One week, one man and $10,000 for kids

Local man raises money for charity

Jacob Seamans
News Editor

As one of four people participating in a national program, Pastor Kenny Fuller spent one week, day and night, in a lift along Highway 22, battling the wind and cold to raise money for twelve children’s charities.

Highway 22 is the local road which connects St. Peter to Mankato and intersects with Minnesota State Highway 169 just south of Gustavus.

Pastor Fuller was located about two miles outside of St. Peter in the town of Kasota, MN.

For his second year Pastor Kenny, the Children’s Pastor at the Jesus Assembly of God in St. Peter, took part in a national program to raise $500,000. Fuller’s personal goal was $10,000.

“We raised about two thousand dollars here,” said Fuller.

He also said people can donate online; “I had a bunch of people call in to use [the online donation site].” Donations are accepted year-round at the web site.

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Donations can still be accepted at www.upintheairforkids.com, or at:

Jesus Assembly of God
722 Sunrise Drive
St. Peter, MN 56082

“I found your iPod!”

Amy McMullan
Weekly Staff Writer

In a creative attempt to capture student attention, Student Senate Co-President Tony Spain sent an e-mail titled “I found your iPod!” to inform the student body that no one had applied to run for ten positions on Student Senate. Extending the deadline, Student Senate offered students the opportunity to enter the race late in hopes of filling some of the vacancies.

“We had an immediate response from juniors and seniors. We had a little more trouble with sophomores and first-years,” said Student Senate Co-President Chris Edelbrock.

However, with the elections on Monday, all seats were successfully filled. One possible cause of the low number of applications to Senate positions could have been due to the restructuring of Senate.

Last year, Student Senate revised the Constitution so that each class is represented by two senators, instead of the previous three.

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Pastor Fuller of Jesus Assembly of God spent a week by the billboard along Highway 22, raising money for various children’s charities.
Sunday, Sept. 9
Two non-students on Campus grounds were cited for underage alcohol consumption by Safety & Security and the St. Peter Police Department and were removed from campus.

A student in Norelius Hall reported a missing iPod, green in color, from their unlocked room.

A bicycle was reported missing from the bike rack outside of the Campus Center Building. The bicycle is described as a 20-inch BMX bike, black and red in color, with chrome wheels, forks, and handles bars. The bicycle lock was locked.

Monday, Sept. 10
Safety and Security responded to a call for medical assistance in North Hall.

An iHome, black in color, was reported missing from a Uhler Hall room.

Tuesday, Sept. 11
An intoxicated student in Norelius Hall was transported by ambulance to the St. Peter Community Hospital.

A guitar was reported missing from an unlocked Uhler Hall room. The guitar is described as a Parker, Nitefly guitar, the color of natural wood.

Saturday, Sept. 15
A student, while in College View, was cited for underage alcohol consumption by Safety & Security.

A bicycle was reported missing from the bike rack outside of Pittman Hall. The bicycle is described as a specialized Rock Hopper Pro mountain bike, red and black in color.

Crime Prevention Tip of the Week:
Thieves are opportunists looking for an easy target - please keep your resident hall room locked whenever you’re away. Make sure you invest in a good U-Bar bicycle lock. Locks are available in the college bookmark and are sold for cost.

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Faculty lighten load

In an attempt to make Gustavus more competitive, professors are now required to teach fewer classes

Sam Grace  Weekly Staff Writer

After years of anticipation, teachers at Gustavus may have finally been granted a break. In an effort to ease the faculty’s course load and to compete with other colleges, Gustavus has adopted a policy change for the current school year that requires faculty to teach a six course load instead of the former six and a half course requirement.

With this change in policy, the college hopes to attract well-qualified instructors and earn a better reputation amongst other private colleges.

Tony Spain, Co-President of the Student Senate, spoke of Gustavus’ attempt to level the playing field. “One of the problems we are facing right now is faculty compensation,” said Spain. “Our faculty is not getting paid as much as the Macalester faculty or St. Olaf’s, and they require fewer classes for teachers.”

Despite the financial problems, Spain mentioned his pride in Gustavus’ respect for its faculty. “The faculty is at the heart of our institution. [Gustavus] is a learning environment and [the teachers] are the facilitators of that learning. The better faculty we have, the better institution we will have.”

Spain also stressed the idea that this policy is by no means a way for teachers to do less work and get paid more. “[This policy] is an opportunity for the faculty to do other things with their time: faculty research, advising students and student organizations. It’s that extra class time that’s just not for school but focusing on their own research. It benefits the Gustavus community when our faculty is doing their own research and writing books and putting that out into the intellectual marketplace.”

While adopting this policy, there has been a noticeable amount of reluctance among faculty and students when trying to figure out how it will affect the college financially. Some have anticipated the hiring of several new teachers and a drastic increase in tuition. According to Chris Edelbrock, also Co-President of the Student Senate, Gustavus does not anticipate a vast change in any of these areas.

“I don’t think that it will change the college at all,” said Edelbrock. “They did a lot of work last year trying to decide whether they were going to have to hire extra professors, and financially, I don’t see a change.”

Academic Dean Eric Eliason said, “Financially, Gustavus has made the course load change a high priority budget this year. The college has put more money into the salary pool. The change will benefit not only the teachers, but the students as well.” Eliason said that the change will also help some scheduling conflicts that students may come across in the future. “The last thing we want to do is make it hard for students to get into classes,” he said.

Other critics of the policy have debated its effect on January Interim Experience. In a 2006 evaluation by the Student Senate Academic Affairs Committee, students were asked if January Interim Experience was the experiential learning opportunity that Gustavus wanted it to be. Overall, students gave a very positive response. “I love January Interim Experience,” said Edelbrock.

As for teachers and their schedules, the college is optimistic that the change will affect them positively. “It’s been a goal of the college for many years,” said Eliason.

“Overall, we’re pleased that we are making progress and that we’re trying something new,” said Eliason. “We work hard to keep tuition increases as small as possible and still provide a great education.”

2007-2008 Election Results

| Arbor View | Scott Broady 64% | Joel Beachey |
| College View Apartments | Conan Bennett 77% | Ryan Dobbs |
| Gibbs | Jennifer Lee 93% |
| International Center | Chad Allen 95% |
| Norelius | Colleen Ganser 37% | Anna Dzurik 48% | Michelle Tanner Write-In 6% |
| North | Amber Hanson 79% | Chelsey Cook 17% |
| Off Campus/ILS Housing | Nick Zorn 36% | Andrew Johnson 38% | Harry Youngvorst 16% |
| Pittman | Claire Melendez 48% | Kim Braun 26% |
| Prairie View | Sean Maertens 33% |
| Rundstrom Hall | Laura Danielson 59% | Andrew Evenson |
| Sohre | Jericho Westendorf 39% | Lucas Neber 32% | Ashley Walburn |
| Sorensen | Alison Utke 50% | Katie Delantins 48% |
| Southwest | Chris Ditilevson 44% | 2nd Position Pending |
| Uhler | Alii Linn 76% | 2nd Position Pending |
| International Student Representative | Chenyu Yang 66% |
| First Year Representative | James Ebeling 29% | Anne Ruetz 28% | Max Belanger 21% | Michelle Tanner |
| Sophomore Representative | Justin Martin 73% | Nick Harper |
| Junior Representative | Dan Sjoholm 53% | Shawn Grygo |
| Returning Senators: | | |
| Sophomore Representative | Jonathan Kidd |
| Senior Representatives | Zach Walgenbach | Holly Bernstein |
| Cabinet: | Co-President Chris Edelbrock | Co-President Tony Spain |
| VPA Erin Koppong | Vice President Tony Spain |
| EVP Carla Shuttrop | Controller Maari Hanson |
| Dir. Of Comm/Parliamentarian | Janie Garrison |
| Floor Leader OPEN (Chosen by vote of the Senate) | (*Pending Positions* are write-ins that were pending confirmation.) |

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The Co-Presidents expect Senate to focus on environmentalism on-campus, as well as the Rec- ciled In Christ (RIC) program. Senate will also be in charge of allotting over $250,000 to active student groups.

“This year, we also hope to do a lot of team-building within Senate. We believe it is crucial to be able to work together effectively to get the most accomplished,” said Edelbrock. Spain and Edelbrock plan on unveiling a more specific agenda at the first Senate meeting on Monday.

On Election Day, less than twenty percent of the campus voted. “While this turnout is low, it is unfortunately about average for fall elections” said Edelbrock.

By Monday night, the votes were tallied and thirty senators were selected to represent the student body. Many of the elections were very close, and some positions were determined by only a handful of votes.

Following the announcement, Spain said, “[I am] excited, because there will be a lot of fresh faces on Senate this semester.” Edelbrock said that “many seats went to more experienced Sena- tors.” The newly elected Sena- tors will gather for a retreat on Sunday, and then they will have their first meeting on Monday.

As Edelbrock said, “The college is in a state of transition, and the Senate is very well positioned to be the voice of the students.... Over the past years we have built a strong relationship with the administration and Board of Trustees and we expect that this relationship will be very im- portant during the selection and transition of a new president.” Spain added, “By the way, I don’t have your iPod.”

Britt Suski votes while Matt Toppin looks on. Student Senate had an unusually large number of open positions, due to recent reforms.
The new prairie will replace the area above, as well as 70 acres of land, currently used for framing, with a restored prairie.

Arboretum plans a prairie companion

Haven Davis
Weekly Staff Writer

The Linnaeus Arboretum, which has always been an important and unique part of campus, is going to be expanded. An impressive 70 acres of land to the west of the arboretum is going to be restored as the Coneflower Prairie.

The 70 acres for the proposed prairie was made a part of the Arboretum in the mid-1990s. In 2004, a task force re-examined the arboretum’s mission in an effort to determine what would be the best use for the land in question. Originally, it was thought that the area would be used to expand two of the existing biomes in the arboretum, the coniferous and deciduous forests. However, because this part of Minnesota was not originally forestland, it could be difficult to recreate a healthy forest here. Therefore, it was decided that the current forest would be kept, but not expanded. Right now we are focusing on quality,” said Cindy Johnson-Groh, Executive Director of the arboretum and biology professor here at Gustavus.

This new area will be much easier to restore as prairie land, the third biome in the arboretum. Prairie grasses should grow very well here, because prairie once covered most of southern and western Minnesota.

A committee is working to plan the details of the restoration project, using the Honors Thesis of Gustavus biology graduate Althea Archie as an outline. The committee, made up of Gustavus students, other members of the campus and people from throughout the larger community, has yet to set a definitive start date, but if fund-raising goes as planned, restoration could begin as soon as next spring or summer.

Once restoration begins, the prairie will require several years of hand and machine planting, and then several more years of burning and mowing. However, after approximately ten years, the prairie may be established enough to be self-sustaining.

Over the course of this year, the committee will spend time discussing the finer points of the work that is to be done, such as setting a start date and determining what species will be planted, what work will be done by hand and what company will be hired to complete work that is not done by hand.

Another decision the committee will make is where to locate a hill that is to be built in the prairie. This hill will help create a sense of space by blocking the view of surrounding buildings. This way, visitors will be able to “stand at the bottom of the hill and see prairie [stretch on] forever,” said Johnson-Groh.

The hill will also aid in the goal of maximizing the diversity of life on the prairie by creating different ecological zones. This is desirable because the prairie is “intended to be educational, with high species diversity and an ability to attract wildlife,” said Johnson-Groh.

Another unique addition to the prairie will be the installation of several power-generating wind turbines. According to President Peterson, the college is ready to purchase several wind turbines. However, it may be a few years until this occurs, due to the high demand for turbines, which makes them difficult to obtain.

This restoration is expected by some to have far reaching positive effects, both among the campus community and the St. Peter community as a whole. Besides being personally pleased about the addition of the wind turbines, Environmental Studies professor Jeff Jeremiason said, “the Arboretum is a key component of Environmental Studies,” so he and other professors are “certainly excited about the new addition.”

According to President Peterson, this expansion will be a way to weaken the boundary between the campus and the arboretum, and between the arboretum and the surrounding community.

The expected cost of the restoration is $550,000. Part of this cost will be covered by a matching grant from the Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation. Under this grant, the Schmidt Foundation will match other gifts given to the college, up to $200,000, at a one-to-one ratio until May 31, 2008.

Anyone interested in assisting in the project can help out with a service day on October 6, from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.. Students or faculty interested in fund-raising or helping are encouraged to contact the arboretum staff.

COURTNEY WOODWARD

The Arboretum plans on extending areas of its existing prairie thanks in part to a matching grant from the Schmidt Foundation.
Kidder climbs the hill
Reading in Common author Tracy Kidder comes to campus.

By Peter Espenson and Amy Hinz
Weekly Staff Writers

For eight years, the Reading in Common program at Gustavus has encouraged first-year students to expand their minds. The program asks that first-years read a pre-selected book over the summer and discuss it with their Greeter Groups during Orientation. This is done in hopes that new students will feel some degree of connection with each other after having read the same text.

This year’s selection for Reading in Common was the New York Times Bestseller Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a Man Who Would Cure the World, by Tracy Kidder.

Director of Student Activities Megan Ruble explained the purpose of this book selection: “The committee of faculty, staff and students overwhelmingly chose Mountains Beyond Mountains because it met all of our criteria and more. It’s an interesting and inspiring read, it’s interdisciplinary in nature and it chronicles an amazing human experience.”

That human experience is Dr. Paul Farmer’s mission to administer quality healthcare to citizens of the impoverished country of Haiti. To research the book, Kidder accompanied Farmer in his many trips to Haiti and witnessed the situation first-hand.

In addition to following Paul Farmer around the world, Kidder has had plenty of excitement in his own life. He was born in New York City and attended Harvard University, where he earned his B.A. in 1967. He later obtained his M.F.A. from the University of Iowa and has done work for The Atlantic Monthly. He was a decorated lieutenant in the Vietnam War and has won several national book awards. His book The Soul of a New Machine received a Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award in 1982.

Many first-year students were inspired by Kidder’s novel. First-year Katie Webster said, “It really shows how one person can impact the world. People in college are entering a new chapter [of their lives]. It’s a time when you have so much potential to start changing things.”

First-year, Haley Halverson, said, “[Mountains Beyond Mountains] promotes diversity because Farmer reaches out and intermingles among different ethnicities. It encourages people to try and make small differences throughout everyday life.”

Kidder will be speaking at 7 p.m. on Sept. 27 in Christ Chapel. Everyone is welcome to attend.

There is also an open invitation to any student who would like to attend a panel discussion with various locals who have volunteered in third-world countries. The panel will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept 20, in the St. Peter Community Hospital Meeting Room.

In the coming academic year, members of the Gustavus community are sure to find some overwhelming obstacles in their lives. So don’t miss this rare opportunity to discover how to climb over these obstacles and the ones beyond.

Kelli's Dessert Corner: fall apple recipe

For my first column, I would like to share a special recipe for a fall apple. I was introduced to this recipe by a fellow Gustavus student, who loves to make these over a bonfire with her friends.

Start with any apple of your choice: Granny Smith, Red Delicious, Pink Lady, Honeycrisp, or my personal favorite, Braeburn. Slice the apple into eight slices, remove the core, and stuff some butter inside (about one tablespoon). Then sprinkle sugar and cinnamon inside and around the apple and wrap it into a cute little tinfoiled ball.

For best results, place over an open fire, but you can also use a conventional oven. Let your delicacy cook for 5 to 10 minutes. I must stress that the apple is not done until the butter is melted and the apple is soft. Otherwise, you’re basically eating a buttered apple...

For the best tasting apples, I suggest picking them yourself. The Ames Farm in Watertown, the Cox Apple Orchard in Cleveland or Emma Krumbie’s Apple Orchard in Belle Plain are the closest options. So get out, pick some apples with your friends, and make some delicious dessert apples over a bonfire today!

“I am always looking for new and easy dessert ideas to share, so shoot me an e-mail: kludwig@gac.edu”
Spilling the beans
River Rock and Waldo's coffee shops offer unique experiences

By Katie Anderson
Weekly Staff Writer

A
fter classes and on the weekends, many Gustavus students can be found downtown at one of St. Peter’s coffee shops. The two main competitors, River Rock and Waldo’s, both specialize in serving specialty coffee and food, but they each have something unique to offer as well.

In the small town of St. Peter, River Rock coffee shop demonstrates that being small doesn’t mean you can’t think big. River Rock Coffee, like the Gustavus campus, is working on going ‘green.’ In addition to selling only Fair Trade coffee, all of their homemade food is organic. Tamika Bertram, River Rock’s owner, says that she tries to buy as much food as she can locally, as well as using food from her own garden during the summer.

All of the to-go containers and napkins that River Rock uses are also earth-friendly, and they encourage regular customers to invest in a River Rock reusable mug, with which they can get as many refills of their brewed coffee as you like. “Earth-friendly containers are more expensive, but we have to be responsible and conscientious about what we are putting in a landfill,” said Christine Rasmussen, River Rock’s manager.

About a year ago, River Rock started its own library, and through donations, they now have about 300 books. This library is run on the honor system, so when a person checks out a book, they are asked to write a short review in the front cover so that all of the books have local reviews in them.

From 8 p.m. until closing time, River Rock offers a special of a bottomless cup of coffee, where you can use one of their funky mugs to get as many refills of their brewed coffee as you like.

Waldo’s, River Rock’s newest competition in St. Peter, also has many unique things to offer Gustavus students. Whereas River Rock is better equipped for small groups or individual studiers, Waldo’s has the capacity to serve larger study groups.

“The environment in the evening is very Gustavus-centered. [Students] come and use their wireless internet, and we have large tables where the students have room to spread out,” said Heidi Niemeyer, the owner of Waldo’s. They also have a large, private conference room that is usually open to Gustavus students in the evenings.

Waldo’s also offers a discount to Gustavus students, which will be available when the Gustie Gold Cards are distributed.

River Rock addicts and Waldo’s junkies might disagree about which place is better, and even though this writer has a favorite java joint, I’m not going to tell you my preference. Unique as they are, the choice between River Rock and Waldo’s is up to you to decide.

Get to Know Your Fellow Gustie: Dr. Jenkuan Shih

By Annie Opseth
Weekly Staff Writer

A
long with a new football stadium and new class, Gustavus has welcomed a new batch of faculty members. Among these is Religion Professor Jenkuan Shih, who is starting out her first semester here at Gustavus teaching two courses: World Religion and Zen and Japanese Culture.

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Perspectives from around the world

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Checking into room 1408

This weekend’s on-campus movie combines elements of horror, thrill and Steven King.

By Ryan McGinty
Weekly Staff Writer

In 1408, the most successful film adaptation of a Stephen King work since The Green Mile, John Cusak is pitted against eerie ghosts, maniac killers, and ultimately his own mind.

Cusak’s character, Mike Enslin, is a writer who seeks out supposedly haunted places and rates their spookiness. This career path was prompted by Enslin’s interest in making contact with the dead, a search he adopted after the unfortunate death of his young daughter.

It’s through this line of work that Cusak ends up visiting the Dolphin Hotel, home of the infamous room 1408. There, he is met by hotel manager Gerald Olin, played by a kooky Samuel L. Jackson. Olin explains that there have been 56 deaths in room 1408, and he urges Enslin not to continue with his plans. This is, of course, not enough to scare Enslin, who has seen his fair share of ‘haunted’ hotel rooms, and he accepts his room key without hesitation. What follows is a 60-minute mind-trip through the human psyche.

Cusak, who, in my opinion, has never given a poor performance, plays Enslin like, well, John Cusak. The man has had some great roles throughout his career, but let’s be honest: he isn’t the most diverse actor on the market. So what we get in the lead role is the well-known, sarcastically witty John Cusak, and it fits.

Samuel L. Jackson is also well-placed in his role as the hotel’s mysterious caretaker. Jackson is only in the movie for a total of roughly 15 minutes, but his presence is well-remembered, even if only for the fact that he’s Samuel L. Jackson.

The short story by Stephen King upon which 1408 is based is adapted flawlessly for the screen. From Cusak’s cynical comments to the way the movie keeps you questioning what’s actually happening, everything works; and, of course, there’s a chilling Stephen King ending.

With a PG-13 rating, there’s not much room for the blood, guts and sexually promiscuous women as seen in films like Hostel, but this is by no means a bad thing. In an era of movies where the amount of blood spilled on-screen is equivalent to that of a nosebleed. The movie pays its rent through its ability to make an audience jump, but beneath the surface, there is also a level of cognitive creepiness that makes it the psychological thriller that it is. Instead of throwing mindless gore at an audience, this movie cuts open your head and picks through your brain—figuratively speaking, of course. Is it anything new? No. Is it entertaining? Very much so.

From acting to screenplay to overall spooky atmosphere, 1408 is great all the way through. If you’re looking for innocent victims played by horrible actors getting their limbs viciously severed from their bodies by a crazed lunatic, I recommend Saw IV. If you’re looking for a well put together psychological thriller with good acting, a well written story and moments that will keep you on the edge of your seat, check into room 1408.
The Weight of the Crown

Holly Andersen
Weekly Staff Writer

There have been countless little girls throughout time and throughout the world who have been assured by their parents that they really are princesses. They spend hours putting on their prettiest dresses and, of course, dreaming of wearing a beautiful crown. Several women at Gustavus have seen this dream come true.

No, these women have not married Prince William. Senior Jacqueline Johnson, Juniors Katie Nelson and Ashley Gibbs and Sophomore Kayla Winter, along with many other Gustavus students, have all been crowned. These girls, respectively, are the former Miss North Dakota, the former Miss Aquatennial Queen of the Lakes, the current Richfield Ambassador Queen and the current Miss Heritage Days Queen of St. Paul Park.

What separates these women from the dreams of young girls is that their crowns and dresses are not the best part. The best component, according to all four, is what they have the opportunity to represent.

“We are not only wearing a sash and crown to go to parades and other communities. We are representing the community we wear on our sash and all the people that live there,” said Winter.

To some extent, the four Gusties had similar motivations behind their decisions to run for their titles: love for their cities, encouragement from friends, and the opportunity for scholarship money.

Johnson, who won the title of Miss Fargo before going on to Miss North Dakota, had a slightly different reason for deciding to run. A
high school guidance counselor told her there was a scholarship opportunity and wanted to know if Johnson was interested. Johnson said yes, and she found out the next day that she had agreed to enter the Miss Fargo competition.

"I run into school early the next morning and [my guidance counselor] is laughing," said Johnson. "I talked to her. She said, 'Yes, it absolutely is a pageant. I didn't want to tell you that right away because I thought you would say no. I just want you to trust me.'"

Each of the four put a lot of time and energy into their separate programs in competition for their titles. The real work came after coronation, however; the moment they won the title, a year of traveling, parades and speeches began.

The rest of life does not stop while these women attend their events. This can require them to lead a sort of double life since, as most students can attest, the Gustavus life can be fairly hectic in and of itself. Nelson described balancing the two lives as "tricky."

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"Royalty is not something you are dread to do because it is a responsibility. It is a reward."

"It's one of those things where you're going, going, and never stop, and it's a whirlwind. When it's over and I step out of it, it's going to be unreal."

"Yes, it absolutely is a pageant. I didn't want to tell you that right away because I thought you would say no. I just want you to trust me."

"We have a lot of girls who continue school part time or aren't able to give as much because other things matter to them more. It's all about what you want to make of this." In that moment I really didn't hesitate. I thought, 'No, I want to give this my all,'" Johnson said. "The princess' life is not always picture perfect. According to Gibbs, some days it can be difficult to get into the mood of the festivities."

"Sometimes you're tired or you're sick and you still have to put on the smile and wave and be a good ambassador. But then at the same time it might be exactly what I need to get back into the spirit of things, to see everyone else so excited and happy," said Gibbs. "Just because I'm having a bad day doesn't mean I don't love Richfield."

Throughout the more difficult days, strong support systems have helped these four women do it all. Families often serve as this support, joining the royalty at their separate events and cheering them on. "My family served not only as my backbone but also as my cheering section. I honestly look back and wonder if I could have done it without them. They made it to every event possible," said Nelson. "I knew they had attended a few too many [parades] when they began getting picky about the type of parade candy they wanted."
The Gustavus Football team is off to a 2-0 start for the first time since 2001, and there is a plethora of bright spots for the boys wearing black and gold this autumn, especially on the offensive side of the ball.

A year ago, the Gusties finished eighth in the MIAC in total offense, compiling 277.1 yards per game while putting up 19.8 points a game which was good enough to place them sixth in the conference. After two games played this season, the Gusties have averaged 306 yards a game, 24.7 yards away from St. Olaf for tops in the conference. Individually, Senior quarterback Jordan Stolp and Senior running back Mitch Anderson each lead their respective categories in yards accrued with an average of 331 yards per game in the air and 128.5 on the ground respectively.

There is one more head to this three-headed monster who has been leading the Gusties to the best start they’ve had in six seasons and that man is soft-spoken Junior wide receiver Chad Arlt.

“He has been given a God-given ability and to me, what he has done with that ability makes him as good as he is,” said Head Coach Jay Schoenbeck. “He is an extremely motivated young man and he does what he needs to be at his best both mentally and physically.”

Arlt was a two-year starter at St. Michael-Albertville high school and lost to Totino-Grace and future Gustie teammates Ray Wilson and John Retka in the section championship his senior season. Arlt was a Rum River All-Conference selection his final year at STMA, accumulating 1,001 yards while catching 44 passes and scoring ten times for the Knights.

Arlt, pictured on right, has been a force for the Gusties since his first year where he was used late in the season as a deep threat. Arlt played in three games in his first year, catching five passes for 147 yards and a touchdown. He led the team in yards per reception in that season but his sophomore campaign proved to be a breakout one. In 10 games last season, Arlt caught 56 passes, tallying 817 yards and 6 touchdowns and was undoubtedly the best offensive weapon the team had that season.

“Chad is very easy to work with on the field. After any series, we come over to the sidelines and he is one of the first guys talking about what we might need to run to exploit the defense. He is the type of guy who wants success for the team before individual success,” said Stolp.

“Chad helps our offense because their defense has to scheme on how to stop him. This means fewer defenders in the box, which opens up the run game or double coverage in the passing game, and opens up other receivers who can make plays. He pushes everyone to be their best and every day he lines up in practice, giving our defense a great look because he’s one of the top receivers in our conference.”

Stolp and his favorite long-haired receiver have the type of chemistry that most championship caliber combinations share.

“We have spent a lot of time playing together, from my freshman year up until now,” said Arlt. “He knows where I’m going to be and I know where he is going to put the ball. It’s all about having a feel.”

Thus far this season, Arlt has ripped both defenses he’s faced to shreds. This past week against the Tommies, he caught 9 balls for 142 yards and a touchdown in a 30-14 Gusties victory.

In the previous week, he broke Ryan Hoag’s school record for receptions in a game with 15 to go along with 209 yards and two scores. These accomplishments earned him co-MIAC player of the week honors as well as being named to the D3football.com national team of the week.

But for Arlt, the honors really don’t hold much substance. “Statistics really don’t mean much to me,” said Arlt. “I came here to win a MIAC Championship, however it comes is fine with me.”

As much as his athletic accolades illustrate him as a vibrant player, Arlt carries himself with a shy, Pete Maravich like demeanor. Specifically in that he excels on the playing field and keeps to himself off of it.

His reserved attitude should not be confused with a lack of confidence, however. “I know coming in that this team was going to be good. The whole offensive line is back this season, some of them starting for the third straight season and Stolp is back too. We are throwing more and we are much more prepared to be a successful team,” said Arlt and the Gusties host Hamline this upcoming week and then prepare for the toughest part of their schedule, trips to rivals St. Olaf and Bethel on consecutive weekends culminating with the big homecoming showdown with the Johnnies on October 13.

Considering Gustavus’ championship hopes, this season rides heavily on these three contests and the team will need to continue to fire on all cylinders in order to compete with these MIAC heavy-hitters.
Early success for Gustie golf

Both men and women emerge as contenders for a MIAC title

The following weekend, the men took a commendable third place at the St. John’s Invitational, shooting a team-low 76-76-152.

Senior Mark Stuckey finished 5th at the St. John’s Invitational, shooting a team-low 76-76-152.

St. John’s biting back and winning place at the St. John’s Invitational with greens-keeping high in their early season meets.

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The women handed in an out-standing first day team total of 317. The Gusties were Kali Griggs, holding a two-day total of 161, and Griggs placed fifth with a two-day total of 161. Following close behind was teammate Hawkinson, just one shot off the Gustavus two-day total of 152.

This season the Gusties’ toughest competition in the MIAC will be St. John’s. The Johnnies are last year’s title holders and have returned with a very strong squad. Gustavus is confident in the season thus far and looks to improve over the rest of the fall season.

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The Gustavus Women’s Soccer team is geared up for the new season, and after a sixth place finish in the MIAC last year and an 8-8-2 overall record, the Gusties are ready to move on without their six graduated seniors. Several of them were four-year varsity players, and one was the team MVP. However, with the loss of these key players, the young Gusties know they need to kick it up a notch.

This year’s team is led by captains Jenna Iaizzo, Amy Kunkel, and Tami Korb. Although led by seniors, the team has a wide range of players from each class. According to Coach Mike Stehlik, who is in his eighteenth year at Gustavus, the team is balanced with first-years, sophomores, juniors and seniors, who make every practice challenging.

“Going up against better players every day is going to make you more competitive,” said Stehlik. “The fact that we have such a strong incoming class says a lot about Minnesota’s high school soccer programs.”

With new players fighting for spots and returnees trying to work their way up, each player is pressured to work hard every day. Although the team members are fighting for spots, there seems to be good chemistry on and off the field. First-year player Marit Kyllo is excited about her college soccer experiences.

“I really enjoy playing with the other girls. The upperclassmen organize different activities to get you involved, and they are very nice about welcoming the first-years,” said Kyllo.

With the amount of underclassmen that can compete at the varsity level at Gustavus, team chemistry is essential to their success in the MIAC.

Similar to its usual trend, the MIAC is tighter and more competitive this year. When asked who will be the tough teams to beat, Stehlik said, “Teams like Macalaster, St. Thomas, and St. Benedict will be tough, but there are always teams that surprise you. Right now it is a little early to know who the top teams in the conference will be.”

Although the MIAC will be strong this year, the Gusties have high hopes. Coach Stehlik believes the Gusties can fare well against just about anyone.

“The header by Jenna Iaizzo was a heads-up play,” said Peterson about a goal scored by Iaizzo and assisted by Iblings.

With the support of Gustie soccer fans, the team can focus on the goal at hand. “We are concentrating on effort and attitude this year, with a lot of fitness mixed in,” said Iblings.

The soccer practices are challenging and the season might get long, but with supportive Gustie fans, great team chemistry, and experienced coaching, the Gustavus Women’s Soccer team has plans for a great season.

First-year goalkeeper Chelsea Bayer reaches for a high kick during practice last week.
Learning from the left
Is ethanol as green as we think?

Since the topic of this year’s Nobel Conference is “Hating Up: The Energy Debate,” I figured I’d throw in my two cents on the issue that political commentators are currently weighing both our foreign oil dependency and global warming: corn-based ethanol.

One of the first problems with corn-based ethanol is the food-for-fuel debate that arises. Even if the entire U.S. corn crop were used to make ethanol, the fuel would only replace twelve percent of current gasoline use. Despite this glaring flaw in ethanol as an alternative energy, numerous repeated press releases by the White House and competing press releases by the various presidential hopefuls on both sides of the aisle, such as Senators Barack Obama, John Edwards and John McCain, ethanol has been on the forefront of the energy issue.

Senators Barack Obama, Richard Lugar and Tom Harkin recently introduced legislation to raise the production of biofuels to 60 billion gallons by 2030. A few weeks later, rival Democrat John Edwards upped the production expectations to 65 billion gallons by 2025.

The problem with these expectations is that the only biofuel that would be of any use in such large quantities is corn-based ethanol. Any other type of alternative energy is so far from being mass produced that it is simply ludicrous to think that other alternatives such as switch grass or woodchip based ethanol will be able to be bulk-produced by then.

The biggest problem with ethanol is the misconception that it is a green source of energy. This is NOT true. In fact, the production of corn depends on large amounts of fossil fuels, from the diesel needed to plow enormous fields and transport crops to the natural gas used to produce fertilizers. Runoff from these city-sized cornfields also silts up the Mississippi river, creating an enormous dead zone in the Gulf of Mexico every summer.

Another one of the myths surrounding ethanol is that it will help solve our foreign oil dependency. The energy balance of corn ethanol is only 1.3-to-1. This means that the energy output of ethanol is only 1.3 times greater than the energy input. When compared to the 5-to-1 energy balance of gasoline, it can be easily concluded that ethanol is little more than the recycled product of the gasoline used to grow and transport corn.

Another major part of the green hype over ethanol is that it will burn cleaner than gasoline. This, too, is a misleading statement, for while it is true that ethanol burns slightly cleaner than gasoline, there are other negative impacts on our air because of the use of ethanol. This includes increased VOCs, Nos, ozone, and as well as the release of carbon monoxide. VOCs, or volatile organic compounds, contribute to the production of ozone, which causes serious respiratory problems, including asthma and lung diseases. Nos are believed to aggravate asthmatic conditions, and are involved in the tropospheric production of ozone. They eventually form nitric acid when dissolved in atmospheric moisture, forming a component of acid rain.

Ground level ozone, aside from creating smog in cities, also interferes with the ability of plants to produce and store food, so that growth, reproduction and overall plant health are compromised.

To top it all off, according to a 2006 University of Minnesota study, the primary environmental benefit of pure corn ethanol has been revealed to be of minimal help in reducing CO2 emissions; the study concluded that CO2 is reduced by a mere 12 percent over gasoline. The effect of the ethanol industry on our waterways is equally disturbing. According to the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy, the ethanol industry is mining our groundwater. As a result, several ethanol plants have been shut down or granted only three year permits to operate because the groundwater supply has been so depleted. Groundwater is essentially where the water from springs, lakes, and wells comes from. As a result, there is less drinking water from these sources for the people that live there. Also, the water that exits the ethanol plants has caused its drinkers to become ill from the toxins in it.

Despite all of these problems, politicians consistently try to tell us how great ethanol is and how increased expansion will do nothing but benefit everyone. In fact, Archer Daniels Midland, a major agribusiness giant, alone received more than 200 tax breaks and subsidies of at least $5.5 billion a year.

Hopefully the politicians on capital hill will eventually realize just how bad corn ethanol is, and use all the money they’re throwing to those major ethanol producers to instead finance research on better alternatives. If nothing else, they can increase the amount of energy they generate from truly green sources such as wind, hydroelectric, and solar energy. Any of the above options certainly have a proven track record that is head-and-shoulders above ethanol.

Letters to the Editor:

In last week’s edition of The Gustavian Weekly, Carla Shutrop calls for better communication between students and college staff. I agree. There is always room for improving the ways in which we talk and work with one another. Let me make what I hope is a clarifying contribution to the conversation.

Let me say that the College’s longstanding practice has been to voluntarily lower campus flags whenever the Governor of the State of Minnesota or the President of the United States directs that flags be lowered on federal or state properties.

Upon receiving a message from a concerned student on September 9 inquiring about the lowering of campus flags on September 11, I (and others) intermittently checked the webpages of Governor Pawlenty and the White House, and found no orders regarding the flag until late morning on September 11. When we saw the directive from the Governor, the campus flags were lowered.

In speaking with the Governor’s Office on September 14, I was told that due to significant website compromise, not conspiracy driven devilry, during the special session of the Legislature, Governor Pawlenty’s flag order, dated September 10, 2007, was not posted on his website until sometime after 8 a.m. on September 11.

This is the sequence of events as I know them. Thanks to our students for raising legitimate questions. I encourage them and others to continue doing so, as well as to suggest how we might all improve campus communication.

Henry P. Toutain
Dean of Students
The impact of reason
Another Clinton scandal

Louis Vander Streek
Weekly Staff Columnist

This Norman Hsu / Democrat campaign fundraising story has become ridiculous. I was almost willing to throw it away as a random accident that could befall any presidential candidate. Then I remembered that we were dealing with the Clintons—not exactly a family with a pristine history when it comes to fundraising scandals.

The first aspect of the newest Clinton fundraising scandal, which makes everything so interesting, is Hsu’s fugitive status. Hsu was convicted of felony grand theft in 1992 but fled before his sentencing. Between that time and now, Hsu became a high-profile donor and fundraiser for the Democrat party. As the story began to come out these last few weeks, Hsu turned himself into authorities and posted a $2 million cash bond. Hsu was also ordered to surrender his passport. Rather than show up for the hearing, Hsu decided to hold on to his passport and board a train for Denver, while forfeiting his bond money in the process. Hsu was finally picked up in Colorado, but not without a scene, as medical authorities were called to meet the train when he fell ill. Hsu was taken to the hospital and subsequently incarcerated. For some reason, the judge in Colorado set a bail for $5 million, despite the fact that, according to the Denver Post, Hsu’s balance on his checkbook when he was arrested was $6 million, not to mention that he had fled hearings twice before and that he had already been willing to forfeit $2 million.

As the scandal has progressed, more interesting facts keep coming to light. The Wash-ington Post has reported that Hsu is one of Hillary Clinton’s top-15 “bundlers,” but money that Hsu has raised has also gone to leadership committees for presidential contenders like Barack Obama and Joe Biden, the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee and various other Congressional candidates and members of Congress. The money that he has raised has supposedly since been donated to charity.

This begs the question: how could the Clinton campaign possibly not know about Hsu’s past and fugitive status, especially when he was donating to her in such large amounts? It is clear that Clinton and Hsu met, as photographs at fundraisers depict the two together. Cyber- cast News Service also brings up a very interesting point concerning the Secret Service. The Secret Service is supposed to run background checks on individuals that come within close proximity to protected persons. Hillary definitely falls under this category of protected persons, being the former First Lady, and Hsu and Clinton were certainly in close proximity at fundraisers. The answer to the question why the Secret Service has flagged down by these checks hasn’t fully come to light. It would not be a surprise to learn that Hsu was, in fact, identified, but wasn’t confronted about his past, seeing as how much of an asset he proved to be. Even if he somehow wasn’t identified in these basic checks, though what is this saying about the potential for fugitive felons to gain access to high-profile politicians?

The seriousness of the scandal is something that is understated by most in the media. It is not hard to see why this is with Democrats trying to draw attention to Idaho Senator Larry Craig, or to General Petraeus’s report to Congress on the successful military surge in Iraq. Clinton has disavowed all knowledge of Hsu and his dealings. Somehow, I find it difficult to believe that she, or at least someone close to her, didn’t know about Hsu. It makes perfect sense that this type of scandal would surround the name that is Clinton.

Oddly enough, most of the other Democratic presidential candidates are remaining relatively silent about the issue. Why wouldn’t those like John Edwards, who received no contributions from Hsu or his associates, use this as a highly explosive talking point? It is almost sad that the name Clinton is nearly synonymous with scandal now. What may be even more sad, however, is the fact that hardly anyone is surprised by such a scandal, and further yet, that no one (namely from the Democratic party) is really swayed or upset by it.

Alya Aziz-Zaman
Weekly Staff Columnist

In my high school Health class, a visiting speaker began his presentation by passing around a rose. He told each of us to hold up the rose—“because you will have become this”—then he held up the stem. The flower we would give the person whom we would eventually marry.

“No matter what your pre-marital sex, he told us, “you lose a piece of yourself. By the time you get married, you won’t be able to offer the love of your life a beautiful gift like this”—“he held up the rose”—“because you will have become this”—then he held up the stem.

As an English major, I appreciate metaphor. This one is actually quite complex. It illustrates lifelong shame and irreparable damage while playing almost literally upon the word “deflower.” It also implies that the worst consequence of premarital sex is becoming “spoiled goods,” that all premarital sex—protected or not—shares the same results, and that once a person has become “a stem,” he or she might as well give up trying to be responsible about sex.

I’m grateful to that speaker. He has given me ammunition for debate about abstinence-until-marriage education, as well as a hilarious “One time, in Health class” story. However, a year later, when my graduating class had the highest percentage of pregnant girls to date, it wasn’t funny.

This past July, Congress proposed a $28 million increase in funding for abstinence-until-marriage programs such as MN ENABL (www.advocatesforyouth.org). Since 1996, MN ENABL, which stands for Minnesota Education Now And Babies Later, has sought to “reduce adolescent pregnancy by decreasing the number of adolescents who engage in sexual activity by promoting abstinence until marriage” (www.saynotoyet.com). The program is authorized by the Minnesota Department of Health, and has been implemented in fifteen cities across the state, including Minneapolis and St. Paul. The program is typical of abstinence-until-marriage programs across the nation. It emphasizes reasons to wait until marriage to have sex, refusal techniques for situations in which one may be pressured to have sex and reassurance that a majority of one’s peers are not sexually active.

In an evaluation of the program, posted on the program’s website, two professional evaluation companies found that one year after participating in the program, “fewer students said they would talk to their partners about abstinence, avoid risky situations, or say ‘no’ to sex” and that “the percentage of students who endorsed reasons to postpone sex also declined significantly” from the year before. They also found that “significantly increases in sexual intentions and behaviors occurred.” As for the positive results, the evaluation found the program to be “well-implemented” and “had some positive effects on parent-teen communication.” Not only does this evaluation clearly show the ineffectiveness of the program, but it also illustrates the Bush administration’s methods of evaluating sex education programs. Instead of measuring how many of the programs’ participants engage in sex or get pregnant, as the Clinton administration did, it measures factors like attendance rates and attitudes about sex.

And despite this, it still doesn’t support the effectiveness of the program. This is, of course, only one evaluation, but it illustrates the general trend of statistical evaluations of abstinence-until-marriage programs. Since the case against abstinence-until-marriage education has been made before, I will simply let facts and statistics speak for themselves.

My question, then, is why facts and statistics haven’t been enough to eliminate abstinence-until-marriage education from our schools.

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Notes from a skeptic

The "Hello, Good Buy" service industry

I think I can safely say that here in the U.S., we form a society of consumers. It is our American duty to keep the economy thriving by continuing to spend, spend, spend. To assist us in this great cause is the large group of people who make up the service industry. Personally, I think that the key syllable in the word service is "serv," and as such, those employed in this service industry should be doing just that: serving the customer. I have found, however, that getting good service can be somewhat of a struggle at times.

Recently, I trekked down to Mankato in search of a space heater. My bedroom just so happens to be a converted four season porch, so the icy turn that the weather took last week left me shivering at night regardless of the addition of long underwear to my PJ ensemble. I, therefore, traveled to Target, the land of long underwear to my PJ ensemble. This other employee was an older red-and-tan clad person I could find, and I, therefore, traveled to Target, the land of long underwear to my PJ ensemble. My thorough search of both the small and large electronics and home improvement aisles returned no results, so I decided to ask an employee. I walked over to the first red-and-tan clad person I could find, and inquired about the location of space heaters. After I had completed my inquiry, I looked at the boy's name tag and read "New Team Member." Oh, no. He had no idea where anything in the store was. Perhaps if Target employees worked on their quest to spend like a good American, I deserve pay.

Since then, I have wondered: how could I have attained better service? Perhaps if Target employees worked on their quest to spend like a good American, I deserve pay. It is our American duty to keep the economy thriving by continuing to spend, spend, spend. To assist us in this great cause is the large group of people who make up the service industry. Per recent support of abstinence-until-marriage education, Congress has given over $100 million to organizations sponsoring abstinence-until-marriage education in the past three years. It is disheartening, to say the least, that not even hard evidence can change our leaders' minds.

This gets to the root of the impasse on the facts. It just seems as if one is required to tip everyone for almost any type of service these days. For instance, I recently went out and got my first tattoo with a friend of mine. When my friend, who is much more experienced in getting tats, and I walked out of the parlor, she informed me that I should have tipped my tattoo artist. I was a bit confused. I thought that the $501 I paid out was the payment for the tattoo, what was this extra money in payment for? The tip you give your stylist after getting a haircut has always confused me as well.

I am going to these places for these specific services, and I am happy to pay for them, but why, then, must I dish out some extra cash to someone for doing the job I am paying them for?

I am not saying that all tipping is pointless, however. The tipping of wait staff at a restaurant, for example, is completely justifiable. When you get your bill at a restaurant, you’ll notice that it charges you for the food and drink only. It is the waiter or waitress who takes the order, brings it to you and forwards any complaints you have to the kitchen or management, but all this work does not show up on the bill. Although you went to the restaurant for food, you were also provided a service, and both deserve pay.

"You can't rob something that is yours."  

YALE GALANTER
O.J. Simpson's attorney
Defending Simpson after he was charged this past Tuesday with 10 felonies. He was allegedly to have attempted to take Simpson-related memorabilia from a Las Vegas hotel room.
Holy Communion
10:30 a.m.
So between Ellen DeGeneres and Jesus, who makes a better “Host”?

Yumiko Oshimo-Ryan Faculty Piano Recital
8:00 p.m.
No, YOU’RE meek-o. Hehehe... hehe... ugh, is it the weekend yet?

This day in history:
1990 -- A Periodic Great White Spot is observed on Saturn. There is also a Great Red Spot on Jupiter. Congress is currently looking for a Great Blue Spot somewhere as proof that the United States’ Manifest Destiny extends into outer space.

Gustavus Library Associates Membership Tea
10:00 a.m.
Don’t be misled by the prim and proper name; Marian the Librarian had the occasional stiff drink when she let her hair down.

Tuesday, September 25

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
AVRIL LAVIGNE!
A toast to the woman who has gone through more boyfriends than all of the Gustavus sororities combined.

Nurturing Long Distance Relationships
6:00 p.m.
Note to first-years: Norelius to Sohre does not equal long distance until the cold weather kicks in.

Total Conditioning
12:40 p.m.
What’s ‘Partial Conditioning’? Is that where you only exercise, like, a quarter of your body? And if so, who does that besides Spanish Inquisition victims who were drawn and quartered? That or Stephen Hawking’s...

Men’s Soccer at St. Mary’s
4:00 p.m.
These Gustie men are nothing to be trifled with; they are the Spartans of the soccer world. The cheerleaders tell them before they leave, ‘Come back wearing your jersey or smeared across the front of it.’

Meditation
7:00 p.m.
Sitting on the floor, not being allowed to talk, and forced to ‘think things over’ was what Mom made me do after I broke a lamp.

Van Training
4:00 p.m.
Essential for suburban soccer moms and trophy wives. So make room in your schedule, Taylor Granlund.

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Friday, September 21

Student Organization Finance Training (SOFT) Session
10:00 a.m.
Stay away, gentlemen, for who among you boys wants to be SOFT?

Linnaeus Arboretum Tour
12:00 p.m.
And on your left, beer bottles, a plastic bag and cigarette butts. And on your right, two people making out.

Campus Movie: 1408
7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
$14.08? Funny, I charge that much when I’m in hotel rooms, too.

The Dive
10:00 p.m.
If I wanted to see first-years sweat that much, I’d describe the G.R.E. to them.

Saturday, September 22

This day in history:
1987 – Full House premieres its first show, and small fragments of America’s soul die.

W. Golf at Division III Midwest Classic
All Day
After the Little League World Series spitting incident, I’d be suspicious of any athletes representing the Midwest.

Football vs. Hamline
1:00 p.m.
Just be grateful it’s not Football vs. Hamlet. I bet the prince would spend the first three quarters whining on the sidelines not doing anything, then back wearing your jersey or smeared across the front of it.’

W. Soccer vs. St. Benedict
1:00 p.m.
I wouldn’t trust a school named after a Revolutionary War traitor. Watch your back, ladies: you could find a cleat in it.

Anime and Manga Society Meeting
6:00 p.m.
OK, if Pokémon and Avatar got in a fight, whose meter, and it’s ticking past negative.”

Dane Obermeyer: “Dudes, shut up! I want to hear how many O.W.L.’s Harry Potter got!”

Sunday, September 23

This day in history:
1962 – The Jetsons premieres on ABC as a fictitious family with an often-absent father and a sexually promiscuous teenage daughter. Oh hey, it’s kind of like the Lohans.

Monday, September 24

Holy Communion
10:30 a.m.
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
AVRIL LAVIGNE!
A toast to the woman who has gone through more boyfriends than all of the Gustavus sororities combined.

Nurturing Long Distance Relationships
6:00 p.m.
Note to first-years: Norelius to Sohre does not equal long distance until the cold weather kicks in.

Total Conditioning
12:40 p.m.
What’s ‘Partial Conditioning’? Is that where you only exercise, like, a quarter of your body? And if so, who does that besides Spanish Inquisition victims who were drawn and quartered? That or Stephen Hawking’s...

Men’s Soccer at St. Mary’s
4:00 p.m.
These Gustie men are nothing to be trifled with; they are the Spartans of the soccer world. The cheerleaders tell them before they leave, ‘Come back wearing your jersey or smeared across the front of it.’

Meditation
7:00 p.m.
Sitting on the floor, not being allowed to talk, and forced to ‘think things over’ was what Mom made me do after I broke a lamp.

Van Training
4:00 p.m.
Essential for suburban soccer moms and trophy wives. So make room in your schedule, Taylor Granlund.

Water Aerobics
12:40 p.m.
Not recommended for three-legged puppies.

Women’s Soccer vs. St. Mary’s
4:00 p.m.
Maybe the lady Gusties should take a cue from Brandi Chastain’s 1999 World Cup game and play topless. Hey, maybe it’ll intimidate the opponents like it did for William Wallace in Braveheart.

Lefler Lecture by Dr. John Haught
7:30 p.m.
Next week: Dr. Cold. He’ll be staying for approximately six months.

Thursday, September 27

This day in history:
1997 -- Communications are suddenly lost with the Mars Pathfinder space probe. Scientists hypothesize it’s just ignoring us and needs some ‘Mars Pathfinder’ time to itself.

Yoga
12:40 p.m.
Downward facing dog, eagle pose, knee to ankle hold, plow position. Are these yoga poses or Khama Sutra suggestions?

Reading in Common Author to Speak
7:00 p.m.
How many of y’all actually read Mountains Beyond Mountains? I know Marlinda Tyson didn’t.

Quotes of the Week:

Courtney Covey: “My eyebrow shadows are huge! God, I’m a muppet!”

Katie Dierkes: “I’m checking the Care-o-Meter, and it’s ticking past negative.”

Dane Obermeyer: “Dudes, shut up! I want to hear how many O.W.L.’s Harry Potter got!”