What’s to blame for higher drug numbers?

Campus Safety and Residency Life and the Office of Drug and Alcohol Education agree: the frequency of drug violations on campus is rising. The drug issue is not an isolated one, however. Minnesota colleges and Midwest schools from North Dakota to Illinois are all reporting higher numbers of narcotic incidents on their campuses.

The student body’s perception of drug use has also changed; a recent poll by the National College Health Association, posted by the Gustavus Peer Assistants, found that Gustavus students assumed that half of their peers (51.9 percent) used marijuana in the past month. The actual number of marijuana use was just over 7 percent, according to the 2010 survey. With such a significant minority of students actually using marijuana and other drugs, why would the campus be experiencing a rise in the frequency of drug violations?

The issue may not be as simple as an increase in use. Campus Safety and Collegiate Fellows (CFs) have changed their response to drug-related incidents. In the past, CFs have confronted issues in the residence halls themselves whenever the smell of marijuana or other indicator of drug use was apparent. This year, a new policy dictates that CFs immediately involve Campus Safety officers when they suspect drug use. CFs will still confront the issue themselves, but as soon as Campus Safety officers arrive, they take control of the situation. This could lead to a perceived increase in drug violations because Campus Safety reports are public, while CF interactions and sanctions are kept private.

“I think that’s one of the reasons you’re seeing it addressed more publicly than in years past,” Director of Student Life and Assistant Dean of Students Charlie Strey said. Despite this change in response, though, Strey acknowledged an apparent increase in drug violations this year. “While we have already detected a certain amount of drug use, there seems to be more this year than in previous years,” Strey said. As reported by Gustavus’s Judicial System, 2011’s number of drug incidents has been above average thus far. According to the numbers available from 2002 through 2010, the average number of drug violations for fall semester is 3.3, while the average number for spring semester is 3.5. This fall, the Judicial System reported nine fall semester incidents and 12 January incidents. These numbers far exceed the averages, especially the January number which was one short of the combined total number of January incidents from the past nine years. Though current numbers are not available yet for the 2011 spring term, the 2010-2011 academic year has already exceeded the average number of annual violations, which is 12.2. These numbers do not reflect the number of violations that resulted in judicial sanctions, only the amount of cases the judicial system had to deal with.

While marijuana cases represent the great majority of cases, the appearance of prescription drug use and sale has become a more recent concern. Ritalin and Adderall, prescription attention deficit medications, have appeared in cases of distribution and also in medical assists. The sharing or sale of prescription drugs is always a concern because of the potentially dangerous effects when taken by a non-prescribed person. Mixing medications, and especially the combination of prescription drugs with alcohol, presents serious health concerns.

“My biggest fear is that we’re going to lose somebody, either here or on another campus, because students are unaware of the side effects of prescription drugs,” Director of Campus Safety Ray Thrower said. Earlier this year, Campus Safety and St. Peter Police responded to a medical assist situation in which prescription drugs were a factor. Thrower and Strey both said that they have made efforts to prevent the limited immunity policy in such situations to get their friends and medical help when they need it.

“We’ll work toward making sure that somebody is granted some kind of limited immunity in those cases,” Strey said.

The question of why drug use numbers are rising and why the frequency remains the misconception by students that their

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LineUs teams with alumni performers for show

Lindsay Lelivelt
Editor-in-Chief

What happens when LineUs Improv members grow up, graduate and leave Gustavus for the real world? They continue on the path of justice, truth and the ways of improv to form their own improv troupe in the Twin Cities. And then they bring that comedy back home to you.

On Friday, May 13 Walrus and LineUs join forces to bring an improv show to Alumni Hall, the likes of which have never been seen on the Gustavus campus.

Walrus Improv Comedy Troupe is made up of all Gustavus graduates—Andrew Haaheim ‘09, Maggie Sotos ‘09, Tane Danger ‘07, Logan Martin ‘06 and Brandon Boat ‘08. They’ve only been on the scene for the last year, but they have made quite a name for themselves.

“We’ve performed professionally at several venues. We were given our own show for two months at Minneapolis’s newest Improv Comedy Club, and we’ve represented Gustavus at a scouting event in Coon Rapids, I perform with Comedy Sportz, Ameticor has hired us to do state-wide workshop training and we were selected to perform at the in Cities Improv Festival this summer,” Sotos said.

They also have a spot on the first Friday of every month performing at The Blue Nile restaurant in Minneapolis. Of course, Walrus isn’t all that these Gustie grads do. Haaheim stays involved in the cities, teaching high school and playing in his band Dustie Thomas, as well as working with Walrus.

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Campus Safety Report

Thursday, April 28
A Gustavus employee reported the theft of his iPod touch from the Market Place.
Campus Safety responded to a Fire Alarm in the Adolphson House. Two students were cited for a Drug narcotic violation and a Drug equipment violation.

Saturday, April 30
A Gustavus student while in the Johnson Student Union was charged by Campus Safety for Liquor Violation /of Age, Social Host Responsibility, and Failure to Comply with College Official.

Sunday, May 1
A Campus Safety Officer observed damage to doors of the new academic building.

Tip of the Week:
Spring Driving Safety Tips

Slow down and increase your following distance when rain or mist begins to fall. Even a small amount of water can mix with oil and grease on the road to create slippery conditions.

Use your low beam headlights in fog. High beams reflect water vapor (fog) and make it harder to see. Low beams are the law in any event if your visibility is limited to 500 feet or there is precipitation.

If you are driving in rain or fog that totally impairs visibility, pull off the road as far as possible and turn on your hazard lights.

To keep the inside of your windshield clear of moisture, turn on your fan and defroster and the air conditioner may work wonders as well.

Allow extra following distance—a car needs two to ten times more distance to stop on a wet road than on dry pavement.

Avoid driving through large puddles—the splashing water may affect your brakes, cause your car to swerve, and impair the vision of other motorists.

Keep an eye out for pedestrians, who may be less alert to traffic in the rain and fog, and more difficult for you to see.

Art Major and Minor Exhibit

Published Thursday. Students, faculty and staff visited the Schaefer Fine Arts Gallery to view pieces such as the one above. Students who participated were able to submit three pieces of work with the possibility of one or all pieces being included. Pieces featured range from drawings to watercolor, prints to metal sculpture and ceramics to acrylic paintings.
Gustavus “green” for second year

Sandy Xiong
Staff Writer

For the second year in a row, Gustavus Adolphus College has been recognized as a signatory of the American College & University Presidents’ Climate Commitment by the 2011 Edition of The Princeton Review’s Guide to 311 Green Colleges. This demonstrates Gustavus’s commitment to eliminate net greenhouse gas emissions while promoting the research and educational efforts of accelerating progress toward climate neutrality and sustainability. As seen through Gustavus’s participation in RecycleMania, the Campus Energy Wars among colleges and universities across Minnesota, along with the programs implemented in the environmental science and biology departments, it is fairly evident that Gustavus plays its part well in being an environmentally friendly institution.

“All the good things happening on campus are the results of the collective effort of a lot of people.”
- Jim Donjtie

The Princeton Review’s guide, which is based on a self-submission of most colleges and their collected data, reflects the effort of many different people who proposed ideas to make Gustavus an ecologically responsible school. According to Director of the Johnson Center for Environmental Innovation Jim Donjtie, Gustavus sent a submission of the school’s institutional data to be analyzed by The Princeton Review in 2008. “All the good things happening on campus are the results of the collective effort of a lot of people,” Donjtie said.

Some of the collaborators include “the Physical Plant making efficient energy changes—such as installing shower heads and toilets that use less water— the Administrative secretaries keeping track of these things—and the lights being turned on and off in a certain hallway in Nobel. This is the work of everyone pitching in, using less water, turning off lights and recycling,” Donjtie said.

Since 2008, concerns with environmental issues and action became widely important to parents and students searching for colleges, as shown in a survey given by The Princeton Review.

“We’re still trying to do things to improve Gustavus and get the school ranked as Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED),” Donjtie said. “So far, most of the things we’re trying to do will get Gustavus verified in LEED Platinum. This includes our effort and design on the new academic building, which is designed to use forty percent less energy than required. It’ll have solar thermal electric panels on it, which will provide very good day lighting by using outside light, which saves energy—which means everyone feels better and does better in school.”

As part of Gustavus’s commitment to diminishing waste, one of the school’s other great attribute is that it recycles much of its waste in an efficient manner, especially in proportion to the student population. As an Environmental Studies worker for the Interpretive Center, Sophomore Biology and Environmental Studies Major Ashley Hansen is involved with gathering data to report to RecycleMania. “Over the years, we’ve done quite well, considering the size of the campus,” Hansen said. “We’re slowly improving but we still have a long ways to go considering food waste, especially since we don’t compost the [Market Place] food.”

As part of the Environmental Studies program, evaluations of the Coca Cola machines on campus were made by students in a project. The data revealed that the cost outweighed the profit, leading to the school to find a solution that would replace these machines with vendors that had a dormant phase when not in use.

The school attempted to conserve energy further by purchasing wind turbines. This, however, did not work out due to a law stating that turbines must be a certain distance from residential areas. Because of this, Gustavus had to put this plan on hold.

Though Gustavus has shown great growth over the years, there is still room for improvement. The school, overall, has been making huge efforts to minimize waste. This includes using organic produce in the kitchen, the formation of a Kitchen Cabinet (more of an informal committee), finding other ways to get renewable energy as well as purchasing local foods.

“I’m proud to go to a college that has an arboretum and that’s concerned about environmental issues—that we’re actually doing something,” Hansen said. “Gustavus is among these other exceptional colleges interested in improving itself environmentally; it’s something to be proud of except just the food aspect (18th in Best Campus Food). We can all work together toward a common goal and work to minimize waste.”

If you’re interested in what the Guide had to say about Gustavus, the entire Guide to 311 Green Colleges is available online at princetonreview.com/greenguide.aspx.
Creative Inquiry celebrates undergraduate research

Madison Pettit
Staff Writer

The John S. Kendall Center for Engaged Learning is proud to present the fourth annual Celebration of Creative Inquiry on Friday, May 6 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Campus Center. The celebration is a campus-wide forum to publicly share the creative work of Gustavus students over the past academic year, including class projects, senior theses or independent study research projects.

The idea for this event developed in 2008 when faculty at a Kendall Center for Engaged Learning workshop began to discuss the idea of having a conference for undergraduate research. The result was the Celebration of Creative Inquiry which has proven to be a success for the past few years.

The event provides a forum for students to present their research to the community. Although the event is called a research celebration, we wanted to make it a celebration of learning, including various disciplines all in one hall yet this year,” Strey said.

Senior Kendra Kesty, Kristen Weller '10 and Greg Boone '09 presented their projects at past Creative Inquiry events.

The term “creative inquiry” was intentionally chosen to be broad, as it is intended to encompass a large variety of projects in research and scholarship. Appropriately projects are defined by the standards of research, scholarship and creativity of their discipline. An appropriate creative inquiry project may ask a question that has never been asked before, attempt to fill a gap in knowledge or to create new knowledge, or address a process or product that requires the student to add ideas or imagination of their own. Students may also present a critical reflection or a project that is shaped by choices the student made independently.

Each student will present a visual display of his or her work and will be near it for the most of the event, chatting with attendees, discussing their work and getting caught.

Drugs

peers are using drugs may have something to do with it. While students in the NCHA survey that they were over 50 percent of their fellow students had used marijuana in the past month, only 7 percent actually had. Social norms theory, explained Director of Drug and Alcohol Education Judy Douglass, may place a subtle peer pressure on the students to accept drug use as normal.

“If you perceive that students are using drugs, then that may be a normalized behavior,” Douglas said. The disparity between the perceived and the actual use is much higher than that for alcohol. The reason for the misperception is hard to determine. What can be determined is how students are being caught.

“We haven’t had any incidents outside of a residence hall yet this year,” Strey said. Despite the salience of drug awareness posters, the misperception campaign by the Peer Assistants and the use of a drug awareness tool created by Student Senate and the Dean of Students Office, students are still using drugs in their residence halls — and getting caught.

“Campus Safety” officers are spending time in the residence halls, and we are detecting more drug usage this year,” Thoerver said.

Douglas recalled that in the past, the number of cases involving students using drugs in residence halls was significantly fewer, almost non-existent. Students using drugs in their rooms, especially marijuana with its potent and recognizable odor, makes detection fairly easy for CFs and Campus Safety officers. If students have changed their behavior and are using less, then it’s easier for those who do not use, to, this could explain a rise in the number of drug violations encountered by the judicial system.

The repercussions of drug use can be more serious than students realize. Though Campus Safety tries to deal with incidents themselves, they will turn any case over to police that involves sale and distribution, or drugs besides marijuana. Douglas also advised that students turned in to the Drug Free Schools Act; if a student has federal financial aid and they get a drug violation on their state record, their aid can be forfeited.

“If you’re a student on financial aid, which a lot of people are, there are consequences [of drug violations] that ensue,” Douglas said. Gustavus’s own sanctions include fines, educational programs, disciplinary censure, parent notification, meetings with the Drug and Alcohol Education Director, work hours and suspension or expulsion. Students should also be wary of getting violations that involve the police, because the legal repercussions will be documented in their state records. When employers do background checks, getting violations that involve the police, because the legal repercussions will be documented in their state records. When employers do background checks, the police, because the legal repercussions will be documented in their state records. When employers do background checks, those violations will likely turn up.

“If I were you, I would be most concerned about how well you would do if [the violation] gets on your state record, and if you’re a student on financial aid,” Douglas said.

Though changes in addressing and recording drug incidents may be significant. Most biggest change seems to have been in student behavior.

Schedule of Events for Honors Day

9:30 a.m.: Coffee Reception in the John’s Family Courtyard (weather permitting) and the Courtyard Café
10:30 a.m.: Honors Convocation in Christ Chapel
11:30 a.m.: Honors Day Luncheon Buffet (ticket required) in the Evelyn Young Dining Room (reserved for honored students and families)
1:30 p.m.: Senior Honors Recital, Jussi Björling Recital Hall
4:00-6:00 p.m.: Senior Studio Art Majors’ Exhibition in the Hillstrom Museum of Art
The Facts on Lacey

Involvement:
Co-President of Campus Activities Board
Winner of the Magnusen Leadership and Service award
Member of the Guild of St. Lucia
Education:
Senior Communication Studies Major
Studied abroad in Barcelona fall of 2009
Future Plans:
Attend graduate school at Bowling Green State University

Kate Plager
Variety Editor

Lacey Squier has about three weeks left at Gustavus, and then she’ll have just a few weeks to pack up her life and head over to Bowling Green State University in Ohio. This communication studies major will very soon be studying there in the student personnel graduate program. However, approaching graduation does not slow down Lacey’s excitement and involvement at Gustavus. “She shows more Gustie pride than just about anyone I know...it’s impossible for her to walk by the Book Mark without wanting a new article of Gustie gear, no matter how close to graduation she is,” Senior Public Accounting Major Hanna Fischer said. Lacey’s pride in Gustavus did not start as a senior. She has been a delighted member of our community all four of her years here. “Lacey is a Gustie through and through. Seriously, this girl bleeds black and gold. In the four years that I have lived near or with Lacey, I have witnessed how incredibly involved she is and am always surprised by how much one girl is able to do,” Senior Chemistry Major Chelsea Bayer said. Lacey has said that Gustavus pride to good use. “Lacey truly embodies the spirit of Gustavus in her work with others. She is committed to the student experience, developing relationships and most importantly experiencing all of the opportunities that Gustavus has to offer,” Lacey’s CAB adviser, Assistant Director of Student Activities, Adria Junso said.

Lacey’s first year she said she “dabbled” in many different organizations on campus. “I went to the involvement fair my first year, and I was one of those people who signed up for 17 different things and then was on all of their email lists,” Lacey said. In her first couple of years at Gustavus, Lacey was involved in many groups such as The Greens environmental club and Gustavus’s radio station, KGSM.

However, it didn’t take long for Lacey to find something that she became really passionate about. During the first-year involvement fair, she also signed up for the coffeehouse committee of the Campus Activities Board (CAB) and very quickly found herself becoming more and more involved. “I really admired the committee executives. The spring of my first year, the executives of the coffeehouse committee had resigned and one of my executives recommended me. So spring of my first year I was thrown into it, and was a bit overwhelmed,” Lacey said. Lacey is now the Co-president of CAB.

Lacey has thoroughly enjoyed her time spent with CAB. Although she sometimes feels like she’s at work, she still likes to attend campus events in her spare time. “I’m the only senior on the CAB board. I think I take those moments more intensely than others; being all sentimental and all,” Lacey said. Lacey’s-all-time favorite memory with CAB was during the 2010 Tyrone Wells homecoming concert. “We pulled him aside and said, ‘Hey Tyrone, can you just stop in the middle of your concert and start clapping your hands slowly, and then gradually speed up?’ Without him knowing it, we got Tyrone to start the Gustie Rouser!” At this year’s President’s Ball, CAB recommended a Tyrone Wells song as “the CAB song.”

Lacey is a 2011 recipient of the Paul Magnusen Leadership and Service Award. The award seems very fitting to those who know Lacey. “Lacey is the person you go to when you need something because you know she will be understanding and helpful in any way she can be. Always,” Sophomore Environmental Studies Major Alex Christensen said. CAB won the Magnusen award while Lacey was co-president, and she was one of the producers of the “It Gets Better” video project at Gustavus which also won the award.

According to some of her professors, Lacey is just as much of a leader inside the classroom. “She has a powerful ability to lead by example in the classroom, asserting her well-considered opinions while still opening doors for her classmates to contribute to the vital conversations,” Professor of Communication Studies Martin Lang said.

Alongside CAB, Lacey studied abroad in Barcelona Spain her junior year and is a member of the Guild of St. Lucia. She is currently living in a house off campus with six girls from her dorm section her first year. One of the girls explains why Lacey makes such a good friend. “She knows who she is and what she wants, and she speaks her mind but is also willing to get crazy, let loose and have fun in life,” Senior Geography Major Aubrey Austin said.

As Lacey prepares to finish her time at Gustavus, one of her friends, Senior Dance and Psychology Major Leah McEllistrem, puts Lacey’s time here into perspective. “When I met Lacey my first year, she told me she wanted to study abroad in Spain, be the president of CAB, get into grad school for student affairs and remain a die-hard Harry Potter fan, and she has accomplished all of those things and many more while being in college, which just shows how dedicated and amazing she is.”
**Adjustment Bureau: Adjust your plans**

The Adjustment Bureau attempts to blow the viewer’s mind like Inception did; however, it comes up a bit short.

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**Lindsay Lelivelt  
Editor-in-Chief**

This weekend’s on-campus movie is *The Adjustment Bureau*. It will be shown in the Wal lenburg Auditorium on Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. as well as Sunday, May 8 at 2:00 p.m. If you’re thinking about going to *The Adjustment Bureau*, maybe consider adjusting your path.

The film stars Matt Damon as a hopeful politician running for U.S. Senate, David Norris, and Emily Blunt as his flexible dancer ladylove, Elise Sellas. The two meet and hit it off instantly, and their lives are changed forever. Apparently they were only ever supposed to meet once in their lives, and never see each other again. Like ships passing in the night, or some other cliché.

Of course, they do happen to meet again, as a member of the Adjustment Bureau misses his appointment to separate the two, and from then on the higher-ups of the bureau have to intervene.

Just what is this Adjustment Bureau, you may ask? It’s a super secret group of sharply dressed men who are in charge of everyone’s life plan. They have magic books that track people’s decisions and actions, and they intervene when things don’t go according to plan. According to them, David and Elise are not meant to be together. Elise will ruin his chances of changing the world when he becomes the president in the future. Unfortunately for the bureau, the two lovers think differently.

This movie had a lot of potential to be really cool. With special effects and a thought-provoking plot about fate and destiny, this movie could have gone a lot of places. The special effects that are used are good and quite visually pleasing. And when the script tries to address the tough questions about fate and destiny, it does a good job. This movie seemed to ride in this year on the coattails of mind-blowing movies like Inception, but was unable to hold up against its competitors.

What it really winds up focusing on is the love story, and not much else. Boy meets girl, Girl and boy fall in love. An obstacle tries to ruin their love. Boy and girl try to overcome said obstacle.

If you’re a fan of Matt Damon movies in which Matt Damon spends most of his time running through crazy city settings (read: all Matt Damon movies) then you’ll probably like this. But even his biggest fans were disappointed. “Just the other day, Matt Damon—I love Matt Damon, love the guy—Matt Damon said he was disappointed in my performance,” President of the United States Barack Obama said at the Correspondence Dinner. His response? “Well, Matt, I just saw The Adjustment Bureau, so ... right back ‘atcha, buddy.”

If you’re looking for a thought provoking plotline with twists and turns, maybe you’ll like parts of this movie. If you’re looking for a love story, you’ll certainly like it. It’s a great date movie. But that’s about it. I give this movie 2 out of 5 stars.

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**Student Concerts**

- **The Choir of Christ Chapel**  
  May 6, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.  
  Christ Chapel

- **Seniors Honor Recital**  
  May 7, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.  
  Bjorling Recital Hall

- **The Lucia Singers’ Annual Mother’s Day Concert**  
  May 8, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.  
  Christ Chapel

- **Tanya Rupp Senior Piano Recital**  
  May 8, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.  
  Bjorling Recital Hall

- **Benjamin Wolf Senior Bass Trombone Recital**  
  May 8, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
  Bjorling Recital Hall

- **Monday Night Recital**  
  May 9, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.  
  Bjorling Recital Hall

- **CoffeeHouse: Gustie Showcase**  
  May 11, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
  Courtyard Cafe

- **Jonathon Monk Senior Saxophone Recital**  
  May 14, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.  
  Bjorling Recital Hall

- **Saturday Morning Recital**  
  May 14, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
  Bjorling Recital Hall

- **Benjamin Mordecai Senior Piano Recital**  
  May 14, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
  Bjorling Recital Hall

- **Monica Klutzke Senior Flute Recital**  
  May 14, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
  Bjorling Recital Hall

- **Gustavus Philharmonic Orchestra in Concert**  
  May 15, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.  
  Bjorling Recital Hall

- **Performance Anxiety Student Recital**  
  May 15, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.  
  Bjorling Recital Hall

- **Christopher Hall Senior Voice Recital**  
  May 15, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.  
  Bjorling Recital Hall

- **Piano Lab School**  
  May 19, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.  
  Bjorling Recital Hall
Relax with meditation

Lynne Jacobson  
Staff Writer

Every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., in the Faculty Staff Lounge, students gather for an hour of meditation. Styles include insight meditation and loving-kindness meditation. The time and instruction for meditation is hosted by the Gustavus Meditation group. It has been offered at Gustavus throughout the academic year, and will continue for the last few weeks of the semester.

Students who have used this offered time have very positive recommendations to others. “My experiences with meditation have been nothing but positive,” Sophomore Individulized Major Sawyer Olson said. “It’s been a great way to maintain mindfulness and not become weighted down and torn apart by too much stress.”

Although everyone is able to meditate, some participants state that it might take a while to get comfortable with the process. “I found it to be very interesting but also somewhat difficult. As time went on it became easier for me to clear my mind of thoughts,” Sophomore Biology and Psychology Major Joseph Dipple said.

Insight meditation is the cultivation of mindful awareness and is practiced frequently throughout the United States. The loving-kindness meditation is meant to help cultivate love for the self and for others, and although there are fewer centers devoted to loving-kindness meditation in the United States, it is offered at Gustavus.

Insight and loving-kindness meditation can be practiced by anyone, regardless of religion. Besides cultivating love, those who experience meditation speak of other beneficial effects, such as stress relief. Coming up on finals, meditation is a tool that has helped many a stressed student to relax and rejuvenate. “During a session of meditation I generally feel relaxed and at peace,” Dipple said. “After meditating I feel very calm and focused. It is a great way to clear one’s mind before studying or working on a large project.”

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If you haven’t noticed, the sun has come out. Spring is in full force and students are taking notice, shedding their wintry gear and opting for lighter, summery fashions. Among those reemerging from the winter fashion hibernation are what some call hipsters. Just who are these hipster folk anyway you might ask? What does that word even mean?

According to Urban Dictionary, “Hipsters are a subculture of men and women typically in their 20s and 30s who value independent thinking, counter-culture, progressive politics, an appreciation of art and indie-rock, creativity, intelligence and witty banter.”

However, when you start asking around you’ll find that the definition of hipster varies widely and is often ambiguous. “[A hipster is] someone who is outside of the norm. They walk to the beat of their own drum,” Senior Political Science and Gender, Women and Sexuality Studies Major Brittany Richardson said. “[A hipster is] someone who dwells in the obscure, underground culture,” First-year Erica Fernstrom said. “[They fall] somewhere between the abstract and the nonconformist,” Senior Nursing Major Karen Bolekho said.

Hipsters also have a clothing style all their own. A general dislike of mainstream consumerism helps create the iconic, seemingly nonchalant dress of hipsters. “[They wear] cool, thrifty clothes,” Richardson said. “Also excessive wearing of American Apparel and Urban Outfitters,” Fernstrom said.

Urban Dictionary states that hipsters tend to be well educated, often possessing liberal arts degrees. “[Modern day] hipsters would be the hippies during the 1960s,” Junior Art Studio Major Blong Lor said of the intellectual values of hipsters.

Along with style and perspective, there are several attributes that seem to go with hipsters. An entire collection of music, certain hobbies and even specific jargon are deemed as “hipster.”

“It’s really hard to pin down,” Fernstrom said of the hipster phenomenon. That seemed to be the over-arching sentiment of students on campus. Many are wary of stereotyping, but are aware of the trends associated with hipsters.

The portrayal of hipsters was positive from everyone interviewed, many of whom described sincere admiration. “I have plenty of hipster friends,” Bolekho said. “They’re great, unique people.”

So, sit in your adirondak chairs and enjoy the campus come alive with spring, but don’t forget the hipsters. They may be impossible to define, but they’re out there.
Examining life

We need to pay professors more

Alex Legeros
Staff Columnist

In a recent publication of the Chronicle of Higher Education, I was shocked to discover just how little Gustavus faculty make in comparison to other colleges. Not even considering Doctoral and Graduate institutions, merely among the baccalaureate institutions in this country does Gustavus rank around the 40th percentile. A full professor at Gustavus makes $34,400, whereas a full professor at St. Olaf makes $91,100, at MSU makes $88,000, and at Carleton makes $117,400.

Another “Fun Fact” about our professors’ salaries: they haven’t grown up much at all. Data from the Chronicle’s website (http://chronicle.com/article/2011-Salary-Explorer) indicates a very moderate increase of salaries from the early 2000’s, with stagnation in 2009-2010 and even a decrease from 2010-2011. Other private colleges have been hurt by the recent economic downturns of the last decade, but among other colleges with whom we compete, professors not only have far better salaries, but those salaries increase at a greater rate than ours. I realize that L as a student and as a commentator (rather than a Weekly reporter—an oft missed critical distinction) I am not getting the full story behind why this is the case. Yes, our endowment is far smaller than the colleges that pay their professors more, and yes, our college has (at least in message) a commitment to keeping tuition costs under control. I know there must be many factors that have, over time, created the situation with our professors, who are outstanding members not only of this community but as well in their academic fields, but I don’t know why it has to remain that way.

A thought I had my first year was that I could pay one professor, or split my time between two professors, $100/hour, to tutor me in some subject or another and not only come out with a great education, but spend far less money and time than what this four-year setup requires. Knowing that not only a couple but quite a large number of the professors I’ve had are qualified to teach in better-funded institutions and are really the instigators of learning on this campus, I wonder why we seem to value them so little in proportion to their capability and talent.

My combined tuition costs, coming to Gustavus as a first-year student was roughly $34,000. The incoming class next year will pay just over $42,000. Although tuition has increased by over 23 percent in four years, professors’ salaries have barely budged.

In those same four years, however, lots of things have come to Gustavus. Hundreds of flat-screen TVs, those Campus Safety motorized tricycles, a re-badge of Safety and Security to Campus Safety, expanded commodities available to students, new Dyson hand driers, more landscaping on campus and in the Arb, renovations to living spaces on campus and that big new academic building (that is still called “New Academic Building,” to give you an idea about the funding situation for it). All these things make campus a nicer place, a more appealing place to matriculate.

As students, what do we want? Do we want the reputation of a prestigious country club or a renowned academic institution? I think we can—and do, to the extent—have both. But, seriously, what’s more important to us? Do we want a really plush experience, or an education that’s name will carry our weight after graduation?

There is a huge amount of talent in this college. We have some of the foremost scholars from disciplines around the liberal arts, and we also educate some of the brightest young people in (and out of) the country. We live in a beautiful place filled with more accoutrements than ever before—everything that $42,000/year should get you.

However, as a student, and as a soon-to-be-alumnus of this college, I am concerned with the disparate rates of accumulation and growth and professors’ salaries. We may look better—but how are we to retain and attract the academic talent needed to make this a better institution of higher learning without putting the money where our mouths are? I’d feel better about tuition if I knew the money was being well-spent on the people who have given me such an outstanding education in my time here.

Crunchy, yet satisfying

Leaf noted

Becca Hohag
Staff Columnist

Leaving through a library book, she tilts her head toward the window as a bird joyfully tweeted the news of the day. If she was only a bit more fluently she could translate better. “How’s” of dealing out justice and death cards to Bin Laden and any human life.

Down on the earthen paths and man-made sidewalks, human minds and hands talk about the “why’s” and “how’s” of dealing out justice and death cards to Bin Laden and any human life. One piece of paper bears the word “graduation” in bold print. It was filled out except for the word “survive”. The first place, along with each other sheet of paper

Across rivers and valleys, corn farms and open fields, forests and mountains, the big sky watches as the blue jeans tickle the earth’s skin. There is ample room for another sheet of paper in that pocket, especially given that those jeans were a gift in the first place, along with each leaf of paper.

Reaching in to the pocket, the young blue-jeans chum pulls out a third piece of paper. An article from last month’s New Yorker grins back at the hand and face, heart and mind of the body it shares jeans with.
College angst

Sex: The unenlightening opinions of a young, straight male

I have long found it ironic that religiously conservative folk try to turn sex into the passionless and pragmatic enterprise of pure procreation. I mean, who hasn’t heard that same tired and unenlightening argument that gay or protected sex is unnatural because it doesn’t create children? Lame. I mean 90 percent of what western religion, or even, I am sad to say, western philosophy, tries to do is establish an arrogant and idiotic level of distance between us and the animal kingdom. And yet in this one aspect they choose to cling to the pure procreation tools of the animal kingdom, and similarly ironically, the forces that drive natural selection and evolution. Since their self-stated goal is to give meaning and purpose to humanity beyond what is evident, you’d think they would have resisted the opportunity to turn sex into something more than some jackass breeding program.

As for the gays, all I have to say is: you lucky people. Society, for whatever reason, seems to be getting over the idea that two such conflicting entities should not be able to mate. As for the right, I suppose they must realize that two such conflicting entities should not be able to mate too, because whenever someone starts laughing hysterically before, during or after sex, their partner seems to unaccountably take great offense rather than simply accepting that they may be experiencing a profound epiphany on the absurd nature of life.

I was never that picky of an eater, so when I was diagnosed with Selective Eating, I was taken aback. Odd food combinations that I would have consumed such a burger might gross some of you out, I welcomed the opportunity with open taste buds. Odd food combinations were not something new to me. Bananas and marinara sauce? Yes, please. Potato chips and applesauce? Sweet and salty and delicious. Same thing goes for pizza and applesauce and grilled cheese and applesauce. (To be honest, applesauce is to me what ketchup is to many.) Scrambled eggs and tortilla chips is my favorite breakfast, and canned tuna and pasta makes a fantastic dinner.

My openness to food experiments is a trait not shared by everyone. I read an article not too long ago about a recently recognized eating disorder: Adult Selective Eating. Selective eaters are basically the adult equivalent of picky eating associated with children, where the range of food consumed is quite limited. The cause of this behavior is unknown, but the limited food range could possibly be related to obsessive-compulsive disorder, the heightened sensitivity of “superstars” or simply not outgoing child-like behavior. I don’t know how much I believe in this new disorder.

I agree that some food habits can be formed from obsessions or heightened sensitivity, but, from my experience, I believe many of these so-called “selective eaters” are just scared to try new things. They don’t push themselves. I feel people psychologically limit themselves to experimenting with new foods based on earlier food experiences, and they don’t recognize that our palates change and develop. I used to hate tomatoes; now I can eat them like apples. Tuna used to freak me out; now I eat it straight from the can. Our food tolerabilities and preferences have changed since we were in elementary school. Yet, some adults seem stuck in the same habits and have sort of pre-conditioned themselves to dislike something because they have disliked it in the past.

The question I have for these adults, and perhaps readers, who find odd food combinations of dining in with the worst that can happen if you tried something unusual like the D-Stark burger? That you might not like it? That isn’t a good enough reason for me. There are so many great foods and food combinations in the world, and my advice to these selective eaters is to take a risk. Acknowledge that you’ve changed in many ways since you were “young and free,” try new things with the real food at your palate. Eating is an experience to be enjoyed. How much can you enjoy eating the same things?
Your humble servant
In which our hero prioritizes

Jacob Lundborg
Staff Columnist

As I write, I am staring out the third floor library window at the New Academic Building. Now that the exterior is mostly complete, we can see the final shape that years of hard work and millions of dollars have taken.

However, as I sit in our library, I am reminded that I need to leave soon due to the building closing at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday. Apparently Gustavus thinks that Friday and Saturday nights are better spent partying than studying. Earlier this morning, I learned that I would not pick up a package from the post office, which had arrived that day, in Old Main as the office is closed on Saturdays. On my morning walk around Ring Road, I was nearly clipped by a passing car because there was no sidewalk. The other day I had to avoid using a perfect article_for_my_paper because Gustavus didn’t have access to that particular part of JSTOR. Last Thursday we had to find the one room in Old Main which had any technological support for our Finance Committee meeting.

As I look out at the New Academic Building, I think of all of the comparatively little things which could have received the time and financial support instead. These are the things that we accept on a day-to-day level because they are too big to change, they are too small to get major attention. Fixing these problems would substantially improve not only student lives on campus but would make Gustavus a better institution overall.

Now, I am in no way saying that the New Academic Building shouldn’t have been built. I am just saying that there are a number of things that also deserve our attention. These things have consistently flown under the radar because they are too big for any one group on campus to handle but too small to warrant the attentions of a full committee. It’s time we look to improve what we have right now in addition to adding new things.

I am sure that you all remember the doughnut franchise Krispy Kreme. For a period of about a year it was one of the most popular franchises in the nation, and it expanded at a tremendous rate. However, they built too fast and too much, and the franchises began closing at almost the same rate they opened. We need to work on our foundational structures, as well as adding on, lest we overextend ourselves and end up just like Krispy Kreme.

Gustavus can be made better by spending money not just on the big things, like new academic buildings, but by spending on the little things.

It is time for us to take a long, hard look at the small issues on campus and resolve them with the same care and attention we give the large issues. Let’s fill in our institutional cracks. Let’s resolve to finally give the care and attention to each issue, irrespective of its cost. Let’s put a sidewalk around Ring Road. Let’s make our institution fully handicap accessible. Let’s find a way to make Gustavus the best place that it can possibly be. And let’s do it through small improvements, not large ones.

Letter to the Editor

In his column last week, Jacob Lundborg pointed out an unpopular truth: Fair Trade products earn more for corporations than workers and perpetuate the myth that developing countries are in need of rescue by “whites in shining armor.” Interestingly enough, CAB is offering money from our student activity fees as a subsidy for students to buy two pair of expensive canvas shoes and send one to the shoeless. The truth about TOMS, though, is that they are bad for local economies, bad for the environment and only marginally helpful to any formerly shoeless children.

Shoe donations hurt local economies because shoes are not a specialized product. They can be, and are, made all around the world: a functional pair of flip-flops can be made from broken tires! Flooding local markets with free products eliminates local sellers’ ability to sell shoes and provide for their families. TOMS, a “Buy One, Give One” (BOGO) model charity, does nothing for the environment by shipping so many shoes overseas. This is also true of donation campaigns for clothing, etc. Except in the case of specialized products that cannot be produced locally (i.e., condoms), BOGO is bad aid. If you must donate clothing, give to your local Goodwill.

But, some ask, what about all of those poor people suffering from “shoelessness?” Tukeni writes on the Project Diaspora blog, “In all my sixteen years of living in Nigeria, I never met one person who didn’t have a pair of shoes to his/her name.” For those who are without shoes, in most cases this is the least of their worries. While CAB often does good work, this isn’t their best effort. Instead of buying into the TOMS: Style your Sole event, try investing in local economies through programs like Kiva.org.

Mary Cooley, ’11

CRITICAL INQUIRY

A wonderful chance to see all the projects and research that fellow students have been conducting.

HONORS DAY

Congratulations to those being recognized at Honors Day. WARNING: Parents and benefactors abound this weekend—keep it classy Gustavus ...

ARTIC MELTS

Ice in Greenland and the rest of the arctic is melting faster than originally projected. Scientists predict sea levels to be raised by 1.6 meters by 2100. Combat that shit, Gustavus!

The Gustavus Weekly's first Photography Comic

(because, apparently, the only art that matters is photography)
**Calendrier**

**Friday, May 6**

**Act, Speak, Build Week - Shed Build**  
Eckman Mall  All Day  
In other news, in order to keep more students on campus and thus charge them for housing, Residential Life is proud to bring you the new “Eckman Hall.”

**Books In Bloom**  
Library  All Day  
I guess the paperbacks are getting back to their roots.

**“The Movers” Walking Club**  
Lund Center Red Desk  12:40 p.m.  
We’re going to make them fight against our rock type Pokémon in order to get their first gym badge. Come join the Movers’ “Brock-ing club.”

**Chak de India: Reflections of Changing Culture through Bollywood Movies**  
Courtyard Cafe  2:30 p.m.  
There is a severe lack of unrehearsed, spontaneous, mass musical numbers in our culture. We hope to redress this injustice.

**LinkedIn Workshop**  
Culpeper (Vickner 108)  3:00 p.m.  
Please only attend if you took the red pill.

**Celebration of Creative Inquiry**  
Heritage Banquet Room  5:00 p.m.  
Beware, it’s a fine line between “creative inquirer” and “mad scientist.”

**Weekend Movie—The Adjustment Bureau**  
Wallenberg Auditorium  7:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.  
There’s a whole bureau for this? And to think I get dirty myself.

**The Choir of Christ Chapel Home Concert**  
Christ Chapel  7:30 p.m.  
Let’s all welcome them back from ... the Midwest? Unless you had a pair of binoculars. Then I guess they basically never left you.

**William Shakespeare’s Hamlet**  
Anderson Theatre  8:00 p.m.  
This show is more postmodern than a plastic tree full of bluebirds that have your father’s face.

**Wednesday, May 11**

Bet you wish it was still MAYDAY, huh?

**Thursday, May 12**

Faculty Symposium in Honor of Chaplain Brian Johnson  
Interpretive Center  4:30 p.m.  
We may have differed in our opinions about the resurrection of Cthulhu, but I’ll miss him. Good luck, Chaplain Brian, and Yog-Sothoth speed!

**Next to Normal**  
Ordway Center  5:00 p.m.  
This sounds like it’s very much about social justice. I’m surprised I haven’t seen a cardboard sign tied to a tree about it yet.

**Growing Perennials in Cold Climates**  
Interpretive Center  7:00 p.m.  
“Reading Scripture with Christians and Jews: Confluence and Conflict,” an Evening in Honor of Darrell Jodock

**William Shakespeare’s Hamlet**  
Anderson Theatre  8:00 p.m.  
This show is more postmodern than a FREE VERSE POEM WHICH CAN’T HELP but scream  
Capitalist Sugarbeat Liverspot
The Gustavus Women’s Rugby team followed up its Division II National Tournament run last year with a solid season this year including placing second at the recent All-Saints Tournament.

Craig Nordquist  
Staff Writer

After a second place finish in the top tier of last weekend’s All-Saints Tournament, the Gustavus Women’s Rugby team improved its spring record to 9-7-1 and has once again proven to colleges around the country that they are a force to be reckoned with.

Playing six matches in a two-day span, the Gusties took matches from Moorhead/UND, Augustana, Benedict and St. Benedict while dropping decisions against the University of Minnesota and Carleton.

“All Saints was a continuation of the rhythm we’ve developed over the last few weeks and really demonstrated the amount of effort we’ve put in at practice and meeting and team captain Sydney Smith said. “First place would have been sweeter, but we were pleased to tour two teams who contributed a lot of players to the All-Star and Sev- ernteen teams we’re proud of ourselves.”

This past few weeks have proven to be a vital part of ensuring that players will gain experience that will likely prove valuable for next season.

“Up to this point I am thrilled with the way the season has been going,” Senior Lindsey Stene said. “We’ve just finally started to click recently, and our new players are beginning to understand the game at a level that they didn’t before.”

Coming off last year’s impressive fall season that saw the Gusties lose only a trio of matches and secure a berth in the DII National Tournament, this year’s team had a hard time coming back down to earth.

“When I look back on the rugby we played and how we got ourselves to Florida last year, I’m still amazed,” Smith said. “I think we were all happy to be playing rugby and playing again this fall, but it was really disappointing to go from playing at a national level to losing matches.”

The team finished the fall season with a record of 3-4, aided by a pair of wins to close the season out. The fall serves as the team’s competitive season where it can qualify for post- season play. The team is looking mostly single head-to-head matches.

“Following our miracle of a season last year, we were sort of hopeful that we’d get further than we actually did this year,” Senior Brittany Salisbury said. “But we took the fall season on a high note, so I don’t think that anybody is too disappoint- ed with how it turned out.”

STANDINGS

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RESULTS

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Softball vs. St. Mary’s  L 1-4  W 5-0
Baseball vs. St. John’s  W 4-3  L 0-5

5/1
Women’s Tennis @ Macalester  W 9-0
Women’s Soccer @ St. Thomas  W 8-1

Women’s Golf @ UW-Eau Claire 1st of 10

Sports

Women’s Rugby: Scrumming up success

The Gustavus Women’s Rugby team followed up its Division II National Tournament run last year with a solid season this year including placing second at the recent All-Saints Tournament.

This fall proved to be a point of trial and error for the team, with several lineup tweaks and the introduction of Charlie Johnson as the team’s first ever non-player skills instructor.

“The fall season was disappointing on the scoreboard, but we grew a lot,” Stene said. “It was our first real season with Charlie, and we had a lot of adjustments to make with learning a new style of play and finding our place as a team from losing some of our seniors from last year.”

Another key factor to the team’s high start was the transition to a new set of starters after graduating a group of seniors.

“Our fall season was a great time to sculpt this year’s team, and get acquainted with how we were going to play without the seniors we graduated last year,” Senior Marit Kydlo said. “We lost five of our starters to graduation, so it was a challenge to figure out how to take their places and replace their leadership.”

After starting their spring season with a tie and a pair of wins, the Gusties went on a five game losing streak. That streak was followed by a four game winning streak, and in all the Gusties have gone 6-2 since snapping the losing skid.

“Spring this season has been going very well. We got nine new rookies, and they’ve all surpassed what we had expected of them,” Kydlo said. “These last few matches we’ve been trying to get everyone into games so they can get the experience they need to build the team up for next year.”

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Hitting their stride

The Gustavus Baseball team looks to close its season on a high note after winning six of the past eight games

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The Gustavus Baseball team had an up-and-down season but seem to be hitting its stride near the end of the season, winning six of the past eight games. With a 7-9 record in the MIAC and an 11-18 record overall, the Gusties aren’t necessarily where they’d like to be in terms of record, but have seen improvement over the course of the season.

“The season has been a little disappointing up to this point due to the fact that we are not where we want to be in the standings. We have had some tough losses this season, which includes many close games against the top teams in the conference.” Senior pitcher and infielder Cody Sukalski said. “We are a very young team, and each game shows us something we can work on. Together as a team we have taken great steps forward and continue to get better.”

The Gusties have indeed been competitive all year and have lost many close games. During a stretch in April, the Gusties lost five straight games by a total of 10 runs. However, they have closed out those close games as of late, winning their last three one-run games.

“We knew we were a young team coming into the year and would go through some stretches where we didn’t click, but I think that has become less pronounced as the season has gone on. We have played a lot of close games this year and have started to win those close games as the season has gone on,” Junior pitcher and infielder Taylor Fish said.

While the Gusties have struggled at times during the season, they have certainly had some highlights this year. “The best thing about the season so far has been sweeping Bethel,” First-year infielder Michael Holbrook said. “They had an eight-game winning streak at the time, and we ended it by sweeping them, including the last one on a game-winning single. It was also the start of our streak.”

The sweep of Bethel jump-started a five-game winning streak, which they have extended into winning six of their past eight games heading into Wednesday’s doubleheader against second place Hamline. The Gusties have been able to incorporate every phase of the game during their streak: pitching, fielding and hitting.

“Lately we have been executing all aspects of the game. We have been pitching well, playing solid defense and also hitting well. In the games that we have lost, it is usually just one facet of the game that we are lacking, and lately we have hit our stride and put everything together,” Sukalski said.

In fact, that consistency has been one of the major problems for the Gusties this year. “[Our biggest challenge has been] finding consistency with three facets of the game. This is hard for every team, but with a lot of new guys adjusting and trying to contribute, we have had to roll with some ups and downs,” Fish said. “We have had times where two parts of the game would be clicking, but the last part wouldn’t. It gets frustrating losing close games and knowing we are close but not getting the job done.”

Despite their lack of consistency throughout most of the season, the Gustavus Baseball team is still encouraged by competing with many of the top teams in the conference, even if they suffer the loss. “We have been so close in all the games, but have not been able to pull through in the end in some games. It’s awesome that we are so close with the top teams in the conference. We hope we can end the season right and win those close games,” Holbrook said.

The Gusties will only lose two seniors next year, but two key contributors in Sukalski and Senior catcher Mitch Johnson. It will certainly be hard for them to leave behind a team with plenty of promise for the next couple of years. “I don’t believe that four years has gone by so fast. I have had the pleasure to play with some great guys over the years, and I have many memories that I will never forget,” Sukalski said. “It is one of the best decisions that I have ever made, and I hope that the great tradition continues. This is a great program, and I would recommend it very highly to anyone.”

The youth on the roster, including 12 first-years and six sophomores, means the Gustavus Baseball team has a great deal of potential in the upcoming seasons. “I look forward to just being with the guys on the team and the potential that we have. We are losing one of our top pitchers next year, but we have three or four guys that are sophomores and [first-years] now that are the top pitchers on the team. I am excited to see how we are in the next couple years,” Holbrook said.

The Gusties will look to continue their winning ways to finish out the season with a home series against Concordia on Saturday before playing their final two games against Buena Vista in Iowa on Sunday.

Next Game: Concordia
Date: Saturday, May 7
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: St. Peter, MN

Sports

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, May 6
Men’s Track & Field
@ MIAC Multi’s All Day
Women’s Track & Field
@ MIAC Multi’s All Day
Men’s Tennis
@ MIAC Championships All Day
Softball
@ MIAC Softball Playoffs All Day

Saturday, May 7
Men’s Tennis
@ MIAC Championships All Day
Softball
@ MIAC Softball Playoffs All Day
Men’s Track & Field
@ Meet of the Unsaintly All Day
Women’s Track & Field
@ Meet of the Unsaintly All Day
Women’s Tennis
@ MIAC Playoffs All Day
Baseball
vs. Concordia 1:00 p.m.

JOTTINGS

-The Gustavus Men’s Golf team earned an at-large bid to compete in the NCAA Division III Men’s Golf Championships at the Grandover Resort in Greensboro, N.C. on May 10-13. The Gusties had a tremendous spring season including a first place finish at the 16-team Saint John’s Invitational and a second place finish at the 16-team Bobby Krig Invitational.

-With the Women’s Tennis team’s 9-0 victory over St. Olaf, the Gusties captured their 20th consecutive MIAC regular season title with a 10-0 conference record.

(Top) First-year infielder Michael Holbrook takes a sizable lead off of second base against St. John’s. The Gusties split the doubleheader winning the first game 4-3 and dropping the second game 5-0. (Bottom) Senior infielder Cody Sukalski throws to first base in the Gusties’ home game against St. John’s.
Men’s Lacrosse: Sultans of scoop

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A perennial sport in the East, lacrosse has infiltrated the Midwest and become a contender for varsity recognition. Several MIAC schools, including St. John’s, St. Thomas and others, implemented varsity programs and are helping lacrosse become a legitimate sport in Minnesota.

Gustavus Men’s Lacrosse began much like a pick-up team would, a story straight from the script of Sandlot. The team disbanded as a club sport following the 2000 season and did not reassemble until 2008, marking the beginning of a rebuilding program scrambling for organization.

“Jonas Broccard, Luke Nord and this year’s graduating class was the building block that got the program off the ground,” said Senior Midfielder Andy Setterholm, narrator of this sandlot story. “Broccard did a lot of work to secure us funding from Student Senate that first year. We bought ourselves equipment and got a lot of other people interested.”

Broccard plays the role of Benny ‘The Jet’ Rodriguez in this script, representing the guys who took Gustavus Lacrosse from a small team of misfits tossing in the parking lot to a cohesive unit of roughly 25 players. “We’re coming along as a program and had a lot of first-years come out for the team this year,” Setterholm said. “It’s at the point now where the younger guys in the program can take it to whatever level they want.”

However, before this year, Gustavus men were like a bunch of Scotty Smalls—full of curiosity for lacrosse, but completely inexperienced and naive to the game. “Most of the people in this league haven’t played in the past,” Setterholm said. “We say, ‘Hey, are you interested in lacrosse? Buy a stick, come to practice.’”

I just started playing lacrosse last year,” Senior defensemen Adam Phenow said. “I wanted to play a team sport again and I didn’t want the big commitment of a varsity sport. But I didn’t know any of the rules.”

Although initially inexperienced, Phenow is more like a Ham Porter character than a Scotty Smalls. “When I first started I wanted to play defense because of my size,” Phenow said. “I’m usually bigger than the attackers, and they’re not trying to be physical, so it’s fun for me. I like to push people around.”

Ham Porter was a character notorious for having a greater bark than bite, with his most famous line accusing his competitor of playing like a girl. However, the Gustavus men would probably benefit by playing more like their gender counterpart.

“The women’s team is definitely at a different competitive level then we are,” Setterholm said. “It’s to their credit that they have kept themselves organized over the past few years. They are really serious about practicing and conditioning all year.”

A lack of organization and motivation seem to be the biggest inhibitors preventing the men from reaching a higher level of success. The team finished 4-7 in the Great Lakes Lacrosse League in 2011, a season which came to an end last weekend at the league’s playoff tournament in La Crosse, Wisc.

“[Our league] is kind of the bottom tier of men’s lacrosse, but it [consists] of student-run programs that try to get their own equipment and teach people the game,” Setterholm said. “Our league is growing a lot and has gone from 10 teams to 30 in the past few years.”

Gustavus Lacrosse may lack coaching and an organized training regimen, but it provides a fun alternative to the rigors of varsity athletics. “Coaching is just a matter of money. If we want to pay a coach, we can do that,” Setterholm said. “[However] it’s not like hockey where everyone’s dad played the sport when they were younger, so it would be hard to find a volunteer.”

Seeking a father to coach the team might not be the most logical, and the Sandlot story should serve as a testament to this. Not until Scotty Smalls learned the game from his peers did he learn how to throw a ball, and this analogy can be applied to this story as well.

“For our team right now, for our preparation and ability, the league that we are in right now is about right for us,” Setterholm said. “There are a lot of advantages to keeping lacrosse club.”

The intimacy of a club team and the passion involved in a successful one maintains the integrity of a game. Men’s Lacrosse has had their fair share of losses, but any neighborhood kid would agree that the true recreation of a sport can only be properly represented on the sandlot.