In our thoughts and prayers: NIU

Shootings in Illinois last week and at Virginia Tech almost a year ago have reminded many that they might not be as safe as they once thought. Such realizations have also caused Gustavus’ Safety & Security Director Ray Thrower to consider how Gustavus can improve its own response plan for potential campus shootings.

Gustavus does have some advantages. Having a small campus with a tight knit community, Gustavus is inherently provided with a certain level of security. Additionally, Safety and Security has set up a website where students can share concerns with S&S and the Dean of Students’ office anonymously.

Thrower, however, stresses that even these measures are not 100-percent effective. “The reality of it is, these types of random shooter situations can happen anywhere, anytime,” he said.

In the event of a shooting on campus, Safety and Security has a plan both to notify students to keep out of danger and to stop the shooter. One aspect of the plan, a multi-layer notification system, will warn students through e-mail, text messages, phones messages and, possibly, a campus PA system. Another aspect is the immediate police response; the St. Peter Police and the Nicotet County Sheriffs Office has developed a close relationship with Gustavus S&S. Also, the campus is regularly a part of emergency response exercises involving all three departments.

Other potential security measures, such as a campus key card system and closed-circuit security cameras, have not been implemented, largely due to high costs. Another method, having locks on the insides of classroom doors (to prevent a shooter from entering) has its disadvantages. If a sexual assault were to occur in a classroom after hours, an assailant could lock the door and escape notice.

The campus emergency response plan is under constant review by S&S in conjunction with local authorities. The plan can be viewed by students and staff at gustavus.edu/security.

What is Gustavus Safety and Security doing to protect students?
WEEKLY Safety and Security Report

Thursday, 1/24
Two students were cited for underage consumption while on campus grounds. A vehicle, while parked in the Norelius Parking Lot, was vandalized when the right rear passenger window was shattered. Estimated replacement cost $250.

Friday, 1/25
A vehicle, while parked in the Norelius Parking Lot, was vandalized when the right rear passenger window was shattered. Estimated replacement cost $250.

Tuesday, 1/29
A theft from an unlocked locker located in the Lund Center Men’s Locker Room was reported to Safety and Security. Estimated loss $220.

Friday, 2/01
A vehicle parked in the College View Parking Lot was vandalized sometime between 1/27 and 2/01. Someone kicked the front grill and right fender causing an estimated damage of $500.

Sunday, 2/03
A student while in Sohre Hall was cited for underage consumption and providing false information to an officer. Three students while in Sohre Hall were cited for a drug violation.

Tuesday, 2/05
A Safety and Security officer responded to a medical assist call at Norelius Hall.

Thursday, 2/07
A nuisance phone call was reported to the Safety and Security office.

Friday, 2/08
A Safety and Security officer responded to a medical assist at Sohre Hall.

Tip of the Week:
Propped Doors: What can happen when the wrong person slips through a propped campus door? Thefts, vandalism, sexual assault and serious crime can happen. So please, close those propped doors immediately and report repeat problems to Safety and Security and/or Residential Life.

Letter from the Editor

THE GUSTAVIAN WEEKLY Staff would like to extend its condolences to the Northern Illinois University community. The continued violence on college campuses is very disturbing and we can only hope for the rapid healing and recovery of the NIU community.

This tragedy is the latest in an appalling trend. College campuses have become increasingly associated with violence and destructive behavior.

In hopes of shedding light on some of these subjects, The Weekly will conduct a three-part series entitled The Dangers in Campus Culture, following spring break. Topics to be covered include: drugs and alcohol, sexual assault and campus violence.

Please e-mail the staff at weekly@gac.edu if you have something you’d like to see investigated on our campus.

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Lucas Neher, Kim Braun, Chad Allen and Justin Martin (left to right) will face off on Monday in the race for Co-Presidents. Voting will be from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. in front of the Cafeteria.

Steven Palmer  
Staff Writer

Last Friday, dozens of flyers coated the window outside of the Caf reading, “Lucas Neher and Kimberly Braun for Student Senate Co-Presidents.” Meanwhile, Justin Martin and Chad Allen shook the hands of students walking up the staircase nearby. It’s Senate election season, and the candidates are busy.

This race is different from the others, however, as changes to the role of Co-President add new flavor to the campaign. This will be the first time a first-year has run for the campaign. This will be the first time a first-year has run for the role of Co-President and a debate on Thursday.

Sophomore Lucas Neher and First-year Kim Braun have emphasized their concern for “environmental and social justice” issues.

“Based on Gustavus’ five core values, I think environment and social justice issues are major concerns of students on campus, and as engaged citizens, we must actively pursue higher ideals in our consumption,” said Braun. Listed in their platform are proposals for energy efficient appliances, as well as work with to-go boxes in the Cafeteria.

“We will work to open the Dive to be something more than a place to be on the weekends—we want to add food for sale in the grill area, as well as improve seating,” Neher said. He also said he would make the Senate a “mediator between students and the administration.”

Justin Martin said of his campaign with Chad Allen’s, “One of the main things we feel is that there is a need to reach out to the student body. We want to expand the office of the Director of Communication, to get out information that isn’t out there. We want to try to facilitate any kind of discussion.”

“Just asking for something to be done isn’t enough, you have to get support from faculty and administration,” said Allen. “We feel Student Senate can be an agent for change. Students want to influence the administration, so they need to go to Senate and bring issues up—for example, when the divestment in Darfur issue came up, that was brought to the diversity committees. They then talked to [Vice President of Finance] Ken Westphal. If students hadn’t brought it up, change would not have occurred.”

“Senate should be a conduit of ideas for students, so when they have issues, they can be resolved and improve the campus and put ideas into action. There are a lot of committed people out there, and we need to create those opportunities.” Martin said.

To do this, their platform notes using the Gustavus-L to include senate-related events, as well as having a member of their administration in the Senate office in the Gustie Den for 4 hours a day.

When asked how their ticket would balance the various roles of the co-presidency, Braun pledged that their campaign would “work closely with administration without taking no as an answer.”

“We have already started to create close ties with various administrators. We have met with them and [understand] their concerns. We have also met with student groups to understand the variety of concerns of the student body.”

Neher agreed, and said their team would be effective enough to achieve change within the Senate. “I think senators will support us enough to reach a consensus. We relate well with constituents, other senators, faculty and the administration.”

“Don’t dive in too quickly, because you get tired really fast. The job is more exhausting than it looks—there are a lot of little things, weekly meetings, random things that come up, things you have no idea the co-presidents deal with,” Spain said, offering a tip to whoever is elected as co-presidents.
Meet the candidates for Gustavus’ new President
Gustavus’ fifteenth president will be announced next week

DR. JEFF ABERNATHY
- Vice President and Dean of the College at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois
- Masters in English from Virginia Commonwealth University and his Doctorate in American Literature from the University of Florida
- Florida Gators fan
- Favorite book: The Adventure’s of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
- Married to Rebecca Wee, St. Olaf grad
- Has a four-year-old son, Rohan

DR. DAVID LOSE
- Academic Dean at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota
- Ordained by the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America in 1993
- Masters of Divinity and Doctorate of Philosophy from Princeton Theological Seminary
- Fan of the Saint Paul Saints Baseball Team
- Favorite Book: Lord of the Rings and Harry Potter
- Enjoys playing soccer

DR. GUY ERWIN
- Professor at California Lutheran University
- History degree from Harvard College, Masters in Philosophy and Doctorate from Yale University.
- Fluent in German
- Has a Facebook page
- Enjoys watching women’s soccer
- In college, he regularly hosted card nights with his friends

Compiled by Amy McMullan

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Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota
Professor puts new spin on classic musical

Tom Butala
Weekly Staff Writer

Tonight a month’s worth of hard work finally pays off for the members of the cast and crew in the Gustavus Department of Theatre and Dance’s production of A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum.

Written by Stephen Sondheim, the play is a classic comedy-farcie traditionally set in ancient Rome. It tells the story of Pseudolus, a slave trying to win freedom by helping his master hook up with the girl next door through a series of schemes and plots that would not be out of place in an episode of Three’s Company Too.

Forum star Senior Communication Studies and Religion major, Adam Butler, said that the story is told with “a balance of clever wordplay and raunchy sexual humor.”

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum’s initial run on Broadway went for 964 performances. Gustavus’ production will only have seven performances, but you’ll probably still hear a sigh of relief from the members of the cast and crew.

While most Gustavus students tried to find ways to kill time during a relaxing January Interim Experience, this cast rehearsed for eight hours a day and have been in six hour rehearsals since the beginning of spring semester.

Assistant Professor Henry MacCarthy said, “all of it was done without hesitation; everyone has been here giving one hundred percent.”

Butler said he wanted to emphasize the amount of work put in by those behind the scenes. “They were probably doing more work than [the actors] were.”

This is MacCarthy’s first year at Gustavus and he brings some new ideas for this classic show. MacCarthy has directed the musical a number of times, and has decided to put a new spin on it by setting Forum in an early twentieth-century vaudeville production, suiting the bawdy humor and double entendrees of the show.

Productions of A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum will be in the Anderson Theater at 8 p.m. on February 22, 23, 28, 29 and March 1, and 2 p.m. on February 24 and March 2.
Walking to the beat of his own guitar

Meet Your Fellow Gustie: Ben Wagner

Senior Psychology major Ben Wagner plays the guitar, loves tie-dye and hates wearing shoes. Did his semester long trip to India suddenly turn him into a hippie? I don’t think so. Having known Ben before his departure for India, the only significant change I’ve seen since his return is the length of his beard.

Ben came to Gustavus Adolphus College in 2004 and has since settled on a Psychology major. “I took a psychology course in high school and really liked it,” Ben said. “I want to help people so I figured psychology would be a good road to travel. I would like to do a lot of things in the future—gotta keep it fresh. Maybe a little counseling with kids, help out our good mother (Earth that is) or some work with peace and reconciliation.”

As a senior, Ben took a semester to travel to India to learn about different people and to experience a different culture than Gustavus and Minnesota had to offer. “The thing that really [made me want to go to India] was when [one of my professors] said that going to India would give you a new perspective on life and that was something that I really needed.”

“I learned so many things in India, from Buddhist teachings to the effects of mining on communities,” Ben said. “I learned many lessons that I wish I could share with everyone because they would help make this world a better place.”

“The three biggest things that I learned were: we are all interconnected and whether we realize it or not we are affecting the lives of our brothers and sisters across the globe, how to be more environmentally friendly and live a more sustainable life and that there are many injustices in this world and many of them are not known about by the rest of the world. The big thing that I am working on now is just living a very conscious, intentional life, one that can benefit everyone.”

When asked his favorite part about India, his response was in true Ben fashion: “Wow man, you are the first one to ask me that question!” He went on to talk about his trip to Northern India and the holy city of Varanasi, a Ganges River boat ride and his time spent with an organization called Shikshantar where he “learned about zero-waste, up-cycling and made [his] own sandals out of old car tires.”

Like so many of us, Ben doesn’t have a set plan after graduation. “I hope to hook up with a cool non-profit in the cities for a while before I head off to the Peace Corps or some other similar organization. Just following wherever the road takes me.”

Anything else we should know about the true Ben Wagner? “No, but I would like to leave you with a quote from an Indian master. ‘If there is something you can do about it, then there is no need to worry. If there is nothing you can do about it, then what’s the use in worrying?’ No worries.”

What TV show are you going to watch now that the writers strike is over?

by Andrea Janney

“Gossip Girl”
Junior
Emma Borrmann

“Lost”
First-year
Lydia Francis

“The Office”
Juniors
Nate Peterson & Nate Ruff

“Heroes”
Sophomore
Alison Dittmer

“SportsCenter”
First-year
Mitch Johnson

QUESTION OF THE WEEK
In recent years, awareness about violence against women has been a major topic of discussion. People have given speeches and put on workshops to spread the message, but this upcoming weekend there will be an attention-grabbing and interactive way to receive the message about violence against women: *The Vagina Monologues*, a presentation of women’s experiences in a collection of monologues. Senior English major, Barbara Guy, and Senior Sociology & Anthropology major, Katie LeBlanc, are the directors of the show, and have been involved in *The Vagina Monologues* in previous years, as well. They have organized the performers, set up rehearsals and acquired performance spaces. Yet, they are quick to give credit to the whole cast—about 30-35 participants—for each helping out in different areas in order to make the production possible.

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**Monologues makes a statement on campus**

**Gustavus women shed light on feminism this weekend**

**Annie Opseth Weekly Staff Writer**

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**Break-dancing for Jesus**

**Marlene Kvitrud Weekly Staff Writer**

“If we are willing to jump and scream while watching sports games or playing Halo, why in the world wouldn’t we give God, the creator of the universe, the same or more heartfelt and excited worship?” said First-year Will Grant, pianist for the newly-formed Christian worship group Revelation.

How is Revelation different than other religious groups on Gustavus’ campus? Members say Revelation has a focus specifically on the freedom God has given them to worship and they want to create an environment where the Gustavus community is welcomed to worship in whatever way each person desires.

The worship service includes 30 minutes of music led by six Gustavus students. Revelation leader Sophomore and Japanese Studies major, Diana Scott, said, “Right now we are playing upbeat, fast songs that people can dance to. We are also planning on doing songs that are slower and more intense.” At the first Revelation night, worship included breakdancing and rapping.

According to First-year Jenny Brynildson, this “more energetic and freer worship experience” of Revelation provides the campus with a new opportunity to worship.

Scott, who has been a part of the Proclaim band, said Revelation was not created out of dissatisfaction with any other religious groups on campus. Rather, the band desired to create a new spiritual unity, focusing on dedication of their abilities to God.

First-year and Revelation tech manager, Colleen Ganser, said Revelation is “working in conjunction with several existing Christian groups on campus like Proclaim and Prepare.” They are affiliated with Prepare Ministries which is a multi-campus organization that provides Bible studies for a number of Minnesota campuses.

All of the members regularly attend Proclaim and Prepare Ministries and they emphasize how Revelation is another opportunity to praise God.

Revelation is “here for those who are desperate for more of the Lord—who are desperate for His revelation,” said Scott.

Although Revelation has only led one worship during January, the band received positive feedback from those who attended.

Said Ganser, “We were very excited about all the people who turned up and can hardly wait to see what happens with the next couple of times.”

Worship services are at 9:00 p.m. on Saturdays in The Dive.
Before reading another word of this article, I suggest that you find a red marker (any bold color will do), open up your student planner and flip to the month of April. Then, draw a big X on Saturday, April 19. The Campus Activities Board (CAB) recently announced that artist Ben Folds is scheduled to entertain Gusties that day.

“I am really excited,” said Executive of CAB’s Concert Committee, Quinn Thompson, after announcing that Ben Folds was this year’s choice. “Ben Folds is a really fantastic artist,” Thompson said. Every two years, CAB presents a major-yet-still-within-the-budget concert on campus. “I think this has potential to be one of the biggest concerts we have had at Gustavus,” Thompson said.

The Concert board considered other bands before deciding on Ben Folds. “We had it narrowed down to six right before we went on break,” Thompson said. The committee considered surveys returned by Gustavus students in addition to input from their agent.

Amy Erickson
Junior Political Science and French major

Her take on Ben’s sound: “You look at him and he’s...such a huge dork, although he’s a cute nerd. I didn’t expect him to be such an amazing musician. If your heart goes out to huge nerds, he is definitely a huge heartthrob.”

Patricia Costello
Assistant Professor of Psychology

Highlight of her concert experience: “Oh Boy, the sound. It’s infectious, you cannot help but...bop your head.” I love when he gets on the piano and just belts it out.”

Quinn Thompson:
Senior Economics and Management major

He totally met Ben Folds: “I saw the show for free and got to meet him backstage. He was just really cool, down to earth. He was genuinely happy to meet us...Quite possibly the highlight of my year.”

Tom Butala, Senior
English major

Better or Worst since splitting with Ben Fold’s Five: “I think he’s actually better now. The music was better than the lyrics before. Now it has evened itself out.”

A Man and his Piano:
Gusties Weigh In

Photography by Galen Mitchell and Alex Messinger
The frontrunners were Ben Folds, Lifehouse and Jack’s Mannequin. We decided based on who we thought would put on the best show; who would appeal to the largest audience,” Thompson said.

Although Thompson could not say exactly how much it will cost to bring Ben Folds to Gustavus, concertideas.com lists the standard price as $40,000. Even still, tickets will be sold to students starting March 3 at the reasonable cost of $10 for students and $15 for non-students.

Thompson reports that all other colleges hosting Folds this year are charging at least $25. “The thing with us is that we’re not out to make a profit off of this show. Coming up ahead is always nice. We’re confident enough that we can attract enough people to make the show worthwhile for us.

We have accounted for the possibility of a loss in the budget,” Quinn said.

As for those students who may be frustrated over CAB funds being used to pay for a concert, Thompson concedes, “That’s a valid point. You’re always going to find something that isn’t of interest to you, but I think CAB’s primary purpose is to provide quality entertainment to all students at GAC,” Thompson said.

“If there’s a campus event, it’s probably CAB that’s sponsoring it. That’s part of college. You need something to do for fun…relative to other schools, we don’t spend nearly as much,” he stated.

Personally, I could not be happier that CAB’s Concert Committee somehow convinced Ben Folds to stop in humble St. Peter, Minnesota. “I was a bit skeptical when I first heard,” Associate Psychology Professor and avid Ben Folds fan Patricia Costello admits. “I thought, ‘Why would he come here? ’ This is not as strange as you would think, however.

Last year Folds completed a tour of college campuses on the East coast and his stop at Gustavus this year is just one of many on another tour of campuses in the Midwest and Pacific Northwest. “He’s been going for years and years,” Thompson said. “He’s always been popular with the college kids.”

“Wish I hadn’t bought you dinner, Right before you dumped me on your front porch.”

“Song for the Dumped”

Speaking as a college kid, I agree. I do not claim to be much of a music guru but I don’t think Thompson and the concert committee were wrong in finding Folds to be a choice that appealed to a large audience.

In 2002, Folds went on a nationwide tour entitled Ben Folds and a Piano. Ultimatey, that’s what you’re getting: a guy and his piano. Luckily that guy knows how to belt out shiver-inducing songs and play his piano like a bona fide rock star.

Over years of songwriting, both with Ben Folds Five, and in a solo career that started in 2000, Folds has struck the perfect combination of quirky lyrics and effortless piano melodies, resulting in songs that deliver. On any of his CD’s, you are sure to find songs that are both cheeky and heartbreaking. Folds’ first solo CD, Rockin’ the Suburbs [2002] is a perfect example.

With lyrics like, “Let me tell y’all what it’s like, Being male, middle-class and white.”

“Rockin’ the Suburbs”

Ben Folds concert promises.

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WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
As the Gustavus Men's Hockey team approaches the home stretch of their season, their post-season future remains unclear. After going 5-4-1 in their last 10 games, the Gusties (11-11-1 Overall, 8-6-0 MIAC) sit in the middle of a crowded conference leader board.

Gustavus got back into MIAC action against two of the top teams in the conference. On Friday, January 17 at Don Roberts Ice Rink, the Gusties were defeated 6-3 by the Royals of Bethel. It was a tough loss for the Gusties as they saw a quick two-goal lead slip away from them in the final minutes of the first period. Sophomore Pat Dynan got the Gusties off to a fast start with a pair of even strength goals in the first five minutes of the opening frame. The Royals would answer however, with two power play goals in the final three minutes to knot the score at 2-2 after 20 minutes of the opening frame.

The Gusties wasted no time as Martinson got the scoring started for Gustavus in what was a tight battle that could have gone either way. The game, Bethel was whistled with only three minutes left in the game. The Tommies would score an empty net goal in the final minute of the game to cap off the 3-0 shutout. The lead would hold throughout most of the period before Bethel once again scored a late goal to make the score 3-3 after three periods of play. In a game that had its share of intensity and were able to flip the score in the last minute. The Tommies would score an empty net goal in the final minute of the game to cap off the 3-0 shutout.

On Saturday night at Don Roberts Ice Rink, the Gusties came out with more intensity and were able to flip the score on St. Thomas. Martinson got the Gusties going with his twelfth goal of the season in the first period. Gustavus mounted two more goals in the second period on scores from First-year defenseman Mitch Carlson and Senior forward Ben Ollila and led 3-0 after two periods. First-year goalie Josh Swartout played strong in nets and held off the Tommies in the third period to record a 3-0 shutout. After a disappointing split with the last place Augsburg Auggies February 1 and 2, Gustavus faced St. John's two weekends ago in a crucial series. Sitting only two points in front of the Johnnies, Gustavus needed to win at least one of the two games in order to stay in position for a playoff spot. The Gusties wasted no time as they came from behind in the opening game of the series to earn a 7-3 victory.

St. John's dominated the pace of play in the first period, and although Swartout played well in goal, the Johnnies managed to put the puck past him with 15 seconds left in the first period. Gustavus answered with a second period goal by Sophomore Rory Dynan to tie the score at 1-1.

After the Johnnies recaptured the lead midway through the second period, the Gusties exploded for four goals in two and a half minutes to take a 5-2 lead. Martinson, T.J. Ridley, Niko Suoraniemi and Cody Mosbeck all scored goals in that quick span. Mosbeck scored again in the third period and Leathers added a late goal for the Gusties to finish the scoring.

The game Saturday night was cancelled due to bad weather, so the Gusties were forced to play an unusual Sunday afternoon game. The road game did not turn out as well for the Gusties as St. John's scored a 7-3 win. Gustavus received goals from Junior Matthew Andres, his first of the year, Ollila and Martinson. Swartout was pulled in favor of Junior Joel Rindelaub after giving up five goals in just over two periods of hockey. After a bye last weekend, Gustavus will play two home games against last-place Concordia (0-13-1) this weekend. The puck drops Friday night at 7:05 p.m. and Saturday afternoon at 2:05 p.m. The Gusties can guarantee one of the five spots in the upcoming MIAC playoffs with a victory this weekend.

Senior Captain, Tim Orell, ranks among the team leaders in assists. His current total of 15 ranks him third on the team. He also ranks among the top five on the team in total points.
Standings
MEN’S BASKETBALL
SCHOOL | MIAC | OVERALL
--- | --- | ---
ST. THOMAS | 4-2 | 20-1
GUSTAVUS | 5-0 | 19-6
CARLTON | 3-2 | 15-7
ST. JOHN'S | 1-2 | 11-10
CONCORDIA | 1-2 | 12-12
ST. OLAF | 0-0 | 11-12
BETHEL | 0-0 | 9-13
AUGSBURG | 0-0 | 9-12
HAMLINE | 0-0 | 7-14
MACALESTER | 0-0 | 6-15
ST. MARY'S | 0-0 | 2-21

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
SCHOOL | MIAC | OVERALL
--- | --- | ---
ST. THOMAS | 4-0 | 20-1
GUSTAVUS | 3-1 | 19-6
CARLTON | 1-2 | 14-7
CONCORDIA | 1-2 | 11-10
ST. OLAF | 0-0 | 9-12
MACALESTER | 0-0 | 8-15
ST. MARY'S | 0-0 | 6-16
AUGSBURG | 0-0 | 6-17

MEN’S HOCKEY
SCHOOL | MIAC PTS | O’ALL
--- | --- | ---
BETHEL | 4-1 | 23 16-6-2
ST. THOMAS | 6-2 | 21 16-5-2
GUSTAVUS | 8-0 | 18 12-0-2
HAMLINE | 10-0 | 15 10-0-2
ST. JOHN'S | 12-2 | 13 8-2-2
ST. THOMAS | 13-2 | 12 8-2-2
BETHEL | 11-1 | 10 8-1-2
HAMLINE | 12-1 | 10 8-1-2
ST. MARYS | 14-1 | 9 6-4-2
MACALESTER | 16-1 | 9 6-4-2
ST. MARY'S | 12-3 | 8 6-4-2

WOMEN’S HOCKEY
SCHOOL | MIAC PTS | O’ALL
--- | --- | ---
BETHEL | 2-4 | 8 3-0-2
ST. THOMAS | 4-2 | 6 3-0-2
GUSTAVUS | 0-0 | 0 3-0-2
HAMLINE | 1-0 | 0 3-0-2
ST. JOHN'S | 2-2 | 0 3-0-2
ST. THOMAS | 2-2 | 0 3-0-2
ST. OLAF | 0-0 | 0 3-0-2
MACALESTER | 1-0 | 0 3-0-2
ST. MARYS | 0-0 | 0 3-0-2

MEN’S TENNIS
SCHOOL | MIAC | O’ALL
--- | --- | ---
CARLTON | 7-2 | 4-1-2
ST. OLAF | 7-2 | 3-1-2
GUSTAVUS | 7-2 | 2-2-2
ST. JOHN'S | 7-2 | 2-2-2
ST. THOMAS | 7-2 | 2-2-2
HAMLINE | 7-2 | 2-2-2
MACALESTER | 7-2 | 2-2-2
ST. BENS | 7-2 | 2-2-2
ST. MARYS | 7-2 | 2-2-2

WOMEN’S TENNIS
SCHOOL | MIAC | O’ALL
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CARLTON | 1-0 | 0-0-0
ST. OLAF | 1-0 | 0-0-0
GUSTAVUS | 1-0 | 0-0-0
ST. JOHN'S | 1-0 | 0-0-0
ST. THOMAS | 1-0 | 0-0-0
BETHEL | 1-0 | 0-0-0
HAMLINE | 1-0 | 0-0-0
ST. OLAF | 1-0 | 0-0-0
MACALESTER | 1-0 | 0-0-0
ST. BENS | 1-0 | 0-0-0
ST. MARYS | 1-0 | 0-0-0

Sports Schedule
Friday
GYMNASTICS
@ UW-STOUT - 6 PM
WOMEN’S HOCKEY
VS. CONCORDIA - 7 PM
MEN’S HOCKEY
@ CONCORDIA - 7:05 PM
Saturday
WOMEN’S TRACK
@ UNIV OF MINN - 11 AM
WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
VS. CARLTON - 1 PM
WOMEN’S HOCKEY
@ CONCORDIA - 2 PM
MEN’S HOCKEY
VS. CONCORDIA - 2:05 PM
MEN’S BASKETBALL
VS. CARLTON - 3 PM

Megan Gode
Weekly Staff Writer

“W”e have so many girls with so much talent and potential that half of our team could be out and we would be just fine,” said Junior Jaime Tsurusaki. This optimistic attitude and confidence in their abilities is propelling the Gustavus Gymnastics team to where they are today. The women’s season goal is to make it to Nationals, and from looking at their recent scores, they certainly have a shot at that.

“We have improved our team score almost every meet. I think if we keep pushing ourselves each day in practice, we could definitely have a chance at going to Nationals,” said Tsurusaki. With a 177.150 to 176.950 win over the defending National Champions, UW-Oshkosh in a dual meet on Saturday, the Gusties have a good outlook of the month to come.

This recent victory against UW-Oshkosh was uplifting for the team’s morale. The girls pulled off an amazing finish using a terrific floor exercise to secure the win. In addition, their team scores are up and their attitudes are, too. Contributing to the girls’ enthusiasm for the meet was the fact that they once again were able to compete at Gustavus Gymnastics team at Young Court, where they find the atmosphere to be especially exciting. This recent burst of energy from the girls and their encouraging surroundings are a good addition in working to accomplish of their goal.

With Nationals approaching, the team is working hard, even adding two-a-day practices from time to time. The Gusties are trying to keep the atmosphere fun and light, to avoid adding unnecessary nerves to the situation. Tsurusaki said, “Mostly we joke around. If someone’s having a hard time, we goof off a little and try to help them out.” This touch of fun is really helpful to the team. The girls are all about supporting each other. Junior Jenny Berglund said, “We cheer each other on, try to have fun and not get down on each other.”

This attitude has certainly been portrayed in their everyday improvements. Tsurusaki said, “We are pushing each other harder. Our team has such good chemistry this year, which really helps.” The Gusties are hoping that their team chemistry will get them far.

The help of the newcomers is a huge part of the success of the Gusties this year, too. As much as the girls miss their teammates from last year, their new talent is plentiful. Tsurusaki said, “All of the [first-years] bring so much potential to our team.”

With the new additions, the Gusties are also gaining momentum in all aspects of the sport. The girls are usually known for their great work on the vault, but they are doing really well in all of their events this year. They are making noticeable strides with their floor team, especially. Junior Aryn Bell said, “We have always been strong on vault, but this year our other events are gaining strength too.”

Now that the girls are forging ahead, they are beginning to look towards regionsals. Said Berglund, “I’m looking forward to regionals to see how we do against the top ranked teams. We have beaten good teams so far this year and it will be interesting to see how this season ends up.”

So, don’t forget to come cheer on the Gusties Saturday, March 8 at Hamline for regionals. It’s in the cities this year, so none of you will have to travel far! The competition will begin at 2:00 p.m.

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

“A thorough knowledge of the Bible is worth more than a college education.”
Theodore Roosevelt

“For the LORD gives wisdom, and from His mouth comes knowledge and understanding”
Proverbs 2:6

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.
Friend in Christ, Tommorah@aad.com
The Gustavus Women’s Basketball team has been red hot over the last two weeks, winning each of their four games, including two victories over teams within the upper echelon of the conference. The 16-7 (15-5) Gusties enter the final week of regular season play riding a four game winning streak, while winning eight of their last ten games overall.

The first game of the two week span was against the Cardinals of St. Mary’s. The Gusties clung to a small lead at the half despite a slow start, and eventually sealed the game with two free throws in the waning seconds. The Gusties then traveled to St. Paul to take on the Tommies, who were co-leaders of the MIAC at the time. The Gusties jumped on top right out-of-the-gate and were able to maintain their lead before their edge dwindled to just one at the midway point. Gustavus was able to overcome a second-half rally by the Tommies and held on for a 55-52 lead to get the key victory.

The following Monday, the Gusties took on the Cobbers in a battle for sole possession of third place in the conference. Gustavus was able to overcome a two-point deficit at the half by shooting 62-percent from the floor in the second half to hold on for yet another crucial victory. The latest contest for the Gusties was at St. Olaf this past Saturday. A back and forth battle throughout the first half resulted in Gustavus trailing by two at the half. The second half had an 18-4 run in store for the Gusties, giving them a lead that they wouldn’t relinquish and clinched the 71-66 win.

Sophomore guard Julia Schultz credits the late season success to hard work and chemistry. “After our slump early on, we figured out what we need to do better and have been working really hard in practice on it,” Schultz said.

The team has been led by injury-plagued Senior Captain Jess Vadnais, who is averaging a little over 18 points per game over the course of the winning streak. Junior Emily Nelson has proved valuable to the team, being able to produce 9.75 points per game in the last four as well as posting a career high 16 points against St. Thomas. Sophomores Brianna Radtke and Katie Layman have also been an integral part of the offensive production, posting 7.3 and 9.5 points per game respectively.

“Want to get hot and go into the playoffs playing as good as we can,” said Schultz. Although the playoff picture is not quite complete, five of the six playoff spots have been secured. While St. Benedict, St. Thomas, Gustavus, Concordia and Carleton have all clinched playoff berths, the top seed is still up for grabs. The Blazers, Tommies and Gusties will vie for that spot, while the remaining five teams will be vying for seeds two through five. The opening round of the conference tournament will take place on Monday, February 25 at the #3 and #4 seeds.
Michelle Obama, wife of Senator Barack Obama, has proven to be a very capable public speaker on the campaign trail.

Your nagging conscience
The spouse’s role

Alya Aziz-Zaman
Weekly Staff Columnist

There has been some recent debate over the role of the First Lady or First Gentleman. Hillary Clinton, as First Lady, broke convention by taking on healthcare initiatives, reforming foster care and moving her office into the West Wing where she served as a close political adviser to her husband.

In this election, she has been alternately praised for what she accomplished during her terms as First Lady and criticized for implying that this was relevant political experience. On top of it all, Bill Clinton is also getting some heat for stepping over his boundaries, or “not knowing his place” as a candidate’s spouse.

Although we don’t vote for candidates’ spouses, they certainly impact how we vote. So to what extent should the First Lady or Gentleman influence the presidency?

The role of First Lady, as there has yet to be a First Gentleman, has never been clearly defined in American minds. Each First Lady has transformed the position to fit the role she desired, and each has had significant influence on American culture in the process. The role of First Lady has also been indicative of the changing role of women in American culture, so it should be no surprise that the role of First Lady has come to hold more and more influence with each passing presidential term.

Speaking of influential women, Michelle Obama recently led an Obama rally at UCLA. Following Caroline Kennedy, Oprah and Stevie Wonder, she took the podium with confidence but didn’t show her true ease on stage until she abandoned the podium altogether and took the mic off the stand.

She intuitively engaged the audience—not just with good speech tactics and lots of eye contact—but with an intensity that was not hard to interpret as genuine emotion. And she didn’t speak solely in ideas, but in real and relevant pictures of American life. “Americans are not in debt because they live frivolously,” she said, “but because someone got sick.” That kind of directness is refreshing in any election year. But as impressed as I was with her eloquence, I can’t say I was surprised by it. She is, after all, a successful, Harvard-educated lawyer. What surprised me was how she commanded the stage with all of the charisma of a natural leader.

Sound familiar? I won’t transcribe the whole speech here (just YouTube it), but what resonated with me most was what Ms. Obama had to say about young people, most of which seemed unscripted and spontaneous—in a good way. “We are still a nation that is still too cynical—particularly young people,” she said. “They say you won’t vote… They say it because they believe, like many Americans, you will fold your arms in disgust and look at this process as if it is some one else’s problem… because we don’t engage—because we are still too cynical.” Does that sound familiar?

When Barack Obama was considering a presidential run and first broached the subject with his wife, she set the condition that he quit smoking as well. At the time, I remember T.V. pundits discussing the great physical and mental strain that might be imposed upon Obama if he were to simultaneously tackle two tasks of such enormity as breaking an addiction and winning the hearts of Americans. Nobody asked, “Isn’t the nature of the presidency simultaneously tackling several enormous tasks?” Nobody said, “He agreed to it, didn’t he?”

I think the smoking anec dot e says something about the Obama’s marriage, which in turn says something about the evolving nature of relationships in America. The Obamas seem to make decisions regarding family, their relationship and big life goals with the same two perspectives—working toward-compromise approach that most of my generation require in relationships. Ms. Obama’s playful public ribbing of Barack has also caught criticism from the media, but such benign little mockeries, in my view, are typical of relationship today. Each generation abandons a bit of the “propri ety” of romance that lingers from previous generations, and being able to take a little banter is just a part of how people fall in love these days.

Granted, Barack and Michelle Obama are both in their forties, but they are still very much a young couple. Not young in the giddy, crazy-in-love way, but in the way that they embody the contemporary relationship values that are quickly replacing older notions of love and marriage.

The obvious question: Am I really suggesting that we vote for a president because we like the potential First Lady or First Gentleman? Because we think the candidate has a solid marriage? No, we should vote for the candidate whose policies we can believe in and whose character we can admire. And for me, the fact that Barack Obama is married to Michelle Obama says a lot about his character.

Everybody loves Reagan
Guns aren’t the problem

Andrew Evenson
Weekly Staff Columnist

Once again we have been confronted with a crazed student opening fire on classmates and professors on a college campus. As most of you know, six students were killed and fifteen others were wounded at Northern Illinois University last week. It goes without saying that Gustavus’ thoughts and prayers go out to the families and friends of all involved.

The other result of such senseless violence is that it forces people to reevaluate the rules and regulations that were designed to protect us from these catastrophes. Many anti-gun groups have come out saying that this is yet another glaring example of why we need stricter restrictions on guns. Our presidential candidates on both sides, who should be most focused on giving us real solutions, have avoided the topic completely.

Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton fear financial opposition and attack ads from the NRA, and John McCain—as of last Sunday—has yet to say anything on the issue because he doesn’t want to scare off the moderates and conservative Democrats who made him the presumptive Republican nominee. The candidates talk a lot about change, but are still stuck in the old politics of not taking a stand on controversial issues. This definitely isn’t the type of change I can believe in.

I believe the victims of this tragedy and those from the earlier tragedy at Virginia Tech deserve better. That is why I feel obligated to give you my opinion on how we can prevent similar disasters from occurring in the future. The only way we will be able to stop these shoot ings is to make sure that craz ies aren’t the only ones with access to guns. We must reassert our Second Amendment rights given to us by the United States Constitution and allow responsible American citizens to “keep and bear arms.”

At Northern Illinois the gunman even had time to reload because no one had the means to stop him. If trained, registered and of-age students, faculty and staff were allowed to responsibly carry firearms on campus, would this kid have been able to cause so much destruction? I hope you are at least willing to consider whether allowing registered guns on campus could possibly reduced the number of students murdered in these cases.

I recently heard a story about a restaurant in one of the sketchier parts of Detroit that was repeatedly being robbed. The owner of the establishment was all but ready to shut down his restaurant, but decided to try one last experiment.
Learning from the Left

GOP’s lack of bipartisanship

John McCain has been criticized by his opponents for his somewhat moderate views and bipartisan actions.

He replaced his “No Guns Allowed” sign with a new sign stating “All Guns Welcome.” Since then, there have not been any more robbery attempts and not a single shot has been fired because criminals know that this is a restaurant that is not to be messed with.

As the old cliche goes, “Guns don’t kill, people do.” Many people feel that giving more people guns will lead to daily Wild West showdowns, more people guns will lead to daily Wild West showdowns, more people guns will lead to daily Wild West showdowns, more people guns will lead to daily Wild West showdowns.

The endorsements of numerous party officials who would vote for him as super delegates, one can only assume that more Democrats are seeking a candidate that will work with Republicans to solve the key issues of the future. The blatant disrespect and contempt shown to McCain by several conservative media pundits has trickled down to the electorate as well. Every time someone like Ann Coulter says she would rather campaign for Hillary Clinton than John McCain because McCain doesn’t agree with the Republican Party on all issues, it further hampers the discourse between Senators Obama and McCain over the idea of both parties actually working together in order to solve the issues of health care, social security, national security and numerous others that concern us all.

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Letter to the Editor

A Warning to All College Students

With Spring Break fast approaching, I want to raise public awareness of a serious threat to the safety of college students: drunk driving.

On 7 October 2000, college student Dana Ambrose, 19, had the green light to cross Pali Highway. A drunk Honolulu cop, 48, sped through the red light and added her to the “teenagers killed in drunk driving crashes” statistics that are offered as an excuse to violate the rights of people under 21. On 19 June 2004, a drunk Detroit cop, 56, drove the wrong way down a one-way street, killing college student Nehemiah Thompson, 20, in a head-on crash. Well, that’s one way to prevent underage drinking.

On 2 March 2006 in Burton, Ohio, a motorist with eleven prior drunk driving convictions, age 47, led police on a high-speed chase. He was driving drunk (0.26 percent BAC), driving under suspension and driving left of center, but at least he wasn’t drinking under age. He crashed head-on into a car with three Hiram College students, but at least he wasn’t buying beer for them. Grace Chamberlain and Andrew Hopkins were 18, and never got a chance to drink legally. Evan Dasilva was 19, and spent weeks in the hospital getting his face put back together with metal plates and screws.

What would reduce the danger faced by college students? Imposing a harsher underage drinking law on innocent persons under 21 who never consented to it in the first place? Conducting more sting operations? Making ID’s harder to counterfeit?

Minnesota residents should send their best suggestions to Senate President James Metzen and the other drunk drivers who decide what laws to pass.

Tom Aliere
Underage Drinkers Against Drunk Driving

Bipartisanship: Continued from page 14

Until the Republican Party can actually reconcile itself to the idea of cooperation and true bipartisanship, it will never be able to regain the trust that was betrayed and is continually betrayed by the shadowy workings of the Bush administration. Under the guise of “executive privilege” there have been shady firings of federal prosecutors, the inexplicable destruction of interrogation tapes, hundreds of “signing statements” reinterpreting the law as well as the broad-scale trampling of our civil liberties by the executive branch.

Moreover, the Administration has refused to cooperate with Congress in carrying out its Constitutionally mandated oversight. Pending the GOP’s address of this problem of trust and betrayal, they should expect another decades-long era of Congressional control by the Democratic Party, as well as at least four years under our nation’s first ever African-American President.

Either way, by the time the GOP leadership actually realizes that they do in fact have a credibility crisis, we’ll have had several years of leadership by the party that works at solving the critical issues facing our nation today; even if that involves the “blasphemous” notion of actually working together to solve our problems.

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Friday, February 22

Chili-Cook Off in the Interpretive Center
5:00 p.m.
If Chief Wiggum brings his home-brewed batch, I’m out of there!

Campus Film, Into the Wild
7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
Contrary to popular belief, it is not a film about walking into the Caf at Chapel Break.

Women’s Hockey at Concordia
7:00 p.m.
O.K., so Concordia’s mascot is the “Cobber,” right? Well, I hope their women hockey players aren’t too big and stalky. Get it? “Stocky”? Hehehe… well slucks, that was a corny joke.

“A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum”
8:00 p.m.
Top three reasons to go to this musical: Brandon Preuss moon the audience. Kristen Weller moons the audience and Michael J. Stiemann moons the audience.

The Vagina Monologues in the Banquet Rooms
8:00 p.m.
Brittany Neighbours’ orgasm monologue is so loud that students at Mankato are left satisfied.

Saturday, February 23

Scholarship Day
9:00 a.m.
If you see a bunch of smart-looking high school seniors walking around, be welcoming and helpful. Remember, with tuition on the rise, they are going to be paying more for their first year of college than any of us did. Try not to laugh at them too loudly.

All-Bach, A Faculty Recital
4:30 p.m.
Heads up, peeps, they don’t mean Amber and Caramel Bach.

LineUs Grilled Cheese and Hot Dog Delivery
5:00 p.m. — 2:00 a.m.
Hungry? Lazy? Call x6677 and let them take care of you.

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum
8:00 p.m.
Kim Braun’s last theatre appearance saw her become immaculately pregnant. Now she is a virgin to the Forum.

Comedy Sportz
8:00 p.m.
Don’t go, I hear they just make the whole thing up when they’re on the stage. Talk about unprepared!

The Vagina Monologues in Alumni Hall
8:00 p.m.
Apparently Mandy Dillenburg’s vagina is P*SSED OFF! Come see why.

Wednesday, February 27

This Day in History:
1974 - People magazine is published for the first time. America’s narcissistic cocoon of self-obsession begins to spin it’s strangling death-grip around our throats.

Announcement:
President’s Ball Tickets on Sale
Why is there only one President’s Ball, shouldn’t there be two? AWWWW . . . SNAAAAAAP!

Open Mic Night at the Courtyard Café
8:00 p.m.
It might attract more people if it were “Open Bar Night at the Courtyard Café.”

WAC Meeting
8:00 p.m.
We should go for the feeling of comraderie and womanhood. I’m there for those awesome couches.

Thursday, February 28

Men’s Hockey at the MIAC Semifinals
All Day
Skate quickly and carry a big stick.

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum
8:00 p.m.
Hey Adam Butler, my mom thinks you’re “quite the cutie.”

Quotes of the Week:
Keenie Halloran: I feel like I’m pregnant, minus the baby part but plus the extra cravings part.

Alison Oppenheimer: He lied to Oprah; YOU CAN’T LIE TO OPRAH!

Shayla Gibbons: Ooh, that a coat’s nice. What is that, llama fur?

Monday, February 25

Announcement:
President’s Ball Tickets on Sale
The only ticket I go nuts over is the one Willy Wonka hid in a candy bar.

Reminder: P.A. and Greeter Applications Due
Forget Katie Mason and Tasha Carlson; The Catcher in the Rye’s Holden Caulfield would have made a fantastic Greeter.

Juggling Club in the Dive
6:30 p.m.
We all know the ultimate juggler would be Sid Selvaraj. Have you seen that boy’s agenda?! Now THAT’s juggling.

Tuesday, February 26

This Day in History:
1797 - The Bank of England issues the first one and two-pound notes. Several years later Jane and Michael Banks create a scene at their father’s bank, inciting a panic and driving people to demand the return of the cash.

Aerobics
12:40 p.m.
If you want to get in shape in a hip and trendy way “Sweatin’ to the 80’s” just isn’t your thing . . .

Gustavus Idol Auditions
5:30 p.m.
Looking for talented singers and dancers; no dignity necessary.

The Pickle misses Fiji . . .