O
n Wednesday, April 28, the Gustavus community will stop to take a moment to recognize and celebrate the 30th annual MAYDAY! Conference. Designed as a free educational opportunity open to students, faculty, staff and local community members, each year the MAYDAY! Conference addresses an issue that relates to social justice, global peace and/or human rights. Richard Leitch, associate professor of political science and this year’s chair of the MAYDAY! Committee commented that, “We—students, staff, faculty and community members—have a responsibility to come and think about these sorts of issues ... It’s right in the mission statement of Gustavus that we are trying to work towards a just and peaceful world.”

To that effect, the focus and theme of this year’s conference is “Imagining Peace,” and the conference will feature a series of events that will challenge attendees to think differently about the concept of global peace in an age in which violence, not peace, most easily captures attention.

Senior Social Studies Teaching Major Rebecca Bryson said that the event is beneficial to students because “it’s a day dedicated to highlighting important global issues that [Gusties] might not be aware of.” Morning classes on the 28th will be adjusted to allow all students to attend the MAYDAY!

Conference activities without missing any of their academic obligations.

Among these main events is the keynote address, which will be provided by Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer, associate professor of justice and peace studies at the University of St. Thomas, in Christ Chapel at 10:00 a.m. Nelson-Pallmeyer is a nationally recognized social activist, public speaker and teacher. In 2008, he was a candidate for Democratic Senator from Minnesota for the U.S. Senate, but he was defeated by Senator Al Franken for the party’s nomination.

I am thrilled to be joining MAYDAY! attendees this day,” Nelson-Pallmeyer said. “I hope I can bring a challenging and hopeful message about our great opportunity to be peacemakers at a time when our communities, our nation and our world desperately need vision, visionaries and practical pathways to peace.”

Committed to the development of nonviolent social change rooted in faith, Nelson-Pallmeyer is also a well-known author on global conflicts. For example, the platform on which he ran in 2008 included a strong critique of the war in Iraq, calling for a prompt removal of troops from the region. Nelson-Pallmeyer explained that in his address, he will “stress the importance of both individual and collective action for peace ... and that when we face problems honestly, we are unleashing our capacity for hope.

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Amnesty International fights to end human rights abuses

Amnesty International is a global organization that fights to end human rights abuses. The Gustavus chapter of Amnesty International has done a number of projects to meet this goal. The most recent goal that the chapter has undertaken has been to promote general health and sanitation in Haiti. This issue sparked their Health for Haiti Drive which will culminate in the assembling and posting of 20 care packages to Haiti. All Gustavus students are welcome to join in putting together care packages at the Health for Haiti event on Monday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Dive.

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Student charged for possession of explosive device

Jake Seamans and Becky Krocak
Editor-in-Chief and Managing Editor

A felony complaint has been filed in Nicollet County District Court against former Gustavus student Timothy Shay. According to the complaint, Shay is accused of stealing two chemicals from a classroom to make an explosive known as lead azide. Shay was issued a trespass warning as a result.

At that point, Director of Campus Safety Ray Thrower requested permission for an administrative search, a rarely used power that allows Campus Safety to search a student’s residence. According to Thrower, there have been just four such requests in 13 years, and the request has only been granted three times. That search did not result in the discovery of any chemicals.

According to police records, on Feb. 4, 2010, Shay’s family arrived to pack his belongings. At that time, a Campus Safety officer stationed in the room saw the container holding the chemicals. The chemicals—lead nitrate and sodium azide—were mixed with water in preparation to combine them, and they were contained in separate vials submerged in water and separated by wax paper. The chemicals were taken to a secure area in Nobel Hall and tested to determine that they were, in fact, the stolen chemicals.

Associate Professor of Chemistry Jeff Jeremiasen said that the amount of chemicals in the container would make about 4.5 grams of lead azide. According to police reports, that amount "would cause significant damage if ignited in a small confined area (such as a mailbox . . . or even in a dorm room filled with furniture, etc.)."

Shay learned about the explosive compound in Assistant Professor of Chemistry Amanda Nienow’s January Interim Experience Forensic Science class. It was during a class lab that Shay apparently took the chemicals used to make the compound.

After class, the chemicals were locked in the chemical storage area, and on further investigation it was not possible to determine how much, if any, of the chemicals were taken. According to Nienow, the chemistry department is currently reevaluating the procedures to take chemicals in and out of the storeroom.

Editor’s Note: Information for this article—including the student’s name and the events described—was obtained from records made public under the Minnesota Data Practices Act. Look for more information in next week’s issue of THE WEEKLY.

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Campus Safety Report

Wednesday, April 14
• The department of Campus Safety was notified a contractor backed a vehicle into a chain link fence.

Thursday, April 15
• Two students in North Hall where cited for underage consumption and underage possession of alcohol.

Friday, April 16
• A theft from outside a room door in Sorensen Hall was reported.

Saturday, April 17
• A Gustavus student was cited for underage consumption and sent to Detox.
• A Gustavus student was cited for underage consumption at Lund Center.
• A Gustavus student and a non-Gustavus student were cited for underage consumption at the Lund Center.
• A student was cited for a liquor violation of age.
• A non-Gustavus student was cited by Campus Safety and SPPD for underage consumption of alcohol. The non-Gustavus student was issued a Trespass Warning and asked to leave campus.
• An intoxicated non-student was transported to Rivers Edge emergency room by ambulance.
• Four Gustavus students and two non-Gustavus students were cited by Campus Safety and SPPD for underage consumption of alcohol. One Gustavus student was cited for a Social Host violation. One Gustavus student was cited for a Liquor violation, furnishing Liquor to a minor. One non-Gustavus student was issued a Trespass Warning and escorted off Campus.

Sunday, April 18
• Campus Safety was dispatched to North Hall for a noise complaint. One Gustavus student and four non-students were cited by the St. Peter Police Department for underage consumption.
• A Gustavus student was arrested for disorderly conduct and taken to the Nicollet county jail.
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• One Gustavus student was cited for underage violation of age and one Gustavus student was cited for a liquor violation underage consumption.
• A student was charged with underage consumption, indecent exposure, breaking and entering, failure to comply with a college official and damage to property.
• Campus Safety was called to the Broadway practice fields east of a medical assist.

Tip of the Week:
For safe walking, jogging or running:
• Plan your route in advance and walk/jog/run in familiar areas.
• Go with a known companion if possible.
• Carry identification.
• Don’t wear jewelry or carry cash.
• Avoid secluded or dimly lighted areas.
• Avoid going after dark.
• Always face the traffic.
• If you’re being followed, cross the street or change directions; keep looking back and get a good description of the person.
• If you’re still being followed, go to the nearest house or business and call the police.
• Wear bright colors to improve your visibility.
• Change your route and schedule.
• Avoid bushes where a person could hide.
• Take a key with you; do not leave your house or room unlocked; someone could be watching to see when you are not home.
• Carry your cell phone, a whistle or shrill alarm to summon help.
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For students and faculty:
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United Way Auction will give back to Gustavus Community

Gustavus has partnered with the United Way of St. Peter to hold its third annual online auction from Tuesday, April 20 to Friday, April 23. The event was planned with the help of the coed Alpha Pi Omega service fraternity.

The philanthropic organization of the United Way is not just a national organization; it helps give back to countries worldwide. The United Way started back in 1987 with various religious leaders in Denver, CO as an organization to help combat the welfare needs of the city. The organization began to spread across the country after its huge success in Denver. The National Football League became a partner with the United Way in 1973, and helped the United Way become the first public service organization to raise over a billion dollars annually. In 1974, United Way International was formed to help spread its wide success across the globe.

For the third time, the local United Way of St. Peter set up its online auction with the community of St. Peter and Gustavus. The auction itself is to help raise money for over 17 organizations the United Way sponsors. Included in these organizations are Big Partner Little Partner, Habitat for Humanity, Little Saints Preschool and the American Red Cross.

“I’m really glad to know that the money from this auction is going to help these groups expand,” Cooley said. “It’s a reward for all of the philanthropic organizations that the United Way sponsors like Big Partner Little Partner and the American Red Cross.”

The auction is the United Way’s way to help combat the welfare needs of the city. The support has been very overwhelming from various professors and coaches on campus such as Warren Wunderlich, Bob Dunlap and Tommy Valentini. Items from various residents in the community and from the Bookmark are on sale for auction. The items on sale range from tennis lessons to banana bread to Gustavus beach towels to a cookout with President Ohle. There are over 100 items up for bid, with many starting at reasonable prices.

“I think the items up for bid are fantastic. It shows the creativity of the Gustavus community by having things like a chance to hang out in the GAC Observatory, dog walking from Pound Pals and free entrance to all Gustavus athletics, along with the classics like baked goods and items from local businesses,” Sophomore Management Major Anna Swenson said. “There are quite a variety of items, both in terms of price and of products. I will probably bid on some of the cheaper items or things that would be good gifts for my parents’ birthdays [or] Mother’s Day.”

The auction is open to the general public and to students and staff of Gustavus. The support has been very overwhelming from various professors and coaches on campus such as Warren Wunderlich, Bob Dunlap and Tommy Valentini. Items from various residents in the community and from the Bookmark are on sale for auction. The items on sale range from tennis lessons to banana bread to Gustavus beach towels to a cookout with President Ohle. There are over 100 items up for bid, with many starting at reasonable prices.

“The various services give buy- ers an opportunity to partner and learn about with the diverse community,” Hannah Nordell said. Unlike other auctioning websites, credit cards aren’t the main form of payment. Anything won will be paid with cash or check and some items are even delivered once won. High bidders will be contacted for delivery the week following the close of the auction.

The online auction runs through Friday, and the winners of items bid on will be notified soon after. Anyone interested in helping the United Way of St. Peter should contact Marie Jeremiason of the United Way of St. Peter. To bid, visit gustavus.edu/groups/unit edway.

The next project for the Gustavus chapter of Amnesty International will be a dodge ball tournament fundraising event on May 8, 2010. All of the proceeds of this event will go toward raising awareness of human trafficking. “Human trafficking is basically modern slavery,” Secor said. “People are abducted and then sold [into the business].” It is 20 dollars to register a team and prizes will be awarded to the winners as well as the Best Dressed team.

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“The United Way will be teaming up with Alpha Phi Omega to hold an auction. The proceeds of the auction will go towards the organization that the United Way sponsors like Big Partner Little Partner.”

For an application, email weekly@gac.edu.
With the groundbreaking ceremony for the new academic building last Friday there’s been a lot more talk about what specific new features will be included in this highly anticipated new addition to campus. Many of the new features and additions are meant to enhance the educational opportunities Gustavus provides for its students.

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“The new ‘traditional’ classrooms and seminar rooms will be more generous in terms of both space per student and in technology... Finally, the faculty offices and department support areas will be considerably more generous than those currently occupied by the five departments who will move in 2011, especially the four coming out of Anderson Social Science Center.”

The four departments currently housed in SSC are Psychology, History, Sociology/Anthropology and Economics and Management.

The Social Science Center is currently one of the highest occupancy buildings on campus which can make it more difficult for students and professors to engage in active learning and teaching. With the completion of the new academic building, in addition to being more spacious, it will also include “a number of specialized classrooms, tiered lecture halls and tiered computer classrooms,” Wunderlich said. He also stated the building will have, “more specialized spaces including teaching and research spaces for course organizations and a digital arts lab.” Psychology will have more generous research space for a number of disciplines, and communications studies will have lab and studio space, including dedicated space for forensics and KSGM.

Although the building is technically a new academic building, “informal student spaces are included in a number of locations [including] student interaction rooms and breakout areas,” Wunderlich said. “The atrium will also be utilized for informal learning, as well as programmed events.”

Although the main purpose of the building is to foster engaged learning across several academic departments, it will also serve the Gustavus community for other purposes, such as Gustavus’ commitment to being a “green” campus. The new academic building exceeds LEED requirements and is expected to have solar panels.

“The president [Jack Olle] announced at the groundbreaking ceremony that a donor has funded solar collectors for the roof, making the project a bit greener yet,” Wunderlich said.

“In the past four years... Gustavus has shown great dedication on campus towards environmental issues,” Senior Environmental Studies and English Major Haven Davis said. “This building is an exciting because is shows [the College’s] initiative at all levels, from students to professors to faculty to administrators.”

The completion of this building is anticipated for the fall of 2011 and until it has been dedicated it will be referred to as the “New Academic Building.”
Gustie of the Week:

Karl Boettcher: A perfect balancing act

As the semester winds down and that end-of-semester anxiety builds up, we can all agree that balancing coursework, a social life, campus involvement and personal interests can be a tad overwhelming. Somehow, Junior Classics and Mathematics Major and Computer Science Minor Karl Boettcher manages to take it all in stride, while simultaneously maintaining an amicable persona and deft sense of humor.

Karl is a calculus tutor, first chair trumpet for the Gustavus Wind Orchestra, member of the Jazz Live Band and sergeant at arms for Eta Sigma Phi, inspires the people around him to work hard by example.

Krystal Bundy
Staff Writer

When he’s at home in Princeton, MN, he likes to snowmobile, four-wheel and hunt. It was with a hint of mock-bitterness he remarked that these things could not be done on campus. But he bears no real grudge. As he says, due to the many concerts he attended here when he was visiting his grandparents whose lake home lies about 15 minutes away from campus, “I was predestined to come to Gustavus.”

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There must be something to his advice, which fits to his “pessimism-is-truism” mantra: “Always look at the worst option and it’ll turn out better. If it doesn’t, at least you anticipated the worst.”
Adolphus Jazz Ensemble to put on annual spring performance

Katie Volney
Staff Writer

The Adolphus Jazz Ensemble will perform for the Gustavus community in its annual spring concert on Sunday, April 25. The ensemble, under the direction of Associate Professor of Music Steve Wright, will perform original music by Dr. Wright, Jeff Jarvis and Dean Sorenson. The concert will consist of a bit of swing, blues and a taste of Latin. “I like that we play mostly upbeat tunes to which you can get your groove on. Students should go see the concert because an energetic audience with many people drives the band to play a more exciting show. Everybody wins,” Junior Physics Major and bass player Will Grant said.

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Korean choir gives concert at Gustavus

Katie Kaderlik
Staff Writer

On Monday, April 26, the Södra Vätterbygdens Folkhögskola Choir (SVF) will perform at Christ Chapel from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. SVF is located in Jönköping, Sweden, and is a private school that was founded in 1919. “The choir is presently touring the Upper Midwest, starting at North Park University in Chicago, with which SVF has an exchange, and then giving concerts in Rockford, Brooklyn Center, Chisago City, Bloomington, Bernadotte, Gustavus and Winnetka. It’s the second time in the last four years that a SVF choir is touring the Midwest,” Professor of Scandinavian Studies Roland Thorstensson said.

The SVF choir will be singing traditional songs from Sweden and will also be performing pieces from the musical Kristina från Duvemåla.

“Gustavus has used SVF as a base for several [January Interim Experiences] and the school also as one of the locations for the Swedish Program. "Gustavus has used SVF as a base for several [January Interim Experiences], and the school also as one of the locations for the Semester in Sweden Program."

-Roland Thorstensson

Senior Management Major and trumpet player Jeff Linngren said. “Everyone is greatly encouraged and welcome to come hear this great concert. Whether you like listening to jazz or not, this concert will have a little bit of everything for all listeners to enjoy. Come support your fellow Gusties as we play an evening of great jazz,” Linngren said.

The concert will take place in Bjorling Recital Hall from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and is open and free to the public.

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Gustavus students have had the opportunity to visit Södra Vätterbygdens Folkhögskola (SVF) school in Sweden through various exchange programs, but now the SVF choir will come to Gustavus to perform in Christ Chapel.

What do Superman, Ben Franklin and Barbara Walters have in common?

They were all journalists.

To apply to work for The Weekly, contact weekly@gac.edu
Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity hosts Paddy Murphy Week

Jenny Behan
Variety Editor

How much money would you spend to see the gentlemen of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity (SAE) shave their heads bald? During the past week, Gustavus students and faculty had the chance to do just that.

As part of Paddy Murphy Week, SAE has participated in “Bic-A-Brother,” in which students and faculty had the opportunity to donate loose change or cash in the name of a specific SAE brother. The five brothers with the most money by the end of the week will have their heads shaved in Eckman Mall on Monday, April 26 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

“We have been planning this week since last fall, starting with the basics of how we thought the week should go. We looked at how other SAE chapters partake in it across the country and drew ideas from them, allowing us to create our own unique philanthropy here at Gustavus,” Junior Political Science Major and SAE President Brian Krabulec said.

SAE President Brian Krabulec makes an announcement.

Bic-A-Brother is just one of the many events SAE is sponsoring as part of their week-long philanthropy the idea of Paddy Murphy Week follows a long-standing tradition of the national SAE Fraternity which celebrates their history, values and brotherhood.

Paddy Murphy was a bootlegger in the early 1900s and was known to make deals with the Mob. Known to the brothers of SAE, is an honorary burial. This legend gives way to the immense brotherhood that exists in SAE, which is then celebrated over the course of Paddy Murphy Week.

The SAE brothers are also sponsoring a Ms. Paddy Murphy Court, consisting of one member from each sorority on campus. These women were elected to the court by their chapters based on the values that SAE holds. The court consists of Senior English and Theatre Major Andrea Gul-lijsson, Junior Communication Studies Major Bergit Nerheim, Junior Management and Mathematics Major Kelsey Manning, Sophomore Bree Geranso, Junior Communication Studies and Gender, Women and Sexuality Studies Major Emily Eddy and Junior Religion and Sociology and Anthropology Major Shalana Staken. On Thursday, April 27 Ms. Paddy Murphy will be crowned from this court based on an election conducted by the brothers.

Following the crowning of Ms. Paddy Murphy, SAE will hold a Nerf Gun fight at 9:00 p.m. in Confer-Vickner as a recruitment event for any gentleman interested in joining SAE in the fall. Recruits are encouraged to come meet the brothers and ask any questions they may have about the fraternity.

On Wednesday, SAE is sponsoring a brotherhood arboretum cleanup which the entire campus is invited to participate in. Along with cleaning, volunteers will also remove invasive willows that surround the ponds and wetlands of the arboretum.

The rest of the week consists of a Paddy Murphy Wake on Thursday and a formal banquet on Friday.

“I am really looking forward to the banquet we are having at the WOW Zone in Mankato. We rented out the restaurant for a formal dinner, and then we will finish off the night with mini golf and laser tag in our formal attire,” Krabulec said.

Saturday wraps up the week-long event with Paddy Murphy Night at Patrick’s on Third, which will take place from 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., and live music will be provided by the Mo Murken Band. In addition, students can purchase Paddy Melt Baskets for $10 from SAE outside of the Market Place. These can then be picked up on Saturday night, where half of the cost of the basket benefits Cystic Fibrosis.

“Overall, Paddy Murphy Week is going to be a great way to bond as a brotherhood and get involved in the community, which is something we have not heavily focused on since we got chartered last fall,” Krabulec said.

PostSecret’s Frank Warren spreads word of his project

PostSecret founder Frank Warren will speak in Christ Chapel on Wednesday, May 5, 2010, at 8:00 p.m. about his five-year-old project in which people all across the country send him postcards with their secrets on them, which are then posted online and in some cases published in Warren’s books.

Andrew Lilja
Staff Writer

I have been planning my husband’s 24th birthday.” PostSecret founder Frank Warren speaks at Gustavus.

My husband and I have been planning my husband’s 24th birthday for 24 years.”

As part of Paddy Murphy Week, SAE has decided to feature a project that Warren is part of. Warren's website PostSecret has been an enormous phenomenon over the years.

The cards range from whimsical to disturbing, dark to funny: “My boyfriend is deaf, and when we have sex, I scream my ex’s name,” reads one. Another: “I serve decaf to customers who want it.”

The website's popularity has grown since it was launched in 2003, and the show has been featured on MSNBC, NPR and Fox News.

What I find most attractive about this project is how meaningfully people express their secrets—the creative process involved, the fonts chosen, the images or found objects used to tell their own stories,” said Frank Warren.

Students can obtain tickets for this event free of charge from the Student Activities Office. Tickets are also available to the general public for $5 starting April 26.

The gentlemen of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity will host the first ever Paddy Murphy Week at Gustavus. The week will include Bic-A-Brother, crowning of Ms. Paddy Murphy, an arboretum clean-up, live music at Patrick’s and much more.

Jscanine in Christ Chapel, the creator of PostSecret, Frank Warren, will be here to talk about his five-year-old project. Sponsored by the Campus Activities Board, the Center for Vocational Reflection and student organization Explore, Warren will explain the history and inspiration of the website and offer insights into his own personal philosophies.

As the PostSecret craze grows and gains more attention, so does the popularity of Warren himself. Forbes Magazine recently ranked Warren as the fourth most popular web celebrity. In addition, he has been interviewed on a variety of news networks including MSNBC, NPR and Fox News.

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Admits that the postcards are more than just art, however. He believes that by openly expressing our secrets—even anonymously—they lose their hold over us. “When we think we are keeping a secret, that secret is actually keeping us,” Warren said. Sometimes, senders discover things about themselves that they only realized when they got their secret out on paper.

Since the beginning of his project, Warren has published five books, which are compilations of the postcards he has received.
Summer Music Musts

Lindsay Lelivelt
Features Editor

Summer is the time to experience new and exciting things; it’s a time to wear less clothing, to get out to drive with the windows down. Summer is a time of new music and new opportunities to see your favorite bands live.

The months of June, July and August are a busy time of year for the festival aficionado. With so much variety, it can be a bit overwhelming to pick and choose which festival is the right fit. Here’s a look at some of what’s good and what’s what about this summer’s music celebrations.

Lollapalooza
Where: Grant Park, Chicago
When: August 6-8
Cost: $215 for a three-day pass

Lilith Fair
Where: Canterbury Park, Minn.
When: July 18
Who: Metric, La Roux, Sara McLaughlan, Kelly Jones and the Dap-Kings
Cost: $40 per day

Pitchfork
Where: Union Park, Chicago
When: July 16-18
Who: Modest Mouse, Broken Social Scene, Pavement, St. Vincent, Beach House, Big Boi, Local Natives
Cost: $250

Summerfest
Where: Milwaukee, Wis.
When: June 24 – July 4
Who: Sheryl Crow, Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, Weird Al, Justin Bieber, Public Enemy, STS9 Sound Tribe Sector 9, Guster
Cost: $39 per day, or $99 for a three-day pass

Warped Tour
Where: Canterbury Park, Minn.
When: August 1
Who: Andrew WK, Every Time I Die, A Life Once, Reel Big Fish, I Can Make A Mess Like Nobody’s Business
Cost: $250

Bonnaroo
Where: Manchester, Tenn.
When: June 10 -13
Who: Dave Matthews Band, Kings of Leon, Stevie Wonder, Jay-Z, Tenacious D, Regina Spektor
Cost: $250

WeFest
Where: Detroit Lakes, Minn.
When: August 5, 6, 7
Who: Kid Rock, Kenny Chesney, Keith Urban, Dierks Bentley, Montgomery Gentry
Cost: $59 per day, or $99 for a three-day pass

Rock the Garden
Where: Sculpture Garden, Minneapolis
When: July 18
Who: MGMT, OKGO, Retribution Gospel Choir, Sharon Jones and the Dap-Kings
Cost: $40

Clockwise from top left: Lady GaGa will be performing mainstage at Lollapalooza this summer, Annie Clark (St. Vincent) is a headliner for Pitchfork Music Festival, Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers will be playing at Summerfest—this summer’s longest festival, Jay-Z will take the stage at Bonnaroo as the summer kicks off, La Roux is one of many female performers coming to Minneapolis this summer for Lilith Fair, Kid Rock will take the stage in Detroit Lakes and MGMT will be playing at both Rock the Garden and Lollapalooza.
Peter Weeks wrote a short commentary for last week’s issue entitled “Faith is not a virtue,” and it struck a chord in me. I disagree with him about dogma: here are my reasons. Weeks’ thesis makes me want to respond to it independently and being responsive can be explained by the power of evil in humans to dominate and use coercive dogma to support themselves.

One does not wake up suddenly having faith that God exists in the most vibrant and true sense; although hypothetically possible, faith takes years of worship, contemplation and wrestling with to reach this level of devotion.

This epistemological argument aside, I think Peter’s synonymous use of religion with the groups that have caused terror and war throughout history and the world is a callous and unsympathetic remark, especially in the ears of the faithful. No one denies that Hitler’s strong ideology made his own version of Christianity that made persecution of Jews to be religiously tolerable. However, this example, as well as the many others throughout history like it, can be explained by the power of evil in humans to dominate and use coercive dogma to support themselves.

To include Weinberg’s remark that “To make good people do bad things takes religion” is also unfair, even if it is true in many cases. I argue that although this does happen, it is a dogmatic entity inherently destined to put people in conflict with each other.

In fact, I think faith points to an a-dogmatic religion, rather than one that puts down hard rules in all things. An act of faith is one in which the consequences of the action are both uncertain (however probable they may be) and there is a difference between the various outcomes. Since we cannot know for certain that any action will lead to an individual’s consequence until the end of time where no new consequences can exist, all action rests on faith, although you may not believe me at first.

Examining life
A case for faith: A response to Peter Weeks

A room with a view
Off-campus follies

Rolling around St. Peter, distinctly visible are a plethora of houses that once stood swelling with college vitality but will soon remain empty. The dreary vibe of vacancy is directly related to the controversy off-campus housing situation. With the school making a stand on keeping all of their on-campus beds full, they are consequently keeping their hands deep in our pockets. But what good is it doing? While I understand that there is an ever-present need for more funds in every department, our escalating tuition rates and institution-imposed taxations equate to a inflated bottom line that seems to be quite a considerable debt anyway.

At this point in our lives, there is much to be said about living independently and being responsible for one’s own household. Currently, there are limited opportunities to feel such a domestic sovereignty while living on campus, especially liberties you don’t have to pay extra for, such as kitchenettes. In comparison, there are 20 legitimate housing vacancies posted on the bulletin board across from the P.A. office, averaging between four and six people apiece, with more known rental opportunities still left unadvertised. Ultimately, we are paying more to get less; less space, less freedoms—all for the benefit of the bottom line.

Another factor playing into this situation comes from the question of substance abuse—an issue that has featured heavily in the headlines this past school year. The Gustavus community is distinctly aware of the growing pressures placed upon the school to keep their students from participating in social eye sores such as excessive alcohol consumption, illegal drug use or unappreciated sexual advances. But do the powers that be really believe that simply keeping their students confined to the hill will hinder such behaviors should those responsible choose to participate? Those individuals will find a way to do what they want to, by whatever means or consequences that are necessary, and it is rather unrealistic to think the contrary. This past school year has seen the highest levels of Detox-level intoxication in history at Gustavus, shattering the previous year’s record in the early part of the spring. If next year is intended to lower such levels, there are important factors to consider. First of all, there aren’t nearly enough sleeping quarters in the upperclass dorms to house everyone enrolled. That leaves the door wide open for the first-years and sophomores to be housed in closer proximity to the upperclassmen, providing a higher probability of underage consumption as an easier avenue for minors to be supplied with alcohol.

Whatever the rationale may be for keeping these upperclassmen stranded on campus, it has undoubtedly made the student population disgruntled. Perhaps we’ve been spoiled to the point that hearts become set on continuing the legacies of certain houses and reputations, but there is a tremendous amount of dismay at the way the current system has dealt the upcoming school year’s residential cards. Whether you agree or not is quite irrelevant; the fact of the matter is that the school is simply guaranteeing itself an increase in problems, while leaving the small town they call home to deal with dilapidated rental properties and seemingly unsellable houses. Simply, my question still stands; for what benefit is this potential ugliness being paid?
Emperor Norton’s Patent of Nobility

Pondering peace

Steve Palmer

The theme of this year’s Mayday conference is “Imagining Peace.” Each successive Mayday conference is about peace-related issues in some way. But what does the word “peace” really mean?

Peace is such a loaded word, so laced with connotation that it may seem to be devoid of any meaning, especially in the eyes of the public at large. This makes the issues confronted by the Mayday Conference particularly relevant.

The last time I heard anyone simply consider the very concept of peace was in elementary school. I attach the concept of peace to a crayon drawing of multicolored little figures holding hands in a circle around the globe in elementary school. Maybe this is because peace is unattainable—or maybe this is because the issue of peace and the issue of what constitutes peace is never treated seriously beyond that point, in 3rd grade drawing class.

It seems, especially in this hurried age we live in, that peace is an unattainable concept rather than anything tangible. What makes Mayday! so helpful is that it brings peace down to the practical level and reminds us that peace does not necessarily mean a brown crayon figure holding hands with a white one. Mayday! confronts peace within topical or historical environments and finds peace—or the struggle for peace—lurking within.

Like “freedom,” “hate” or “love,” the word peace has been diluted so as not to have any defined attributes, and as such it is robbed of any real practicality to daily life. This makes the concept of peace incredibly elusive. Words and images of hate, love and freedom are espoused by everyone from politicians to advertisers for the very reason that they conjure an emotion in the listener, despite the varied interpretations people may have of the word. Everyone has some conception of freedom, hate, and love. Peace is more ambiguous.

In our permanent military age, with a new war brewing every election season, people may frame peace as an issue of ensuring that war does not happen. The absence of conflict is one definition of peace. Indeed, the word peace may conjure in the minds of many an image of war protesters. This is an application of peace, but it ignores another component of what peace has come to mean. It also makes peace seem all the more unattainable. For it is true that competition and war may be simply traits of the human race.

Sometimes peace is embodied in small actions, even those that only affect your direct environment. In fact, this may be the only form of peace that is truly attainable. When thought about in this context, peace is eminently accessible. So make sure to attend this year’s Mayday! conference, next Wednesday. Classes are even realigned to make it easy for you to attend. Revisit peace as something small. Realize that it can be as accessible as the cookies in the caf.

Looking back, I think my time with the thrift store has been one of the best growing experiences I have had here at Gustavus. Finding a place to volunteer wasn’t hard at all. I filled out a very short form on the Second Harvest Heartland website on a whim one day, and before I knew it I had received e-mails from three or four organizations looking for volunteers in the area. After a couple of phone calls, I was headed off to the thrift store to meet with the manager.

It wasn’t all that easy, however. I was definitely outside of my comfort zone at first, and I had to work up my courage the first few times to set out on my own to this place full of people I didn’t know, most of whom were a lot older than me. It was also hard to explain to my friends what I was doing. I was working hard every week, but wasn’t getting any direct benefit, not making any money or getting any class credit. This idea was hard for people to wrap their minds around at first; I even had one of my friends flat out tell me that he thought it was a huge waste of time.

The Gustavian Weekly

Staff Columnist

Haven Davis

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Most of people are retired senior citizens, sometimes married couples, who spend much of their time volunteering in various places throughout the community in their absence of a need to work for money. The rest are high school or college age. Some people, like me, are just there to volunteer when they can. A few people are getting paid, either through PACT Ministries or the Minnesota Valley Action Council. One girl who volunteered last year, a fellow Gustie, was getting internship/independent study credit. Sometimes there are college students who are “only with us for 10 to 20 hours,” as one older volunteer delicately put it; these students have court-ordered community service, typically doing their time for an under-age drinking violation.

So when I met this new volunteer on Saturday, the order of business was as follows: find out her name, find out if she is a college student like she appears to be and find out why she is here. I was not surprised by the fact that she is a student at MSU, but I was surprised by her reason for being there: she is required to complete 15 hours of community service a semester for her environmental science classes; she is going to try to complete 35 hours a semester, giving her a full class credit.

What a cool idea. I immediately wondered to myself why Gustavus doesn’t do this. It’s definitely a feasible amount of hours. Even with a full-time class schedule, two on-campus jobs, two extra-curricular activities and an occasional Wazzu commentary, I can find time to make it to the store for three or four hours every other Saturday afternoon. I would have the 15-hour-week requirement fulfilled in around 5 weeks.

Not only would it be possible for me, I think it would be greatly beneficial to everyone involved.

Volunteer work is something that I have considered doing in the past, and I am always surprised by the fact that some students have court-ordered community service. Find a place to volunteer to make your time here at Gustavus more meaningful. Find a place to volunteer to make your time here at Gustavus more meaningful.

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Liberal isn’t a four letter word

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But these turned out to be very minor difficulties compared to the benefits of working there. I quickly learned that my nerves about the people there were completely misguided. The community at the thrift store is welcoming. Every day that I arrive to volunteer I am greeted with smiles, and when I leave I am told that I am appreciated. I never realized how rare it had been for anyone to tell me directly that they appreciate me until I started hearing it once a week.

And, despite the misgivings of some of my dear friends, I have definitely greatly benefited from going to the thrift store. I have grown as a person from being exposed to those with different backgrounds and life experiences than mine. One of the major benefits has been spending time with people who are so much older than me. I obviously like spending most of my time with people my own age, but I also really enjoy experiencing the wisdom my fellow volunteers have cultivated through decades of living. And it doesn’t hurt to be reminded that there’s no reason to rush through life instead of enjoying it. With any luck, I still have a long lifetime ahead of me and a lot of time to get new experiences, as they are really not that different after all; most of them, like me, just want to go about the daily business of living, and they usually seem to appreciate a smile or kind word along the way.

We use the word community a lot here at Gustavus. While I think many of us value that idea, our use of it sometimes makes it far too easy to hide away up on the hill and forget about the larger community. As it is, there are plenty of regularly meeting programs or one time opportunities through the Community Service Center, and lots of on-campus and Greek organizations offer chances to give back. I think the best thing we can do is to see ourselves as ways to isolate ourselves up on the hill. Signing up for a service opportunity through the college is a lot different than going out and finding one on your own. I think we need to broaden our meaning of community to include those who aren’t in Gustavus at all. Gustavus needs to broaden its meaning of the word community to include more than just Gustavus, and I believe that mandatory off-campus community service would be a great first step.

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**Letter to the Editor**

As leaders of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, we feel compelled to respond to Peter Weeks’s article “Faith is not a virtue” published in last week’s Weekly. We find his argument inconsistent with our mission: to practice, Community and Service. For further information on the College’s mission, please come to Linner Lounge on May 3rd, 2010, for a discussion, “Tough Questions” session with the FCA Leadership Team.

The FCA Leadership Team

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**Eye on Gustavus**

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

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**Rugby**

Women’s rugby in journey to Florida faces teams from schools like Rutgers, which is a school of 50,000 and has a coaching staff. Our self-run team held their own. Here’s to next year...

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**Ash Cloud**

Sort of reminds you whose in charge, eh? Nobody’s in charge, that’s who. Earth will kick you back to the age of horse-drawn buggies. Too bad for the stranded travelers, though. Airports are the word. I hope they managed to find a hotel...

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**The Fiasco**

I’m sure the concert was good, but the zoo of white kids in Kanye West shirts and the assorted misanthropic behavior was not appreciated. The Campus Safety Report is setting records for length, though...

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**Commentary**

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It does not weaken the strength of science to say that all scientific law is based on observable facts that have been shown to be non-contradictory, yet the other edge to the sword is admitting that as soon as one counterexample to a law is found, you no longer have “absolute” scientific truth (although you never had it in the first place, only believing and not to be true). Just because things have been shown to repeatedly lead to the same outcome, no one in the world could demonstrate that they were universally true unless they could stop the arrow of time in perpetuity.

I can hear Peter Weeks saying to me, “That’s not what I meant by faith; I just meant to say that dogmatic religion should not be a core value of Gustavus.” I do not believe anyone takes strict dogma to be a core value at Gustavus, since nowhere in our admissions material do we say anything how all students must attend Chapel every day or believe that abortions equate to murdering God’s greatest gift.

I believe Faith earns its place among the five core values of Gustavus because of how central it is to all our lives, how we begin every day, take every step of the walk between classes faithfully believing that the ground beneath us will not turn into lava, even if an occasional stone or crack in the sidewalk sets us tumbling.

Beyond this everyday capability to think. Faith is complete learning because although we never can know anything will be universally true, we do learn what is true to us and come to pragmatic truths, rather than dogmatic faiths. Faith helps us become individuals who can resist the temptation of dictators, correct falsifiers and recognize the capability, I think Faith completes it in our media. Without faith, we are left without the capability to act, because by striving to avoid error we cannot acknowledge the possible, for to act on mere possibility is to act when there is no proof.

Faith must always be considered a core value to Gustavus, but I hope it is a core value in all of our lives. We are incomplete without acknowledgement of our personal faith, because without it we delude ourselves into believing that what we think is true is absolutely so, and eliminate any chance we may grow personally or affect change communally. Faith gives us the courage we come across it in our media. Without faith, we can acknowledge the error that we cannot learn. If this is true, why does Weeks argue that faith should not be a core value of Gustavus is in error. In fact, it is through a foundation of faith that students can uphold the other four core values. Excellence, Justice, Community and Service. For it is the Christian faith that gives us a moral basis for why these values are important. For further discussion, please come to Linner Lounge on May 3rd, 2010, for a “Tough Questions” session with Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

The FCA Leadership Team
Friday, April 23

Trees for Heart, Mind and Spirit
Linnaeus Arboretum 11:30 a.m.
A few more trees like this and we can form Captain Planet.

Qi Gong Lessons
Linnaeus Arboretum 12:00 p.m.
Huh, I thought he died in the first movie. Darth Maul, down the shaft. Pretty sure.

Music Amongst the Trees with the Chapel Brass Quintet
Linnaeus Arboretum 12:30 p.m.
Hippies.

Weekend Movie: Invictus
Wallenberg Auditorium 7:00 & 10:00 p.m.
Morgan Freeman playing a benevolent, wise old man? Do tell! Go on! Read the surprise on my face!

The Choir of Christ Chapel Home Concert
Christ Chapel 7:30 p.m.
It should be a pretty patriotic show, what with the white robes, blue scapulars and red Arizona sunburns.

The Arabian Nights
Anderson Theatre 8:00 p.m.
The whole cast has been spray tanned, both to make them look other worldly and to teach them not to climb on the furniture.

Get Lei’d at the Dive
The Dive 11:30 p.m.
You will by no means be the first.

Saturday, April 24

Kelsey Manning, Double Bass & Mike Nesbit, Double Bass, Joint Recital
Bjorling Recital Hall 1:30 p.m.
The quadruple bass?! Good God, man! Have you lost your mind! You’ll kill us all!

Pauline Jackson, Saxophone & Sara Thorstenson, Clarinet, Joint Senior Recital
Bjorling Recital Hall 3:30 p.m.
“Thorstenson.” See? This is what happens when Norse Gods immigrate through Ellis Island.

Gustie Cup: Ultimate Frisbee Tournament
Hollingsworth Field 4:00 p.m.
Frisbee players who want to study abroad. Being a “good tosser” means something different in England ... and its only a compliment on rare occasions.

Sunday, April 25

The Gustavus Percussion Ensemble Spring Concert
Bjorling Recital Hall 1:30 p.m.
Almost as much banging as the Dive.

The Arabian Nights
Anderson Theatre 2:00 p.m.
I guess Michael Forest Davidson and Shane Jenson have an improv scene in this show. Kinda gets you excited for the LINEUS SHOW THAT’S ON THE 30th!

Adolphus Jazz in Concert
Bjorling Recital Hall 7:00 p.m.
Has anyone noticed how easy it is to accidently let slip a racial slur when you’re scat singing? We either need more cautious scat singers or racist people need to learn to use more than one syllable.

Monday, April 26

The Södra Vätterbygdens Folkhögskola Choir in Concert
Christ Chapel 4:30 p.m.
I... uh... Ok, Swedes. You win this round.

Biology Movie: The Ghost and the Darkness
Nobel Hall Room 222 6:00 p.m.
It’s a movie about two lions. Just thought I’d clear that up. Otherwise, the title might be really confusing.

Tuesday, April 27

Proper Data Backup Techniques Training Class
Olin Technology Classroom 9:00 a.m.
Riker gets the baseball bat, Picard gets the brass knuckles and long piece of chain.

The CVR 2:30 p.m.
Well that’s great. I feel like my vocation is to colonize and exploit India.

Wednesday, April 28

MAYDAY! Conference Focuses on How We Imagine Peace
Christ Chapel & Campus Center All Day
Ah, yes, Mayday. Where we celebrate peace by having people bring you little gifts that show they admire you as a person, and then chasing them down like a dog.

Eppie/Zeta Kickball
Eckman Mall 4:00 p.m.
Greek Kickball. It was originally played only by naked men and was, in fact, just a way to cheat at wrestling.

Arb Cleanup and Willow Removal
Linnaeus Arboretum 4:30 p.m.
Ignore the weeping. Show those suckers no mercy.

Thursday, April 29

Walk a Mile In Her Shoes
Johns Family Courtyard 5:30 p.m.
I don’t get it. This sounds just like my normal Thursday night. Maybe a little less makeup and fewer sailors, but other than that ...
Outdoor baseball stealing hearts of Twins fans

Since the Twins’ last outdoor baseball game in 1981 at Metropolitan Stadium, also known as “The Met,” fans were skeptical at first about the outdoor atmosphere of Target Field. However, Target Field has made a great impression on Twins fans and baseball fans alike as one of the top stadiums in Major League Baseball.

Craig Nordquist
Staff Writer

W hen Twins fever in full force on campuses—as evidenced on Tuesday by the overnight lines to secure tickets to the upcoming Campus Activities Board-sponsored Twins game—Gusties need not look any further for a review of brand new Target Field from a Twins fan and student aficionado. The new home of the Twins is a fantastic facility and serves as a gem of a ballpark for all of Twins Territory to enjoy.

My favorite part about Target Field is how unique it feels. While the majority of stadiums built during the recent “ballpark boom” have a retro feel that harkens back to baseball’s glory days with brick shrines that honor a bygone era, Target Field is distinctly modern. The fancy signage and futuristic-looking sun canopy combine with the large amounts of glass and limestone to present a unique ballpark experience. I also find it fascinating how the Twins were able to borrow various elements from so many other ballparks and yet make Target Field stand out like none have ever seen before. Target Field features the only finished concourse ceilings in Major League Baseball, providing fans with another classy looking feature in place of the typical wiring and concrete found in other ballparks. And of course, you wouldn’t be watching baseball in Minnesota unless you had a stadium with heat lamps. Yes, Target Field has lamps that line the ballpark’s concourses to ensure that even on cold days, fans are secure from the elements.

Another aesthetically pleasing element of the Twins’ new $522 million home is its use of Minnesotan furnishings. Kasota limestone makes up a large portion of the ballpark’s exterior and has a presence within the stadium as well. The fir trees in centerfield also hail from Minnesota. In addition to a state-of-the-art video board that is the fourth largest in all of Major League Baseball, the stadium is also home to a large out-of-town scoreboard that occupies the facing of the right field wall. Perhaps the most quirky feature of the ballpark is its overlook section in right field which justs out eight feet over the warning track and features a limestone facing that is sure to someday provide some interesting bounces for well-hit balls.

The other striking feature of Target Field is how urban it feels. Wedged into one of the smallest parcels of land ever used to construct a stadium in all of professional sports, the ballpark truly becomes part of the city which immediately surrounds it. Many local eateries stand to benefit from Target Field’s proximity, including the new Hubert’s Bar & Grill that now occupies the former site of NBA City, as well as former Twins player Roy Smalley’s 87 Club. In addition, transit options abound, with the popular form of transportation being the Hiawatha Line Light Rail trains that drop fans off on the doorstep of Target Field just beyond the field bleachers.

Of the 37 different Major League ballparks I’ve been to, Target Field easily ranks in my top five. The new home for the Twins has many unique features that set it apart from other ballparks, such as its food options. As far as I’m aware, there is no other stadium that can compare with Target Field’s vast array of food. The bo- runts that are distinct Minnesotan, from cal choices such as wild rice soup, pork chop on-a-stick and wallaney fingers, to offerings from local eateries such as Murray’s steak sandwich, Kramarczuk’s sausage and chili from the Loon Café. The ballpark also houses three restaurants that are open to the public, including the Town Ball Tavern, Hormé’s and the Twins Pub, with the Town Ball Tavern being home to a large piece of wood floor that was once played on by the Minneapolins of the NBA.

Target Plaza is sure to be a hit with those who visit Target Field. Lying just outside the main entrance to the ballpark, Target Pla- zas connects Target Field to Target Center, and it is open year-round to the public. The wind veil that occupies the plaza and aptly car- ries the name “The Wave,” covers the Target Center parking ramp and gives fans a neat sight as its hinged panels flutter in the wind. The stadium also features the Budweiser Roof Deck crowning the structure. This party deck also lights up at night, showcasing the likes of Harmon Killebrew, Rod Carew and Kirby Puckett, in addition to a giant bronze glove display also lights up at night, allowing the crowd to watch Min- nesotans of the bygone era, Target Field is dis- covered views of the Minneapolis skyline. Seats located down the third base line provide unobstructed views of the downtown skyscrapers. The new Twins ballpark also boasts the first wood backed seats in a Major League ballpark since World War II, which reside in the right field and seating areas.

The ballpark recently became one of the few ballparks across the country to achieve LEED Silver certification for its environmen- tally sustainable design. In addition to using many recycled materials to erect the structure, the ballpark also houses a giant cistern that collects and filters rain water which allows the team to water its field with recycled wa- ter. Target Field boasts the same number of recycling bins as trash cans, allowing fans to recycle their plastic bottles and such. The stadium also has a large piece of wood floor that is home to the Town Ball Tavern being home to a large piece of wood floor that was once played on by the Minnesota Twins.

The fan experience as it pertains to security has improved vastly. After attending seven of the first nine baseball events at the ball- park and partaking in hundreds of discussions with other fans, I have concluded that there simply aren’t any bad seats in the entire facility. Even the standing room areas in the outfield and surrounding the Captain’s Deck in left field offer excellent views of the action on the field. Unlike the bygone era, every seat is angled toward home plate, allowing for better sightlines and fewer sore knees. The concourses of the Twins’ new ballpark are nearly twice as wide as those of the Me- todome, offering an open view of the field from all parts of the ballpark. Target Field has one of the largest amounts of real ter- ritory of any stadium in baseball, allowing fans to sit closer to the action. Add to the mix that the Twins are currently playing like one of the best teams in baseball, and it’s easy to see why Target Field is sure to be a hit with fans in its inaugural season.
“Lacrosse” from page 16

Playing a club sport that overall doesn’t have much popularity in the Midwest makes it difficult for the Gustavus Women’s Lacrosse team to keep growing every year. However, the women did more than an adequate amount of recruiting and encouraged anyone interested to come out and try the sport.

“We advertised a lot because we take [women] with zero experience whatsoever. We probably had eight or ten [women who] had never played before and had zero experience,” Dahl said.

Despite the women’s club sport status, the Women’s Lacrosse team is very motivated to keep improving from year to year. “We’ve got a lot of work cut out for us yet—as a team, a fourth place finish at Indoor Conference put a somewhat large bull’s eye on our back. We’re going to put it all together on May 14-15,” Carlson said.

The Women’s Outdoor Track and Field season is also underway. “So far the season has gone really well. We have had unusually nice weather and everyone has performed at their best,” Senior distance runner Vanessa Jones said.

While the Men’s team competed at the Carleton Relays, the Women were in Northfield at the Manitou Classic. While no team scores were kept at the meet, individual scores were recorded. Junior thrower Samantha Broderius won the shot put with a distance of 41’4.25” and took third in the discus with a distance of 135’6”. Junior Jumper Janey Helland won the long jump with a distance of 19’8.75” and took third in the high jump, clearing 5’1”.

Other top performances include Sophomore distance runner Kim Rostvold who took third in the 5000-meter and 11:40.75 and 1:44.56 and third in the 3000-meter steeplechase.

Senior Kaelene Lundstrum competes in the 100-meter hurdles. Lundstrum placed fourth at the Lee Krough Invitational in the 100-meter hurdles.

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“Our middle distance events are much stronger, largely due to improvements of Max Hansen, but also due to improvements in Carson Smith’s and my own performances,” Senior distance runner John Kennedy said.

The Drake Relays are a highly competitive meet that will be a true test prior to the Conference meet. The men’s 4x400 relay team qualified for the meet. “I think our 4x400m relay will drop several seconds off their relay time. Meets like that seem to bring the best out of athletes,” Kennedy said.

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Lacrosse increasing impact at Gustavus

The Gustavus Women’s Lacrosse team finished its season with a 5-2 record, including a third place finish in its Conference tournament this past weekend.

Seth Wisner
Sports Editor

The Gustavus Women’s Lacrosse team recently finished up a very successful season in which it finished with a record of 5-2, while also finishing third in its league playoffs. Started as a club sport in 2003, the Women’s Lacrosse team has been steadily growing and improving despite having players with a wide range of experience levels among the players.

“I played in high school, so when I came to Gustavus I knew they had a lacrosse team,” Junior Captain Clare Dahl said. “I was told to come to practice by my friend, Clare. She told me to pick it up, and I came to the first practice. Now this is my third year as a captain,” Junior Jodie McGinlay said.

The Gustavus Women’s Lacrosse team played mostly MIAC schools during its season including Carleton, St. Thomas, Hamline and St. Ben’s. However, since the team is only a club sport, it also played some bigger schools such as the University of Minnesota-Duluth and the University of Iowa. The Women played a tough game against the University of Minnesota-Duluth for third place in their league playoffs and ended up winning 11-10. Their toughest game this year came against the University of Minnesota, which they only lost to by one. It was the closest any MIAC school came to beating Minnesota all year.

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Men and Women’s Track teams continue to shine

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The Men’s Outdoor Track and Field team has been having an exciting season. This year’s team has started off much better than last year. “[We are] a much better rounded team, probably because we have so many seniors this year compared to last year. We halved our place at indoor Conference in one year from eighth to fourth,” Senior sprinter Cole Carlson said.

The Gustie men won their last meet at the Carleton Relays. There were a number of first place finishes that helped lead the Gusties to victory.

Carlson won the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.66 seconds and took second in the 400-meter dash with a time of 49.12 seconds. Sophomore distance runner Anders Bowman won the 3000-meter steeplechase with a time of 10:13.80. Both the 4x100 and the 4x400 relay teams took first place with times of 43.63 and 2:26.48, respectively. Junior jumper Jake Peymann won the high jump with a height of 6’0” and took second in the long jump at 19’ 9.50”. Senior Colin Rust won the triple jump with a mark of 40’ 8.75”.

“[Our goals are to] maintain our fourth-place finish from Indoor Conference to Outdoor Conference and enter at least one person in each event at Conference,” Carlson said.

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Sophomore high jumper Sarah Baker attempts to clear the bar on her jump at a recent home meet at Gustavus. Baker won the high jump at 5’3”. 