The Board of Trustees decided last Friday, April 25, to hire Jack Ohle as the fifteenth president of Gustavus. Ohle will replace current President Jim Peterson, who announced his retirement last fall. Currently President of Wartburg College, Ohle will begin his tenure at Gustavus on July 1. Though he plans to build on the successes of President Peterson, Gusties should expect some changes from the incoming president.

The Board of Trustees made its decision after an earlier search was ended without hiring a president. The Board subsequently began a more confidential search and is pleased with the results. “I welcome Jack Ohle to Gustavus. This is a great day for the College,” Board of Trustees Chair Jim Gale said in a press release. “Jack has all the attributes that we were looking for in our next president. He has strong leadership skills, broad experience in higher education, a strong understanding of what makes Gustavus a special place, and innovative ideas to help move Gustavus forward as a first-class liberal arts institution.”

Ohle will arrive at Gustavus with ten years of experience as president at Wartburg College, an ELCA college in Waverly, IA, as well as over 30 years in other collegiate positions. And, though Ohle bears the nickname of MIAC rival St. Olaf, Ohle’s son graduated from Gustavus.

Both Ohle and his wife Kirsten are looking forward to working with their new community. “I think the skills are [at Gustavus] and that undergirds everything; the enthusiasm, the energy and the positive attitude [are all here]. I think you feel that, and when we started this process, I could see a lot of that enthusiasm [in Jack] when he started to learn about things that Gustavus was planning and wanting to do,” said Kirsten Ohle.

Ohle graduated from Ohio Northern University in 1969 with a degree in social work, completed graduate work at Hamma School of Theology and received a higher education administration Master of Arts degree from Bowling Green State University. He also received an honorary degree from Wartburg Theological Seminary. Ohle has served at a number of different academic institutions, including ten years as Vice President for Advancement at Nebraska Wesleyan University.

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Student-parents face difficulties on-campus

At many schools, sex is as much of the college experience as studying, sleeping and partying. More commonly than students would like to think, the outcome of this decision is unplanned pregnancy. Gary L. Rose, M.D., President of the Medical Institute for Sexual Health said, “Forty-three percent of college-age women report having been pregnant at some time.”

On our campus of 2,572 students, the appearance of student parents is rare, which raises questions as to whether or not Gustavus is open to this lifestyle.

Sophomore Health Fitness Major Ryan Ungs, father of a 16-month-old boy, said, “Because there are so few Gusties that have children … it’s not something that professors or administration really consider.”

“Gustavus is not hospitable for Gustie student parents. … There’s a lot of pressure given from every angle at Gustavus telling students what a Gustie should be, and none of these pressures include parenting before you graduate,” said Senior English Major Barbara Guy. “Gusties are told these things are valued: Finding a career right after you graduate or else going into some swanky internship or volunteer corps; you may get engaged your senior year of college, but not married before you graduate. If you get pregnant, you have been irresponsible and ‘unsafe.’”

Assistant Dean of Students Ruth Johnson believes meeting the needs of parenting presents an additional challenge on top of being a college student. “The college can try to help, but our main focus is the traditional-aged college student. I don’t know if the college would ever encourage students [to have children now]—it’s a life-changing decision … they have to have a sharp reordering of their priorities,” said Johnson.

Senior Elementary Education Major Jaclyn Martin is the mother of an eight-and-a-half-month-old girl, and has experienced such a shift in her lifestyle. Martin played hockey and golf her previous years at Gustavus and made the decision to quit both. “You have to give things up … it was kind of a bummer because it is my senior year,” Martin said.

Ungs can relate. “I started playing football at Gustavus, but I had to quit because I needed to work before [son] Hayden was born,” said Ungs.

Ungs has also had to change his academic behavior. “I find it really hard to be able to be as involved in activities and classes as the professors require, because I don’t have time to come to campus in the evenings or spend hours at the library when I would have to find a babysitter to get out of the house. It is a trade-off, but I would rather be a good father with a below average GPA than ignore my son and get straight As,” Ungs said.

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Sunday, April 20
A student reported the theft of his unlocked bicycle—matching the description of a black Schwinn High Sierra 18-speed mountain bike with thin whitewall tires—from the bicycle rack in front of Prairie View Apartments.

Monday, April 21
Safety & Security responded to a medical assist in Old Main.

Money was reported stolen from a guest staying on campus.

Thursday, April 24
A white Blackberry Pearl mobile phone, valued at $150, was reported missing from the Campus Center.

A non-GAC student was cited by Safety & Security and SPPD for underage consumption of alcohol, and arrested by the SPPD for Trespassing. A GAC student was cited by Safety & Security and SPPD for underage consumption of alcohol. The GAC student was also issued a Social Host violation.

Two students while in Pittman Hall were cited for underage consumption by Safety & Security and the SPPD. One student was cited by Safety & Security and SPPD for a narcotic violation, and by Safety & Security for a weapons violation.

A student reported that his unlocked bike—matching the description of a Diamondback 21-speed mountain bike, black in color—had been stolen from the bike rack at Southwest Hall.

Friday, April 25
Safety and Security officers responded to a call for medical assistance in North Hall.

Several related incidents of vandalism to college property were reported.

Saturday, April 26
A hit and run automobile accident occurred at the College Avenue entrance to the College.

A student was cited by Safety & Security for underage alcohol consumption and transported by the SPPD to DETOX.

Tip of the Week:
Tip from the Minnesota Attorney General’s Office:
As graduation approaches, increasing numbers of college students are finding themselves buried in credit card debt in addition to their student loans. The Minnesota Attorney General’s Office encourages students to fully understand the charges associated with the use of credit cards before applying for one.

The General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress, issued a report on the use of credit cards by college students. The report (available at www.gao.gov) stated that some students found themselves in serious financial trouble because of excessive credit card debt. One college administrator complained that the vendors created a “carnival atmosphere,” with loud music and games, noting that “the incentives, along with the party atmosphere, masked the responsibilities of owning a credit card,” especially since there was no discussion of the consequences of misusing a credit card.

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**Students to hold Cinco de Mayo celebration**

**Charles Owens**

Weekly Staff Writer

From 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday, May 5, the Heritage and Saint Peter Rooms will hold a celebration of Cinco de Mayo. The event will be sponsored by the Orgullo Latino Association (OLAS)—the Latino student organization on campus. “This is our biggest event of the semester,” said Sophomore Sociology and Anthropology Major Jennifer Tejada, a member of OLAS.

The celebration will include authentic Mexican food prepared by members of the organization. The food served will include Pastel de Tres—a three-milk cake—and tostadas, which are toasted tortillas usually served with refried beans and beef. Homemade salsa will also be served.

Another feature of the celebration will be the performance of a Mariachi band. “I’m really excited because we’re having the band, and I think a lot of people will be excited because there’s a band,” said Tejada. Mariachi music originated in Mexico in the eighteenth century, and traditionally consists of three violinists, two trumpeters, two guitarists and a bass player, with all members contributing vocals.

This particular band comes from Minneapolis. “We tried doing some research on different bands,” said OLAS Co-President and Junior Spanish Major Angela Hernandez. “One member saw this band at a restaurant. It’s been [hard] because they don’t speak English. Just doing all the contracts has been stressful, translating and trying to get them to understand the agreement.”

OLAS also plans to have a type of dancing called “Baile Folklorico,” which will serve as a break from the Mariachi performance. “We want to have the Mariachi band [play] for an hour and then have the dancers, [and] then the band will play again,” said Hernandez.

“Cinco de Mayo is an extremely important celebration in Mexican culture,” said Junior Religion and Psychology Major Carl Rabbe, who plans to attend the event. “Contrary to popular belief, Cinco de Mayo is not Mexican Independence Day, which is September 16. Cinco de Mayo recognizes the victory of General Ignacio Zaragoza Seguin over the French. The day is not an official holiday in Mexico and, for the most part, is celebrated only in the state of Puebla.” According to research by the UCLA Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture, “The holiday, which has been celebrated in California since 1863, is virtually ignored in Mexico.”

Regardless, Cinco de Mayo is still an opportunity to take the time to enjoy good food, good music, good performances and experience the Mexican culture. Come to the Heritage and St. Peter Rooms from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. on May 5 for a festive dinner experience.

**Greeks plan Special Olympics**

**Kelly Nelson**

Weekly Staff Writer

The Inter-Greek Senate (IGS) will be hosting the annual Special Olympics games of the Southwest Minnesota region at the Gustavus track and soccer field on Sunday, May 4. “As a Greek community, we’ve been involved for at least five years,” said Scott [Greek] Co-Chair and Sophomore Elementary Education Major Andrea Stevens.

IGS Community Service Co-Chair and Sophomore Elementary Education Major Andrea Stevens explained that Special Olympics games are held all over the state, and while the organization is always in need of volunteers, the director of this region has been successful in tapping the resources of Gustavus, Bethany Lutheran College and Minnesota State University–Mankato (MSU). “Gustavus provides the area for free,” said Stevens. “The Greek chapters send volunteers and they are going to do things such as cheer [the athletes] on and get them pumped up, and we will be running the field events.”

The games will begin with an opening ceremony planned by the Chi Kappa Chi Sorority. “IGS Community Service Co-Chairs Scott [Bready] and Andrea asked for one chapter to do the opening ceremonies. We did it last year and we volunteered to do it again,” said Chi Kappa Chi Community Service Co-Chair and Junior Elementary Education Major Sara Scholin.

“We’re helping with set-up, which includes contacting a color guard, the local papers, tracking down officials like the Mayor of Saint Peter [Tim Strand] and President Peterson to speak and even finding 100 tiny American flags!” said Senior History Major Katie Dierkes, the other Community Service Co-Chair for Chi Kappa Chi. “[Special Olympics] isn’t just another community service event; it’s also a ton of fun! The athletes and their families are so friendly, and it’s really inspiring to see them just compete to have fun.”

Stevens and Scholin both said that it is very important for coordinators to contact athletes from local sports teams at Gustavus, MSU and Bethany. The local Special Olympics director explained to them that most of the Special Olympics athletes only receive KEYC - Mankato channel 12 and watch the athletes from these colleges compete. “They think that these college athletes are just like professional athletes. Sometimes they ask for autographs and are so overwhelmed. They are just beaming from eye-to-eye when they know who they are,” said Stevens.

Stevens said that the athletes have trained very hard for this event and the coordinators of Special Olympics stress the occasion’s importance. “These people are athletes,” said Stevens. “[While they do face difficulties], we still treat them like athletes. When these athletes compete it doesn’t matter if they take first or last. They are just so happy to get the ribbon—it can just make their entire year.”

Dierkes, Scholin and Stevens all said that it is very important for Greeks to be involved with community service. “You have to give back because Gustavus has given so much to us,” Stevens said. “We are lucky to be able to sponsor this. It is going to be a great… experience for everyone and it will be very heartwarming.”

The opening ceremony will begin at noon and the public is invited to attend and join the Greeks in cheering on the athletes.
Johnson said that the kind of experience Gustavus provides can be all-consuming, while parents simultaneously need to make their children the highest priority. “It is very hard to do that as a student, particularly at the kind of college that Gustavus is, where we are very aware of learning inside the classroom and outside the classroom,” she said.

On the Gustavus campus, where students may attend meetings and other obligations around the clock, many live in on-campus housing to make it easier for them to come and go. According to Director of Residential Life Charlie Streu, student-parents do have the option of on-campus housing. However, this capacity is limited. “Three single-bedroom apartments are held out of the housing process each year for possible use of married/parent housing,” said Streu. Both Unger and Martin decided to forego this option.

“I actually talked to Troy [Seppelt] at [Residential] Life last year and was told that since my fiancé does not go to school at Gustavus … it was impossible to have her live on campus. I would not want my son to be raised without a mother, so that idea went down the drain quickly,” Unger said.

Unger and his family live in Waterville, MN, a half-hour away from campus. Unger said he is happy living off-campus and makes the most of his time while he is here. “When I get [to campus] in the morning, I stay until my classes are done and then go home. I am not like the typical college student that can go to a class and then hang out in their dorm or go back to their house and then come back to campus for the rest of their classes and a review session at night from 9-10 or something. By that time I am already in bed,” he said.

Martin stressed the need for an on-campus daycare service, which she believes would be beneficial not only to students, but to faculty and staff as well. After becoming a parent, Martin noticed the need for a supervised play area in order for her to work out in Lund, the lack of changing tables in the bathrooms of certain academic buildings and the new stadium, and the challenge of parking far away and having to push a stroller across gravel lots.

Other parents have faced similar difficulties. “There have been a couple of occasions [where] I have had to miss class because of not having daycare lined up … In these cases, it is usually an excused absence and I don’t lose points, but if I missed a quiz or something I’m usually not allowed to make that up,” Unger said.

Despite the challenges these Gustie parents have faced, neither would change their situations. “I wouldn’t change what happened for anything,” Martin said. “You have to grow up sometimes. [My husband] and I just had to grow up sooner. I love kids and I have always wanted to have them.”

While Johnson believes in the mantra “Education now and babies later,” she said, “For those students who do have babies, we want to celebrate those little lives and help those moms and dads to be good parents and good Gusties.”

Unger agreed. “I highly commend students who have had babies and continued their college career at Gustavus,” she said. “Not only would this be an academic and financial challenge, it would take some guts! I think I would be too much of a wuss to walk around campus with a pregnant belly.”

Ohle later served at Drake University as both Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Senior Vice President for External Affairs for 11 years.

Though Ohle hesitates to say exactly what he has planned for Gustavus until he spends some time in office, he does have one clear goal for the college. “We need to grow the endowment,” Ohle said. “That doesn’t happen overnight. It’s a long process.”

One of the biggest differences students can expect is the role the new president will play on campus. Ohle sees himself as a president who will get students, alumni and others involved in the Gustavus community, much as he has done at Wartburg. “[Gustavus and Wartburg] survive on the support of the constituents we have. [Tuition] is very high, but it doesn’t pay the full bill. You have to have resources to run an institution,” said Ohle.

Gustavus has recently faced criticism from some students, parents and alumni over claims that “Gustavus does not honor its Lutheran tradition” and that “many Gustavus professors teach that the Bible is self-contradictory and false.” Though Ohle emphasizes that the curriculum is, and will remain, the purview of the faculty, he makes it clear that he considers Gustavus a place for such critical study. “A college cannot be a church and a church cannot be a college. We have an obligation as a college to give students a chance to ‘go deep’; to ask the important questions [and] to examine and inquire as to how their education can form their life. We need to be supportive of that as an institution,” Ohle said.
Servant leadership gives Gusties a hand

Marlene Kvitrud
Weekly Staff Writer

On the first day that participants met for the Servant Leadership Program (SLP), there was an empty chair. Chris Johnson, Director of the Center for Vocational Reflection (CVR), who helps lead SLP, said, “[The empty chair] reminds us we are gathered in that circle on behalf of all of the people who are not able to be there with us, of all the people in the world who are voiceless, and of all the people and causes who need us to be deeply grounded and effective leaders.”

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“With a smaller group of people, you can build trust and rapport, because some of the exercises have you go inside your inner experiences, thoughts and feelings,” Selvaraj said. “The biggest thing [about SLP] is spending time with the people who are going through the same thing in the pod,” said Pehrson.

“I’d like to see a wider variety of people who are going through the same thing in the pod,” said Pehrson. “There are a lot of people who do servant leadership and they are not aware of it themselves, like people who pick up a pop can in the grass. The humble servant leaders would never consider themselves leaders but, clearly, they are.”

Members of the Servant Leadership Program have exercised their skills and talents in the areas of service, leadership and community during this school year. On May 4, new SLP members will be inducted to the program and former members will be inducted to the program and former members will be inducted to the program and former members will be inducted to the program. The program fosters growth within, wherever they are in life, in ways that allow their hearts’ deep gladness to meet the world’s deep hunger,” said Pehrson.

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“Servant leadership is a unique experience with leadership programs. SLP has taught me how to do what I want to do while serving the greater community,” said Pehrson. “Normally, you sacrifice yourself to the betterment of the community or you sacrifice the community for the betterment of yourself. This program has taught me that these two things don’t have to be competitive,” said Selvaraj.

“In the future, Johnson said, ‘I’d like to see a wider variety of experiences in the program, including more people who spend their summers in traditional pro-profit settings. I would love [for] leadership on campus to be influenced by how we do it in this program, with an emphasis on reflection, development on vocation and purpose, and focus on leadership for the common good,’” said Johnson.

“My hope for the future would be that Gustavus would embrace the values of servant leadership more,” said Pehrson. “There are a lot of people who do servant leadership and they are not aware of it themselves, like people who pick up a pop can in the grass. The humble servant leaders would never consider themselves leaders but, clearly, they are.”

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Kindness takes a turn

Ryan McGinty
Weekly Staff Writer

Be Kind Rewind comes from the brilliant mind of writer/director Michel Gondry, the man responsible for such cinematic gems as Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind and The Science of Sleep. The movie centers around a struggling video rental store that somehow missed the whole DVD revolution and rents out nothing but VHS tapes. One day, Jerry (Jack Black), becomes magnetized after exposure to extreme levels of electricity and accidentally erases all the tapes in the store. In order to keep the business afloat, he and his friend Mike (Mos Def)—who works in the video store with him—decide to make shorter, low-budget versions of all the erased movies.

The greatest moments in the film occur when Jerry and Mike are remaking movies. We only get to see the full production of one of their movies, Ghostbusters, but we get snippets from a wide array of others, including: 2001: A Space Odyssey, Boyz n the Hood, The Lion King and Robocop. The innovative techniques Jerry and Mike use in remaking these movies are incredible and oftentimes hilarious. Unfortunately, these scenes often take a backseat to the overarching, sub-par plot.

The only real problems come from the mediocre plot that barely holds the film together. The scenes that don’t revolve around Jerry and Mike’s crazy movie-making antics are dry in comparison. This wouldn’t be a huge problem if these scenes were few, but they aren’t—they take up the majority of the movie.

Jack Black does a good job, for the most part, in not crossing the “HEY LOOK AT ME, I’M JACK BLACK, I’M HILARIOUS!” boundary that he dangerously treads in most of his movies. Mos Def is great as the timid video store clerk. He and Black play off each other well.

Be Kind Rewind is Gondry’s shout-out to independent films. He seems to be making a statement against the million-dollar blockbusters that the multitudes flock to every summer. So many films sacrifice creativity for glamour—which is, unfortunately, what most people want to see. You don’t need a colossal budget to create a good movie. If all you’ve got is some blue celophane and a large pepperoni pizza, there you go—you’ve got an ocean and some cheap blood and guts.

This is a fun, feel-good flick. It’s not perfect, but it has shades of originality—which are rare occurrences these days. Witnessing the creativity Gondry puts into the remaking of these classic movies is worth the price of admission … which, coincidentally, is $0.

Be Kind Rewind is showing at 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday in Wallenberg Auditorium.

The Wind

What is your favorite thing to do on a rainy day?

Compiled by Andrea Janney

“Play outside.”
Asitha Jayawardena
Junior • Biology

“Bake brownies.”
Sara Scholin
Junior • Elementary Education

“Watch movies with the windows open.”
Kelsey Johnson and Joe Welch
First-year • Sophomore, Management

“Hang out with friends.”
Matt Olson
Sophomore • Economics

Be Kind Rewind contains comedic scenes and actors, but the plot is sub-par.
Fefu and Her Friends: Not just a chick flick

Next Thursday, the Gustavus Theatre and Dance Department will debut its spring play, Maria Irene Fornes’ *Fefu and Her Friends*—a witty and unique glance into the lives and experiences of women.

“This play in particular looks into women’s lives and experiences in society,” said Amy Seham, director and chair of the Theatre and Dance Department.

In the play, Junior History Major Maggie Sotos plays Fefu, a quirky, fun and sassy woman who tries to break barriers of women’s roles in society. “[Fefu] has a lot of idiosyncrasies,” said Sotos. “She projects confidence, but it’s completely based on false securities. She is very insecure, very unhappy, but she uses humor as a huge deflection of it all.”

While many would consider *Fefu* a “feminist play,” Seham stresses that it is not stereotypical in that respect. “Yes, it is a feminist play, but I resent how people label things in that way,” said Seham. “It can be frustrating year after year [when] there are only a few central roles for women. And so, when there’s an opportunity to do something bigger … for talented women, it’s something I’m especially determined to do.

Perhaps one of the most interesting aspects of the play is that it requires four separate sets on four different stages for each scene. “The first act is in Anderson,” said Seham. “[Then] the audience is divided into four separate spaces. Within the play, you’re going from being an audience in a theatre to being a group of friends in a room with the actors and characters … you have a much more intimate interaction. Groups go from venue to venue and the scenes are played four times. Groups will see the play in a different order. We believe that will create a different sense of reality or truth.”

Seham said that it is not an easy play for the department to produce. Anderson will have to be split into two separate pieces for different scenes. There will also be scenes in the black box and in the scene shop. “It’s a pretty big leap for the department to do something like this,” said Seham. “I’ve been aware of [Fefu] for many years and wanted to do it for some time. I’m very attracted to its message and its playfulness with its perception.”

“I think that the cast works together really well,” said Bren. “I think that all our different dynamics build up on each other and compliment each other.”

“Being part of the cast is the best part of this show. We work very well together,” said Sotos. “My best friends are in this show. The title is Fefu and Her Friends, and it’s funny because it’s kind of like that.”

“I think that it is important for any audience coming in to just remember that this is a play and that this is supposed to be enjoyable,” said Bren. “It’s funny! Come in with an open mind that’s willing to try something different. It’s not even a typical set-up of a play. It will be a different experience for the actors as well as the audience.”

Performances of *Fefu* are at 8:00 p.m. on May 8-10 and 2:00 p.m. on May 11. Members of the Gustavus community can pick up complimentary tickets at the SAO Desk. Tickets are also available at the cost of $7.00 for adults and $5.00 for students and seniors.

Editor’s Note: Maggie Sotos is the Calendar Editor for the WEEKLY.

The Weekly is looking for staff writers, columnists, and photographers for next year!

All staff members are paid for their work. No previous experience required.

If interested, email lgroenje@gac.edu.
Media on the Gustavus campus has come a long way. Simply by holding this newspaper in your hands, you have joined a Gustavus tradition that stretches back decades to the first college publication, printed in the spring of 1891.

Admittedly, a few things have changed since then. For starters, the dorms are now co-ed, the college isn’t solely run out of Old Main and The Weekly is no longer the student body’s only source of news and media entertainment produced by fellow students.

Since 1891, new organizations have developed and students can now delve into a variety of media options including GAC-TV, KGSM Radio, the Yearbook, Firethorne, Heterodoxy and, of course, The Weekly.

Over time, media at Gustavus has evolved. “The internet has changed media,” said Media Relations Manager Matt Thomas said.

Thomas graduated from Gustavus with the class of 2000. While enrolled, he was a sports writer for The Weekly, and now is responsible for representing Gustavus in the media.

“When I was a freshman here, e-mail was still a relatively new thing. People used to watch the 10 p.m. news and read the paper in the morning, and that’s how they got their news,” he said.

“Thinking of all the technological advancements that have catalyzed these and other technological advancements have catalyzed, some things remain the same. One of these is the Gustavus student body, Vogel said, which still consists of “hard-working, dedicated students who want to serve their campus community … and debate the issues.”

The impact of technological developments on the Gustavus campus has enabled all forms of media to develop and change. It has altered the way print publications are created, and groups like GAC-TV and KGSM Radio are capable of doing far more than was previously possible.

Last year, KGSM Radio broadcasted their first podcast of the Kaleb and Stephen Show, hosted by Junior Economics Major Stephen Titcombe and Junior Psychology Major Kaleb Rumicho.

In addition, Senior Political Science and Communication Studies Major Siddarth Selvaraj and Senior Communication Studies Major Matt Fillmore completed GAC-TV’s third documentary this year entitled Bangalamerica, about the American influence in Bangalore, India.

Junior Communication Studies and Political Science Major Greg Boone is the general manager of KGSM Radio. He says that the Gustavus media community is not quite as active as he would prefer. “I’d say there’s a trend towards a more active Gustavus media activity,” he said, “and I hope that’s true.”

Walking Down Memory Lane:

Gustavus has had a news publication of some sort since 1891. Originally entitled The Gustaviana, the first editions looked more like pamphlets than newspapers, and large sections were printed in both English and Swedish. For years, the paper bore the name “Annual Messenger” or “College Breezes.” On Sept. 18, 1920, the first official Gustavian Weekly was printed.

1944

Then and Now

A History of Media at Gustavus, From 1891 to Today

Danielle Harms
Features Editor

Some things have changed...

...And some things have not...

New drinking law affects students

by Jennifer Soter

“Whatever goes on in the student’s room is their business,” said Steve Walthanus, director of housing at Gustavus regarding the new drinking age of 21.

Energy update

By Ann Glinac

If they get out of hand, start
According to Director of Editorial Services Steve Waldhauser, Gustavus’ first television station started in the late 1960s. First named GML-TV, after Gustavus Media Laboratories (the title of media services at the time), the station started after a TV station donated outdated camera equipment. “There was a studio at one time in the basement of Norelius Hall,” Waldhauser said, “but the whole operation went defunct within a few years as equipment broke down.”

In 2005, GAC-TV was revived under the efforts of Senior Communication Studies and Political Science Major Siddarth Selvaraj and Senior Communication Studies Major Matt Fillmore. “We really saw the need for hands-on work in the field of film and video journalism, which we didn’t have the opportunity to do here on campus,” Selvaraj said. “It started with a small group of students who are incredibly enthusiastic but with no professional training.” Since 2005, GAC-TV has produced three documentaries and a news show that airs before campus movies on the weekends.

“I think GAC-TV will be around for a long time,” said Junior Communication Studies Major Katie Mason, another member of GAC-TV. “For students who want to head into television broadcasting after Gustavus, GAC-TV can be a big stepping stone.”

The Gustavian Weekly is the longest-running form of media on campus and has appeared in various forms since and under different titles since 1891.

Assistant Vice President for College Relations Stacia Vogel was the faculty advisor of the Weekly from 1990 to 2002. By the time she started working for the Weekly, “newspapers were no longer created using lead-press letters,” but they still did things differently than today. “[We used] paper and heated wax to create the story galleys and lined tape for boxes and borders.”

Media Relations Manager Matt Thomas, who graduated with the class of 2000, worked for the Weekly. He remembers the process of laying out the paper as being tedious. “We had to cut the stories out and use an Exacto knife, and we had to glue them exactly straight on the layout,” he said. “On average, we were there until three in the morning,” he said.

Today the Weekly is completely digital; photographs are digital and the newspaper is created with the computer program InDesign. Technology may change the method of printing a newspaper, but, “The main tenants of the craft of journalism have stayed the same,” said Vogel. “It’s about … telling a relevant story that’s fair, accurate, timely, and objective.”

According to Waldhauser, KGSM started as an underground student operation called KGAC in the late 1960’s. They started out using primitive equipment and, “broadcasting from a dorm room in fourth-floor North,” said Waldhauser. “The range of the signal was not much farther than [Complex], although on a good day you could hear it in Uhler.”

Today, the radio station broadcasts from a room in the Dive and streams online, so anyone on campus and off can listen.

“People like to look at the radio station and say that since we don’t have a transmitter, we are somehow sub par to other college stations,” said Junior Political Science Major Greg Boone. “[But] if you survey the campus, I would guess that most students don’t have a radio in their dorm room.” Boone said.

With or without a transmitter, KGSM is no longer the underground station it once was. KGSM recently purchased new equipment and hopes to produce more journalism shows in addition to live talk and music shows. “We might not be perfect,” Boone said. “I think there’s a lot of ways we could improve,” he said. “[But] I think [other college campuses] they would find that we’re doing something different.”

The Yearbook

The first yearbook, entitled Manhem was published in 1904. From then until 1924, the annual release was published sporadically. World War II halted production in 1945 and in 1989 the staff disbanded. Since 1924, the yearbook has become a more consistent publication. For years, tuition costs were used to provide each student with a yearbook, but in 1991 that practice ended.

Yearbook Advisor Randall Stuckey said, “Although technology is being used so much today, people still like to have a published book in hand, but I can also see someday that parts of the book [may be published online].”

Interested in checking out more media from the past? Copies of The Firethorne and Heterodoxy are also available on campus. Thanks to the Gustavus Archive Office, you can find digital versions of The Weekly on-line from 1980 to present. The original editions of all copies of The Weekly are available in the Archive’s Office in the Folke Bernadette Memorial Library. The Weekly would like to thank College Archivist Jeff Jen for his assistance.
With stellar pitching and a solid line-up top to bottom, the Gustavus Softball team appears to be a legitimate contender in the upcoming MIAC playoffs.
With only one meet before Conference, the Gusties hope to make the most of the little time they’ve had to compete.

The story all season for the Gustavus Track and Field teams has been their inability to even get onto the track. Three meets have been cancelled so far this outdoor season, including the Lee Krough Invitational the Gusties were scheduled to host on April 12.

“We have good kids that work hard. You have to have blue-collar kids because it’s the nature of the sport,” said Head Coach Tom Thorkelson. “It’s very hard to know where we stand. We’ve had two meets at a point when we usually have had four or five and we may lose Friday, too.”

In the few meets they have been able to participate in, the Gusties have seen much success, especially on the women’s side.

Junior Lisa Brown competed in the prestigious Drake Relays this past weekend in Des Moines, IA, as the only participating Gustie. Brown threw a career long 156’5” toss in the javelin, shattering the previous school record which she had set last year at 154’. That throw earned Brown seventh place overall as well as marking the best toss in all of Division III this spring. She was the only Division III competitor to finish in the top 10, placing higher than competitors from such schools as DePaul, South Dakota, the Air Force academy, and the University of Florida.

“It was exciting to throw at that competition. It was nice to know that I can compete at that high of a level,” said Brown. “That throw was only my second of the [outdoor] season and it gives me a lot of confidence. There are things that I have to work on, and if I get my technique down, I know I can throw even further.”

Sophomore trackster Kael- ene Lundstrom has performed impressively this season as well. In her latest outing at the CSB/SJU multi-event last week, Lundstrom dominated the heptathlon. She set a Gustavus record with 4,349 points in the event. In the seven events of the heptathlon–100m hurdles, high jump, shot put, 200m dash, long jump, javelin and 800m run–Lundstrom notched three first-place finishes, four second-place finishes, and her 5’6” clearing in the high jump is the second highest mark in all of Division III so far this spring. With her score, Lundstrom met the NCAA provisional mark and her point total is the fifth highest in all of Division III.

On the men’s side, the Gusties have had solid performances in the shortened number of meets as well. In the Carleton Relays held two weeks ago, the Gusties finished eighth out of 16 competing schools. The team’s performance was led by Junior Tyler Geyer’s second-place finish in the 100m and fifth-place finish in the javelin.

First-year runner Colby Citrowski finished fourth in the 100m while Senior John Leaf and Sophomore Mark Hartmann finished fourth in the 5,000m and 10,000m respectively. The relay teams finished modestly in early conference meets as well. The 4x400 team, consisting of Citrowski, Geyer, Senior Matt Leeb and Sophomore Mark Scheer, was one of the many two sport athletes at Gustavus.
Like all club sports, rugby is a difficult one to keep an eye on due to the low levels of recognition and coverage provided by the school. Gustavus’ Men’s Rugby team has been playing well this season despite the recent inclemency in the weather.

The team currently sits with a 7-3-1 overall record and has played well against each of its opponents this season. With wins over MIAC foes Bethel, St. Olaf and St. Thomas the team took home bragging rights from all of the inter-conference rivals they’ve faced this spring.

Also this season, Gustavus has defeated three Division I opponents: University of Northern Iowa, Wayne State University, and the b-side of the University of Minnesota squad, as well as the University of Minnesota-Duluth.

Gustavus suffered two of their losses at the hands of Mankato. The Mavericks also gave the Gusties their one and only tie, a 5-5 knotting in the first match of the season. The team’s other loss came this past weekend in arguably the biggest tournament they play in.

The All-Saints tournament is annually held in St. Cloud and is unofficially known as the Minnesota State tournament for rugby. Gustavus lost in the championship game to a conglomerate team consisting of players from UND and Bemidji State by a score of 7-5.

There are numerous aspects of the sport of rugby, especially in the collegiate ranks, that make it unique in comparison to other sports. For one, a broad understanding and knowledge of the game isn’t exactly a requirement.

“The players on our team range from guys who have played for numerous years to seniors who come out for their last year,” said Senior Prop Ian Ruppel, one of two players on Gustavus’ team who have played the sport for more than seven years.

Another aspect of the sport that separates it from most others is that the game is one of the purest team sports. Each player relies on the person next to him to get the job done and without the help of one another, they would fail. “It isn’t like basketball or baseball where you can have one or two guys carry the team. You all have to be good,” said Senior Hooker Pete Philippi.

Above all else, rugby sets itself apart through the camaraderie that accompanies the sport. In a game where it is not uncommon for fist fights to break out during play, once the contest is over and the two teams shake hands, instead of going their separate ways, they spend the evening celebrating and enjoying each other’s company.

The Gusties will be hosting the annual Gustie Invite this Saturday. St. Thomas and Macalester will be participating in the round robin tournament will kick off at 11a.m. on the rugby pitch behind Southwest.

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

Was I conceived in hate or love, wealth or poverty? I am still a child of the Lord

“Before I formed thee in the womb I knew thee; and before thou wast born I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet to the nations.”

Jeremiah 1:5

Hold dear in your heart the teachings of the Bible. For scripture of yesterday is today in thought, word and deed. It is not generationa, but everlasting.

Friend in Christ, Tommerdahl@pol.com
Dismantling gender constructs

I know, right?

Tasha Carlson
Weekly Staff Columnist

As a nanny this summer, I brought my magic bag of activities every day with hopes of entertaining and educating Isabelle, age three, and Halle, age five. One day, after Isabelle was finished coloring on the kitchen chairs and Halle had smeared macaroni all over me, I decided I had to be on my toes constantly and have activities ready for their moments of outburst: thus the bag of books, crafts and toys. After the girls informed me that the blue construction paper was for boys, and that Barbies had to clean the house, I felt the need to influence their gender role stereotypes.

Nancy Freeman from the Early Childhood Education Journal conducted a study in 2007 regarding preschoolers’ perceptions of gender appropriate toys. Freeman asserts that children are able to define themselves as boys or girls around the age of 24 months. As adults, take the concept of gender for granted because we have already defined ourselves.

The main question asked in every child development study is: how is a child’s gender constructed? Because our society clearly delineates between two genders, male and female, researchers believe that role models greatly impact the development of gender in children. In addition to the part biology plays with gender, how much are parents at fault for having a ‘manly man’ or a ‘girly girl’?

A parent may influence his/her child by performing gendered actions. Tara Smith explains in the journal Women and Language from 2001 that women influence their children’s gender with pre-birth gender talk.

On the lighter side...

Curse you, Facebook!

MCT Campus

As one point in time, I had a life. I volunteered with children, stayed active in sports and read books to blind kids with polio. Now, not so much. Hours upon hours of our lives are being redirected into an un-namable black hole, a vortex of narcissism, self-glorification and scandal. What is this cosmically horrific force our generation devotes so much mental energy to every day? It’s a little thing I’d like to call Facebook.

Facebook has soaked into the very fabric of our lives. Cute pictures are taken and the inevitable cry of, “Facebook!” can be heard from across the room. The word itself has become a verb: “When can we have lunch? Oh, I’ll Facebook you and we’ll set a date.” But this is not to be confused with the phrase, “I Facebooked them,” which typically implies “I stalked them via Facebook.” And, thanks to the Mini-Feed, stalking has become that much easier; now we know that Molly Freedman—the girl you sat by in FTS Freshman year but who has since transferred—has added “The Notebook” as one of her Favorite Movies. Ah, to live in the information age where knowledge is power.

Fifty years from now, we will attempt to explain to our grandchildren what Facebook was and I guarantee we will sound ridiculous. “Well, it was helpful if you wanted to get to know somebody but didn’t actually, you know, want to talk to them. And your status updates were everyone if you were happy or sleepy or excited about something. And you could even poke friends on Facebook, which was funny because in my day ‘poking’ could also refer to sexual intercourse! Don’t you see how clever it was?”

Let’s get real here, folks: Facebook is a vehicle for our own glorification and a measure of popularity. Example: if we have lots of Facebook friends, we are well-loved. Reality check: about 25 percent of my Facebook friends are people I see and converse with on a weekly basis. Forty-five percent are the people I went to high school with and never talk to anymore (but whose Friend Requests I still accept out of fear of looking like a snob), and the rest are people I met at a party that one time and befriended, but with whom it is now awkward whenever we see each other.

Facebook also complicates relationships. Often one partner will make his/her profile picture an adorable shot of the two together, while the other partner’s profile picture is of a ninja or a monster truck. The opposite of this is the Inseparable PDA Couple who has a nearly identical pair of profile pictures, with each picture having the couple’s heads turned at slightly different angles. After awhile you forget which partner’s profile you’re looking at because they look identical! It’s cute to a degree, but after time it becomes creepy and possibly disturbing.

And who hasn’t played the Facebook mind games? For example, if you send a special someone a message or post on his or her wall, you will hover like a vulture over carrion waiting for a response. After hours of this, you will click on their wall and notice their status has changed as of an hour ago. Jason is no longer “wishing it was Friday,” now Jason “hates Minnesota weather.” You stare at your screen, stunned. Shock and betrayal run down your neck like maple syrup. He was online and didn’t respond to my message/post!

What the hell? Who knows, though, perhaps Jason is playing a Facebook mind game of his own. Perhaps he wanted to make sure enough time had passed between exchanges so that your 12:04 p.m. message would not be responded to at 12:06 p.m. That, my friends, reeks of desperation and lame-ness because it reveals to both parties that Jason had nothing cooler to do with his time than to be idling about on Facebook— which, ironically enough, is the ultimate faux pas! We are a confused, twisted generation as it is. We grew up believing turtles could grow into ninjas; we were ordered by the nect of desperation and lame-ness because it reveals to both parties that Jason had nothing cooler to do with his time than to be idling about on Facebook— which, ironically enough, is the ultimate faux pas!

Now if you’ll excuse me, I’m going to see if Jason responded to my Wall Post.
Gustavus’ fall from grace

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Letters to the Editor

The de-evolution of logic

In response to Kavan’s “The de-evolution of science,” I would like to address three major issues. Firstly, in science, “theory” is not a synonym for “speculation.” A theory largely accepted by the scientific community typically possesses an enormous amount of data which corroborates its testable predictions about physical phenomena, as in the case with evolution. While I agree that science requires new theories to drive it to greater things, at this time intelligent design (ID) is not such a theory, because it cannot make testable predictions. Rather, “evidence” supporting ID derives from pointing out shortcomings of evolutionary models, rather than having data supporting the hypothesis of some anthropocentric Designer. Second, what did come before the big bang? Well, assuming the universe originated with the big bang, it makes no sense to inquire scientifically what came before, because time itself did not exist. Science, as Mr. Rog-

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professor can see you when you are not listening or engaging in class. All three of these moments are examples that learned this lesson well after that particular class.

The second example plainly shows that these moments of student disrespect are occurring, not just during class, but during any event. Other students have even come up to me and expressed frustration with the individual who comes to a group meeting and puts on his/her headphones in half-way through, or the students who just grab a free frost-your-own cookie without staying for the actual event that the cookies are for. Is this the image that we, as students, want?

As we see with example #3, gracelessness isn’t a problem unique to students (thus, it cannot just be a problem of students’ so-called lack of maturity). I was very frustrated after the Friday chapel service, because time itself did not exist. Science, as Mr. Rog

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and students will remember that service not as the service honoring tenured faculty, but as the service in which we first learned the name of our new President.
I cannot discover a reason for delivering the announcement at that time, other than that it was convenient for the Board and the new President. Convenience does not justify disrespect. It would have been much better if the Board had scheduled a special event that day for the sole purpose of delivering that announcement.
It unsettles me that I am even able to come up with these examples. I am even more unsettled that all of these examples are events that I experienced in the last week. Thus, I leave you all with one simple question: what happened to Minnesota nice, the attitude that Gustavus is, according to New York Times columnist Verlyn Klinkenborg, nice, the attitude that Gustavus is?
Gustavus was mentioned a couple of times last week. Thus, I leave you with the examples. I am even more uncomfortable with being a customer of the Department of Public Safety.

Letter to the Editor
God is not science

I appreciate Kavan Rogness’ commentary “The de-evolution of science” on the relationship of science and religion in our culture. The questions he raises are important, and I have answers for them. The answer to his question, “But why can’t we treat God as a scientific theory?” is that in order to do so the concept of God would have to be falsifiable. Those are the ground rules in science. My concept of God is not falsifiable. It is based on faith, and is not open to scrutiny in an empirical thought system. God’s existence, to reference another of Mr. Rogness’ questions, is not an evidentiary matter.
Mr. Rogness also references the need to “believe” in either science or religion. Science, or any of its tenets or findings, is not to be “believed” in. Science provides us with mental tools for investigating and thinking about the world, not faith-based convictions. The theory of evolution is extremely well-supported, leading to its broad acceptance in the scientific community, but the epistemological distinction between a well-supported theory and an article of faith remains an important one if we are to come to a conclusion.
Let’s not do so. They are not incompatible. They are different. They are not open to scrutiny in an empirical thought system.

Professor Karen Larson
Anthropology and Interdisciplinary Studies

Commentary

Gender constructs: Continued from page 13

After learning her baby was a boy during the sixth month, Smith began putting her belly instead of rubbing it gently. Instead of talking in a gentle and calming voice, she began to subconsciously use a lower and stronger tone while speaking to her son in the womb. Smith forgot about being gender neutral and instead began to construct her child’s gender at the earliest age, but she is not the only victim of this tendency. Many parents unknowingly influence their children’s gender construction. Children observe their parents’ behavior and, as a result, make conclusions about the differences between men and women. Martin and Ruble from The American Psychology Society confirm that “Children are gender detectives who search for cues about gender.” As soon as a child can tell the difference between a boy and a girl, he or she begins to make assumptions about those sexes. If a child observes two women eating broccoli and two men eating peas, he or she might conclude that women eat broccoli and men eat peas. Thus, it is important for each parent to equally perform tasks. One parent should wash dishes and move the lawn. The other parent should be seen doing laundry and fixing the car. When children observe parents performing these stereotypical feminine and masculine tasks, they are more likely to develop open-minded attitudes toward gender roles. Also, children of employed mothers tend to be more egalitarian on attitudes toward marriage, children and careers than those whose mothers are not employed.

Exposing Expelled

Once again, this is absolutely not true. First, any scientist who could disprove the theory of evolution would do so in a heartbeat. Just think of that. It would be similar to disproving the theory of gravity. It would be such an important finding that any scientist capable of doing so would. History shows us that in the past, biology has had huge, dramatic shifts where previously held hypotheses were overturned. Barbara McClintock, Lynn Margulis and Stanley Prusiner are just a few people who have accomplished this. In reality, intelligent design is not considered a serious alternative to evolution because it is not scientifically just and, as importantly, no one publishes intelligent design research. Unlike intelligent design proponents, McClintock and the others struggled to overturn the previously held hypotheses with brilliant research, not by whining about oppression.
Lastly, anyone who would like to know more about the movie Expelled should visit talkorigins.org or, more specifically, www.talkorigins.org/indexcc/list.html#cd030.

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Quote of the Week

“You get to fly across the Atlantic AND destroy soccer at the same time!”

DAX SHANKBONE

Comedian STEPHEN COLBERT mocking a report that one ethanol-fueled flight from London to New York would require a year’s worth of corn from thirty soccer fields

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**Friday, May 2**

**Sigma Xi Student Research Symposium**
1:30 p.m.
This sounds like a Power Ranger animal. “IT’S SYMPOSIUM TIME! MASTODON! PTERODACTYL! SIGMA XI!”

**Celebration of Creative Inquiry**
5:00 p.m.
Creativity ought not be celebrated; it should be secularized and oppressed by the white phallic mainstream. I thought this was universally understood.

**Hip-Hop Night**
7:00 p.m.
Let’s just hope these dancers bring more to the stage than Britney did at the Video Music Awards.

**Gustavus Adolphus Jazz Ensemble & Chambers Singers in Concert**
7:30 p.m.
More beautiful and eloquent than Ja Rule himself.

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**Saturday, May 3**

**Men and Women’s Tennis Host NCAA Regional Championships**
All Day
Tennis players make fantastic conversationists because they are used to sustaining a friendly volley.

**Softball at MIAC Playoffs**
All Day
I hope they can get Ann from Arrested Development to play for the team; her low center of gravity makes her impossible to knock over.

**Women’s Rugby at Home**
12:00 p.m.
One of the few instances where you can talk about a loose woman who scrums and not have it be pornographic.

**Senior Studio Art Major’s Exhibit**
1:00 p.m.
They say the value of art increases after the death of the artist. I might have to look into this. … Wow. …
Seven months later and columbia is still tweaking with my brain.

**Festival of Dionysus**
3:30 p.m.
The only holiday in which drunkenness, debauchery and whoring are placed on a pedestal; well, that and Mardi Gras.

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**Sunday, May 4**

**Senior Studio Art Major’s Exhibition**
1:00 p.m.
Erin Dinsmore had better not stand too close to the paintings; one could mistake her for a work of art.

**Baseball vs. Augsburg College**
All Day
Given recent trends in professional baseball leagues, we may eventually just call this sport, “juiceball.”

**Percussion Ensembles Concert**
1:30 p.m.
Good luck, seniors, hope you go out with a bang. Hehehe. Get it? Because you are percussionists? Hehehe … ugh. Where’s that paint thinner?

**Annika Torkelson’s Senior Tuba Recital**
3:30 p.m.
Hey Annika, if your tuba breaks, you can fix it with a “tuba glue.” Get it? Yeah. Thanks “ahajokes.com.”

**Joel Beachey, Senior Piano Recital**
7:30 p.m.
Careful around these artistic types; I hear they get cranky and “Beachey” before recitals.

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**Monday, May 5**

**Cinco de Mayo**
5:00 p.m.
I always forget what day of the year this holiday falls on.

**Going to Graduate School**
6:30 p.m.
No. I am going to live in the happy Gustavus bubble forever. No real world for me! La-de-da-de-da!

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**Tuesday, May 6**

**This Day in History:**
1981 -- A jury of architects and sculptors unanimously selects Maya Ying Lin’s design for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Although they will claim it is the profound design and poetic symbolism of the wall that won them over, in reality the jury just liked to be able to see themselves in the black marble reflection.

**The Philosopher’s Guide**
4:00 p.m.
Come hang out with smarty-pants and talk about stuff hypothetically without actually having to do any real work. This is also known as “The Humanities.”

**Paul Magnuson Award Dinner**
6:30 p.m.
It’s only an award for leadership and service. Sycophants need not apply.