Dining services to make major changes

Kelly Nelson  
Weekly Staff Writer

Late last month, Director of Dining Services Steve Kjellgren announced that student meal plan allocations would change from the current semester system to operating on a month-to-month basis. Kjellgren also released the much-anticipated solution to the demand for Tupperware: containers owned, cleaned and regulated by the Market Place.

Kjellgren explained that the meal plan change was an effort to keep fee increases to a minimum and to allow Dining Services to manage revenue in a month-to-month approach. Students will be given monthly allocations based on the number of service days in a month, with a $20.00 rollover into the next month.

Kjellgren explained that this change is a response to volatile predictions for the market in the upcoming year. “The commodity and energy markets are some of the most unpredictable; we are seeing anywhere from 9-15 percent increases across all lines of commodities: dairy, meat, bakery items, beverages, produce, prepared grocery items and the cost of supplies,” Kjellgren said.

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Senate Co-Presidents ousted, new election in fall

Sean Tessmer  
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On Monday, May 5, the Student Senate passed a resolution calling for a new election next fall, a reworking of amendments, training for the Executive Committee and better communication with the student body.

This action was taken based on the recommendation of an Administrative Conference that had been arranged in response to misguided amendments of the Senate’s Constitution earlier this year.

The Administrative Conference was prompted by Senate’s approval of two amendments earlier in the year, one creating a Student Senate Webmaster position and the other altering the requirement that a presidential candidate must have spent two semesters at Gustavus to only one, allowing First-Years to run for the position. Complaints were raised by some claiming that the amendments did not go through the proper procedure called for by the Constitution.

“[Senate has to] propose an amendment one week, talk to the President of the College, Dean of Students, Director of Student Activities and make it public. It then requires a two-thirds majority vote at the next Senate meeting,” said Braun.

The resolution stipulates: “The current Co-Presidents, Cabinet, Executive Committee, and Senate shall continue business as usual until the Co-President election in the fall of 2008.” The election in the fall will be slightly different, because the co-presidents elected will only serve two semesters rather than the three-semester term that Senate adopted.

Elections will also be held in the spring. The pair elected will then be the Senate co-presidents until the spring semester of 2009. The resolution also requested that a committee be formed to revise the Constitution. The committee will be composed of three senators, a student at-large and the Parliamentarian as the chair. The co-presidents will also work with the committee, but will not have a vote in the final decision of the committee.

“We will work on overall clarity and making sure it is concise and consistent,” said Broady.

The reaction to the resolution was mostly positive. “I think that Senate is taking responsibility for all its actions and proceeding in an appropriate manner,” said Sophomore Political Science Major and Senator Nick Harper.

“Overall, this [resolution] should help Senate become more transparent and functioning,” said Braun.

The videotaping aspect of the resolution was met with some disagreements. “I like the idea of video recording Senate meetings because students don’t really know what goes on except by word of mouth,” said Dzurik.

“For me personally, I think that videotaping Senate meetings is a little much. Sound recording would have been enough,” said Harper.

Be ready in the fall for a heated political environment, with both national and campus campaigns running at full strength.
**WEEKLY Safety and Security Report**

**April 27 – May 3, 2008**

**Sunday, April 27**
Three juvenile non-students were cited by the St. Peter Police Department for underage alcohol consumption in Sohre Hall. A Gustavus student was cited by Safety & Security for a social host violation.

**Friday, May 2**
Three students were cited for underage alcohol consumption while in North Hall.

A bias incident was reported in the Campus Center.
A bias incident was reported in Uhler Hall.

A non-student while in the Campus Center was arrested by the St. Peter Police Department for underage consumption of alcohol. The non-student was also issued a Trespass Warning.

Safety & Security officers responded to a medical assist at the Schaeder Fine Arts Music Building.

Safety & Security officers responded to the Broadway practice fields for a complaint of alcohol consumption. One non-Gustavus student was cited by the St. Peter Police Department for underage consumption.

A non-Gustavus student, while at the Broadway practice fields, was arrested by the St. Peter Police Department for underage consumption and transported to Detox.

A purse and keys were reported stolen May 2 at the Dive.

**Tip of the Week:**

Tip from the Minnesota Attorney General’s Office

Before deciding whether to obtain a credit card, students and other consumers should consider the following:

1. Annual fees. Many companies charge an annual membership fee. These fees vary, ranging from $15 to $75 or more. Remember that not all cards charge an annual fee.

2. Annual Percentage Rate (APR). The APR is the percent of interest paid as a cost of credit and is expressed as a yearly rate. It is disclosed when opening an account and is noted on each bill received by the cardholder. The financial institution issuing a card also must disclose the “periodic rate,” which shows how the company figures the interest rate for each billing period. Look for a card with a low APR, and make sure bills are paid on time, or the APR may go up as a penalty. A low APR combined with a low account balance creates lower monthly payments. Be aware that some credit cards start out with a low introductory APR, but after a short period substantially increase the APR.

3. Grace period. This is also called a “free period” because it allows cardholders to avoid finance charges completely by paying the entire balance in full before the “due date” shown on the bill. If a credit card plan allows a grace period, the cardholder must mail the bill at least 14 days before the payment is due so that there is enough time to make a payment. Remember, if there is an outstanding balance from one month to the next, there may be no grace period.

4. Transaction fees and other charges. Credit card issuers may charge fees for late payments or going over the card’s credit limit. Additionally, there may be a transaction charge for cash advances.

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ROTC seniors have service opportunities secure

Steve Palmer  
Weekly Staff Writer

On Friday, May 9, the Gustavus and Minnesota State University-Mankato ROTC program will hold its annual banquet and commission ceremony. Seniors Ross Puffer, a biology and psychology major, Russian Studies Major Karl Anderson, Economics Major Adam Ingalsbe and Geography Major Whitney Peterson receiving recognition for their successful completion of the program.

“We will be commissioning new cadets into the army [who] have graduated from their respective college and earned a degree and will be handing out the yearly awards,” said Captain Sara Woods, one of the cadre members.

“Short and sweet, the awards are based on academics, participation, leadership and potential. They are sponsored by various organizations—the Association of the U.S. Army, things like local American Legions, VFWs, things like that,” said Woods. Awards include monetary scholarships and medals.

“We consider ourselves the number one leadership course in America. We develop leaders. These 10 people made a commitment to serve an eight-year commitment. It could be active duty, a full-time job, or in the guard reserve, a one-weekend-a-month thing. Or they could do a combination of both: four years active, four reserve,” said Colonel Tom Cooper, professor of military science, who runs the Mankato ROTC program.

ROTC cadets undergo a rigorous four years of training in addition to their regular class work.

“Everyone who is at Gustavus is on scholarship; they have to do physical training, push-ups and [have to] be up by 7:30 a.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. They take a military science course at MSU. They also have to go to what we call leadership lab on Wednesdays. This is the ‘fun stuff,’ where they put training into practice with tactics, repelling, land navigation and orienteering. They have one field training exercise per semester at Camp Ripley,” Cooper said.

Though the ceremony will be the focus of the event, there will be others recognized. “The commissioning is the highlight, but other awards—monetary scholarships and medals—are given to recognize outstanding grades and most dedication to their army training,” said Cooper.

Though the group of ROTC cadets at Gustavus is small, it has been rewarding for those Gusties who have participated.

“My experience with ROTC was great, mostly because I did go to Gustavus. It is much more close-knit with a smaller group,” said Peterson.

The May 9 banquet is open to the public. A reception for the event starts at 6:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room and the formal event starts at 7:00 p.m. in Alumni Hall.

Senior art show, Permanent?, on display

Becky Krocak  
Weekly Staff Writer

As a part of the Honors Day festivities on May 3, an exhibit opened at the Hillstrom Museum of Art featuring the work of the senior studio art majors. The exhibit, Permanent? Senior Show 2008, will be on display until June 1.

“The exhibit is on view from Honors Day to Graduation, which is our standard now for the Senior Show. It’s nice to open and have this little part of the Honors Day celebration because it is really an important part of their careers as student artists,” said Director of the Hillstrom Museum of Art and Professor of Art History Don Myers.

“The exhibit consists of a wide variety of work, varying from person-to-person. We are not limited to only one kind of art, so some students may have several different mediums in the show,” said Senior Art History and Studio Art Major Erin Dinsmore. “Also included in the show is an artist statement by each senior so each viewer is able to get a greater sense of what they are looking at and possibly better understand the process the artist went through to achieve their final product.”

For many artists, the statement is very important. “For art majors, art isn’t just about making things that look beautiful hanging on the wall; it is an expression of our thoughts and feelings about the world around us. Some of us have made political statements; some of us have focused on form and others have made art that reflects different aspects of our lives,” said Senior Art Education Major Natalie Larson.

The works on display were selected through a jury process. “The students work throughout the year and they submit a designated amount of works. Then the works are all grouped together in one room, and the art studio faculty and Don [Myers] go in and look at the work and select a minimum or maximum amount [from each student]. The minimum is one work, and the maximum is five,” said Assistant Professor of Art and Art History Kristen Lowe, who teaches the senior seminar for art majors.

Permanent? is meant to provide the seniors with a capstone for their time at Gustavus and consists only of senior art majors’ work. “[It is] a reflection on what you learn at school and how that is an evolutionary process, that that process continues. [It is] the continuation of artistic investigation and intellectual inquiry,” said Lowe.

After the show, works can be sold to various places. “The art department decides to [spend] a certain amount of money based on the budget, and those are called purchase awards for the most notable works in the show,” Lowe said.

However, the general public can purchase the works as well, and those interested can contact the arts desk for information and prices. “What we do is put anyone interested in direct contact with the artist, and then it’s the two of them. We often have people who find works that they really like and are excited if they find that the pieces are available for sale,” said Myers.

“I really feel like this exhibition has something for everyone. There are traditional works as well as modern ones. We have photography, ceramics, printmaking, painting, drawings, etc. I think that anyone could walk into the Hillstrom and find at least one piece that they really love. All of the studio art seniors have put in a great deal of work and it shows. Not only is the exhibition beautiful, but it is also really inspiring,” Dinsmore said.

The exhibit will be open for viewing at the Hillstrom Museum of Art in the lower level of the Campus Center during the museum’s regular hours: weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and weekends from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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“How can we minimize the impact on students and keep their meal plan as low as possible while paying our bills at the same time? Because of this volatility we are going to be very conscious and watch our monthly budgets very closely,” said Kjellgren.

Sophomore Communication Studies Major Natalie Brady is optimistic about these changes. “It’s going to be easier for students to keep track of where their money is. It is nice that each month, money will roll-over and within that month you will be able to spread out what to buy,” Brady said. She said that many students don’t budget their money throughout the semester, and this will help students avoid “having two weeks at the beginning of the semester.”

While prices in the Market Place are expected to increase over the course of next year, Kjellgren has clarified that students will continue to pay a fixed meal plan price at the beginning of the semester. “We’ll determine the monthly allocation based upon the number of service days in the month. We won’t raise the meal plan fee, but if prices of one item or another skyrockets and we have to increase the price in the Market Place, we’ll make sure the price change is prominently noted so students can make dining decisions accordingly.”

Senior Philosophy Major Andi Twiton serves on the Kitchen Cabinet, an advisory board to Kjellgren comprised of students, faculty and members of Gustavus Greens and Student Senate. Twiton said that these changes might encourage students to take more responsibility and make better purchasing choices. The change to monthly allocation will go along with the Market Place’s goal of teaching students “[how to] be in charge of [their] own finances and [make] economical choices,” Twiton said.

In addition to the changes in meal plan allocation, Dining Services will also be incorporating three different sizes of Tupperware that will be available to students at no cost, said Kjellgren. “It will be a trial run. We will buy a couple thousand containers to start with. I hope everyone will embrace this program. There will be a rack with all of them in the Cafeteria. It will be an honor system. I don’t know of any other college in the country that is doing it, and there will be a lot [of] eyes on us seeing how successful it is,” Kjellgren said.

He said that the Dining Services staff is really excited about this change because they see students excessively using to-go boxes day after day. “Gusties use over a quarter of a million to-go boxes a year… that doesn’t include soup bowls (60,000) or paper beverage containers (280,000),” Kjellgren said.

The success of this program requires the support of students. “If I get to-go boxes so often and I just throw them away,” said Brady. “To-go boxes are more convenient, but overall Tupperware is a better idea, because people won’t waste as much. You see people who get a to-go box with one little wrap in it.”

Twiton’s only reservation with the program is the difficulty in getting students to return the containers. “A library custodian said every day they have to pick out plates and forks and cups out of the trash. The Cafeteria loses money from lost plates, lost mugs, lost silverware. Because of that trend, it makes me worry the Tupperware won’t stick around.”

Kjellgren said that the Tupperware will be community-owned and that several departments and organizations have already put money toward this initial first purchase. Student Senate is one such organization, and Sophomore Student Senate Co-President Lucas Neher thinks that students will feel a sense of ownership regarding the containers.

“We need everyone to be aware that right now you won’t get charged to use these, and it is everyone’s responsibility that they get brought back to the Cafeteria… it is going to be a community project and this is going to be a service for free for the students,” Neher said.

First-year Student Senate Co-President Kim Braun said that the Market Place has been open to suggestions during this entire process. “The addition of Tupperware containers is a change requested by the students that the Market Place is doing for the students. It is another example of how they are there working for us and willing to develop and change for… what the Gustavus community wants,” Braun said.

Braun said that students have reason to be optimistic about changes in the Market Place. “It’s something we will have to adjust to, but once we get used to it, it’s going to be for the best. The monthly budget is going to be an effective and efficient way for the Market Place to budget and a way for the students to learn about responsibility, and the Tupperware is just altogether necessary and a great idea,” she said.
Keeping the ‘big picture’ in mind

Meet Your Fellow Gustie:  
Ali Chorley

Variety Editor

Ever wonder what it takes to be a successful college student while still keeping the “big picture” of your life in mind? Well, seeing as though this week’s featured Gustie has found such a balance, let’s take a look at the story of Senior Communication Studies Major Ali Chorley.

Coming from Medina, MN, Ali enjoys spending time with her family and friends, traveling and is seldom seen without a white chocolate skim latte from Caribou Coffee in hand. Ali plans on attending the University of St. Thomas for counseling psychology after next month’s graduation. But before she begins a new academic path, Ali will get married in August. When asked what it’s like balancing college life and planning for such a big event, Ali said, “Having somewhat of a focus on the ‘big picture’ outside of Gustavus has really helped me balance my life.”

Aside from looking ahead, Ali continues to involve herself in campus activities. She is currently a third-year Peer Assistant (PA) and a sexual assault advocate for Nicollet County. Deb Reichel, secretary for the Alcohol and Drug Education Office, said, “Ali has taken the [Peer Assistants] program in new directions this year. She has a lot of knowledge and experience so her absence will be felt next year.”

Academically speaking, Ali has enjoyed taking a variety of classes at Gustavus. “Even though I’m not a geography major, I loved my geography class with Bob Douglas. Getting to take different topics has been awesome, [hence] the liberal arts education,” Ali said.

In terms of activity involvement outside the classroom, Ali speaks fondly of her fellow Peer Assistants. “I love the PAs—not only what they do, but the relationships I’ve made with them,” Ali said.

According to friend and fellow Peer Assistant, Senior Psychology Major Alicia Blomquist, “Ali is a strong woman who I believe has made a difference on this college campus. She has devoted much of her time at Gustavus to helping and encouraging peers in many ways which are usually unrecognized. Even though Ali is a very busy gal, she puts her relationships at the top of her priorities and always makes time for her friends. She is a passionate, successful and beautiful woman who I look up to in many ways.”

During her four years at Gustavus, Ali has been able to develop and express her passions. “One of my biggest passions is wellness, wholeness and educating. So by getting to do things with that all the time, I’ve found my passion in it and it has been amazing,” she said.

Fellow PA and Sophomore Philosophy Major Shane Jensen said, “She has an amazing passion for what she does and that will definitely be missed, because I think it might rub off on me.”

Since Ali is “detail-oriented,” she will look back on her experiences at Gustavus and remember the little things about her undergraduate career. “I’ll remember little things like Kyhl in the caf, going to LineUs shows and traveling with friends—especially traveling to the Bacchus National Leadership Conference the PAs go to every year.”

Looking forward to her years after graduate school, one of Ali’s biggest hopes is to “do something that I’m passionate about. Trying to integrate all my passions would be ideal. But I also want to be a mom. People often forget how big of a job that is [since] it doesn’t necessarily have monetary value.”

One of Ali’s friends, Junior Communication Studies Major Kristin Mummert, said Ali is a “unique person with a huge heart. She’s intentional about everything she does—every word and every action. She cares so much about this campus—not just about her relationships and friendships, but about the entire Gustavus community.”

Though Ali has inspired many people on campus during her four years as a Gustie, she has some inspirational people of her own. “Judy Douglas has been a major inspiration in my life,” Ali said. “She’s an example of a great person with a lot of passion who is continuing on her journey to give back.”

Another inspirational person in Ali’s life is her father. “My dad is always keeping me on track with keeping the ‘big picture’ in mind. I look up to him a lot.”

Ali follows the mantra “everything is a journey.” She said, “It’s not so much about a destination as it is about how you get to where you want to go. For me, balancing my life has been a journey. I don’t think I’ll ever find a perfect balance, but I’m going to continue working on it and continue the journey I’m on.”

As Ali prepares to set out on a new path, her advice to returning Gustavus students is: “Keep the ‘big picture’ in mind and get involved. Explore different things because now’s the time when you really have the opportunity to [do so].”

As an active Gustavus student, role model and peer leader, there’s no doubt Ali will keep the “big picture” in mind as she embarks on a new journey in the upcoming months.
Not another teen mom

Oscar-winning film comes to campus

Ryan McInty
Weekly Staff Writer

Juno, which is playing this weekend in Wallenberg Auditorium, is the tale of a spunky 16-year-old adolescent who is forced to deal with some pretty grown-up issues: namely being pregnant.

Juno MacGuff (Ellen Page) is the protagonist who gets unintentionally knocked up by her best friend, Polly Bleeker (Michael Cera). After being unable to abort the child, Juno decides to go through the nine months of social exile that her high school classmates are more than glad to provide. She also makes the choice to give the baby away to a family more equipped for the role of parenting than she. Along the way there are, of course, laughs, tears and life lessons.

The film was directed by Jason Reitman (Thank You For Smoking), and written by Minnesota’s Diablo Cody. It is rumored that Cody, a former stripper and writer for the City Pages, began writing the script one day in a coffee shop. It is her first screenplay and it’s a damn good one at that.

With witty dialogue, rounded characters and immense amounts of humor, it’s hard to ignore her talent as a writer. One can only hope that this caliber of writing will continue in her future projects. Reitman should also be given credit for bringing this great story to the screen with thoughtful accuracy.

A movie with such a powerful lead role can easily be dragged down if there is not an equally forceful actress. Thankfully, we are granted this in the form of Ellen Page, who brings the character of Juno to vibrant life like no other actress could. She is simply phenomenal; it’s hard not to get sucked into her story from the very first scene. She is sharp, scintillating and never misses a beat. Michael Cera is also great in his signature “awkward as hell teenager” role.

The soundtrack, which plays a heavy role in the film, is wonderful. Drawing mainly from Kimya Dawson and the Moldy Peaches, each track is simple, yet filled with creativity and honesty. You’ll want to pick it up after seeing the movie, and I suggest you do.

Juno is a fantastic piece of filmmaking; without a doubt among the best of the past year. If you haven’t seen it yet, you must.

What reality series would you want to appear on?

Compiled by Andrea Janney

“The Bachelor because there are a lot of hot girls.”
Peter Roth
Sophomore • Undeclared

“Real World/Road Rules because there are a lot of sweet prizes.”
Geoff Alexander
Sophomore • Economics

“Pros vs. Joes.”
Adam Palm
Sophomore • Public Accounting

“The Amazing Race.”
Jill Apfelbacher
First-year • Undeclared
Swim, bike and run for a cause

Epsilon Pi Alpha raises money for juvenile diabetes

The May 11 triathlon consists of a 500-yard swim, a 12 mile bike ride and a 3.1 mile run. Pictured above, Sophomore Spanish Major Courtney Woodward trains for the event.

Christina Strey
Weekly Staff Writer

This weekend, Gusties across campus are called to participate in a triathlon to benefit juvenile diabetes. All the proceeds will be used to support the IronKIDz program, in association with Triabetes and Insulindependence. This triathlon is a typical sprint triathlon consisting of a 500-yard swim, a twelve mile bike ride and a 3.1 mile run. The Fitness Club and the Epsilon Pi Alpha (EPA) fraternity are sponsoring the event.

Senior triathlon chair, member of Epsilon Pi Alpha and Communication Studies and Management Major Adam Eckhardt said that “all of the proceeds from the triathlon are going toward Insulindependence, which is a worldwide project aimed at changing diabetic lives through adventure, travel, educational outreach and web-based community support. Insulindependence is a nonprofit public benefit corporation based in San Diego, California.”

The Epsilon Pi Alpha fraternity at Gustavus has a history of supporting diabetes-related causes and raised $6,500 to support Insulindependence programs in 2007. The fraternity hopes to surpass that amount during this year’s Diabetes Awareness Project, which has featured several events since mid-April and will conclude with the triathlon on May 11.

“Signing up for the triathlon itself is a fundraiser,” said Sophomore Spanish Major and triathlon participant Courtney Woodward. “People can still register throughout this week and will have to pay extra for the date-of-the-event registration at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, with a 10:00 a.m. start,” Eckhardt said.

Participants in the event are encouraged to do some training before the event or split up into teams of two or three people. “I believe anyone can do it,” said Woodward. “It just takes some training to do all three in a row, but anyone who wants to do it can do it.”

“We would love a great turnout for this event,” Eckhardt said, “and if anyone has questions they should e-mail me [at] aeckhard@gac.edu and let me know. They can send their registration forms through the P.O.s to Eckhardt or they can register online at http://www.insulindependence.org/gusti_tri.asp.”

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

“God, make my life a little flower that giveth joy to all. Content to bloom in native bower, although its place be small.”

Thank you God for watching over me

“The Lord is your keeper.....”

Psalm 121:6

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

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**Ghostly Gustavus:**

*An overview of the ghastly, ghoulish, and grisly history of ghosts at Gustavus Adolphus College*

**Tom Butala**

*Weekly Staff Writer*

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The Lost Swimmer

During the Gustavus Spring Break of 1998 a super-cell of tornadoes tore through Gustavus and St. Peter. They were responsible for ripping up all of our trees, knocking over the steeple of Christ Chapel, and tearing the roof off multiple buildings on campus. People weren’t sure if Gustavus would reopen its doors ever again, let alone reconvene classes that semester.

But President Axel Streuer led a huge rebuilding effort with the slogan “Building a Better Gustavus” and brought the students back in three weeks. The campaign was so successful that Streuer was able to bring in a record-setting first-year class the next fall.

The Scary Security Guard

During the intervening summer, an electrician was repairing damage done to the Heritage Room—a special topics research room honoring the relationship between Gustavus Adolphus College and the Augustana Synod, the group of Swedish Lutherans who founded the college. The room was dedicated to Emeroy Johnson, a man who served as archivist for both groups during the forties.

While the electrician was walking toward the front stairs after finishing his work, a small piece of paper fell like a leaf down from the ceiling directly in front of him. The electrician plucked the yellowed sheet from the air and read it. It was a copy of a letter Emeroy Johnson wrote to a church in northern Minnesota after its sanctuary was destroyed in a fire.

Emeroy’s letter was one of encouragement, telling the church that from their disaster, a better church could be built, echoing the “Building a Better Gustavus” sentiment. To those who saw it, it seemed like the former archivist was sending a message to members of the Gustavus community.

A Message From Beyond

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After a successful weekend at home in the Regionals, the Gusties head to Maine for Nationals

Ryan McPartland  
Weekly Staff Writer

L ast weekend in the MIAC Playoffs, the Gustavus Men’s Tennis team continued to run over teams like they’ve done all season long. The team beat St. Thomas in the opening round of the MIAC tournament before defeating Carleton in the MIAC Championship on Saturday, April 26 at the Swanson Tennis Courts. This MIAC playoff tournament was only the second post-season tournament to have six MIAC teams compete. Prior to last year, all MIAC teams were eligible to compete in the playoffs.

Number one seed Gustavus started in dominant fashion as all three doubles teams got wins. The doubles team consisting of Andy Bryan and Charlie Paukert won its #1 match 8-2. Mike Burdkin and John Kauss won their #2 match 8-1 while Nick Hansen and Kevin Stickney won their #3. Both Kauss and Stickney were able to follow up the strong doubles performances with wins in each of their singles matches. Kauss finished 6-0, 6-3 at the #2 position and Stickney recorded the final point 6-3, 6-2 at the #6 position to close the match.

“We’re confident. We’re going up against the teams viewed by many as the best in the country. The guys are determined and focused...and anxious to have the matter settled.” said Head Coach Steve Wilkinson. “We’ve been the top team in the Central region since 2000. We’re confident. We’re going to the St. Thomas match we could settle things on the court rather than leave things up to someone sermizing.”

The win over the University of Texas at Tyler secured a spot in the NCAA Quarterfinals for the Gusties. This is the ninth straight year that Gustavus has made it this deep into the tournament, and has hopes to bring another national title back to St. Peter. The last national title that the men’s Tennis team won was back in 1982. The NCAA Quarterfinals begin Tuesday, May 13 at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. The Gusties will face an opponent that is yet to be determined.

“As a team, I have seen [the] morale continue to grow in the past two weeks. Last week when we played UT-Tyler the team seemed to play and feel like it did right after the win at National Indoors,” said Tomasek. “Everyone was focused with high energy and positive attitudes believing we were the best team in the nation... Everyone knows that at every spot in the line up that person will give it their all and never stop fighting.”

Juniors Ben Tomasek (pictured above) and his doubles partner Nick Hansen, have an 18-9 record this season.
After two solid, late-inning victories over Augsburg to finish the season, Gustavus looks good heading into the postseason.

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Gustie Baseball headed to playoffs

The Gustavus Men’s Baseball team is headed back to the MIAC playoffs for the third consecutive season. The Gustie squad captured the playoff berth in its final conference doubleheader of the regular season last Sunday against Augsburg.

The two-game sweep was everything but easy for the Gusties, who relied on late-game heroics in each victory. In game one, Senior catcher Shea Roehrkeasse ended the contest with a dramatic walk-off, two-run homer after the Gusties rallied from a one-run deficit.

The rally started in the bottom of the seventh inning when Junior Mike DesLauriers drew a leadoff walk. Junior Nate Ruff moved DesLauriers into scoring position with a sacrifice bunt. Following the bunt, Senior Pat Siering hit a groundball that went off the glove of the Augsburg shortstop and into center field, allowing DesLauriers to score the tying run. Roehrkeasse then stepped into the batters’ box and launched a fly ball over the right-center field fence to end the game. Senior Charlie Cicalello pitched two thirds of an inning to record the win.

In game two, the Gusties would again resort to timely hitting to earn the victory. In the bottom of the sixth inning, with the Gusties leading by a score of 2-1, Senior outfielder Robby Weins showed great hustle in stretching a bloop single into a double. Weins scored shortly thereafter on a base hit by Sophomore Chad Eul. After Augsburg took a 3-2 lead in the top of the eighth inning, Gustavus needed yet another come-from-behind win.

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After jumping off to a 9-0 conference record, Gustavus sputtered to a 3-7 finish, including the two-win sweep to cap off the season. “It’s not a question that the fast start helped us earn a playoff spot,” said Siering. “We really hope to find some consistency in our play as we enter the playoffs. It seems like we either pitch well and hit poorly, or pitch poorly and hit well. Finding that consistent play will be very important to play deep in the tournament.”

Baseball is certainly a game of ups and downs. When consistency is lacking, good teams can be separated from inferior teams by pulling themselves out of slumps. “The biggest thing is being able to fight through it. In the game of baseball, you get plenty of opportunities; eventually, you get over the hump,” said Roehrkeasse.

Fortunately for Gustavus’ post-season hopes, that is exactly what the team was able to do with its two big wins against Augsburg. The confidence the Gusties gained from the two emotional wins is something the team will carry into the post-season. “We will definitely build off the momentum from those two wins. At the same time, we understand that the season starts over in the playoffs,” said Cicalello.

Preparing for the post-season is nothing new to most of the Gustie squad. However, it is an adjustment from regular season action.

“Our post-season bar is set a little higher this year since we’ve never been here before. Now we want to focus on winning the MIAC tournament and making it to NCAA regionals,” said Siering.

For a core group of seniors, this will be the last attempt to make it deep in the playoffs. Said Roehrkeasse, “You want to do well every year, but seniors have a little more incentive to do well. Everyone wants to go out on top, so it definitely means a lot more to the seniors because of that.”

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A simple look around campus shows how important the sport of tennis is to the school community. Gustavus’ 30 tennis courts are an astounding feat for any campus, and with the six courts located inside the bubble, tennis play is possible during all seasons.

Perhaps the large number of courts and the well-known tennis camps that Gustavus hosts during the summer have contributed to the decades of success experienced by the Gustavus Tennis programs. Or maybe the reasons lie behind the accomplishments of the tennis teams and the strong focus that the college seems to place on the sport.

Whatever the cause, one thing is certain: here at Gustavus, spring fever and tennis fever go hand-in-hand. Driving the madness this season is the Gustie Women’s Tennis team. Last Saturday, the Gusties solidified their position in the NCAA Championships. The team championship will take place May 13-15 and the singles and doubles championships will be May 16-18. Both championship rounds will take place at Gustavus.

The team championship consists of 47 different tennis teams. The doubles championships involve 16 pairs, while the individual championships are comprised of 32 players.

Although Gustavus has a strong tennis tradition, this is only the second year that it has hosted the NCAA Women’s Championships; the last time was in 2000. The Gusties have appeared in the last 19 consecutive NCAA Championships but have not won the title since 1990.

In the NCAA quarterfinals, the Gusties defeated Wheaton in order to advance to the semifinals. Key singles victories for the Gusties included those by First-year Sam Frank, Sophomore Sierra Krebsbach and Junior Erica Dobson. Krebsbach also had a key doubles victory with Senior partner Jenni White. Another successful duo was Frank and her Sophomore partner Ali O’Neal.

Last year, Gustavus lost to Amherst in the quarterfinals of team competition. Having defeated Wheaton in the quarterfinals, the Gusties now advance to the semifinals where they will face Washington and Lee University. Washington and Lee is the team that Amherst lost to last year in the championship round.

The women’s tennis program at Washington and Lee has won 15 NCAA Team Championships, last year’s being the most recent. Washington and Lee is currently ranked number one in all of Division III, while Gustavus holds the number 15 spot. The Gusties faced Washington and Lee earlier this season and lost all nine matches.

The second half of the season, however, has allowed for improvement and the Gusties are anxious to be able to take on such a skilled team. Senior Jenny Arnfelt said, “People can expect that the women’s tennis team will be bringing their whole heart and soul.”

Arnfelt battled in both doubles and singles competition for the Gusties in the win against Wheaton. Despite fierce competition, Arnfelt said, “We are all going to be putting our greatest effort into this tournament, and we have confidence that we will all compete at our very best.”

In addition to qualifying for the team championships, Gustavus also had one individual and one doubles team qualify. White was the lone individual to qualify for singles play and she also qualified for the doubles championships with partner Krebsbach.

The upcoming weeks are sure to bring top competitors to Gustavus, they’ll be looking to demonstrate their abilities on one of the many fine tennis courts. For all of the students who flock to the courts on warm days, these matches will surely be worth attending. So head on out into the sun and watch those Gusties shine!

Raissa Carpenter
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COMMENTARY

I know, right?
Freedom from consumerism

By Tasha Carlson
Weekly Staff Columnist

With the end of the school year quickly approaching, many Gusties with cafeteria accounts are running low on funds. Perhaps your money was spent on late night cheese bread orders, frost-your-owns used to bribe professors or those amazing hummus, black olive and pineapple sandwiches … wait, just me? That’s embarrassing.

Nevertheless, your account is dwindling faster than Lindsay Lohan is re-entering rehab. The solution: become a freegan! Before watching Oprah’s special, “Living on the Edge,” I thought only the homeless ate from garbage cans. Ferne Edwards, author of “Dumpster Dining,” an article published by Alternatives Journal in 2006, explains that “freegans choose to eat out of dumpster bins to protest wasteful consumption.” The word freegan is compounded from “free” and “vegan.” Unlike most college students, many freegans actually have the money to purchase real food, but instead choose to dumpster dive, or dine, in order to express their political and environmental concerns.

Right about … now, I am sure you are thinking this sounds extreme and completely repulsive. I know, right? Wait just a few paragraphs longer before you judge the freegan lifestyle.

This growing grassroots subculture is made up of individuals who choose not to partake in consumer society. Raina Kelley of Newsweek’s October 2007 article stated that although freeganism is now present in most American cities, “this culture first became evident out West in Seattle and Portland in the mid-1990s.” Freegans believe that the mentality “out with the old, in with the new” only perpetuates our habit of wasting the world’s resources. This practice by affluent societies produces an amount of waste so enormous that countries could be fed, clothed and provided for with our trash.

Most freegans collect food from supermarket dumpster bins. An Oprah special story entitled “Living on the Edge” aired on February 27, 2008, and featured Madeline—a retired New York City executive who once earned six figures. In that show, Madeline shows off her kitchen which is fully stocked with fruit, vegetables, milk, bread, eggs and even cut flowers—all of which came from the trash. What about the items one is unable to find while diving? Madeline spends roughly $10 to $20 a week on items not found in the dumpsters.

Freegans, as depicted here, express their political and environmental concerns by choosing not to partake in consumer society.

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Everybody loves Reagan
Moderate Messiah: a satire

By Andrew Evenson
Weekly Staff Columnist

Jesus Christ, as of today, has officially entered his bid for president of the United States of America. He will be running as the Toga Party candidate where he narrowly defeated Little Caesar and John Belushi in the primary process. Despite Jesus’ age of over 2,000 years, he is expected to bring new life and energy to the already tight race and has promised to end all problems by 2016 (see Apocalyptic Program). It will be interesting to see how the other candidates will react to this announcement, seeing as how they all claim to worship him.

When asked why he decided to enter the race, Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life, and I don’t believe any of the other candidates can say that.” This is the type of straight talk that has given him a surge in the most recent polls. He leads with an impressive 75 percent of the vote, but he has said that he still needs to reach out to agnostics, atheists and voters of other faiths to reach his goals. One of his twelve closest advisers told us that his goal is to reach 100 percent by the end of the campaign. That would be quite an accomplishment for someone so new on the campaign trail.

Many believe that it is his strong support from the evangelical community that has really allowed his candidacy to make such an immediate impact, but some evangelical leaders are holding out to see where he stands on certain social issues. “We don’t want to rush into anything before we know that Jesus is going to stand with us on the moral and biblical principles that we live our lives by,” said Reverend Stu B. Born. Most evangelicals I talked to said they will pray to Jesus asking whether or not they should vote for him.

Economic and other domestic issue voters have also moved to his campaign due to his radical new cost cutting ideas and planned reforms of the healthcare system. He has already laid out his new plan to feed the world with just two loaves of bread and a couple fish, but his critics say he is just pandering for votes. “Jesus is being completely insensitive to those Americans who are allergic to gluten,” said Marilyn Manson, the only public figure to come out publicly against the Jesus campaign.

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Mentally, I am sure you are picturing the food as messy, squashed and expired; however, the food she’s eating is far from gross. The majority of the food remains in its original packaging and has only been tossed for cosmetic reasons, not because of poor quality. Edwards contends that you can find anything in a dumpster. “From organic macadamia nuts, apples, laundry detergent, fertilizer, jars of olives to feta cheese, anything you can think of that the supermarket stocks.” Madeline explains how cartons of eggs are regularly thrown away if only one egg out of the twelve is broken. Fruit is also a common item which enters the trash when it has only minor dents. 

Alright... so who’s with me? If you are hitting rock bottom with your cafeteria account, you could save some money by checking out the local dumpster. We might be able to avoid a trek into town; we have a restaurant right here on campus (the Caf) that produces thousands of dollars of food daily. Or anyone interested in a late-night trip to Econo’s dumpster on Sunday evening? Make sure to grab your hard-hat, flashlight and an empty garbage bag for run for the presidency, but the bizarre deaths by lightning-strike of the past week have made these dissenters much more relevant to speak out. God has declared to comment. The big question now is who he will choose to run as his vice president. Oprah Winfrey, Mel Gibson and Chuck Norris have been the most popular names floating around the political talk shows, but televangelist Pat Robertson told me that he talked to Jesus last night and he thinks it will be someone unexpected. One reporter gave Jesus a list of possible candidates for the position ranked from 1 to 100, but Jesus responded to the list by saying, “As of right now, the last could be first or the first could be last, but I am definitely carefully considering a number of different people.”

This is Jesus’ first race in America, but in his home region he once lost a landslide vote in the Roman Empire. For three days, many pundits thought his political career was dead, but Jesus was determined to persevere and recovered with help from his father. “My father is someone who has always stuck by me during the tough times,” said Jesus.

Love him or hate him, Jesus has taken the nation by surprise. Though he once lost a landslide vote in his home region, he was determined to persevere and recovered with help from his father. “My father is someone who has always stuck by me during the tough times,” said Jesus.

Food waste at the Caf

So much hype has been made about the reusable-to-go containers that Gustavus will be purchasing for the fall, that people tend to overlook another problem surrounding food at our college: waste. I think that the Tupperware to-go containers are a fantastic idea, but it takes the focus away from another problem that can be solved quite easily—that is the amount of food waste from the Caf that is thrown away. Most everything that you leave on your tray after you are finished eating, but, turned out to be a little unappetizing, is perfectly compostable material. And yet, Gustavus pays a company to haul away our waste, why not create more work-study jobs to take care of a compost pile? This would keep money within the college and reduce the effect that the food waste has on the environment. After all, you always hear about how Gustavus is a leader in eco-friendly practices. Why wouldn’t the college want to solve a problem with a low cost solution that not only benefits its students, but the earth we live on as well?

Letters to the Editor

Gustavus’ littering problem

On Earth Day, I participated in an all-Greek campus clean-up through Inter-Greek Senate. This was a great event, but it really brought to light how thoughtless people on our campus can be. Throughout the hour or so that my sorority sisters and I were picking up garbage around the Chapel and Old Main, we gathered hundreds of cigarette butts and chewed pieces of gum. Honestly, this is disgusting. The next time you are walking along any sidewalk on campus, take a look at the grass lining the path. I am sure you will see numerous cigarette butts and chewed pieces of gum. Look around the doors of any building. Despite the fact that there is a cigarette disposal container and a garbage can a few feet away, I bet you will—once again—find cigarette butts and chewed pieces of gum.

Are we too lazy to walk the extra three steps to throw away our garbage in the proper containers? Really.

Gustavus is a beautiful campus, especially this time of the year. Let’s please try to keep Gustavus beautiful.

Veronica Bean ’08

Freedom from consumerism: continued from page 14

To celebrate this week, the Book Mark will be offering 20% off all children’s books.

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Looking Ahead...
The Final Days Fiesta Sale begins on Monday, May 19th and runs through Wednesday, May 28th. 20% off most items. Good chance to purchase a last minute gift or cool t-shirt for the summer!

Cool, Refreshing and Delicious!

Look for the new items in the Book Mark beginning the week of May 12th

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“What’s a B+ mean? I’m an extremist. It’s either pass or fail! A+ or F-!”

Rapper KANYE WEST

on his blog, after a US music critic rated Kanye’s Glow in the Dark tour a B+ and described the show as “the ultimate ego trip.”
May 9, 2008

Letters to the Editor

The ineffectiveness of Student Senate

For a long time, Student Senate has made missteps. I think it is time for the students to know of these actions.

Student Senate was created to best serve the student body. Gusties who have concerns about administrative policies, suggestions to better the school or who need funding for their student organizations are supposed to go to Student Senate.

However, Student Senate has been an ineffective and unethical body for over a year. For example:

- Senate held a town hall meeting so that the students could “Save the Gus Bus.” However, the Gus Bus was never in real danger. The students who attended the meeting were furious.
- Senate had several weeks worth of debate over what attire should be worn in meetings. The proposed “dress code” did not go over well, and valuable hours of Senate’s time were wasted.
- Senate introduced and passed amendments during one January Term meeting, a time when many of the elected Senators had proxies. These amendments were significant because they directed student government fees toward Senate executives and allowed freshmen to run for president.
- In this semester’s elections, the applications were out late, the ethics committee was not created until well into the election and one executive was on the ethics committee while campaigning for a presidential candidate. Had it not been for our respect for the student body and Senate, these quandaries would have led my running mate and I to halt the ballots mid-vote.
- In the culmination of all this, a member of the current administration discovered that Senate had violated rules in its own constitution. The result has been a reelection and several other stipulations from the College Judicial Board. Essentially, they told Senate to clean up its act.

Along with several other Senators, I have since resigned from Student Senate. All I would like now is for Senate to commit to being what it is meant to be: a government for the students and by the students.

Chad Allen ’10

Active Minds on Campus

A mental health survey was conducted at Gustavus over the past few months. Of the students surveyed, 87 percent reported pressure to fit the “ideal Gustie” image. Of those students, 68 percent said that this pressure impacts their mental health.

Many Gustavus students fit the description of an “ideal Gustie” involvement in countless organizations, programs and extracurricular activities on campus. Yet this often overwhelming lifestyle can take a toll on a student’s mental health.

Mental illness is an issue that has only recently been addressed at Gustavus. Considering the prevalence of mental illness on college campuses today, it needs to be given much more attention. According to the American College Health Association, by the time young adults are in college, more than half report feeling depressed. While the survey conducted at Gustavus did not specifically look at depression, it did find that over 20 percent or 1 in every 5 Gustavus students has been diagnosed with a mental illness, most having been diagnosed after starting college. Additionally, nearly 75 percent of students have someone in their family or a close friend who has deal with a mental illness.

There is currently a stigma attached to mental illness. Gustavus needs to be a community that more openly acknowledges, discusses and understands mental illness. According to Rachel Slater, a psychologist in the Gustavus Counseling Center, “There is always a need for more discussion and awareness on campus. We’ve come a long way from where we once were [regarding views of mental illness], but we still have a ways to go.” The most effective method to combat stigma is to educate.

Gustavus is currently opening a chapter of Active Minds on Campus, a student-run mental health awareness, education and advocacy organization. It was founded in 2001 by a student at the University of Pennsylvania, following the suicide of her brother. The organization will work to educate students about mental illness by hosting informational meetings and events on campus.

Ninety-six percent of Gustavus students agree that more public knowledge of mental illness is needed. If you would like to be a part of the change to make Gustavus a community that openly acknowledges and discusses mental illness, please consider joining the Gustavus chapter of Active Minds on Campus. E-mail aschneider@gac.edu or stop by the Peer Assistant Office to learn more.

Anna Schneider ’09

Joining the Worker Rights Consortium

It is no secret that the Industrial Revolution created thousands of sweatshops in an attempt to lower the cost of production and increase profit. Little has been done to eliminate this process worldwide and to prevent sweatshop-made products from crossing over our borders. In fact, of the workers who contribute to America’s $300 billion per year clothing market, about 80 percent of them work in conditions in violation of local and international labor laws.

The Fair Labor Association (FLA) was formed in 1999 to combat inflation. The FLA puts companies together with human rights groups, universities and religious groups. Gustavus, St. Olaf and Carleton are all associated with the FLA. Labor unions withdrew when the businesses refused to offer a living wage to all employees. This is ensured through investigations of the factories done by the companies themselves. The unions, along with Students Against Sweatshop Labor, formed the Worker Rights Consortium (WRC) a year later. The WRC requires a living wage, disclosure of factory locations and sends inspectors to react to complaints of factory workers. When a college or university associates with either of these organizations, it agrees to purchase only from companies who abide by the respective codes of conduct.

Carleton College, Macalester, St. Catherine’s and St. Olaf are all WRC members. This was an issue back in 2000 when Stacey Hunt and Gustavus professor Travis Nyygard wrote to THE GUSTAVIAN WEEKLY urging them to join the WRC. No action was taken because of the comparative size differences between the two organizations. The WRC only works with collegiate apparel, while the FLA works with the entire garment industry. But the WRC can react more quickly and strongly on specified targets while the FLA can affect a wider area of the industry. Although these two organizations are often critical of each other, Gustavus would best serve not only the millions of people suffering sweatshop conditions but also Gustavus’ five core values by associating with both of these organizations. This is our chance to set an example and stand up for what’s right. Only through struggles for progress can we prevent the abuse of human lives.

Lucas Nissen ’10

Come to Mount Olive Lutheran Church and join us this summer in making incredible music to the glory of God every week through hearty congregational singing, our mighty Schickler organ, choirs, soloists and special ensembles. Led by Dr. David Cherwien, conductor of the National Lutheran Choir, you’ll find many talented and committed participants in the music and liturgy. Both inspiring and fun, Mount Olive is a musical liturgical and welcoming congregation located at 31st and Chicago in Minneapolis. Visit www.mountolivechurch.org to find maps, a calendar of events, and other great things like our Bach festival in June.

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**Friday, May 9**

**Baseball at MIAC Conference Tournament**
All Day
Good luck, Gusties! Oh, and by the way, Adam Bren, I want to Facebook stalk you. There. I said it.

**Celebration of Creative Inquiry**
10:00 a.m.
Chaplain Brian rented an Eppie last week at the Eppie Auction. Let’s see if the topmost stained glass windows finally got dusted.

**Gustavus Student Film Festival**
6:00 p.m.
Following the success of BangalAmerica, Mr. Selvaraj and Mr. Fillmore will be screening their newest cinematic venture, “Matt and Sid go to White Castle.”

**Fefu and Her Friends**
8:00 p.m.
Like Steel Magnolias, just with less Julia Roberts and more Noemi Lopez.

**Encore Screening, BangalAmerica**
9:00 p.m.
Now with 10 percent more brown people!

**On-Campus Film, Juno**
10:00 p.m.
Whether becoming pregnant or losing the Oscar for Best Actress, Ellen Page is constantly getting screwed.

**Saturday, May 10**

**Vesak**
10:00 a.m.
Spelled backwards it’s “Kasev.” Hmm. Doesn’t make sense that way either.

**Michelle Kolhoff Senior Voice Recital**
3:30 p.m.
With more high-pitched singing than an *NSYNC concert.

**Diversity Ball (D-Ball)**
5:30 p.m.
I think the Pickle should have its own ball; we’ll call it P-Ball! Oh wait. . .

**Gustavus Symphony Orchestra in Concert**
6:00 p.m.
Dare you trust the music of the night?

**Fefu and Her Friends**
8:00 p.m.
Eight women, one on-stage water fight. It’s like Spring Break Round II.

**Sunday, May 11**

**MOTHER’S DAY**
Go out and buy a card for the woman who carried you like a baby kangaroo for nine months.

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**The Gustavian Weekly**

**The Lucia Singers’ Mother’s Day Concert**
1:30 p.m.
Hot chicks singing to hot moms. It’s win-win!

**Fefu and Her Friends**
2:00 p.m.
Megan Bren’s character is the most endearing personality in a wheelchair since Stephen Hawkins.

**Christine Beatty, Senior Voice Recital**
3:30 p.m.
Let’s hear some Kelly Clarkson, “Behind These Hazel Eyes,” shall we?

**Opening Reception for Senior Show 2008**
4:00 p.m.
An art reception? Sweet! Let’s all stand around and eat cubes of American cheese, drink wine out of a box and laugh haughtily, superior laughs.

**Monday, May 12**

**This Day in History:**
2006 -- Justin Gatlin ties the 100 meter sprint world record with a time of 9.77 seconds. That’s impressive; most of the computers in the library take twice that long just to sign in to e-mail.

**Senior Studio Art Major’s Exhibition**
9:00 a.m.
Getting up to learn stuff at 9:00 a.m.? What do you think I am, a first-year?!

**Open House for Father Elias Chacour**
12:30 a.m.
I thought that Christ Chapel was a 24/7 “Open House”.

**Monday Night Recital**
7:30 p.m.
In my opinion, “Too many notes.”

**Tuesday, May 13**

**M. Golf at NCAA Championships**
All Day
Wow. Our boys have really had a Cinderella Story here. Rumor has it they played the ‘Dally Lamma’, and on their deathbeds will receive total consciousness. So they got that going for them, which is nice.

**Proclaim**
9:00 p.m.
Funny, most college students choose alternative methods to shout out God’s name. Most of these methods are also unprintable.

**Wednesday, May 14**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, GEORGE LUCAS!**
Happy birthday! I bet before he turned 21, George went to the bar and would say, “You don’t need to see my identification . . . I can go about my business . . .”

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**Thursday, May 15**

**George Hall Lecture**
7:00 p.m.
Probably more interesting than a George Sotos lecture. Mooh-aw!

**Gustavus Greens**
8:00 p.m.
Given last weekend’s freezing torrential weather, I think the campus might not be green for quite some time.

**Speech Showcase**
7:30 p.m.
My money’s on the cancer piece, although the autistic girl named Spoonface is a close second.

**Fika**
9:15 p.m.
The Sweedish version of Fefu and Friends.

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**Quotes of the Week:**

**Greg Boone:** “Describe your feelings on a scale of blue to red.”

**Kelly K. Nelson:** “Seriously, who’s thinking about vaginas at 8:00 a.m.?”

**Jamie Riemann:** “I was more out of it than Dick Clark on New Year’s Eve.”

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**On behalf of all the little baby pickles out there, thanks Mom! The card’s in the mail, I swear.**

-the pickle-

**W. Tennis hosts 2008 NCAA Division III Championships**
All Day
If it’s as exciting as the romantic comedy Wimbledon I am so there.

**Fitness 110—Water**
1:30 p.m.
Next week, for the more courageous of us, Fitness 210 -- Molten Lava.

**WAC Meeting**
8:00 p.m.
Tons of women, though men are always welcome.

**Q&A**
9:15 p.m.
Tons of women, though attractive men are always welcome.

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**Fefu and Her Friends**

- the pickle -

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