It is not uncommon to see a student leaving the cafeteria with a to-go box in hand. However, because of environmental concerns, the use of the cardboard boxes has been brought into question. “The sheer amount of waste that comes from the use of to-go boxes at Gustavus is enormous,” said Student Senate co-President Tony Spain.

Last year, Student Senate had been hoping to buy sets of Tupperware for the incoming first-year class as an alternative to to-go boxes, in hopes of eliminating them completely. "The idea initially came from the Gustavus Greens, [the on-campus environmental group]. They had, in the past, been selling and giving [Tupperware] away on campus, and they wanted to give it to the first-year class so they would be introduced to Gustavus with the expectation to use Tupperware instead of to-go boxes," said Spain.

Dining services was supportive of this idea. “We actually were encouraging people to bring their own containers so that they wouldn’t use disposables, and we also gave them a discount. That was pretty successful,” said Director of Dining Services Steve Kjellgren.

Student Senate was still in the process of buying the Tupperware when Kjellgren became aware that using containers not supplied by the cafeteria violated health codes, so it was illegal for students to take food out in their own containers. Senate did not go through with the Tupperware purchase, and students are now asked to not use their own containers.

In response to the shootings at Virginia Tech, Gustavus is implementing a new emergency notification system. Security is changing for the Gustavus community. A new multi-layered communication program is now in place that alerts students of emergency situations by way of text messages, e-mails and calls to cell and dorm phones. The administration aims to alert more students in more ways, so that students will know about emergencies almost as soon as they occur.

“Our hope is to develop a robust and effective system that allows us to reach the greatest number of people in the shortest amount of time, day or night,” said Dean of Students Hank Toutain.

The impetus for the change stems in part from the Virginia Tech tragedy earlier this year. "We’ve learned some things from Virginia Tech. We’ve learned that the way we communicated with the campus community is inadequate," Director of Safety and Security Ray Thrower said. "[The college] used to send out a mass e-mail and mass voicemail," said Thrower.

The new system “enables us to send text messages, e-mail and voice messages,” said Jeremy Carlson, Academic Web Coordinator and one of the developers of system. If students do not receive the notification with the first means of communication, “the system tries one option and then the next,” Thrower said. This way, the college can alert students almost instantaneously about potential emergencies. Carlson said that with the new system, the college “can contact 3,000 people on campus within minutes.”
WEEKLY Safety and Security Report

Safety and Security Report for September 23 to 29, 2007

Sunday, 09/23
A non-student was cited for underage consumption and removed from campus. A student was also cited for underage consumption and a social host violation.

Monday, 09/24
A student near Rundstrom Hall was cited for underage consumption and transported to the Nicollet County Jail for observation.
A student reported suspicious activity by a non-student on campus. Safety and Security is investigating.

Wednesday, 09/26
An unlocked bicycle was stolen between 09/14-15 from the bicycle rack located outside of Southwest Hall. The bicycle is described as a Schwinn hybrid style. Estimated replacement cost is $450.

Thursday, 09/27
A locked bicycle was stolen from the bicycle rack in front of Sohre Hall. The bicycle is described as a Bianchi (brand) Milano (model), celeste green in color with green fenders curved like a café racer. Estimated replacement cost $800.

Saturday, 09/29
Safety and Security responded to a medical assist call at Uhler Hall. The individual was transported to the St. Peter Community Hospital.

Tip of the Week:
Unattended motor vehicles parked in the Three Flags Circle are subject to a parking citation. If you need to run into the Campus Center or other buildings, use one of the 30-minute parking spaces located in the Norelius Lot.
New face for a new position

New Provost Mary E. Morton brings new structure to Gustavus

Amy McMullan
Weekly Staff Writer

Each school year at Gustavus brings plenty of new faces; new students, new faculty and new staff always herald the new year.

This fall, however, brought with it a profound change in the way the college is run with a new position, and another new face, in the Administration Building: Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Mary E. Morton.

Getting off to a running start, Morton will oversee Academic Affairs and lead the Strategic Planning process, which is currently underway.

“As Vice President of Academic Affairs, I will mainly provide vision, guidance and direction to the academic programs so we can continue to build what is already a strong curriculum,” Morton said.

As Provost, Strategic Planning will take up much of Morton’s time this year. She will meet with various groups including student leadership, faculty, administration and alumni to decide where Gustavus wants to be in ten years.

“We have a good sense of what that institutional goal is,” Morton said. “We are currently looking to build what is already a strong curriculum,” Morton said.

For thirteen years, she worked at College of the Holy Cross in Massachusetts as a molecular neurobiologist and biochemist. She coordinated the science program there, including summer research opportunities, and taught classes in the science department.

Morton then served as Associate Dean at the College of the Holy Cross for four years, where she was involved in hiring, building planning and long-term planning.

She then moved to the University of Dayton where she was the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences for the past three years. Her responsibilities included overseeing the undergraduate, masters and doctorate programs.

With her extensive scientific background, Morton was excited to attend the recent Nobel Conference.

“I’m the envy of all of my friends! I have never attended the Nobel Conference before, but this is science applied in society,” Morton said.

“Really missed being at a liberal arts college so when this opportunity came up, I was very eager to explore it,” Morton said.

“See that Gustavus really does care for the students,” Junior political science and French major Breanna Drexler said.

“Another advantage of the system is ‘[it] has a recorded message, so it could better respond to a particular situation,’” said Toutain.

“Because communication is so advanced, I think it’s a great way to utilize technology to make Gustavus safer,” Junior environmental studies and French major Breanna Drexler said.

Some students believe that the new system will be more effective than the old one. “Not everyone is by their computer [to receive an email]. I know a lot of people don’t even have their voicemail box set up,” Shuterop said.

“It’s much more immediate notification,” Drexler said. “The challenge is going to be getting people to participate.”

With the new layered notification system in place, administrators hope that Gustavus will become a safer place. “We’re excited about this program,” Thrower said.

“Once we demonstrate the system to the community, people will see that Gustavus really does care about students and keeping the community safe,” said Carlson.

Looking for a January Internship?

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How to Find & Register for an Internship

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Saturday 11-1 a.m.
Sunday 11-9 p.m.
With this new approach, simply making students aware of the issue is seen as a success. "Despite our setbacks last year, we are glad that we made the campus more aware of what is going on with to-go boxes," said Kira O'Bradovich, senior history and music major and Greens member.

Even though there is no definite solution in sight, students working to make Gustavus more environmentally friendly are not discouraged. "[The Greens] are really excited about what this year is going to bring. We are disappointed that it didn’t work out with Student Senate, but we understand the implications of that. We are excited about where we can go forward with this: educating students, continuing to talk about green issues and working with the cafeteria for a better future," said Greens member and Junior communication studies major Lauren Fulner.

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Despite this setback, Dining Services, Student Senate and the Greens are all looking into ways to deal with this issue and take other steps in making Gustavus as environmentally friendly as possible. "As the Tupperware issue has shown us, being environmentally conscious is more about being creative than just about having good ideas. We have found ways that don’t work to get the to-go boxes out, but we are working to use the creative halves of our brains to find alternative ways to get this to work," said Junior environmental studies and French major Breanna Drexler, co-President of the Gustavus Greens.

Even though Tupperware is not a viable solution to the problem of waste generated by boxes, some other ideas are being discussed. All, however, seem to have complications. Dining services is currently looking into purchasing corn-based, biodegradable to-go boxes. This is not necessarily an environmentally friendly option, however, because the energy used to grow the corn and produce the boxes may offset the space saved in landfills.

Another option being considered is allowing students to take dishes out of the cafeteria, but this would obviously be much more environmentally detrimental, not to mention expensive for the college, if students did not bother to return the dishes. A third option would be to stop allowing students to leave the cafeteria with food at all, but that undoubtedly would be an unpopular and impractical decision.

"It is important to remember that this is a complicated issue," said Kjellgren.

To-go boxes will never be completely eliminated from the cafeteria. "The Market Place operates as an independent business because it does serve people from off-campus as well. They cannot completely eliminate to-go boxes because they have to be able to serve those other customers as well," said Spain.

Because of this, the focus of attempts to reduce the use of to-go boxes is changing. "Now instead of being able to affect the change via policy, it is going to have to be done by changing the culture," said Spain.

The hope is to make students more aware of the effects of the choices they make, through posters, advertising or other means. With this new approach, simply making students aware of the issue is seen as a success.

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The short book of laughter and remembrance

Gustavus alumnus Kevin Kling debuts his first novel, *The Dog Says How*

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Stories and a place of solace are what 1979 Gustavus graduate, theater major, playwright, performer, storyteller and now author, Kevin Kling, has brought us in his first book, *The Dog Says How.*

Kling was born in Osseo, MN, and now lives in Minneapolis. His first success was the play 21A, followed by his play *Fear and Loving in Minneapolis.* He has also toured his one man shows, *Home and Away* and *Freezing Paradise* across the country. He has performed countrywide and around the globe, in countries including Australia, Sweden and Scotland. Additionally, Kling is also a regular contributor to National Public Radio's *All Things Considered.* Oh, and he also happens to be hilarious.

Kling's debut book, *The Dog Says How* is a mix of short story, autobiography and memoir. His incredible gift for storytelling pulls in the reader from page one: Kling stops at no boundary between present and past, childhood and early adulthood or the personal and impersonal. He easily transforms his own uniquely personal memories into stories that are both poignant and hilarious.

Kling's writing style is easy to follow and the novel is easy to pick up at anytime. His book is short—a mere 178 pages—and is easily read during the course of a week. It certainly makes for a nice change from the heavy reading that we all have for classes.

What Kling has brought for his readers is neither epic nor classic. But, then again, I doubt that he intended it to be. Kling wrote *The Dog Says How* like the little engine that could: with one eye looking out the back of the caboose, carefully studying all of the ground that he has covered throughout his life, while the other eye looks out the front, ready for whatever the future may bring.

Over the course of his lifetime, Kling has met both fear and death. On January 4, 2002, Kling was on his vintage BMW motorcycle, heading to a performing arts festival. At an intersection in south Minneapolis, a car pulled out in front of him and caused a horrible accident.

Kevin Kling suffered substantial injuries and underwent various surgeries. The crash broke his right shoulder and hand and tore nerve endings that temporarily paralyzed his arm. He also shattered several facial bones, and surgery was necessary to reconstruct his right eye socket and to put his teeth back in place. The aftermath of the crash left Kling with limited use of both arms—his left was already in a congenital condition, being much shorter than his right, slightly crooked and without a thumb.

Kling has written a good deal about his experiences after the crash. During the hours afterward, he distinctly remembers that there was never any “white light” but that he was left to make a choice between a sense of peace or a chance to return with substantial consequences. Thank goodness Kling decided to return, because all that he shares in his tales is invaluable.

Kevin Kling brings us his insight, his experiences and his humor in a short, sophisticated and deeply personal way. Even if his stories aren’t epics and they don’t become classics, there is quite a bit to learn from Kling in the hilarious and warm (and surprisingly insightful) autobiographical stories found in his debut novel, *The Dog Says How.*
The third time's a charm for Bourne

Jason Bourne is pretty much the coolest spy that has ever been in a movie, in my opinion. The final flick in the Bourne trilogy, The Bourne Ultimatum, will be shown in the Wallenburg Auditorium this weekend. This movie is directed by Paul Greengrass, and it stars Matt Damon in the title role.

Personally, I think this is an enjoyable movie even for those who haven't seen The Bourne Identity or The Bourne Supremacy, because it does a good job of explaining the important events of the first two movies.

When we first met Jason Bourne, he had been rescued by the crew of a small fishing ship on the Mediterranean Sea and was completely unaware of his past. He soon discovered that he had been part of the CIA's secret assassination program 'Treadstone.' Through the first two movies, Bourne uncovers the secrets of Treadstone and of his past. As he slowly uncovers the identities of those he killed, he tries to apologize to their families to help absolve his guilt. Plus, there are lots of car chases and fights scenes along the way, a result of the CIA's misconception that Bourne has gone rogue. One thing that defines Bourne to me is that when he takes someone down, he does it in an un-lethal manner and only kills when he absolutely has to. And never ever does he say a witty one-liner after he smokes a fool.

For the most part, The Bourne Ultimatum sticks to the same formula, which is not a bad thing. The action sequences are among the best I have ever seen, and Bourne does a few things with a motorcycle I never thought possible. Thankfully, there is much less of the headache-inducing shakey-cam style that was so over-used in The Bourne Supremacy. As a result, the fight scenes are much easier to enjoy. During the course of this film, Bourne learns of a new version of Treadstone called Blackbriar and does his best to expose it. Also, he learns his true identity and the circumstances surrounding his participation in the 'Treadstone' program. A large portion of the movie's tension comes from a power struggle between two head honchos at the CIA, one who wants to help Bourne and one who wants to kill him at all costs.

In the end, The Bourne Ultimatum is pretty kickin' rad, but it's not as good as the first one. The tension shifts away from who or what Bourne actually is to what Bourne is going to do about it, which is less interesting to me. However, what Bourne does makes for a great movie, and in the end, that's what counts.

The Bourne Ultimatum is showing at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights in Wallenburg Auditorium.
Allied for a cause

Coming Out Week is Oct. 8-12

Amara Berthelson
Weekly Staff Writer

"Come out, come out, whoever you are!" Beginning on Monday, October 8, brightly colored messages like this one will be chalked on Gustavus sidewalks. No, this particular message is not an announcement of a campus-wide game of hide-and-seek. Rather, this message is a part of Gustavus’ annual Coming Out Week.

Coming Out Week is sponsored by Queers and Allies, a student-led campus group that seeks to foster a supportive environment for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) persons and their allies. Each year, this week celebrates GLBT culture and community and raises awareness about the many issues and challenges that this community faces.

Throughout the week, daily events are scheduled to give all Gustavus students an opportunity to meet GLBT classmates and to educate themselves about queer culture. Also, these events provide a safe environment for GLBT students to share their “coming out” stories and encourage “closeted” GLBT students to openly acknowledge their sexuality.

Nathan Heggem, a junior biology major and co-President of Q&A, shared some thoughts on the goals of Coming Out Week. “Living life openly is both healthy and affirming, and if we can help even one person move toward that, then we will have succeeded,” Heggem said.

In this spirit, all of the events during Coming Out Week are meant to encourage communication and open relationships among Gustavus students. All students are welcome to come and experience all parts of this week. So “come out” and see what it is all about!

Schedule of Events:

Monday: Performance by folk artist, Ellis
8 p.m. in Courtyard Café
Tuesday: Performance by Queer We Are
7 p.m. in Courtyard Café
Wednesday: Barbeque “BBQ&A”
6 p.m. at Adolphson ILS House
Thursday: National Coming Out Day
Message by Breton Harris
10 a.m. in Christ Chapel
Friday: Drag Show
8 p.m. in Gustavus Market Place

Building up resources

Meet Your Fellow Gustie: Dr. James Dontje

Steven Palmer
Weekly Staff Writer

As the new Director of the Johnson Center for Environmental Innovation, Dr. James Dontje has dedicated his life to environmental and sustainability issues here at Gustavus.

After earning a degree in physics at Luther College, Dontje traveled overseas and applied his technical skills to real-world problems. For three years, he spent time doing Peace Corp-style work in villages in Burkina Faso, helping develop water systems to improve the standards of living and agriculture. Dontje helped dig watering holes and installed one small dam.

“I was in a village with no electricity and no running water. Our mailbox was 40 miles away; it was very basic, but very interesting,” he said.

He then returned to the U.S. and did graduate studies in Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering at the University of Minnesota. He also spent time in Indonesia, where he did similar work in an advisory role, working with local program administrators to secure funding for a village water supply.

He returned to the United States and taught at Berea College in Kentucky before deciding he wanted to live somewhere closer to his family. He made the transition to Minnesota and ended up in charge of the Johnson Center for Environmental Innovation, calling it “an opportunity to work with the whole campus on sustainability issues.”

One of the initiatives undertaken by the Center is to have wind turbines placed on campus to take advantage of the windy conditions here.

“If we could get them, we would have them. There is a lot of wind development going on,” said Dontje. According to numbers gathered by the Center, the two turbines would produce approximately 12 million kilowatt hours of electricity out of the 16 million used by the campus annually. “We also have education in mind. We want to educate people about producing energy locally,” he said.

Dontje does have time for hobbies despite his many obligations. Always looking for ways to impact the environment less, he tinkers with his vegetable oil-powered car, which runs off oil and grease from restaurants. Despite this unique fuel, he limits driving so much that the car does not leave the garage for up to a week.

If you see James Dontje around campus, say hello. When the wind turbines are built, you can be proud that Gustavus is producing its own clean energy thanks, in part, to him.

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

Two men looked out from the prison bars; one saw mud, the other stars “Since you have kept the command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world……”

Revelation 3:10

Hold dear in your heart the teachings of the Bible. For scripture of yesterday is today in thought, word and deed. It is not generational, but everlasting.
Without quite knowing what I had gotten myself into, I stood at three flags at 5:40 a.m. on a Saturday morning in full military fatigues. Two hours later, the bus of about 50 students, including myself and six others from Gustavus, arrived at Camp Ripley. We unloaded the bus, dropped off our duffel bags and each student received the mock M-16 which he or she would carry throughout the weekend. This was the beginning of the Army ROTC’s fall Field Training Exercises, or FTX. FTX serves as a training program for those who hope to become officers. “[It’s] a welcome to the Army,” said Cadet Degreeff, a fourth-year overseeing a round robin of training classes on Saturday. “In every aspect of FTX are tasks that you might be experiencing [while in the army].”

Cadets were split into two groups to rotate through the training exercises during the weekend. Saturday’s first set of training exercises involved a round robin of facial camouflage, basic compass navigation and grenade throwing techniques. We also did weapons training EST 2000, a program that simulates enemy forces, different rural and urban environments, weapon jams and friendly simulators and live grenade fuses. Cadets were timed and evaluated on each course.

Some students join the ROTC as a way of paying for college, but most cadets join for other benefits, according to Lt. Colonel Cooper, one of the officers overseeing the weekend. “We are the number one leadership course in America, bar none,” said Cooper. The fourth-year students planned and implemented the weekend, but all cadets gained leadership skills. This was followed by day and night land navigation exercises.

The second day began with only the dim glow of the Milky Way for light. “Sleep is a crutch,” said Cadet Riggs while packing his gear. We cleared our beds from the forest floor and began a three-mile “ruck march” with full packs. The march ended at an obstacle or “confidence” course and a grenade course involving smoke grenades, grenade throwers and friendly forces. This was followed by day and night land navigation exercises.

Photos (clockwise from top left): Gustavus senior Adam Ingalsbe loads grenades at the grenade course; Cadet Bobich, who helped plan the grenade training course; cadets run through one obstacle in the confidence course; Cadet Riggs marches with other fourth-years and Lt. Colonel Cooper; Cadet Wyckoff demonstrates grenade throwing technique; Jacob Partridge, a sophomore at Gustavus, sprints off the line at the beginning of the grenade training course; Cadets are briefed for the night navigation course; Cadets at the EST 2000 weapon trainer.
Features Editor: Eliza L. Swedenborg

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   course, which is made for individual as well as team building; cadets are briefed for the night navigation
   course at the EST 2000 weapon.
The hard work of the Gustavus men’s and women’s Golf teams has been paying off late in the fall season with success throughout the past two weekends. The Gustie women have taken first in their last two outings, and the men have placed second at their previous two meets.

Two weeks ago at the Mid-west Classic, the women came through on day two with an amazing comeback victory. The Gusties were 12 strokes behind St. Thomas after day one, but pulled through the second day making up 16 strokes on the Hudson course and winning the tournament by four strokes over the second place Tommies.

Senior medalist Rachel Roberg had a two-day total of 157, “The comeback at the Mid-west classic was the best since I’ve been on the team. The win was a huge confidence builder because now we know we are capable of coming from behind and earning first place,” said Roberg. Roberg’s play was enough to earn her co-MIAC player of the week honors, which she reiterated this past weekend’s meet at the Riverport Classic in Winona, MN. The senior’s play led the women as they took first place once again, edging out Upper Iowa University by five strokes. Roberg individually placed second with a two-day total of 151.

Other notable Gustie performers were Juniors Kimbra Kosak, placing third with a score of 152, and Lauren Runsvold in seventh with a score of 159. The win at the Riverport Classic was important for the girls because they beat two Division II teams, which will give them extra momentum going into the MIAC Conference Championships next weekend. Said Roberg, “Individually, each of us know what we need to work on to be prepared for MIAC. This week we will have the championship title on our minds, which should be great motivation for practice.”

The men’s play has been equally commendable the past two weekends, taking second at two very competitive invitational meets.

Senior Kyle Rohlfs led the men at the UW-Eau Claire Blugold Invite, tying for medalist honors by shooting an even 144. It was the first time in his collegiate career that Rohlfs walked away with a win from a tournament. He commented on his play, “As of now I am very happy with the way I’ve been playing, but with golf it can change day to day. You just have to keep working every day to keep giving you chance to compete at every tourney,” he shared MIAC player of the week honors after his performance at Eau-Claire.

At the Blugold two-day outing, the Gusties’ team score totaled 596, just one stroke away from UW-Eau Claire’s finish at 595. Aside from Rohlfs, other top finishers for the Gusties were First-year Ajeetesh Sandhu placing third with a score of 147 and Eric Harris with a seventh place two-day total of 149.

Last weekend, following their second place finish in Eau Claire, the men traveled north to take on three different courses throughout the metro area in the three-day Twin Cities Classic. The men finished second again, this time to rival St. John’s, with the team posting an 887. The Gusties score was seven strokes behind the Johnnies.

Individually, Gustavus was led by Senior Jordan Hawkins, who tied for second with a score of 220. Sandhu came out of the three rounds with a seventh place 222, and both Rohlfs and Harris marked 224 in a three-way tie for tenth.

Along with the women, the men have been using their prior meets for MIAC Conference Championship preparation. The three day competition at the Twin Cities Classic is helpful because the MIAC Championship is also in a three-day format.

For months, the men have been looking with anticipation to the upcoming MIAC weekend. “Our team has had the conference tourney circled on our calendars since last year, when we didn’t win it. We know that winning the conference tourney means an automatic bid to Nationals, so that is what we have been striving for,” said Rohlfs.

Both men and women will be perfecting their game this week at Le Sueur Country Club and will travel to Bunker Hills Golf Club in Coon Rapids, MN, to take on the best in the MIAC. Both teams hope to bring home a championship, and in turn accelerate their dreams of victory at Nationals this spring.

Sophomore Kalli Griggs has shot the lowest average for the Gusties so far this season with a respectable 79.8.
Gustie women footballers try to hang tough in competitive MIAC

Bad bounces and inconsistent play has left Gustavus near the bottom of the conference

Last Saturday, the Gustavus Women’s Soccer team’s performance was less than stellar against Carleton, though they showed hints of promise.

Since 1990, the Gusties have been 12-4-1 against Carleton and were expecting to come out of Saturday’s game with another win. Unfortunately, the girls lost to the Knights 2-1, who were last in the conference going into the game. Sophomore Rachel Iblings, a varsity defender for the Gusties, was not impressed with the first part of the game. “It took us half, assisted by another First-year player Ashley Anderson. “Julien sent a perfect through ball past the defenders and pretty much gave me a perfect scoring opportunity,” said Anderson. Unfortunately, the goal came too late, and it was not enough to get Gustavus back in the game.

Despite this unexpected loss, there is still a lot of season left, and the Gusties have to hang tough. Senior Jenna Iaizzo and the rest of the senior captains are working hard to keep the Gusties positive and having fun.

“The main thing I do, or try to do, is make sure everyone is having fun,” said Iaizzo. “We do some team singing before the game and make sure everyone is full of energy and focused on the game. It is easy to keep the team’s spirits high because we have a great group of girls.”

Senior Forward Jenna Iaizzo

Even though the Gusties played Carleton on Saturday, they had to bounce right back and play Buena Vista the day after. “We just have to take one game at a time. Yeah we lost, but what’s the point of dwelling on it? We will just take the frustration out on Buena Vista,” said Anderson after the Carleton game.

The Gusties did take out their frustrations on Buena Vista, coming out strong to dominate 5-0. Five different players scored in the game for Gustavus including Iaizzo, Kristy Tupy, Julien Babel, Ashley Anderson and Amy Kunkel. Ashley Ohlson and Chelsea Bayer shared the shutdown in goal for the Gusties.

The Gusties improved their overall record to 6-5-0 with a 1-4-5 record in the conference. Tupy leads the Gusties in scoring so far this year with 4 goals, and Iblings leads the team in assists with four.

The Gusties are looking ahead and hope to use the momentum from the Buena Vista game to help them beat Hamline on Sunday. “To improve in conference play, we just need to be more aggressive and pick up our speed of play,” said Iblings. “The Gusties play Hamline on Sunday at 1 p.m. at Hamline University, and then go head-to-head with Augsburg on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Augsburg field.”

Sophomore forward Chelsea Craven and the Gusties came back strong from a loss to Carleton with a win over visiting Buena Vista on Saturday.
Ayla Aziz-Zaman
Weekly Staff Columnist

Your nagging conscience
Ethical consumerism

Even if compostable plastic is better for the environment than regular plastic, it still requires fuel and energy to manufacture, not to mention acres of land to grow the corn from which it's made. And, as Sean Maertens pointed out in his commentary on ethanol last week, "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." Only at the end of its life-cycle, when it ends up in the trash, is compostable plastic a better alternative than petroleum-based plastic. We are so unwilling to part with the smallest conveniences, even when we understand their environmental impact, that in order to soothe our consciences we go to great lengths developing slightly less destructive forms of convenience. Most people know that ethical consumerism means buying things that are manufactured and distributed ethically—that is, without exploiting people, animals or the environment. I've steered clear of Wal-Mart for years, but now I realize that it's not just what we buy and where we buy it that matters most. It's whether we buy things in the first place. We can't preserve our resources by buying different, "greener" things; we have to buy less altogether.

The problem is not that people are buying SUVs instead of hybrids, but that people are buying brand-new cars. Regardless of a car's fuel efficiency, it takes an enormous amount of fuel and energy to manufacture and distribute. Purchasing a used car, on the other hand, won't trigger the production of more cars the same way a new car will. If the key to saving the world is simply consuming less altogether, where do we cut back? Would giving up lattes for a year prevent more damage than not buying a new hi-def TV? How do we know which things to cut back on first?

An important new method of evaluating the environmental impact of the products we buy called the "life-cycle assessment," or LCA, has been developed in recent years, but has yet to influence the average consumer. This assesses the entire environmental impact of a particular product or service—even from acquiring the raw materials to make the product, to shipping the product, using and maintaining the product and recycling or disposing of the product. The impact is measured in numerous forms—atomic emissions and waterborne wastes are only a few factors that can be taken into account. The Environmental Protection Agency calls it a "cradle-to-grave" approach for assessing industrial systems.

However, it's impossible for average consumers to conduct an in-depth LCA for every product we purchase. Until the results of an LCA are stamped on every product like Nutrition Facts, it's going to be hard to determine what's worth reducing in our lives. We can replace something we would normally buy with something we know has a lesser environmental impact (fresh vegetables instead of frozen and packaged ones), and we can, of course, just buy less altogether.

But there needs to be some institutionalized system for conducting LCAs for the products we consume most. If this becomes the norm, then maybe there will be a day when a product's price reflects its environmental impact. And what could have a greater influence on the American consumer than that?

"I am now a heavenly body."
GEORGE TAKEI, the Star Trek actor, remarking on having an asteroid renamed "7307 Takei" in his honor

Learning from the left
The truth about nuclear energy

filled with new insights and knowledge regarding alternative fuels (of course we all went to the lectures during Nobel...), it's time for me to beat the proverbial dead horse of energy one last time. Okay, so maybe nuclear energy isn't exactly a new idea, but hey, it's actually become a surprisingly good idea and is gaining steam as a viable form of energy in the U.S. There are several reasons why nuclear energy is a good idea, but I feel I should first clear up some of the negative views about it before moving into the positives. To address the worst-case scenarios of a nuclear meltdown, explosion or even a possible terrorist plot to steal the nuclear material, let me lay those fears to rest. First, it is impossible—physically impossible—for a reactor to explode like an A-bomb. Second, meltdowns: not a single meltdown has occurred since the mid 80's, and while some people will point to several "near-misses," if you examine each individual case in detail, you will find that the chance for a meltdown was hyped up and used to further other political goals.

As a former State Department employee knowledgeable on the subject of nuclear energy explained it to me, the technology for nuclear reactors today is significantly better than just five or ten years ago. It is virtually impossible for there to be a nuclear meltdown in today's world. So many things would need to go wrong that this scenario is similar to one of those ridiculously long what-if questions that we would ask our parents as children.

The last thing that needs mentioning before I quickly go over nuclear waste is terrorism. The material used in reactors can't be used in atomic weapons because it isn't enriched to the correct isotope, and the technology required to do so is very hard to obtain.

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This is why Iran and North Korea took several years to get as far as they have today with what little material they had. The only way terrorists could get it is from the “old” waste from the reactors (and I say “old” because today’s reactors don’t produce nuclear waste that is weapons-grade). There are technologies that return the waste to non-weapons-grade material throughout the plant’s operation. It isn’t an extra thing that needs to be done.

The last point is that nuclear waste is not much of a problem today. The total amount of long-term nuclear waste a modern plant emits per year would fill a pay-telephone booth, about 70 cubic feet. In the giant waste storage facility in Yucca Mountain, NV, that would be a drop in the proverbial bucket. The remaining short-term nuclear waste can be partially reprocessed to create more material on which the reactors could run; and as explained by retired nuclear scientist George Buzzelli, “[the public] should not be concerned about long-term storage.” If a nuclear scientist feels safe about the nuclear waste in his backyard and there is a reactor near his residence, then I feel that’s good enough for me.

Okay, phew, enough with explaining why there aren’t really any negatives to nuclear energy. Finally we can cover the positives! The two most obvious ones are we become more energy independent as a nation and produce clean energy. Outside of the nuclear waste that I explained earlier, there is not a single thing about nuclear energy that doesn’t make it as green as wind, hydroelectric or solar energy. The only major difference is that a few nuclear reactors could probably produce more energy than all our green alternatives combined. The difference in energy efficiency is that one-sided.

Outside of reducing our release of greenhouse gases, nuclear energy is also more cost effective, at the current cost of oil at $80 per barrel, oil as a fuel would cost $80 million per month. And this isn’t likely to decrease anytime soon, considering how China’s oil demands are increasing almost daily. In comparison, the fuel core of a nuclear plant, which can provide power for four years, costs $100 million. That’s about $2 million a month. I wouldn’t mind paying a ton less on my energy bills.

The last point that I have time to discuss is seawater desalination. The intense heat created from the nuclear reactions could be used to produce 100 to 200 million gallons of fresh water per day for each unit. As Mr. Evenson stated in his column from last week, “Dasani bottled water costs $6.88 per gallon.” If we take this to be true, I would say the cost for water would be reduced to about three to four dollars per gallon. This also indirectly helps to solve the problem of water privatization in third world countries, which would take another column to go over…

In short, nuclear energy is not as bad as we think. We should consider it for the future.

The impact of reason

Conservative media victims

Over the past weeks, two high-profile conservative personalities have come under direct attack for comments they made on their respective syndicated shows. Both Bill O’Reilly and Rush Limbaugh have been criticized by fringe liberal groups, the major media and members of Congress.

Bill O’Reilly, host of Fox News’ “The O’Reilly Factor” and the syndicated radio program the “Radio Factor,” was chided as a result of comments he made after dining at a black restaurant in Harlem with Al Sharpton. The larger context of the dialogue on his radio program that day centered on race, especially as it relates to whites who do not personally know any blacks. O’Reilly was countering a stereotype that he said many whites had of the black race that they get from seeing and hearing black rappers and comedians consistently use the “N-word” and “M-F-. Here is what O’Reilly actually said: “And I couldn’t get over the fact that there wasn’t one person in Sylvia’s who was screaming, ‘M-F,- I want more iced tea.’ They were ordering and having fun, and it wasn’t any kind of craziness at all…. There was no difference between Sylvia’s restaurant and any other restaurant in New York City. I mean it was—it was exactly the same, even though it’s run by blacks, primarily black patronage; it was the same. And that’s really what this society is all about, now, here in the U.S.A. There’s no difference.”

Here is the portion that MSNBC chose to air (without explaining the broader context of the conversation about race in America when describing the controversy: O’Reilly: “—Ordering and having fun. And there wasn’t any kind of craziness at all… There wasn’t one person in Sylvia’s who was screaming, ‘M-F,- I want more iced tea.”’ It is not hard to see that the two, especially without the context of the larger conversation about race in America as it relates to blacks and whites, can lead to vastly different conclusions. What O’Reilly was saying was that no one should be surprised that the actions and words of famous black rappers and comedians do not represent all blacks. To construe this as a racist comment without providing a larger context of what was said is disingenuous at best and downright slanderous at worst. Ironically enough, O’Reilly comments were directed at another Fox News personality who is black, Juan Williams. Williams agreed with what O’Reilly was saying, that many whites have little interaction or experience with blacks outside of mainstream pop culture and that presents an inaccurate representation to many. Williams came to the defense of O’Reilly, stating, “It had nothing to do with racist ranting by anybody except these idiots at CNN.”

Similarly, Rush Limbaugh, host of America’s most listened to radio program, was also acquitted for comments he made concerning a former soldier and stories the soldier fabricated concerning the war in Iraq. The context of the story that the major media outlets and liberal members of Congress ignored is this: Jesse MacBeth was a soldier propped up by media and anti-war groups and applauded for his courage and bravery. Not for what he accomplished on the battlefield, but for stories describing the “atrocities” that U.S. soldier perpetrated on Iraqis and others. The one minor problem: the stories were completely false. He made them up. So, in dis-
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Everybody loves Reagan
The U.N. is M.I.A.

Andrew Evenson
Weekly Staff Columnist

In theory, 192 independent nations coming together to find compromises and solutions to the world’s problems seems like a good idea, but in reality the United Nations time and again manages to screw everything up. This international organization is known for its weak leadership, corrupt humanitarian programs, denial of membership to democratic nations, slap-on-the-wrist sanctions, and giving power to countries that repeatedly deny their citizens basic human rights. The U.N. is a disease disuous was called as long as which America would be much better.

It sickens me when I hear all these people crying about how the Bush administration went into Iraq without allowing the U.N. sanctions to take their toll on Saddam’s regime or how we should have allowed the weapons inspectors to finish their jobs. First of all, U.N. sanctions are less penalizing than Gustavus parking tickets (and also a lot easier to get out of). As far as the weapons inspectors are concerned, Saddam always made sure they were kicked out if they were getting too close to finding anything. We’ll have to talk more about the whole Iraq War can-of-worms another day through.

Another recent news headline about the U.N. was its rejection of Taiwan’s bid for membership in the fifteenth consecutive time (a Viking-esque kind of losing streak). Taiwan has a democratically elected government, but communist China refuses to recognize their sovereignty. Here we have a free nation that supports democracy repeatedly rejected, and yet countries which continuously commit human rights violations, such as China and Iran, receive full-member status. Doesn’t there seem to be something drastically out-of-whack here?

If that isn’t bad enough, the U.N. has also received a lot of flack for the corruption of the “Oil for Food Program” in Iraq from 1995 through 2003. This was supposed to be a way that regular Iraqis received food and other necessities in exchange for oil, but much of the profits have been said to have ended up in the hands of the Iraqi government and U.N. officials. This is what happens when big government bureaucracies try to mess with the free market: poor management and corruption.

One of the largest stories in the past couple weeks was the U.S. appearance controversial President Mahmoud Ah- madinejad of Iran. This crazed dictator is accused of murdering homosexuals and then claiming they don’t exist in his country, as well as downgrading the rights of women. He also doesn’t believe the Holocaust ever occurred, and he regularly threatens Israel’s right to exist. You and I might see this man as a psycho, but the U.N., graciously allows him to speak at their general assembly. Why would an organization fighting for peace around the world want such a person to waste their time? (Can I get an “Amen!” from my Taiwanese brothers?)

The U.N. is obviously a mess, but I do believe that it is in the best interest of the United States to form strong diplomatic ties with other nations. That is why I propose that the U.S. and other free and democratic nations leave the U.N. and form a new international organization that defends freedom and believes that all people deserve certain basic rights (I haven’t come up with a good acronym yet, but I’m sure the government pays people to do that sort of thing). Through stronger sanctions and tougher human rights requirements, this new organization could create the kind of peace and stability the world so desperately needs.

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cussing MacBeth with a caller the exchange went as follows: “Limbaugh: It’s not possible intellectually to follow these people.” Caller: “No, it’s not. And what’s really funny is they never talk to real soldiers. They like to pull these soldiers that come up out of the blue and spout to the media.” Limbaugh: “The phony soldiers.” Caller: “The phony soldiers. If you talk to any real soldier and they’re proud to serve, they want to be over in Iraq, they understand their sacrifice and they’re willing to sacrifice for the country.”

This is what Contessa Brewer of MSNBC had to say in introducing the segment: “Some leading Democrats are attacking radio talk show personal- ity Rush Limbaugh because he called soldiers who opposed the Iraq war ‘phony.’ Limbaugh was criticizing the anti-war movement generally and made the comment to a caller.” If one were to listen to the entire conversation and topic being discussed, it would not be dif-

Letter to the Editor

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September 11, from their hearts, hands and calendar, as they demonstrated in 2006 and 2007. In an age of Britney Spears, Lindsay Lohan or D.J. Simpson, where were the Gustavs students of my era? In my day, students of various political or cultural make-up would have demonstrated solidarity to lower the flag. We (the entire student body) would have organized a day of memorial, a moment of si-

Betty Dickinson
Phonathon
6:30 p.m.
Hmmm, making cold calls to strangers and asking for money. This is slightly less depressing than listening to a Rufus Wainwright CD. But only slightly.

English Major Informational Meeting
3:30 p.m.
To learn what do you do with a B.A. in English (besides live on Avenue Q).

Environmental Department Open House
5:00 p.m.
They are “Tree Huggers,” but knowing how intense and passionate this posse can get about the environment, I’d suggest bringing a rubber.

Prepare
8:00 p.m.
I’d go, but I’m allergic to camels.

Saturday, October 6

This day in history:
1966 – LSD is officially declared illegal in the United States. It’s too bad that the demographic this law would most directly affect were too out of it to notice.

MSU-Mankato Cross Country Open
10:00 a.m.
Run as fast as you want, but you can’t outrun the STDs that will follow you from the Mankato campus.

Men’s Soccer vs. Hamline
1:00 p.m.
Next week, Soccer vs. Porkline.

Football at Bethel
1:00 p.m.
Clearly the Lord favors us: our stadium is superior to Bethel’s.

Sunday, October 7

Holy Communion
10:30 a.m.
Yummy! That’s some good-tasting Jesus!

Men’s Soccer vs. UW Whitewater
2:00 p.m.
You can tell it’s a men’s sports team when they nickname one of their players “Butters.” If a girls’ team did this, sob fests and eating disorders would probably ensue.

Monday, October 8

Phonathon
6:30 p.m.
Like a marathon, but with no Lindsay Peterson.

Brain Freeze Ice Cream Eating Contest
7:00 p.m.
I’m glad I’m not dyslexic, because otherwise this event could look like something out of Silence of the Lambs.

Tuesday, October 9

Internship/Interim Career Exploration
3:30 p.m.
Wait...you mean a B.A. in Philosophy and minors in Theatre and Women’s Studies WON’T land me a six-figure job right out of college? Let’s get real, peeps: most of us have “Unemployable” tattooed on our foreheads.

Department Chairs Meeting
4:30 p.m.
Followed by an intense game of Department Musical Chairs. My money’s on Eric Carlson.

Meditation
7:00 p.m.
Crucial sessions for any Padawan learning the ways of the Jedi. But come now -- next week you may be too old to begin the training!

Proclaim
9:00 p.m.
Filled with religious sing alongs: follow the bouncing crown of thorns on the screen, kiddies!

Wednesday, October 10

Continuing Education, Birding in Linnaeus Arboretum
7:30 a.m.
Continuing my education at 7:30 a.m.? Ha! Try “Continuing Snoozing and Having Sex Dreams About McLovin’” at 7:30 a.m.