Senate moves forward with new proposals

Although the budgeting process is over for Student Senate, financial matters are still a predominant topic of discussion at Senate meetings. On Nov. 10, Building Bridges came to Senate to request funds for its annual conference. This year’s conference, planned for Saturday, March 14, 2009, will address the inequities in education. The organization will bring Erin Orhurhu to Gustavus, the woman portrayed by Hilary Swank in the film Freedom Writers.

“We have a quasi-unanimous vote, Senate allocated $10,450.00 to Building Bridges—the full amount requested—to host this tremendous event, so Student Senate moves forward with these financial issues,” said Ashley Gibbs, a sophomore political science major and senator.

“The conference itself is a tremendous event, so Student Senate would help with that. We are definitely supporting a wonderful cause. I do not regret giving them [that much] money,” said Luke Garrison, Student Senate co-president and a senior communications studies major.

“Aberdeen Student Senate is working on and will be participating,” said Ashley Gibbs, a sophomore communication studies major and senator.

“Accounting for the Building Bridges allocation, Student Senate’s contingency fund sits at $11,196.29. According to Senate’s bylaws, $10,000 must be carried over to spring semester. ‘[The contingency fund] is clearly under what we have always had,’” said Garrison. But there are potential remedies for Senate’s short-on-cash situation. A referendum to raise the student government fee is expected to be presented in the spring. Senate has more groups asking for more money and a budget that has remained static. ‘I think students will realize that it is probably time to raise the fee to meet the needs of all the student organizations. The only way the activities or these events will occur is if we have the money to do it,’” Hell said.

President Ohle has mentioned the possibility of providing Senate with additional funds. The money would likely be in the form of a grant and a loan and Senate would be required to pay back a portion of the money. “It is a realistic possibility, but it is not a reality at this point,” Garrison said. If offered, Senate is still debating whether or not to accept the funding. “Senate is taking financial responsibility to make sure we will have money to meet the students’ needs,” Hell said. However, as Student Senate moves forward with these financial issues, they will be under new financial leadership.

Ashley Melville, vice president of finance and junior management major, is expected to formally resign at the full-Senate meeting on Monday, Nov. 24. “I have told the Cabinet and the Finance Committee that I am resigning because the APM adviser is working to gather medical supplies for Africa. I feel like this is the best decision for all involved,” Melville said. A new Vice President of Finance has yet to be appointed.

New Constitution

After intense conversation, Student Senate has voted to consider the new constitution (which will replace the Senate’s current constitution). The proposed constitution, bylaws and transitional document will likely be voted on at the next full-Senate meeting on Nov. 24, and pending ratification, will take effect at the full-Senate meeting on Dec. 8, 2008. The former cabinet will be dissolved, and a new cabinet will be put into place at that time. Senators will continue to serve the term they were elected for, and vacancies will be filled if the position applies to the new constitution.

Senate is excited about the changes that the new constitution will bring. “Above all, it will make Senate a more effective, efficient (governing body),” said Allen.

“One of the main issues has been how we ratify the [proposed] constitution,” said Hell. Some senators have argued that the document should be voted on by the entire student body, as it will be the governing document of the student body. Other senators do not agree. “I think senators were elected as representatives of their constituents, and they vote for them. We allow for others to voice their opinions, but [voting] is a senator’s job,” Garrison said.

In the constitutional discussions, presidential and cabinet stipends have re-emerged as a controversial issue. After much discussion, stipends were added to the current constitution last fall. Some believe that co-presidents and other cabinet members should be paid, as they serve a vital function for the college.

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Staff Writer

Battle of the Majors: raising awareness

Battle of the Majors will take place Nov. 21 in the cafeteria. It is an event put on by Africa Partners Medical (APM) and LineUs that is intended to “raise awareness of the goals of the organization and have fun,” said Katie Halvorson, senior Spanish and biology major.

APM is “a national organization aimed at using education and equipment to prevent needless death in Africa,” said Vware Orhurhu, a senior chemistry and biochemistry major, as well as the co-president of APM.

“Africa Partners Medical is a group of American and African doctors, nurses and other health care professionals committed to improving medical care in Africa,” said Chaplain Brian Johnson, the APM adviser. He explained that they do so “by sponsoring educational conferences in Africa and establishing long-term partnerships with independent African healthcare personnel.”

Orhurhu shared the three objectives the organization has for the year. The first goal for APM is to help kids go to school (with a focus on high school). The group is working on raising funds to assist students. Second, APM is working to gather medical supplies from hospitals and clinics in Mankato and St. Peter. So far, they have gathered over 80 supplies from Immanuel St. Joseph’s Hospital in Mankato. The third goal is to participate in service projects around St. Peter and Mankato. These projects include working with the Salvation Army, volunteering at Immanuel St. Joseph’s, bell-ringing for Christmas and Habitat for Humanity work.

[APM] believes education is one of the most important things you can offer,” Orhurhu said. He cited education as one of the primary reasons Battle of the Majors (BOM) was inspired, “to connect educational goals for Africa to Gustavus.”

At BOM, students will learn more about other majors as well as more about APM. Sixteen majors will be represented, and LineUs Comedy Troupe will perform.

“I’m excited for the event. It’s something new to the campus, and I’m looking forward to participating,” said Ashley Gibbs, a senior elementary education major.

“As their adviser, I’m excited to see the Gustavus chapter of APM raising awareness and building community in a way that also highlights the value of a liberal arts education,” said Johnson.
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Additionally, there will be a free-will donation to contribute to the goals and projects of APM. “Ultimately we hope that the program will bring the campus together to celebrate Liberal Arts education while having fun with [the] LineUs Comedy show,” said Orhurhu.

“LineUs will be playing the role of opening act and intermission entertainment. We will have four members playing some short games directly preceding the start of the show at 7:00 p.m., and again a little later for some mid-competition, light-hearted joy,” said LineUs member Andrew Haaheim, a senior secondary education and biology double major.

“I'm really looking forward to the program because I think it is an idea that has the potential to become a Gustavus tradition, like Dancing with the Pros or the Drag Show. It's a friendly trivia competition between majors for trophy and title ... like the House Cup in Harry Potter,” said Haaheim.

“This event is really for everyone. Every major on campus has the opportunity to submit a team to compete, so even if you aren't competing onstage, you still have the opportunity to show up and support your major’s team,” Haaheim said.

Battle of the Majors will take place in the cafeteria on Friday, November 21st. It is hosted by Africa Partners Medical and LineUs.

Distinguished Alumni Citation: Magnus Ranstorp

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Global terrorism specialist and class of 1985 Gustavus alum- nus Magnus Ranstorp received the Distinguished Alumni Cita- tion on Nov. 7, an award granted annually by the College. In 1981, seventeen-year-old Magnus Ranstorp began his career at Gustavus as a Swedish exchange student. In his adoles- cence, he developed an interest in the radical U.S. politics of the 1960s. Ranstorp wrote a 75-page paper during his senior year on the Weatherman faction of Stu- dents for a Democratic Society. This paper spurred his interest in the study of political radicalism and terrorism, especially regard- ing the Middle East.

After graduating from Gusta- vus, Ranstorp earned a doctor- ate from the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. There, he wrote the composition that be- came his first book, *Hizb'Allah in Lebanon: The Politics of the Western Hostage Crisis*, which was pub- lished in 1996.

Kevin Byrne, Ranstorp’s for- mer adviser and professor of his- tory, who introduced him at the ceremony, said, “For that volume and for his subsequent publica- tions, he interviewed hundreds of members of political organi- zations, many of them ‘non-state actors.’ His knowledge of and familiarity with individuals and groups involved in the turbulent politics of the Middle East grew dramatically, and it moved be- yond that area of the world.”

For fifteen years, Ranstorp taught courses at St. Andrews in international relations and Middle Eastern politics.

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Correction

Last week The WEEKLY made an error in the study abroad numbers for 2004-2005 and 2008-2009. Including January Interim Experience, the number of students who studied off campus during the 2004-2005 school year was 368. The total number of students expected to study off campus during 2008-2009 is 290. Gustavus was recently ranked in the top 20 of the Institute of International Educa- tion’s Open Doors report for the total number of students who studied abroad during 2006-2007.
Professor Nordstrom honored

By Andy Setterholm
Staff Writer

Gustavus’ Professor of History and Scandinavian Studies Byron Nordstrom recently received an honor from King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden. The Swedish king granted Nordstrom the insignia of Commander in the Royal Order of the Polar Star, the highest honor given by the royal family to non-citizens who have personally benefited Sweden and improved ties between Sweden and their respective countries. The award was given to Nordstrom at the 60th anniversary meeting for the American-Swedish Historical Society in Chicago, Illinois.

“I was profoundly moved and deeply grateful to have received [the insignia],” said Nordstrom. He was initially selected for the award by Sweden’s Diplomatic Service, which then filtered out candidates until the King made the final selections. Nordstrom, unaware that he would be receiving the honor when he attended the meeting in Chicago, described it as “a great surprise.”

Nordstrom came to Gustavus in 1974 after receiving his doctorate from the University of Minnesota and conducting research at the University of Stockholm. His passion for Swedish and Swedish-American history began long ago. “I wrote my senior thesis on Sweden during the Second World War. That cemented an interest in [Swedish history] that goes back a long ways,” said Nordstrom.

Since his college days, Nordstrom has served in several prestigious roles that earned him recognition for the award. He served on the advisory board for the Swedish-American Historical Society and was president of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Studies. He is also the author of a number of Swedish history books, including Scandinavia Since 1500 and The History of Sweden and has been the editor of the Swedish-American Historical Quarterly since 97. These positions and work gained Nordstrom the respect of his peers and were important in designating him as a candidate for the insignia.

“He is very well respected among historians in this country,” said fellow Scandinavian Studies Professor Roland Thorstenson. “He’s done a lot not just for Sweden, but for Nordic history.”

The level of recognition that Nordstrom has received is unusual for a professor at a college. Most historians who are as accomplished as he is are positioned at research universities, but Nordstrom is content with his position here at Gustavus.

“Teaching to great students has been a great pleasure for me,” said Nordstrom. Although his long and distinguished history with Gustavus is nearly at a close, as he is scheduled to retire after the close of spring semester, his legacy will be remembered by both Gustavus and Sweden alike.

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Student art installation in Shakespeare Pit

Senior Art Major Annie Pearce’s “Flowers of Life” exhibit will be on display until the 24th of November. Pearce made the pieces in her advanced handbuilding ceramics class. Her exhibit is one of many that will be displayed this semester.
Magnus Ranstorp is the winner of this year’s annual Distinguished Alumni Citation for his work in international relations.

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Eventually, he became the director of Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence at St. Andrews.

One of his most influential experiences involved serving as a secret back channel between Lebanon’s radical Hizballah movement and the Israeli government. “He was living, as he put it, a ‘surreal existence,’ teaching in the classroom one moment and carrying clandestine messages between these two organizations the next,” said Byrne.

The Israeli media said that Ranstorp was the sole influence for removing its troops from southern Lebanon in 2000.

Additionally, he worked between the British and Libyan governments to establish a rapport in their relations. After the 9/11 attacks, CNN asked Ranstorp to serve as a consultant for the documentary “One Day Soon.” CNN also named him its principal terrorism expert. Two years later, the 9/11 Commission asked him to come to the U.S. and present his evaluation for the future of the global terrorist threat and advice for initiatives in response.

As such a prominent figure, Ranstorp has faced potential danger. “In 1990, as he prepared to address a conference on terrorism, someone very fortuitously discovered the plastic explosives that an agent of the Provisional Irish Republican Army had placed under the podium,” said Byrne.

Ranstorp presently serves as the research director of the Centre of Asymmetric Threat Studies at the Swedish National Defence College in Stockholm. Among many other contributions and accomplishments, Ranstorp recently wrote Terrorism and Human Rights.

Although the Distinguished Alumni Citation is presented ten or twenty years after graduating from Gustavus, Ranstorp was only able to physically accept the award this year. “He officially won it in 2006, but due to differences in schedules and some health issues, it was postponed until he could come back to Gustavus,” said Byrne.

“It was an extraordinary honor for me to be part of the ceremony, recognizing Ranstorp’s enormous contributions. To put it in simple terms, Ranstorp has made a difference in the world, a contribution to humanity, beginning with his students, but extending far beyond the classroom and the campus,” said Byrne.

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Past and current presidents have had to eliminate their work study position or cut back dramatically on hours.

Others hold that the experience is a reward in itself, and, thus, stipends are not necessary. The issue of stipends is “definitely not a new issue. It has been discussed for years. What may be at stake is this constitution will be here for years to come. Stipends are beneficial for Senate in the future and therefore should be an option,” said Allen.

Public Denouncement of Hate Acts

At the last full-Senate meeting, Student Senate responded to the hate acts involving the vandalsm of several vehicles by publishing a resolution. The document titled “Denouncement of Hateful Acts” stated that Senate does not support such actions. Senate also expressed empathy to the victims and lauded those individuals and organizations that are taking a stand against these crimes.

“It was written with the intent of Senate sending a united response to Gustavus’ student representatives,” said Allen, who also serves as the chair of Senate’s Diversity Committee.

Overall, Allen is “very impressed” with the response to the crimes. In the past, “there have been [incidents] where there hasn’t been a very large response. We have taken a strong stance. There has been a lot of student response from organizations and individuals,” said Allen.

“I received a couple of varying opinions comments directly from students. A sophomore student was very pleased to see that Senate took a strong stance and tried to be bold about it in a timely manner. There was another student who told me that she felt it was a worthless document because we weren’t doing anything—that saying something doesn’t help at all. But our denouncement is only the first step,” said Senior Political Science Major and Director of Communications Nick Stramp.

Student Senate will be hosting an open community conversation with President Ohle on Sunday, Nov. 23, at 7 p.m. in Alumni Hall.

Following in Luther’s Steps—The Ninety-five Theses

Late on Oct. 30, 2008, Student Senate posted its own Ninety-five Theses on President Ohle’s front door. The act was symbolic of Martin Luther nailing his “Ninety-Five Theses on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences” to the church door in Germany, marking the beginning of the Protestant Reformation.

The Senate’s Ninety-five Theses were not meant as a list of demands; it was “more of a symbolic act,” said Garrison.

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Senior English Major Alison Glenn has traveled to both Guatemala and Spain while attending Gustavus and is planning on teaching ESL or working for AmeriCorps after graduation.

Alison Glenn: Globe-trotting Gustie

Gustavus to satisfy her craving for new places and new cultures, Alison became infected with the travel bug. “It’s one of just a few colleges in America that have that,” said Alison. Alison considered pursuing Swedish language studies at one point, but eventually chose Spanish language studies at one point, but eventually chose Spanish.

Alison’s first overseas trip as a Gustie came during her sophomore January Interim Experience. Instead of joining a college-sponsored group, she decided to use her existing knowledge of overseas travel and organize her own trip to Guatemala, where she connected with a language school and worked as a full-time English teacher.

Because of her experience in Guatemala, Alison is now certified to teach English as a Second Language, a skill that she continues to use in her work at the Lincoln Community Center in Mankato. There, she works alongside other teachers who teach English-speaking classes to adult immigrants. During her first and sophomore years at Gustavus, Alison also volunteered at a local elementary school, co-teaching reading and physical education classes.

In her junior year, Alison studied abroad in Seville, Spain. “My favorite language is Spanish,” said Alison. “I think it’s a really useful skill right now.” For a full semester, she lived with a local family and took classes in Spanish literature, history, art and film, and even got the chance to do some extra traveling in her spare time. “I was able to take a trip to Morocco for a week-and-a-half, and we went into the Sahara Desert. It was one of the most interesting places I’ve ever been in my life,” she said. “In Spain, you can still see American influences, but not there. It’s a completely different place.”

Alison has enjoyed her overseas experiences, but she’s still happiest here at home. “I really wanted to study abroad because Gustavus is such a small school, so sometimes I feel like I need some space. It was always really great, though, to come back to such a tight-knit community. I’ve been gone a lot, but I’m really enjoying my senior year here.”

Alison still isn’t sure exactly what she wants to do after graduation, but she is actively working to pursue her interests. “ESL teaching is certainly an option for me,” she said. “I’m also working on my applications for AmeriCorps and other organizations.” AmeriCorps is a government-financed non-profit organization, “kind of like a Peace Corps that works in America. It’s their volunteer work, but they pay you a stipend so you have enough to live on.”

“I’d like to work in Chicago, with my family or in Seattle, or maybe I’ll go back to Latin America and teach,” said Alison. Alison is also looking into the possibility of working on an organic farm on the West Coast during this year’s January Interim Experience. “I’d get set up with a farmer who would provide me with room and board, and I’d help out on the farm and learn about organic farming.”

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M ost of us won’t land a job that will allow us to jet set around the world for business and pleasure. That is why college is a great opportunity for all those infected with the travel bug to get their fix, whether it’s an overseas study abroad opportunity or a cross-country road trip with some buddies. Alison Glenn, a senior English major, has no stranger to international travel. She has been abroad twice as a Gustie and has traveled to Latin America multiple times with her family and in her free time. 

Bitten by the travel bug, Alison used her time here at Gustavus to satisfy her cravings for new places and new experiences. Alison comes from a Swedish background—in fact, many of her family members are currently living in Sweden. “One of the big reasons I chose to come to Gustavus was because of its Swedish heritage,” said Alison.

Alumni of the Week: Alison Glenn

Thetas host “Miracles of Mitch” benefit

The Theta Xi Gamma sorority will host the “Miracles of Mitch” fundraiser this Saturday, Nov. 21, at 5:30 p.m. in the banquet rooms of the Jackson Campus Center.

“All proceeds raised from the silent auction and dinner go directly to ‘Miracles of Mitch.’ It is a non-profit charity based in Chanhassen, MN, that provides financial support for families that have children with cancer,” said Junior Communication Studies Major and Theta Xi Gamma Co-Presiding Katelyn Johnson. “We have a personal connection to the cause since one of our alumni babysat Mitch.”

The semi-formal event includes a four-course meal, a silent auction and a speech given by Mitch’s parents, Steve and Becky Chepokas. “Miracles of Mitch” was inspired by Mitch Chepokas, a boy who had terminal cancer and died at the age of nine. Prior to his death, Mitch received approximately $6,000 in donations from various people supporting him. Knowing that his time was coming and wanting to help the other children in the cancer ward, he made the generous decision to put all his money toward aiding children with cancer. Mitch took charge and made his way to the bank where he withdrew all his money. He approached the teller and said, “SGs, and I want them in bundles.” He then proceeded to make his father pinky swear to help other families and children. After Mitch’s death, his parents did exactly as they promised and created “Miracles of Mitch” to fulfill Mitch’s wishes.

“Mitch was an amazing young man with a big heart and we want to do everything in our power to help his dad fulfill his pinky swear,” said Junior Elementary Education Major Andrea Stevens. Theta Xi Gamma has a committee designated to planning and ensuring the smooth running of the fundraiser. “Our ‘Miracles of Mitch’ Benefit Silent Auction is our biggest event of the year. Preparation for this event started at our first meeting this fall. We selected a committee to be in charge of organizing the major details of the event, but the entire sorority helps out by going to businesses and gathering auction items,” said Junior Nursing Major and Theta Xi Gamma Co-President Kaylee Munson.

The whole sorority also assists in decorating the banquet rooms where the auction is held. Junior Communication Major Lisa Rivers and Junior Art Studio and Biology Major Kate Wiedman.

In addition to hosting the “Miracles of Mitch” silent auction and benefit dinner, Theta Xi Gamma also volunteers at the MiracleKids Triathlon during the summer. The sorority is in charge of the Orangefest Celebration at the summer triathlons. Last year was the first time that Stevens was involved in the MiracleKids Triathlon. "The Orangefest Celebration is the after-party of the triathlon. We have DJs, blow up obstacle courses, blow up jumpers, face painting and fake tattoos," said Stevens.

“We’ve invited family, friends andTheta Gamma to the auction and hope to raise $500. Auction items include a two-night stay in Las Vegas, Chanhassen Dinner Theater tickets and jewelry,” said Johnson. The “Miracles of Mitch” silent auction and benefit dinner is an invitation only event, but anyone is welcome to make donations. Those interested in making donations can contact Parker or Munson at kjohn135@gustavus.edu.

The Theta Xi Gamma sorority adopted “Miracles of Mitch” as their philanthropy two years ago and plan to continue working with the foundation in future years.
Quantum of Solace fails to meet high expectations of viewers

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I remember the first time I saw Goldfinger. Even though I had never seen a Bond movie before, I had heard enough through the cultural grapevine to know that “007” was “The Dude.” I knew about Q, Moneypenny, the Aston Martin, the crotch laser and the magnetic watch ... and then I saw a suffocated Shirley Eaton sprawled out on the bed covered in gold paint. That experience completely shattered my conception of coolness. I knew about Q, Moneypenny, that “007” was “The Dude.” I had heard enough through the cultural grapevine to know that “007” was “The Dude.” I never saw a Bond movie before, but I was disappointed to discover that as much as Bond’s handlers try to distance themselves from the SPECTRE-like organization that they display throughout the course of the movie, most notably when he tosses a can of motor oil to a prominent Quantum member before abandoning him in the middle of a Bolivian desert, saying, “I bet you make it 20 miles before you consider drinking that.”

Maybe Bond just needs some time to recover, so he should be excused for not quite being his normal self. At any rate, we’ll see if the electricity returns in the next installment of “007.” As M says near the end of the movie, “I want you back, Bond,” to which Bond responds in classic “007” style: “I never give up!” We’ll see if he keeps that promise in the new Bond’s third installment. I give this film 2 out of 3 crowns.

Quantum of Solace continues where Casino Royale left off, with an emotionally numbed Bond continuing his vendetta against Mr. White. I was expecting to see “007” and the rest of the “006” introduced to the beginnings of SPECTRE, maybe even an early incarnation of Blofeld, but I was disappointed to discover that it is only one of the many components lacking in Quantum of Solace’s story.

The reason Casino Royale was so successful was that it put Bond in his native habitat, a really expensive casino, and had him do some really cool stuff, i.e. chasing a guy up a half-constructed building, fighting a guy with a machete down a flight of stairs and restarting his own heart in his Aston Martin, only to return to the poker table and say with a grin, “Sorry about that. That last hand almost killed me.” Ha! Dig it!

What’s missing in this episode of the “007” saga is that coolness factor. It’s like the song says, “It don’t mean a thing if it ain’t got that swing,” except in this case it’s “A Bond film ain’t a Bond film unless it’s got psychotic bad guys, lots of cars and guns (or cars with guns) and sexy sex.” I’m not saying that’s the only way to make a Bond movie, but it’s a good way to give it the dramatic electricity it needs to function.

The new Bond has less gadgets, sensuality and quirks, and as On Her Majesty’s Secret Service and Casino Royale prove, Bond can function without most of that stuff. However, you’d better have a pretty good plot and give “007” some interesting stuff to do (as in the case of On Her Majesty’s, getting married) to be able to pull that off. The problem with Quantum of Solace is that it lacks kinetic energy—that element of escapism that makes us want to go see these kinds of movies in the first place.

But enough nostalgia, let’s get to specifics. Quantum of Solace features an evil environmentalist and a plot to create a drought while controlling the world’s water supply (can you say Chinatown?). We never find out too much about Quantizes the SPECTRE-like organization Bond is up against, which was a great disappointment to me.

In fact, when Bond finally gets his hands on a henchman to interrogate, we aren’t treated to an explanation; instead, we cut to a scene many hours later to hear the bad guy say, “So now that I’ve told you everything you wanted to know about Quantum...”

I wanted to yell at the screen, “What are you talking about? You didn’t tell me anything!” I blame lazy screenwriters, but that’s just a small part of what made Quantum of Solace seem like a transitional piece of the new Bond series. Until the very end, we aren’t treated to any shocking revelations or interesting character developments.

Maybe we should cut Bond a break. He’s still reeling from Vesper’s betrayal and death in Casino Royale. The tragedy has given him a bitter edge, an edge that he displays throughout the course of the movie, most notably when he tosses a can of motor oil to a prominent Quantum member before abandoning him in the middle of a Bolivian desert, saying, “I bet you make it 20 miles before you consider drinking that.”

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Shared Space features Snapshots

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Shared Space is an annual dance company event held at Gustavus, and this year’s theme Snapshots helps showcase the talent of student choreographers and dancers. The entire event is made possible by students, from the choreography and performances to the design and costumes. The show includes the work of over 40 students.

The directors of Shared Space, Senior Dance Majors Emily Bulling, Alexandra Ehrich and Shawn Grygo and Senior Elementary Education Major Nikki Ruskinko, have worked since September to guide the choreographers, coordinate rehearsals, prepare the venue and oversee the production as a whole.

Although the event is directed mostly by senior dance majors, the show features dancers of all levels of experience, including some students who have no background in dance.

“[Shared Space] is an opportunity for students to explore and experiment in the art of dance choreography and performance, as well as what it means to put together a show,” said Bulling.

Auditions for the show took place in September. Each choreographer put together short dances that they taught to the performers at auditions. The choreographers then evaluated the dancers and selected the ones they thought were most fitting for their pieces. The twelve choreographers have been working on their pieces since then.

Some faculty members and advanced dancers students helped the choreographers with their work as the pieces progressed, but for some choreographers this will be the first time seeing their work through to production.

“For more advanced choreographers and dance majors, Shared Space is a place to experiment and further develop their artistry in choreography,” said Bulling.

The types of dance that will be performed encompass many genres, including hip hop and modern dance. The experience level of the performers is also varied, allowing for an open environment for dancers to learn and grow together in their performance.

“It’s a blast performing your own choreography, and it’s so interesting to see what a huge variety of dances are composed,” said Junior Chemistry Major Frida Dannberg.

All proceeds from the event will help fund the Gustavus Dance Company’s trip to the American College Dance Festival at the University of Minnesota in March. This festival is an annual event where college dancers from around the Midwest come together to share their skills and talents with other students. Students who attend the conference also have the opportunity to take classes with professors from around the country.

“The American College Dance Festival has always been a rewarding experience to meet other dance students from across the nation, dance with them, see what they’ve been working on and show them what we’ve been working on,” said Bulling.

Shared Space Snapshots will be performed Thursday, Nov. 20, to Saturday, Nov. 22, at 6:00 p.m. in the Kresge Dance Studio. There will also be a 2:00 p.m. performance on Nov. 22. Tickets are $2 and can be purchased by calling the Gustavus Ticket Center at (507) 933-7590.

Gustavus class takes action against genocide in Darfur

Drew Yackel-Juilen
Staff Writer

Surely most Gustavus students have heard the word genocide, but not all students know that genocide is occurring at this moment in the Darfur region of Sudan. Despite the attention given to Darfur by such events as the Building Bridges conference last year, the Camp Darfur attempt this fall and the Wallenberg lecture on Nov. 13, many members of the Gustavus community remain unaware of the terrible atrocities being committed in Sudan. But some Gustavus students are working hard to get the word out.

Professor of Religion Thia Cooper’s Faith, Religion and Culture class was assigned the task of working with students at St. Peter High School to advocate issues of genocide. According to the course syllabus, “It’s an ongoing battle that can not exist in a vacuum. To understand it we need to see how the issues affect our lives on a daily basis. To that end, service in the community is part of this course.”

Cooper’s students have formed groups to design projects which directly involve high school students in various activities related to genocide awareness.

“My 10:30 a.m. class is doing everything from a PSA (Public Service Announcement) on the radio to advertising for the day, to selling buttons, to circulating petitions to send to the President-elect,” said Cooper. “Part of what the class needs to do is wrestle with the questions: Who is human? Who is my neighbor? And then, how should I treat my neighbor? These questions then translate into how we approach the situation in Darfur.”

Senior Biology student Clayton Schnell is part of a group that designed a unique project to spread awareness. “We’re doing a Dive dance on Dec. 5, 2008. The dance will be put on for high school [kids], but anyone is welcome to come. Outside the doors, we’ll have some people selling t-shirts and bracelets. We’re going to try and create some kind of capital to fund an organization that we can donate to. We’re trying to spread the word about genocide, which is an ongoing problem that for some reason will not stop,” said Schnell.

Mark Hanis, this year’s Wallenberg lecturer and founder of the Genocide Intervention Network, spoke at the Gustavus community last Thursday about raising awareness.

“The key thing about awareness is that it has to be actionable. Information is not power; actionable information is power. Because when people hear about what is happening in Darfur, they say, ‘That sucks,’ and move on. So awareness is only good if it turns into action,” said Hanis. PRESSURVING lawmak- ers and divesting in companies that help finance the Sudanese government were suggestions Hanis made to take action.

Although Hanis was well received, some Gustavus students remain skeptical about the effectiveness of raising awareness. Junior Political Science and History Major Dan Coullard takes issue with the use of large amounts of school money to bring in speakers for the sole purpose of raising awareness.

“Although myself and many of my classmates have become aware of the situation in Darfur, we have done little to help end the problem, and I am sure I am not alone in this regard. How many people will truly be spurred to act after becoming aware?” said Coullard.

“It is simply a massive waste of resources to pay multiple thousands of dollars to bring in large-scale speakers and presentations in order to raise awareness, because the awareness these advocacy groups bring is not coupled with meaningful action. So raise all the awareness you want, but don’t be surprised when all the money spent on advocacy does nothing to alleviate the suffering of the innocent children of Sudan,” said Coullard.

The debate over the effectiveness of raising awareness will remain up in the air. However, many students involved in awareness-raising groups believe that the first step in solving the problem is to be aware of the problem.
**Hunger and Homelessness**

Some Gustavus students learn about the cold, hard reality of living without access to sufficient shelter or food.

*Top: In an effort to raise awareness about issues of poverty, participants in Hunger and Homelessness Week posted statistics around the campus. Below: In addition to using cardboard boxes for shelter, students utilized them to educate the campus about the realities of the homeless population. For right: A Gustavus student warms her hands over a fire. Because Minnesota winters are so cold, hard reality of living without access to food, shelter and hygiene (like a place to shower) makes me realize the other elements that are missing in this lifestyle: encouragement, eye contact, a sense of belonging. *

**Reflections:**

Gustavus participants in the Hunger and Homelessness Week sleep-out share their personal thoughts and reflections.

"I am sitting in the Chapel right now, and bags and belongings are sprinkled on the pews. One person is still attempting to sleep under the stars, but I have no idea how she is accomplishing it. Someone is practicing the organ, and workers are noisily setting up for the Christmas in Christ Chapel performance. It is 10:00 a.m., and I have been up since 7:45 a.m., when the workers arrived. I am surprised at the mixture of vulnerability and embarrassment I felt when I realized who they were and why they were here. All of the material possessions that I would have for the next few days were on the pew above me. On the floor peeking out from the pew, I felt like I was a criminal. I had never thought before about how private the art of waking up until I was forced to do it, cold and alone, in a public place. The most terrifying part of this experience for me is the knowledge that as much as it sucks, as cold as it gets at night, or as much as my physical challenges during this class, or as ashamed as I feel in public bathrooms, I can quit whenever I want, but thousands of people who are homeless can't.

The knowledge that, as much as it sucks being a part of this, someone out there has it ten times worse, has warped my own subconscious. We do this for those few, many people do it for years. We are all taking a big step in being part of this sleep-out, but in reality we are only peering over the edge of a gigantic chasm of a problem and through this perspective has finally made me realize that I truly have no idea where the bottom of that chasm is."

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"I'm tired. I'm tired of being cold, tired of being hungry, tired of weird aches from sleeping on hard ground. Tired of strange stares when I wait at the tray line for scraps of food. I'm tired of the fear that someone will steal my belongings and curl up under my polar. The lack of "a place to call one's own" has a profound effect on a person's mental state of being. I also came to realize how precious a person can be made to feel when one has to depend on others for food, shelter and hygiene (like a place to shower). And although being "homeless" here at Gustavus wasn't a walk in the park, I'm glad I was now here near what being homeless truly is."

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Having this experience allowed me to empathize with their challenges. My mindset and priorities are completely different. I focus on where my next meal will come from and if I'm going to have enough layers of clothes to keep me warm at night.

Hygiene isn't an option, so it isn't an issue anymore. I don't have a place to go home to at night. But beyond these physical challenges, it makes me realize the other elements that are missing in this lifestyle: encouragement, eye contact, a sense of belonging.

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Racism - I’m over it.

Learning from the left

What to do with Lieberman

For the past several years, Joe Lieberman has been a persistent thorn in the side of his fellow Democrats. As recently as December and delivered a speech at the Republican National Convention this fall. Now that the Democrats have swept away the “last racial barrier in American politics with ease,” it is simply not true (emphasis ours). And neither is the Wall Street Journal’s claim that with the election of Obama, “we can put to rest the myth of racism as a barrier to achieving a truly multiracial country.” Mr. Obama has a special obligation to help do so.”

The author justifies the denial of institutional racism by stating that in the U.S., “we have had in recent years two black Secretaries of State, black Supreme Court justices, black largest corporations, black governors and generals—and now we will have a President.” Let’s take a moment to really look at what’s going on here.

Notice how there is no mention of the make up of Congress going on here? It is significant to have a black president, but Congress is where laws are made... hmmm, pretty important.

The author probably ignores Congress because according to the Black Americans in Congress website, part of house.gov, there is only one black senator from the 110th Congress, and he is on his way to the White House because he was just elected President. In fact, since 1870 there have only been five black senators. In the House there are 42 black representatives (out of 435 total).

We would also like to point out that house.gov and the Wall Street Journal have forgotten about the other people of color who live in this country. Although we would like to address the representation of Hispanics, Asian Americans and Native Americans, there are no credible resources to confirm those numbers—showing that we are not in a post-race society but a society that wants to erase and ignore the existence and experiences of a whole lot of people.

The quotation in the Wall Street Journal claims that the existence of “black CEOs... governors and generals” proves that racism is not a barrier to achievement. The fact that there are a few minorities in a few positions of power does not mean that racism as an institutional, structural problem is gone for good. Has anyone noticed how there is always room for only a select few minorities in any of these positions? That’s how this works in schools, in businesses and in our government. It’s all about getting just enough to say, “Look at this diversity, a sprinkling there, a smidgen here. Cosh that feels better”; not, “Let’s take a good, hard look at what race means on an institutional and structural level and try to figure out what it really means to level the playing field.”

The quotation ends by claiming that President-elect Obama has an “obligation” to show that race won’t affect someone’s achievement. The day that Barack Obama denies the effects of racism is the day that George W. Bush receives the Nobel Peace Prize for his involvement in Iraq. It will never happen because it’s not true and we will discard the lived experience of millions.

Our own campus shows that a “post race era” is something we have yet to achieve. When racial slurs are still used as scare tactics and crimes of hate, it is because people are racist. The fact that prisons, poverty and poor schools all affect people of color at a highly disproportionate rate shows that race is a factor in gaining achievement.

Racism is in everyday actions (clutching your purse when a “thug” walks by), racist jokes (I didn’t laugh, though) and the fact that little girls still choose the white doll (but she’s prettier). A post-race era is simply an excuse to shoulder off any responsibility for the way our society works on the shoulders of those in the margins; it is an excuse to say “pull yourself up by your bootstraps” without making sure everyone has boots first.

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Senator Joseph Lieberman’s endorsement of John McCain for president did not win him a lot of fans among his fellow Democrats.
Environmentalism is a movement—something that denotes forward motion. Like many good ideas, it creates both support and action. The thing that sets environmentalism apart from other causes, though, is its temporal urgency. You can’t wait for the bandwagon to roll into town before you hop on. By the time environmental issues become mainstream—or are even acknowledged as legitimate issues—it’s usually too late. A related reaction usually means one of two things: A) the opportunity for action is missed due to a prolonged period of indecision, or B) the situation becomes so dire that there is little that can be done.

The installation of wind turbines on the Gustavus campus is a painful example of the first-case scenario. What wind turbines, you may ask? That’s exactly my point. Gustavus began contemplating the installation of wind turbines in the 90s—when acid wash jeans and Aco of Base were still in style. At that point in time, according to Professor of Physics Chuck Niederriter, a member of the seven-person Gustavus Wind Energy Group, the idea of wind power was still relatively new, and support was minimal. Over the next several years, though, students, staff, faculty, and administrators became actively involved in the issue—monitoring wind speeds, researching technologies and concepts, and even creating a student-run bipartisan cost-benefit analyses.

According to Jim Donjic, the director of Gustavus’ Johnson Center for Environmental Innovation, and another member of the Wind Energy Group, they determined that two turbines with capacities of 2 to 2.5 megawatts each would generate enough energy to supply an estimated 60 to 70 percent of the college’s total electricity consumption. In addition, he estimates that we would also be reducing Gustavus’ greenhouse gas emissions by 40 to 50 percent. It’s hard to deny the obvious benefits of such a project. According to a classmate, says Niederriter, “everyone was on board.”

It wasn’t until late 2006, though, that the project got the official go-ahead, and by that point it was too late. Wind turbines were (and still are) a high commodity in high demand. For reasons of cost effectiveness, most companies will no longer consider orders of any less than 50 turbines. Our mealy two can’t even get us on a waiting list. Despite the continued efforts of dedicated Gusties and their loyal allies—the commerce department, wind lobbying groups and fellow Midwestern colleges—our attempts have proven futile.

The disheartening disconnect: we supported the project in theory but missed the window of opportunity in which to act on it. Why the delay? Aside from some minor consulting setbacks, we were simply afraid of taking a risk and making an investment. I’ll admit that the initial cost was a little daunting; around $3.5 million upfront, plus $40,000 a year for maintenance. But between an annual savings of about $1 million (two-thirds of our electricity budget) and the profit from selling excess wind back to the grid, the Wind Energy Group estimated that the payback would have taken a mere seven to ten years. If we had followed through with the project in 2001, when the support and supply were simultaneously present, the turbines could have already been installed and paid off. Now, though, there is little hope that Gustavus will have turbines anytime in the near future. This issue isn’t just a matter of money, though. It’s a matter of being proactive about our priorities and investing in ideas we believe in. Yes, this means taking risks. Yes, this means making changes. But that’s what we at Gustavus are all about, right?

That’s what the college’s new Commission Gustavus 150 claims. According to the online press release, available from Gustavus’ homepage, the commission has been convened on this campus with the purpose of “integrating and expanding the College’s Strategic Plan and making recommendations for the College’s future advancement.” Gustavus is looking for change. Eight task forces have been created to examine key issues, and their topics are as follows:

1. Academic Affairs and New Initiatives
2. Interdisciplinary Programs
3. Student Life
4. Community Engagement
5. Global and Multicultural Issues
6. Faith
7. Stewardship
8. Facilities and Finances

The list appears pretty exhaustive, but where does environmentalism fit in? I suppose we might be able to squeeze a few projects in the “new initiatives” category, or argue them as “community engagement” endeavors, but this misses the point.

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I care not what others think of what I do, but I care very much about what I think of what I do.”
—Theodore Roosevelt

With intentions to inspire
The early bird special

Gustavus students are over-achievers. Yeah, I said it. We are all goody-goodies. But, hey, that’s not a bad thing. The problem arises when Timmy starts getting discouraged because Travis is in more clubs and organizations than he is. We are all different people, so we should all have different talents and abilities. When people write hate speech on cars, they are trying to show they are better than whomever they are bashing. Guess what: nobody is “better” than anyone else. It is the desperate need to be superior to another that leads to per- son to person comparisons. Why do we feel the need to compare ourselves to others? In a lot of cases, it causes more harm than good. It is time to start playing for the love of the game, and not for the love of winning. Live your own life, and stop worrying about how your neighbors are living theirs.

Comparing ourselves to others can really stress us out. I am sure everybody has looked at a class grade sheet to check their grades and, in the meantime, peeked at a few classmates’ grades. Does that change your grade? I think not, but it is defi- nitely going to stress you out if you are not near the top of the class.

There is nothing wrong with a little healthy competition, right? So why all the stress? What give too much of our lives worrying about whether or not we are going to win. Life has become too much of a contest. The problem? It divides us. We tend to think, “You are my oppo- nent, and I need to beat you.”

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Tackling the beast
Unhealthy competition

Remember when you would get nervous before an impor- tant test or a big game, and your parents would say, “Just do your best, honey, and everything will turn out all right because, after all, you are pretty good at it!” Either you took them seriously and calmed yourself a bit, or you sneered at them and thought, “They don’t realize how seriously I take this.” Personally, I thought it was soothing to hear my parents reassure me, but it has been getting harder to “just do my best” in this dog-eat-dog world. I worry too much about whether or not my best is better than the guy next to me. Competition is starting to rule our lives. If we are better at our jobs than our coworkers are, we get a promotion; if we are better than our teammates, we get more playing time; and if we are better at wooing the girls, well, we get the girls. There is nothing wrong with a little healthy competition, right? So why all the stress? What give too much of our lives worrying about whether or not we are going to win. Life has become too much of a contest. The problem? It divides us. We tend to think, “You are my oppo- nent, and I need to beat you.”

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On the lighter side...

Trails of wonder

I was walking in the campus cen-
ter the other day searching for the
unseen half of a banana. I'd left
someplace when I stumbled across
a local youth playing compu-
ter games. He was playing near
the Peer Assistants’ Office and
looked as if he'd been transfixed
for hours. I identified with the lad,
since I had similarly wasted years
of my childhood on similar activ-
ities. So naturally, I invited myself
ever, jumped the kid out of his
chair and took over his game.

I was bitterly disappointed
with what I found. This punk
was at level four of something
called “Bejeved,” an Internet
video game involving little jewels
that you group together and get
points for. There’s no excitement,
no villains, no guns, nothing; it’s
all about the points for. There’s no
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playing such a lame computer
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Friday, November 21

Pollutants and Plastic Bags: Environmental Policymaking in China 3:30 p.m.
You know your environmental policymaking sucks when Peter Pan contracts black lung from flying over your country.

Shared Space, Snapshots 6:00 p.m.
I enjoy a good snapshot, especially ones involving digitally-altered celebrities on the Internet.

On-Campus Movie, The Dark Knight 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
It’s weird, but Heath Ledger has put onscreen moves on both Jake and Maggie Gyllenhaal.

Battle of the Majors 7:00 p.m.
Well, the chemists have acid to throw, but the dancers can high kick them in the face. The economists can throw rolls of quarters at everyone, but the psychologists will say that’s Freudian of them. Ultimately the historians will rewrite the outcome and claim they won, and if it’s in a history book, no one will care enough to read it anyway.

The Gustavus Philharmonic Orchestra in Concert 7:30 p.m.
As a youngster, I used to think these concerts involved a guy named Phil playing a harmonica.

Loni Petrulo at the Coffee Hag 8:00 p.m.
Scones and Gay Pride bumper stickers will also be featured at the Coffee Hag.

The Lesson 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m.
Cast members had better be careful; we still haven’t found the car vandalizer, and you guys are lookin’ a lot like Skinheads these days. ...

Saturday, November 22

Men and Women’s Swimming at St. John’s/Luther Invitational 9:00 a.m.
You know, by the time Michael Phelps was your guys’ age, he’d already won Gold Medals. What have you done with your life, heh?

Co-op Open House 10:00 a.m.
Careful! You might go in just looking for granola, but you will come out with organic soap, happy meat and a cereal bowl made out of pomegranate.

Holiday Fare at the Arts Center of St. Peter 10:00 a.m.
Because St. Peter has more than a gun shop and Erbert and Gerbert’s, apparently.

Cross Country Teams at NCAA Championships 8:00 p.m.
It’s in Hanover, Indiana; next week’s meet is in Lagover, Illinois. Get it? Leg? Hehe ...

Sauna Society Session 1:00 p.m.
These days a walk from Ulher to the Caf warrants a good sauna session.

Sunday, November 23

Mankato Flea Market 10:00 a.m.
Wasn’t the infestation of Asian Beetles enough for y’all?! Now you want fleas?! Lame.

Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.
I’ll pass. The Lesson was enough blood for me.

The Gustavus Percussion Fall Concert 1:30 p.m.
With more loud banging than my parents’ bedroom when I left for college.

Godspell at St. Peter High School 2:00 p.m.
I can tell you the ending, but I’d hate to spoil the surprise.

KGSM, Afternoon Delight 3:00 p.m.
To me, “afternoon delight” involves a bathtub, an Enya CD and a Jello Pudding Pack.

Shared Space, Snapshots 6:00 p.m.
Does anyone else think the “T” on the Snapshots posters looks like Jesus?

Community Conversation—Words of Hate 7:00 p.m.
Trouble is, it’s always the politically conscientious-minded people that show up. Where are the apathetic, indifferent haters for these discussions? Oh yeah, at home marinating in their own little Hate Baths.

Monday, November 24

Hard Questions Sponsored by Prepare 7:00 p.m.
Here’s a hard question: if trapped on a desert island with an old-school video game, what would you choose to play for the rest of your life: Tetris, Duck Hunt or Mortal Kombat?

Student Senate Meeting 7:00 p.m.
On this evening’s agenda: whether the Gustavus student body will officially recognize “Friddle” as a synonym for “pen.”

Tuesday, November 25

Daily Chapel 10:00 p.m.
Lord forgive me for the sins I will commit in the next few days. I will probably be sloth-like and sleep until 3:00 p.m.; I will probably be gluttonous and need a new hole in my belt; and I will probably dishonor my mother and not help clean up the dishes.

Wednesday, November 26

Ulcer Day, St. Peter Co-op All Day
What do they do, sell you ulcers? No thanks, my girlfriend gives me those for free!

Thursday, November 27

Thanksgiving!
Might I recommend, for some wholesome family fun, a viewing of Dances with Wolves? I believe it will properly celebrate the occasion.

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Have a happy Thanksgiving!

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Talented Gusties return strong core

Despite losing the MIAC’s top scorer, the Gustavus Women’s Basketball team will be tough

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The temperatures are down and excitement is up as the beginning of basketball season is nearing. The Gustavus women’s basketball team has been practicing for a month now in preparation of the tip-off of competition. Mickey Haller once again leads the Gustie troops into the season in her ninth year as head coach. Coach Haller is the winningest women’s basketball coach in the history of Gustavus’ program, accumulating an MIAC record of 128-44, which also gives her the highest winning percentage (.715) in the history of the women’s program.

Last year’s team finished the season with an overall mark of 18-10 and 16-6 in MIAC play, grabbing them the third place finish in the MIAC. Gustavus was bounced from the MIAC tournament in the semifinals after a loss to St. Thomas, but received an at-large bid to the tournament in the semifinals. The Gusties graduated just two players from last year—Jess Vadnais and Vicky Peterson—both on-floor captains and integral parts of the team. Vadnais led the team in several offensive categories including both two- and three-point field goals made, averaging 19.1 points per game.

Vadnais graduated as the school record holder in points in a career with 1,779—highest among both men’s and women’s basketball. She also left as all-time leader in three-point field goals made (210), free throws made (481) and steals (223).

Vicky Peterson was a solid force on the inside pulling down 3.7 rebounds per game as well as 4.0 points per game and dishing 1.5 assists per game.

This year’s squad is lead by four captains, including Senior Emily Nelson and Juniors Katie Layman, Bri Radtke and Julia Schultz. Radtke will return to the starting point guard position where she flourished last season, scoring 6.6 points, distributing 3.7 assists and grabbing 4.0 rebounds per game. Nelson and Schultz are both coming off solid seasons at wing, where they averaged 8.7 and 5.4 points per game, and 3 and 4.4 rebounds per game, respectively.

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Bidding a legend farewell...

Gustavus’ football team ended its season last weekend with a 21-27 loss to Concordia. After the finale, Gustavus said goodbye to Head Coach Jay Schoenebeck. He steps away from the program after fifteen seasons with a record of 74-76 (63-65 in the MIAC) and leaves his alma mater in very good standing for the future. Coach Schoenebeck was acknowledged before Saturday’s game with a plaque and a congratulatory round of applause from the Gustie faithful.

Gustavus’ Dance Team ends season on high note

Gustavus’ Dance Team finished their season this past weekend with their annual “Boy-Girl” dance. The squad consists of seventeen girls ranging from First-years to seniors and traditionally dance at halftime of sporting events. They are lead by Junior captains Kayla Winter, Madeline Hanks and Senior Kaylee Munson and the team is tentatively going to the National competition this upcoming March 28-30 in Anaheim, CA.