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Spring renews trees and spirits

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From Wednesday, April 21 through Friday, April 25, the Linnaean Arbore-
tum is hosting “Trees for Heart, Mind, and Spirit,” an event which celebrates the
beauty of trees and the inspiration the Arb offers to each visitor. The event corre-
sponds with Earth Week, which is hosted by the Gustavus Greens.

“We tend to take trees for granted, as-
suming they will always be there for us to enjoy.” Goodfellow is encouraging stu-
dents to realize, however, that “trees, like we, are vulnerable to the changes in
our environment.” Arboretum Intern Director Herb Chilstrom said. “As [members of Gustavus], every student owes it to him [or] herself to become in-
timately acquainted with this important element in our environment. This ‘Trees’
event is such an opportunity right at our doorstep.”

“The closest arboretum of this size is
located near the Twin Cities, so in our local area this is the place to experience
the beauty of gardens, restored prairie, deciduous and coniferous woods and a
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Fiasco concert to be a success

Chris Stewart
Staff Writer

On Saturday, April 17, Chicago-based
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form in the Lund Arena for the biennial
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Breaking ground on new academic building

Andy Setterholm
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The long-planned, long-awaited ground-
breaking ceremony for Gustavus’ new academic building will take place this
Friday, April 16. The ceremony will be set
on the grounds of the new building, west of Christ Chapel and the Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library at 5:30 p.m.

The site of the actual groundbreaking
will be at the north end of the space, facing Lund Center, which is one of the planned entrances to the new building. The build-
ing will be the new home of five depart-
ments: communication studies, economics and management, history, psychology, and sociology and anthropology.

“A groundbreaking for any construction project is a moment of celebration,” Barb Larson Taylor, assistant to the president for special projects, said. “The fact that we’re actually at the point of breaking ground is exciting.”

The ceremony is expected to be attended by a host of members representing the Gus-
avus community, including President Jack Ohle, members of the Board of Trustees, representatives of the Association of Con-
gregations, faculty from the five academic departments being moved, representatives from the architecture and contracting firms, alumni and students.

The groundbreaking marks the begin-
inning of construction that will continue from Friday on.

The building is scheduled to be com-
pleted and ready for use in the fall semester of the 2011 academic year. The project is one part of $44 million in capital projects set forward by the Board of Trustees.

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Campus Safety Report

Monday, March 15
• Campus Safety officers responded to a medical assist in the Schafer Fine Arts building.
• Three Pittman Hall residents were charged by Campus Safety for drug/narcotic violations. One of the students was also charged with underage liquor possession.

Wednesday, March 17
• A Gustavus student reported her Graphic Calculator stolen from Nobel Hall.

Saturday, March 20
• A Gustavus student was cited by Campus Safety for alcohol violation/underage consumption at the Dive dance.
• A non-Gustavus student was cited for an alcohol violation. The non-Gustavus student was also issued a Trespass Warning. A Gustavus student was cited for a Social Host violation.

Sunday, March 21
• A Novostudent was arrested for underage consumption while in Pittman Hall.
• A Gustavus student was cited by Campus Safety and SPPD for driving under the influence.
• A Gustavus student reported a bias incident that occurred in the Norelius Parking lot.

Friday, March 26
• An of-age Gustavus student and a visitor to campus were cited by Campus Safety for a liquor violation.
• An of-age Gustavus student was cited by Campus Safety for a liquor violation.
• Campus Safety responded to a report that someone streaked through the Chapel during services.

Monday, March 29
• A Gustavus student called the Campus Safety office to report the theft of a Blackberry Pearl.

Tuesday, April 6
• Campus Safety responded to a Medical Assist in Southwest Hall.
• A Gustavus student reported his unsecured bicycle stolen from outside the Campus Center.

Wednesday, April 7
• Campus Safety responded to Pittman Hall for a drug violation.

Friday, April 9
• A student reported property stolen from the men’s locker room of the Lund Center.
• Two students while on Campus Drive were cited for underage consumption by Campus Safety and SPPD. One student was arrested for underage consumption and transported to the Nicollet County Sheriff’s Department.
• Saturday, April 10
• Two non-Gustavus people were issued Trespass Warnings and escorted off Campus. One Gustavus student was issued a Social Host violation.
• Campus Safety was called to a medical assist at the Rugby field.
• A manhole cover was reported stolen from Chapel Circle.

Sunday, April 11
• Four Gustavus students were cited for underage consumption by Campus Safety. One student was cited for underage consumption by the SPPD and transported to Rivers Edge Hospital.

Tip of the Week

Bicycle Regulations:
• All students, faculty, and staff who wish to park a bicycle on campus must register it with the College. There is no fee for registering a bicycle. Every bicycle must be identified with a sticker to be placed on your bicycle.
• Registration of bicycles is accomplished in person at the Campus Safety Office located in the basement of Norelius Hall Room A35 or you can register online: https://gustavus.edu/safety/permits/
• Lock your bike with a U-lock at one of the bike racks on campus, even if you are only going to be gone for a few minutes. Do not lock your bike to lamp posts or to stairwell railings. Use the bike racks. Lock it or Lose it! Bicycle locks can be purchased from the Book Mark.
• If you believe your bike has been stolen or is lost, check all of the bike racks on campus. Then come to Department of Campus Safety to file a report.
• All improperly parked bicycles will be confiscated by Campus Safety or Physical Plant personnel. If the bicycle is secured, the lock will be removed at owner expense. A storage fee of $10 (non-registered) $5 (registered) per day will be applied.
• All students not staying at the College during the summer months must take their bicycle home with them at the end of the school year.

Alcohol Forum

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On Thursday, April 22 at 5:00 p.m. the Dean of Students Office will be hosting a forum to discuss high risk drinking. The forum will begin with an introduction of information and statistics and will be developed by group discussions about drinking and the alcohol policy on campus. A light meal will also be served. Dean of Students Jeffrey Stoeco and Director of Alcohol and Drug Education Judy Douglas will be the primary facilitators of the event. Associate Dean of Students Deirdre Rosenfeld answered some questions for Stoecco who was out of the office and said that the forum was “less of a prescriptive presentation and more a community dialogue.”

Group discussions will allow students and administrators the opportunity to discuss the current culture of high risk drinking. One of the purposes of the forum is to explore reasons behind the pastime, as well as examine the efficacy of current Gustavus policies.

All students, even those who choose to participate in high risk drinking situations, are encouraged to come and take part in the conversation. “We hold different pieces of the puzzle,” Rosenfeld said. “We are looking for constructive solutions.”

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There will be a fundraiser for the Library of the College of African Wildlife Management called “The Jail and Bail for Tanzania” on Saturday, April 17 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The event will be held in the Market Place, where participants will be “jailed” for at least thirty minutes. With the bail, participants can either call friends or family to make bail or take a chance or ask visitors to the Market Place for donations. The minimum “bail” is $25, with all proceeds going to the College of African Wildlife Management.

When Sophomore Political Science Major Katie Eiden was told to come up with a community engagement project for her Public Discourse class, she immediately thought about ways that she could help Tanzania. “My great-grandpa was a medical missionary in Tanzania, and my grandpa was born there,” Eiden said. “So I’ve always been interested in the country.”

Eiden decided to do a book drive, but after doing some brainstorming with Student Activities Director Megan Lupe, she decided to host the Jail and Bail, thinking that it would draw more interest on campus. “I wanted to capture fundraising ideas that were unique and hadn’t been seen at Gustavus, and I thought the Jail and Bail was a good idea. Plus, this is a way to make sure all the money goes to the school,” Eiden said, referring to the high cost of shipping and the lack of the transportation infrastructure that would guarantee that the books reach their destination.

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A mid the furor over The Gustavian Weekly’s coverage of former daily operation, some campus editors and reactions. Removal of copies of The Weekly in the wake of the administration’s taking place, coincides with a scholarship weekend, has been a consistent theme of the past two years. On Thursday, March 25, 2010. The Weekly settled one aspect of this in a public Judicial Board hearing, brought by The Weekly against Senior Communication Studies and History Major Mary Cunningham.

Assistant Dean of Students Deidre Rosenfeld said that the case signified the “healthy, vibrant, conflict-ridden community” that is Gustavus. “Not conflict-ridden in that we’re full of angst. It’s that we critically disagree. That’s what makes us a community of independent thinkers,” Rosenfeld said.

The Weekly’s editorial board took Cunningham to the Judicial Board over her admitted movement of some 300 copies of the newspaper from the Carlson International Center to the Prairie View Center to the Carlson International Center and Prairie View Hall, which they alleged violated Part III and Part VII of the Gustie Guide’s Statement of Student Responsibility.

This case was notable for many reasons. Besides being the first to address movement and removal of a campus publication, Rosenfeld noted that “open hearings don’t happen very often. In this case, one side said it was a community issue, and the other party agreed,” Rosenfeld said. Other editors can’t remember an equivalent public hearing in their decades here. This time, the public was invited and welcomed. Many campus members appeared to watch the proceedings.

Cunningham proposed the hearing be made public. “Agreed with it, as long as The Weekly could cover it to have a public conversation about what [constitutes] theft,” Senior Religion Major and Editor-in-Chief of The Weekly Jake Seamans said.

Cunningham said she moved to make the hearing public to highlight the issue across campus. “This is a conversation that needs to take place on campus [concerning the coverage of Case day], so I didn’t deny my involvement. If I had denied my involvement I am confident the case would have gone nowhere due to a lack of evidence,” Cunningham said.

Seamans pursued the claims through the Judicial Board because he felt it was “the best avenue to resolve it. To protect our ability to distribute our newspapers is incredibly important to The Weekly. If someone is keeping us from distributing our papers, it’s censorship, whether it is individuals in the community or from [the] top down,” Seamans said.

Cunningham said her actions constituted protest over the content of the Case Day article. “We believed that the large pictures of alcohol portrayed Gustavus in a negative light and did not accurately reflect Gustavus,” Cunningham said. “My defense was pretty simple—I didn’t steal anything. This group of students was merely protesting something we felt was wrong.”

“I don’t think what she was doing was protest, plain and simple,” Seamans said. “Generally when you are trying to protest, you want to tell people, or raise awareness about the issue you are trying to address. She didn’t do anything to [become public until] I requested a J-Board hearing,” Seamans said.

“I firmly believe that by treating the papers respectfully, carefully relocating them and making sure they were available to students, we did not disrespect the papers,” Cunningham said. She added that she was “making a public statement that displaying alcohol in that fashion on such an important weekend was not appropriate and should not be tolerated by The Weekly readership.”

Cunningham mentioned the way in which coverage of such issues “negatively impacts the school’s ability to raise money.” “After speaking with several administrative offices on campus, we felt that the only choice was to relocate the papers to residence halls,” Cunningham said.

“I believe that our coverage of Case Day was appropriate, mentioning that ‘binge drinking is a serious issue at Gustavus and Case Day is a large part of that. Our coverage is a large part of that, to start a serious conversation about the issues that face our campus,” Seamans said.

The Weekly’s argument in the hearing, according to Seamans, “was pretty straightforward. You know, to find basically three things. One, if she did it. She said she didn’t. The next thing to find was whether it was a violation of students’ responsibility. If it was, what would be an appropriate sanction?”

As outlined in the staff box of the newspaper, each copy of The Weekly after the first, costs 50 cents apiece.

“The newspaper has historically been free. Besides, we [still] made it available to students. 50 cents after your first copy? If I am guilty of what I have been accused of, then so are literally thousands of Gusties, administrators and professors,” Cunningham said.

“Since I was Managing Editor two years ago, we’ve had the 50 cents stipulation for each additional copy. We’ve always charged for them, and there have been situations where we have received funds for them,” Seamans said.

While the hearing and the issues confronted may have been public, the outcome was not. Students’ individual privacy is our most important concern,” Rosenfeld said. “Judicial records are federally protected.”

For the purposes of a campus conversation, “J-board isn’t always the best venue,” Rosenfeld said.

Seamans agreed, saying that he was “disappointed” that the results weren’t made public. “This would go a long way to aiding the conversation,” Seamans said.

“The open hearing doesn’t bring the issue any sort of resolution. The public won’t know what the College has deemed to be the outcome,” Rosenfeld said. However, she did add that hearings such as these are to “seek justice.”

“[People] want authority to say you are either right or wrong, that’s what this community seeks,” Rosenfeld said.

“Public discussion on issues like this is a positive thing for the campus. This is an issue that needs to be addressed,” Seamans said.

“The best part about this whole thing is that a conversation is taking place on campus that is long overdue—not only about Case Day, but also about binge drinking,” Cunningham said.

“While it’s painful, it’s a rich opportunity for our community to talk about what happens here,” Rosenfeld said.

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Gustie of the Week:

Chelsea Roberts: Banding together to fight for a cure

Katie Kaderlik
Staff Writer

If you are ever having a bad day and just need a cheerful smile to brighten up your day, head over to Mattson Hall. Where is Mattson Hall again? Well, this is where Senior Elementary Education Major Chelsea Roberts spends most of her time in classes and lesson planning. “Chelsea works quietly behind the scenes to get things done, and she doesn’t like to brag about herself. She cares deeply about kids, and she puts them first. She always think of her warmth and her easy smile. She is generous, open and very interested in the people around her. I have been so pleased that, even though she has been incredibly busy with her academic work and with her activities across campus, that she has remained a member of the Lucia Singers,” Dr. Patricia Snapp, conductor of the Lucia Singers, said.

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"Through these stories she reminds the king of his innate goodness, compassion and the true sense of self that he has lost over the years," Senior English and Theatre Major and cast member Andrea Gullixson said. What makes this particular production of the play unique is the fact that although the play consists of over 60 characters, only 14 actors will be performing, which gives the actors ample opportunity to explore different roles. The play was also originally written for a stage similar to that of the Anderson Theatre at Gustavus.

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**variety**

**Clash of the Titans: Not your daddy’s Greek mythology movie**

Kevin Dumke
Staff Writer

So does anyone remember Disney’s Hercules or our childhood 13 years ago? Yeah, Clash of the Titans is kind of like that. On steroids. And crack. On a bad day.

Louis Leterrier’s (Transporter, Transporter 2) Clash of the Titans is a reimagining of a 1981 film of the same name. I do not claim to have seen the original, and therefore will draw no comparisons here. That being said, I can only imagine that the script changed drastically over the past 30 years. The plot of Clash of the Titans is, for all intents and purposes, nonexistent. If you are looking for a thinker at the theaters this weekend, cross Clash off of your list. You are not going to be too challenged here.

Clash of the Titans achieves its purpose of packing as many high octane fight scenes into its 110 minute run time as possible. However, it is clear from the outset that the story which advances these fight scenes was put on as an afterthought. Any premise of a plot is also hindered by such shoddily written lines as, “We live. We fight. We die.” If you have not gathered quite yet, Clash of the Titans utterly oozes machismo. To the movie’s credit, however, the fight scenes themselves are often quite impressive and epic in scope and were definitely the movie’s high points. From time to time during the adrenaline-pumping, fast-paced battles, though, I found myself wishing the action would slow down a bit, as it was difficult to follow who was slaying what.

In regards to Greek mythology, Clash of the Titans chose to take the macroscopic approach. Anyone who knows anything at all about Greek mythology should be able to pick out multiple cameos of creatures from the movie’s mythological menagerie. From the Pegasus to the Kraken, the mythological creatures are beautifully rendered in CG, and they are often more entertaining than the movie’s protagonist, Perseus (Sam Worthington, Avatar son). Worthington’s performance is somewhat wooden and definitely overly macho. Liam Neeson, who plays Zeus, is underrepresented, along with the rest of the pantheon of Greek gods. While we see an ensemble of gods, we only hear four of them speak; of those four, two have only one line!

It is regrettable that this movie was able to sign such stars as Neeson and Ralph Fiennes (otherwise known as Voldemort in the Harry Potter series) and underutilize them to such an extent, while focusing so much on Worthington’s lackluster performance.

Overall, the special effects of Clash of the Titans are one of its few saving graces. Unfortunately, the fake creatures and scenery seem to set a precedence for a fake script and acting as well. Clash of the Titans may be able to satisfy your craving if you are looking for an over-the-top action flick this weekend, but otherwise steer clear. I give Clash of the Titans one out of three crowns.

**Musical duo comes to Gustavus**

Andrew Lilja
Staff Writer

On April 21 at 7:00 p.m., musical duo Jenny and Tyler will be at Gustavus for part of their spring tour. The group’s music sounds like a cross between jazz and folk, with just a hint of Regina Spektor pop thrown in for good measure. Every so often, a little country edge worms its way through their chords and Jenny’s light,flowing singing. This isn’t just coincidence: both artists come from unique musical backgrounds.

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—Jenny

“Tyler grew up listening to his dad’s piano playing and his mom’s singing,” Jenny said. From a young age, Tyler would listen while his father would play jazz standards on the piano and his mother would sing. Jenny’s parents played music, too, but of a different variety—her childhood was filled with her parents’ bluegrass and gospel music. It was only a matter of time before they began writing songs of their own.

In 2004 Tyler was a worship leader at a campus ministry, and he just happened to be on the same bus as Jenny. Soon, they began writing songs together, “and before long we were dating.”

Jenny said. It wasn’t until they went to Nashville in 2006 that the couple realized they wanted to record while their album. “Because we’d been writing together, it just made sense to make an album together.” Jenny said.

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**Comedians brought as part of Diversity Week**

Last Tuesday, the Diversity Center sponsored comedians Chris May (pictured above) and James Berry as a part of Diversity Week. Following the comedians, students were invited to attend Dancing Around the World, where various cultural dances were featured and taught.

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**A Prelude** - Jenny

“A Prelude” is the album that Jenny and Tyler released last year. In April 2007 they went to Nashville in 2006 that the couple realized they wanted to record while they were there. “Because we’d been writing together, it just made sense to make an album together,” Jenny said.

“For the couple, 2007 was a big year. Their first record, A Prelude, was released, and even while recording it, they managed to find time to get married. The next year they decided to move to Nashville to focus more on their music and began writing their next album, This Isn’t a Dream, which was released last year. Faith plays a big role in their music, Jenny explained. “We don’t necessarily consider ourselves a Christian band, but our beliefs tend to shape the way we view the world.” Their honest lyrics reflect what they see and hear, and their musical style adds a unique flavor to their songs. You can listen to Jenny and Tyler’s newest album on their website at www.jennyandtylermusic.com.

**Submitted**
Lately, a new trend has been taking Gustavus sidewalks by storm. The pavement has been hit with an epidemic of longboarding fever. It’s nearly impossible to walk from Eckman Mall to Center/Vickner without spotting at least one, if not more, of the four-wheeled fiends.

Longboards originated as “sidewalk surfing” in California in the 1950s. They were originally intended to give surfers the feeling of surfing on land. They are similar in composition to a skateboard, with a deck, trucks and bearings.

On our campus, they are most commonly used as a form of transportation, but are also used for cruising and downhill racing.

“I started longboarding early this year, mostly as a way to get from point A to point B. It’s a fun, fast way to get hurt and get where you need to go,” First year Erik Velgersdyk said.

Though they disappeared in the cold winter months, the boards are back in town, and more and more people are finding the benefits of using them.

“I really enjoy longboarding because it reminds me of snowboarding, carving in and out, weaving through people. I used to skateboard but never learned any tricks, I just liked to ride around. Longboarding is better ‘cause it’s a smoother, faster, more entertaining ride,” Junior Biology Major Dan Shimek said.

It’s mostly guys who are rolling around campus on longboards, but it’s not all that uncommon to see girls trying to learn, too. The interest in this warm weather sport is growing fast on campus, and networks of longboarders are starting to pop up. Veldersdyk and friends are planning on forming a longboarding club on campus in the fall.

For those interested in learning to longboard, knowing your footing is a good place to start. If you use your right foot in back, you’re regular. If left, you’re goofy. An easy way to test this is by walking up the stairs. Whichever foot you start with is the foot you should have on the back of your board. Another way to figure this out is to find a friend and have them shove you from behind. Whichever foot you use to catch yourself is the foot that goes in back. Just like most people are right handed, most people are regular footed.

Successfully getting from one place to another without any major scrapes or bruises means you’ve mastered the basics and are ready to move on to more complicated tasks. The more serious longboarders use sliding gloves. These are gloves specialized to have strong leather gripping on the palms, or pucks, attached for better gripping when curving in and out of turns.

“I have pretty sweet scars from longboarding; chicks dig scars,” Junior English Major Andy Setterholm said. “Try not to bail on your way to class. Chicks don’t dig that.”

No matter the skill level, boarders of all kinds are out in full swing now that the weather has changed.
Examining life
Making the most of things

Finally, the snow is gone, Spring Break is behind us, and the shorts have been put in the drawer where the ugly sweaters once were. If you’ve been anxious for spring like I have, the end of March is one of your favorite times in the year. Not because the trees have leaves and you can get a great tan, but because green is beginning to poke up through the brown earth and the temperature is conducive to nature walks and bare forearms. I’m so excited to walk out of my room and not curse the cold breeze; I don’t know what I’ll do first. This is a sign of hope and joy, but also a problem for those of us who stop and think about their lives every now and then. I am so ecstatic about all the things I can do. But I wonder: which should I do? If I could do everything, believe me I would, but there are not enough hours in the day to both take that long jog along the river and still manage to be on top of all the other daily chores.

My quandary is this: how do we make the most of things? Meaning is something we seek, we want our lives to be valuable. What’s the right balance of pleasures and duties, vices and virtues, so that at the end of the day we feel satisfied? How much of this lovely spring weather can we enjoy before other parts of our lives start hurting?

I know there are some among us who see the change of season like the changing of the hours or days: it comes as would a change in wallpaper on a desktop screen: welcome, but roughly inconsequential beyond the daily tedium. Sometimes I envy these people who can live so separately from nature that they do not feel the beckoning of the sun’s rays and the scent of blooming flowers, but then I remember the joy these things bring me when do I have them, and it balances out the gloom of gazing at a cold earth for four months of the year.

This means that we all must find our own balance in this new season. I love to live by the old saying: “All things in moderation.” In ways, it’s a stoic reminder, but I also like to see it justifying the sometimes outrageous and spontaneous activities I take part in. Those moments, where I let life fling me around like the end of a whip, are the least moderate activities by definition, but I also like to think doing something completely novel helps shake the dust off our souls.

One thing I’m really looking forward to is smelling the lilac blossoms during finals week. I cannot wait for the day when tanning takes precedence over tidying and doing a sketch of the view from Old Main seems more like homework to justify not doing other, more literal kinds of homework.

All my wishes won’t make homework or finals go away, and we have our problem again: if there’s anything that can be drawn from all of this, it might be that doing what we enjoy has real tangible value, but it has to remain within the context of our broader selves.

For someone like me, that means doing things in the moment and picking the moments I really enjoy to anticipate and savor. If you do not hear the call of the wild, your life might be a little different than mine. For the rest of us, remember that you’ve been cooped up indoors for months, and your spirit urges to fly on the first spring air; even moderation should be had in moderation.

On April 9, 2009, an 11-year-old Massachusetts boy, Carl Walker-Hoover, who did not identify as gay, went home after school and hanged himself after daily taunts of being a “fag.” His mother made weekly requests to the school to address the problem, but there was no effort made.

Furthermore, last year, two high school teachers right here in Minnesota, in the Anoka-Hennepin school district, were found to have made homophobic comments toward a young man they presumed to be gay. This type of intimidation cannot stand.

The problem of bullying and harassment clearly affects students around the country. To combat this problem, Minnesota state senators and representatives passed the bipartisan “Minnesota Safe Schools for All Bill,” which directed all school districts in the state to “by January 1, 2010 ... adopt a written policy that prohibits harassment, bullying, intimidation, and violence based on, but not limited to, actual or perceived ... race, disability, religion, etc ... sexual orientation, gender identity or expression ... All. However, our Republican Governor Tim Pawlenty vetoed this bill despite concessions made to appease him. His veto leaves students across the state vulnerable to dangerous situations.
A different approach
What are you going to do about yourself?

Susan Kranz
Staff Columnist

I was on the drive north to our family cabin, sitting in the backseat with my dog as my father and older brother talked logistics of assembling wood duck boxes up in the front, and I kept thinking I didn’t really know them. Who are these people and why have I estranged my life—or at least this afternoon by the Kettle River—to them? I resisted the urge to yell something out.

I’ve found myself asking this a lot recently, examining my family and who they are as people, sometimes scaring myself with my own existential insecurities at any hour of the day. This is especially the case when I find myself returning to my “childhood-home” less and less and unintentionally referring to the Greens House as my “back home.” Do I really know my family the same way as I know other people, or even as I know myself?

As a child I did not question how I knew my family; I had no need to. I saw them every day, they fed me, clothed me. My dad took me fishing. My mom brushed my hair. My brothers teased me. Our familial relationship was established day after day for the first 18 years of my life. I defined myself through them and saw myself as a part of the Kranz unit, like the way a suffix hangs on to a word or the way the peel of a cucumber is still very much a cucumber. I knew that word I hung on to and I knew there was a cucumber.

Or maybe “knew” isn’t the best word to describe what this was. I feel in the ignorant bliss of my childhood I trusted in these things to be there, recognized them only through an assumption of how things simply worked between people.

I did not need to know my parents as people, nor did I have the intellectual capacity to do so. My parents were “Mom” and “Dad,” nothing else.

In a way it is true that our friends become our families in college. Instead of seeing my parents every morning at breakfast, I’m my friends every afternoon for lunch. Instead of yelping to my brother in the next bedroom over to kill a wasp for me, it’s scurrying around with the ladies in the Greens House looking for a glass jar to entrap the buzzing beast. I’ve come to know these people too—my friends—in a different way than I have come to know my family, but my continual relationship with them is easier to maintain simply due to the frequency of our time together. I am able to share more time with my friends, to say their names, to actually see them, so it is no surprise that I often feel closer to them than my family.

But if knowing people is all a matter of proximity, I wonder what happens when we graduate from Gustavus. Or each time we move to a new “home.”

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Radical rethinking
Faith is not a virtue

Peter Weeks
Staff Columnist

A as all Gusties know, our five core values are Excellence, Community, Justice, Service and Faith. The first four are real values and are appropriate for an educational institution. Faith, however, is not a virtue and is subversive to the process of education.

I want to make it clear right away that I am not arguing against the study of religion or the value of the Gustavus religion department. The target of this argument is faith. The definition which I will use is defined by Merriam-Webster as a “firm belief in something for which there is no proof.” For proof, I require verifiable or scientific evidence. Incidental or anecdotal evidence is no evidence at all. One could say that I treat the idea of god(s) as a hypothesis.

The case for faith according to the Gustavus website is as follows: “The conviction that religious faith enriches and completes learning is the bedrock of community, ethics and service, and compels one to excellence in a divinely ordered world that informs our whole enterprise. Without expecting conformity to a specific religious tradition, we encourage an honest exploration of religious faith and seek to foster a mature understanding of Christian perspectives on life.”

The claim that faith “enriches and completes learning” is absurd. The truth of an idea cannot be challenged if its basis is not founded on any evidence. Nothing is more subversive to learning than knowing the answers and placing them in a magisterium which excludes evidence. As Dawkins said, “Faith is an evil precisely because it requires no justification and brooks no argument.”

An example of an evil that resulted from faith in God and country is the idea of Manifest Destiny. This term was used to justify American “expansionism” and the war with Mexico. Of course, expansionism was a euphemism for ethnocentrism and genocide. Another example is the suicide attacks of September 11. Presumably the attackers had faith that their actions were just. From a faith perspective they were “striving in the way of Allah.” One may object at this point by asserting that their faith was a distortion or that it was fundamentalist.

How does one judge whether a specific faith is a distortion? One method is to count the number of instances a topic is mentioned in a holy book. For example, it is quite clear that the Bible preaches social justice (contrary to what Glenn Beck thinks) because it mentions the poor or topics of social justice over 300 times. It is less clear what the Bible says about homosexual acts, since the topic is largely ignored.

On topics of ambiguity or contradiction, non-fundamentalists use criteria independent of their faith to discern the true ideas. For me, as a non-religious person, it is blindly obvious that homosexual acts are not evil. Neither are people who are sexually inclined in a way that does not fit the false ideal of strict heterosexuality.

I naively thought that my former synod, the ELCA, would be united in this view. How wrong I was. Friendships and communities are being torn apart because of a single difference in the interpretation of a so-called holy book. Many of the good people that I knew from my former church

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Do we completely lose our sense of knowing someone if and when we get far enough away, just like I often feel with my family? And what, then, do we once watch it to ourselves the rarity of ever being able to remain in one place long enough to fully know someone? We can’t devote our lives to one place just because that is the only way we can devote our lives, and we can’t degrade the value of a rela-tionship just because it will never be everlasting. Whether there is no point in ever attempting to get to know someone just because I will never know them completely. How do I live knowing that I can never fully know someone else, while still acknowledging that for me to function in this world I need to, in some way, know other people? I guess my response to my own question would be to live independently (as in trusting oneself, not necessarily living alone) and intentionally (as in purposeful and thoughtful ac-tion). Ralph Waldo Emerson got it right in “Self-Reliance” when he writes, “Nothing can bring you peace but yourself.” As I questioned my relationships with others, I always return to the idea that I can only truly know myself, and the real value from knowing others is the way in which they lead me to develop my personal values and principles. Other than that, if you see yourself as that suf-fic to a word, you better make sure you like what that first word means; and if you see yourself as that cucumber peel, you also have to recognize that while that peel is pretty, its is still different from the whole. So whatever your relationships with your family and friends are now, remember that you still stand there even if they leave, that you ultimately stand alone. What are you going to do about yourself?

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It remains evident that there is a fair amount of work to be done to ensure all students have the right to a safe learning environment. One way that you can show your support is to call your legislators and voice your support for the “Safe Schools for All Bill.” State Senator Kathy Sheran, who rep-resents Gustavus’ district, can be reached at (651) 296-6153, and State Representative (and pro-pressor) Terry Morrow, who also represents Gustavus’ district, can be reached at (651) 296-8634. But another, perhaps more per-sonally meaningful and fulfilling way to stand up to the bullying, intolerance, intimidation, harass-ment and violence perpetrated against GLBT people is to take a vow of silence on Friday, April 16, this year’s Day of Silence.

Letters to the Editor

On Feb. 26, 2010, I was one of 20 students who submitted a petition of the 1500 copies of The Weekly from the Communication Center to at least four dorms, where 674 stu-dents reside. The papers were available for 24 hours prior to their relocation and, following Scholarship Days, The Weekly staff replaced newspaper copies in the Campus Center where they remained for the rest of the week. After contacting several ad-ministrative departments, the administration informed us that they were not going to remove the papers for Scholarship Days, arguably the most important recruitment event for Gustavus. At the time, a letter to the editor or complaint that the staff would not have prevented the visibility of the newspaper, which, in the opinion of this group of students, did not ac-curately portray the Gustavus we love.

Accusations of censorship are exaggerated. The papers were available throughout campus and this action of individuals did not stop the discussion of binge drinking on campus. Evidently, understanding censorship and its real consequences remains difficult for those of us in a free democracy. When faced with a formal complaint of disrespect of col-lage property and violation of the W eekly’s distribution rights (notably theft or censorship), I agreed to a public judicial hear-ing, open only to members of the Gustavus community to encour-age conversations about drinking and media responsibility. Un-fortunately, an outside reporter attended this hearing, resulting in a factually incorrect editorial. Others used these untruths to rescind my nomination for an All-American forensics award. Despite the personal attacks, defamation and hate mail, I am overwhelmed by the personal and public statements of sup-port and defense. To each of you, I am grateful.

As a product of values honed at Gustavus, I stand by this ac-tion and will continue to stand for what I believe. Mary Cunningham ’10

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Response to Weekly Case Day Controversy/J-board hearing

Jake Seamans
Editor-in-Chief

I would like to take this oppor-tunity to clarify some rumors regarding our coverage of the Judicial Board case involving The Weekly and Mary Cunningham.

Any attempt to interfere with our ability to distribute the newspa-per is something we take seri-ously. When our right to distrib-ute is infringed, so is our ability to discuss important issues facing Gustavus. We distributed 1,200 copies on Feb. 26, 2010, and roughly 300 copies were removed to a few residence halls. This means 25 percent of our distrib-uted copies were unavailable to any students who do not live in those few buildings. This is disturbing since students across the nation have a right to access those newspapers as any other student.

Another issue I wish to address is my decision to hire a reporter from Mankato State University to cover the hearing. An administra-tor in the Dean of Students’ Office first suggested the idea to me, and after considering the Society of Professional Journalists’ Code of Ethics’ call to avoid even the per-spection of bias, I decided to hire Nate Brennan, the MSU Reporter’s variety editor, to cover the hear-ing. However, after objections from Cunningham and a conversation with Dean of Students Jeff Stocco, I decided to ask Brennan not to cover the hearing nor be involved in any coverage at the Reporter. I would like to thank Nate for un-derstanding in this matter. Case-Day—though troubling in its own right—is emblematic of a culture of dangerous drinking at Gustavus. It is a mistake that Gustavus has not lost a student to alcohol poisoning in recent years, and our community has not done enough to address this issue. I don’t know how to address this issue, but I do know that ignoring it will accomplish nothing.

Eye on Gustavus

What’s up and what’s down this week at Gustavus and in the world (and what’s a lepid, lukewarm, middle).

NEW GROUNDBREAKING

Finally the whispers about how much SSC sucks have been em-bodied by action. No more loopy wandering in the battleship-like interior of that arcane structure.

DAY OF SILENCE

Highlights issues that still need to be discussed. Give them a pat on the back.

IPADS

Riddle: What’s the difference be-tween an iPad and an iPhone? An-swer: 400 dollars.

SOUTHWEST LOT

Yellow-bellied parking lot thinks it’s better to be dead than Red, with large portion changed in wake of new construction. Maybe it would make sense if people used it, but it just sits there empty. Waste of space.

commentary

On the back of a piece of paper I was flipping through, I noticed a passage from a book I had read a while ago and which had stuck with me. “There is a profound mystery about the human soul, angels, god, however one defines them,” it reads, “and I think that we are right not to explain it.” I guess my response to my own question would be to live independently (as in trusting oneself, not necessarily living alone) and intentionally (as in purposeful and thoughtful action). Ralph Waldo Emerson got it right in “Self-Reliance” when he writes, “Nothing can bring you peace but yourself.” As I questioned my relationships with others, I always return to the idea that I can only truly know myself, and the real value from knowing others is the way in which they lead me to develop my personal values and principles. Other than that, you can know someone, but we also know someone else, while still acknowledging that while that peel is pretty, its is still different from the whole. So whatever your relationships with your family and friends are now, remember that you still stand there even if they leave, that you ultimately stand alone. What are you going to do about yourself?

In April, Gustavus’ forensics team will make their second consecutive trip to the nationals in both their individual and team events. This is a remarkable achievement, one where Gustavus was not only represented by a team of students, but was a team that competed with the best of the nation and did well. The team is composed of Mike Winder, Tim Sheldon, Hunter Woomert, and myself. We worked very hard during the season, trained with the best, and earned our spot at nationals. This is the culmination of a long season for the team, and we are very excited to be able to represent Gustavus on the national stage.

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Wallenberg Auditorium 7:00 & 10:00 p.m.
I believe it. Alec Baldwin always gives me feelings that are...well, complicated.

Lupe Fiasco Concert
Lund Center Arena 8:00 p.m.
He’ll be debuting his experimental bohemian dance troupe that same night: “Lupe Fandango.”

Sunday, April 18
Sam Grace, Junior Piano Recital
Bjorling Recital Hall 1:30 p.m.
You want something that’s not complicated? Sam Grace. He will rock your face off. No questions asked.

Monday, April 19
Minnesota Education Job Fair
Heritage Banquet Room 1:00 p.m.
This thing must have the most boring carnies ever! ... Of course, you probably won’t find one of their teeth in your funnel cake so, I guess you take the bad with the good.

The Movers
Lund Center 11:40 a.m.
The shakers, however, will not be able to make it.

Nap Day
Heritage Banquet Room 1:00 p.m.
In elementry school you had one hour for each subject. In college you specialize and devote your time to individual subjects. Nap time is no different.

Yogalaties
Lund Center Aerobics Room 4:30 p.m.
And so the sandwich vendor did. He handed it to him, and the yogi stood there, wondering if the vendor had gotten the joke. He decided to leave. He turned to go and the sandwich vendor gave a loud cough. The yogi realized he had forgotten to pay. He checked his pocket and realized he didn’t have any money. It was awful.

The Shady Character
is either really
creative or really
lazy.
Men’s Tennis team serving up strong spring season

The Gustavus Men’s Tennis team opened their MIAC Conference schedule with five straight victories, including one against rival Carleton last weekend.

Lauren Bennett
Staff Writer

The Men’s Tennis team posted a great fall record. At the Drake invitational in Iowa, it went 6-5 in doubles and 4-7 in singles. It also hosted the Intercollegiate Tennis Association’s Midwest Regional Tournament October 2-6, 2009. Following the fall season, the team was on its own. Coach Tommy Valentini was not allowed to participate in off-season training, so the men had to make sure they worked hard to stick to their goals.

“We practiced with each other on our own time as much as our school requirements would allow,” Sophomore Patrick Clark said. “We also held matches scheduled between us to work on our ability to compete. Lastly, we had a weight training program designed by us that was very helpful in improving our fitness.”

The team is also very young this year. The roster consists of seven first-years, seven sophomores, one junior and only two seniors. While there are plenty of talented athletes on the team, they are young and know they need to form a great bond to be a great team.

“After fall, our goals were to work on continuing to build team camaraderie seeing that we were such a young group,” Clark said. Their goals were to mainly improve. They worked as much as possible in the off season to push themselves and develop a strong up-and-coming team.

Right out of the gate, the team was successful. Hosting UW-Eau Claire on February 15, 2010, the team won 5-4. This was Valentin’s first win as a collegiate head coach. Next, however, the team played DePauw and Carnegie Mellon at the ITA Championships for motivation. “We have great promise as the senior members lead by example.”

“Krishan Jethwa is a great senior captain who has led us by example incredibly well.” Clark said. “He is someone who does excel in his academics and competes with a lot of heart on the court.” Senior Kyle Olson, too, has performed extremely well this season, taking the top 15 spot in many of the matches.

The goals of the Gusties are great bond to be a great team. Following the fall season, the team plans to compete at the high-

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Women’s Rugby team has succeeded this year in large part to the team’s cohesiveness. “We are all good friends, and we hang out all the time outside of practice,” Sophomore Amy Hughes said. “Our cohesiveness as a team has contributed the most to our success.”

The women will plan to draw upon a couple other team traditions for motivation. “We have a team ball that represents who inspires us when we play rugby or has inspirational songs or quotes written on it. We take that to every game with us,” Steve said.

“We also will be having a jersey ceremony where we present jerseys to everyone on the team, and we will say something about that person when we give her a jersey,” Smith said.

The Gustavus Women’s Rugby team plans to compete at the highest level they can at the Division II Collegiate Championships and return with more confidence and motivation to succeed for the remainder of the season, as well as next year. The Gustavus Rugby program at Gustavus.

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Gustavus Men's Lacrosse preparing for first two home games in over 10 years

Craig Nordquist Staff Writer

With growing participation rates and increased visibility on campus, the Gustavus Men's Lacrosse team has quickly become a viable club sport option for students.

In only its third year of existence, the Gustavus Men’s Lacrosse team has begun to make a name for itself, a fact proven by its success so far this season.

“Last year we had a record of 1-5 at this point in the season, and this year we’re 4-2 with two tough losses this weekend. We lost one game in overtime to UW-Platteville, and then we lost to North Dakota because we were tired from playing [the second of] back-to-back games,” Junior Captain Jonas Broccard said.

Gustavus is one of only two MIAC schools with a Men’s Lacrosse team that isn’t a part of the Upper Midwest Lacrosse League, with St. Thomas’ NCAAsanctioned squad being the other. This has prompted the young club to think ahead to a possible change of leagues.

“Right now we’re a part of the Great Lakes Lacrosse League, but we’re aiming to eventually become part of the UMLL, which is just a more organized and competitive league,” Broccard said.

“What’s holding us back from that is funding. We need matching equipment, a coach and more funds for increased travel,” Nord said.

The club plays in various weekend tournaments that typically take place in Wisconsin, but will take the field Saturday in Holtingsworth Field against UW-LaCrosse.

“UW-LaCrosse is one of the best teams in our conference, and they haven’t lost a game yet,” Broccard said.

“If we play our style of play, we’re going to be able to play with just about anybody,” Nord said.

The players have learned quickly under the tutelage of their captains, and they are quietly becoming a force to be reckoned with in their division.

“We don’t have the most athletic or most in-shape team, but we’re doing really well,” Junior Adam Phenow said. “We want to win, and we’ve shown that.”

According to Nord, the marked improvement from last year’s squad has plenty to do with the team’s successful recruiting efforts for this season.

“This year we’re a much better team because our experience is much more spread out among our players,” Nord said. “This season we had more experienced guys come out, but the thing that’s changed the most is the amount of chemistry we have on the field.”

After a decade-long hiatus, the club was revived two years ago by Broccard and Nord when they were first-years. The two lived down the hall from each other in the residence halls and shared an interest in lacrosse.

“We just got guys together who wanted to play catch, and pretty soon it became popular enough that we decided to fill out the necessary paperwork to become a club,” Nord said. “We had one scrimmage that year against Mankato State, and the following year we were recognized by the College as a club sport. We implemented participation fees to raise funds, and that was when it really came together.”

The club has as many as 20 people listed on its roster, but only eight of those players showed up on a regular basis.

“Last year was our first [full] season, and we had around eight guys on the team because we were loosely organized,” Nord said.

“Now we have player fees, so more guys stick with it. By the time we get to practice outside, the team is pretty fixed.”

The club is run by the team’s three captains, Broccard, Nord and Sophomore Kyle Tarbutton, each of whom ensure that any student can join the team regardless of experience level.

“Most people on the team have never touched a stick or seen a game played [when they first tried it],” Broccard said. “It’s a cool opportunity to play a sport even though they’ve never played lacrosse before.”

Phenow decided to join the squad this season after a friend talked him into attending a practice.

“This is my first year playing lacrosse, and I’ve had a blast,” Phenow said. “One of my buddies at high school had told me I should try it out, so I did.”

While some students join simply to broaden their social circles or stay fit, a number of student-athletes take the sport up as a means of off-season training.

“Many of our players are athletes [who] have played sports before and are just looking for something to do,” Nord said.

“We get hockey players who want something to do in the offseason, and football players find that it can be good cross-training in the winter months; for athletes, it’s a natural fit.”

Since the team is recognized as a club sport by the school rather than a varsity sport, the squad relies more on personal recruiting methods than most other sports on campus.

“Most of our awareness is spread by word of mouth. We try to talk to anyone who is doing something lacrosse related, whether they’re wearing a shirt or playing,” Broccard said.

“Only about a quarter of our team played lacrosse in high school,” Nord said.

The team trains three to four times per week, with practices lasting anywhere from one to two hours. Game rosters are determined by the availability of each player during the weekend of the games.

“We usually figure out who can play the week of the games and figure out who can drive since we have to drive ourselves,” Phenow said. “We have a good number of guys showing up to games, which is nice because then we have lots of subs to give the starters a rest.”

The club receives funding from Student Senate and uses that money along with money gained from player fees to pay off its expenses.

“The main way funds are raised to pay for travel and expenses is the player fees,” Broccard said. “We charge $300 for new players and $175 for returning members, and that money pays for helmets, jerseys, equipment, gas money and hotel money.”

“The team is always on the lookout for additional players, and the captains encourage any students with an interest to attend a practice free of charge to test it out.”

“If you need to try and not pay the fees, you’ll get playing time,” Nord said. “We encourage interested students to play around with us at one of our practices to try it out and get a feel for it.”

Nord said he enjoys the nature of the sport and likes how the club label allows the game to be fun and competitive at the same time.

“One minute you’ll be talking with someone about the next year you’re fighting for the ball, so it’s an interesting balance,” Nord said.

“It’s such a great sport because you can pick up the basics pretty easily, but it takes a lifetime to master.”

Larry Zelenz, the Head Men’s Soccer Coach at Gustavus Adolphus College for the past 24 years, recently announced he will resign his position as the Men’s Soccer Coach as well as Assistant Athletics Director for intramurals and club sports. Zelenz is the winningest coach in the program’s history, with 280 wins over his tenure. Zelenz’s coaching career consisted of leading the Gusties to seven conference titles and eight NCAA National Tournament appearances, most recently in 2007. Zelenz was named the 2006 NCAA National Soccer Coaches Association of America Division III Coach of the Year when he guided the Gusties to the NCAA Championship game.
Women's Track & Field team led by multiple top performers at Lee Krough Invitational

The Gustavus Women’s Track & Field team had 20 top five finishes and three event wins at the Lee Krough Invitational held at the Gustavus Outdoor Track and Field Complex on Saturday, April 10. The Gusties were led by Junior Laura Secor, Junior Janey Helland (pictured) and Sophomore Sarah Baker. Secor won the 1500-meter relay and finished third in the 400-meter hurdles. Helland won the long jump and finished second in the 400-meter hurdles. Baker contributed by winning the high jump and finishing second in the long jump. Besides these three event winners, Gustavus also had many other outstanding performers. Senior Kaelene Landgren had three top five finishes, including a second place finish in the high jump, third place finish in the long jump and fourth place finish in the 400-meter hurdles. Other top performers included Junior Abbigail Karl with a fifth place finish in the 400- and 200-meter dash, and Junior Megan Lundgren finished third in the 800-meter run. The Gusties also had a great day in the field events with standout performances from Becca Bryan, Sam Broderius and Ally Voss. Bryan finished second in the triple jump and fifth in the javelin, while Broderius took fourth in the discus and sixth in the shot put. Voss added a third place finish in the pole vault.

Women ruggers excited to compete at Nationals

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Since the end of their fall season late last year, the women have maintained their rigorous workout schedule to prepare for the spring season, especially for the National Tournament, and they resumed their practice schedule at the beginning of second semester.

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Smith added to Kieley’s appreciation, but more in terms of the Gustavus community’s support. “Student Senate gave us $8,000 for Nationals, and we are very thankful for the financial and emotional support from the Gustavus student body,” Smith said.

As for the Division II Collegiate Championship itself, Gustavus is seeded eighth and will play the number nine seed, Rutgers University, on Saturday, April 17. With a victory against Rutgers, Gustavus Women’s Rugby team would advance to play either Temple University or the undetermined sixteenth seed. No matter which opponents they will play, the women ruggers have very specific goals for the tournament. “We want to play our game and do what we do best. We are a really solid team. Win or lose, as long as we know we played our hardest, then we will be satisfied,” Smith said.

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