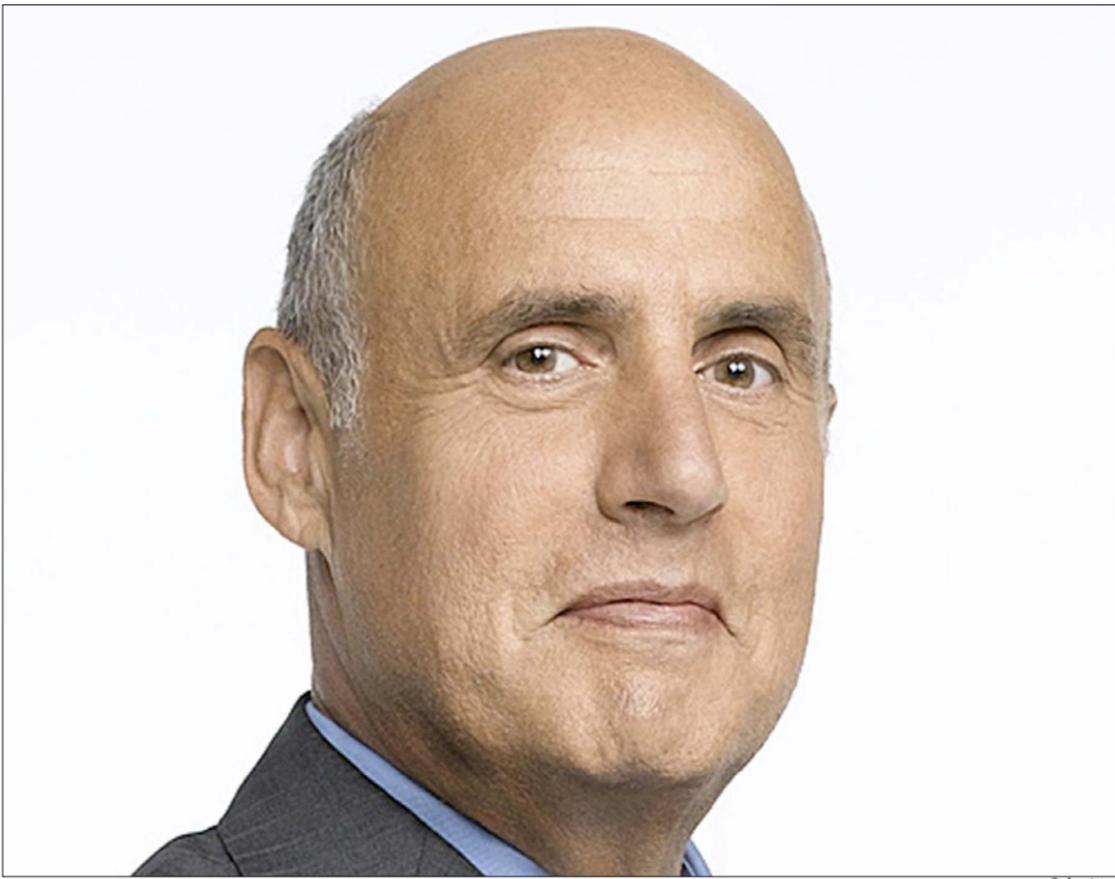




Jeffrey Tambor selected as 2013 Big Speaker



Jeffrey Tambor, greatly known for his role on *Arrested Development* will speak on Friday, April 26. Submitted

Sandy Xiong
Staff Writer

This year, Campus Activity Board (CAB) is excited to announce Emmy Award nominated actor Jeffrey Tambor's presentation of "What's Keeping You From Performing Your Life?"

Recognized for his role as George Bluth, Sr., (as well as his own identical twin, Oscar Bluth) on the sitcom series *Arrested Development*, actor Jeffrey Tambor has been known to play a variety of unique characters during his forty year acting career. Though most iconic for appearing in a number of television shows, including his Emmy nominated role on 'The Larry Sanders Show,' Tambor's versatility garners him much respect for his voice acting in cartoons and animated film such as *Tangled* and *The Sponge-Bob SquarePants Movie*.

Jeffrey Tambor was one of several speakers that the CAB Arts and Entertainment Committee considered to bring to campus. The wide range of speakers were narrowed down to three individuals for which the Gustavus campus would cast their votes for.

"Beginning in October 2012, we asked for input from friends, faculty and staff," CAB Arts and

Entertainment Committee Chair Ellen Liebe said. "We searched several keynote speakers, representing different fields until we arrived at about two dozen possible speakers."

Among the other possible speakers were businesswoman and entrepreneur Jessica Jackley, an expert in micro financing, and athlete, actress and fashion model Aimee Mullins who would speak on overcoming adversity. Mullins was born with a medical condition that resulted in the amputation of the lower portion of her legs.

With about 400 student votes, Jeffrey Tambor won with over 60.8 percent of the votes, the other two at around 20 percent each.

The committee has been working closely with his agent to bring him to campus. Jeffrey Tambor's presentation, "What's Keeping You From Performing Your Life?" is expected to be an amusing and hilarious time.

Sophomore Connor Haugen, an avid fan of *Arrested Development*, was one of several students excited to hear about Jeffrey Tambor coming to Gustavus as the Big Speaker. "It's hilarious," Haugen said. "He pulls off these lines that don't really make that much sense. For example, he's in prison and randomly converts to Judaism because he sees the Star of Da-

vid in his cell." In this episode, Jeffrey Tambor's character then proceeds to cut off part of his left shoe and wears it as a yarmulke. Initially introduced to the sitcom series in high school by his sister, Haugen came to recognize the actor as an absurdly talented actor skilled in his delivery of lines.

"I didn't know if I liked it at first," Haugen said, "but then I started getting the inside jokes that I didn't pick up before. He can't say things straightforward, he says things so that people take the hint, but they never get the hint. One of my favorite lines from him is 'There's always money in the banana stand'. People don't understand that really, he literally lined the walls with \$250,000."

Students are eager to hear about his optimistic view on life, are hoping for a memorable presentation recounting his success and achievements. "He's experienced so much and worked with so many different people, and I'm hoping to be able to apply some of what he has to say to my own life," First-Year CAB Arts and Entertainment Committee member Jessie Dettling said. "As the distinct

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Presidential Cabinet addresses concern at student forum

Tram Bui
News Editor

On Thursday, April 11, a public student forum was held in Alumni Hall for students to attend and discuss issues and concerns that have riddled the college as of late. The panel consisted of Presidential Cabinet members, Provost and Dean of the College Mark Braun, Vice President for Institutional Advancement Tom Young, Vice President for Enrollment and Dean of Admission Tom Crady, Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students JoNes VanHecke, Vice President for Finance and Treasurer Ken Westphal, Vice President for Marketing and Communication Tim Kennedy, and College President Jack Ohle. The forum was mediated by Student Senate members Seniors Tasha Ostendorf and Jessye Flannery.

The structure of the student forum allowed for students in the audience to anonymously ask questions for the panel to answer collectively or individually according to their concentrations and roles on campus. The formal panel discussion featured an array of concerning topics, including but not limited to tuition, financial aid, on/off-campus housing, enrollment, upcoming renovations, Divestment and administrative spending. Among the concerns addressed include:

On tuition and endowment:
"It's a huge issue. It's one

that I think a lot about. Prior to the current increase, there have been increases of 5 percent or more. This is the first year where we have successfully made it 3.5 percent. We have to control costs on campus and ensure comprehensive fees are low. We can't have a larger endowment, but if we can bring in students who can pay the bill, they can allow us to use that money for other students in need," Crady said.

On financial aid:

"I think it's appropriate to be very forthright with you. We work very hard and will come close to giving away close to 50 million in financial aid. I have always said to students, 'If you have a need that we haven't been able to meet or your circumstances have changed, see [Dean of Financial Aid] Doug Minter and the Financial Aid Office, and they will ratchet that up for you,'" Ohle said.

On the accuracy of representations of diversity in the view books:

"Do we ever represent or underrepresent diversities in our view books and public images? No, we don't. We know the percentages and keep track of student demographics, and we try very hard to make sure that is who we represent," Kennedy said.

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Provost and Dean of the College Mark Braun discusses the faculty salary. Submitted

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Campus Safety Report

Monday, March 18

• Campus Safety responded to a medical assist by Confer Vickner.

Wednesday, March 20

• Campus Safety took a report of an injury that occurred on Thursday, March 14, 2013.

Thursday, March 21

• A student reported an injury that occurred on campus on March 15, 2013.

Friday, March 22

• Campus Safety conducted a welfare check on a student in Prairie View.
 • Campus Safety responded to a medical assist in Nobel Hall.

Saturday, March 23

• Three students were cited by Campus Safety for underage consumption of alcohol while in Pittman Hall. One student was cited by Campus Safety for an of age alcohol violation. Two students were cited for underage possession of alcohol. One student was cited for giving false information to a college official. One student was cited for a social host violation and a College policy violation.

Sunday, March 24

• A Gustavus student and one non-Gustavus student were cited by Campus Safety on College grounds for an underage alcohol violation. The student was cited by Campus Safety for a social host violation and the non-Gustavus student was issued a trespass warning.
 • A Collegiate Fellow responded to a noise violation in Pittman Hall involving one student.

Thursday, March 28

• A Gustavus employee reported damage to property in North Hall.

Friday, March 29

• Campus Safety responded to a drug equipment violation in Norelius Hall.

Saturday, March 30

• Campus Safety responded to a medical assist near Prairie View Apartments.

Monday, April 1

• Campus Safety investigated a report of a College policy violation in the Schaefer Fine Arts Music Building involving one student.

Thursday, April 4

• A non-Gustavus student was cited by Campus Safety and the Saint Peter Police Department for reckless driving on College grounds.

Wednesday, April 10

• Three students while in College View Apartments were cited by Campus Safety for an of-age alcohol violation/non drinking area.

Thursday, April 11

• Campus safety responded to a report of property damage at Chapel View Townhomes.

Friday, April 12

• Collegiate Fellows responded to an alcohol violation in Norelius Hall involving eight students.
 • A student in Sohre Hall was cited by Campus Safety for a drug equipment violation.

Saturday, April 13

• Campus Safety responded to an alcohol violation and a medical assist in the Johnson Student Union. A student was transported to the hospital by ambulance.

• A Gustavus student was cited by Campus Safety and the SPPD for underage consumption while in the Johnson Student Union and was transported to detox.
 • A student in Norelius Hall reported damage to College property to Campus Safety. A window pane was broken.

Tip of the Week:

Report Safety Issues!

If you see a safety issue on campus, report it to Campus Safety or Physical Plant immediately! Have you noticed a light out? Damage to a campus sidewalk or ice that could cause a pedestrian hazard? Broken glass, exposed wires,

extension cords or sharp metal? A slippery floor? If you notice anything that looks unsafe or that could be a hazard, report it immediately to Physical Plant, or after-hours for immediate safety issues, contact Campus Safety.

For propped doors, suspicious activity, suspicious objects, or anything that makes you feel unsafe, immediately contact Campus Safety 24 hours a day at 507-933-8888.

Physical Plant: 507-933-7504
<https://gustavus.edu/physicalplant/maintenance/>
 Campus Safety: 507-933-8888

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voice for the mayor in The Grinch Who Stole Christmas, I grew up watching him in a number of cartoons and hearing him as different voices and in different roles. He's a fun and personable actor who's literally done everything across the board—he's not always a comedian, a villain or a cartoon character, and that's unique."

Jeffrey Tambor's presentation of "What's Keeping You From Performing

Your Life?" will be held on Friday, April 26, 2013 in Christ Chapel at 8:00 p.m. A question/answer session and autograph signing will follow.

Tickets are free to the Gustavus community and will be available online at gustavustickets.com or at the Information Desk in the Campus Center. Tickets are available to the general public April 19th for \$5.

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3rd Annual Women in Leadership Conference focuses on authenticity



This year's conference will help women address how essential authenticity is to leadership. Submitted

Haley Bell
Staff Writer

Women In Business Leadership (WIBL) is a student and alumnae program that helps the women of Gustavus in their academic, professional, and personal leadership development. The group works together to prepare, support, and promote women leadership.

Women in Business Leadership (a student based organization) and Gustavus Women in Leadership (an alumnae based organization) work together each year to create the Women in Leadership Conference.

On Friday, April 19, the third annual Gustavus Women in Leadership Conference will take place at the American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis. The theme of the conference is "Are You For Real? The Importance of Authenticity."

"It's a great opportunity for women who are students, alumni, and faculty all to interact with one another. Few schools offer connections like this," Junior Carolyn Draayer said.

One of the purposes of the conference is to expand knowledge about leadership, and help women find their own voices.

"By attending, guests will have access to six women who are leaders in their respective fields, and get insight on their journey to the top, discover how they found their leadership voice, and learn what keeps them motivated and balanced," Senior Co-Conference Director Rachele Blaschko said.

The two keynote speakers for the conference are Marcia Page and Joan Steffend. There will also be four breakout session speakers: Trish Wheaton, Nancy Weidenfeller, Dana Halberg, and Michelle Stimpson.

"All of the speakers will relate their presentations back to the importance of being an authentic leader, especially as a woman," Senior Co-Conference Director Ashley Michalko said.

Roughly 140 women will be attending the conference, and it is open to women of any age and major. The conference is heavily directed towards women due to the difficulties that females face in the business world, but the conference is not exclusively for women.

"We want people to know that it's a great, relaxing day with the opportunity to hear great stories and connect with other women . . . every year the Conference has been inspiring and they have gotten better each year. It's an opportunity that sets Gustavus women apart from other schools in the MIAC," Senior Co-President of WIBL Kelsey Kennedy said.

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On off-campus housing:

"Even though there's a big class of first year-students, we have space in residential halls for upper class students. We not only try to anticipate the number of incoming students, we really believe students have a better college experiences when they are on campus. It's hard to be involved and engaged off-campus. Gusties, by definition are super involved human beings. We want as many Gusties to live on campus as we can accommodate. It's our best educated guess on what those numbers will look like, and we try to be as smart as we can on the front end," VanHecke said.

On faculty salary:

"We set a target back in 1995, that we wanted to pay our schools at the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) level one category, which is the highest. The AAUP lets us look at our peer colleges and compare. We got close ten years ago, but, currently, our professors are getting paid \$20,000 less than the average of their peers around the country," Braun said.

"We have made the decision to not cut the number of faculty or staff, but to increase enrollment [in hopes of] increasing funding in the upcoming years to adequately meet the national average in salary for the faculty," Ohle said.

"You will find that as you go through life there are times where it is very difficult for communication, and the important thing we want all Gusties to know is that people are listening people do care," Ohle said. "I believe in a liberal arts world, that you are getting the best education for life, not just a job. You are being prepared to think and be challenged, just like some faculty are questioning me, and just like I'm questioning them. The faculty and staff will discuss and debate, and that's good. Remember, however, you are here to study and to get your degree. Let this stuff go on. There are more important things in your lives to worry over," Ohle said.

On the sustainability of Gustavus:

"Yes, there is a tremendous commitment to climate, and that is something we can all

agree on. We hoped to have wind energy, and planned up to the final part when the rug was pulled out from under us. We were informed that the county does not allow for any wind turbines in be within a half mile of a home. However, if you look around campus, to the rooftops of Beck and the Campus Center, there's much more solar energy conservation than there has been in previous years. Also, we are waiting to hear back from a proposal for LEED certification on Beck. We are hoping to receive a platinum LEED level, which is the highest level," Ohle said.

On the Star Tribune article discussing the tone of Jack Ohle's tenure at Gustavus and the question of his resignation:

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Listening Post provides setting to discuss student voices

Rebecca Hare
Copy Editor

President Ohle, along with Dean of Students, JoNes VanHecke '88 held listening sessions Monday, March 25 and Tuesday, March 26 to invite students to express their concerns to the College's head administrator. The sessions took place in a small banquet room setting, so all present had the opportunity to voice their opinions, questions, and concerns about academic, budget, and staffing decisions made in recent years.

VanHecke took notes throughout the sessions to ensure students' voices were being captured and understood, with plans to email each individual following the sessions with their comments in order to reflect the impact of the listening experience.

Seated around a few tables that had been pushed together to serve as a round table, President Ohle introduced Tuesday night's discussion by speaking to the goals of the sessions, where students were encouraged to speak candidly and could expect to be listened to.

"I think voice is extremely important," Ohle said.

Junior Political Science Major Kelly Dumais was in attendance and was the first student to speak to the concerns that led her to come to the listening session. Dumais raised concerns regarding budget and resource allocation and reiterated many concerns expressed by faculty members at the December faculty meeting. Ohle responded by attempting to correct what he saw to be Dumais's inaccurate perception of the institution's state of affairs. Dumais, however, repeated that she saw the need to address faculty concerns as they directly affected the quality of students' academic experiences at the College.

"I don't think that diversity of opinion should be used to dismiss legitimate concerns of a community."

—Ian Shay

"You say you are moving from listening to hearing; so when faculty are coming forward to say our resources are not being properly allocated, how do you respond to that?" Dumais said.

Topics discussed around

Tuesday's table included the senior art space, the College's operating budget—which was \$130 million this year—prospects for future enrollment, the President's goals, and the interaction between different key sectors of the College. The majority of students in attendance voiced frustration at the President's lack of action to redress administrative decisions.

"There has been no substantive change, only a minimization of voices," Dumais said.

Senior Spanish Major Ian Shay broached the topic of the senior art space and criticized the President's response to student, faculty, and alumni concerns as dismissal rather than acknowledgment.

"I don't think that diversity of opinion should be used to dismiss legitimate concerns of a community," Shay said.

In terms of communication between different sectors of the College, the President strongly supported the improvement of these avenues while proudly citing that thirteen faculty currently serve on Board of Trustee committees, which is a step in the right direction.

"The important thing for a college is to have communica-

tion between three sectors: Administration, Board, and Faculty," Ohle said.

A large portion of the Tuesday session was dedicated to examining these relationships and critiquing where there were breakdowns in communication and where there needed to be improvement. The President acknowledged that there were many opinions between the different areas, yet stated a desire to achieve reconciliation, or at least acceptance of viewpoints, even if there was no one solution that could please every party.

"Colleges cannot be run like a corporation. They must learn to accept differences; a corporation doesn't," Ohle said.

The session ended with the President summing up the main issue spurring campus-wide discussion as a "gap of understanding." In order to bridge that gap, he seeks to share information on why decisions are made, so they can be clearly understood. Following the session the President declined to make a formal comment on his plans to address concerns voiced at the listening sessions.

Students, however, were vocal—during and following the

session—about the need to rethink the concept of a "unilateral decision-maker." Instead, they would appreciate inclusion in the decision-making process rather than being passive recipients of administrative decisions that have an extensive impact on the community.

"Decisions like these shouldn't be made by a singular individual but in consultation with key members of the community, such as faculty and students. They can contribute valuable perspective and knowledge to an important decision as well as intimately understand how it will impact the community," Senior Political Science Major Renate Willer said.

Other students felt that their questions had been addressed and believed the President had achieved an appropriate balance between informing students and providing those present with only necessary information.

Willer, however, held concerns about the fundamental reason these sessions continue to take place. "We've been talking about listening and learning and having these conversations for years, yet people are still having conversations," Willer said.

Gustavus students receive prestigious scholarships



Nicole Eknitphong, a native of Worthington, received the Phillips Scholar Award.

Mara LeBlanc



Beth Hauer, a native of Little Falls, received a NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship.

Mara LeBlanc



James Trevathan, an Apple Valley native, received the Goldwater Scholarship.

Submitted

Peter Diamond Staff Writer

A trio of Gustavus students have been recognized for their achievements through various honorable scholarships. These include the NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship, the Goldwater Scholarship, and the Phillips Scholar Program.

Sophomore Political Science Major Nicole Eknitphong has been named a Jay and Rose Phillips Scholar for the 2013-2014 academic year. Eknitphong is one of six Minnesota college students to receive this honor, after first entering a pool of sixteen finalists.

The Phillips Scholars Program recognizes and rewards Minnesota Private College students who strive to help Minnesota communities in need. The program supports student leaders who excel academically, as well as within their own communities. It includes a \$12,000 scholarship that will be split between the student's junior and senior years, as well as a \$4,000 summer stipend to fund the creation of the student's self-designed project, with an extra \$500 to pay for additional resources.

"I plan to use this award to implement a program I created called, 'Leading from Within,'" Eknitphong said. "Leading from Within is a vocational and leadership development summer program for transitioning seniors at Worthington High School (WHS). This program will focus on developing personal leadership through three main points: vocation, self-awareness, and authenticity. This designed curriculum will take students through powerful discoveries of one's calling, understanding not only what one's desires and passions are, but how those are played out through action and relationships as well as recognizing strengths and areas for improvement, and reflection as a leader, thinking and living with

intentionality, meaning, and purpose," Eknitphong said.

Eknitphong currently is a Gustavus Ambassador, an advocacy coordinator for the Habitat for Humanity executive board, serves as an ambassador in the Servant Leadership Program, and plays violin in the Gustavus Symphony Orchestra. In addition to majoring in Political Science, Eknitphong has minors in both Peace Studies and Civic Leadership. She also plans to study abroad in the fall of 2013 in India, with the college's Social Justice, Peace, and Development program.

"I have a true passion for service and being intentional about life. I know we can all be better individually and collectively we can move forward as a community. Whatever I do in the future, I would love nothing more than to truly hone my skills and passion in connecting with others in a meaningful way, sharing the journey of intentionally living a life of purpose. I have many interests and these make up who I am—all of these are what make me a wholesome me," Eknitphong said.

Senior Music Education Major Beth Hauer is the recipient of a NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship, given to 174 student-athletes each year, with each receiving \$7,500. To qualify, student-athletes must excel both academically and athletically. They must be in their final year of eligibility, planning to pursue graduate studies, and nominated by their institution's faculty athletics representative.

"My interests include teaching and making music, running, and reading. I find working hard to get better at both playing my instrument and running to be very rewarding, and I love spending time with the people I'm in ensembles with and my teammates," Hauer said.

Heavily involved on campus, Hauer is a member of Study Buddies, cross country, and track and field.

Hauer has been a part of the

Cross Country team since her freshman year. She has competed in 27 cross country races between 2009 and 2012. She has also earned All-Conference honors and All-Region distinction both three times in 2010, 2011, 2012. Finishing strong in her senior season, Hauer took 12th with a time of 23:01.0, recorded as her best finish at the MIAC Championships and 56th at NCAA National Championships with a 6k time of 22:26.

In addition to her athletic prowess, Hauer has spent her time at Gustavus in many different bands, including the Gustavus Wind Orchestra, the Vasa Wind Orchestra, the Gustavus Jazz Lab Band, Trombone Choir, and the Tuba-Euphonium Ensemble. Her primary instrument is the euphonium.

"I'm currently searching for a instrumental music teacher job and am planning to attend a summer program, hopefully at Vandercook College of Music in Chicago, for graduate school to pursue my master's in music education," Hauer said. "This program requires that you teach for two years before beginning the program so I'm hoping to teach next year to get experience and then begin the master's program the following summer," Hauer said.

Junior Physics Major James Trevathan is the recipient of a 2013 Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship. The Goldwater Scholars were selected on the basis of academic merit from a field of 1,107 mathematics, science, and engineering students who were nominated by the faculties of colleges and universities nationwide, with 271 students receiving the award. The award covers the cost of tuition, fees, books, and room and board up to a maximum of \$7,500 per year for two years.

"I am planning on a career researching medical imaging techniques," Trevathan said. "To do this, I am completing a physics major, and medical school pre-requisites. I plan to

attend an M.D./Ph.D. dual-degree program where I will study biomedical engineering. I plan to have a career conducting research in medical imaging," Trevathan said.

Trevathan, the 19th student at Gustavus to win a Goldwater Scholarship since 1992, has taken advantage of many of the opportunities at Gustavus from doing independent research projects with several members of the Physics Department and excelling as a leader in classes. This past summer, Trevathan earned an opportunity to intern

at the Mayo Clinic. He worked under the direction of Dr. Cynthia H. McCollough at the Mayo Clinic's CT Clinical Innovations Center.

"Outside of classes I am involved in the Society of Physics Students which I am a co-president. I also enjoy outdoor activities such as camping, backpacking, and in particular rock climbing. Because of this I have become involved in Gustavus Outdoor Enthusiasts and am on the leadership of the organization," Trevathan said.

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GUSTIE *of the* WEEK

— Kristina Fosse

Beth Schmidt
A&E Editor

June 2 is not the only date that Kristina needs to pack for. On June 28, Senior Sociology/Anthropology Major Kristina Fosse will be boarding a plane to China to fulfill her service with the Peace Corps.

Kristina came to Gustavus with as a sophomore and has been able to graduate in three years. She will be the youngest member of her Peace Corps group, turning 21 before she leaves. After studying abroad in Bangladesh during January 2012, Kristina knew she wanted to serve others and experience other cultures.

"My time in Bangladesh really solidified my decision to apply to the Peace Corps. I am really excited for the whole experience and being able to gain new language skills," she said.

Once Kristina found out she was accepted to the program, she began researching Chinese culture and has started teaching herself Mandarin with some help from friends.

"One of Kristina's driving forces is learning and exploring new cultures. While she studied abroad in Bangladesh, she made it her goal to fully immerse herself into the culture, which included breaking some cultural norms to learn the most that she could," Office Coordinator in the Center for Servant Leadership Jill VanOsdol said.

When Kristina leaves for China, she will train for two months before being assigned

to teach English at a university in Southwest China. Right now she is focusing on her last half semester at Gustavus, hanging out with friends, and enjoying her last Gustie experiences.

"She is a constant reminder that to be a Gustie is to be true to oneself. She has truly been a light to this campus," Sophomore Hayden Goldstien said.

Kristina has worked in the Center for Servant Leadership Office during her three years here and volunteers in the community by doing Study Buddies, teaching English Language Learners (ELL) and adults.

"Kristina has gotten to know a lot of people of campus and, in doing so, has inspired others to do the same," VanOsdol said.

"Whenever I see her, I am greeted with a smile. Kristina has such a big heart and is always positive," Sophomore Mariah Wika said.

"I have had the opportunity to really get to know Kristina over this past year, and she is a very inspiring person. She has shown me what is truly possible when you dedicate yourself to a goal."

As an Art Scholar, Kristina enjoys expressing herself in photography in and out of the classroom and is also an Art Editor on Firethorne.

"Kristina has a creative mind and is a very thoughtful person, yet still has a great sense of humor," Kristina's cousin, Sophomore Nick Reiners, said. "The saying that 'your college years are the best of your life' is so true, and I am so grateful that I got the chance to spend some of them with a family member,



Renee Hoppe

After graduation, Kristina will be teaching English at a University while serving in China with the Peace Corps for two years.

who also happens to be one of my closest friends."

Kristina has embraced the Gustavus experience by taking risks and giving 100 percent of herself to what she works on.

"If I could describe Kristina in one way, it would be Portlandia. Partially because she likes the show, partially because she is a borderline hipster, but mainly because she isn't afraid to be herself," Goldstien said.



Renee Hoppe

Through her work in the Center for Servant Leadership, Kristina has been able to interact with many Gusties and fulfill her desire to help others.



Renee Hoppe

Kristina is excited to have the opportunity to live in another culture and fully immerse herself in the Chinese culture.

Year: Senior

Major: Sociology/Anthropology

Involved in: Lambda Alpha Alpha Treasurer, sociology/anthropology honor society, Study Buddies, Art Scholar, Firethorne art editor, employee at the Center for Servant Leadership

Future Plans: Serve in China with the Peace Corps

Under the Surface digs into the human experience

Beth Schmidt
A&E Editor

After deciding on the title of her honors project, senior Jane Chung dove into a space others are not as comfortable dipping into. *Under the Surface*, inspired by the art form Butoh, a new modern Japanese physical theatre movement, reaches into a dark and unexplored place most people have beneath the image they portray to the rest of the world.

"While I was choosing performers, I wanted to use non trained bodies because they are more willing to go that place that I wanted to reach when I thought about this piece," Jane

Chung said. "Laura Johnson is the only dancer of the cast members and I think it has allowed the piece to have a fresh take on movement."

The focus of this physical theatre piece was on how artistic movement can be accessible to any body in the world. It is made of simple movements, and gives room for each cast member to add their interpretation of the emotions they want to portray.

"I hope the audience can find a moment in the piece where they can reflect on struggles that they themselves are having or have had in the past," First-year Mia Cannon said.

"The piece is very abstract

and requires a lot of thought and time to understanding it's meaning. I think people need to come see it because it is a manifestation of internal struggles that I believe everyone has gone through at some point in their life," Sophomore Kory Kolis said.

Reaching into a dark place is what Chung aims for in the pieces she creates. Going to this place allows performers to reach a different level within themselves that they wouldn't normally think about.

"This piece is important for people to see because it is about human beings. It's about our bodies, minds, thoughts, and feelings and how they all in-

tertwine," First-year Laura Johnson said.

"For me, the piece is a journey of finding yourself in a sense of being able to completely accept yourself and your imperfections."

Along with the director and the performers, the stage manager has just as much influence on the creation of the piece. Senior Yiyi Chen is *Under the Surface's* stage manager and her duties include preparing the stage for the performance, prepping the performers, and calling out cues for the lights and sound during the performance.

Each person's role is vital for the success of the show and making sure that the audience feels something while they watch is what the team for *Under the Surface* is aiming for. The piece is also relevant to all people interested in seeing the concept of an uncomfortable topic in front of them.

"I want the audience to think about the relationships we all have with our bodies and what we don't always show or let people see. I want people to feel free to expose themselves and let others see what is under your skin, what is under the surface of your external self," First-year Allison Hosman said.

Chung has developed her own style of creatively giving her audience a new way of

viewing a piece of life. The risk of making people feel uncomfortable but wanting to see more of what is being exposed is in the art of her choreographed movements.

"I hope that my work has opened up the door to any artist on campus to go out of their comfort zone. I worked at both theatre and dance and knew that I wanted to mix them together, to open a new realm of performance. Art does not limit you, it gives you a place to go and fall into a dark space that has no limits and restraints. We will have two midnight showings so that people can lose themselves in the magic of the theatre," Chung said.

Giving an outlet for performers and audience members to view a place that is not often paid attention to has formed a connection with many different people.

"I'm excited to see the different responses from different people and how they relate the idea of "body and mind" to their own fields and daily life, whether they make art, dance, play sports, meditate, perform in science labs, or just walk down the street," Senior Yiyi Chen said.

Under the Surface will show at 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m. April 26 and 27, and at 2:00 p.m. on April 28 in the Black Box.



Laura Johnson '16, Mia Cannon '16, and Kory Kolis '15 rehearse *Under the Surface* in the Black Box. Beth Schmidt

Tarantino's new film to put all other westerns back on the shelf



Aaron Albani
Copy Editor

If you're familiar with Quentin Tarantino's work, then I'd be surprised if you haven't already seen *Django Unchained*. If you are not familiar with him or his other films, I would advise you to get familiar with all of them immediately. His best works are: *Pulp Fiction*, *Kill Bill: Volume I*, *Inglorious Basterds*, and *Reservoir Dogs*. There. Disregard all homework and watch these films.

Django Unchained has received all manner of responses from critics and everyday viewers alike. As usual, Tarantino takes preconceived rules of what is appropriate and lines drawn by society and system-

atically pisses on them. Take *Inglorious Basterds*, for example. The World War II film depicts American soldiers [spoiler alert] repeatedly shooting Adolf Hitler in the face until there's nothing left.

His most recent film, *Django Unchained*, starring Jamie Foxx (*Law Abiding Citizen*) and Christoph Waltz (*Inglorious Basterds*), is set in 1858. It tells of Django—a slave taken from his wife—that is bought by a German dentist working as a bounty hunter, and taught the tricks of the trade, as far as killing white men goes.

The film is not easy to behold. In several interviews, Tarantino explained that he didn't want people to be comfortable when watching *Django Unchained*. The film uses the n-word a record amount of well over a hundred times, and when asked why he insisted on the profuseness of its use he claimed that he didn't want to water it down, but rather, "It to be a big, gigantic boulder, a jagged pill and you have no water."

And so, Dr. Schultz and Django traverse the lands, killing white men for their bounty. Their arrangement is such that Django will help Dr. Schultz in

exchange for his help finding Django's wife. Cue the entrance of Leonardo DiCaprio (*Inception*, *Titanic*), a wealthy plantation owner terrible enough to induce knotted stomachs and punching urges. Dr. Schultz and Django approach DiCaprio's character, Calvin Candie, with the intent to purchase Django's wife who is enslaved on the Candie plantation. But their plan is to masquerade as potential buyers of Mandingos (slave fighters), and play Candie like a fiddle.

The amount of violence in *Django Unchained* is in no way minor. As is customary in his films, Tarantino does not hesitate to explode characters' heads or paint the walls with bad guys' gore. If you were avoiding this film for that reason, I'd advise giving it a view anyhow. The film is host to many more redeeming qualities than that, what with Academy award winning actor Christoph Waltz lending, yet again, his superb acting to Tarantino's screenplay.

If nothing else, go see *Django Unchained* because I have deemed it necessary. I award five stars out of five.



Earth Jam Revolution revs up for spring celebration

Kate Plager
Editor in Chief

Kare hosting a revolution. GSM and the musical bar consists of nine hours of live musical entertainment, a concession stand, jugglers and a market place with painters, henna tattoo artist, jewelry vendors and a glass blowing demonstration.

The Earth Jam Revolution will take place on April 27 beginning at noon in the Johns Family Courtyard or, in the case of bad weather, Lund Area.

This is the second annual Earth Jam Revolution since 1995. Local band Eden will return for the second year and be joined by the band Vaudeville. There will also be over 18 Gustavus musical acts.

"I'm looking forward to hearing Jessie Erickson's unique rhythm guitar style, The Hiccup's fun originals, but mostly I'm looking forward to hearing and seeing Bonnevista, who are hands down the best band I've ever heard live. These guys don't mess around," Performer Dempsey Schroeder said.

Since it's a nine hour event, Earth Jam provides an opportunity for all kind of perform-

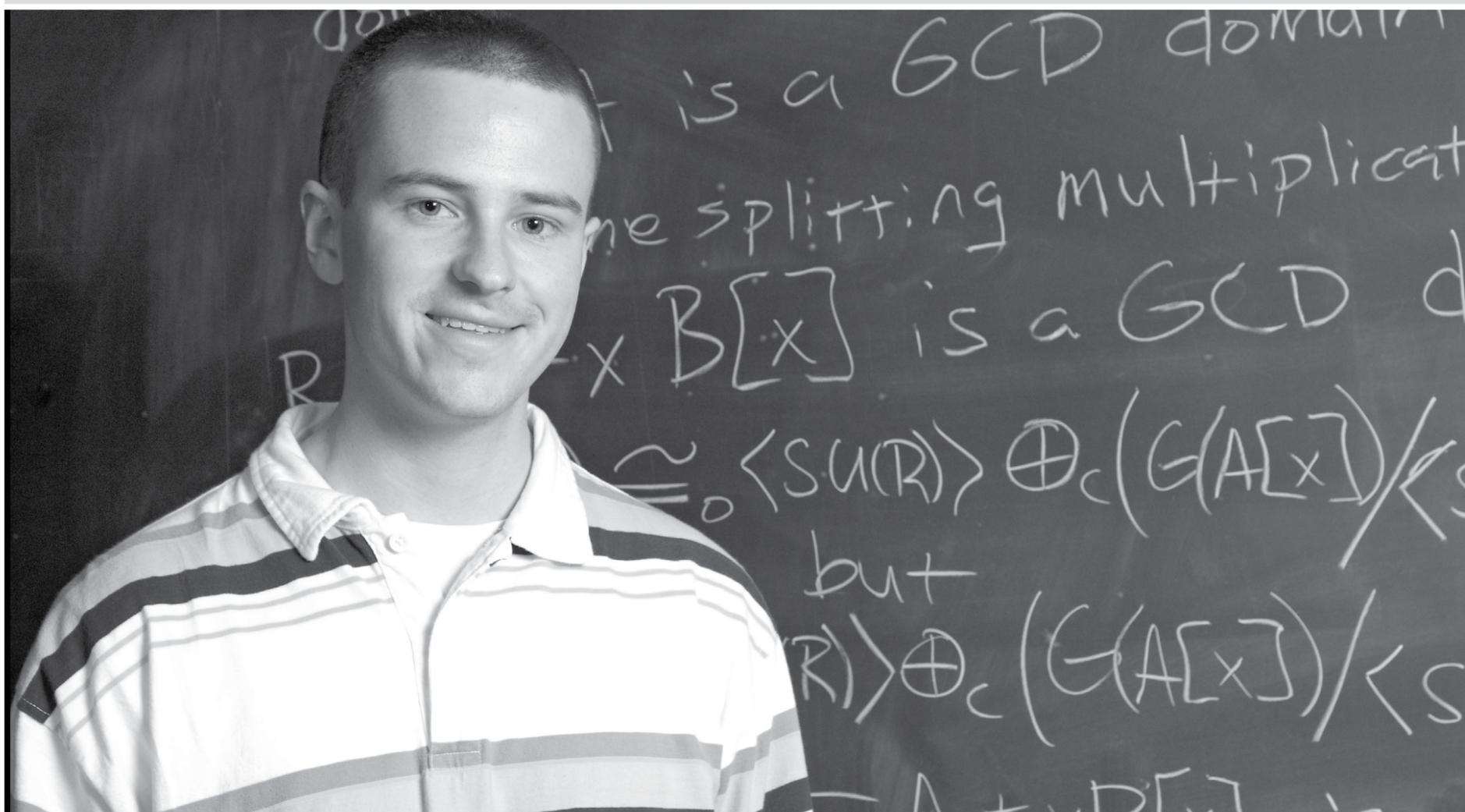
ing artists.

"I heard Eden last year and they're pretty good, but I'm more excited to hear some of the on-campus bands. Dempsey always does something awesome. I'm excited to hear what he's got in store. Jack Levey is doing a juggling thing that's going to be really cool. Someone is doing poetry and there's a dance group," Musical Bar Co-President Robbie Brown said.

It's the way that this event brings together students and community members that makes it a revolution.

"I think because it involves a lot of people from a lot of different walks of life. Local and regional community. A lot of our volunteers aren't really involved in anything else on campus. We've really drawn them out of the woodwork. So many people are working on this right now," Earth Jam Revolution Organizer Chelsea Farr said.

"There are only a handful of events put on solely by students so I have a lot of respect for Building Bridges and other events of that variety. That's what we wanted to do, I'm really proud of how large this is getting," Farr said.



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Relay For Life 2013

gusties tell stories behind why they relay



Above: Relay for Life is held at Gustavus annually and during the week of the event, the color purple is worn and featured around campus. Right Top: Member of the swim team Senior Amy Beck, Junior Brogan Barr and Sophomore Abby Hinrichs show their support for their teammate. Right Middle: Luminarias are lit to honor love ones lost. Right Bottom: Junior Caitlin Bonde relays for a family member who suffers from cancer. Bottom Middle: Junior Hallee Adamscheck, team captain for her team and previous top individual fundraiser for Relay For Life, shows support for her mother lost to cancer and urges others to relay as well.



Brogan Barr

The Relay for Life event this year has particular significance for the Gustavus Swim and Dive team due to the recent diagnosis of our friend and teammate, Grace Goblirsch, with leukemia at the end of 2012. With a team of 80+ members, it's amazing to think that one member can have such an impact on the organization, but Grace is truly valued as so much more than a swimmer—she is our training partner, our classmate, and most importantly, our friend. Two of the popular mantras picked up by the team this season were "Race for Grace," and "One Team, One Family." It has always been a part of the Gustavus Swimming tradition to "swim to inspire," and this season, that adage was particularly relevant in motivating us to give every race our best for Grace, the teammate who would give anything to be on deck competing with us. Grace may be down right now, but she's certainly not out, and as her teammates, we plan on relaying this Friday to help Grace overcome her cancer, once and for all. My teammates and I are participating in the Relay for Life event this Friday because we can attest to Grace's incredible strength and will, and we cannot wait for her to conquer this obstacle and come back to Gustavus. Grace is not alone in her battle against leukemia, she has 80+ close friends and teammates who have her back. We raced for Grace, and now we are ready to Relay for Grace, too. One team, one family.



What is Relay for Life?

Relay For Life is a fun-filled overnight event designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for research and programs of your American Cancer Society. During the event, teams of people gather at schools, fairgrounds, or parks and take turns walking or running laps. Each team tries to keep at least one member on the track at all times.

The Gustavus chapter of the American Cancer Society's Colleges Against Cancer is part of a nationwide collaboration of college students, faculty, and staff dedicated to eliminating cancer by initiating and supporting programs of the American Cancer Society, such as the Relay for Life in college communities.

There will be many parts to the event, including a 'survivors lap' where survivors circle the track, a 'luminaria ceremony' where those who have fought or are fighting cancer are honored, and a 'fight back' ceremony where participants make a personal commitment to fight cancer.

Information taken from relayforlife.org. The Gustavus Relay for Life will happen on April 19-20 in the Lund Center. Visit relayforlife.org for more information.



Caitlin Bonde

Throughout my life, I have known many people who have been affected by cancer, either diagnosed themselves or through the diagnosis of a loved one. I have lost an aunt and cousin to cancer, but am able to also celebrate the lives saved by treatment. Along with all people affected by cancer, I am particularly relaying for my uncle John, who is currently battling lymphatic cancer. He is in the process of receiving chemo treatments every couple of weeks and is doing great. I relay to celebrate his progress and the goal of becoming cancer free! Relay For Life is such a powerful event because it involves all people. Whether it is a parent, sibling, grandparent, teacher, friend, etc., we are all impacted by the harsh effects of cancer. I relay for my family, my friends, and my future students. It's time to celebrate more birthdays!



Hallee Adamscheck

I first got involved in Relay back in middle school in my hometown of Minnetonka. I lost my mom to stomach cancer when I was ten, so I started up a team in memory of her with my friends. I did the Minnetonka Relay for 8 years and was consistently one of the top individual fundraisers and top fundraising teams. I found it was a great way to fight back against this disease and to honor my mom's memory. I relay for her, and I am doing my best to make her proud. It still seems unfair that my mom was taken from me when I was so young, but I consider myself lucky to have gotten to spend ten wonderful years with the world's best mom - she was my best friend and is my hero. I relay for my mom, but I also relay for my family and my family's future. The cancer that took her life is hereditary, so sometime in the near future, my brothers and I will undergo genetic testing to find out if we have the gene mutation that puts us at a high risk of developing the same cancer. Having this knowledge is valuable because it allows us to be proactive about fighting the disease, but what would be even more valuable is finding a cure. I relay for hope of a future in which we no longer have to live in fear of losing our loved ones to this terrible disease.

I brought my relay passion with me to Gustavus, and as a first-year I joined the Colleges Against Cancer committee. My sophomore year I became Growth Chair of the committee and now, as a Junior, I am one of the Co-Presidents. Last year I was the top individual fundraiser of the event, and this year I am striving to reach my goal again! We are thrilled to see so many people getting excited about the event, and for some of the fun things that will be happening at relay, like the Chuck Norris Challenge, Mr. Relay, and the Dance Team Guy/Girl performance. There are so many Gusties who are involved in lots of different groups on campus, but at Relay everyone comes together for a common cause: to fight back against cancer and find a cure. Whether we are relaying for a parent, a grandparent, a sibling, a relative, a friend, a coach, a teacher ... everyone has their own personal reason for relaying, but we have all been affected by cancer in one way or another.



Maggie Carlson

This year I decided to join Colleges Against Cancer and Relay for Life mainly because of two of my role models, Geoff Arenson and Bill Fennert. Geoff was my youth group leader in middle school and high school and was like a brother to me and I found out that he had cancer my freshman year here at GAC. Bill was recently diagnosed with cancer within this last year, and it really hit my family hard. Luckily, my friend Hallee was involved with Colleges Against Cancer, and it made me think that I could make an impact in Geoff and Bill's lives by relaying for them this year. I am so excited to be a part of the Relay for Life committee and Relay for Life this Friday, and I encourage everyone at GAC to come and relay with us!

Junior Maggie Carlson knows others who suffer from cancer and shows her reasons to relay this year.



Heidi Ide

My whiteboard said, "I relay for my grandpa." Growing up, my grandpa was the father figure in my life. I looked up to him for so much; he was my teacher, hero, and my best friend. My grandpa was the person I wanted to walk me down the aisle when I got married someday. He had surgery when I was little to have the cancer in his colon removed, but it came back later when I was in about 5th grade—that's when I remember first starting to go to my community's Relay for Life and joining a relay team with some of my family. (I have many other family members who have or have died from cancer, so I walk for them too). When my grandpa finally lost his battle with cancer my freshman year of high school, it absolutely killed me. I walk in memory of him, and so other children might someday be able to grow up with their grandpa or grandma—so they don't have to go through what I went through.

Sophomore Heidi Ide relays for her family, who has a long history of cancer and for her grandpa, who passed away.

Cloudy with a chance of musing

The secret life



Kelly Dumais
Staff Columnist

ABC Family has a show called *The Secret Life of the American Teenager*. Whatever your views on the show, if you love it or hate it, you can agree that they talk about sex a lot.

In season 2, episode 12, they say the word "sex" a total of 70 times in the 45 minute episode. While the overuse of the word might seem excessive, it is frankly not surprising.

Sex is in our entertainment, in our news, in our politics, in our language, in our science, in our education, in our music. There are a lot of people who really like to talk about sex. While the title of the show may be *The Secret Life of the American Teenager*, the fact that teenagers have sex is not really a secret.

What is a secret is that there

are people who do not experience sexual attraction, it is called asexuality, and it is not really talked about much.

We have come a long way from the Victorian era of sexuality where even thinking about sex was practically obscene. Openness about sex and sexuality has done many great things for society. Openness leads to education about sex, information about how to have safe sex, and it has broken down some of the stigmas about sexuality.

Last November, Minnesotans decided not to enshrine marriage inequality in the state's constitution when they voted against the amendment proposing that Minnesota define marriage between one man and one woman.

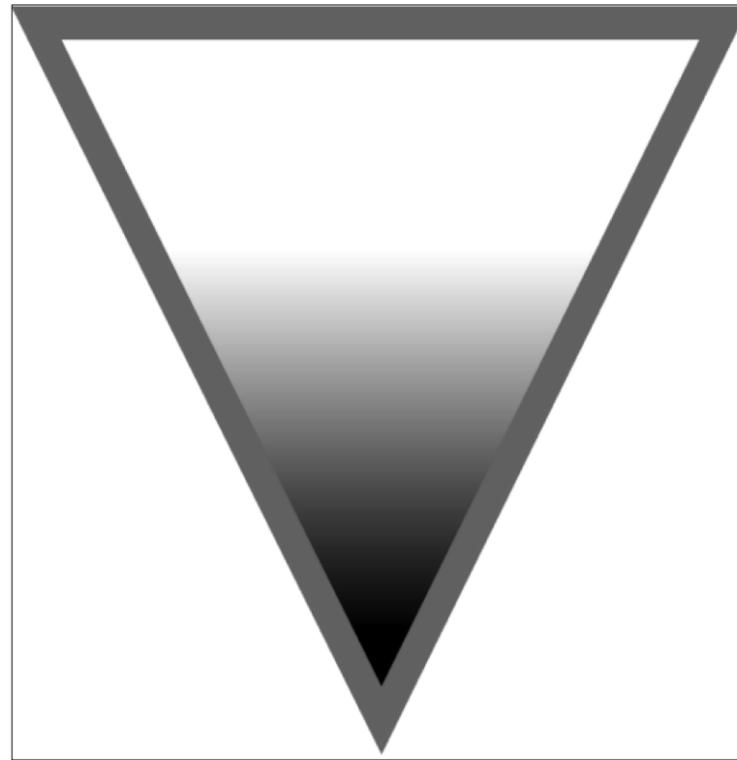
While marriage equality is still not law in Minnesota, there is a lot of political momentum in favor of it, suggesting that Minnesotans are becoming more open about the legitimacy of other forms of sexuality. There are a lot of people who have become very comfortable talking about sex, in both their personal and public lives. However, our conversations about sexuality remain very limited in scope.

Sexuality is actually a more nuanced topic than gay/straight. Heterosexuality is when someone is sexually attracted to someone of the opposite gender. Homosexuality is when someone is attracted to

someone of the same gender. Bisexuality is when someone is sexually attracted to both women and men. Polysexuality is when someone is sexually attracted to more than one gender. For some, this might sound a lot like bisexuality, but bisexuality implies that there are only two genders that one could theoretically be attracted to, male and female, but gender is actually much more fluid than that.

Some people say that there are in fact three genders, others say five, I have also heard seven genders as well as nine genders. Don't believe me? Take a GWS class. Polysexuals do not want to apply the two gender framework to their sexuality. Next is Pansexuality; pansexuals are sexually attracted to people without regard to gender, this is also known as omnisexuality. This is definitely not an exhaustive list of the many ways in which people can be sexually attracted to each other, but additionally, people can also be asexual, where they do not experience sexual attraction to anyone.

Some of these terms might be new to you. For many people the idea that there are people who do not have any desire for sex is practically blasphemy, whether because of one's own personal perspective of sex or the media's representation of sex. But the reality is that there are.



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The AVEN triangle is a symbol of asexuality, the grey gradient representing the spectrum of sexuality.

I do not think that we should stop talking about sex. But I do think that we should change how we talk about sex. The dominance of media messages can box people into identities that deny why they actually are and it can shame people into closets.

The continuation of those pressures in our own conversations does not help. Sexuality manifests in many different ways, and the conversations that we have about sexuality should do the same.

The write to think

You can't handle my non-objective truth



Eric Schneider
Staff Columnist

An interesting question has been eating at my mind lately. That is, how do we know what truth is? To answer this question, we must first examine the nature of distinguishing truth both subjectively and objectively. Can the chicken exist without the egg? Can light exist without darkness? Can good exist without evil? For each of these questions, we cannot have the former without the latter, and vice versa. This is called a paradox, and this is where the truth lies.

By definition, a paradox is

something that is self-contradictory but in reality expresses truth. And this is simply that truth in itself is very hard to come by. Whether or not we think we know the answer to something, actually knowing the answer is much different than thinking we do. We can say that time flows in a completely linear direction, but in reality, what keeps us from saying that time is traveling in a non-linear way?

What really determines the truth of something? Is it our brain, which is in reality a piece of intelligence contrived from nature itself? Or is it our soul, which is an ineffable substance that is impossible to prove? Either way, we only can say for certain what we think the truth is, and not what the truth is as it actually is.

Based on this guessing game, why bother trying to seek truth? We keep searching because there is a chance that we may be right. By examining all that there is in life, there is a slim possibility that we can come to a conclusion that actually makes sense and holds a small amount of truth exists.

Whether or not what we think is in reality true, there is always

a part of ourself that wishes to know the truth behind every question ever asked. This part of ourself can be defined as the subjective, or personal, perspective. The true answer we seek is known as the objective, or absolute truth, that is true in itself outside of our own thoughts or feelings.

These two perspectives of truth, the subjective and objective, create a fine line between knowing and over-assumption. This is why we have to be careful when seeking answers to our questions. By giving our personal answer, we give an answer that has been affected by our personal experience and is therefore biased. No matter what the situation, bias does exist, and therefore makes every answer subjective.

But what if we shed our bias in order to form a more perfect union with the beautiful bride of objectivity? Well my friend, this is a very unfeasible task that would require a person to completely shed every single past experience, ergo, making that person nonexistent. Here is where the problem lies. Even when we strive for objectivity, we are still held down by our own personal experience that



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Even Jack Nicholson doesn't know what the truth is.

we cannot get rid of.

However, have no fear! Although our bias is ever present, it is this very bias that leads us to ask the questions we ask and think the things we think. It makes us who we are.

By awakening ourselves to our own biases, we can use them as a tool to sift through

answers that do not align with an unbiased truth that may or may not exist in the depths of space and time.

The Implication Advertising your prayers



Ian Elletson
Staff Columnist

This past Monday, April 15, was a close friend of mine's birthday. We were looking forward to having cake and enjoying a nice meal. The Caf did not provide the environment. As I waited for my friends to arrive, the news incessantly blared the day's great tragedy. Hoping to drown out my disgust, I unlocked my phone and opened up Facebook. Big mistake. For it was then that I realized not only do we have a "fetish for terrorism," as Evan Miller puts it, but we are willingly playing into their desires.

The bombings in Boston were a tragedy. Yet we make it sensational. We did the same thing with the shootings at Sandy Hook and in Aurora.

Advertisers vie for spots during tragedies. The news repeats the same thing, over and over. They are propagating terror, doing exactly what terrorists want. Every news channel on Monday played footage of the bombings. I saw three different clips at least twice each in my short stay in the Caf. How is this okay?

Think about it for a second. The news only spreads terror,

the clips do not provide any information, they just propagate fear – fear that we eat up. After one clip, ABC cut to interviews. One man said, "it was the scariest thing I have ever seen."

You don't say? Chalk another point to whoever committed this crime, fear spreads on.

Next, the evening anchor said, "two are confirmed dead, fifty are hurt, we expect those numbers to rise, more after this." Tomorrow on the news, "Your children are in danger! Find out why after these short messages." Repeating the death toll, repeating the footage, repeating the platitudes serves no purpose other than to spread fear and unrest, and to urge misguided patriotism.

Patriotism and nationalism are dangerous mindsets. The news immediately suggested that the bomber(s) might be from the Middle East, Facebook teemed with patriotic swill, and Twitter buzzed with xenophobic, bigoted posts, calling for the death of "sand niggers" and "gooks."

Not only is this type of response, a naive, hasty call for action based on fear and hatred, a goal for terrorists, but it makes so many people feel good about themselves, like they are doing something positive, like they are spreading awareness.

The fact is, they are only bringing on more harm. And if you play into that harm, you join them. Patriotism is not the answer, either. This is not the time to rally 'round the flag, this is not the time to say America is great (the irony astounds me), this is a time to be compassionate to those affected, and carry on with business as usual.

Before I reach my final point, I want to express one last notion of disgust. I am disgusted by the vast majority of you who



The Patriot Act – George W. Bush's response to the September 11th attacks.

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posted things like, "my prayers go out to all of those affected in Boston."

First of all, advertising your prayers does nothing. Secondly, you are fishing for likes on Facebook. That status you posted does absolutely nothing except entertain the notion that you are some special and caring person. If you are going to post something, at least don't post such a trite, meaningless expression bereft of all personality and humanity.

You have the right to feel saddened by what happened. I am unhappy with the tragedy too, but talk about it with someone. Don't just make a status so you can pat yourself on the back and feel satisfied that you have

done all you could to make the world a better place. I make an exception for the Mr. Roger's post, which advised people to "look for the helpers."

That man knew what was up. May he rest in peace. I also make an exception for the people actually affected and concerned for their friends or family who happened to be in the incident.

So how do we respond to such a tragedy? Not like we did with 9/11 (an abysmal response firing the U.S. on a downward trajectory with few signs of improvement), nor like we did to the shootings in the past year, or like how we are responding now. To make hasty laws and calls to arms is a major point of

terrorism.

Terrorists want us to change our daily lives out of fear, not rational, reasonable discourse. We must respond like Norway did after the twin terrorist attacks carried out on their soil over two years ago - with a fair trial for the suspect, not Guantanamo Bay. Norway responded by doing what they could to assist those affected and they avoided the platitudes. Norway responded by carrying on with business as usual. Norway responded to terrorism and intolerance with tolerance and democracy. America responded with xenophobia and the Patriot Act.

Editorial

A link on Facebook alerted me to the bombing at the Boston Marathon on Monday, exactly 57 minutes after the attack. It linked me to a CNN article online that had a live update on the number of people injured and killed at the event, as well as information released from the police.

I was in awe of the instantaneous knowledge and thankful for the Facebook status updates I received from friends living in Boston alerting others of their safety. This was the first wave of social media coverage of a catastrophe.

Then came the onslaught of Facebook statuses and tweets encouraging prayers

for the families and hope for America to stay strong.

I don't want to diminish the intention of these updates, but I'm guessing that many of them came after only reading the same 600 word CNN update. This isn't a crime; it was one of the only official sources available at the time.

The third wave of social media is the attack on the supposed perpetrators. We're just starting this stage with the Boston marathon bombing. We're just starting to argue about who's to blame and if we should go to war over it.

However, the Newtown shooting social media attack is still in full swing. We blame guns and Republicans who fight gun control. We demand

higher support and security for mental illness patients and public schools. We make cute, yet biased info-graphics and enflame the ugly truth. This is sad, but not the worst wave.

The worst wave of social media after a catastrophe is the fourth: we forget. We forget about KONY and Syria and Katrina and the earthquake in Japan. We begin to change our Facebook statuses back to how much we've procrastinated our homework and how happy we are the sun is out today. Of course we can't live in the hypersensitive, angry world we do weeks after a catastrophe. It's not healthy.

But then why do we do it

at all? What do we hope to accomplish? We want to be a part of the community. We want to be the heroes. I propose that we close our computer screens, hug our friends and family, and pray that something like this never happens around us, or if it does, we have something in ourselves to be like the men and women who ran into the blast, ran to the blood donation clinics, and saved lives.

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The Good, the Bad, and the Meh

Week the Twentieth



Mini thumbs, pint-size thumbs, thumbs-to-go however you may have it, it's always better in fun sized!



April snow brings May ... woe?



Room drama ... get it?

For the sake of argument Politics – where language goes to die



Ryan Liebl
Staff Columnist

On the 2008 campaign trail, President Obama said, “Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we’ve been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.” This seemingly progressive statement certainly has its merits. We’d like to think that we’re too insignificant to effect change and that the radical reformers of bygone ages had something we don’t—thereby absolving ourselves of significant responsibility. The individualism and humanism implied in Obama’s statement is quite valuable for encouraging real reform in the real world by real people—not icons in some far-off realm.

However, Obama’s statement was most certainly political in its

vagueness—a deliberate move to inspire voters with populist appeal. His choice of words could include anything and everyone—glossing over innumerable individual differences for the purpose of uniting people behind his run for political office. His very vagueness significantly blunts the strengths mentioned above. When examined, there’s an element of exploitation to this type of political statement in that Obama is purporting to speak for everyone. However, the President is not me and is incapable of truly speaking for me. I’m not accusing Obama here, but his statement reveals that it’s all too easy for politicians to quietly slip divisive dogma and groupthink into unsuspecting minds under the guard of such populism. Language is malleable enough that tyranny can easily be disguised as freedom, tradition disguised as innovation, etc.

Simply call to mind an occasion of a politician making a statement about war. Ever heard the term “collateral damage?” It’s unintended damage to innocent people and property as a result of a military offensive. Imagine the vastly different response politicians would get if they said, “Our missile destroyed the intended target, but also inadvertently killed or maimed thirty children in a nearby school.” People often don’t think about what lies behind the term “collateral damage” and are thereby

led to believe that the actions of their government are ethically sound.

Consider also the famous statement made by former President George W. Bush: “Every nation, in every region, now has a decision to make. Either you are with us, or you are with the terrorists.” Thankfully, many saw the logical fallacy within this cross statement. As George Orwell put it, “Political language [...] is designed to make lies sound truthful and murder respectable, and to give an appearance of solidity to pure wind.”

As a result of rhetorical vagueness in the political arena, public discourse has become a game of who can more strictly adhere to ideological dogma and social issues that are argued with the exchange of witty quips. This is not absolute, but our use of language is certainly affecting our political systems and our thought in general. The relationship between thought and language is a reciprocal one. Orwell wrote of this when he said our language “becomes ugly and inaccurate because our thoughts are foolish, but the slovenliness of our language makes it easier for us to have foolish thoughts.”

Combatting rhetorical vagueness is something we must all engage in if any lasting difference is to be made. Culture is created through the medium of language, and this very act is just what makes language so enor-



Obama speaking to students at USC. Some of the signs behind him read, “Move America Forward.” Fine, exactly what direction is that?

mously powerful. The medium determines what can and cannot be said, what ideas can and cannot come to fruition, and where political power is manifested.

As the late Neil Postman told us, “our languages are our media. Our media are our metaphors. Our metaphors create the content of our culture.”

In other words, the stakes are high. Language is ubiquitous and changes imperceptibly. Preventing it from degrading into imprecision is a task requiring constant vigilance by nearly all members of a given culture. In a

real, apolitical sense, “We [must be] the change that we seek.”

As Gustavus students, this is especially relevant in light of the political and social issues we readily participate in—both on campus and off. We must demand precise language from our leaders and hold them to standards of intellectual candor. We must express ourselves with precision worthy of the ideas behind our words. Ideas only grow and expand as far as language enables them to. Who creates language? We do.

‘Tis the skison

by Sydney Seewald



Letter to the Editor

I found it ironic that in Kelsey Hering’s article about the laudable push towards gender-neutral housing at Gustavus, she reinforces stereotypes about both men and women.

In the article’s sidebar, Hering lists one of the disadvantages of gender-neutral housing; “Men and women usually stand on the opposite sides of the spectrum in terms of cleanliness.”

This single sentence sends the message that we should expect women to keep a clean and ordered apartment while simultaneously setting a lower standard for men who, according to THE WEEKLY, apparently lack the faculties to maintain a sanitary and presentable lifestyle.

Many male students at this campus take pride in their clean apartments and personal hygiene just as many women do. I similarly took issue with another ‘disadvantage’ of gender-neutral housing.

It reads, “less privacy or more noise in differing living styles,” the suggestion being that there are intrinsic differ-

ences between the lifestyles of both genders which preclude men and women from living together in harmony.

Again, I fail to understand how men and women are inherently different in their expectations of privacy and noise.

As a man, I greatly value my privacy and I dislike raucousness. I would encourage THE WEEKLY, and all Gustavus students, to judge individuals on the merits of their character and behavior – not their race, gender, sexual orientation, nationality or other similar classifications.

Zachary Harrison Blinkinsop, ‘14, Scandinavian Studies and Latin

* The Calendar Page is considered editorial. The opinions expressed herein are not the opinions of THE GUSTAVIAN WEEKLY, but rather the comments of a snarky, sarcastic senior who just does not give a s*** about anything anymore.

Friday, April 19

3rd Annual Gustavus Women in Leadership Conference

American Swedish Institute Minneapolis
8:30 a.m.

Watch your feet. There are shards of broken ceiling glass all over the place.

Relay for Life

Lund Arena
6 p.m.

Not to be confused with the annual track meet where they let a mountain lion loose.

A Toast to Home

St. Peter Community Center
6:30 p.m.

All the Edina folks pat each other on the back for being from Edina.

Weekend Movie: *Django Unchained*

Wallenberg Auditorium
8 p.m.

Djamie Foxx is my favorite actor ever.

Saturday, April 20

Weekend Movie: *Django Unchained*

Wallenberg Auditorium
8 p.m.

Tarantino's next project is *Green Eggs and Ham*: "NO, SAM-I-AM, I DON'T WANT YOUR F@#\$ING GREEN EGGS AND HAM!"

Sunday, April 21

Weekend Movie: *Django Unchained*

Wallenberg Auditorium
2 p.m.

I also like Samuel L. Djackson.

Do the Math Movie Screening

Heritage Banquet Room
7 p.m.

It's just a first-year sobbing while trying to get through calculus homework for two hours.

Monday, April 22

Playing Your Way to Language Fluency

Culpeper Language Center
4:30 p.m.

Fake it 'til you make it.

Tuesday, April 23

National Outdoor Leadership School Presentation

St. Peter Room
6 p.m.

But it's inside ...

Wednesday, April 24

40th Anniversary Celebration of Linnaeus Arboretum

Interpretive Center
3 p.m.

The Arb just bought a Corvette due to its midlife crisis.

Thursday, April 25

Yoga with Kelly

Lund 224
4:45 p.m.

When Kelly saw the calendar, she wept for there were no more yoga classes to conquer.

Taking Control of Your Language Learning

Interpretive Center
6:30 p.m.

They are teaching you how to have a coup in your French class ... coup ... we're already learning!

Feit-sty Not Really Horoscopes

Aries

The U.S. really needs gum control. Way too many different brands and flavors out there.

Taurus

It's been sixteen years since *Harry Potter* was released, and we still don't have a Witchcraft/Wizardry Major.

Gemini

Does anyone else out there kinda miss Kim Jong II?

Cancer

For all of you who wanted snow this year, are you f@#\$ing happy?!

Leo

There were only seventy-four duels at the Room Draws this year!

Virgo

Jeffery Tambor is only coming because Jason Derulo backed out this year.

Libra

Do you get a t-shirt if you eat 100 grand 100 Grands?

Scorpio

Fall registration continues the trend of disappointment fostered by this school.

Sagittarius

The Caf has gone *Game of Thrones* on everyone telling people they must pay the iron price if they steal peanut butter.

Capricorn

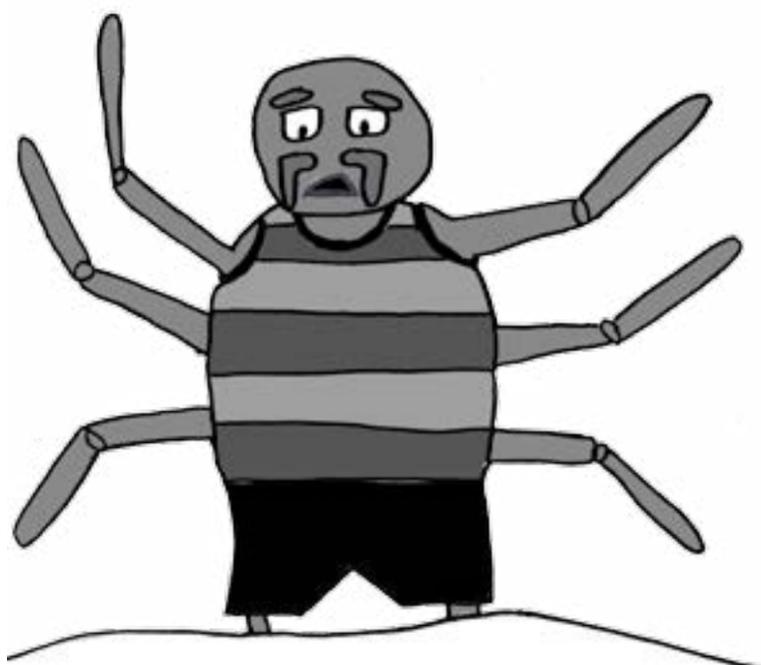
If there were serfs at GAC, they would be juniors in Complex.

Aquarius

That last one is going to sting for some of you.

Pisces

I am going to kill that f@#\$ing groundhog.



Manspider was fooled into believing spring was actually real.

Gustavus cycling: an emerging hub on campus

Renee Hoppe
Asst. Sports & Fitness
Editor

Although Gustavus has a wide variety of intramural and club sports ranging from rugby to Ultimate Frisbee, cycling has never been on the list. Fortunately for bike enthusiasts around campus, that is about to change.

While the Gustavus Cycling team isn't a recognized club sport yet, Juniors Adam Larson and Gabe Hanson, along with Sophomore Nick Theisen are working to make their dream a reality next fall. It all began when Larson transferred to Gustavus from Bemidji State University, where he enjoyed his time on the cycling team.

"I recently got into cycling a year ago and fell in love with it. After going for a ride one day after classes during fall semester here at Gustavus. Gabe (who lives 2 doors down from me)

saw me cleaning my bike in the hallway and we started talking about cycling and the possibility of starting up a cycling team here. He knew many people who cycled here so it was a great asset," Larson said.

Additionally, Hanson and many other men on the Nordic Ski team use cycling as a means of staying in shape during the off season.

"For me, riding road bikes is an excellent form of cross training for the nordic season and is one of the most fun and enjoyable ways to exercise. So from my point of view, the goals of the club are to simply encourage other Gustavus students who might have a road bike accumulating dust in their attics to bring their bikes to campus and enjoy riding with a group of Gustavus students," Hanson said.

Theisen, the youngest of the founding members, has more long-term goals for the team on his radar.

"My goals of the team include



Gustavus students, Nick Theisen, Gabe Hanson, James Urquhart, and Adam Larson, go for a casual ride on campus.

at the most fundamental level getting people excited about cycling and creating a group of people who have a common interest in cycling. We'd like to in the future look to do things like racing but at the basic level, we just want to sustain or increase an excitement for cycling," Theisen said.

While many students are excited at the prospect of having a cycling team on campus, Gustavus certainly isn't the first school in the MIAC to do so. Junior President of the St. Olaf Cycling team, Sam Williams is eager for another school to join the ranks of collegiate cycling and increase the interest in the sport, as well as the level of competition.

Being that Gustavus is so close to St. Olaf, the Gustavus Cycling Team would compete in similar races as well as model some of its events after the St.

Olaf team.

"At Olaf, and most schools, we're entirely student run with some financial support from our student government. We compete in the North Central Collegiate Cycling Conference every spring for our 6-week road season, plus go on a week long spring break training trip down south," Williams said.

When the weather is nice, the St. Olaf team also trains together on casual group rides in addition to competitive Tuesday night rides and riding indoors on trainers during the colder months.

While competing is an exciting part of any sport, cyclists who enjoy riding purely for the fun of riding and meeting other cyclists are more than welcome to join the team and participate in rides.

"Our goals for the team is to have an accepting place for cy-

clists of all skill levels to have a fun accepting environment for group rides. We set goals for future things we want to achieve in our individual racing lives but also future team goals," Larson said.

Overall, the Gustavus Cycling team will aim to get riders of every category and skill level involved, however there are a few prerequisites that riders must fulfill.

"The one thing that is necessary is to have a road bike that is in good working condition, and a helmet. All our riders have tools if any problems occur so all rookies will be covered if they have any problems or questions about their bike," Larson said.

To stay updated on the Gustavus Cycling team and join them on casual group rides, follow them on Facebook or e-mail Adam Larson at alarso13@gustavus.edu.



The founders of Gustavus' cycling team pose with their bikes. The team will become a recognized club in the fall.

Thinking like a champion: the power of mental toughness



Haley Bell
Staff Writer

Elite athletes from all over the world compete in a variety of championships and Olympic games. The elite have always left the general population in awe of their unbelievable capabilities. Many of us often dream of being one of those competitors. Some forget that an athlete's psychological processes have a great deal to do with the outcome we see. To physically get to the elite level, an athlete needs to strive for a specific type of mentality. So what is it about their mentality that differs from the majority of us?

According to a study from Sport Psychology, mental toughness is the key as it is viewed as one of the most im-

portant psychological traits in determining athletic success. Mental toughness refers to an inner focus and commitment to rise above challenges when facing adversity.

The study took thirty-two attributes of Mental Toughness and placed them into four dimensions. The first, attitude and mindset, is defined as, "the ability to maintain a positive attitude and keep your eye on the prize. Another aspect, training, involves, "establishing long-term goals, motivation, pushing performance, and learning to control the environment." An equally important factor, competition, is "handling pressure, belief, regulating performance, staying focused, and being aware, (and being in control of), your emotions and the environment. Finally, post-competition is the ability to handle failure and success.

"People who become champions aren't necessarily more gifted than others; they're just masters at managing pressure, tackling goals, and driving themselves to stay ahead of the competition," cultural and linguistic anthropologist Graham Jones said.

The difference between the elite and the rest of the world could largely have something to do with these attributes. These psychological processes can either be developed or natural. Either way, they enable a person to cope with the demands of a sport.

There are ways to overcome what the study refers to as "low mental toughness." In an article titled Mind Gains by Bruce Barcott, top sports psychologists shared five ways to compete with mind over matter. His first tip is to worry early, not late.

"You want to prepare for misfortunes in advance. You should decide what your worries are and overcome them during your training. When competition comes closer you should be focusing on your strengths and what you did in training to prepare," Barcott said.

His second tip is to employ a key word. In doing this athletes use a "key word" during an intense moment in training or competition to get a response they're looking for. While in competition Barcott believes that it is equally important for athletes to embrace their competitors.

"Think about competing with the other athletes rather than against them. Tough competition should be used to bring out your best," Barcott said.

Finally, Barcott's last piece of advice is to "define success by your progress". While it is easy for athletes to get caught up in how their competition is doing or where they envision themselves being, focusing on your you're progressing is the true key to athletic success and confidence.

"Think about getting better every day and measure your success in terms of progress. Focus on something you can do today that you couldn't do before," Barcott said.

For many athletes, a "mental block" can hinder their performance to a great extent. Fortunately, the same techniques used by the "pros" can also help college level athletes. Having a positive mindset and focusing on small improvements rather than the competition is something that athletes from every level and discipline can benefit from.

There's still time to sign up for the Take the Hill Triathlon!

What: Triathlon through St. Peter and the Gustavus campus to raise money and awareness for Insulindependence.org, a non-profit that supports people with Type-1 diabetes

When: 9:00 a.m. on May 4

Where: Check-in at Don Roberts Ice Arena

Student price: \$30 for individual racers, \$45 for relay teams

Register online at www.takethehilltri.org.

Gustavus golf teams hope to see the green

Rebecca Anderson
Staff Writer

Winter's icy grip may still have a firm hold on Minnesota weather, but that hasn't stopped the Gustavus men's and women's golf teams from getting excited for their spring season, whenever it may come. Both teams traded the snow and ice for the Sunshine State on their annual Spring Break trip



to Florida to get in some much needed outdoor practice time. The Gusties spent eight days in Ponte Vedra, Florida, practicing and competing on a number of courses in the region including The Players Club at Sawgrass and Sawgrass Country Club.

"We got to play on some of the nicest and toughest courses every day while we're there," Senior Kayleigh Dittes said.

Gustavus alumni and friends of the golf program provided housing and accommodations for the teams during their stay.

"We are very fortunate to be able to stay with Gustie alumni Bill and Sharon Johnson and we are very thankful for their generosity," Senior Coby Rowley said.

Unfortunately for the Gusties, the trip wasn't all warmth and sunshine. Three days of rain provided a challenge for the golfers.

"We played in some rain down there which makes things more challenging, but it also helps us prepare for the less than ideal conditions in Minnesota," Dittes said.

Despite the rain, the Gusties fit in 18 or even 36 holes every day on the trip. The exposure to the outdoors and access to practice facilities was helpful after spending most of the season thus far stuck inside Lund Center.

"The most helpful part of Spring Break was probably being able to play as much as we could, but also take the time we needed to work on our short game and areas that needed work. The facilities we are able to use down there really help to push our abilities in making us better," Sophomore Samantha Falk said.

Like many other teams this spring, the Gusties were disappointed to return home to more cold weather and snow. All tournaments in the re-



Gustavus Sports Information

Although last year's golf team experienced nice weather and success on the golf course, this year's extended winter has affected the team's ability to compete, as many of their tournaments have been cancelled.

gion have been postponed or cancelled due to the weather. After spending so much time preparing for the season, many on the team are getting anxious for the ability to get outside and compete.

"Our team played well this fall, and we all are getting antsy to get back on the course."

—Coby Rowley

"I'm really looking forward to the weather improving so we are able to get outside and practice as much as possible. I'm also really looking forward to the opportunity to compete and hopefully make the push for nationals," Falk said.

Both the men's and women's teams are vying for a return slot at the NCAA national tournament this spring. Heading into the spring season the men were ranked 7th in the nation and the women 14th.

"Our team played well this fall, and we all are getting antsy

to get back on the course, as weather permits of course," Rowley said. "We also are looking forward to competing, especially in the national championships this May where we plan on being strong contenders for Gustavus' first championship since the '04 season."

Junior Andrew Oakes is also optimistic about the team's prospects at the national tournament this spring.

"It is always a great experience, and we have a great shot at winning it all this year. It should be a great tournament," Oakes said.

The teams have been doing their best to fit in games and tournaments whenever possible to help prepare. While in Florida, the men competed in a dual meet against Flagler College at the Ponte Vedra Country Club. Senior Alex Kolquist led the squad in the 313-303 loss, shooting an even par 72 to tie for first place.

The women traveled south to compete in the Illinois Wesleyan Spring Fling at Ironwood Golf Course in Normal, Illinois on

April 13 and 14. Falk led the Gusties, shooting a 77 on day one and a 79 on day two to finish in a tie for fifth place. The team ended up shooting a two-day 665 (+89) to finish in fifth overall in the tournament.

"We have a great shot at winning it all this year. It should be a great tournament."

—Andrew Oakes

As the weather continues to show no signs of turning around, the team anxiously awaits the day they can finally get outside at home.

"Nothing makes us better than actually being able to play," Oakes said.

The next scheduled match for the men takes place on April 27-28 at the St. John's Invitational. The women are scheduled to compete in the Carleton Invitational the same weekend.



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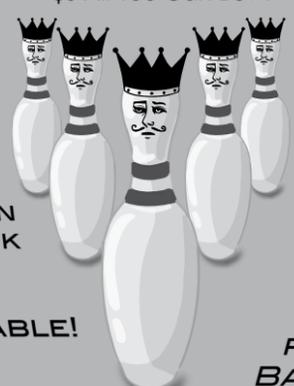
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Junior Health Fitness majors to host Wellbeing Fair

Ben Miller
Managing Editor

For the second consecutive year, the Junior Health Fitness majors will be hosting a Wellbeing Fair, formerly known as the Chill Out and Wellbeing Fair, to educate the Gustavus community about the different dimensions of wellbeing. This year's fair, titled Gusties Go Healthy, will be held on Thursday, April 25 from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Lund Arena.

There are nine dimensions of wellness that the Fair will be focusing on: Physical, Emotional, Spiritual, Relational, Career, Financial, Vocational, Environmental, and Intellectual.

"I think the importance of the Wellbeing Fair is to provide the Gustavus Community with healthy options for the nine dimensions of wellness and to show that these options are available to them," Junior Health Fitness Major Cassie Rogness said. "It is important that the Gustavus Community helps one another to make sure that we stay healthy in all different kinds of ways."

This year's fair will be focused on inactivity. Instead of simply informing the Gustavus community about the various aspects of wellbeing, attendees



Dietician George Elliot explains healthy food options to students at last year's Wellbeing fair. This year's fair will be held on Thursday, April 25 from 2:30-5:00 p.m. in Lund Arena.

will be able to participate in activities at each of the booths, allowing them to learn through experience.

"There are going to be many events and activities for students to participate in. These include Zumba, Bootcamp and Pilates classes, injury evaluations by the Athletic Trainers, blood pressure and grip-strength assessments, informational booths, free popcorn, fantastic door prizes, music by a Manka-

to radio station, rock climbing wall provided by ROTC, and much more," Rogness said.

In addition to the Junior Health Fitness majors, the Office of Peer Education and Chemical Health, Health Service and Counseling Center are involved in the planning.

"There may be some outside groups from the St. Peter area, but most of the booths will be run by Gustavus offices and departments," Assistant Athlet-

ics Director for Student Athlete Services and Assistant Director in Alcohol and Drug Education Kari Eckheart said. "We're excited for it to be more inter-acti-

onal than purely informational this year. We're also excited to allow students to put on the event because an event like this needs student input to grow." "It's important for our Health Fitness majors to have an opportunity to plan an event like this because they may move

on to careers that ask them to plan wellness events," Assistant Professor in Health and Exercise Science Stephanie Otto said. "Allowing them to gain experience planning and facilitating the Wellbeing Fair fits really well into the class."

"This event is student-run from the title to the t-shirt design," Otto said. "I'm glad that we're able to give them ownership of the event, and excited for them to experience the event coming to life. I also love giving students the opportunity to plan it because they know what students want to do. They're connected with that community."

"One of the activities I am most looking forward to is the ROTC rock climbing wall. It is a fun activity that I think a lot of people can enjoy. I am also excited for the Fair to share the importance of health and wellness among the Gustavus community," Rogness said.

"We received a Coca-Cola grant to help enhance the fair, which allows us to provide services like massage therapists and bring the Mankato radio station," Eckheart said.

"Everyone should come to the fair," Rogness said. "There is free food, games, and prizes. What more do you need?"

Gustie athletes celebrate NCAA Division III Week

Zac Isaak
Staff Writer

Last week, Gustavus celebrated NCAA Division III Week, which is a week to celebrate the unique Division III student-athlete experience. For forty years, Division III athletics have offered strong competition along with academic excellence and the time to pursue other interests outside of athletics.

Division III is the NCAA's largest division, with more than 440 members, 40 conferences, and 170,000 student athletes. This special week on campus is an opportunity for those involved in Division III athletics to observe the impact of athletics on the college campus as well as on the community.

The week was jam packed with activities in which student-athletes could participate. The first activity was an etiquette dinner sponsored by Northwestern Mutual on Monday. All coaches and athletes were invited to attend this dinner. There was a good turnout for this event, which is known to be a big hit each year.

On Tuesday night, the athletic department held a team window painting contest in the cafeteria. Many of the ath-

letic teams on campus participated in this event, including men's football, men's baseball, women's volleyball, men's and women's hockey, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's soccer, track and field, golf, and nordic skiing.

On Thursday, the athletics department was supposed to host an event called Gustie Athletes Meet Employers (GAME), where representatives from different employers visit Gustavus to have lunch and talk with student-athletes. This year, Gustavus was scheduled to host representatives from Aerotech, ACR Homes, and Securian, but the event had to be rescheduled due to poor weather conditions.

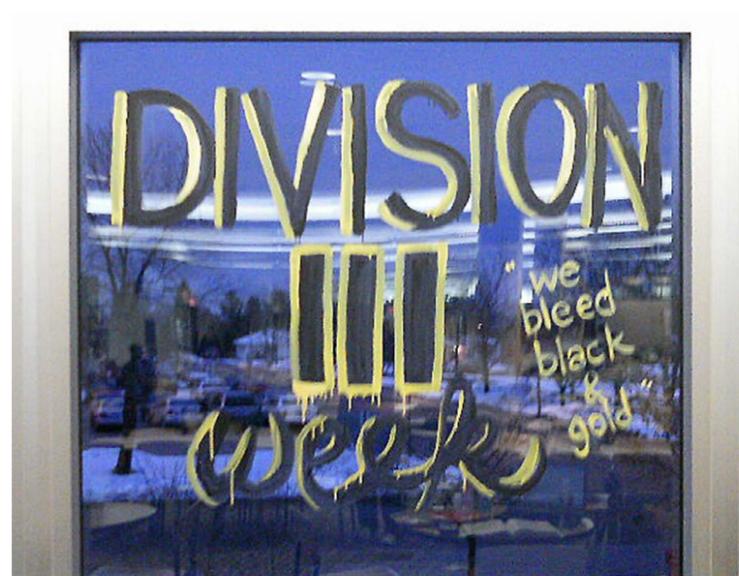
Friday was jersey day on campus where both students and student-athletes were encouraged to wear their favorite sports jerseys. The Student Athlete Advisor Committee (SAAC) was in the cafeteria and handed out candy to all who participated in jersey day. SAAC then hosted a dance in the Dive that same evening. There was a big turnout in the Dive that night where many Gusties who were in attendance wore their favorite jerseys.

SAAC also hosted a week long service event called Pennies for

Patients. There were donation cans placed around the Campus Center, Lund Center, and at all the athletic events that were present on campus. Pennies for Patients asked for loose change, which was used to support the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The money raised will be used to fund blood cancer research and patient programs.

The final day of Division III Week was Saturday, which was Attend a Gustie Athletic Event Day. Track and field, men's tennis, women's tennis, and baseball were all set for action. Unfortunately, weather conditions caused many athletic events to be cancelled or postponed. For baseball, the Gusties' double header against Hamline was postponed. The double header was played at Gustavus on Tuesday, April 16. Track and field was forced to cancel their home meet, the Lee Krough Invitational due to six inches of snow and ice covering the track. Track and field will be competing on Saturday, April 20 at the Carleton Relays in Northfield.

The weather was not an issue, however, on Saturday for the men's and women's tennis teams. The Gustavus men competed on Saturday against Augustana, the University of



Tuesday's festivities for NCAA Division III Week included a team window painting contest in the cafeteria.

Chicago, and St. Cloud State University and won all three matches 7-2, 7-2, and 8-1. The Gustavus women won both of their matches on Saturday as well, defeating Bethel 9-0 and Saint Mary's 8-1.

Despite the weather conditions this week, NCAA Division III week had many participants. Many students and faculty who are associated with the athletic

programs on campus enjoyed the events and made it a successful week.

"Overall, it can be a tricky week with everyone coming back from Spring Break, but there was plenty of participation, which made for a successful week," Sophomore Heather Goff said.