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Eric Halvorson—
sharing his passion for
political science through
thoughtful leadership

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Tensions arise in Greek system over communication issues



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After ranking sixth on the Best Colleges Online list of the top ten colleges that “Get Greek Life Right,” Gustavus Greeks once again dove into their pledging periods at the end of September, but not without some feelings of frustration over pitfalls in communication and lack of student participation in decision making.

Gustavus has both local and national chapters that are regulated by the college administrators and the Inter-Greek Senate (IGS). IGS consists of two advisors and eleven students who serve in various positions as chairs and serve as a governing body and a liaison between the administration and the presidents of the individual chapters.

While both local and national chapters are regulated by IGS, in the planning and execution of pledging local chapters have found themselves struggling to understand the decision-making process, wishing to express their opinions and have them taken into consideration for decision making.

Senior Public Accounting Major and Delta Phi Omega Pledge Leader Megan Miller expressed her frustration with communication and Greek relations with regulating administrators as campus Greeks undergo changes to their pledging processes.

Miller expressed appreciation for the existence of a governing body of students like IGS, yet expressed concern as well over the breakdown of communication as she believed the student component of IGS served merely as a mouthpiece for decisions

made by others.

“They don’t work with us; they work to control us, and it can be disrespectful and rude when they don’t care what we have to say,” Miller said. “I don’t think change is bad, and I see why it needs to get better, but there’s a better way to go about it.”

Senior Economics Major and Scholarship Chair of IGS Blake Gust communicated similar sentiments. As a second-year member of IGS and active Epsilon Pi Alpha, Gust has seen the problems in communication develop and hopes that it will become a focus of discussion this year. His greatest frustration is the lack of information IGS receives, weakening the body’s ability to effectively communicate with the chapters and act as an effective liaison.

“I want to be their advocate, but I do have to hold them accountable, and that’s challenging.”

—Megan Ruble

He believes there is a problem when he finds himself unable to answer questions posed to him by fellow Greeks on the rationale behind decisions and policy changes.

“It is frustrating and disrespectful not to be informed,” Gust said.

While wishing for further disclosure and explanation of decisions made by the administration, Gust also believes that IGS could play a more active role in determining the needs for regulation.

“Rules trickle down from the administration. We’re a governing body, but we don’t get to govern,” Gust said.

Director of Student Activities and Advisor to IGS Megan Ruble responded to a question on communication by urging chapters to engage their presidents to speak up for their needs at council meetings, believing the process “could be a much more interactive experience.”

Ruble stressed her desire to help both IGS and the chapters themselves move towards a safer and healthier pledging process.

“I want to be their advocate, but I do have to hold them accountable, and that’s challenging,” Ruble said.

She sees the biggest challenge in overcoming baseline philosophies, such as the idea that a pledge must “earn their membership” to a Greek organization. Ruble cited an emerging trend among select colleges to end pledging before membership altogether.

“Some colleges have even done away with the pledging period, and instead integrate education on chapter history and engage in bonding activities while active members,” Ruble said.

Though not all changes need be as drastic as this measure, Ruble still believes there is work to be done. Members of the Greek community believe this as well, yet they desire more autonomy in the execution of change and the decision-making process. Senior Communication Studies Major and Delta Phi Omega member Brittany Boyd said that she was dissatisfied with the treatment by the ad-

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Communication Studies department receives national award

Recognized for classes centered around civic engagement and community development

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The Communication Studies Department has been awarded the 2012 Rex Mix Program of Excellence Award from the National Communication Association (NCA), the country’s largest organization in the communication studies field. The department will officially receive the award at the NCA’s annual convention in Orlando, Florida, Nov. 15-18. The award generally commends the innovation and dedication of undergraduate Communications Studies programs.

“About seven years ago, we wanted to make a change in the traditional courses offered to make them more about civic life and to make it more useful for preparing students to make arguments. We wanted the students to apply skills in public arguments and to engage them meaningfully in their community,” Communication Studies and Gender, Women and Sexuality Professor Leila Brammer, a central figure in the department’s changes, said.

The public discourse class has been an integral part of the communications studies programs. The course allows for students to practice the public argument skills by applying what they’ve learned into a semester long civ-

ic engagement project. Students typically address a problem in their hometown communities, research on the issues facing the community, and work towards implementing an action plan to remedy problems. Issues addressed have ranged from bullying to loss of arts programs to adult obesity.

“Students come away with educational and public skills, empowering themselves as strong citizens. It really is a transformational education experience,” Brammer said.

“The award reflects the efforts of the department. It’s a movement towards issues of civic engagement and civic advocacy. And the Public Discourse class has become a national model adopted by different universities,” Brammer said.

Senior Communication Studies and French Major Anna Morton, who took the course two year ago, decided to conduct her Public Discourse project on child sponsorship, based on an upcoming trip to Rwanda.

“I emailed back and forth with different orphanages in Kenya and Berundi and got to see which had the best practices and got to know what was happening there. I compiled this

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Professor Brammer facilitates a discussion with one of her classes.

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Campus Safety Report

Monday, September 24

- Campus Safety responded to a report of a bias incident in the International Center.

Tuesday, September 25

- Four students were cited by Campus Safety for a College policy violation in Arbor View Apartments.

Wednesday, September 26

- A Collegiate Fellow from North Hall reported a suspicious incident to Campus Safety.
- A Gustavus custodian reported the theft of college property from Arbor

View Apartments to Campus Safety.

- Two Collegiate Fellows responded to an alcohol violation involving two students in Norelius Hall.

Thursday, September 27

- Campus Safety discovered damaged College property in Prairie View Apartments.
- Campus Safety investigated a report of communicating threats to a Gustavus employee.
- Campus Safety took a report of an unsecured bicycle stolen from College Grounds.

Friday, September 28

- Campus Safety responded to a Medical Assist at the Jackson Campus Center.

Sunday, September 30

- A student was cited by Campus Safety with underage consumption while in Gibbs Hall.
- Campus Safety took a report of a Medical Assist and underage consumption involving two students at Arbor View Apartments. One student was transported by ambulance to the hospital.
- A student reported a theft from a laundry room in Southwest Hall to Campus Safety.
- A Sohre Hall resident was cited by Campus Safety for a social host violation.

Tip of the Week:

Lost and Found

There is a campus Lost and Found program managed through the Department of Campus Safety. Anyone can submit a Lost Property Report linked on the Campus Safety web page <https://gustavus.edu/safety>

Enter a detailed description of your lost item, and you will be contacted if it is turned in to the lost and found.

Anyone finding clothing, keys, books, jewelry, wallets, electronics, sports equipment or other items on campus should bring these found items immediately to the Campus Safety Department. Lost and Found items will be held for 60 days.

After 60 days, clothing and low-value items are donated to area charitable stores/organizations. Each Spring (minimum 60 days after being turned in to the Lost and Found), high-value items not donated are sold at silent auction with the proceeds benefiting alcohol education.

The Campus Safety Department understands the impact of losing personal belongings and is committed to ensuring that every effort is made to return lost and found items to the owners as quickly as possible. With your help, we can make Lost and Found work for everyone!

Visit the Campus Safety web page for Lost and Found information and other services provided by the Department. <https://gustavus.edu/safety>

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ministration that has appeared to her as a "parent/child" relationship where she thinks they deserve more credit and respect.

"This year's group of actives has been more cooperative, and we have new girls in leadership. They [the administration] are stuck with a perception of the past," Boyd said.

"My chapter means the most to me and to have other people view my chapter as 'bad' and question our character—I find it offensive. I want to communicate to them that we aren't terrible people. With the Greek community there are a lot of misconceptions."

—Paul Thao

to them [the administration] that we aren't terrible people. With the Greek community there are a lot of misconceptions," Thao said.

When questioned on the subject of further student involvement in regulation, Ruble stated that with greater autonomy came greater responsibility. She chose to quote an esteemed professor who had spoken to this same issue of self-regulation with her in the past:

"Greeks have been criticized for not policing themselves . . . There needs to be more accountability in order to receive more respect," Ruble said.

Ruble believes that with work on both sides of the issue on the part of students—both accountability and dialogue with their chapter presidents—the direction of IGS could bring about healthy and powerful change in Greek life at Gustavus.

"I want to stress that there are so many things to celebrate [about Greek life] and so many wonderful things are happening," Ruble said.

The Greek members interviewed agreed that this goal could be attained with work on the part of the administration as well. With thoughtful dialogue and increased student participation, the students see a bright future for a modernized version of Greek life at Gustavus while maintaining the traditions that enrich their chapters, give pledging vibrancy and set them apart as student organizations.

Junior Psychology Major and Epsilon Pi Alpha member Paul Thao felt similarly that assumptions made about the nature of his chapter were misguided as well.

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Gusties stress importance of voting, no matter your party

Peter Diamond
Staff Writer

Voter turnout has almost always been low amongst those between the ages of 18 – 24, but as of the 2008 election things have started to change—49% voted, which is up 2% from 2004, according to the United States Census Bureau. Still, compared to every other age group, young voters turn out the least.

"I think politics are one of those things that works better the more people who are informed," Senior Kevin Fortuna, President of College Republicans said. "When you've got the majority of people saying 'I don't really care, whatever,' and then only see people who strongly believe, those are the ones who get up to vote. That does tend to lead to much less representational government."

Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science, Max Hailperin, who also teaches a First Term Seminar entitled "How Do We Vote?" elaborated on the voter turnout epidemic.

"The idea is that the best decisions are made if people who have relevant information are doing the decision making. That doesn't mean you should have the all-wise dictator who knows everything make the decision, it means that you recognize that different knowledge exists in different people's heads, so they all should be participating in the decision making," Hailperin said.

Indeed, with less voter turnout comes less representational government.

"If more people got involved, we could probably get a government that functioned better," Fortuna said.

The goal is to get more people involved has been in the minds of Hailperin's FTS, the College Democrats and the College Republicans, resulting in co-hosted events such as the Voter Registration Drive, which ended up registering 232

people in one day.

"If you're a citizen, to exercise your right to vote is possibly the ultimate power that you have," Junior Stetson McAdams, co-president of College Democrats said. "If you know something is wrong, then vote against them. Not acting is possibly the worst thing to do."

"It's not only just voting, it's staying politically engaged, letting politicians know what you think, because contrary to what a lot of people believe, politicians do want to hear what their constituents think, what their views are."

—Stetson McAdams

"Politics is what runs our country, and we have the right to have a say in what goes on," Senior Megan Nelson, co-president of College Democrats, said.

"It's not only voting, it's just staying politically engaged, letting politicians know what you think, because contrary to what a lot of people believe, politicians do want to hear what their constituents think, what their views are. They take that into consideration because they are not in Washington serving themselves, they are in Washington serving us. As long as we keep that connection with them, the more they will help us," McAdams said.

To incite political interest and engagement, these groups have also focused on co-organizing events, including Watch Parties for the recurring presidential debates. But despite all of these efforts, the student body still appears apathetic towards government.

"There's room for improvement. We hope we get more people interested and



The College Democrats take a stance on the marriage amendment issue

Mariah Wika

engaged," Fortuna said.

"I hope there is more going on than what I'm seeing. I mean I do see some activity, but it's really remarkable how much will be on this ballot," Hailperin said. "A lot of people are still focused on the presidential election, and that's just this tiny little tip of an iceberg. In fact, it may be the least important thing on the entire ballot because it's unlikely that Minnesota is going to be a swing state."

It is very easy for local, or even state level issues to be eclipsed by the Presidential election, and considering the two controversial amendments to Minnesota's state constitution, the Voter I.D. and Marriage Amendment, these state issues will have a far greater impact than

what occurs on the national scale.

But amidst all of the political noise, it can be challenging and confusing for students to determine their own stance.

"Ask questions," Senior Karla Leitzman, Deputy Campaign Director for the College Democrats, said. "If you don't understand an issue or you don't understand something that you've heard about in the news that's going to be on the ballot, ask about it."

Voter registration tables will be right outside the Caf periodically throughout Election Season.

Habitat for Humanity group launches new Fall Break trip

Brianna Furey
Staff Writer

The Gustavus Habitat for Humanity student Co-Presidents will lead the Fall Break Habitat for Humanity Work Trip to Virginia, MN over Reading Days, Oct. 19-23. Besides being the first completely student-led trip, it is also the first ever Fall Break trip.

The Habitat Co-Presidents are Senior Tristan Richards and Junior Megan Maricle-Roberts. They are hoping for a group of around 20 students. The group will find out what they will be doing when they arrive. Some students have

been on Habitat for Humanity trips before, however, experience is not required as the volunteers will be assigned jobs and educate about what they do when they get to the site.

"Most people have never touched a hammer," Richards said.

The Habitat Board's big focus this year is to be connected, meaningful and visible. "This trip fits with our goals because it is student led, we are doing more things in the community, and we are making people understand why we do what we do," Richards said. "There's a stereotype that the Spring Break Trip is all we do, and that's not true."

"We are trying to volunteer more in the local area and around Minnesota in general, because we have never done a trip in Minnesota. We've done builds, just not a trip. We are really, really excited. We're also going to think about doing work weekends, besides just the big work trips," Richards said.

Fall Break was a convenient opportunity for a new work trip, allowing students that have never been on a work trip the opportunity to go.

"I decided to sign up for the trip because I absolutely love what Habitat does. I have tried in the past to get involved but conflicts have prevented me from being able to go on the trips or volunteer on a regular basis due to my busy schedule, so it was the perfect opportunity," Junior Psychological Science Major Andrea Rosenberg said.

"I am so extremely excited because I absolutely love donating my time to helping others and being able to do it for five days is absolutely wonderful! Also I think that being able to put in some intense physical labor only increases the feeling of truly helping someone out, so I can't wait to get 'down and dirty,'" Rosenberg said.

The idea for the Fall Break trip came from alumna Alina Stevenson '12, who became involved with Habitat for Humanity during her senior year at Gustavus. "I attended a spring break work trip to Maryville, TN my senior year, and I fell in love with Habitat," Stevenson said.

She now works as a Family Services AmeriCorps VISTA Volunteer for North St. Louis County Habitat for Humanity.

"The idea for the work trip actually came from a conversation with my dad; he asked if I was going to bring a group of Gusties up. I thought it was a great idea, and asked my boss if it could be done," said Stevenson. "He agreed, so I sent an email to Dave Newell, who then forwarded it to Megan Maricle-Roberts and Tristan Richards. It has snowballed since then."

Stevenson is in charge of organizing the trip, which entails communicating with the Gustavus Habitat Board, finding meals and a place for students to stay, talking to the construction manager to find worksites for them to work on, and finding recreational activities for the group to participate in on Sunday.

"So far things are going very well. We have a few meals already planned, a place for them to stay and a few activities planned for Sunday," Stevenson said.

"Overall I'm just really happy to be able to help those who are less fortunate than I because it really makes me appreciate what I have, especially as a student here at Gustavus—it's really easy to forget how lucky we are to have these four walls and easy access to showers and food and everything," Rosenberg said.

"It's always good to be brought back down to Earth. Additionally, I just can't wait to meet some new Gusties and make some new friends," Richards said.



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Gustavus students spend their time volunteering in the Spring Break 2012 trip in Laredo, TX

Nobel Conference 48 widens its audience 'net'

Tia Gustafson
Staff Writer

Almost 5,000 people come to the Nobel Conference each year. Most of the attendees are delegates from high schools and other colleges. Despite the fact that Lund can only seat close to 2,500 people, thousands still pour in to witness lectures given by Nobel laureates and scientific minds. There is a broad spectrum of attendees, including community members, Gusties watching via the internet and even two dedicated audience members who have been present at all 48 conferences. Regardless of who or where you are, Nobel is an engaging time for all involved.

"What makes this year's topic so exciting is that the ocean touches everyone even though it seems very distant," Professor Julie Bartley, who along with Professor Joel Carlin is a co-chair of the conference said.

Bartley went on to say that it can be difficult for "landlocked" Minnesotans to relate to the ocean, but it is important for people to become passionate about the intersection of humans with the ocean.

"We chose 'Our Global Ocean' as the theme because it was the most timely. We try to take into consideration when discoveries will be made," Professor Charles Niederriter, the director of this year's Nobel Conference, said.

2012 not only commemorates the sesquicentennial and the 48th Nobel Conference, but also the 100th anniversary of the Titanic's maiden voyage. The opening lecturer, Dr. David Gallo, spoke about the Titanic and things yet to be discovered on the ocean floor, bringing parts of history closer to home.

This year the Rydell Professor, William Fitzgerald, will be instructing Gustavus Adolphus's first oceanography class. The Rydell Professor program, so named after Drs. Robert and

Susan Rydell, integrates the Nobel topic into opportunities for study and research throughout the academic year. Fitzgerald, along with other members of the Nobel Conference Committee, will provide this course for advanced science students, though those particularly moved by this theme or with an interest in oceanography are encouraged to look into the course as well.

Another new and exciting feature of the 48th Nobel Conference was the widespread live streaming. Typically the conferences are broadcast through live streaming to high schools throughout Minnesota and other parts of the nation. Given the content of this year's topic, however, the conference had also been screened to the Great Lakes Aquarium in Duluth, Minnesota.

The Aquarium, in partnership with the Minnesota Sea Grant "will be the first public location to broadcast the Nobel conference. We're trying to reach more people and a larger audience," Niederriter said.

Niederriter went on to explain that there were moderators on site at the aquarium to collect the public's questions and make them available for response from the speakers.

"Each speaker brings something new," Bartley said. There were about 4,200 people in attendance at Nobel.

This number includes over 500 Gustavus students and approximately 2,200 high school and college students.

We were all witness to the timely Nobel Conference continuing to set standards for intellectualized inquiry and debate of contemporary issues relating to the sciences.

Plans for the 2014 conference will begin in three weeks time and preliminary meetings will be held throughout December. Students and community members are welcome to join in the planning of the next Nobel.



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Zeynep Tuzco



Photo 2
Wes Baish

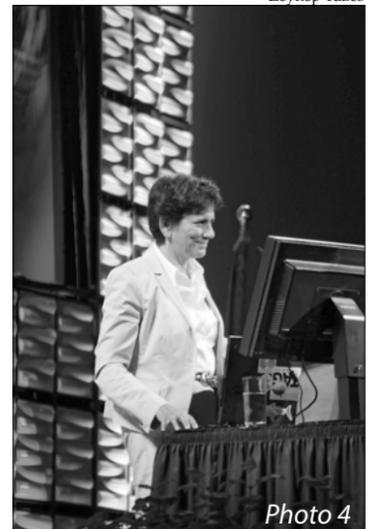


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Photo 3
Zeynep Tuzco

Photo 1: Marine Geophysicist Maya Tolstoy lecture on "Our Global Ocean Floor" on Tuesday

Photo 2: Lund packed with audience members

Photo 3: Karrin Meffert-Nelson conducts the Gustavus Vasa Wind Orchestra

Photo 4: Marine Sciences Professor and co-director of the Tuna Research and Conservation Center Barbara Block lectures on "Sushi and Satellites: Tracking Large Ocean Predators in the Blue Serengeti" on Tuesday

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big sheet of info and saw what worked best. My final action step was presenting the information to the organization. The director was very appreciative of the work that I had done. My work hasn't been implemented, but I actually got to work with another non-profit and give input about communications processes.

"I think it's great for Gustavus to be recognized as having one of the best communication studies departments in the nation. The professors have put so much into planning, and their passion in making this an outstanding program," Morton said.

"I appreciate all the projects. The variety and structure of the communications courses has been a great way for me to shape what I want to learn. You can really get breadth and depth in how you choose classes," Morton said.

"I think that is what leads to innovation and creativity in the courses we teach and the relationships we have with our students and the research we do."

—Pamela Conners

The Public Discourse class has been one innovation that represents the kind of work we

do in the department.

"The award has a strong history in the communications discipline and at the same time is on the cutting edge of communications studies. Moving those ideas forward and seeing them in a variety of contexts such as the media, in performance, in interpersonal communications red," Professor in Communication Studies Pamela Conners said.

"There are two reasons as to why we were able to do such significant work and focus on teaching. The professors in the department are phenomenal. We all work together, share the load, and work hard to give the students the best experiences. The second reason is the students. Our majors and other students outside the department give us feedback to provide

changes and innovations. We have a great group of students who are easy to care about," Brammer said.

"I expect that we will keep moving forward, reevaluating how to best give the students the greatest experiences we can. We are not going to rest on our laurels. You can rest assured."

—Leila Brammer

"Since I became a faculty member last year, I've been thrilled to work with students who are thoughtful and engaged. They are able to form the responsibilities as citizens in

multiple contexts: at home, on campus, in their workplaces," Conners said.

"The faculty across the department is top notch. Our different research interests and ideas about communication studies both allow us to challenge each other as professors. I think that is what leads to innovation and creativity in the courses we teach and the relationships we have with our students and the research we do," Conners said.

Brammer hopes the award will project great things to come.

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GUSTIE *of the* WEEK

— Eric Halvorson

Darcy Coulter
Staff Writer

Eric Halvorson is a Senior Political Science Honors major and Religion minor. He is the department assistant for Political Science and also the co-president of Pi Sigma Alpha, the Political Science honor society.

His passion for Political Science stems from a place of curiosity in the ways people relate to their communities, "I am really interested in the different ways that people participate in the world and they ways in which we define our communities and our communities define us" he said.

This interest in Political Science helped him to secure a summer internship with Minnesotans United for All Families, the organization working to defeat the amendment that would define marriage as between one man and one woman. Eric worked in the Faith office, "which was a really awesome place to be because of the perceived side that people of faith are on on this issue. Its also a really excellent intersection of my interests," he said.

Eric worked entering data, helping format the faith section of their website, phone calling, and attending conver-



Mara LeBlanc

Playing games, creatively cooking and being a Ravenclaw are a few of Eric's favorite things.

sation trainings. Though he didn't facilitate any conversation trainings during the summer, he brought his work back to campus and has been leading conversation trainings for students.

"I really wanted to be a part of the movement to defeat this amendment here on campus," he said.

After a test run with his friends, Eric was ready to help

the campus as a whole feel more comfortable with talking about this issue.

"I jumped in and started to do things I knew needed to be done, getting the conversation going in whatever way possible and getting these trainings going," he said.

"Its about the people who are coming and the conversations that are happening outside of that space that people can leave feeling more prepared for," he said.

The model of the conversation trainings developed after similar campaigns occurred in other states.

"We've learned that there are a lot of hurtful, unhelpful ways that people end up talking about this and that happens when the dialogue is really theoretical," Erik said. "We practice respectfully bringing the conversation to the personal sphere that it

derives from."

Overall, Eric hopes to use these conversation trainings to make other students more comfortable talking about what can be a difficult issue to address.

"The most life-giving thing to hear from people is that they have been helped to have a good conversation," he said.

Senior Ian Shay recognizes Eric's strength in being able to talk about this difficult issue

"What I like most about Eric's work with Gustavus United for All Families is its integrity with who he is," Shay said.

"As long as I have known him, Eric has delved into meaningful, personal conversations. Such authenticity and openness is what Minnesota needs when we discuss the decision before us," Shay said.

This issue in particular matters to Eric because he knows what it is like to be on either

side.

"When I got into college I was on the other side of this issue and I thought I knew how the world worked in a really black and white way," he said.

"There were people who I met in college who weren't so different from how I was, and a professor in particular, who would be affected by this issue," he said.

"I got really excited about getting to work on campus because this is the place where I have changed and opened up so much," Eric said.

Being busy with his work for Minnesotans United, Eric has saved time for those around him.

"I admire all his work and dedication for Minnesota United for All Families these past few months. But more than all this, he has been one of my best friends for three years," Senior Andrei Hahn said.

"Despite how busy Eric is, he takes time for his friends. We've had a lot of great and insightful discussions, usually over coffee or breakfast and that has meant a lot to me these past few years," Hahn said.

"I am really interested in the different ways that people participate in the world and they ways in which we define our communities and our communities define us."

— Eric Halvorson

Outside of his work with Minnesotans United for All Families, Eric enjoys board games, cooking without following recipes and being a Ravenclaw.

Eric spent his spring semester studying abroad in Nantes, France where he stayed with a french host family.

"They made the experience great. Saying goodbye to them was one of the hardest things I've done in quite a while," he said.

Eric appreciates the way his experience traveling has changed him as a person.

"I feel more opened up since going," he said.

"I definitely felt more plugged into the humanity that exists on the other side of the ocean, a lot like it does here. I think if we traveled more, then maybe it would be more peaceful," Eric said.

Shay is positive about Eric's future, "I think he's going to make a difference in the world because he believes in trying, even if we'll never know for sure what is the right thing to do" Shay said.

"I want to be a positive force, but I haven't yet figured out what that looks like," Eric said.



Eric has taken a leadership role during his time at Gustavus to help create an open dialogue about topics that affect the campus. Mara LeBlanc



Working with United for All Families has inspired him to create conversation trainings on the Gustavus campus. Mara LeBlanc

Turn the dial, start to jam—ride the air waves with KGSM student radio

Alaina Rooker
Staff Writer

KGSM, Gustavus' student-run radio station, kicked off what it hopes will be another successful year last Sunday, Sept. 30, 2012.

The station plans to forge ahead following the reintroduction of the program last spring. Following the wreckage of the radio tower in the 1998 tornado, the station had been plagued with financial and technical issues before being laid to rest two years ago.

KGSM is back once again, streaming online to the masses for the second semester since its rebirth, all thanks to the staff under the direction of General Manager Amelia Holmes.

"This year, we really want to focus on increasing our on-campus awareness. KGSM is essentially a media outlet. It is made up of a community of peers who spread news and ideas, just in musical form. We'd like to eventually have a presence on the level of GAC TV and The Weekly," Holmes said.

As of press time, 18 shows have been approved and have begun to stream this week, but there are still a few slots available for anyone who is still interested in channeling their inner disc jockey.

"Any students who want to

know more about having a DJ position should definitely get in contact with me. We generally accept people at any time," Holmes said. "It's a great way to get involved and it's really stress-free."

Shows are two hours long and are recorded live at the

studio located in Beck Academic Hall. Among this year's weekly line-up are shows that range in title from Two Guys and a Mic, Midwest Jumbo and The Gustavus Star, to Western Exposure, Dead Air and Flounder Up My Mustache. What do they sound like? You'll have to tune in.

"This year is shaping up to be much better than last year. There are a lot of students who deejayed last year, like me, who are coming back. That, paired with all of the interest among the first-year students, is what is going to make this year really work for us," Senior Cristian

Raether, a returning DJ said. He will be broadcasting alongside Holmes with an indie show he likes to call "The Wednesday Night Special," airing from 10:00 p.m. to midnight.

"Our show is going to be more about the background story of music. We'll play four songs, and then talk about the history of them and how they came to be. It will be a cross between a music show and a talk show," Raether said.

Live performances may also be on the horizon for the station, according to Senior Thomas Johnson, the station's System Administrator.

"I can't stress enough how KGSM is such an incredible opportunity for students at Gustavus, not only as a way to get their musical tastes out there, but for local musicians. We are even exploring the possibility of recording in-studio sessions and releasing a campus CD sampler," Johnson said.

While opportunities continue to arise for the KGSM, the necessity for listeners remains a critical issue.

"Listen up. It's never been more important," Raether said.

Shows air Sunday through Thursday, and the link to the live stream can be found on the station's blog at www.kgsm.blog.gustavus.edu.



The Gustavus radio station, KGSM, is ready for the new year of radio shows giving Gusties the chance to air their jams.

Ben Miller

GACTV signing on for the coming year

Exploring new venues for exposure and experiencing broadcast journalism first-hand

Ben Miller
Managing Editor

GACTV, Gustavus' student-run broadcast news program has finished conducting auditions and will air their first episode of the year this Friday, Oct. 5 during the on-campus movie *Brave*.

"This year, in addition to playing before the campus movie each week, we're also trying to expand our exposure," Junior News Director Ava Goepfert said.

"Students who want to get involved in broadcast journalism should start getting experience now by joining GACTV."

—Ava Goepfert

"We're hoping we might be able to play our episodes before big Campus Activities Board (CAB) events and are putting our episodes up on YouTube for students to view. We're also currently trying to find an annual event to co-sponsor, since our



GACTV's technical equipment in the Beck Academic Hall broadcast studio..

Ben Miller

previous major co-sponsorship, Dancing with the Profs, is no longer in existence," Goepfert said.

"I'm really excited about having more people this year than we've had in the past and the new people we've gotten this

year are all really enthusiastic," Sophomore Editor-in-Chief Elizabeth Weiers said.

GACTV, which began in 2005, offers an opportunity for those interested in broadcast journalism or documentaries to gain experience with the processes and equipment involved.

"The person who started GACTV is now in India making documentary films, so this experience is actually helpful and relatable to broadcast journalism and documentary filmmaking. Students who want to get involved in broadcast journalism should start get-

ting experience now by joining GACTV. I would also suggest students who are interested in media to get involved in all of the media outlets on campus, because the experiences are all interconnected," Goepfert said.

"This year, in addition to playing before the campus movie each week, we're also trying to expand our exposure."

—Ava Goepfert

"For those who aren't interested in broadcast journalism, I would still suggest they give GACTV a try because it offers a chance to step back and learn so much about the people and the events at Gustavus," Goepfert said.

Those interested in getting involved with GACTV should email Goepfert at agoepfert@gustavus.edu, and those interested in seeing GACTV can watch episodes before on-campus movies or on Gustavus' YouTube channel.

Bravely bold, bonny lass to the rescue!



Aaron Albani
Copy Editor

and curly hair. It's more than a tale of a princess finding her prince—in fact, the princes (or suitors) are seldom seen—and instead this film spins the story of a girl being told what to do every day of her life.

Finding solitude and happiness while riding her horse through the sensationally beautiful countryside and shooting her bow with impeccable marksmanship, Merida will do anything she can to stop her mother from arranging her marriage.

Merida exclaims that the suitors must compete in an archery challenge, knowing full well that she'll knock the kilt off of any suitor that claims to wield a bow. And sure enough, our very own Princess Merida arrives in her dress with her bow in hand and hits bulls eyes straight down the line.

But the Queen Mother is adamant. Merida will be married! Says she. But as I said, Merida will do anything to prevent this.

She'll even make a bargain with an enchanted witch: a witch who conjures a mystical cake telling Merida to feed it to her mother and her fate will change.

It's an age-old story: princess doesn't like her mom, she finds a witch, the witch gives her a magical poison pastry, mom eats it and turns into a bear. Merida has two days to find a way to turn her mother back to her normal human self!

Gallivanting about through the forest to escape the king's murderous attempts at the bear, Merida and her mother experience a wonderful bond and forge a new relationship, one that will go down in the legends, no doubt.

Exhilarating accents abounding in this highly active adventure make for not a dull moment in its 100 minutes of plot. Coming to the stage and lending their Scottish accents to their animations are Billy Connolly (*Boondock Saints*), Kelly

MacDonald (*No Country For Old Men*), Emma Thompson (*Love Actually*) and Julie Walters (*Harry Potter*—all of them). It's a wonderful adventure fraught with perils and will not disappoint. I award this movie four stars out of five.



Movie Times

Friday

7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Saturday

3:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and

10:00 p.m.

Sunday

2:00 p.m.

Some people just love a good Scottish fairy tale, with accents bouncing around the scene, one rolled "r" after another. Well, you'll find me in the audience of any such story. *Brave* had me from the start.

Set in Scotland in some medieval age in a kingdom far in the wilderness, *Brave* tells the epic tale of one Merida, a princess with the most vibrantly red

Family Weekend concert showcasing five music groups

Heidi Ide
Staff Writer

Many areas of the Music Department have been working hard to be ready for their first performances on Sunday as a part of Family Weekend. The Christ Chapel Choir and Handbells will be performing at the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service. Following the service, there is an 11:00 a.m. brunch where the Jazz Band will be playing.

The multi-ensemble concert kicks off at 2:00 p.m. in Christ Chapel. Performing groups include the Wind Orchestra, Vasa Wind Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra, Lucia Singers and Gustavus Choir.

"It's always been a tradition to show off music ensembles," Alan Behrends, director of fine arts said.

The afternoon performance used to be an all-day event. It started in the morning with a brunch and a reception after every performance. Now it is condensed to a short concert-style showcase where each group plays a few songs.

Having only about one month to be performance-ready can be a challenge, especially this early in the year.

"There are college students

from all over campus representing different backgrounds in music ... it's a challenge to bring everyone together, but they are a diverse group of outstanding kids," Choral Director Brandon Dean said.

There is also a method to picking the music used for the family weekend performance. First is making sure what one wants to do is a piece that will be able to be ready in one month's

Enjoy the sounds of—

Gustavus Choir

Wind Orchestra

Symphony Orchestra

Vasa Wind Orchestra

Lucia Singers

time. Another method to picking a performance depends on the time of year or the purpose of the performance.

The Lucia Singers will be perform-

ing a piece entitled Three Night Songs. "I picked it because it has an 'autumnal' feel—the colors in the piece work really well in the fall," Dean said.

"The best part of family weekend [performances] is getting to listen to all the upper level choirs and knowing we can have that experience in a couple of years...uniting in one voice," Sophomore Malak Bellal said.

The Music Department is also adding a new tradition this year. Gustavus is hosting its First Annual Gustavus Women's Choral Invitational on April 30, 2013. It will include four high school choirs and around 250 women singers.

Family Weekend Schedule

Friday Oct. 5

- **Class visits**
- **The Royal Visit** - 10:20 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.
- **Movie** - Brave
- **LineUs Show** - 8:00 p.m. in Alumni Hall

Saturday Oct. 6

- **Pancake Breakfast** - 8:00 a.m. in Norelius, Pittman and Sohre
- **21st Annual Tennis GALA** - 9:00 a.m. in the Swanson Tennis Center
- **Women's Rugby vs. MSU** - 11:00 a.m. at the Pitch
- **Carnival Lunch** - 11:30 a.m. in the Gustavus Market Place
- **Giant Games** - 11:30 a.m. at Eckman Mall

Gretchen Koehler Tennis Court Dedication

- 12:30 p.m. in the Swanson Tennis Center

- **Movie** - Brave
- **Family Weekend Banquet** - 6:30 p.m. in Alumni Hall, ticket required
- **"Plastic Musik"** - 8:30 p.m. in Bjorling Recital Hall

Sunday Oct. 7

- **Gustavus Jazz At Family Weekend Brunch** - 11:00 a.m. in the Evelyn Young Dining Room
- **The 2012 Family Weekend Showcase Concert** - 2:00 p.m. in Christ Chapel
- **Movie** - Brave

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The making of the Sesquicentennial Plaza

Chelsea Johnson
Features Editor

Among the many new landscapes and features the campus has taken on in the time following the sesquicentennial celebrations, one particular change has sparked controversy within the student population: the Sesquicentennial Sculpture. The sculpture is an element of the new West Mall, connecting Christ Chapel to the Linnaeus Arboretum. The designer of the sculpture, Greg Mueller, is a student of longtime sculpture-in-residence Paul Granlund and was hired to create a piece that signified the sesquicentennial anniversary year, as well as staying true to the views of his predecessor.

"I used to work for Paul Granlund, and working with him made me eager to keep the tradition going," sculptor Greg Mueller said.

Mueller wished to incorporate Granlund's fondness for the helix and Mobius strip forms that represented spiritual growth and time.

"It's a nice collaboration—the piece is site specific and site relevant. The sculpture belongs there in the plaza with the other elements, the amphitheatre, and the palindrome—which also has a twisting helix, almost feminine organic form. The whole plaza has an organic feel to it," Mueller said.

Time was also an important factor in the development of this structure. The sculpture, in Mueller's vision, starts with one student in 1862 and continues to grow upward.

"The 150 layers that stack and grow are the work of Granlund in a more simplified way. They gave me a lot of artistic freedom," Mueller said. "I didn't want to create a historical narrative as a safe literal representation; I wanted to do some-

thing riskier and bolder."

Although with every bold move, feedback follows—this time, students believe they have a right to speak up about the resemblance of the sculpture to the tornado that occurred in 1998.

"I'm confused as to how this sculpture represents the sesquicentennial year ... how can a campus that was practically destroyed by a tornado celebrate its 150th year of growth and development by commemorating a sculpture that looks just like the disaster?" Junior Becca Nelson said.

"I think there may be an unintentional reference to the tornado that might add a kind of poetic nuance to it that I didn't intend, but that irony I believe alongside with my vision can kind of play off of each other. If I set out to do an ironic sculpture, that would have failed. This is far too elegant," Mueller said.

Mueller, who was working in Mankato during the time of this event, believes in the goodness that comes out of events even like these.

"There is some good that came out of it—they were donated truckloads of trees, they got help from people all around, the campus infrastructure got a very nice makeover," Mueller said. "That showed that the Gustavus community extends far beyond college avenue."

The plaza itself, which lies next to the sculpture, consists of time timeline connecting to the chapel, and an oval amphitheatre.

"People gravitated towards the oval design because it mirrored the circular drive next to the chapel," Landscape Architect of the design Laura Lyndgaard said.

The design had its origins in the West Mall design that began in 2008, but it wasn't until two years later that the Plaza design became more solidified.

"One of the main goals [of the design] was to have the amphitheater and student space, which remained throughout the entire process," Lyndgaard said. However, the plaza's development became increasingly conscious of Mueller's sculpture and its context within the sesquicentennial year.

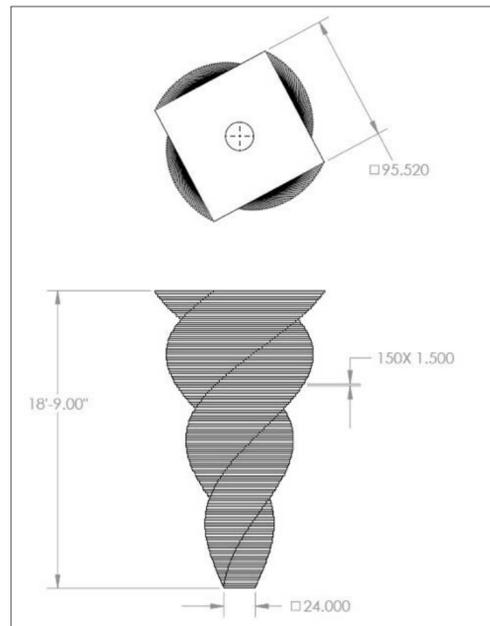
The rest of the design, including the timeline feature running throughout the plaza, was geared towards creating what Lyndgaard called a "pedestrian experience." She said that the timeline was incorporated to help create a "a sense of place" for those walking across it every day.

"This entire space is an icon to our history," Mueller said.

Along with Lyndgaard, landscape architects Krisan Osterby-Benson and Ben Storer also worked on the project. Osterby-Benson is a '79 alum of Gustavus and has worked with the college on several other projects. Lyndgaard noted Osterby-Benson's long-standing involvement with Gustavus as one of the reasons the relationship between the architects and the institution was so strong.

"Gustavus was great to work with," Lyndgaard said. "I have been flattered with how excited everyone has been."

Although negative sentiments about the sculpture still reside among some on campus, Mueller stands by his piece. "I'd rather have it be that way than a piece that is easily dismissed—one that acts like a shrub and gets walked by everyday. You have to make inspiring things to inspire the people," Mueller said.

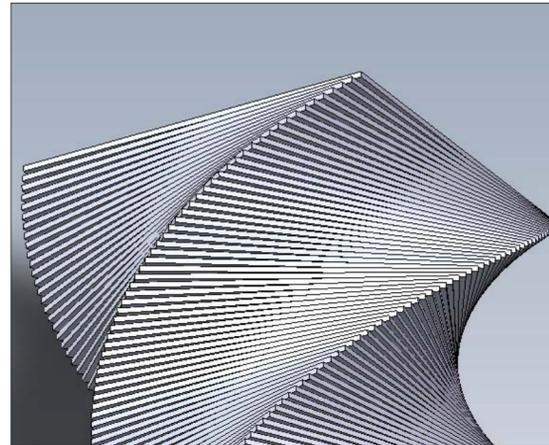


The sculpture, made primarily from stone reaches 18 feet high.

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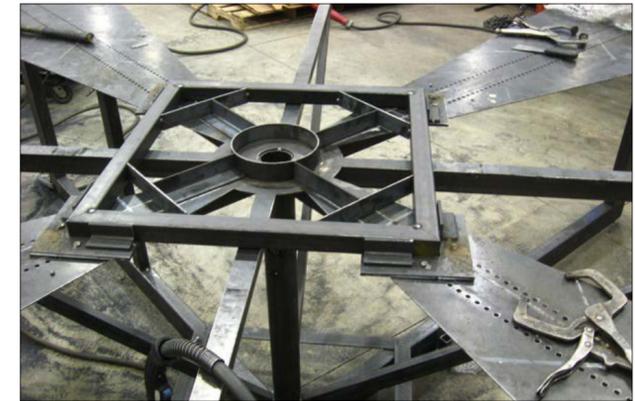
Wood is cut carefully for the infrastructure of the sesquicentennial sculpture.



Computer moderated images show the twisting helix form of the sculpture.



Workers balance at high heights to complete the layers of the sculpture from within.



The base of the structure is made from steel in preparation for construction.



The sculpture is beginning to form, the first steps are taken to apply layers.



Part of the plaza design incorporates several native, adaptive plant species, which flourish at varying times of the year to ensure a pleasant aesthetic all year round. If you look closely within the next few days, you'll notice several varieties of flowers are currently blooming around the plaza. Three types are pictured left (top to bottom): Sky Blue Aster, Purple Coneflower, and Blue Salvia.






PLANTING PALETTE:

A. Simple, mass planted, low-maintenance native perennial combinations arranged to accentuate sculpture and tie with pavement patterns

B. Structural grass species add texture and shape

C. Hawthorne ornamental trees

SCULPTURES:

D. Existing Granlund sculpture relocated to offer intimate location for small gathering, reflection

E. Sesquicentennial sculpture placed at prominent location with multiple viewing experiences

F. Amphitheater step wraps along north edge, creating a seat which directs views to align with multiple sculptures and chapel spire.

PAVING PATTERN:

G. Various concrete finishes define linear pattern reminiscent of the shadows/texture on Chapel facade.

H. In-ground time line monument, celebrating significant events during Gustavus's first 150 years, starts at base of the Sesquicentennial sculpture stretching to west Chapel entrance.

TIME CAPSULE:

J. Capsules are located in Chapel square, starting at the west Chapel entrance and wrapping around—a continuation of the 150 year time line.

DRIVE SURFACE:

K. Asphalt with decorative aggregate topcoat

L. Flat curb edge on exterior curve

M. Mountable curb on interior curve

N. 14 ADA Parallel Parking Stalls

GUSTAVUS WEST MALL SESQUICENTENNIAL PLAZA

This blueprint is an earlier design of the plaza, showing the placement of the sculpture and timeline.

Photo courtesy of Perkins + Will Architects

Some assembly required Campus: the last frontier



Rachel Mohr
Staff Columnist

This just in: no longer must Gusties resign themselves to power-napping or staking out the Caf in between classes—I would like to suggest a radical new way to productively waste time on campus.

What am I talking about? Exploring!

No, I don't mean machete-hacking your way through the man-eating jungle plants growing in front of Chapel. This doesn't require any special equipment or expertise—just grab some Gustie Ware for your Caf munchies and simply go someplace you haven't been.

It's easy to get caught up in our schedules and limit ourselves to a routine of dorm-caf-class-caf-class-caf-dorm, but campus is a big place and full of interesting things waiting to be found by anyone willing to look. Take, for example, an

outdoor chalk-board, the physics library (hint: it's not in the regular library), that forever-wandering orange cat, a feng shui meditation garden, or a 55 degree fahrenheit "hot" tub.

For more ambitious explorers there are other, more elusive locations, such as my secret study spot or the infamous tunnels (which may or may not be completely unrelated). Perhaps some of us should stick to basics first, however. Especially you, my fellow Co-ed residents, who still haven't found the second laundry room.

For more goal-oriented explorers, I recommend finding all 42 Granlund Sculptures (hint: Chapel doors count) or all 5 campus organs. Additionally, you could take on the impossible challenge of finding and sitting in each and every one of the Adirondack chairs. Four years just might not be enough. Or if you're especially enjoying this week's issue of THE GUSTAVIAN WEEKLY, see if you can find our office. It's located at the safest (hint) spot on campus.

But why—you might ask—why should I wander outside my campus comfort zone looking lost and confused? Well, if you're a first-year, you probably won't look any different than usual, and if you're not, just put your lanyard around your neck, and no one will question you.

But really, what can you possibly gain from deviating from your well-rutted campus trails?



Behold the jungle – no machete required!

Rachel Mohr

Most importantly, Co-ed first-years, a shorter line for laundry. Also, a greater appreciation for your fellow Gusties and their academic endeavors. Nothing humbles a person faster than trying to understand those science experiment posters plastered all over Nobel. Additionally, anyone trying to quest out a major would benefit from reading all of the senior bios and propaganda brochures posted on department bulletin boards.

You'll be quadruple-majoring in no time!

And if none of those reasons are enough to entice you, may I present: comics. Wandering the halls, you will begin to notice that professors can be found by following a trail of clipped cartoon "funnies." Taped near a sizeable percentage of office doors, they provide boundless entertainment as you wander from department to department.

So, fellow Gusties, it's time. Time to pry yourselves away from the warm glow of the Caf and the low hum of the tray carousel. Take a walk in the Arb. Wander through that building you never had class in. Think of it as an expansion of your liberal arts education—you never know when you might find something worthwhile, so you've just got to keep on looking.

Da snark Columbus: Voyageur, adventurer, oh, and also mass murderer



Laura Schroeder
Staff Columnist

Remember back when you were a wee elementary school child and you learned about this beautiful man named Christopher Columbus? Yeah, he was the best. I mean, he founded all these would-be unknown countries and made people civil and just formed the world into a better place.

Bullshit. When Columbus got to the Americas ("The New World" – apparently what it was already named wasn't good enough for ole Columbo) he found a nice group of people already living there (as if that wasn't a clue that you should move on) and decided to make friends with them. He wrote in his journal

about meeting them for the first time, explaining that they had scars on their bodies. When he asked them about the scars, they said it was from defending themselves against capture by other civilizations. Columbus wrote that he assumed the other civilizations came to capture them as slaves.

He went on to write that he thought they would make excellent servants.

Because they repeated what he said to them.

He also thought they would make great Christians.

Because Columbus didn't see any evidence of a formed religion.

I'm going to let you take a moment and think that over.

I lied. REALLY, Columbus?

If you take a look on Wikipedia (don't tell my English professors I sent you there), you will find absolutely diddy squat on Columbus' crimes.

Yeah, they tell you that he kidnapped some Native Americans and that only a few survived the trip back to Spain, but they really stress the point that it was a big deal for Spain and basically convinced the king to fund Columbus' second voyage back to the Americas (probably for more "colonizing"). So, Columbus took some

people for slaves. So what? (I'm going to ignore the socially-just side of me for a moment and answer that.)

Columbus took some slaves on his first voyage.

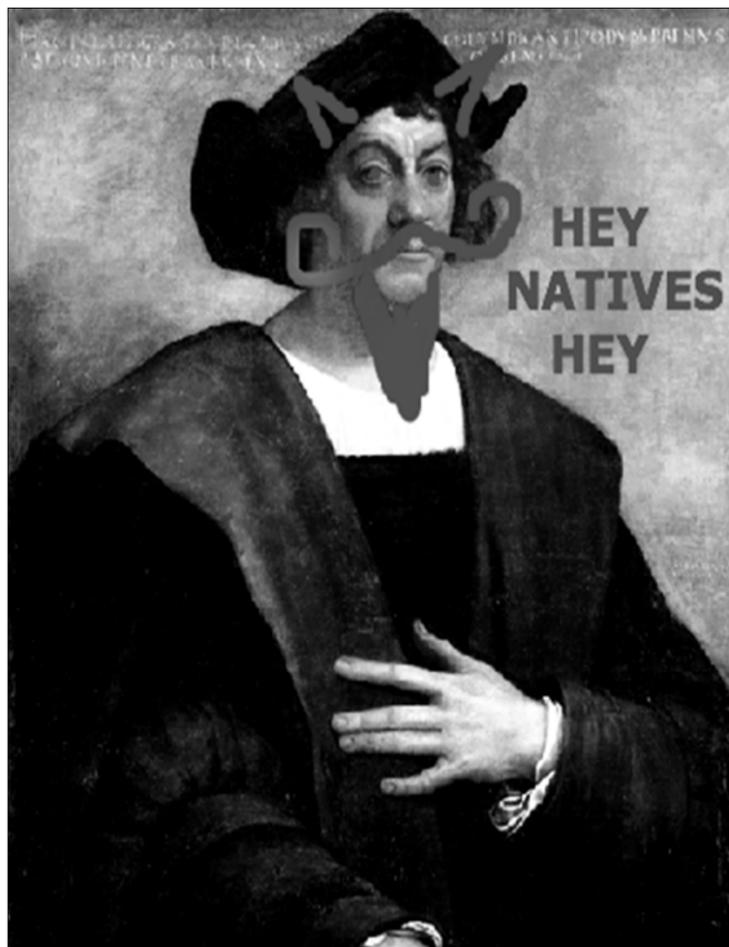
On his second, he took lives.

Columbus got pissed that the precious settlement (La Navidad) was destroyed by the native Taino people (and who wouldn't? It's not like they were already inhabiting the land when Columbus came the first time). He told the Taino that if they didn't give him a shitload of cotton that he would saw off all their hands. And he did. Over his other awesome voyages, Columbus and his crew took the natives for slaves, forced them to learn a new religion, gave them smallpox-infested blankets and when that got old, he killed them.

Simply because they were, in Columbus' opinion, in the wrong place at the wrong time.

And here we are, every year on October 12, celebrating the massacres that happened as a direct result of Christopher Columbus. We even get rewarded for this. My mom gets a day off of work. My sister gets to stay home from school. My dad gets free snacks in the break room.

I just get pissed.



Dude, is this a good angle? Don't make my hands look too big!

Laura Schroeder

Veni, vedi, weekly

The other, western Mormon



Josh Sande
Staff Columnist

The 48th Nobel Conference dealt with topics pertaining to the vastness of our oceans, the unknown wonders beneath them, and their future on this earth. I, for one, believe that our oceans are quite vast enough, and that we should do what we can to make sure that in another 150 years, Gustavus will not be hosting a conference about the wonders of the lost underwater city of Miami. This brings me to my preferred topic this election season: the absurd depths to which the campaigns have brought our national dialogue.

“President Obama promised to begin to slow the rise of the oceans and heal the planet. MY promise . . . is to help you and your family,” the first of our two Mormons, Mitt Romney, said at his recent nomination acceptance speech.

He was expressing, among other things, contempt for policies that put the environment before business and the economy.

Presidential primaries have always been a strange phenomenon, but they are getting stranger. This is a story of two men with nearly identical backgrounds whose fortunes in one

such primary were drastically different. Both Mormon, both white males, both born into incredibly wealthy and powerful families, both went on to be successful businessmen and Governors, both sought the Presidency, but then one was run out of his own party while the other was given its nomination. Where did these two lives diverge so sharply? What event or choice separated these two fates?

Clearly, no one event or singular trait can account for how the primary turned out, but any explanation of their differences has to consider when one candidate chose to please the crowd at all costs and the other said this:

“To be clear. I believe in evolution and trust scientists on global warming. Call me crazy.” Enter Jon Huntsman, former Utah Governor, who would later be denied an invitation to his own party’s convention, our other Mormon.

This was deemed a ‘controversial’ and ‘bold’ statement by some covering the election. Huntsman’s tendency to give longer, substantive answers in debates and unwillingness to throw red meat to the red masses was generally looked down upon and thought a poor strategy by the pundits, and they were proven right.

As it turns out, if you are trying to win a primary where the kingmakers are the activists and the party faithful, supporting cap and trade, term limits for congress, campaign finance reform, civil rights for LGBT couples and refusing to sign anti-tax pledges is not the way to win.

Absurdly, Huntsman’s background in foreign policy hurt



Jon Huntsman (right), a communist by association.

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him with these voters even more than his pragmatic mentality and civil demeanor. He was the youngest ever ambassador to Singapore, speaks fluent Mandarin and was Ambassador to China under President Obama. He has since adopted two Chinese-born daughters and still makes frequent visits to promote democracy around the world.

His life of service overseas prompted his campaign slogan, “Country First.” In other words, a life immersed in understanding how eastern cultures experience the human condition was a bad thing, especially when he served as ambassador to our biggest rival under our worst

ever president, Barack Obama.

Fifty years ago, the notion that this man is somehow less of a patriot because he chose to forego his political ambitions to serve as Ambassador to China in the Obama administration would seem quite as ridiculous to every American as it does to me. The notion that he is somehow less American because he has spent his life in her service in countries we consider rivals, the notion that he is somehow less qualified to lead because he believes in evolution and global warming, and perhaps most absurdly of all, the fact that all of these things were talking points that others used to attack him with effectively is clear evidence

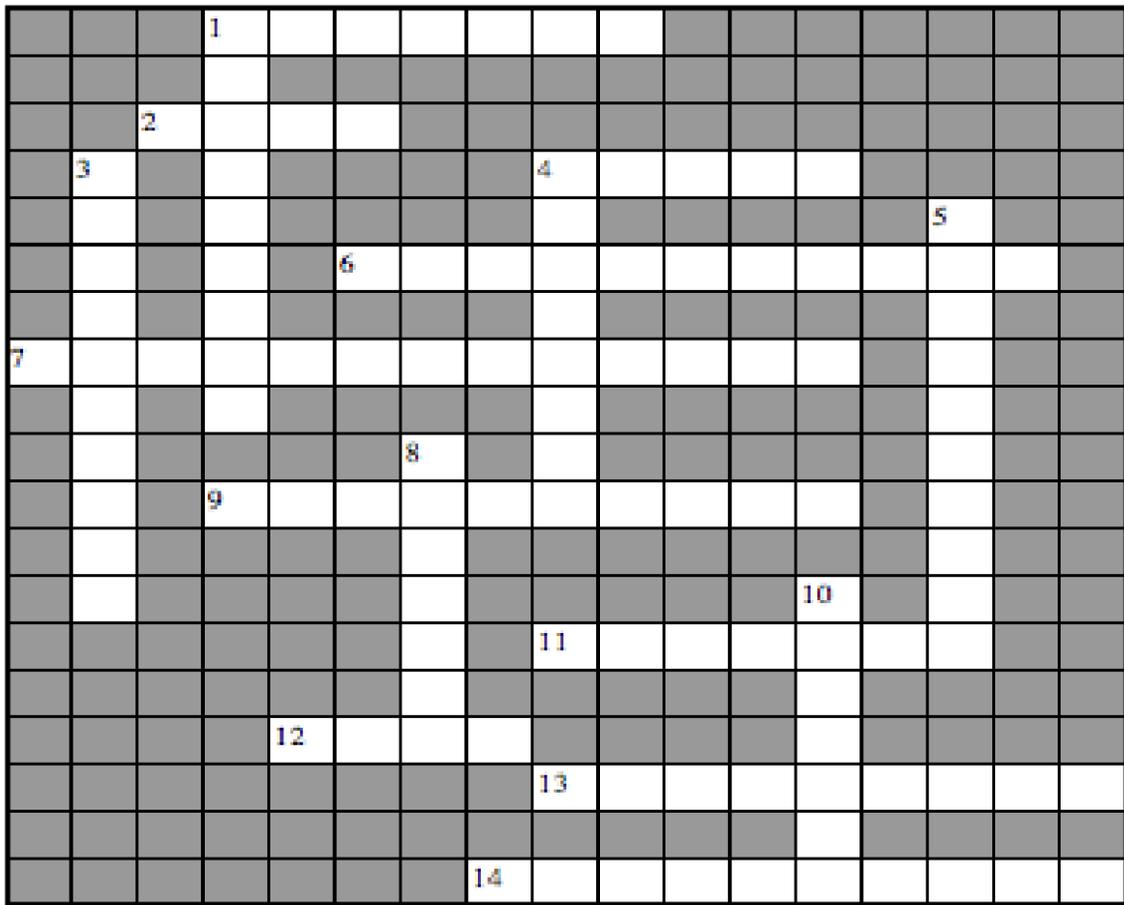
of the devastating polarization that has gripped our nation.

At an earlier point in my life, I considered myself a moderate conservative. But I have seen a significant shift in the Grand Old Party’s priorities, to the point that they disown any of their members who put a toe out of line or speak critically of the party.

In Jon Huntsman’s own words, “Our country is divided because of attitudes like that.”

I extend an eager invitation for someone to tell me he’s wrong.

Until next time, Gusties, think more, believe less.



THE WEEKLY Crossword

Across

Down

1. Much-loved MN Poet Laureate who can often be found teaching in ConVic
2. *The Weekly* office is in the basement of this dorm
4. What Justin Bieber recently did on stage
6. Glorified beauty pageant contestant with her own TV show
7. Beloved Wednesday GAC tradition
9. This year’s Homecoming performer
11. Ohle’s precious little pup
12. Delicious snack that currently features orange frosting
13. Game show host that punched Adam Sandler in the face

1. Where the King and Queen of Sweden reside
3. What every Taylor Swift song is about
4. Antonym for death
5. 70s singer/songwriter who supposedly met his wife at a GAC house party
8. The last studio-recorded album released by The Beatles
10. No Doubt singer who recently turned forty-three

The Hidden Truth Why support the future generation?



Sherick Francois
Staff Columnist

How many of you have sat through commercials advertising for the support of children in poverty around the world, and yet have done nothing to contribute to their well-being? Heck, I am at fault myself, but it is time that we begin to think about what the future entails for the next generation.

According to the World Bank's Developmental Indicators, "almost half the world, over three billion, live on less than \$2.50 a day." How does one live off such a low income, or better yet support a family with that little?

It has been stated by the World Bank's Developmental Indicators that worldwide, "10.6 million kids died in 2003 before they reached the age of five (the same as the child population in France, Germany, Greece, and Italy.) Another 1.4 million die each year from lack of access to safe drinking water and inadequate sanitation."

With numbers so high, how

can one not think about what the future brings? If this continues, who is to say that our future is protected? According to a United Nations Development Report, in 1998 global priorities in spending were more focused on things like cosmetics, perfume, ice cream, cigarettes, alcohol and narcotic drugs. The United Nations Human Development Report stated that in 1998 eleven million dollars was spent on ice cream in Europe.

The findings from the 1998 United Nations Human Development Report alludes to the notion that people tended not to worry about the future, but rather just lived in the moment. In today's world, one cannot simply think like that. The future we seek cannot be fulfilled if money is constantly spent on things of this nature. We should be investing in the future of our children, not into the commercial and pharmaceutical companies.

The Census Bureau stated that almost 46.2 million in the U.S. alone lived below the poverty line last year. How does one explain such a problem? A country built on improving the lives of others, but yet still can't take care of their own.

How can we sit back and ignore these commercials that are advertising for the welfare of kids around the globe when the problem persists within our country? Too many times have I sat back and watched people ignore the complications of the world. By neglecting the troubles of today, we are essentially throwing our future away.

While there have been or-



Let's help create a new future for the next generation.

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ganizations and institutions founded to improve the quality of life of people living below the poverty line, the entire burden should not be placed upon the government. For instance, the founding of the World Childhood Foundation by Queen Silvia of Sweden illuminates the progress that has been taken in order to solve the issues of our economy.

As we all know, the arrival of our Swedish Royalty this year signifies a great time in Gustavus history. While we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of this college, it should also be noted that this visit exemplifies a step towards helping solve the issue that is at hand.

Queen Silvia of Sweden has

been scheduled to discuss the challenges and successes of protecting and supporting women and children. Her speech, I hope, will essentially encourage people to think about the disputes of today, and how these disputes can manifest into disasters of the future if not taken care of.

When asked why we should protect/support the future generation, Sophomore Akhule Neo Mpunga responded by saying, "Not all children start on a pathway leading to success. However, those that have the capability to rescue these children should do so. Who knows, someday that rescued child can be the leader of tomorrow."

"Although humans are natu-

rally selfish, they still deserve to help those who are not within their bloodline," Senior Muresuk Mena said.

Senior Bio-Chemistry major, Zainab Jaji also stated, "By protecting the future generation we are sustaining nature, and providing them with the resources/skills that are needed for them to successfully explore the world that they will come to know."

While today's society tends to focus on when the next iPhone is coming out, plenty of children are contemplating where their next meal is coming from. Inasmuch as it takes time to solve problems, the issues at hand should never be left for last minute dealing. Time waits for no man.

Welcoming their majesties

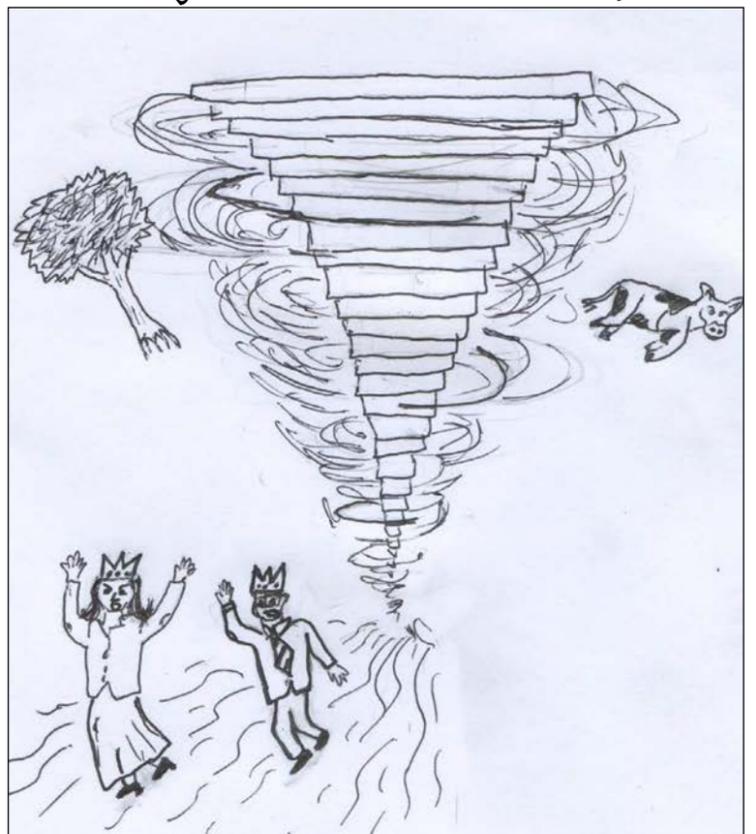
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The Royal Disaster

by Blake



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Blake Van Oosbree

The Royals are sucked into the swirling vortex created by the new sculpture.

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Friday, Oct. 5

Weekend Movie: *Brave*

Wallenberg Auditorium
7 p.m.

When will Pixar figure out that people look nothing like their animations?

LineUs Show

The Dive
8 p.m.

Word on the street is that the Queen is coming. She f#\$%ing loves improv.

Saturday, Oct. 6

LALACS Mundialito Soccer Cup

Fields Behind Confer-Vickner
9 a.m.

Even Latin American Studies are calling it "soccer." It looks like we won.

Giant Games

Eckman Mall
11:30 a.m.

Paul Bunyan and Goliath square off in their annual tennis duel.

Weekend Movie: *Brave*

Wallenberg Auditorium
7 p.m.

This movie will always be looking *Up* at the other Pixar movies.

Plastik Musik

Bjorling Recital Hall
8:30 p.m.

Not to be confused with Joan Rivers and Megan Fox's jazz group.

Sunday, Oct. 7

Weekend Movie: *Brave*

Wallenberg Auditorium
2 p.m.

It's just an animated version of *Braveheart*, right?

Monday, Oct. 8

Homecoming: Window Painting

Evelyn Young Dining Room
5-9 p.m.

This is how Michelangelo got his start.

"Christianity & Judaism after the Holocaust," Exploring Religious Questions Series

Olin 103
7-9 p.m.

Editors of *THE GUSTAVIAN WEEKLY* have removed this joke.

Tuesday, Oct. 9

Dishin' with the Deans

Beck 113
10:30 a.m.

I hear Dean O'Loughlin makes a mean tuna casserole.

Grad School Talk

Humanities Resource Center (Confer 230)
4:30 p.m.

A.K.A. Scared Straight for Humanities majors.

Wednesday, Oct. 10

Teachers Talking

Board Room
11:30 a.m.

And no one listening.

Writing Buffet

Courtyard Café
7 p.m.

They are going to make you eat your words.

Thursday, Oct. 11

Thursday Evenings with the Religion Department

Third Floor of Old Main
6-7:30 p.m.

A plethora of the Torah.

Feit-sty Horoscope

Aries

When you think about it, Ginger Spice is the only real Spice Girl.

Taurus

Nobel just feels shorter every year, doesn't it?

Gemini

The King and Queen aren't even going to be awake during their stay. Jet lag doesn't care if you are royal.

Cancer

People paying cash at the Caf during Nobel, you have no souls.

Leo

Run away from wherever you are right now. Don't ask questions, just

Virgo

Your inability to say no at the Involvement Fair will haunt you forever.

Libra

At what point does MC Hammer start his own hardware store?

Scorpio

Home Alone has probably become far too real now for Macaulay Culkin.

Sagittarius

The threat of a longboard revolution is a legitimate fear.

Capricorn

The King and Queen are definitely coming back for Case Day.

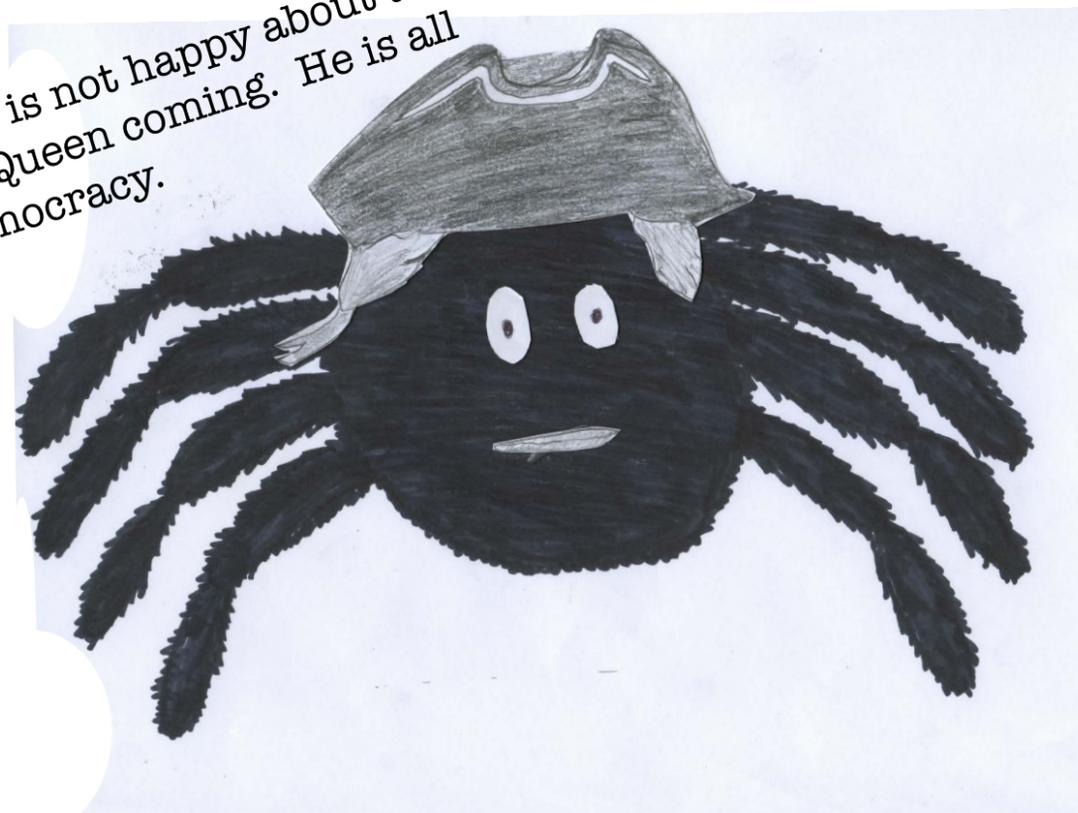
Aquarius

The over/under for number of words read during Reading Days by Gusties this year will be set at 47.

Pisces

When the College Democrats and College Republicans have a Battle Royale, I'll care about this election.

Manspider is not happy about the King and Queen coming. He is all about democracy.



“A hooligan’s sport played by gentlemen”

Haley Bell
Staff Writer

The men’s rugby team had a home game on Sept. 22, 2012 against St. John’s, where they had the opportunity to work together as a team and improve their game. The team was scheduled to play Luther on Sept. 29, but Luther cancelled last minute, and the team scrimmaged for some extra practice. The men will be competing against St. John’s once again on Oct. 10, and to finish off the season, the team will travel to play St. Mary’s on Oct. 20.

Starting the season off with a loss is not ideal, but the men have been looking forward. A few seniors graduated last year, and the team is smaller than it has been in previous years.

“This season the goals are really to get the guys comfortable on the field. We’re about half way through this season and we’ve already seen a lot of improvement,” Junior Josh Phillips said.

With a smaller team, the men have been working hard to keep up with the larger teams they will be competing against.

“Our goal is to win. We know we’re a smaller team, so we’re going to have to accomplish that goal by working on fitness. We’ve been conditioning hard,” Sophomore Benjamin Williams said.

With such a small number of guys on the team, some of the players are out on the field for the whole game. Playing for the full eighty minutes is tough, but the guys have managed to

continue working well together as a team to push through the inconvenience.

“I suspect the rest of the season will go well, but I will admit, we need more people. The guys that are out now are spirited and into the game, and it’s great. We just don’t have that many alternates,” Junior Stetson McAdams said.

This year, the main goal of the men’s rugby team is to recruit new players.

“We have a wide range of guys that come out and play, different sizes and athletic abilities, so if you are interested in playing come out to a practice,” Sophomore Hayden Goldstien said.

Many are convinced that rugby is a rough and vicious game. According to both Goldstien and McAdams, this is not true.

“There are really few to no injuries over the course of the season because both teams realize that there is a limit to that roughness. You want to beat the other team, not beat them up,” McAdams said.

Rugby is a fair game, played with plenty of sportsmanship and can be found enjoyable by many athletes.

“There is a famous saying that rugby is a hooligan’s sport played by gentlemen; I like to think of it more like that. We don’t wear pads, and we go hard on every play and tackle, but at the end of the day we have an extreme amount of respect for the sport and rugers and don’t see it as a vicious activity,” Goldstien said.

The general public does not

have a very strong understanding of rugby. For those who don’t know, rugby is played over an eighty-minute time frame. The game is split into two forty-minute sections. There is generally about a ten-minute break for half time in between. The forwards are similar to linemen and linebackers in football. There are also players positioned as a back. These athletes are just like the backs in a football game. The ball can be carried or kicked at any point during a play. A scrum is when the number of situations is restarted and both team’s forwards get together at the shoulders over the mark to get the ball back to their team’s side.

The main principle is to score as many points as possible. The team can gain points scoring by tries, which are worth five points. Tries are similar to a touchdown in football. The try zone of the opponent is the area between the try line and dead ball line. A try can also occur as a penalty. A team is also able to score points by conversion, which is awarded to the team when a try is scored. The conversion allows the team to gain two more points by kicking the ball between rugby goal posts. A penalty kick is a way to score three points. It is awarded to a team if a serious foul has occurred. A drop goal is when the ball is kicked towards the goal during a running play, and can also award a team with three points.



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Gustavus’ men’s rugby team has been working hard at practice to ensure a successful season.



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The 2011 men’s rugby team posed for a photo at the rugby pitch.

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Women's Volleyball @ Wartburg College Tournament
Oct. 5-6

Saturday, Oct. 6

Football @ University of St. Thomas
1:10-4 pm

Men's Golf @ MIAC Championships
Oct. 6-8

Women's Golf @ MIAC Championships
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Women's Soccer @ Bethel University
11-2 pm

Wednesday, Oct. 10

Men's Soccer @ Hamline University
4-7 pm

Women's Soccer @ UW-Stout
7-10 pm

Women's Volleyball @ Hamline University
7-9 pm

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Football: ready for the next play

Imani James
Staff Writer

Although the men's football team has had some close shots and has dealt with some tough losses lately, Head Coach Peter Haugen keeps one goal for the team in mind and that is constant improvement.

Haugen believes there is great leadership with the juniors and seniors on the team and feels they are all improving each week. Coach Haugen explains the mission of the team is always winning the next play; his goal for them all is to consistently improve as a team as well as on an individual level.

"Regardless of what happened to you yesterday, or regardless what happened to you the last play, you are only going to be as good as your next play," Haugen said.

He looks forward to observing how the team handles adversity, the wins and the hardships. With a close call on the game against St. Olaf, Haugen explains how the team was not scoring in the red zones and fulfilling a few open spaces for touchdowns.

"It's about scoring the points and making the touchdowns," he said.

As far as the rest of the season goes, he expects to see improvement and build on the team's successes. He wants to continue to improve and expects everyone to improve upon their performance from the previous day's practice.

"That's what good teams do, regardless of their circumstances they continue to get better," Haugen said.

Quarterback Muresuk Mena says his goals as a player are having a better season than last year and giving his best mentally as well as giving his best through his actions every day for the team.

"[I try to] Put my team in the best position to win," Mena said.

He looks forward to hanging out with his fellow teammates this season and just having fun and making the most out of every day of his last year here at Gustavus. As a senior player, he enjoys giving advice to first year players as well as the rest of his teammates.



Gustavus Sports Information
Gustie football defeated Hamline 37-0 on Sept. 29 at Hollingsworth Field. The Gusties have a 2-2 record, and will play Valley City State University for the Homecoming game.

"Work every day as hard as you can... working hard, trusting and believing in your teammates," Mena said.

As of now, he is enjoying the practices as they work on speed as their focus.

"You know what you're going to do, and you go do it as hard as you can," he said.

He believes everyone has confidence in dealing with situations in the game and that they are ready for anything. Personally, Mena has certain tactics he uses before games to give himself a boost. Some include a short nap, some fruit, a bagel, talking with his mother and listening to Barry White to relax. Mena hopes to look back and be happy about the team and his accomplishments with no regrets. Mena says football has helped him focus and develop as a man and that is what he enjoys most about it.

"We are on the track to being really good", he said.

He hopes everyone can see and believe that the football team will come up to be successful.

First-year Outside Linebacker, Zack Martinez, says his goals for this season are to play more and hopefully start next year on the team. Looking forward to winning, he also looks at

improving as a team: making more wins than last year and having success. He says their team is all about going one hundred percent. He feels they are very well-prepared for the Family Weekend game and the next after that.

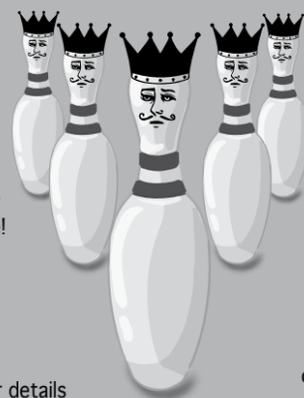
"Coaches make sure we don't take a step back and we go forward," Martinez said.

He hopes to gain skills to better himself physically and talent wise on the field as well as to get more comfortable with the speed of the game. Before the games, Martinez listens to mu-

sic to get himself hyped. Martinez also looks to Linebacker, Joe Haas on the team as inspiration and looks up to him as a player who is a great example of how to improve his game. Martinez says at this point improving is about shaking the unsuccessful plays off and focusing on the next step.

"We have to think about the future, not the past," Mena said.

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Minnesota Twins give fans reason to hope

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Sports and Fitness Editor

The Minnesota Twins finished their second disappointing season in a row on Wednesday with a loss against the Toronto Blue Jays. Despite having a losing record of 66-96, the Twins gave fans many reasons to keep cheering this season.

Joe Mauer provided a bright spot for the Twins this year with his .319 batting average, and career high of 147 games played. By splitting his playing time between catcher, first base, and designated hitter, Mauer was able to remain healthy and on the field. Mauer's on-base percentage was the highest in the majors at .416, placing him in the running for what would be his fourth batting title.

After a frustrating 2011 season, Mauer worked hard in the offseason to improve his strength.

"I'm a very determined person. This is what I love to do, and I know I only get one shot at it, really. I've always said I want

to be the best player I can be. I'm doing everything in my power to be that type of player," Mauer told Star Tribune reporter Joe Christensen.

Another highlight of the season was the emergence of Trevor Plouffe as a solid third baseman. Plouffe struggled in 2011 at shortstop, but after the Twins sent Danny Valencia to the minors in early May, Plouffe was given the third base position. For much of the summer Plouffe thrived, both at third base and at the plate. Despite sustaining a deep bone bruise in his thumb and remaining on the disabled list for nearly a month, Plouffe had the second-most home runs on the team, with 24 during the course of the season.

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— Tsuyoshi Nishioka

Although pitching was the Twins Achilles' heel this season, there were several pitchers who gave the Twins organization hope for the future. Scott Diamond was the ace of the starting pitching staff this year, with 12 wins and a 3.54 ERA. Glen Perkins emerged as a

strong closer, with 16 saves in 20 opportunities prior to the Twins' final series in Toronto. Jared Burton proved himself to be a solid reliever, pitching in a career-high 63 games and earning his lowest ERA in five seasons at 2.18.

New additions to the team this year, Josh Willingham, Ryan Doumit and Jamey Carroll all proved to be valuable members of the 2012 team. Willingham gave the Twins batting order a much-needed boost with his 35 home runs. Doumit also had a career-high number of home runs with 18 this season. Doumit was more than just a strong bat, however, as most of his value came from his ability to catch. The Twins had been looking for a solution to Mauer's disappointing 2011 season, and the addition of Doumit to the roster gave the Twins a backup catcher they could trust when Mauer was playing other positions. Jamey Carroll was a constant in the infield and the batting order throughout the season, which was something the Twins were missing in 2011.

Ben Revere was a standout in the outfield, behind the plate, and along the base path. Revere had a .294 batting average, and an on-base percentage of .333. Not only was his hitting solid, but Revere was also impressive in the outfield, saving many runs from scoring with his diving catches and leaping saves. Revere's speed was beneficial along the base path as he stole 40 bases this season.

During spring training Justin

Morneau discussed the possibility of retiring if he was still unable to play due to concussion symptoms. Thankfully, Morneau seemed to return to his pre-concussion form, and remained healthy enough to play 134 games. Morneau hit 19 home runs this season and earned a .267 batting average.

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— Joe Mauer

Tsuyoshi Nishioka, the Twins infielder from Japan, didn't make the starting lineup out of spring training. After a dismal season in the minor leagues, fans were shocked when Nishioka was called up to the majors in August. Predictably, Nishioka did not perform well after his call-up, and was quickly sent back down to the minors. On Sept. 28, Nishioka asked to be released from the Twins organization and his \$3 million 2013 salary. This move frees up space in the payroll for the Twins to rebuild in the off-season and removes the albatross that was Nishioka from the Twins roster.

In a statement released by the Twins, Nishioka said he has no regrets.

"I would like to thank the Twins organization for helping me fulfill my dream of playing in Major League Baseball. I take full responsibility for my performance which was below my own expectations. At this time, I have made the decision that it is time to part ways. I have no regrets and know that only through struggle can a person grow stronger. I appreciate all the support the team and the fans in Minnesota and Rochester have shown me," Nishioka said.

The Twins finished in the basement of their division for the second year in a row. The team was plagued by injuries, cycled through 12 starting pitchers, made a total of 107 fielding errors, and often failed to produce runs for their starting pitchers.

But among the negatives were many positives. Veteran Twins such as Revere, Mauer, Morneau, and Denard Span stepped up to the plate and produced strong numbers for their team. New additions Doumit, Carroll, and Willingham proved that they were worth the investment, and young players like Plouffe, Diamond, and Samuel Deduno showed that they were ready to play at the major league level. Although the Twins' record suggests a need for despair, the players gave fans reason to hope that next season will be different.