows and hues shift dramatically throughout the day. (For example, a shadow looms much more menacingly at 5:30 p.m. than at noon.)

Leadholm faces this challenge and uses the beauty of change to her advantage.

“Her work appeals to all, and even carries a special significance to those who live in the area due to the content of the painting,” said Squire.

Although the exhibit primarily showcases Minnesotan rural landscapes, Leadholm boasts a variety of subjects, from the Kasota Prairie to the St. Croix River, designed more like a poem than an explanation: “It is possible to see these old barns collapse before one’s very eye. While the whistle chokes the life from what once was the small farmer’s job of tending the land [sic].”

“She paints each painting in one sitting,” said Goldstein. Her races against the clock provide her with beautiful explanations. When describing her collection “Winterscapes,” Leadholm said, “The cold seems to accentuate the surface color as the low sun rays hit the snow and brighten to a soft cadmium scarlet.

Since prose-like descriptions are found in many of the artist’s other works, the description of her dilapidated barn painting “Abandoned” reads more like a poem than an explanation: “It is possible to see these old barns collapse before one’s very eye. While the whistle chokes the life from what once was the small farmer’s job of tending the land [sic].”

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Although Goldstein has worked as an art director for the New York City advertising industry and has taught art in Minnesota public schools, she is now retired and a full-time painter.

“Art should start locally, and Sara Leadholm is a fantastic example of this,” said Squire. The exhibit Landscape Impressions will be on display at the Arts Center of St. Peter until Dec. 1. Museum hours are 1-5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday and 1-8 p.m. on Thursdays.

Girl Talk show leaves fans wanting more, or maybe less

First Avenue was taken over by popular artist Gregg Gillis this past Monday, Nov. 3. Gillis, who records under the name Girl Talk, played a sold-out performance. This is the norm for the Pittsburgh native, and Monday night was no exception. His performance was solid, but nothing impressive.

The opening act was some of the worst live material I’ve ever experienced. CX KidTRONIK and his Krastravaganza band performed songs from their new album Krastrack Attack that I am certain caused my IQ to drop.

Each and every song seemed to emphasize the duo’s love for near ends of the female persuasion, as did the barrage of imagery that flashed on screens around the venue. A raunchy-looking female dancer spent most of the show parading around stage with almost her entire bottom exposed, leaving very little to the imagination. I’m not much for being extremely feminine, but I was pretty offended by their performance. The opening act lacked more than just talent; it lacked class.

The DeathSet was the next band to take the stage. While their squeaky-voiced lead singer/guitarist had great stage presence when he jumped around with the bassist and climbed on drum sets and speaker boxes, this was not enough to salvage their performance.

The band sounded like every crappy high school punk band had pooled their combined efforts, angst and bad attitudes into the three East Coast punks on stage. With vulgarity being used like it was going out of style, and enough covers to last a lifetime, The DeathSet brought back lots of memories from high school garage shows that I didn’t need to relive.

Having suffered through the two openers, I was really looking forward to seeing the main event. I saw Girl Talk this past summer at Lollapalooza and was hoping for a different kind of performance at the outdoor venue than he gave at the outdoor music festival.

Unfortunately, it was much of the same. Inebriated girls and boys, pulled up on stage to dance, spent most of their time fighting one another to get close to the artist while confetti and toilet paper were sporadically shot into the crowd.

He opened strongly and energetically, and the crowd danced around as best they could in the cramped venue. After a while, however, things seemed to bit dull. Watching other people drunkenly dance on stage while some guy hits buttons on his computer to make new songs out of old ones didn’t really feel like entertainment.

Though his songs were good, and I wasn’t extremely disappointed by his performance, I have a hard time saying that the show impressed me. Gillis played all of his hit songs, but these hit songs are just the best parts of favorite songs by other artists mashed together.

I’m a fan of The Jackson Five, Missy Elliot and Journey; so I’m a fan of Girl Talk. I appreciate and respect what Gillis creates because his stuff is fantastic for dancing, and it must be difficult to get all of the tracks to mix together properly.

“I am not a DJ” boasted the shirts sold at Girl Talk’s merchandise booth. These shirts are somewhat correct. But I don’t know if I would go so far as to call him a musician, either, because the music he makes has already been made.

All in all, the Girl Talk show was a disappointment, and I found myself wishing that I had spent my Monday evening playing the ridiculously overrated 80s boardgame of the same name. I would give it a rating of 5 out of 3 crowns, because honestly, watching someone play with his computer isn’t that entertaining.
Global Connections:
Gustavus forms ties to a community in Tanzania

Laura May Hedeen
Staff Writer

While walking to class or sipping coffee in the Courtyard Café, the rural Tanzanian village of Tungamalenga may not occupy the daily thoughts of many Gustavus students. For the group of students that will accompany Professor of Nursing Paula Swiggum on her January Interim Experience course to Tanzania, it is a place that she says will leave an impression.

While Gustavus Adolphus College and Tungamalenga, Tanzania may seem worlds apart, these two communities are linked by what is steadily becoming a lasting relationship. This is due, in large part, to Barnabus Kahwage, who is the healthcare provider in his village of Tungamalenga. Recently he visited Gustavus even made a trip to volunteer their time in Minnesota and the Gustavus campus.

Gustavus and St. Olaf nursing students have taken two January Interim Experience courses to Kahwage’s clinic in 2006 and 2008 and are about to embark upon their third trip this January. Kahwage is the sole clinic officer for the village of Tungamalenga, Tanzania, and its surrounding villages. He and his support staff of two nurses serve a community of approximately 10,000 people from a facility that only recently gained the advantage of solar electricity.

“Every patient that comes I must face,” said Kahwage. He stays at the clinic each day “until he’s served everyone,” said Professor of Nursing Paula Swiggum. “But I don’t get tired,” said Kahwage. “In the medical profession time is not a factor for us … I have had a call upon me since … I was a child—I wanted to serve people. As I work, I always see it [as] my call.”

The idea for the January Interim Experience course began to form in 2004 during a conversation between Swiggum and her pastor at the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Apple Valley.

This church is a sister congregation to another in Kahwage’s village of Tungamalenga, Tanzania. They are part of a network of over 50 Twin Cities churches that have partnered with sister congregations in the Iringa region of Tanzania.

When Swiggum introduced the idea of taking a group of students to Tungamalenga to volunteer their time and knowledge while gaining experience at Kahwage’s clinic, Swiggum said Kahwage was very welcoming, calling her offer an answer to his prayers.

Over the following year and a half, Swiggum and St. Olaf Nursing Professor Diana Neel worked to organize the program to, “give students an opportunity to experience and provide healthcare in a third world country,” said Swiggum. With a relationship already established through their church, it did not take long to put the idea into action.

Gustavus nursing students arrived in Tungamalenga each bearing one personal suitcase and another full of free medical supplies provided by Global Health Ministries. Some accompanied Kahwage to appointments with ailing patients, others carried out treatments ordered by Kahwage and many worked in the ward, performing injections and IV infusions.

Kahwage said that children are the most vulnerable members of the population, due to their “low levels of immunity.” They often are victims of a very common disease—malaria. AIDS and HIV are also rampant in Tanzania, and Kahwage developed a home-based care program in order to address these diseases.

Gustavus students accompanied Kahwage on house calls in the village to victims of HIV and AIDS. “When visiting homes of people very poor and ill, it’s easy to go in and look sad,” said Swiggum, but Kahwage reminded us that “our job is to go and help.”

Kahwage said that her students have been challenged by what they have experienced in past trips to Tanzania. They are placed in an atmosphere that is different than what Gustavus nursing students may face in their clinical experiences. Maintaining a positive attitude in the face of tragic circumstances can be difficult, according to Swiggum.

“Probably the hardest thing for us is that malaria is so prevalent,” said Swiggum. For the cost of a meal at a fast food restaurant in the United States, many of the Malaria cases Kahwage treats could be prevented. Medicated bed nets, costing between $2 and $3, could save the lives of “innocent people,” said Kahwage.

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Others contributed what they could to pay for emergency transportation to the hospital, which is five hours away, for a mother with severe liver failure.

Kahwage must be proactive and independent when confronting these issues, as he cannot depend on national support. "We receive no help from the government," said Kahwage, "and all resources of the clinic are bought by our dispensary or donated by the church."

Kahwage has become very resourceful in treating patients with limited resources. Students learn a great deal about "how to diagnose and treat without technology," said Kahwage.

Kahwage must be experts in clinical diagnosis rather than rely on equipment—70 percent of what is clinical, 30 percent technical," Kahwage said. Senior Nursing Major Ashlee Oldani marveled at what "careful diagnosis" Kahwage was capable of with "practically no medical equipment.…He would know exactly the right questions to ask to diagnose his patients," she said.

Kahwage, the education process works in both directions. "I learned a lot, too," said Kahwage, "including things the nursing students do to take care of themselves and prevent transmission of diseases through cleanliness."

After a month of working with Kahwage in Tanzania, participants returned to Gustavus with a new outlook.

Swiggum witnessed what a transformative experience her January Interim Experience class can be. "When you strip away all the stuff, what you have left is human interaction and caring," said Swiggum. For Oldani, the trip made her recognize the importance of "forming trusting relationships with patients" as she watched Kahwage work; "everything [he] did was focused around people."

Kahwage has also been impacted by Swiggum. "In spite of the tremendous difference of material wealth in the U.S. and lack thereof in Tanzania, including Barnabus and Alice, demonstrated by faith, generosity, and a spirit of welcoming, that we felt loved and appreciated in a way," said Swiggum.

Although the course has only been available to nursing students in the past, this January it will be available to any student with an interest in health care, and will also have a new emphasis on the healing power of music. "Everyone should probably go on this trip," said Oldani. "I would love to go back."

Top left: Kahwage treats a new mother. Top right: A group of Tanzanian women sing. Bottom left: Nursing Major Amy Schmidt, a 2007 graduate, plays with a young child on the Interim trip. Bottom right: Children, like those pictured below, are Kahwage’s most vulnerable patients. Far bottom: Swiggum’s 2008 Interim class in Tanzania. Kahwage is in the middle of the last row.
Everybody loves Reagan
Hug a republican
Andrew Evenson
Staff columnist

The election is finally over, but the relief comes with a fair amount of pain for Republican voters who, like me, were hoping for an election miracle. One by one, many of the politicians I’ve spent weeks and months campaigning for fell by the wayside. There were glimmers of hope – Senate kept its filibuster-proof 60 vote majority and some House Republican candidates achieved victories in Minnesota and elsewhere – but calling the night a success for conservative values is pretty optimistic by anyone’s standards.

Now, I’ve been told that you liberal, America-hating people live to be extremely compassionate and look out for the needs of the less fortunate, and there are few less fortunate people on campus right now than Republicans. You may not have noticed their pain as you undoubtedly paraded in celebration of your good fortune, but we’re out there, and we are in desperate need of consolation in these darkest of days.

So after the euphoric state of the dance was dismantled by “adult” worries, comforted. Instead of getting to spread the emotional wealth around and give out free hugs to all of your religious friends? If you are not yet convinced we are in need of any affection, let me enlighten you as to the plight we suffered during this election and see if I can’t change your mind.

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Explaining the threat of global terrorism or elaborating on how socialism will destroy the American economy for generations is simply not as much fun as creating campaign symbols that look like little ducks or asking for change more times than a bum in Times Square. (When President-elect Obama runs for re-election in 2012, will his campaign slogan be “Change we can’t afford to change”?)

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Tackling the beast
Find your religion
Kevin Matuseski
Staff columnist

Life is hard. It is an endless search for meaning, but that meaning is difficult to find. We often pose many anxiety-inducing questions: What should we do in a failing economy? Why can’t I find a job? Why am I busting my butt to get decent grades? Why have hundreds of thousands been killed in Darfur? Why did cancer take my friend’s mom? What is I supposed to do with my life? How can I please to you, do you think you could spread the emotional wealth around and give out free hugs to all of your religious friends? If you are not yet convinced we are in need of any affection, let me enlighten you as to the plight we suffered during this election and see if I can’t change your mind.

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From the margins

Hate has no place in our Gustavus

This is a statement of unity to show that we, as a diverse group, are united against the hate, aggression, and ignorance that have plagued our community. It is a call to action to stand together to combat hate and to create a safer, more inclusive environment for everyone. We are committed to creating a better future for all Gustavus students and our community.

Dear Hateful Human,

We are writing to you as a community of students committed to creating a safer, more inclusive environment for everyone. We are united against the hate, aggression, and ignorance that have plagued our community. It is a call to action to stand together to combat hate and to create a safer, more inclusive environment for everyone.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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November 7, 2008

With intentions to inspire

The bipedal revolution

Brianna Draxler
Staff columnist

I am by no means a die-hard biker. I rarely sport a helmet for fear of flattening the ‘do, and I have no clue what a cruising spandingshort looks in public since 1994. I’ll admit that I’m even a little afraid of those cool shoe clip things that hook into the pedals. My balance is questionable enough as it is without the added pressure of having my limbs firmly affixed to the motion-makers.

But since the first time I mounted this aerodynamic aluminum frame of a bike, I’ve learned that you don’t have to be a fanatic to enjoy the sport. Put me on my trusty Trek and I will ride for hours—getting groceries, working out or simply joy-riding. Whether the setting is urban or rural, a bike always fits.

The environmental perks are also a plus; my time-colored cycle is green in more ways than one. The only tank that requires filling this bipedal vehicle is the tires (and despite rising costs during our current economic crisis, the price of air has remained relatively stable). No fossil fuels go in, and no pollution comes out. It’s a win-win situation in environmental terms, so why don’t more people travel by trike?

Perhaps it’s a matter of efficiency. I mean, it takes a lot of energy to ride a bike, right? On the other hand, according to bikewebsite.com, a person on a bicycle is the most efficient means of transportation on earth. In terms of energy expended to transport weight over distance, there is no animal or machine on earth that can beat the efficiency of a biker. That’s a fact, darn efficient if you ask me.

Plus, there’s a certain feeling of accomplishment knowing that you produced and expended the energy necessary to go from one place to another. Self-sufficiency brings many a warm fuzzy feeling, not to mention the physical benefits of two-wheeled travel. Exercise and others exercise a ton of muscle to beat, especially considering the alternative of traffic jams and uncomfortable upholstery. Burning calories or burning gas? You make the call.

The bicycle is definitely my vehicle of choice periodically for my daily commute during the summer months. It makes the ride home something to look forward to, rather than a simple transition period between home and work and back again. Cruising down Country Road F with the wind in my hair and the sun on my face is enough to induce some serious bliss.

But the positive effects of bicycle transportation go far beyond my mood. In fact, I’m going to go ahead and say that bicycling can ameliorate the effects of pretty much every major crisis our world faces today: global warming, dependence on foreign oil, nature deficit disorder, you name it. This seems like a pretty convincing list of reasons. I think it’s time to make a serious shift in the type of vehicles that dominate our transportation sector.

St. Helen’s School in Newbury, Ohio seems to be on the right track. Here, in addition to reading, writing and ’rithmetic, the students are required to take cycling classes. They even go so far as to cycle in the hallways between classes. If they can pull it off without too many collisions, I don’t see why sleepy little St. Peter can’t follow suit. And heck, why stop there?

Let’s bring cycling to the global level. With my bike by my side—as sidestick, steed and secret weapon alike—I seek to change the world. My fellow Gusties, this is a call to arms … or legs, as the case may be. Whip out your Huffy and join in the bipedal revolution!

The bicycle: a calorie burner, mode of transportation, political statement, global warming impact-minimizer and piece of art all rolled into one.

The National Hockey League

Isaac Weeks ’09

Letter to the Editor, email letters@boston.edu

Letters to the Editor

As a white heterosexual American man, I can only imagine the purpose of the WHAM scholarship. Throughout the course of my life, I have never felt that I belonged to a minority or that my opportunities were limited because of my identity. I do not get condescending looks from others based on my ethnicity or sexual orientation. Thus, I do not see why I deserve any extra attention based on these qualities. If anything, I would rather be rewarded for my effort and achievement.

It is common knowledge that diversity scholarships exist to provide resources and opportunities to those who may not ordinarily receive equal opportunity. Therefore, to parody these scholarships is nonsensical because they serve valid purposes in our society. White American men are often the instigators, not the victims, of racial and sexual discrimination. Only a fool would have blacks, gays and women been able to enjoy equal treatment in our country. Thus, in the name of justice, mockery of equality, such as the WHAM scholarship, should not be tolerated on this campus.

I do not feel victimized based on my race, religion, orientation or gender. Rather, I am indebted to the rest of humanity for the privileges and opportunities I’ve received. Instead of demanding special attention, I will try to serve others as best I can for the sake of diversity and equality.

Paul Huff, ’11

Thank you to everyone who made Dancing with the Pros a success. This year’s show raised over $2,200 for the St. Peter United Way. We would like to send out the following: Thanks to the dancers: Andrea Gross, David Kreft, Cassandra Nelson, Kevin Horn, Alicia Cameron, Lorena McMillan, Kylit Thomson, Brian Johnson and Kimberly Braun. Thanks also to Hank Tomain and Chad Kent who were unable to compete. Thanks to GAC TV and our emcees Luke Garrison, Katelyn Johnson and Jaime Farel. Thank you to our judges: Nancy Zalleck, Richard Leitch, Patricia Kazarow, John Bennetts and Doug Huff.

Additionally, a big thank you to the Gustavus Swing Club, especially the choreographers who dedicated their time and talent to plan this year’s performances. Next, thanks to our in-house band, The Quintessence, for providing musical entertainment. Finally, thank you to everyone who attended Saturday’s show. With everyone’s support, the United Way will continue to help the St. Peter community flourish.

Sincerely,
Brian Krabulov ’11
John Rasmussen ’11
Campus Activities Board

If you ask a campus conservative what they stand for, one of the answers would likely be traditional values. To me, this integrity and respect are “traditional values,” and I assume that campus conservatives would agree. Unfortunately, I am writing this letter to point out the clear disregard of these values by some conservatives in our community.

On Monday night, both the College Democrats and the College Republicans wrote messages on the sidewalks. Unfortunately, some conservatives (may who may or may not be members of the College Republicans) chose to write negative and dishonest messages such as “Obama kills babies,” “True Christians vote Republican,” and even “Leftists killed 150 million people last century.” Besides the fact that these arguments are untrue and/or politically fallacious, this type of intentionally divisive, loaded language expressed by these students only serves to enrage others. It makes no attempt at moving the dialogue forward, and will not help us as a community or as a nation solve any of the problems that face us.

In response to these messages, some members of the Gustavus community chose to storm or pour water on these deletions. Campus conservatives will, in turn, respond by yelling about the free speech that they believe was violated. In certain cases I agree. Removing legitimate signs such as “McCain ’08” is unfair and does violate their rights of free speech. However, when someone yells “Kill him” at a McCain rally at the mention of Obama, when someone writes “I love the KKK” on a student’s car (which happened on this weekend on our campus), or when someone writes “Obama kills babies” on a sidewalk, as we as a community have the right to douse the flames of hatred. Simplicity, we must protect our free speech which comes with great responsibility and should not be used to incite hate.

Isaac Weeks ’09

Letters to the Editor must be fewer than 300 words and received by Monday at 5:00 p.m. to be considered. If you would like to submit a Letter to the Editor, email letters@boston.edu
**Friday, November 7**

**Announcement:**
Heterodoxy submissions due. Apparently women can do more than pump out babies and fix sandwiches.

**Auditions for The Impresario from Smyrna**
3:00 p.m.
The play has eight men and four women. It’s like a physics classroom.

**On-Campus Film, Pineapple Express**
7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
It’s nice to see James Franco not taking himself terribly seriously this time around.

**Swing Dance**
7:00 p.m.
My own mother would not approve of Kimberly Braun and Chaplain Brian’s swingin’ moves. Yeah, baby!

**Guitar Hero Rock Out**
Mac’s Bar and Café, Mankato
9:00 p.m.
Does it seem like Severus Snape might have played Guitar Hero in his youth? I can’t get that image out of my head.

**Women’s Lacrosse Grilled Cheese Fundraiser**
10:00 p.m.
If the team wanted a really successful night of catering, they’d have held it on 4/20.

**Saturday, November 8**

**MMTA Fall Piano Recital**
8:00 a.m.
For the future, please do not put the words “piano” and “fall” so close to one another. Those of you who have seen Who Framed Roger Rabbit will probably freak out and look around for Judge Doom.

**Auditions for The Impresario from Smyrna**
11:00 a.m.
It’s a comedy about shallow divas; sorority girls are encouraged to audition.

**Dodgeball for Burma**
3:00 p.m.
Hey Republicans! Upset over the election results? Take your aggression out over a friendly game of Dodgeball!

**Esther Wang, Faculty Piano Recital**
7:00 p.m.
Hehe, Wang, Hehe.

**On-Campus Film, Pineapple Express**
7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
I went to a fruit bar the other day and saw a beatnik pineapple reading expressive poetry out loud. It was also an example of a pineapple expressing itself.

**Women’s Lacrosse Grilled Cheese Fundraiser Tonight**
10:00 p.m.
Attractive women with sticks coming to my door delivering food? I smell an adult film. ...!
MEN’S SOCCER

SCHOOL    MIAC  OVERALL
CARLETON    8-1-1  16-2-2
GUSTAVUS*  9-2  25-3
ST. THOMAS*  6-3-1  12-6-1
ST. JOHN’S  6-3-1  14-6-1
AUGSBURG  7-2-1  11-3-5
CARLETON  5-6  13-12-2
HAMLINE  4-7  14-11-1
ST. KATE’S  2-9  12-17-1
BETHEL  2-9  9-18
MACALESTER  0-11  0-24

WOMEN’S SOCCER

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ST. OLAF  6-3-1  10-7-1
MACALESTER  4-5-1  9-8-1
CONCORDIA  3-7  9-9
HAMLINE  1-6-3  4-9-3
BETHEL  2-7-5  5-13-1
ST. MARY’S  2-7-5  5-13-1
MACALESTER  0-11  0-24

FOOTBALL

@ Buena Vista  W 8-0

WOMEN’S CROSS-COUNTRY

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GUSTAVUS  5-7  12-9-2
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ST. THOMAS  8-3  20-5
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AUGSBURG  3-3  9-9
MACALESTER  0-11  0-24

VOLLEYBALL

Men’s Hockey

vs Augsburg  L 0-3

Junior James Leathers puts one in the net against Lake Forest this past Saturday. Leathers has had an assist in each contest this season.

11/4
-Men’s Soccer vs Augsburg  L 0-3

11/1
-Men’s Hockey vs. Lake Forest  W 6-1
-Volleyball @ St. Mary’s  W 3-0
-Men’s Cross-Country @ MIAC Champ  6 of 11
-Women’s Cross-Country @ MIAC Champ  6 of 12
-Women’s Soccer @ St. Thomas  L 1-3
-Women’s Soccer @ Buena Vista  W 8-0
-Football @ Bethel  W 17-10
-Men’s Soccer vs. St. Thomas  W 2-1

jottings

- Gustavus’ Men’s Soccer team lost this past week to Augsburg 3-0 in the first round of the MIAC Playoffs, ending their season with a record of 13-5-1 (8-2-2nd place in the MIAC). Its Augsburg’s first win over the Gusties since 1997.

- Junior linebacker Tony Palma was named the MIAC Defensive Player of the Week this past week for his efforts in the Gusties 17-10 win against Bethel. Palma had twelve tackles, six of which were solo, as well as an interception in the last minute of the contest to seal the Gustavus victory.

Sports Information

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

It is better to be with Christ in the storm than in smooth water without Him.

“it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man.”

Psalm 118:8

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

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FOOTBALL

SCHOOL    MIAC  OVERALL
GUSTAVUS  4-2  6-2-2
CARLETON  4-2  6-2-2
ST. JOHN’S  4-2  6-2-2
CONCORDIA  4-2  6-2-2
ST. THOMAS  4-3  5-3
AUGSBURG  3-3  4-4
BETHEL  3-3  4-4
ST. OLAF  2-4  4-4
HAMLINE  0-7  1-7

VOLLEYBALL

SCHOOL    MIAC  OVERALL
ST. THOMAS  11-0  26-2
GUSTAVUS*  9-2  25-3
ST. BEN’S  9.2  26-6
CONCORDIA*  8-3  20-5
ST. OLAF  6-5  21-11
ST. MARY’S  5.6  19-12
AUGSBURG  5.6  17-12
CARLETON  5.6  11-14
HAMLINE  4-7  16-11
ST. KATE’S  2-9  12-17-1
BETHEL  2-9  9-18
MACALESTER  0-11  0-24

CHEERLEADING

GROUP    MIAC  OVERALL
ST. JOHN’S  5.6  19-12
AUGSBURG  5.6  17-12
ST. THOMAS  6-3-1  17-12
BETHEL  2-9  9-18
MACALESTER  0-11  0-24

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Sports Editor

A mixture of young and experienced talent led the Gustavus Men’s Hockey team to a 13-12-1 (10-6 in the MIAC) mark last season, one the team hopes will be much improved this upcoming season. Four contributing seniors from last year’s team are gone, replaced by an able number of talented first-years and sophomores, along with last year’s talented sophomore class. A trio of junior captains this year’s team: defenseman Cody Mosbeck, forward Joe Welch and returning All-Conference standout forward David Martinson. Those three will lead a team with just three seniors through the winter. Martinson finished last season with 21 goals and 20 assists, and his 41 total points ranked him second among MIAC competition last season.

The Gusties also return with one of the conference’s leading goal-scorers, Sophomore Josh Swartout, who led the conference with a 2.29 goals against average en route to a 7-2 record. Senior Matt Lopes contributed strongly last season, as well, with a record of 3-4 and a 2.44 goals against average, good enough for third in the conference.

However, the Gusties are without junior contributors Welch, defenseman Tony Palma and forward T.J. Ridley, due to their participation on the Gustavus Football team.

With the ice at Don Roberts Arena still under construction, Gustavus has been forced to practice and play their home games at All Seasons Arena in Mankato.

“Playing our home games in Mankato has been like playing an away game with lots of your own fans at the game. We thank all our fans for their support, and for making the effort to come to our games while they are in Mankato,” said Mosbeck.

Gustavus began this season last Friday night in Mankato against the 2008 Division III National Champion and #1 team in the country when they hosted St. Norbert’s College. After being down 6-2 early, Gustavus made a strong comeback, but it was not enough. Gustavus fell 7-5 in the season opener. Martinson led all scorers with two goals and an assist, while Juniors James Leathers and Eric Bigham and First-year phenomenon Ross Ring-Jarvi added goals of their own. Swartout had 22 saves and allowed six goals between the pipes.

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-Men’s Soccer vs Augsburg  L 0-3

11/1
-Men’s Hockey vs. Lake Forest  W 6-1
-Volleyball @ St. Mary’s  W 3-0
-Men’s Cross-Country @ MIAC Champ  6 of 11
-Women’s Cross-Country @ MIAC Champ  6 of 12
-Women’s Soccer @ St. Thomas  L 1-3
-Women’s Soccer @ Buena Vista  W 8-0
-Football @ Bethel  W 17-10
-Men’s Soccer vs. St. Thomas  W 2-1
The Gustavian Weekly Sports Schedule

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Congratulations to Senior Mike DesLauriers, Winner of Fall Fever and a new iPod sponsored by SAVE, SAAB and NorthStar Resource Group.

Junior forward David Martinson has five goals and an assist this season for the Gusties, placing him 25th in the nation among both Division II and III schools.

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Their win over Gustavus was St. Norbert’s 31st consecutive victory.

“When we were down 6-2, we could have folded, but we didn’t—we hung in there and played hard,” said Head Coach Brett Peterson. “I was pleased with the way we battled a good team. It shows good character from our guys.”

The following evening, Gustavus hosted Lake Forest in Mankato and rebounded from the tough loss the night before. Martinson found the back of the net three times and in doing so, became the 21st player in the program’s history to have three or more hat tricks in a game for his career. Leathers added his second score in as many games while Senior Casey Dynan and his younger brother Rory lit the lamp for the first time of the season. Along with his goal, Casey Dynan added a pair of assists while Ring-Jarvi added two dimes of his own. Lopes saved 16 shots on goal while allowing a single goal in the net for the Gusties.

“We didn’t play as well Saturday as we did on Friday. We had a bit of a letdown after playing the #1 team in the country but we finished on Saturday, something we didn’t do against St. Norbert’s,” said Peterson. “We’re much further today than we were a year ago. We had a large class of [first-years] and transfers last year...50 percent of our roster was new to the program. We’ve went through the growing pains and that win on Saturday [could not have] happened last year. We’re young, but we’ve got experience.”

Gustavus heads to Menomonee, WI, on Friday to take on UW-Stout and will then come home to take on UW-River Falls the following night.

“The team here has good guys and good hockey players,” said Ring-Jarvi. “It makes coming to the rink fun. We need hard work and for us to come together as a team to win the conference. We can play with anyone in our league and hopefully we can pull out a few victories against the top teams.”
Gustavus’ Volleyball team has been playing exceptionally well going into the MIAC Playoffs. Their most recent victory, a three set stomping of MIAC foe St. Mary’s, has assured them of the #2 seed in the playoffs, clinching a first round bye and a second round home game. Counting that win, Gustavus has won its past ten contests, including huge wins over #21 St. Ben’s and #12 Concordia, as well as 16 of their past 18 games. Although Gustavus beat the Cobbers, the Gusties, Bennies and Cobbers hold the #17-19 positions in the national poll while conference-leading St. Thomas sits at #6 in the AVCA poll. “The team has worked extremely hard this season and we’ve really come together. Our success is a reflection of the hard work we’ve done in the gym,” said Head Coach Kari Eckhardt. “We have to be ready to play every match and the team does a good job of preparing themselves mentally. We’re going to take it one match at a time and play our game. We’ve got the talent to compete with anyone.”

Leading the Gustie attack in the sweep of St. Mary’s was Sophomore Nicki Ainsworth whose 14 kills paced the team. Ainsworth also added nine digs and four blocks while First-year Angela Ahrendt contributed ten kills of her own. Senior Emily Klein and Sophomore Jenny Ewert played tough back line defense, tallying 19 and 16 digs, respectively, while Senior Bridget Burtzel, named last week’s MIAC Setter/Libero of the Week for her efforts in the previously mentioned contests against ranked opponents, had 34 assists against the Cardinals.

Gustavus heads into the playoffs with a 25-3 record (9-2 in MIAC play) and has accrued the most wins in a season under current Head Coach Eckhardt, the most wins the program has seen since the fall of 1994 when the Gusties went 31-10.

“A streak of winning ten games in a row is always a great feeling. I think our team is really excited to have done so well in regular season and we are exactly where we want to be as playoffs begin,” said Junior defensive specialist Tara Kramer. “Momentum is a huge element in the game of volleyball and as of now it has been working in our advantage.”

The MIAC coaches named their postseason award winners this past Wednesday, bestowing Klein the MIAC Defensive Player of the Year for the third consecutive season. Klein as well as Burtzel were named to the All-MIAC team for their efforts this season. Senior Britta Bolm was named to the MIAC All-Sportsmanship Team as well.

“We really try to focus on one game at a time, and not look ahead—which I feel has made us successful. We don’t overlook any team, especially in the MIAC. It’s really all about which team is focused & ready to play that night, as you have seen from the unexpected wins so far in playoffs,” said Burtzel. “However, I think having all these wins shows that we really know how to finish...there are numerous games where we were down, and we found it in us to pull together and finish each game. So we definitely have that on our side as we head into the playoffs.”

Surging Gusties hope regular season success translates into MIAC playoff gold

Gustavus rides a ten-game winning streak into an opportunity to make their first NCAA Tournament appearance since 1986

From left to right: Senior Bridget Burtzel (#7) leads the Gusties with 1,050 assists this season and was named the MIAC Setter/Libero of the Week last week; Senior Co-Captain Britta Bolm (#5) and First-year Angela Ahrendt (#4) shown above playing strong defense at the net for the Gusties.