Ghanaian scholar to share cultural traditions

Olivia Karns
News Editor

On Monday, May 3, 2010, Dr. Eva Tagoe-Darko will give a lecture entitled “The Healing Bowl: Traditional Teachings and Practices for Child Care in Ghana.” The discourse will take place from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Olin Hall room 103. Refreshments will be served at the lecture. Tagoe-Darko will also be speaking at the honors banquet served at the lecture. Tagoe-Darko will be giving a lecture about the traditional child raising practices in Ghana. She will be speaking on May 3 in Olin hall room 103.

Dr. Tagoe-Darko is a Fulbright scholar from Kumasi, Ghana who specializes in traditional methods of health care for children in Ghanaian culture. Holding a Ph.D. in Sociology with an emphasis in demography from Brown University, Tagoe-Darko is an interdisciplinary scholar whose specialties extend from public health to gender studies to Population studies. Tagoe-Darko has worked hard to promote the constructive traditional practices that pertain and can enhance the education and health care systems in Ghana and the United States.

“There are tremendous advantages and benefits to the traditional ways than the western orthodox scientific,” Professor of Sociology, Anthropology and Latin American, Latino and Caribbean Studies (LALACS) Patric Giesler said. “There are things that traditional peoples can teach us, things that are now hidden to us.”

The lecture will focus on the structure of the family and child rearing practices in Ghana. “Generally in the Ghanaian culture the way we relate to children is very different [than in American culture],” Professor Paschal Kyone said. Kyone, a native of Ghana, is a Professor of French and LALACS.

The discourse will be an opportunity for younger students to get a glimpse of the possibilities they could explore for their own research later in their college careers and for older students to see what their peers in different departments are working on.

“Most students do [research] at some time, and it happens in and out of the classroom,” Russell said.

Each student or student group will have a visual display of their work and will be near it for most of the event to take questions or explain their work. Visitors to the event are encouraged to tour the banquet hall and explore the various displays that interest them. There is no formal schedule to the event, and any member of the Gustavus community is welcome to come for any or all of the two hours.

Any student was welcomed to participate in the Celebration of Creative Inquiry, from first-years to seniors, and from any department of study.

“I’ve been conducting research with [Assistant Professor of Chemistry] Brenda Kelly for about a year and a half, including 10 weeks over the summer,” Senior Biology Major Chelsea Koepsell said. Koepsell also participated in last year’s CCI event with her now-graduated research colleague Colin Boettcher ’09. “I was struck by the wide variety of student research being conducted here at Gustavus. CCI is a great opportunity for students of different disciplines to be exposed to work their classmates are conducting, to share their own work with a wide-reaching audience,” Koepsell said.

Senior English Major Abby Travis is participating in her second CCI. “I participated in the CCI last year in the group 'The Poetry of Protest, the Poetry of Witness’” Travis said. The group was formed from the work students did in a class with Professor of English Joyce Stithen.
Campus Safety Report

Monday, April 19
- Campus Safety was called to Lund center for a medical assist.
- Two students were cited for Drug and Narcotics violation outside of Pittman Hall. One student was cited for Drug equipment violation. One student was cited for underage consumption of alcohol and underage possession of alcohol.

Wednesday, April 21
- Two Gustavus students reported a theft from an unlocked locker in Lund Center.

Friday, April 23
- Campus Safety was called to a medical assist between Old Main and the Chapel.

Saturday, April 24
- Campus Safety Officers responded to a medical assist at the Jackson Campus Center.

Sunday, April 25
- Campus Safety was called to the Southwest parking lot for a report of damage to a vehicle.

Tip of the Week:
In the residence halls
- Always lock your door, even when you’re sleeping or just going down the hall.
- Do not allow strangers to enter your room or your complex. Do not open your door unless you can identify the person seeking entry. Do not let unknown individuals “tailgate,” ask who they are, and offer to call Campus Safety at ext. 8888.
- Do not prop any exterior doors open to allow unescorted visitors into the residence hall (pizza delivery, friends, etc.).
- Report lost or stolen residence hall keys immediately to Residential Life Office.
- Report any malfunctioning locks, doors or windows to the Physical Plant Office at ext. 7504.
- Do not leave your keys lying around in your room when you are not in the room.
- Do not leave messages on your door about when you will be returning to your room.
- Tell a roommate or friend if you are planning to be away overnight or for a few days.
- Report any suspicious persons or activities (including solicitors) in or near your residence hall to Campus Safety.
- Secure your valuables and engrave expensive items with identifying information.
- Always lock your doors and windows at night, especially if you reside on the first or second floors.
- Do not leave your identification, keys, wallets, checkbooks, or other valuables in open view.
- Get to know your Campus Safety Officers, Residential Life Staff and neighbors.

Off-campus residences
- Keep your house/apartment door and windows locked when you are in your residence alone, whenever it is unoccupied or when you are sleeping.
- Do not open your house/apartment to anyone unless you can identify the person seeking entrance.
- Report suspicious persons or activities around your house/apartment building to the Saint Peter Police Department.
- If your keys are lost or stolen, report the loss immediately to the landlord and the Saint Peter Police Department.
- Never leave your keys lying around your house/apartment when you are not there.
- When entering your house/apartment at night, have your keys readily available.
- Do not keep large amounts of cash in your house/apartment.

Honors Day recognizes student achievement

Annika Ferber  Staff Writer

This Saturday, May 1, 2010 starting at 9:30 a.m., Gustavus will be honoring its many students for Honors Day. It will consist of a reception, a convocation, a luncheon and many exhibits from various groups on campus.

Honors Day holds a tradition of simply recognizing students for their academic achievements. Students will be honored for a variety of categories, including GPA, scholarships or research, among others.

Honors Day will begin, weather permitting, in the John's Family Courtyard for a coffee reception at 9:30 a.m. Following the reception is the Honors Convocation in Christ Chapel. During the convocation, students will be recognized for their academic achievement. The Honors Day Luncheon Buffet in the Evelyn Young Dining Room will follow at 11:30 a.m. A ticket is required for students and families wishing to attend.

The Convocation always begins with the previous winner of the Carlson Award, which is a faculty member from campus, delivering a welcoming address. Next the winner of the Bunn-Svensson Award is announced. The Bunn-Svensson award is always given to a faculty member, nominated by students. Following the Bunn-Svensson award, the honor societies are introduced. Lastly, individual students are introduced for their achievements for scholarships, fellowships, departmental achievements and other recognitions.

Sophomore Psychology Major Danika Anastasi said, “Honors Day is important because it recognizes those at Gustavus who have achieved academic excellence. ... It is a day a student can stand up during the chapel invocation speech to be recognized for all of the hard work that each Gustavus student does.”

“Honors Day is important because it is a day devoted to recognizing students’ achievements in our community,” Senior Biology Major Nicole Soiseth said. Soiseth is being honored for inclusion on the President’s List.

Sophomore Physics Major, Sara Higano is being honored for her GPA and for being a member of the National Honor Society for Greek and Latin students, Era Sigma Phi. “I think that Honors Day functions to recognize the hard work and achievements of some of Gustavus’ brightest students. However, I opted not to go for a few different reasons. One reason that I passed on attending Honors Day is that I feel that hard work should be its own reward and that praise shouldn’t be a motivation for achievement. A second reason that I will not be attending Honors Day is that the events planned for the day do not especially reflect my personal interests,” Higano said.

After the morning recognition, different activities will be occurring. In Bjorling Recital Hall, the Senior Honors Recital will be taking place. In Old Main following the recital, will be the Political Science Research Symposium. Lastly, the Gustavus Choir and the Gustavus Wind Orchestra & Vasa Wind Orchestra will be having separate concerts in Christ Chapel.

“This is one time during the school year when the provost’s office and the faculty of the College can formally recognize the achievements of students and celebrate their academic success publicly. With all of the rigor of this curriculum, I think that it’s important that we pause periodically to celebrate good work,” Director of Publications, Steve Woldhauser said.

Honors Day will be held all day Saturday, May 1 running from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. at various locations on campus.

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Equal Housing Opportunity
Alcohol forum conversation to generate new policies

Lynn Olson
Copy Editor

This past Thursday evening, Gustavus hosted a public forum on high-risk drinking in the Jackson Campus Center. The event drew 70 students, faculty and administrators. The forum included a formal presentation focused on explaining high-risk drinking tendencies at Gustavus followed by small group discussions on how best to address the issue. Of those in attendance, 40 were students.

The event was organized by Dean of Students and Vice President of Student Affairs Jeff Stocco and Director of Drug and Alcohol Education Judy Douglas. “[Doug- las and I] started talking about the fact that it seemed we needed to have a campus-wide conversa- tion about alcohol and alcohol policies in general. ... Each year we have about 30 people who come to our attention who have consumed alcohol to the point where they need care... Part of the challenge is to then step back and [ask ourselves] how big an issue is high-risk drinking or binge drinking on this campus,” Stocco said.

However, Stocco said the issue goes beyond just the few students who are in need of immediate hospitalized care. “[The focus] was not just on the students who come to our attention but the bigger issue —that about 15 to 20 percent of our students engage in high-risk drinking behavior. That’s several hundred students that we need to think about in terms of ways to keep them safer.”

It was decided that a forum would be the best way to approach the issue, as it was deemed the best way to spark a campus-wide discussion. “It would be easy to say this is the responsibility of this office or that office, such as Residential Life or Campus Safety. But this is an issue where it is the responsibility of this office or that office, such as Residential Life or Campus Safety. But this is an issue where...”

Both faculty and students in attendance felt the forum was a success in starting a campus-wide conversation about the dangers of high-risk drinking. Associate Dean of Students Deirdre Rosen- feld, who attended the forum, said, “We’re all in this thing to- gether. [What I took away from the forum] was that there is this emerging coalition not just from students who drink or kids from PLEDGE but faculty and staff members [as well].”

Senior Political Science Major Nick Harper, who also went to the forum, agreed. “I think it was a really great mix of faculty, staff and students, and I think it was great to have that mixed group have a discussion.”

According to Stocco, the discus- sion will certainly continue into the spring and next fall. “The intention was to generate lots of ideas, not to come to some con- sensus. ... But this is not an issue that just goes away by having a conversation. [The discussion] will carry over into next fall when we take a look at some policies and address some very specific issues,” Stocco said.

One idea, according to Harper, was to consider the current cam- pus alcohol violation policies. “There are some administrators who are in favor of extending the limited immunity policy to a full amnesty policy, which I think might be able to help students when they feel trapped between getting caught due to policy versus helping a friend in need,” Harper said.

“[Part of this] is friends taking care of friends and influencing each other’s choices. People do make mistakes, but when a bad decision has been made, how do you take advantage of those resources?” Stocco said. “We will be [reviewing] the immunity and amnesty policies.”

Above any policy, Stocco stressed that the main issue is to keep students safe and alive. “This is not about punishing people for drinking. Ultimately, what we’re trying to do is to fig-ure out ways for people to make good decisions,” Stocco said.

Fatal alcohol poisoning

A person who drinks to the point of passing out can die if the concentration of alcohol in his or her bloodstream reaches a toxic level. What happens:

1. Person drinks ethanol* 
60% through small intestine 
20% is absorbed through stomach
Blood alcohol level rises

2. Body processes the alcohol
99% is broken down by liver 
5% is exhaled or leaves body in urine, sweat, etc.

3. Intoxication depends on amount in blood

MILD
Blood alcohol level: 0.0-0.15
• Euphoria, slurred speech, impaired coordination
• Liver eventually clears all alcohol from blood
• Ability to drive is impaired

ACUTE
Blood alcohol level: 0.3-0.4
• Liver can’t break down alcohol fast enough
• Blood alcohol level rises to toxic level
• Person loses consciousness or goes into deep coma

FATAL
Blood alcohol level: Above 0.4
• Most deaths are caused by inhaling stomach contents
• Brain function depressed; pulse slow; person stops breathing

*“Dry alcohol” is the wind used in beer, wine and whiskey; wood alcohol used in making and other kinds of alcoholic were toxic in high amounts.

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Theft raises questions about security of chemicals on campus

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

The discovery that former Gustavus student Timothy Shay took two potentially dangerous chemicals from the chemistry department raises questions about chemical security at Gustavus. Some members of the campus community are concerned that the department does not secure chemicals well enough. The two chemicals Shay took, when combined, produce an explosive compound called Lead Azide. According to police records, campus authorities were not aware that Shay had taken the chemicals on Jan. 29, 2010, but the College was unable to determine if the chemicals were dangerous. The chemicals were found on Feb. 4, 2010, when his family came to clean out the stockroom at his request.

It is still unclear from where Shay managed to take the chemicals. “I think he took the lab out of his parents’ house,” O’Brien said. “We know he had access to the lab, but I don’t know exactly where he took it from.” Shay managed to take the chemicals from the stockroom. “In hindsight, Nienow would say, ‘no, just draw a picture’ rather than have a real explosive,” Nienow said.

The chemistry department has already taken some precautions to protect against future thefts. “The things that we know would make explosives or make drugs are now in a secure room,” Nienow said. “The incident has made the department take a new look at its security measures. It’s just so unfortunate, I think. We lost a level of trust. It’s definitely a wake-up call. We try to keep the stockroom doors shut and locked,” Archer said. “When chemicals are issued and out in the laboratories, that’s a whole different level of concern, because we don’t know if we need to keep all the labs locked at all times.”

According to Laboratory Program Coordinator Angela Archer, who manages the stockroom, Shay did not get the chemicals from the stockroom. “The chemicals got on a random basis from the stockroom; they were issued to the TA,” Archer said. “It’s hard to say, however, the security of the chemicals may be lax. ‘Security is fairly minimal,’ one Chemistry student said. ‘The doors are usually open, and there isn’t always someone in the stockroom.’”

According to Professor of Chemistry and Department Chair Brian O’Brien, they always try to keep someone in the area. “We try to always have someone in the stockroom. So when classes are going on, we have a work-study student in there, and our lab curator is in and out, but during regular hours there’s supposed to be someone in there all the time. The stockroom is locked up at night,” O’Brien said.

The current system of inventory tracks bottles of chemicals. “When we get a bottle, we inventory the bottle, and it goes into our stockroom. Whoever checks it out has to sign out for it. We don’t weigh the bottle, at least at this point, when it leaves and when it comes back. If there is only half a gram or a gram taken out, that’s really hard to see in the bottle,” Nienow said.

The department could possibly implement a new policy so chemicals would be weighed before they are taken out and after they are returned. “We have the capability. I think, with our software, but there would need to be a lot of up-front work. As a department, we would have to decide we want that kind of security. That would change the way professors and everyone else access to chemicals,” Archer said. However, this may be difficult to implement. “It’s a possibility, but I’m not sure how practical that would be, actually,” O’Brien said. “It is something to think about.” Another option could be “putting in cameras if we can find the money. We are definitely in discussion on how [to] handle this a little differently,” Nienow said.

The chemistry department has always taken some precautions to protect against future thefts. “The things that we know would make explosives or make drugs are now in a secure room,” Nienow said. According to Director of Campus Safety Ray Throvery, his department is working with the chemistry department to make changes in security, including adding key card access and possibly adding cameras.

Some people have also questioned why a student would be taught how to make an explosive. According to chemistry department professors, explosives are a fairly typical area of study in forensic science, which was the topic of Shay’s January Internship Experience class where he learned to make the compound.

The compound is fairly simple to make. “You don’t really have to be taught how to make it; it’s very, very easy to make. You can get that information just about anywhere,” O’Brien said.

In hindsight, Nienow would have taught the class differently. “In theory, I could have done [the explosive experiment] on paper, and I should have done it on paper, but we are the chemistry department, and we wanted to try the different techniques of doing the chemistry analysis and synthesis...I did the class again, I would just say: no, just draw a picture rather than have a real explosive,” Nienow said.

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Sarah Jabar: Well grounded in what’s good

In her four years at Gustavus, Sarah Jabar has made quite an impact on campus. "She's got it. Like that one song. She's what you need when you need it—Sarah Jabar, God love her. I know I do," Junior English Major Jordan Walker said.

"I would comfortably say that Sarah is my favorite dancer at Gustavus. She is an incredibly engaging and technical performer with a clear understanding of choreography." -Renee Guittar

"I like to say dance major first, before psychology, because it's what I'm more passionate about," Sarah said. "My sophomore year, I went to Nationals for the American College Dance Festival [ACDF] in New York. It was the coolest thing I have ever done," Sarah said.

"It was an honor working with her on the farm. It was her excitement and her easy-going-ness that kept the farm work extremely fun every day." -Lucas Neher

"Sarah is an individual who finds great balance between her various values. Health and overall wellness, art in all forms, environmental sustainability and really thinking about the nature of people and the world to name a few." -Kelsey Nielsen

No matter what she's involved in, one thing is certain: she has a special presence on campus. "She's a wonderful, upstanding lady in this community [and] has so much to offer," Neher said.

Editor | Jenny Behan
As the school year slowly winds down, senior art studio majors are preparing for their Senior Art Show. The Senior Art Show will begin with a reception on Saturday, May 1, 2010, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Hillstrom Museum of Art and will be open until May 30. The title of this year’s show is “Atypical 9 to 5,” and it showcases the hard work of senior art majors.

“The senior exhibition showcases the best of the best from the senior class art majors. It’s a culmination of the skills and techniques we have been developing ever since our first art class at Gustavus. It’s not only to showcase the senior art majors, but also to give credit to the art faculty who have taught us and encouraged us. All the art work in the show is the result of hard work from both the students and the faculty.” Senior Art Studio Major Amanda Skarphol said.

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-Jamie Dufek

The seniors displaying their art are proud of their hard work and dedication to their passion, as some of their favorite pieces are on display.

“To be a part of this show is an honor. The work that is being exhibited is just a portion of what we have done this year and throughout our time at Gustavus. The work that will be seen has been through an extensive jurying process and is the best of what we submitted. The show for us is like a thesis of our education. We get the opportunity to stand by what we have created, receive feedback from the public and find out how our work is received,” Senior Art Studio Major Ross Elenkiwich said.

For most of the seniors, this art show marks the beginning of their careers and is a time for them to share their hard work and to receive feedback. “The art show, for me, marks the beginning of my career in the arts. It basically shows off the hard work I put into my major and brings to reality that I could really be an artist,” Senior Art Studio Major Jamie Dufek said.

“There is a lot of work that goes into preparing for a show; not only do pieces need to be created, but they have to be displayed as well. That means matting and framing or literally installing pieces into the wall. It’s a lot of work, but it’s rewarding. Seeing my prints matted, framed and hung on the wall was a wonderful feeling. This is the first time I have truly felt like an artist. All the hard work has paid off,” Skarphol said.

Take a break from cramming for tests and finishing papers to come and enjoy the creativity, hard work and beautiful art that senior studio art majors have created.
**Gustavus and Vasa Wind Orchestras’ Honors Day concert**

**Krystal Bundy**  
**Staff Writer**

On Saturday, May 1, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., the hard work of a year culminates for the Gustavus and Vasa Wind Orchestras at the Honors Day Concert in Christ Chapel. For senior musicians, the concert is representative of an entire college career of dedication to music. For all the musicians, it represents a year of bonding and growing as musicians and as people.

“It’s the finale of the seniors’ musical career at Gustavus,” First-year Suzanne Mundhenke said.

“Honors Day is a big deal for a lot of people,” Thorstenson said. “This is the finale of the seniors’ musical career at Gustavus.”

This nostalgic feeling is common among the seniors in the orchestra. With the nostalgia comes also gratitude and pride for their work with the orchestra. “I’m really grateful for the experience I’ve had,” Liska said. “I’ll be a great concert.”

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Senior History Major Tom Liska has enjoyed his time with the Vasa and Gustavus Wind Orchestras, and he is ready for his final performance with the people to whom he has gotten close. “I’ve met so many people that I’ve become good friends with. It’s been a great experience,” Liska said. The Gustavus Wind Orchestra has been very good to me,” Senior Biology Major Sara Thorstenson said.

“It’s always valuable to listen to music that is being performed by friends and acquaintances. If you give it a shot, there’s a little bit for everyone.”

-Tom Liska

In honor of Gustavus musicians and students, the Gustavus and Vasa Wind Orchestra Spring Concert begins at 7:00 p.m. in Christ Chapel.

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Conductor and Professor of Music Doug Nimmo said. “This concert is a celebration of our study of music together over the past academic year.”

The fact that it takes place on Honors Day is significant. For Nimmo and the students, it is very important, as it correlates with the spirit of the day in that it honors both the musicians for their dedication to the music and other students on campus for their dedication to their studies. “Honors Day is a big deal for a lot of people,” Thorstenson said. This year’s concert is sure to match the importance of the day.

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-Alex Messenger

The continuing education program of Linnaeus Arboretum will host a Wildflower Walk on May 6, 2010, at Seven-Mile Creek County Park.

The program offers several nature-oriented adult education classes to mainly members of the St. Peter community, with the goal of giving people a better understanding of the natural world.

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-Bob Dunlap

The walk will take place about seven miles south of St. Peter off of Highway 169 at Seven-Mile Creek County Park and will focus on the “Big Woods” botany of the area, including an in-depth examination of the area’s blooming spring wildflowers.

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The wildflower walk is offered as a part of the continuing education program, which offers many nature-oriented education classes for adults.

**Habitat for Humanity sponsors shed build**

**Katie Volney**  
**Staff Writer**

Earlier this week, the Gustavus chapter of Habitat for Humanity sponsored a shed build outside of the C. Charles Jackson Campus Center. This build was a part of the annual Act! Speak! Build! Week which is dedicated to raising awareness about poverty and homelessness around the world.

This event is open to all members of the St. Peter community, including Gustavus students and faculty alike. Those who wish to attend should meet in the last parking lot of Seven-Mile Creek County Park at 6:30 p.m. on May 6. The walk will take approximately an hour and a half and costs $10 for the general public, but it is free to Gustavus students and staff.

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Train as you flight: Embedded in the ROTC

Alex Messanger  Photography Editor

On April 17, I woke up at 5:00 a.m. under a still dark sky and scraped a thin film of ice off the inside of my sleeping bag. It had apparently gone below the projected 34 degrees we had prepared for. Over the course of the next half hour a platoon of camouflaged soldiers battled the red glow of their flashlights mooned past as the sun rose and temperature steadily increased. The Army certainly starts the day early. From April 13 to 18, I was embedded with the Army ROTC’s Maverick Battalion who were conducting their Joint Field Training Exercises (JFTX). The Maverick Battalion, composed of student cadets from Minnesota State University Mankato, Bethany Lutheran College and, of course, Gustavus, went to Camp Ripley for field training exercises once in the fall and once in the spring. Within this battalion there are 130 cadets.

JFTX. Cadets hone their skills they have worked on and learned about in the classroom and in weekly labs, from land navigation and woods combined with compass work to shoot anything like ROTC before and because I would never have gone out in a big trooper to go camp- ing or do squad tactics or go to a rifle range or anything like that on my own really … but JFTX, it pays a hefty sum for my education … but now that I actually am in the classroom, I actually think being out with a lot of these people.”

Your first three years,” Bonestroo said, “you continually learn more and more about the training and your [first and sophomore year you’re kind of able to participate and everything, but you don’t really have a chance to earn a leadership role. Junior year you are routinely in leadership roles where you’re heading to 25 to 30 people in various small training missions. Third-year senior you kind of back off all of these three years,” and help the younger cadets learn and excel. M4s and MKEs also worked on the Field Leadership Reaction Course (FLRC) and small missions where when they get a taste of how they’d be tested between their junior and senior years at the Leadership Development Assessment Course (LDAC). In these exercises, cadets lead squads to complete missions on obstacle courses and over terrain. They’re essentially problem solving and leadership tests, and the cadets are evaluated and given feedback on how to improve their performance. These types of exercises and the ones you receive from them at LDAC, along with grades, physical fitness test results and ev- ertual rank differentiation determine each Cadet’s national rank and their priority for getting the job within the Army that they want following their graduation and commissioning as an officer.

After breaking the ice off my sleeping and camo- re-fug, we stood at attention in frigid formation as we were briefed about the day. The M4 cadet addressing the MS1 and MS2 platoons stressed the importance of safety on the range. “Today you will be qualifying on the live fire range. You will be firing live rounds. This is very danger- ous; people could literally die.” He stressed the importance of following instructions on the range. You’d sit there waiting for the target and once they come up or the enemy listens in to what they’re saying.”

We are all feeling the approaching end of the year,” Master Sergeant Friend, one of the seniors, said. “I mean these kids within a year, 15 or 16 of them that graduate next month are going to be sitting on the streets of Afghanistan or Iraq, and they’re trained more lethally, more kinetically; we’re trained more intelligently. That was my first choice branch. I ended up going into the signal corps, which is the Army’s communications branch.”

“Really, I wanted to be in combat,” Senior Geography Major and MS4 Jake Partridge said, “I’d like to be in different positions for shooting.” Pelto said, “I’m going into the signal corps, which is the Army’s communications branch.” Bonestroo said: “‘I’ll be in charge of a group of probably 20 or 30 guys, and it’ll be our mission to help the first cavalry division with sending out, maintaining, establishing and securing command and control networks both locally and, more importantly, when they’re deployed overseas so that when they communicate with whoever they’re in touch with, they can always count on it being them and not have the enemy listen in to what they’re saying.”

“We are all feeling the approaching end of the wheel year, especially graduating seniors—and the Cadets are no different. “It’s come way too fast, way too fast … but I think that I’m ready to go on with the next part of life and move on to the real military part,” Bonestroo noted.
The art of listening and persuasion

Conservative conscience

A case for doubt: A response to Alex Legeros

Before my response to Alex, I would like to say one thing to the leaders of FCA. The absence of morals in “nature” does not indicate an absence of morals in humans (or other species). Atheism is not equivalent to nihilism.

To begin, I would like to express my sincere thanks to Alex for furthering discussion with a constructive response to my article. My intention was to provoke discussion, so I was happy to see a response. His argument, however, does not offer a real definition of faith, and it is contradictory.

As Alex so insightfully thought I would say, “That’s not what I meant by faith.” I necessarily defined faith as I did not because I am narrow-minded, but because I wished to offer a real definition. The definition provided by Alex is, “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.” This is not a real definition because non-synonymous terms can be inserted in place of the word being defined. For example, the word doubt, which happens to be an antonym to “faith,” can be inserted. His is a better definition for acting with doubt or performing an experiment than acting with faith.

Another statement further illuminates this. “I think Faith completes 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 ones.” Once again, the word “doubt” would be more suitable than faith. These statements are indicative of the pervasive idea that faith includes doubt or that doubt is integral to faith. Certainly, most people with faith have some doubt. But doubt is precisely what is ignored or rejected by faith. Faith and doubt are antagonistic forces.

The above definition would seem to make sense under the assumption that “all action rests on faith,” except it is quite clear that “all action” does not rest on faith. His argument seems to be that, since we cannot logically prove the existence of a lightbulb, it is only with faith that we can know of its existence. Since we cannot logically use inductive reasoning to prove the future, we cannot assume that the sun will rise tomorrow. We cannot, without faith, know that “the ground beneath us will not turn into lava.” This is amateur philosophy of the worst sort.

While recognizing that what we perceive is a representation of reality, it is fair to say that it can be known, without faith, that a light bulb exists in every real and practical sense. With our modern understanding of physics, it seems fair to assume that the ground at Gustavus will not transmute into lava anytime soon. The improbability of this occurring is so infinitesimally small that one can safely assume that it will not occur.

To equate this “faith” with religious faith is preposterous. It takes a fundamentally different sort of faith to believe in god(s), heaven, hell, rebirth, angels, demons or the emperor’s new clothes. It is fundamentally different because there is an utter lack of evidence. Combined with the improbability of their existence, these ideas can be dispelled as easily as the existence of dragons, Santa or the flying spaghetti monster. The amount of evidence required for acceptance of a belief should be correlated to the improbability of the truth of that belief. The amount of belief in an idea should be correlated to the amount of evidence.

Faith is doubt. Through faith we reject universal truths and “come to pragmatic truths, rather than dogmatic ones.” These statements are doublespeak.

“In order to taste my cup of water you must first empty your cup. My friend, drop all your preconceived and fixed ideas and be neutral. Do you know why this cup is useful? Because it is empty.”—Bruce Lee

Conservative conscience

The art of listening and persuasion

I was before I came to Gustavus. How did this persuasive occur?

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A different approach

Alternative uses for a toothbrush

You’ve discovered it this morning as you plunked your toothbrush into your - shower cuddly or - cup by the sink or - the cardboard box that functions as your toiletry bin along with a meeting grounds for crusty lotion bits and fantastic hair clumps.

You’ve discovered that blue section of your favorite Oral-B has faded to white, God’s way of letting you know it is time to move on, perhaps to bigger and better things like that toothbrush with the - gum massagers or - ergonomic handle or - tongue scraper, thus making it even easier to enjoy that second where you feel you just might throw up but are too scared to commit.

You retrieve your former oral companion (don’t go there, sicko) from it’s usual home in your life, for (oh!) you care for the environment or have a toothbrush fetish or are like one of the people on Boarders whose house is filled with everything they’ve touched since fourth grade. Whatever your need for alternative means for carrying on the life of your toothbrush after its dental death, reader, might I offer you some suggestions?

Groat cleaner. Now, this may seem obvious, as the fine bristles of a toothbrush are a perfect size for getting into those nasty grout lines. But why not multi-task and get some floor cleaning done while you also are cleaning yourself! Simply set the toothbrush on that convenient shelf, and as you wait for your conditioner to set, start scrubbing away! You can even do this the “green” way and turn off the water, for there is no sexier image than that of your damp and slightly sudsy, buck-naked self scouring away at tiles while the cold air slowly creeps through the shower curtain and gives you goose bumps.

Leg hair brush. We’ve all seen them, those with almost astonishingly long leg hair, most often of the male gender, but not exclusively. If you have long leg hair, you ought to keep it groomed, just as one with long head hair ought to do. The extended handle of a toothbrush creates excellent reach-ability on your longer limbs, thus allowing you to brush with the direction of hair growth which we all know leads to improved hair smoothness. Males and females alike ought take equal care of their legs.

Puppet. Are you a nanny for small children? Want to distract your roommates? Want to distract yourself? Glue some googly eyes, ridiculous ears, maybe even a stylish scarf from a piece of yarn onto your toothbrush and voila! Puppet. Like a finger puppet except now your fingers won’t get tired or hyper-extended.

Innovative lawn ornament. Tie a string around the head of the toothbrush and hang from a branch. Hang many from branches. Stick one in the ground like a pink flamingo as a symbolic gesture for proper dental care as a requisite in all homes. Stick many in the ground. Don’t have a yard of your own? Usurp someone else’s and consider your decorations a gift of expression.

Now friends, you have five alternative uses for an old toothbrush. If you don’t have an old toothbrush, well, then you’ll just have to figure out other ways to pass the time when you should be doing home work, participating in school activities and other sorts of collegiate responsibilities. Happy innovating, and remember that within each old item lies infinite possibilities for new items. One man’s junk is another person’s treasure. (And yes I did just end this commentary with an innuendo.)

Learning from the left

Is faith integral to learning?

A lover of argumentation and debate little gets me more excited than a rousing contest between two sides. The problem with loving to argue is that when a debate gets too one-sided it leaves the viewer feeling cheated, that there was so much left unsaid that it crippled the position of the losing side and made the debate stale and unfulfilling. Maybe I love debate too much, but after reading the responses to Peter Weeks’ article “Faith is not a virtue,” I feel as if the case for why faith can be beneficial to learning at Gustavus was lost amongst other tangential arguments. Instead of reading about how monasteries served as centers of intellectual progression and education, how madrassas served as bastions of learning and history during the dark ages in Europe or a quotation from a notable speaker on this subject, I read about how Christian morality predated human morality and that people confuse faith with rational thinking.

To be fair, Mr. Legeros and the FCA leadership team made compelling points about faith and role it plays in an individual’s life and purpose, but largely they didn’t address the thesis of Mr. Weeks’ article, “that faith is in principle opposed to learning.” On its face the thesis seems pretty straightforward—how can something rooted in a lack of verifiable evidence (according to Merriam-Webster) ever support something that is rooted in evidence (math, science, etc.)? The answer to this question can be found within the motivation of people to learn.

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Letter to the Editor

I am writing in regards to the recent naming of Gustavus as a “Green College” by the Princeton Review. I think this is really interesting, for lack of a better word, because I have realized after being here for three years now that the majority of Gustavus students don’t actually give a shit about “being Green” or not. The “Guide to 286 Green Colleges” is the first comprehensive guidebook focused solely on institutions of higher education who have demonstrated an above average commitment to sustainability in terms of campus infrastructure, activities and initiatives. I find this is extremely discouraging being at a school that the Princeton Review considers a “Green College.” If we are considered “green” than what does that make other schools? Extremely detrimental to our environment? Even most of my closest friends could not care less about protecting the planet we share and live on, which makes me extremely concerned for the welfare of our earth in the future.

The makers of the Princeton Review must have been pretty desperate to find schools to put on their list if they chose Gustavus. I mean, we aren’t very eco-friendly compared to a few of other schools. I will make the assumption that we have been given this name because of a select few determined and compassionate souls at this college that are not adequately recognized for their commitment to sustainability at Gustavus. Kudos to them! It is a little pathetic that we all get to live under this title the Princeton Review has given us because of the hard work of select individuals. Not to sound terribly rude, but the rest of us should feel honestly ashamed to not live up to the standards of (helping the world). So let’s live up to the title we have been given!

Katie Winkelman ’11

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).

Solar Panels

Donation allows for new academic building to be powered substantially by solar panels. Where the windmill failed, panels will succeed.

Seedlings Growing Out of Drinking Fountain

It’s true. Second floor of the library, this Monday and Tuesday. Either saying something about the tenacity of life, or questionable plumbing... or both?

Arizona: “No Mexicans, please”

New immigration bill essentially writes racial profiling into law. Now we’re just getting into some straight up state-approved racism...
Friday, April 30

Yellow Day Out

Campus-Wide All Day
This would have been easier if the snow were still on the ground.

Celebration of Creative Inquiry
Heritage Banquet Room 5:00 p.m.
It would be easier if ResLife didn’t ban so many of my “tools of creative exploration.”

BBQ with the Deltas and Reds
Recruitment Event
723 Valley View Road 6:00 p.m.
The grill will be “Red” hot. (Yep. Did not try there.)

Weekend Movie: Youth in Revolt
Wallenberg Auditorium 7:00 & 10:00 p.m.
Apparently the youth are revolting. It’s not really their fault though. Around that age you can expect new, weird hair and smells.

LineUs Improv Comedy Show
Courtyard Café 7:30 p.m.
It might look as though we forgot to put Dan Shimek on the posters, but, in fact, we had to crop him out since he is 47 and 2/3 feet tall.

Chamber Singers & St. Ansgar’s Chorus in Concert
Bjorling Recital Hall 7:30 p.m.
If St. Ansgar’s has no sopranos, does that mean the tenors have to do all the complaining?

Dance Jam
Kresge Dance Studio 8:00 p.m.
What’s that? LineUs is going to perform here too? Two shows in one night! God, they’re selfless, giving, attractive people!

The Calendar Page is considered editorial. The opinions expressed herein are not the opinions of The Gustavian Weekly, but are, in fact, a series of confessions. For instance I found one of those little Pokémon pedometers. That’s what is going on at the S.A.O. desk now. Had a Scyther on it.

Saturday, May 1

Honors Day 2010
Christ Chapel 10:30 a.m.
I live by the old Japanese saying “Death before dishonor,” which means around this time of year, I start to get really edgy about my G.P.A.

The 2010 Honors Recital
Bjorling Recital Hall 1:30 p.m.
More people are afraid of performing on stage than they are of death, which I guess means they would prefer death before “dis” honor.

The Gustavus Choir in Concert
Christ Chapel 3:00 p.m.
They may have been on tour but now they’re back to their own little space. The G-choir’s location. The G-spot, if you will.

Senior Studio Art Majors Exhibition
Hillstrom Museum of Art 4:00 p.m.
Damn exhibitionists.

Annual Diabetes Benefit
Alumni Hall 4:00 p.m.
The dinner will consist of cake, donuts, chocolate syrup and red kool-aid.

The Gustavus & Vasa Wind Orchestras Spring Concert
Wallenberg Auditorium 7:00 & 10:00 p.m.
Vasa concert? It’s where people play instruments, you crazy German.

Weekend Movie: Youth in Revolt
Wallenberg Auditorium 7:00 & 10:00 p.m.
Hey, what was that other movie where Michael Cera plays the awkward teenager? Oh, wait.

Saturday Night in Lund—Japanese Game Show
Lund Center 10:00 p.m.
Little did they know I’ve been training for this all year. I’ve been running on foam conveyer belts, jumping from big padded rolling log to rolling log over a puddle of mud and getting my voice out of sync with my lips.

Sunday, May 2

BBQ&A
Adolphson House 1:00 p.m.
I’ll bring the Q&A! Steak Sauce.

Laura Mahowald, Senior Flute Recital
Bjorling Recital Hall 1:30 p.m.
She’s almost as good as Elizabeth Winslow.

Samantha Maranell, Senior Flute Recital
Bjorling Recital Hall 5:30 p.m.
She’s almost as good as Laura Mahowald.

Elizabeth Winslow, Senior Flute Recital
Bjorling Recital Hall 7:30 p.m.
She’s almost as good as Samantha Maranell. Mwahahah! This is gonna stir up trouble.

Monday, May 3

The Movers
Lund Center 11:40 a.m.
We’ll be starting this week’s program in President Ohle’s house and ending in Sohre Hall, third floor. We request you take at least two arm loads per trip.

Tomato Talk—Master Gardener Series
Melva Lind Interpretive Center 7:00 p.m.
Just barely beat out “Radish Rap.”

Tuesday, May 4

Internet Safety Training Class
Olin Technology Classroom 9:00 a.m.
Ha! I don’t need help! I’m amazing on the internet! How many hot, young singles in the St. Peter area want to chat with you right now?

Tea Time
Center for Vocational Reflection 2:30 p.m.
A dyslexic tried to order some chai tea. Four Shaolin monks beat the crap out of him.

Faculty-Staff-Administrator Christian Bible Study Devotional
Linner Lounge 3:30 p.m.
Hey! Just thought of something! We should flip to the front of the Bible and see who it’s dedicated to! That might clear up a lot of theological issues!

Nicole Helget: Fiction Reading
Melva Lind Interpretive Center 7:00 p.m.
Nicole Helget will be reading from her novel “The Turtle Catcher” and its sequel “The Finger Loser.”

Wednesday, May 5

Seminar for Seniors: Staying Connected
Campus Banquet Rooms 6:30 p.m.
How to stay connected when your parents stop paying your cell phone bill.

Frank Warren, founder of PostSecret
Christ Chapel 8:00 p.m.
The post office recently discovered a terrorist plot to destroy the post office. Maybe they shouldn’t have communicated by postcard.

Thursday, May 6

Annual Author Tea
Courtyard Café 3:30 p.m.
Be a rebel! Always question Author Tea!
National bid safe bet for Gustie golfers

The Gustavus Women’s Golf team has begun the season with three straight first-place finishes at the Augustana Invitational, St. Thomas Invitational and Carleton Invitational.

Lauren Bennett
Staff Writer

Since the season began this spring, the Women’s Golf team scored low and took home trophies. They started April with a bang as they placed first on the opening day of the Augustana Invitational. Junior Captain Katie Schenfeld placed first individually, shooting a 73 (+1). Closely behind in second place was Sophomore Taylor Drenttel with 74 (+2), and in eighth place with 77 (+5) was Senior Captain Kali Griggs.

“Our golf team is strong,” Griggs said. “So far this spring season, we’ve played really well. We’ve been consistent and rewarded with victories.”

The Gusties finished out the Augustana Invitational in first place. The Augustana Invitational was a Division II match, and with a victory the Gusties proved they belong at Nationals once again this year.

With Schenfeld and Drenttel taking MIAC Golfers of the Week, Drenttel and Schenfeld were named the Co-MIAC Golfers of the Week by winning the Carleton Invitational. The Gusties have one tournament remaining before the National bid, and they have high hopes. “Our sights are set on the National Tournament now, and our big goal is to win that tournament, which we have never done before,” Katie Schenfeld said.

Following the Augustana Invitational, Drenttel and Schenfeld took home the first place medal, with Schenfeld and Jackson taking fourth and sixth, respectively. In Becker, Minn. on April 19-20, the Gusties proved they were no doubt that the team will belong at Nationals once again before,” Katie Schenfeld said.

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Next, the women traveled to Carleton on April 24 and 25. They did not come out on top on Saturday, but that did not stop them from again taking home the trophy on Sunday. Drenttel took home the first place medal, and Schenfeld and Jackson took fourth and sixth, respectively.

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With Schenfeld and Drenttel taking MIAC Golfers of the Week title twice each this season, there is no doubt that the team will place well in the National Championships.

Sophomore Taylor Drenttel chips her ball from just off the green. Drenttel earned MIAC Women’s Golfer of the week by winning the Carleton Invitational.

Sophomore Kali Griggs sprays a shot out of the bunker. Griggs had her best showing of the spring at the St. Thomas Invitational, tying for 10th place.
Baseball team struggling in Conference play

Craig Nordquist
Staff Writer

A stern start to the non-Conference schedule, the Gustavus Baseball team has limped to a 12-12 record, which includes a woeful 4-10 mark in Conference play.

After Tuesday’s sweep at the hands of Concordia, Gustavus has now lost seven of its last nine games heading into the final ten games of the regular season. “We came into this season with high expectations because we have a good group of seniors this year and some great underclassmen,” Senior catcher Willy Hanson said. “We expected to be contending for the playoffs this year but things didn’t go our way. The team’s performance has been disappointing.”

After losing by a score of 4-11 in the first game against the Cobbers, the Gusties suffered a heart-wrenching 2-3 loss on a walk-off homer by Lucas Genreux. In their 11 games decided by one run, the Gusties are only 4-7.

“We have good hitters, but our problem has been stringing together a couple of hits to put runs on the board,” First-year standout Tim Miller said. “While our batting average has been around par for the league, we just haven’t found a way to get the guys that get on base back into the dugout.”

Hanson said while running the span of their current four-game losing streak, the Gusties’ biggest trouble seems to be hitting in the clutch. “We aren’t quite where we’d like to be in the standings, but I feel like we can play with any team in the Conference,” Miller said, who has successfully reached base in each of his last 14 games. “Our pitching and defense has done a great job keeping us in every game. We just haven’t gotten on a roll, but with hitting a team needs to be successful.”

Perhaps the most perplexing statistic of the season is the inability of the Gusties to win on the road. Gustavus is winless in each of its nine road games. “I can’t explain it because we have struggled at home too,” Hanson said. “We have practiced everything this year, and there’s not much else we can do except trust our preparation.”

Gustavus owns a much more respectable 5-6 mark at home, with the remainder of the team’s games played at neutral sites. “To be honest I did not even realize that we haven’t yet won a game away from Gustavus,” Miller said. “I don’t think there is any good reason for our struggles on the road; we just have a lot more comfortable at home playing in the park we practice in every day.”

For all the team’s disappointments, there was a pair of key moments in the season that proved the team’s ability to challenge any Conference foe.

The highlight of the season this year has been beating St. Thomas. We won in extra innings because we never gave up,” Hanson said. “Our team has not given up in any game this year, which is a good sign.”

The Gusties’ 5-4 nine-inning victory over St. Thomas two weeks ago was the program’s first win over the Tommies in over three years.

The highlight of the season has to be beating the defending National Champions from St. Thomas,” Miller said. “Beating our biggest rival helps make an otherwise disappointing season a little bit more bearable.”

The victory over the Tommies helped boost the morale of the Gusties and showed fans flashes of what the team is capable of doing when they put all of the pieces together.

After splitting with St. Thomas we knew we could play with any team in the MIAC, and that was one of the few games when we showed our true potential,” Hanson said. “Some games we play like we are supposed to play, while other games we have moments when it looks like we’ve never played the game before.”

The other key moment of the season came last week after the Gusties capped a three-run come-from-behind victory over Macalester with a walk-off single by Miller. “Coming back like that really helped our confidence because it showed that we can beat anyone at any time,” Miller said. “It was also really important because we were able to salvage a split with Macalester, and a sweep at that point of the season would have been devastating for us.”

The most impressive part about the win over Macalester was that the rally came against Scots ace James Murrey, who has been scouted as a possible Major League draft pick. “It was very exciting because we needed that win, and Macalester brought in their ace thinking he was going to shut us down. It was the fact that this team never gives up,” Hanson said. “We tend to get rallies going late in games but sometimes we fall just short; but in this game our rally came through against one of the better pitchers in the MIAC.”

The nail-biting victories over St. Thomas and Macalester provided the Gusties with some thrills on the season as well as proof that they can enjoy playing the Conference, we have no test the rest of the season to prove that,” Hanson said. “We are going to stick together as a team through this final stretch of the season and try and pull out a couple of pretty good hitters but one thing that could be exploited is that they have an underperforming pitching staff.”

Mike Carroll’s squad looks to finish the season strong with an emphasis on staying relaxed and forgetting the season’s hardships. “For the final stretch of the season, we are going to try to have fun and win,” Hanson said. “We still have 10 baseball games to play, and we are going to play them with no regrets.”

The players feel they will carry less pressure on their backs for the remainder of the season knowing that they can enjoy playing the spoiler role.

“Sitting in the lower half of the Conference, we have nothing to lose,” Miller said. “All the pressure is on the other teams, so we can just come out loose, have some fun and win some games.”

Hanson stresses that although the team has struggled, it has never given up on finishing the season strong.

“Our team’s biggest strength is never giving up, and it will be a true test the rest of the season to prove that,” Hanson said. “We are going to stick together as a team through this final stretch of the season and try and pull out a semi-successful season for Gustavus Baseball and ourselves.”
Gustie Women look to clinch 19th consecutive regular season title

Raissa Carpenter
Staff Writer

The Gustavus Women’s Tennis team is one meet away from an undefeated MIAC season. On Saturday the Gusties will face Carleton to determine which will be the 2010 MIAC regular season Champion. The match will be held at the Swanson Tennis Center at 1:00 p.m.

Currently Gustavus is ranked at the top of the MIAC with Carleton coming in a close second. The Gusties are 9-0 in the MIAC and 28-10 overall, while Carleton is 8-0 in the MIAC and 12-4 overall. Both Carleton and Gustavus are in the Central Region of the NCAA, with Gustavus currently ranked third and Carleton ranked tenth. The Gusties have not lost a MIAC match since 1992, which adds pressure to Saturday’s match.

“We want to] finish undefeated in the MIAC conference and host the NCAA regionals and try to get to the Elite Eight,” Junior Marianne Barau said. Barau has won her last nine singles competitions and six doubles competitions with her partner, Sophomore Megan Gaard, who has also had an impressive singles streak.

The Gusties are led by a two-time All-American, Senior Sierra Krebsbach. Krebsbach has won her last five singles matches and her last two doubles matches. According to a recent release by the NCAA, Krebsbach is ranked fifth for singles players in the Central Region. Krebsbach is also ranked fourth in doubles with Junior Sam Frank. Other notable performances include Sophomore Maria Bryan and Senior Ali O’Neal.

The Carleton Knights are also undefeated in the MIAC. In addition to their Conference competition, both teams have had other common opponents this season. In March the Knights lost to DePauw 2-7. However, in early April the Gusties defeated DePauw 5-4. The Gusties were also able to defeat the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater with a score of 7-2, while the Knights fell to Whitewater 4-5.

“We have been able to grow as a team and build some trust into each other. We have total confidence in each and every one of our teammates and know that when they will step on the court, they will give everything they have. We are really a team, and I believe this is our biggest accomplishment—to actually play as a team,” Barau said.

According to O’Neal, playing as a team has been a bit of a challenge this season. “Some of our biggest challenges have been surrounded by playing well together at the same time. It’s been hard to get everyone on the same page on the same day, but I think we’re getting better at that as the season goes on,” O’Neal said.

Going into Saturday’s match the Gusties are on an 11-game winning streak. Their most recent triumph was against St. Ben’s with a score of 9-0. It was the 12th time that the Gusties completely swept their opponent.

The victory over St. Ben’s was the second MIAC victory of the weekend for Gustavus. “The match against St. Ben’s was positive. We were able to see some of our weaknesses and will be able to work on them during the week and get us ready for the Carleton match on Saturday,” Barau said. However, the match against Carleton will be a much bigger test for the Gustie Women. “We’ll need to have a focused week of practice to go into the Carleton match with the same amount of confidence and skill that we had over Spring Break, but as long as we stay focused we’ll be successful,” O’Neal said.

“As far as the rest of the season, this team is talented enough to make it to the National Semifinals. If everyone plays up to potential, that is where we expect to be at the end of May,” Krebsbach said.

There will be plenty of hard-fought tennis matches at Swanson Tennis Center on Saturday, and the Gusties could use support as they try to defend their MIAC title and finish the regular season undefeated.