Recyclemania infects campus

Steve Palmer
Staff Writer

Starting Monday, Jan. 19, staff, students, faculty and visitors will be participating in Recyclemania, a multi-school recycling contest. Organized and brought to campus by the Department of Environmental Studies and the Physical Plant, Recyclemania will pit Gustavus against hundreds of other liberal arts colleges across America to see who can recycle the most.

The purpose of Recyclemania, however, is not just to compete among schools. According to James Don'tje, Director of the Johnson Center for Environmental Innovation, it will inspire some self-investigation. He hopes Recyclemania will allow the Gustavus community to “examine the [recycling] system from start to finish.”

The contest is a vehicle for helping us work on our recycling, and it’s more of a fun way to do it. It builds the measurement culture, so we think about what we are doing and focuses attention on how we do it: What aren’t we recycling? Why aren’t we recycling? Is it individual choice, or do we not have a place to put stuff? Do you not have a way to handle some of it?” said Don’tje. “The contest focuses on deeper things like waste reduction, looking at what is purchased and what products are packaged in.

Recyclemania came to Gustavus as a result of a team effort among various departments on campus. “I became aware of Recyclemania when then-president Peterson signed an environment pact. I told [Director of Physical Plant] Warren Wunderlich and [Custodial Supervisor] Christine Sutton, who had a couple of students working with her, to take a look at recycling,” said Don’tje. “Don’tje continued, “At the same time [Administrative Secretary for the Melva Lind Interpretative Center] Shirley Mellema had two students working with her, learning about the recycling system and trying to make it better. When I heard what Shirley was doing, I asked, ‘Would these students be interested in Recyclemania?’ We had a team. That’s how it happened.”

Physical Plant student employee Matt Leeb is one of the students involved in the project. He described his responsibilities as “driving around campus and picking up recycling at various buildings.” Different wastes are sorted into different bins. Leeb noticed that often times recyclable items are mixed, which can cause problems. “I guess when I’m doing it you can see a lot of things mixed together. If I see bottles in the paper I try to take those out. Then I dump them into the containing units at Physical Plant.”

Students have an important role in the contest. “They have been working in the recycling team, taking notes and asking question about why things are the way they are,” said Don’tje. Mellema also emphasized the role of the Physical Plant student employees. “The two students are getting the Physical Plant people on board. Besides that, the students give us a different perspective on things—what they can see, what’s happening, how we can deal with waste management.”

Recyclemania may help improve problem areas such as recycling in Lund Center. “Event recycling can be a problem.”

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From life on the hill to Capitol Hill

Semoni Mustaphi ’03 will be a part of the new Obama Administration

Luke Garrison
Staff Writer

Over five years ago, a Gustavus January Interim Experience class took a trip out to Washington, D.C., to experience what work is like on Capitol Hill. For one of that trip’s members, Semoni Mustaphi, it was a life-changing experience.

“I have to thank the political science department’s January [Interim Experience] trip to D.C. for helping me see this city as my future,” said Mustaphi, a 2003 Gustavus graduate. That experience propelled her to intern and later campaign for the late Senator Paul Wellstone. Upon graduation, Mustaphi then moved to Washington and found herself working for more of our nation’s high-ranking officials.

She served as Assistant Press Secretary for the Gephart for President Campaign and following that position she was Deputy Press Secretary for Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY). Both of those experiences were great for Mustaphi, but something was still missing. “I loved those experiences, but I wanted to work on Minnesota issues,” she said. That desire led her to Senator Mark Dayton (D-MN), for whom she worked as Press Secretary. Following the end of her term, she was hired on in the same position for Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN). In 2007, Mustaphi continued her political travels and worked as Deputy Communications Director for Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA).

With quite the political résumé behind her, if given the opportunity, Mustaphi was prepared to take on an even bigger job as the 2008 presidential campaign was on the horizon. That opportunity came in July ’08, and Mustaphi took full advantage of it.

She was appointed as Michelle Obama’s Deputy Communications Director in Chicago, and once Barack Obama won the presidential election, it meant the First Lady would be looking for a team to make the transition with her to the White House. Mustaphi enjoyed her experience in Chicago very much and held out hopes that she, too, would transition to the White House.

Mustaphi recalls one specific moment on the campaign trail where she knew she wanted to continue working for the future First Lady. “Mrs. Obama delivered an amazing primetime speech at the Democratic [National] Convention in Denver. The audience erupted when she took the stage and never died down. We all got goose bumps listening to her words that night. I remember thinking to myself; ‘Wow, I cannot believe that I get to work for her. She is a inspiration to young women like me,’” said Mustaphi.

Semoni Mustaphi may have felt like she already had her dream job this past summer, but recently she awoke to discover her dream would still continue for perhaps four more years. She was appointed as Deputy Press Secretary for Michelle Obama and will work in the East Wing of the White House and be around the Obama family every day. In her limited time working for the Obama Administration, Mustaphi says she is already very impressed by Michelle and the entire family.

“The Obama family is just like most other American families— they are very down-to-earth and have strong family values,” said Mustaphi.

As for her thoughts on Michelle’s role, “Mrs. Obama is a phenomenon woman with many talents, but if you ask her to define her priorities, she’ll tell you without hesitation that her number one priority is to raise their two daughters, Malia and Sasha,” Mustaphi said. “She balances the responsibilities of being a working woman with being an active mother.”

Mustaphi is looking forward to this next step in her life very much, but it is not the only significant change on the horizon. When she is not busy working, which is rare, Mustaphi is planning her wedding in May. She is marrying fellow ’03 Gustavus graduate Scott Stephens and could not be happier.

Mustaphi is very anxious and excited to start her life’s newest endeavors, but she emphasized how important her college experience at Gustavus was in preparing her to be where she is today. “I cannot stress how influential Gustavus’ professors and faculty were to helping me find my interest, building my confidence and providing a team atmosphere for me to grow in,” said Mustaphi.

“They not only taught academics but they also taught the value of community, and I thank them for all of their guidance during my time at Gustavus.”

Over this January Interim Experience, Gustavus has another class in Washington, D.C., perhaps providing the same experience for those students as was felt by Mustaphi over five years ago.
two serious drinking-related incidents this month have raised concerns among college administrators about high-risk drinking.

In the first incident, a female student left a house on the 400 block of Jefferson Avenue on Sunday, Jan. 3. At around 5:30 a.m., a St. Peter resident reported noises coming from outside their home. When they went out to investigate, the resident saw the girl lying in the snow. Emergency personnel were dispatched immediately. “I am convinced we averted a disaster,” Dean of Students Hank Toutain said. “This is the kind of thing that keeps me awake nights.”

Temperatures dipped to below zero that night, and the woman was found without a coat or footwear. Despite this, the student was covered and is now home with minor injuries.

In another incident, a female student stopped breathing following a night of drinking off-campus. Safety and Security stopped the student and two friends as they returned to campus. While being questioned inside a residential hall, the woman lost consciousness and stopped breathing, causing Safety and Security to call the St. Peter Police Department for assistance. Safety and Security was able to revive the woman and keep her conscious until assistance arrived.

“We are very concerned about losing one of our students to alcohol poisoning,” said Director of Safety and Security Ray Thrower.

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We break down there sometimes—the large numbers of people and the containers we choose don’t make it easy. There’s so much of it, and just trashcans are put out.

The custodians don’t have time to sort trash out of recyclables or recyclables out of trash. Sometimes we don’t have containers out because people were throwing trash in them. We have to rely on the good sense and good will of people to get the job done,” said Donje.

Dontje stressed that Gustavus already has many perks in its recycling policies that will enable many improvements. “We are, in industry terms, a ‘self hauler’. This makes it easier to ‘keep track of stuff’, said Donje. Recyclemania kicks off a season of environmental projects on campus. Junior Environmental Studies and English Major Haven Davis, Co-President of the Gustavus Greens, groups Recyclemania in with other campaigns. “This spring is an exciting time for environmental awareness on campus because both the Campus Energy Challenge and Recyclemania will offer us fun and exciting ways to be aware of our environmental impact as a college community.”

“The biggest thing is to create a culture where recycling is OK, an expectation and peers will move people more than we can. If you start seeing your campus with people who care and they pass that on to their friends, that will be the biggest change,” said Donje.

Recyclemania starts on Monday, Jan. 18, and will continue through March 28, 2009. Do your part by knowing what is recyclable and what containers to put recyclables in.

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Tuesday, January 6
Safety and Security responded to a vandalism incident at Sorenson Hall. A Safety and Security officer responded to a medical assist at the library.

Wednesday, January 7
Four non-Gustavus students and two Gustavus students were issued underage citations. One Gustavus student was charged with a social host violation.

Thursday, January 8
A Gustavus student and a non-Gustavus student were charged with underage consumption. The non-student was arrested and taken to Detox. The Gustavus student was also charged with noncompliance with a college official and social host violation.

Friday, January 9
Safety and Security processed a report on a lost key as the result of an ongoing key audit.

Saturday, January 10
A Gustavus student and a non-Gustavus student were charged with underage consumption. The non-student was arrested and taken to Detox. The Gustavus student was also charged with noncompliance with a college official and social host violation.

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**Gustie of the Week:**

**Sophomore Jill Scheel strikes a balance**

**Maggie Sotos**  
Staff Writer

Sitting still, Jill Marie Scheel might look like any other Gustie sophomore. She sports straightened hair, a book in her hands, loves to snack on puppy chow and always wears a friendly smile. But inside this young lady, two polar opposite forces battle for control.

Jill, a native of Hector, Minnesota, perfectly demonstrates the left-brain–right-brain duality of a liberal arts education. On the right side, Jill devours the hard sciences. A self-described type-A personality and undeclared chemistry major, Jill is on a pre-pharmacy track here at Gustavus. “I’ve always wanted a health career,” said Jill, citing her sister Katie, a 28-year-old registered nurse and Gustavus grad, as a source of inspiration.

On the left side, however, Jill savors music. A pianist for fourteen years and a soprano section leader of Chapel Choir, Jill enjoys the flute, percussion and years to study the cello. “When I was three or four, I remember my older brother Adam getting mad at me because I was playing ‘Heart and Soul’ at the piano and he hadn’t taught me how,” she said.

“It is hard to believe that a woman who lists The New Pornographers as one of her favorite artists also aspires to become a health care professional, but such is the delightful paradox that is this talented young Gustie.”

During the year, Jill also keeps herself occupied with Pre-Health Club and Africa Partners Medical (APM). This past November, she chaired the Advertising Committee of the Battle of the Majors, the fledgling group’s largest event to-date (incidentally, those BOM buttons were Jill’s baby project). “She is a very dedicated member of APM,” said the organization’s founder, Senior Chemistry Major Vwaire Orhurhu. “The immersed contribution of Jill—as well as other members—to BOM was impeccable and outstanding.” Vwaire credits Jill’s creative advertising with the event’s high turnout.

“We hope to make the Battle of the Majors an annual match and gain more campus recognition,” Jill said. “We were very excited, because it was the first time APM put on a campus-wide event.”

Jill was not always so involved in clubs and organizations. During her first year at Gustavus, she kept a fairly open schedule. “But I took the involvement fair this year very seriously,” she said with a laugh.

So what is on the horizon for this outstanding young student? In addition to pharmacueticals, Jill says teaching music lessons would be enjoyable. In the meantime, Jill is spending the month job shadowing at Soderlund Drug in St. Peter, as well as the hospital pharmacy at Immanuel St. Joseph Hospital in Mankato. Both positions took months to seek out and secure. But January Interim Experience is also a time for the multi-talented Scheel to relax. To this end, she loves Jane Austen, the occasional chick flick, the Twilight series, Facebooking more often than she wishes and accomplishing her secret ambition: “I’ve always wanted to learn the dance from Michael Jackson’s Thriller. The whole thing, beginning to end.”

But will Jill’s left and right brain work together to accomplish such lofty aspirations? Next time you are getting a prescription filled, keep your eyes peeled for a zombie dancer.

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**Singer brings music and questions of life to Gustavus**

**Annie Opseth**  
Staff Writer

Singer/songwriter Carrie Newcomer will give a concert on Friday, Jan. 16, at 7:00 p.m. in Alumni Hall. At the concert she will perform several songs, including her most recent CD Jackson’s Thriller. The whole ambition: “I’ve always wanted to learn the dance from Michael Jackson’s Thriller. The whole thing, beginning to end.”

During her week here, Newcomer, along with Neal Hagberg, a Gustavus alumnus and singer/songwriter, will be part of the January Interim Experience class “Changing the World.” Since Newcomer will be on campus already for her workshops and concert, it was decided to include her in the January Interim Experience class as well. “The two of them are together in class this week helping us to explore the connections among ‘creativity, calling and composing an undivided life,’” Johnson said.

Newcomer’s first time at Gustavus was sponsored by the Center for Vocational Reflection (CVR) and was during the January Interim Experience class “The Sacred Ordinary” in 2002. Her visit was arranged by Faith Johnson, a Professor of Religion who taught the class. Her second visit to campus was in the spring of 2005 as part of a conference on vocations. “Each time she’s been here, she’s been a favorite with students, faculty, staff and people all over the region,” said Johnson. “She is a great storyteller and great at connecting with her audience.”

If January Interim Experience is starting to feel boring, or you want to discover a new kind of music for free, check out Newcomer’s concert on Friday, Jan. 16. For more information about Newcomer and her music, go to www.carrienewcomer.com.

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January Doldrums

Interview Workshop

Though summer is still over four months away, many students have already begun applying for jobs and summer internships. To help prepare students for the application process, an interview workshop will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 20, and Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 3:30 p.m. in the Career Center.

This free information session will cover students who want to better prepare themselves for upcoming interviews. Cynthia Faye, director of Career Management and associate director of the Career Center, will discuss interview techniques, what employers look for during the application process and what to expect during an actual interview. How to prepare for a successful interview is such an important part of the job search process, advises Jeff Ward, director of the Career Center and Health Professions coordinator.

Also, a new program from the Career Center is now available on the internet. Students respond to electronically asked questions using a webcam. After this mock-interview, students can then replay the webcast as a way to view themselves as preparation for actual interviews.

Let’s Talk About … Healthy Habits

Health Service will be leading the “Let’s Talk About … Healthy Habits” session on Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 5:30 p.m. in the Market Place. Grab some dinner and join Health Service practitioners Nissa Fell and Heather Dale as they discuss tips on staying healthy, managing stress and increasing happiness. During this half-hour session, they will share some myths and facts about your health while providing dessert for all who attend.

The mission of Gustavus Student Health Service is to promote and provide quality health care and education while enhancing healthy lifestyles. We hope that through educational outreach, like the “Let’s Talk About” series, we will live out the mission of Health Service,” Dale said.

Casino Night

Casino Night is an evening of poker, blackjack and raffles. The Campus Activities Board (CAB) has planned this event along with many other on- and off-campus activities. At the past, CAB has organized such events as President’s Ball and trips to Twins and Wild games. Junior Maggie Hansvick, co-president of CAB, is involved with the planning of Casino Night.

Hansvick was a card dealer last year and enjoyed the experience. “I really enjoyed the atmosphere and getting to meet new people. I think students will like the excitement of gambling and winning prizes without the downside of losing money.” Hansvick said. Students will be able to play a variety of games and can also enter in numerous raffles. The event will take place in Alumni Hall from 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 23. Fake money will be given to students at the door when they arrive, and raffles will take place every hour.

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tower vs. Augsburg College

7:00 p.m. Film: Changeling

11:15 p.m. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration

5:30 p.m. G-Net Workshop

8:00 p.m. Tap Dancing Lessons

12:40 p.m. The Labyrinth: A Walking Meditation

7:00 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. Tai Chi

7:00 p.m. Back to Kindergarten Night

6:00 p.m. First-year Bingo

21:00 p.m. Team Building Workshop

21:00 p.m. Weekend Movie: The Diving
tower vs. Augsburg College

21:00 p.m. Film: Changeling

21:00 p.m. Meditation

Movie: The Times of Harvey Milk

The Times of Harvey Milk, a 1984 documentary based on the story of San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk, will be shown this weekend by Queer and Allies. The movie depicts the life and struggle of Milk as California’s first openly gay elected official in the 1970s.

Through his climb up the political ladder, Milk became one of California’s most prominent leaders and played an influential role in the homosexual community. He faced stereotypes, violence and discrimination but remained determined to improve his city. Rising from a neighborhood activist to a respected politician, Milk made a symbol of homosexual achievement and pride.

This inspirational story is being put on at 2:00 p.m. in Confer Hall 128 on Sunday, Jan. 18. Narrated by Judi Dench and written and directed by Rob Epstein, Milk poignantly received an Oscar nomination—along with eight other nominations—for his part in the movie.

Tap Dancing Lessons

Tap dancing classes will be taught by Senior Dance Major Shawn Grygo. “We will be learning your basic tap moves and putting a combination together at the end,” Grygo said. She explained that she was excited to teach the course because she is “looking forward to teaching people something new that they’ve never been exposed to.”

Grygo feels that January Interim Experience is the best time to pursue an activity such as tap dancing because “it is something to do during January, whereas students typically don’t have time to learn new skills” during the semester.

The lessons will be offered every Monday throughout the month of January at 8:00 p.m. in The Dive.

The Labyrinth: A Walking Meditation

Based on an ancient symbol found in many different civilizations in the Middle East as well as in Europe, the labyrinth is a circular pattern with only one path leading to the center. Throughout January Interim Experience, a labyrinth will be in the Chapel for students and faculty to walk through and meditate on. Wednesday afternoon at 12:40 p.m. there will be a 40-minute guided meditation led by Chaplain Rachel Littton on Wild weekdays at 12:40 p.m.

Though no one knows what labyrinths were used for in ancient times, they are now commonly used as a tool for meditation. “Some see it as a pattern for their life with all the twists and turns,” Chaplain Lannon said. Focus with all of the twists and turns within a labyrinth, there is only one path to follow, unlike a maze, which requires analytical thinking. This unique form of meditation is also available to students every Wednesday during the academic year.
Shine on
“Inaugural ambitions”

Paul Huff
Staff columnist

Y es, we’ve made it to 2009. All in all, 2008 was kind of a letdown, with economic recessions, astronomical gas prices, Russian invasions and the continuing fame of Miley Cyrus. On the brighter side, the election season finally ended, and Britney Spears actually got her act together. One can only hope that this coming year will bring more celebrity rehabilitations as well as an end to overrated tween pop stars. In addition, it would be a pleasant surprise to see a letup in our country’s economic woes and a jumpstart to our nation’s reputation.

With the election of a new president, the tides are changing both outside of our borders and within. In just a few short days, Barack Hussein Obama will be inaugurated as the 44th President of the United States. Presidential inaugurations are often a time of patriotic reverie, when the metaphorical baton is passed from an unpopular president to a wildly idealized one.

The minister giving the inaugural invocation is the famous pastor and author Rick Warren, who presides at the gigantic Saddleback mega-church in California. Warren’s political affiliations reflect the need to help and serve others. In his book The Audacity of Hope, he explains that the impetus of his political affiliation is based on his belief that our communal values, our sense of mutual responsibility and social solidarity, should express themselves ... through our government. President-elect Obama is equally responsible, along with other social institutions, for reinforcing the new American Dream— the dream of fulfilling the needs of others. Obama’s political convictions reflect the need to help and serve others. In his book The Audacity of Hope, he explains that the impetus of his political affiliation is based on his belief that our communal values, our sense of mutual responsibility and social solidarity, should express themselves ... through our government. Whether you voted for Obama or not, I think we can all share a sense of pride that our nation isn’t bound to the status quo. Rather, we have the ability to move toward that “more perfect union,” as it states in our constitution.

What about the ceremony itself? Do inaugurations matter? I must address the inauguration of this column. The purpose of this commentary is to preach or to turn you into a Democrat. It isn’t to preach or to turn you into a Democrat. My goal is to enlighten—to illumine various issues in sometimes silly, but hopefully relevant ways. And now, back to watching Britney Spears’ music videos ... Shine on, Gustavus!

Not so common sense “iPeople”

Galen Mitchell
Staff columnist

It’s strange really, considering the fact that I went roughly 15 years of my life without an iPod, but now the thought seems ... bleak. Without the iPod, how am I going to walk around in public? How am I going to ride any system of mass transit? How am I going to get through watching others workout? How am I going to live?

Since that day I have been searching frantically for a way to replace the iPod. I’ve been carrying one since ’02 (back when the scroll wheel actually spun), and through the years I have resuscitated an iPod four different times. When I heard the news, I wanted to try open its glossy case and let it dry out as fast as possible. However, the damage had already been done. Shortly after the iPod was soaked, my girlfriend made the mistake of attempting to turn it on. Water and electricity do not mix nicely. So when the iPod was brought to me, it was no surprise that it was fried.

Since that day I have been searching frantically for a way to replace the iPod. I’ve been checking and rechecking my bank statements, hoping that the balance will grow, or that I will be invited to draw from the community chest pile and find that there was a bank error in my favor, that I should collect $200. I have been forced to come to grips with the idea of life without music being pumped into my brain whenever I want it.

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The Audacity of Hope
Friday, January 16

Fondue Friday  3:00 p.m.  Scientifically, chocolate is not healthy, but fruit is. One need therefore feel no guilt in a fondue splurge.

On-Campus Movie, How to Lose Friends and Alienate People  7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.  Judging from the title, I’m guessing they adapted the screenplay from my diary.

Carrie Newcomer Concert  7:00 p.m.  Since she’s a newcomer, let’s steal her lunch money and make her feel self-conscious.

Men’s Hockey vs. St. Thomas  7:05 p.m.  Will the national anthem really take five whole minutes to sing, or can we just start the game at 7:00 p.m.?

Dive Night  11:00 p.m.  Fresh meat. Yum yum.

Grilled Cheese and Cookie Deliveries  8:00 p.m.  Sponsored by the Gustavus Cheerleaders. Having hot college cheerleaders knocking on your door at midnight with deliveries is a premise of many adult films, by the way. May your evening turn out as lucky.

Saturday, January 17

Women’s Hockey vs. St. Thomas  2:00 p.m.  The hockey players might make good bankers since they’re so good at handing out checks. Get it? Checks!

Gymnastics vs. UW-Whitewater  2:00 p.m.  Does anyone think this college’s water sounds a bit elitist?

On-Campus Movie, How to Lose Friends and Alienate People  7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.  Based on the life and times of the College Republicans.

Saturday Night at Lund  10:00 p.m.  Oh, well. A Saturday night at Lund is better than hiding in the library until after it closes so you can do the puzzle afterwards.

Grilled Cheese and Cookie Deliveries  8:00 p.m.  Screw cookies, I need some tomato soup with my grilled cheese! That’s the way Mommy served it.

Sunday, January 18

Film Showing, Times of Harvey Milk  2:00 p.m.  If he had been black, would it be The Times of Harvey Chocolate Milk? Likewise, if he’d been a communist, would he resemble strawberry pink milk?

Monday, January 19

G-Net Workshop  3:30 p.m.  According to a Cosmo survey, only 25 percent of all colleges have a G-Net, and doctors and nurses are still skeptical about its existence. But apparently it’s wonderful, however elusive.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration  11:30 p.m.  It would be ironic if there were chocolate and vanilla cakes. Oh well, as long as the pieces are separate but equal.

Crafts in the CVR  3:30 p.m.  Are we talking crafts like popsicle sticks, crayons and glue, or intense, overly-dramatic acting (i.e. “Don’t interrupt my monologue, I’m honing my craft.”)?

Saturday, January 20

“Discover Church Vocations” Lunch  11:30 p.m.  What are we going to discover the churches hidden in the ham sandwiches and desserts? That chapel might hurt going down.

Mini Golf  12:00 p.m.  Like real golf, but for pussies.

Walleyball  12:40 p.m.  Like real Volleyball, only it can’t be played on a beach with two hot American chicks.

Interview Workshop  3:30 p.m.  Interview tips: 1. Be on time. 2. Be prepared. 3. Be sober. 4. Be clothed.

Tuesday Tea & Big Questions  3:30 p.m.  Here’s a big tea-related question: Why has the Caf stopped selling Apple Cinnamon? Screw Earl Grey, I want some Pickwick!

Let’s Talk About Courtyard Café  5:30 p.m.  What’s to talk about at the Courtyard Café? It’s never open, the good cookies are usually gone and the dim lighting enhances a smoozy aura.

Wed, January 21

Chinese Documentary Screening, Moving the Mountain  7:00 p.m.  The Chinese probably can move mountains. But first they need to get gymnasts who are old enough to compete.

Yoga  7:00 p.m.  Popular amongst white girls under 130 lbs., as well as men seeking action.

Film Showing, Celluloid Closet  8:00 p.m.  Celluloid? Isn’t that the cottage-cheese stuff that women get on their butts when they’re old?

Thursday, January 22

Fun Thursday  12:40 p.m.  The most fun thing about Thursday is that it rhymes with Turds-Day. Hehe. Turd.

Team Building Workshop  7:00 p.m.  And at 8:00 p.m., Team Destroying Workshop. Special guest speakers: Benedict Arnold, Judas Iscariot and Linda Tripp.

Tai Chi  7:00 p.m.  I’ll stick with Chai Tea.

Back to Kindergarten Night, Courtyard Café  7:00 p.m.  The ground should be strewn with Ritalin and Turds-Day. Hehe. Turd.

Quote of the Week

Radonna Gastor: Ricky Martin had twins with a surrogate.
Rachel Hansen: A surrogate father?

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The Pickle should have watched his step on the ice.
The Gustavus Men’s Hockey team faced their toughest test of the season this past weekend as two Division III top 10 teams came to the hill to face the Gusties.

Friday night, January 9, Gustavus played host to the second-ranked team in the country: the University of Wisconsin-Superior. Junior Eric Bigham put the Gusties on the board early with a slap shot, by way of Juniors Cody Mosbeck and James Leathers, off of a face-off barely two minutes into the contest. Junior David Martinson’s fifteenth goal of the season gave Gustavus the 2-0 advantage before Superior found the back of the net once in the first period and sent the game into intermission at 2-1.

Senior Casey Dynan lit the lamp early in the second period, but the Superior players responded with two goals of their own in a two-and-a-half minute span. Sophomore Brad Wieck put the Gusties ahead going into the second break via a Martinson assist. After both teams managed to keep the other off the board in the third period, Superior scored despite recent non-conference skid, the Gusties are still well in the MIAC hunt

With one minute and thirty-four seconds remaining to send the game into overtime. In the extra session, when the two teams had appeared to have ended the game in a knot, Superior’s Chris Wilson slipped the puck between Senior goaltender Matt Lopes’ legs with .44 seconds remaining, ending the contest in a 5-4 advantage.

“ That game proved to us that we can play with the best teams in the country, no questions asked.” said Junior Patrick Dynan. “We clearly haven’t played our best hockey right now and our goal is to improve every day and make each other better so by the time playoffs come we are peaking as a team.”

The following evening, #6 St. Scholastica came to town, but the hangover from the previous night’s loss proved devastating for the Gusties. After single goals in both the first and second periods and two more slipped between his legs in the third, Sophomore goaltender Josh Swartout was pulled from between the pipes after 17 saves. The Saints added another off of backup First-year Jake Swansson, leaving with a final score of 5-0 in favor of the visitors, pushing Gustavus’ record to 8-7 (3-3).

“Offensively we need to finish more and be more consistent with our offensive production like we were in the first 7 games. Special teams needs to improve, mainly the power play. I believe we are last in the league and that should not be the case with the amount of talent that we have on our team,” said Junior Rory Dynan. “The way the referees are calling it so tight this year, the better your special teams are the farther you should go in the playoffs.”

This weekend, the Gusties play a home and home series with the University of St. Thomas in a MIAC showdown. The Tommies sit directly above the Gusties, who sit in a tie for fourth place with Bethel, and even though a series sweep wouldn’t leapfrog the black and gold over St. Thomas, it would go a long way towards improving their conference positioning. For the rest of the way, Gustavus will take on three sub-.500 programs while facing only two with winning records, St. Thomas and conference-leading Hamline. “As a team we need to become more disciplined, we need to realize that, yes, we are the most talented team in the conference but that only magnifies our mistakes,” said Lopes. “To gain momentum and [get into the] playoffs, we need to win. It’s simply stated but true.”

Gustavus will play host to the Tommies on Friday night and will spend their Saturday evening in St. Paul.

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Junior Co-Captain and forward Joe Welch hopes his All-Conference football season translates into a successful winter on the ice. Juniors defenseman Tony Palma and forward T.J. Ridley are dual sport athletes as well.