The students choose their Presidents...

Kimberly Braun, first-year, and Lucas Neher, sophomore, have a good reason to be smiling. Braun and Neher were officially elected Student Senate Co-Presidents for the next three semesters at Gustavus during last Monday’s Student Senate election.

Overall, the election had one of the best turnouts in recent history.

“I was very pleased,” said Erin Koppan, chair of the Campaign Ethics Committee. “So many first-years and sophomores turned out to vote. In the election last fall, the sophomore and junior classes had the highest turnouts, but the first-years really stepped it up this spring. This is the first semester that a first-year student has been able to run for Co-President, and that may have helped to get younger students engaged.

All-in-all, nearly one third of the campus voted on Monday, and while we’d always like to see that number get even higher, I think everyone involved with the election was pleased.”

...while Gustavus’ search marches on

Board of Trustees to continue presidential search

Gustavus will continue its search for a successor to President Jim Peterson. On Tuesday afternoon, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously—on the recommendation of the Search Committee—to reject the current set of candidates and continue the search.

In an e-mail sent to the campus community, Chairman of the Board Jim Gale said that although the current candidates were “very impressive” and “warmly received by the Gustavus community,” they were not what the Board and the College are looking for. This came as a surprise to many who expected the Board to announce the new President this week.

At a meeting held Wednesday, Chairman Gale told the community that he expected to have a new President before President Peterson retires. “While life comes with no guarantees, we expect to [hire] a new president this summer, making an interim president unnecessary,” said Gale.

Gale also said that although the existing search committee—made up of faculty, administration, and students—will continue to work, the Board will be creating a new, smaller committee to continue the search. This is meant, according to Gale, to allow candidates who don’t want to make their candidacy public to be considered by the college.

“Some very qualified people, including presidents at other institutions, are not willing to participate in a public search. Some candidates may not want people to know that they are considering leaving their positions,” said Gale.

As part of the search, Gale left open the possibility that the next candidates may not make a visit like the past candidates have. “Ideally, [the Search Committee’s considerations] would include comments collected after a public visit to campus like the visits that took place over the past couple of weeks. However, this is not a certainty. It depends very much on the strength of the candidate or candidates, and his or her tolerance for a public process,” said Gale.

Though Gale refused to get into the specifics of why the three candidates did not meet the expectations of the Board, he promised that the Board would get “aggressively creative” in their search. He also said that the three candidates introduced to the campus would not be part of further searches.

The Board will also consider revising other parts of the process, including the qualifications of a candidate, the composition of the Search Committee and whether they will continue to use the same search consultant, who was hired to assist the college in its search. Also under consideration is the requirement that the President of the College be a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, instituted to maintain Gustavus’ ties to the ELCA.
WEEKLY Safety and Security Report

February 17 – 23, 2008

Tuesday, Feb. 19
Two students while in Sohre Hall were cited for solicitation of funds/distribution of materials in a residence hall without College approval.

Wednesday, Feb. 20
A student was arrested by the St. Peter Police Department for a DUI on College grounds.

Thursday, Feb. 21
A Safety and Security officer responded to a car fire in the Wahlstrom parking lot.
The Department of Safety and Security began investigation into a bias incident.

Friday, Feb. 22
A student reported receiving a nuisance phone call.

Saturday, Feb. 23
Alcohol was seized from an underage room in North Hall.

A student reported damage done to his door in Sohre Hall.

Two non-campus students were cited for underage consumption, and one of the non-campus students was placed under arrest and trespassed from campus.

Tip of the Week:
Ensure a website is secure and reputable before providing your credit card number online. Don’t trust a site just because it claims to be secure. If purchasing merchandise, ensure it is from a reputable source. Promptly reconcile credit card statements to avoid unauthorized charges. Do your research to ensure legitimacy of the individual or company. Beware of providing credit card information when requested through unsolicited emails.
Welsh choirs, like the Fron Male Voice Choir above, sing traditional hymns to celebrate St. David’s Day.

Spring 2008 Election Results

**CO-PRESIDENTS OF THE SENATE**
- Braun/Neher - 53%
- Allen/Martin - 45%
- Other - 2%

**CLASS OF 2011**
- Rachel Schmitt - 61%
- Haylie Nietzell - 37%
- Other - 2%

**CLASS OF 2010**
- Jon Kidd - 59%
- Andrew Nelson - 41%

**CLASS OF 2009**
- Charles Norgaard - 36%
- Ryan Dobbs - 30%
- Andrew Everson - 28%
- Harry Youngvorst - 3%
- Other - 3%

**SORSENSAL HALL**
- Pediginski (write-in) - 14%
- Alison Utke (write-in) - 14% (declined)
- Other - 72%
- Wilsone Hall
- *Nick Harper - 79%
- *Christine Caldwell - 2%
- R. Plund (write-in) - 4% (declined)
- Jon Kidd (write-in) - 3% (declined)
- Matthew Heider - 2.16% (declined)
- Tesa Kubat - 2.16% (declined)
- Patrick Young - 2.16% (declined)
- Drew Clark - 2.16% (declined)
- Brett Wilker - 2.16% (declined)

**INTERNATIONAL CENTER**
- *Jacob Partridge - 100%

**RUNDESTROM HALL**
- Steve Palmer - 86%
- Other - 14%

**SOUTHWEST HALL**
- Bill Tonolli (write-in) - 15%

**Spring 2008 Voter Turnout**
- Class of 2011 - 39%
- Class of 2010 - 38%
- Class of 2009 - 28%
- Class of 2008 - 11%
- Total Student Body - 29%

“The Southwest ran-off election, held last Wednesday, February 27, had not been tallied when The Weekly went to press. See gacspot.com for the results.”

**“Braun and Neher will be the first three semester co-presidents in recent history.”**

Largest St. David’s Day celebration in America at Gustavus

Mary Cunningham
Weekly Staff Writer

C Gustavus is nationally treasured for its academics, food, forensics and a plethora of other things, but few would guess that Gustavus is home to the largest St. David’s Day celebration in North America. The annual event will take place during Chapel services on Friday, February 29.

Ellis Jones, a 1992 graduate and professor for 40 years at Gustavus, conceptualized the Gustavus event 36 years ago. He explained that he was placed in charge of planning the festival after he praised Welsh hymns that were sung in celebration of St. David’s Day. The chapel staff pushed him to create an annual St. David’s day event, and while he wasn’t sure of the idea at first, he eventually agreed. “I’m not modest about being Welsh,” said the retired professor.

Since then the event has grown exponentially. “People come from all over the country,” said Jones.

The Office of College Relations expects more than 50 guests to attend the celebration this year. The event begins with a 20 minute Gwynanfa Ganu, or Festival of Songs. All of the Gustavus choirs will be singing four traditional Welsh hymns. The choirs will be joined by the voices of the congregation, the chapel brass and a full organ. St. David is the patron saint of Wales. His good works and recognition for being a leading figure during the sixth century in Western Europe gained him worldwide recognition. Welsh people from around the world now celebrate St. David’s Day on March 1.

“We encourage people to make a joyful noise on this day,” said Jones.

The final hymn, Cwn Rhond-da, is the Welsh Hymn most often sung and is done so at most important Welsh gatherings. The title means, “Guide me, O thou Great Jehovah.”

Following the 20 minute service, a “Welsh Reception” will be held in Alumni Hall and then Jessica Potter, Executive Director of the Blue Earth County Historical Society, will present a lecture entitled, “Your Welsh Memories and Historical Items.” Finally, the college hosts a “Welsh Luncheon” which celebrates many Welsh traditions.

The festival celebrates the unique Welsh tradition of singing hymns while also giving the Gustavus campus a taste of the rich Welsh heritage.

“The Saint David’s Day festival sounds like a fun event. It’s great that Gustavus can hold something of such great importance to the Welsh community,” said Sophomore Sarah Koepp.

All are welcome to partake in the celebration on Friday, April 29 at 10 a.m. in the Chapel.
The other Luther
Becky Krocak
Weekly Staff Writer

As a means of carrying on Gustavus’ tradition of encouraging justice, the annual Martin Luther King Memorial Lecture will take place on campus next week.

The Gustavus Peace Studies program organizes and sponsors the lecture each year around the time of Dr. King’s birthday. The guest lecturer this year is Professor David Cortright from the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame. Cortright will speak on “The Power of Nonviolence: Effective Strategies Against the Global Terrorist Threat.”

“The Martin Luther King Memorial lecture honors the memory and the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his inspirational efforts to bring social justice for all in America through non-violent action. Each year an activist or a scholar in the tradition of Dr. King delivers this lecture at Gustavus to help keep alive the teaching and example of Dr. King,” said Greg Mason, professor of English and peace studies at Gustavus.

The purpose of the lecture is that “it gives Gustavus the chance to publicly honor and recognize Dr. King’s great contribution to the struggle for equal rights and dignity for all in our country, and it also serves to educate the campus community about his work and achievements,” Mason said.

Not every year, however, does the lecture focus on Dr. King or his life. “The lecture also addresses the continuing tradition of nonviolent activism, in which Dr. King occupies an important role alongside other great figures such as Mohandas Gandhi, Dorothy Day and Cesar Chavez, to name just a few.” The purpose of the lecture is not only to honor King, but to make the history and the achievements of nonviolent action for social justice better known and better appreciated as a viable and effective alternative to violence and warfare,” said Mason.

The lecture will take place next Monday, March 3, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in Alumni Hall. The lecture is free to the general public.

Forensics team wins big
Amy McMullan
Weekly Staff Writer

The Forensics team is on a roll. Last year, the team, Gustavus’ Speech and Debate team, competed against schools across the country and received national recognition. This year, the stage is set for even greater success.

The team of approximately twenty students—directed by Professor Kristofer Kracht—has had an exciting and rewarding season thus far.

In April, 2007, the forensics team earned a top-twenty ranking at the American Forensics Association National Individual Events Tournament, and in doing so, made Gustavus history. “It meant so much to us when we saw George Mason University, one of the top schools in the nation, giving us a standing ovation,” Sophomore Mary Cunningham said.

This season they have continued the history-making momentum of last year. The Gusties won the state championship in February, beating rivals Minnesota State University-Mankato and Concordia College for the state title.

“We figured out that we claimed 43-percent of the trophies we were eligible for,” said Junior Kavan Rogness. Six students were ranked within the top ten individually. Sophomores Emma Moreau and Mary Cunningham placed first and second, and were granted the honor of representing the state of Minnesota at the National Interscholastic Oratorical Association Tournament in April.

Rogness said, the team re-focuses to “ride gold bicycles,” however, and it has many more goals that they hope to accomplish this year and plenty of work ahead. “Last season, we qualified 30 speeches for Nationals. This year, our goal is to qualify 45 speeches,” Rogness said. Currently, the team has qualified 39 speeches for the National Tournament, which will put them in competition against schools across the nation.

The Forensics Team spent a tremendous amount of time together, since they travel as a group regularly and practice together, which helps to create a “cohesiveness” of the team an accomplishment. “In addition to our trophy achievements, the fact that our team really gets along is a major achievement,” Rogness said.

Last summer, Gustavus hosted the first annual Summer Speech Institute, a program in which high school students work with coaches and Gustavus students to prepare for competition during the upcoming speech season. Sophomores Emma Moreau worked for the Institute this summer.

“By the time [the high school students] leave at the end of the week, they have a piece ready for competition. [...] and it opens up the college to younger students, so it is also a terrific recruitment opportunity,” Moreau said.

The work put in this summer seems to have paid off; in one high school tournament, four of the students who attended the camp took first place in their categories with speeches prepared at the Summer Speech Institute.

Eighth students are expected to participate this coming summer. “We anticipate the summer speech program to become one of the greatest high school opportunities in the nation,” said Kristofer Kracht.

The Forensics Team is dedicated to service even beyond the summer months, having volunteered its time coaching high school students at St. Peter High School and Loyola High School in Mankato.

“Service is an extremely huge component. One of the ways we can give back is by helping the high school community,” Kracht said.

It’s a Magnificent March at Mary’s

Enter to win the "You R Special" Special
Flowers, balloons & chocolate - Delivered 2 You!

Name ____________________________
Email ____________________________
Cellphone _________________________

March 13-30, 2008

Mary’s is open this event as an opportunity to give back to the high school community. Call 931-4814 to place your order.

The annual Martin Luther King Memorial Lecture is given in honor of the Civil Rights leader.
Potential greeters hoping to get their chance

Many Gusties remember their first day at Gustavus—from the excitement of a new dorm room to the many cheers of the Gustie Greeters. With Gustie Greeter applications in, the process of selecting a new batch of high-energy Gustavus enthusiasts begins.

Director of Student Activities Megan Ruble said the idea of Gustie Greeters came about “twenty years ago or longer.” When they started out, “they were sort of the welcoming crew—high energy, big smiles, singing, all that stuff. It wasn’t until ten years ago that we started the Greeter group model, where students are in a small group.”

Ruble said that being a Greeter isn’t just about “being a rowdy welcomer” and making “some [first-years] freak out.” Greeters are also responsible for “facilitating and connection making” in the small group settings during orientation.

Each role of the Greeter, however, is equally important. On move-in day, Greeters “make first-year students feel important, feel like they are the center of attention... Greeter groups serve an invaluable role in engagement. Upperclassmen are no longer ‘untouchable,’ they are accessible and welcoming to students,” said Ruble.

Greeter Coordinator Senior Carlie Mauss said of her years as a Greeter, “Taking a group of incoming students and helping them to develop relationships with each other and the campus community has taught me so much about community building. That energy, I think, comes from the passion and desire we all have to celebrate Gustavus, make it a home and build community on campus.”

Ruble said of the application process that there is no “one kind of greeter.” The only kind of requirements are that you “have to love Gustavus... you have to want to serve first-year students and the College, you have to want to put yourself out in a number of different ways. You also have to be a good communicator. Ultimately, I don’t think you can get by without those skills.”

Current Greeter applicant Sophomore Lucas Neher said, “When I came to campus, I thought the Greeters were awesome. They made me feel welcome on campus and I want to do the same thing.”

Applications are currently under review by Ruble and the Student Activities Office. The next step, Ruble said, is group interviews. “We observe applicants in group settings. That’s the [easiest way to] replicate being Gustie Greeters. We want to see the applicants be themselves. Some think they have to stand out, so they try too hard. It’s what they say, not how much they say. [Applicants] should relax and be themselves.”

Gustie Greeters have been an integral part of Gustavus for years and they’ll continue to be important in the future.
Always serving gusties with a smile
Meet Your Fellow Gustie: Naomi Quiram

Marlene Kvitrud
Weekly Staff Writer

Trivia time: Which fellow Gustie has worked in the legal system for twelve years and is now the Director of Postal Services at Gustavus? It is none other than Naomi Quiram.

Starting fifteen years ago and until the tornado in 1998, Naomi Quiram was the Judicial Coordinator with Student Affairs. Since then, she has worked with Postal Services at Gustavus. Her leadership and organizational experiences have helped Postal Services to be more efficient, and the Post Office has even increased their mailings to include approximately sixty businesses.

Although Quiram directs Postal Services and keeps the Post Office on a daily schedule, she says one of the best parts of her job is the interactions she has with students and customers. “There are a lot of ways I stay connected with students, and that is a big part of my job,” said Quiram.

Quiram continually tries to improve Postal Services and make connections with students. She said, “One of the things [that is] important to me is when people come to me with concerns. [Feedback is] the only way to make things [in Postal Services] better.”

Quiram boasted about her student workers and three permanent staff members. “They are the day-to-day workers and we wouldn’t be successful without them,” Quiram said.

Sophomore English major Kady Johnson, who works with Quiram in Postal Services Office, said, “[She] is a great person, very understanding and has a positive attitude all the time.”

Because of Quiram’s leadership and experience, the Post Office at Gustavus has become so successful that other colleges and universities, such as Hamline, have sought her advice on how to improve their own postal services. Quiram is also the co-chair for the South Central Minnesota Postal Customer Council and serves as an advisor to the Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity, Relay for Life and the Cancer Support Group.

When Quiram isn’t volunteering for Gustavus at activities like the Midnight Express or Back-to-School Bash, she enjoys spending time skiing and camping with her husband and children. To relax, she enjoys sitting in front of a warm fire with a good book or movie. She loves going to auctions and can spend all day at an auction looking for an unusual antique.

She said, “I would be remiss if I didn’t mention my great family, and Gustavus is part of it.” Well, Gustavus is sure glad she is part of our family on the hill, too.

If the new Student Senate Co-Presidents could change anything at Gustavus, what would you ask them to change?

Peter Dailey
Senior • Classics and Russian Studies

“Lower caf prices.”

Jenny Broman
Sophomore • Undecided

“Be more eco-friendly.”

Matt Born
Senior • Political Science and Philosophy

“Get a wind turbine.”

Liz Winslow
Sophomore • Music

“Better advertising of Gustavus.”
Reviewing Mankato food: Dino’s Pizza & The Hub

Meghan Kane
Weekly Staff Writer

It’s another Friday night and you’re craving a staple of college food: pizza. St. Peter, however, just isn’t doing it for you anymore—yeah, Domino’s is reliable, but you want something with a little class and pizzazz. What you need is gourmet!

Dino’s New York Style Pizzeria in North Mankato is the place to find gourmet pizzas with bold flavors. The non-greasy thin crust, fresh homemade sauce and plenty of big, chunky toppings will remind you what great pizza is all about.

Try the Mutch’s Gourmet, one of their most popular pizzas. It’s satisfying and topped with so many robust veggies you’ll forget it’s completely meatless. Another “must try” is the Spicy Chicken. This pizza has a pesto sauce and is topped with spiced chicken and roasted red peppers. Sorry super spice lovers, this is a more mild flame, but the subtle spice combined with the tang of the peppers makes this pizza a local favorite.

The pizza isn’t the only thing that makes this place a hot spot—the décor is a hip twist on the classic “mom and pop pizza shoppe.” Still sporting the red and white checkered table clothes, the dim lighting and dark brick walls create a very low key romantic atmosphere—perfect for a night out with some friends or a casual date. Although a bit pricier than chain pizzerias, the quality ingredients are well worth a few extra dollars. Dino’s is right off of Highway 169, which makes it an easy solution to your Friday night pizza woes. Don’t settle for more

of the same greasy, cheese-laden pizza. When you want to experience some pizza with class, head to Dino’s!

The Hub Coffee House and Café in Mankato is a not-so-quaint café that offers a wide array of fun drinks as well as full menus for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The lower seating room has lots of tables, and displays artwork by local artists up for sale. The upper seating area is more intimate with a futon, couch and comfy chairs, ideal for chatting with friends over coffee or bringing your laptop to do a bit of homework. The ambiance isn’t great, and the walls are a little bare upstairs, but it works. The Hub offers free wi-fi, and on my visit there were more than a few students who had set up shop with their books, computer and of course, their drink of choice. If you are in the mood for something cold and fruity, the smoothies are delicious! The Hub knows how to deliver a smoothie that has a fresh and exciting taste without being too sweet or too tart—and if you want, you can top it off with some fresh whipped cream. If you are a chai lover, the Hub has you covered. The chai doesn’t have the bite of spice that chai sometimes has, but is more milky and subdued. If you like your chai mellow, you’re in luck! Personally don’t enjoy straight coffee, but Gustavus alum of ’07, Emily Grimshaw, described the classic dark roast as “great” and would recommend it to any classic coffee lover.

If you are looking for an intimate, hole-in-the-wall type café, the Hub isn’t the place to go. However, if you want a café with space and great drinks, check out The Hub, located in the popular Stadium Mall on the MSU campus.

To place your order go to: www.dominos.com

Click ORDER ONLINE and Login or Register
Click Online Coupons and enter any One of the following Codes

FREE S= Buy a small and get one FREE
FREM M= Buy a Medium and get one FREE
FREL= Buy a Large and get one FREE

There is a code for Xtra Large Pizzas, but we will let the computer science majors figure that one out for themselves.
Each year when January rolls around and the temperature dips into the negative numbers, it’s easy to envy the many Gustavus students spending the month abroad.

If jealousy has not occurred for you yet, pictures of sunsets over warm beaches might do the trick. “We are not here to help students find new beaches around the world,” however, said Director of the International Education Office Patrick Quade. “We are in the business of running academic programs.”

According to Quade, all the time spent reading textbooks and writing essays does not compare to experiencing ideas and places first hand. “You won’t know the Chinese culture until you try to get on a subway in Shanghai,” Quade said.

Around 600 people left the Gustavus campus to study abroad this year, and the majority of them traveled in January. Approximately sixty percent of each class will study abroad by the time they graduate.

This heavy participation results from a long tradition at Gustavus of instilling worldly outlooks in its students, and using programs abroad to achieve this goal. “We work [in] any way we can to fulfill the college’s mission to make sure every student at Gustavus is exposed to a world larger than the U.S.,” Quade said.

Head Men’s Tennis Coach Steve Wilkinson led a trip to

Danielle Harms
Weekly Features Editor

Ahna Gilbertson
Junior Classics Major
Greek Sport and Culture in Greece

“This trip has included many firsts for me: first time on an airplane, first time overseas, [and] first soccer game. My dad always says you can’t appreciate your own culture until you experience another’s. While I’ve only been here for a little over a week, I hope to share the insights I have gained here in Greece. The culture has a slower pace of life; not everything has to start on time. The soccer games have gotten switched around and are starting later, but the Greeks just go with the flow. The one thing that is not slow is the traffic. While there are traffic lights and cross walks, our tour guide says they are for decoration only.”

Amanda George
Junior Psychology Major
Sports Ethics in Australia and New Zealand

“Studying...in New Zealand and Australia was one of the most amazing experiences of my life. Our week in Melbourne was spent watching all the top tennis stars play in one of the most exciting tournaments. One of Gustavus’ own graduates, Eric Butorac, played in the doubles draw... It was so great sitting in 100 degree weather while watching all my favorite professional tennis players!”

Greta Johnson
Senior Psychology Major
Identity, Resistance and Liberation in South Africa

“Today was the last full day of Africa Jam camp, so we got a lot of free time. I learned some more Afrikaans (“Hallo, hu kan det?” = “Hello, how are you?). I can’t believe how incredibly talented these kids are. They all know at least two languages, and today I met a girl who is fluent in five! I’ve been asked a few times now how many I speak, and each time I feel a little sheepish when I say “just one.” I’ve also been asked if I’m coming back to camp next year, or if I’m coming to the World Cup in 2010. It’s hard to know what to say. I’ve never met such warm and genuine people in my life. It was easy for me at first to feel sorry for them because I saw the conditions they were living in, but after getting to know some of these kids, I see that they have so much joy. Though many of them grew up in some of the poorest communities around Cape Town, it has not affected their character in the slightest.”

Photo Illustrations by Galen Mitchell
Australia and New Zealand. “The class was the ‘experience of a lifetime’ for everyone who went on the trip,” said Wilkinson. Many students and professors agree that their Januaries abroad had a similar impact. “This trip was pretty much the best thing that ever happened to me,” said Junior Psychology major Amanda George of her time spent in Fiji for the course, “Gender and Intercultural Communication.”

What is it about moving out of the classic classroom setting that has such strong impact on students? “J-Term study abroad offers an immersion experience into another culture, an experience from which students gain insight into their own culture and values,” said Communication Studies Professor Leila Brammer, after teaching the class in Fiji. “Education and learning become real and alive,” Professor of Health and Exercise Sciences Bonnie Reimann said. “There is learning occurring in every experience, every day. You can read...about the Ancient Olympics in Olympia, but you don't really understand or get a sense for it until you go there.”

The International Education Office is already looking towards next year. In 2009, 15 off-campus domestic and international classes will be taught by Gustavus professors. The office is preparing a brochure that will be available to students starting March 17.

Laura Ofstad
Junior English Major
Gustavus Symphony Orchestra Tour in China

“This morning we took the bus into the mountains outside of the city. There were no more skyscrapers and pent up apartment buildings; beyond the trees bordering the highway, mountains loomed over rice paddies. The Guilin countryside, known for its perpetual greenness, as our guide kept telling us, was cast over with grey from the cold storms, and some of the trees were bent over with the weight of the frost. This is their coldest winter in fifty years. When we arrived at our hotel in Yangshuo, the smallest town we would stay in, we were welcomed with a tradition lion dance. One yellow and one red, each manned by two people and accompanied by a small band, they danced, nodded, jumped, and swayed to the percussive music while we looked on, surrounded by a crowd of locals.”

Tasha Carlson
Senior Communication Studies Major
Gender and Intercultural Communication in Fiji

“Our Air New Zealand flight touched down in Nadi, Fiji. The humidity was so incredible, the lens of my camera fogged up. Over the next few days, we enjoyed learning about the Fijian culture. Americans use a credit card to buy a set of pots and pans or a rug. Fijians search the forest for wood in order to carve bowls and spoons. Women search the forest for palm leaves and spend months weaving rugs for their homes. We took a day trip to Beqa village on Beqa island. The village population was 300 individuals. The houses in the villages were made of boards and tin roofs. The children ran around the village in tattered clothes, no shoes, and huge smiles. After introducing myself to two adorable little girls named Josie and Carra, they proceeded to lead me around the village by the hand. Although language was a barrier between us, our eyes and smiles conveyed everything.”

Lauren Hansen
Senior Nursing Major
Transcultural Caring in Tanzania

“(My class] spent about a week in Tungamenga village working in the dispensary (like a clinic here in America) helping to diagnose and treat patients. We saw some very interesting patients and gained experience recognizing diseases such as malaria, worms and opportunistic diseases such as HIV. We also spent a lot of time with the people of the village...The thing which impressed me the most was that even though they had next to nothing and daily survival was the biggest task at hand, everyone was so happy. The people of Tanzania had so much joy that did not come from materialistic things but from personal relationships and the fact that they were alive to experience another day.”
Last week, both Gustavus’s Men’s and Women’s Swimming and Diving teams claimed MIAC titles at the University of Minnesota Aquatic Center in Minneapolis. The men finished with a winning score of 874 points, an impressive 131 points higher than reigning MIAC champion and heated rival St. Olaf, to claim their sixth conference title in the past seven years. On the other side, the women finished with a cumulative score of 697.5, earning themselves their second consecutive conference title. The men, led by Junior Matt Stewart and Sophomore Skylar Davis, and the women, led by Sophomores Carrie Gunderson and Christi O’Connor, await the NCAA selections for the National Swimming and Diving Championships. The women’s meet takes place March 13-15 and the men’s follows on March 20-22. Both Division III National Championship meets will be held in Oxford, OH.
Sports Editor: Andy Keenan

@ miac final - Tba
mens/womens baskeTball
@ miac semi-final - Tba
Vs. carleTon - 2 Pm
Vs. beThel - 10 am
Vs. beThel - 6 Pm
Vs. uniV. of sioux falls - 1:30
Vs. uw- eau claire - 9 am
mens Tennis
saturday
@ uw- la crosse - 7 Pm
GymnasTics
@ Pre-miac meeT (carleTon)-
Track
friday
SCHOOL        MIAC       O'ALL
st. mary's
beThel
concordia
st. Thomas
hamline
macalesTer
st. john's
st. olaf
gusTaVus
st. ben's
st. olaf
augusburG
st. keTe's
hamline *
concordia *
st. Thomas *
gusTaVus *
SCHOOL       MIAC   PTS  O'ALL
concordia
augusburG
st. mary's
st. olaf
gusTaVus *
beThel *
st. Thomas *
hamline *
SCHOOL         MIAC   OVERALL
st. kaTe's
hamline
concordia
st.mary's
macalesTer
st. olaf
auGsburG
beThel
hamline *
concordia *
gusTaVus *
st. Thomas *
st. ben's *
st. mary's
macalesTer
st. olaf
auGsburG
st. john's *
beThel *
concordia *
gusTaVus *
st. Thomas *

10-6-2
6-10-2
4-12-2
4-11-3
8-6-2
11-3-2
5-12-1
5-11-2
6-7-3
8-7-3
11-4-1
11-4-1
8-9-1
14-4
6-10
10-6
18-0
4-12
10-10
10-10
8-14
8-14
0-1
0-1
0-1
0-1
1-0
1-0
1-0
1-0
1-1
0-2
0-2
0-2

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Gustavus Men's Tennis team has been the dominant athletic program competing for the black and gold by a long sight. Since 1969, legendary head coach Steve Wilkinson's first year on the hill, the Gusties have won 34 of the past 37 MIAC Championships and have won every one since 1989—the year most of the freshman class was born. Although the 2008 edition of the Gusties haven’t had a chance to add to their astonishing 528-1 dual match record, they have been adding to a different trophy case before chasing another MIAC Championship.

Over this past weekend, Gustavus hosted the ITA Division III National Indoor Championships and the home court advantage came up big for the Gusties. Gustavus came into the tournament seeded third and their respective matches and swept together as a team, and I am so proud of them. Beating Trinity, Emory, and Santa Cruz in the same weekend is an accomplishment they will always remember.”

Try today’s SOUP AND SANDWICH PERFECT PAIR

We’ve paired up our favorite soups with their most complementary sandwich for the perfect flavor match.

Try a CUP, BOWL or HALF-GALLON with your sandwich today!

MANKATO
501 S. Front Street
386-0708
1780 Madison Ave.
385-1919

St. Peter
224 S. Minnesota Ave.
934-2020
Hey Gusties!

Want to Get Away?

Applying to be the Weekly
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Want to run the Weekly? Apply for the top editorial and managerial position for The Gustavian Weekly.

Run Weekly Meetings
Oversee the entire paper
Work with writers and editors
Approve and generate story ideas

If you are interested, email Weekly@gac.edu
Applications are due Sunday, March 9th

Locust Street Hotel
and Licensed B&B

A private lodging and dining option is now available in Saint Peter.

This large, well-appointed private home is available for special events, retreats, and overnight gatherings. Gourmet kitchen on site. Perfect for alumni, faculty, students, and visiting parents. The Locust Street Hotel is a licensed B&B. Breakfast is at 10:00am. Bring your music, or listen to ours.

Please contact Michael at (612) 990-0090

Hey Gusties!

Locust Street Hotel
and Licensed B&B

A private lodging and dining option is now available in Saint Peter.

This large, well-appointed private home is available for special events, retreats, and overnight gatherings. Gourmet kitchen on site. Perfect for alumni, faculty, students, and visiting parents. The Locust Street Hotel is a licensed B&B. Breakfast is at 10:00am. Bring your music, or listen to ours.

Please contact Michael at (612) 990-0090

Not only are (left to right) Burton and Forster co-workers but they are housemates off-campus. Alex Meisner
Top Right: Burton in action sharpening a pair of skates.

Unsung heroes

Seniors Luke Burton and Tony Forster provide a vital service for the Don Roberts Ice Rink faithful

Tony Forster has driven the zamboni and Luke Burton has been the women’s skate sharpener since they were both freshmen in 2004. For Forster, driving the zamboni has been more than just a job; it has practically been a lifestyle. Forster has been behind the wheel of zambonis longer than a car. He got his start at the ripe age of 15 in the ice arena of his hometown, Shakopee. To this day, Forster remains a loyal employee of Shakopee Ice Arena despite going to school full time and working at Don Roberts Ice Rink at Gustavus. Earlier this fall, Forster agreed to help out at the Le Sueur Community Center, resurfacing their ice a few days a week. “It got to be pretty stressful. I was working up to 52 hours a week, plus commuting between Gustavus, Shakopee and Le Sueur,” said Forster. “But I love the game of hockey and wanted to give back to the sport that has given so much to me.” It hasn’t been all fun for Forster through the years, however. Along the way he has encountered his fair share of embarrassing moments. His most memorable story came in his freshman year of college, resurfacing the ice for the first time. “The first game I worked, I didn’t realize that the rink was warmer than usual. When I went out to resurface after the first period I put a lot of water on the ice. Since it was my first ‘zam’ at a Gustavus game, I was nervous and drove slower than usual. A couple of laps around the ice I realized that there was so much water on the ice it couldn’t freeze. The ice was so flooded that the game was delayed for 15 minutes while the coaches, players and fans stared at me impatiently. It was pretty embarrassing.” Luckily, Forster didn’t give up and has provided over three years of outstanding service.

Similarly, Burton’s experience in hockey started when he was a 15-year-old high school student at Bloomington Kennedy. There he found a job with Westwood Sports, one of the premiere hockey shops in the area. He learned the art of sharpening skates under legendary sharpener, Greg Jeans. Like Forster, Burton has run into several ups and downs. “When I was a junior in high school I was sharpening a pair of skates. After the skates are sharpened, a flat honing stone is used to smooth out the rougher outside edges. As I was quickly running the stone on the blade of the skate, my hand slipped and I sliced the edge of my thumb clear open,” told Burton. “There was blood all over the skates and counter.” It was an accident that resulted in five stitches and a noticeable scar that shows proof of his love for the game.

He claims the incident never held him back from sharpening again. As the sole sharpener for the Gustavus women’s hockey team, Burton has watched the team go 70-10-1 (52-1-1 MIAC) over the past three seasons, including three MIAC championships and two NCAA tournament appearances.

When consistency counts, it is reassuring to have the work of these two men under your feet. You can catch the craftsmanship of Forster and Burton this Saturday at the women’s afternoon playoff game against the winner of Hamline and Bethel; puck drops at 2:05 p.m.
controversial issues, but I’m not sure schools would like to high school students? I’m uncomfortable. Should politicians be giving propaganda useful science will be given to you because right-wing fringe organizations like NASA just are claming at this very moment to blame these contradictory evidences on oil companies and evangelical Christians.

I listened to her views on how Minnesota who has a strong passionate representative for high school kids. Maybe forcing students to be force-fed only one side. Senator Klobuchar chose the spring for her trip to Greenland, probably thinking the normal annual melting of the ice would make for a more dramatic film for high school kids. Maybe in response, Mike Huckabee’s supporters Chuck Norris and former pro-wrestler Rick Flair should make a documentary in Minnesota during the frigid winter round-house-kicking and body-slamming her flawed claims by presenting the NASA research that reports growing of other ice caps in the arctic. NASA has also reported research finding that our planet is recovering from a miniature ice age and has not yet fallen to the previous levels.

However, this type of information never makes it into these biased presentations. According to Ms. Klobuchar, “We’ve received the science and you all know it,” but only the politically useful science will be given to you because right-wing fringe organizations like NASA just make things up for sinister ends. I’m sure liberals are claming at this very moment to blame these contradictory evidences on oil companies and evangelical Christians.

Amy Klobuchar would have you believe that every scientist in the world is driving a hybrid and screaming about a fiery Armageddon, but the Heartland Institute in 2003 took a survey that told otherwise. Their survey showed that of 500 climatologists, meteorologists and other climate-related scientists, only a slight majority even believed that humans had some effect on global warming, and beyond that, a majority believed that it was not yet time for global warming to be turned over to policy makers. They are perhaps a little more hesitant to jump on the bandwagon this time. For some reason politicians are pushing man-created global warming as fact when a majority of scientists aren’t asking them to. This is what happens when science is driven by politics instead of the other way around.

Gustavus has taken the same bait as our Senator. They followed the liberal college status quo this year by having only like-minded speakers at the energy-focused Nobel Conference. I believe the Nobel Committee selects the speakers, but Gustavus has never had any contradicting speakers on these issues on campus. Isn’t the conference supposed to be about experts on all sides having intellectual debates? Perhaps liberals aren’t always as open-minded as they claim to be. I guess you do have to question the decision making skills of a group that gave Al Gore the Nobel Peace Prize for making a movie. I’d like to give next year’s Peace Prize to Oprah Winfrey for creating the television show “The Big Give.”

There are a few points where Senator Klobuchar and I do agree. I do believe that the temperature of the globe is rising, and I also believe that we should all show respect for the environment wherever and whenever possible. The problem is that I believe the ideas of Amy Klobuchar and other politicians around the world will sacrifice economic growth and hamper our ability to give aid to less fortunate people around the world in order to enact policies that will provide theoretical solutions for theoretical problems that could affect our planet hundreds of years from now. In my view, we can only have real environmental progress when it is financially beneficial for families and companies to change their ways without subsidies and mandates that ruin our economy and create inflation.

I hope Senator Klobuchar will continue to make visits to Gustavus, but I also hope that we can have other speakers on the other side of such important issues. I am more than happy to give you a list of highly respected professors and scientists from MIT, Princeton and the United Nations just to name a few, but that really shouldn’t be my job. Let’s open up the discussion and let “cooler heads prevail.”

Everybody loves Reagan

Judging Amy
Learning from the Left

Why did we go into Iraq?

at least 935 false statements between the launch of the attack on Iraq and September 11, 2001. These false statements ranged from Saddam having links to 9/11 and Al-Qaeda as well as the idea that they had weapons of mass destruction and that he was preparing them to use against both our friends and allies. I’ll give you a few direct quotations from Dick Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld and George Bush then compare them to the responses by various government officials to further understand just how terribly we were being lied to about the War in Iraq.

On August 26, 2002, in an address to the national convention of the Veteran of Foreign Wars, Cheney declared: “Simply stated, there is no doubt that Saddam Hussein now has weapons of mass destruction. There is no doubt he is amassing them to use against our friends, against our allies, and against us.” In fact, former CIA Director George Tenet later recalled, Cheney’s assertions went well beyond his agency’s assessment at the time. Another CIA official, referring to the same speech, told journalist Ron Suskind, “Our reaction was, ‘Where is he getting this stuff from?’” On May 29, 2003, in an interview with Polish T.V., President Bush declared: “We found the weapons of mass destruction.

The Rogness rant

It takes two to tango

First off, the article asserts that many Republicans consider McCain a lesser candidate due to his history of compromise with Democrats in Congress, and I would agree that this is the case. However, it goes on to declare that this makes Republicans uncooperative and further the partisan tensions in the nation, essentially saying that the GOP is to blame for partisanship. This couldn’t be further from the truth.

Republicans and Democrats are equally to blame for the partisan nature of the country. It takes both sides of a political spectrum to create partisan tensions. Also, is partisanship necessarily bad? My father, a firm conservative, has told me that he genuinely appreciates the liberals in our government; they help maintain a functioning, non-extremist government. If blame must be given for this, let’s make it sure it’s given to the proper party—both parties, and in equal measure.

Continued on page 15
Governor Pawlenty’s Reaction to the New MN Gas Tax

The writer states that, “At last week’s article, “Guns aren’t the problem,” stated his opinion on the school shootings, and I respect what he wrote, but unfortunately I cannot agree with him. Let’s start with the term that the writer used to describe the shooters—“crazies.” The people that commit these atrocities were not born killers or “crazies.” It is the lack of love and respect that they have been shown throughout their lifetime that is to blame, like the disrespect you show when you refer to the perpetrators as “crazies.” I strongly disagree with the writer’s statement, “The only way we will be able to stop these shootings is to make sure that crazies aren’t the only ones with access to guns.” In my opinion, the best way to put an end to not only school shootings but also the many wars that are plaguing the world, is to show the love and respect to everyone that they deserve. The writer states that, “At Northern Illinois the gunmen even had time to reload because no one had the means to stop him.” Once again I disagree. Many people had the means to stop him long before he got his hands on the gun—by simply giving him a little respect. Let us try one last experiment. Let’s replace our signs of hierarchy and aggression with a sign stating “Grow Towards Tolerance.” I would like to end on a positive note and say that I agree, “It is our responsibility to take proactive steps to ensure the safety of current and future students”—but let’s make these steps of love and not of defense.

Ben Wagner '08

Letters to the Editor

Inherent dangers in gun ownership

Having read last week’s article, “Guns aren’t the problem,” I felt an opposing response was necessary. I strongly disagree with the opinions presented in the article regarding allowing guns on campus to prevent campus shootings. It is my belief that this is based on a dream of the perfect responsible citizen being able to calmly draw a concealed weapon under fire and with true aim stop a shooter from continuing on his rampage. The writer’s arguments simply do not hold up when this dream figure is removed from the picture. The author states that allowing responsible gun users on campus would not lead to Wild West shootouts. I agree, but I must point out that campuses have their share of drinking. Some of the most responsible people I know become angry and reckless after drinking. Guns and drinking are not a good combination. A responsible person might say that they will use a gun for one thing, but wind up using it for others.

The writer’s main claim is that guns on campus would deter potential shooters. He cites a Detroit restaurant where allowing guns inside stopped the place from being robbed. This comparison is misleading; one cannot compare robbery to a campus shooting. Robbery is about money, with no intention of getting killed in the process. Many school shootings end with the shooter(s) killing themselves, a fact that reduces the chance of on-campus guns scar ing them off. More guns could potentially create a crossfire which could get more people hurt.

Just because someone is carrying a gun around doesn’t mean that they will be able to use it properly when someone is shooting back. It’s a mistake to assume that someone with a gun will just end a shooting right there. What if they miss? What happens when the shooter returns fire? What if more people get hit due to this gunfire?

Sure, it’s possible that armed students would lessen the danger or time of a shooting. But this cannot be proven, nor can it outweigh the possibility that more guns would make it worse. I would feel much safer knowing people around me aren’t carrying guns.

Ben Christensen '10

Iraq: Continued from page 14

We found biological laboratories of false information and public pronouncements that ultimately misled the American people and this nation’s allies on their way to war.

Despite all of these revelations and conclusions, we are still left with the question of what exactly all this deception and trickery was for. Why exactly did President Bush’s Administration feel the need to instigate this war? We had gained a great deal of support around the world for the tragedy of 9/11 to prosecute these terrorists, but it was all lost once we declared war. It distracted our forces in Afghanistan from the goal of eliminating Al Qaeda, and helped swell their ranks due to an increase in anti-American sentiments in the Middle East.

Numerous individuals believe that the Bush administration’s reasons for the invasion in Iraq were not about bringing democracy to Iraq, but oil. Alan Greenspan, former Chairman of the Federal Reserve, certainly seems to think that the War in Iraq is over oil. “I am saddened that it is politically inconvenient to acknowledge what everyone knows: the Iraq war is largely about oil.” Yet, President Bush’s Administration has repeatedly denied that the War in Iraq was ever about oil.

As can be found in a CBS article from November 22, 2002, Donald Rumsfeld said, “The conflict with Iraq is about weapons of mass destruction, it has nothing to do with oil, literally nothing to do with oil.” Ironically, Bush stated in an August 31, 2005, edition of Boston Globe that the War in Iraq is about oil—it’s about the U.S. protecting Iraq’s vast oil fields from terrorists. Granted, those terrorists were in Iraq only after we invaded their country, but that is one fact about which I’m sure the Bush administration would never mislead us.

What I’d really like to see is President Bush telling every family member who has lost a son, daughter, father, mother, brother or sister what exactly this godforsaken war was for with a straight face. Sadly though, I can only wait for history to pass judgment on his presidency to truly determine the extent of his idiocy and lies. Until then, all I can do is work hard to elect a president that understands the principles of a “just war” and who will seek to pull our troops out of a war that seems to have a revolving door of reasons for why we are still there today.

Quote of the Week

“I try to avoid commenting on my successor because he has enough problems.”

ALAN GREENSPAN, former Fed chairman, on Ben Bernanke and the troubled state of the U.S. economy
Campus Film, No Country for Old Men
7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
Due to the travesty of fellow-Minnesotan Diablo Cody’s film Juno getting screwed out of Best Picture, I say we boycott this b*tch.

Baumgartner Four-Hand Piano Recital in Bjorling
7:30 p.m.
Four-Hand Piano Recital? What is this, a music concert or a toy from Sex World?

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum
8:00 p.m.
It’s like 300, but with more women and bigger codpieces.

Sadie Hawkins Night at the Dive
10:00 p.m.
Girls, you bring the guys. Guys, you bring the raging hormones, lack of respect and lowered inhibitions. Great, we’re golden!

Women’s Tennis vs. Bethel University
10:00 a.m.
If Bethel wins, do they dump Holy Water over the coach?

Women’s Tennis vs. Mankato State
6:30 p.m.
Let’s face it, the only thing their athletic department is good for is hosting the Minnesota Vikings in the summer.

Line Us Improv Comedy at the Courtyard Café
7:00 p.m.
They’re either smokin’ hot, or Brandon Boat’s cigarettes set them all on fire.

Campus Film, No Country for Old Men
7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
I thought this was a film version of the feminist Utopia-novel, Herland.

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum
7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
Katelyn Johnson and Andrea Gallisson nearly make out on stage. It’s like the Madonna-Briney kiss . . . but Andrea and Katelyn are good singers.

Revelation in the Dive
9:00 p.m.
It’s a spirited celebration of faith in the Dive, including break-dancing. Anyone watching me break-dancing would not experience revelation so much as revulsion.

Thursday, March 6
Day at the Capitol
7:45 a.m.
The difference between you and me, Tony Spain, is that I just want to whine about the rising cost of college tuition; you actually want to take action to solve the problem. Snaps for you.

Plautus “Mostellaria”
8:00 p.m.
St. Olaf students are performing an original musical here at Gustavus. Heads up, Swedes, the Norwegians are charging the Hill. Let’s keep them out with our mascot, Gus the Lion, and hope that they do not in turn bring THEIR mascot, Ole the Lion.

Fika
9:15 p.m.
Coffee at the Swedish House is quite amusing . . . unlike “Falling Slowly” beating out Enchanted for the Best Original Song Oscar.

Quotes of the Week:

Professor Phil Bryant: Your descriptions should roll out, like a hundred beer kegs on a Wednesday night down The Hill.

Megan Bren: Boyfriends are like puppies. It’s always fun to go play with the neighbor’s, but when it’s yours you have to open your eyes, look around and realize, “Wow. It craps all the time.”

Ralene Caswell: I’m in CPR Training right now. So far they’ve taught us to detect emergencies. (Looking around Courtyard Café disinterestedly) I don’t detect any emergencies.

* The Calendar Page is considered editorial. The opinions expressed herein are not the opinions of the Gustavian Weekly, but the expressions and opinions of an immature mind. Readers are advised that none of these rants are to be taken seriously.