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## Exploring Student Voices at Gustavus

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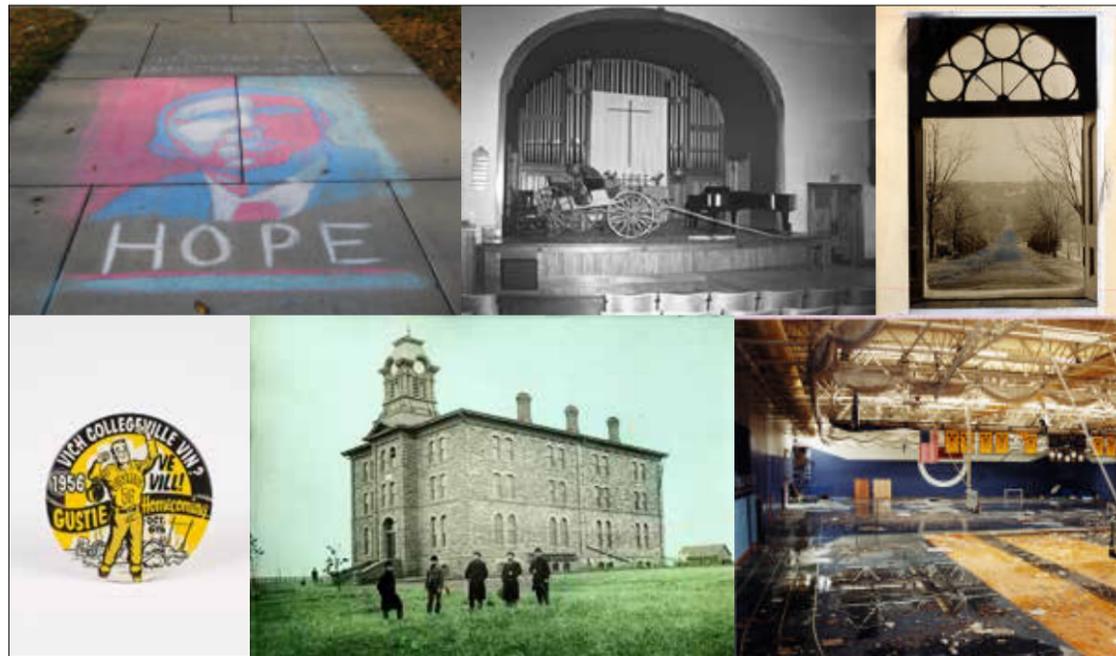
Researched histories of the Gustavus campus and faculty have been produced over the course of the college's existence, but less focus has been given to the student experience.

Junior History and Theater Major Katelyn Juni is currently working to showcase this student perspective through the Patricia Lindell Scholarship, awarded through Gustavus Library Associates (GLA).

Library Professor Dan Mollner described that the selection criteria for the scholarship included a focus on projects which will be of benefit to students, the library, and the college.

Describing earlier historical accounts of the college, Mollner said, "there's a lot of talking to faculty members, there's a lot of talking to long-term employees, and this is sort of a peoples' history of Gustavus. It's supposed to be from the students."

Juni was selected to receive the scholarship earlier this academic year after submitting a proposal to the GLA. Working in partnership with her project adviser, Library Professor Barbara Fister, Juni is in the process of creating a digital timeline. An



Images from Gustavus Archives show memorable events from Gustavus history.

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- Dan Mollner

experience crafting a museum display in a public history class with History Professor Sujay Rao inspired Juni to pursue efforts to develop a digital timeline, reflecting the student history of the college.

"I felt that since I'd had experience doing an actual physical exhibit, I thought it would be interesting to approach this [student history] from a digital

perspective," Juni said.

Fister addressed Juni's plans and vision for the project.

"Katelyn was really thoughtful as a history major, thinking about the ways that a project like this can pull out experiences

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## Books in Bloom

**Christine Peterson**  
Staff Writer

The floral smell permeating from the library signals the fourth Annual Books in Bloom. On May 2-4, the Gustavus library showcased 26 floral arrangement interpretations of different books, films, or academic resources picked from the library's collection.

Associate Professor in Library and Library Chair Dan Mollner describes the idea behind this event.

"It's modeled on one they do at the Minneapolis Institute of Art and other art museums where they have art in bloom, and they pair works of art with floral designs, so they brought that here and its been very popular," Mollner said.

The purpose of this event is to raise money for the library's endowment. It has been the most successful fundraiser for the library due to its low cost and high yield.

Sonja Timmerman who is a member of Gustavus Library

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## Campus groups collaborate to promote Stress Free Finals Week

**McKayla Murphy**  
News Editor

The two-word phrase that college students often dread more than any other is Finals Week. Just reading the words is enough to make visions of sleepless nights, endless cups of coffee, and impossible tests come to mind for any college student. The Gustavus Peer Assistants are teaming up with the librarians, Psi Chi, SAVE, Pound Pals, and Gustavus Student Nurses Association (GSNA) to sponsor a Stress Free Finals Week to relieve some of the infamous stress that finals bring.

Although the week is sponsored by a variety of organizations, it is ultimately sponsored by Gustavus through a Coca-Cola Educational Partnership Grant. The grant gives funds to campus-wide initiatives or advocacy groups that focus on enhancing sustainability and community health and well-being.

Senior Peer Assistant Rebecca Stewart explained why the groups involved are so excited about starting up this event.

"This is important for Gustavus students, because it is the

first time so many organizations on campus are coming together to provide stress relieving activities during finals. There are events like this on other campuses around the country, but

this is the first time it is being done here at Gustavus. There is also a huge amount of diversity throughout the week. While people may not be interested in every single event, there should

be something for everyone," Stewart said.

Visiting Assistant Library Professor Mary Anderson echoed Stewart's excitement about the collaboration of different organizations.

"It has been wonderful to work in partnership with so many student organizations. They have been creative and dedicated partners in this endeavor and we are grateful for all their work," Anderson said.

A permanent campus addition that contributes to a stress-free environment is the Relaxation Room in the library, also sponsored by the Coca-Cola Educational Partnership Grant. Anderson explained that although other schools often have stress free zones available to students, they are often located in Health Services instead



Student Jamie Brooks enjoys the Relaxation Room on a study break.

McKayla Murphy

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of people and make them part of our sense of history," Fister said.

The timeline will span from the creation of the college to the present, and Juni is utilizing material from the Gustavus Adolphus College and Lutheran Church Archives to share voices of the earliest Gusties captured in documents and editions of THE GUSTAVIAN WEEKLY. She has also reached out to Gustavus alumni.

In addition to the material available in the archives and the voices of the past, Juni seeks the most contemporary perspective offered by current students. Juni and Fister have developed several prompts to guide students in formulat-

ing responses, including a larger vision of "defining moments at Gustavus", including particular challenges, locations, or activities on campus.

"That could be an academic project, that could be Christmas in Christ Chapel, theater, dance, research that you've done with professors here on campus. Really, just anything that students past and present have found important and valuable about their Gustavus experience," Juni said.

Students are encouraged to submit photographs and responses to the "Student Voices at Gustavus" Facebook page, through email, or to utilize the collection box on the main floor of the Library. Those who submit may also indicate if they wish for the submitted material to remain anonymous.

Juni reflected on the importance of student submissions.

"I think that this project is different in

*"This is a project that is specifically for the students. The amount of student voice, the amount of student presence, all depends on the student body itself, so students have a lot of agency in this project, which I think is different in the histories that have been told by Gustavus."*

— Katelyn Juni

that it's not somebody coming here and just writing about the school, writing history about Gustavus. This is a project that is specifically for the students. The amount of student voice, the amount of student presence, all depends on the student body itself, so students have a lot of agency in this project, which I think is different in the histories that have been told by Gustavus, or that the school has commissioned in the past," Juni said.

Previous Lindell Scholarship Projects may be viewed on the Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library web page. In addition to the Lindell Scholarship, the GLA will be accepting submissions for the Lindell Research Paper Awards through May 27. Papers may be sent to [fister@gustavus.edu](mailto:fister@gustavus.edu) and more information is available online.

## Campus Safety Report

### Monday, April 28

•Campus Safety responded to a student of concern in Norelius Hall.

### Wednesday, April 30

•Campus Safety responded to a medical assist in the Jackson Campus Center.  
 •Collegiate Fellows and Campus Safety responded to a smoking violation in Norelius Hall involving seven students.

### Thursday, May 1

•Campus Safety responded to a dispute outside Uhler Hall and contacted the Saint Peter Police Department for assistance. One student was referred to the campus conduct board for an of-age alcohol violation and failure to comply with a College official. One student was referred for failure to comply with a College official. One student was referred for underage consumption and possession of alcohol.

### Friday, May 2

•Campus Safety was called to Beck Hall for a harassment restraining order violation.

### Saturday, May 3

•Campus Safety documented vandalism in Sorensen Hall.

### Sunday, May 4

•Campus Safety responded to a medical assist at the Lund Center.

Case dispositions are available online by viewing the daily crime log on the Campus Safety web page: <https://gustavus.edu/safety/incidents/index.php>

### Tip of the Week:

Parking Enforcement and Move-out; 2014-2015 Permit Registration

Regular parking enforcement is in effect through Graduation. Please park according to permit color. A parking permit is required for students and employees to park on campus.

Visitor parking is always enforced and is closed to students and staff at all times. All other specially designated spaces (Handicap, 30-minute, Head Resident) are also always enforced – you will be cited if you park in these spaces, even during move-out. The parking citation for parking in a handicap parking space is \$200.

Parking in campus fire lanes is prohibited. A 15-minute grace period is allowed when loading and unloading heavy items but you must have your flashers on as an indication of your imminent return, and be parked on the side of the street closest to the Residential Hall only. Parking in a fire lane without flashers is grounds for immediate ticketing and/or towing. The exception to this rule is the Three Flags Circle, where parking is PROHIBITED at all times without exception.

If you have a question about loading/unloading or need further parking instructions during move-out, please contact the Campus Safety office at 507-933-8888.

Permit registration for the 2014-2015 academic year will be online at the Campus Safety web page June 23rd through August 24th. Permits will be \$250 (charged to your student account) and sent to your campus mailbox prior to move-in. Fall permit parking enforcement begins 7 a.m. on the first day of fall classes. Check the Campus Safety web page this summer for more information.

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# Coke Grants Reception recognizes student work

**Jessie Yongrong Tan**  
Staff Writer

The Kitchen Cabinet hosted a congratulations reception for the 2014 Gustavus and Coca-Cola Educational Partnership Grant recipients on April 29 in the Heritage Banquet Room. Opened to the public, the reception featured presentations by each recipient group.

Started in the 2012-2013 academic year, the Gustavus and Coca-Cola Educational Partnership Grant is awarded to projects that promote health and sustainability on campus.

Director of Dining Service Steve Kjellgren told the story behind the grant, specifically how Gustavus convinced Coca-Cola to be more than a beverage provider.

"In 2012, the college needed to renew a contract with the beverage provider, so we sent out something called request for proposals. What we asked them to consider was not only providing good, high quality drinks and good service, but how can they partner with the college in our educational mission or in our environmental stewardship mission? Coke responded with their proposal to us. Part of their package is \$20,000 per year, up to the next ten years," Kjellgren said.

The partnership soon became a model for other colleges in the nation.



Senior Erin Tollefson displays Power Assist Ride Share Bike

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"It's a very unique partnership we have with Coca-Cola. It's the only one in the nation that has built this part into the beverage contract with the college. And there are lots of colleges now working on incorporating it," Kjellgren said.

The ten projects awarded this academic year are Power Assist Ride Share Bike Research, Mental Health Wellness Fair, Gustavus Wellbeing Fair, Mission Nutrition, Take the Hill Triathlon, Gusties Update Lund, Light Switches, Arriving Alive Tour, Stress Free Finals, and Post-Impact: Life after a post Traumatic Brain Injury.

Librarian Mary Anderson oversees the budget of the Stress Free Finals project. She pointed out the intent of the project.

"The library tends to be a place of stress during finals week with everyone studying. We wanted to make it a place of fun and relaxation as well," Anderson said.

The project will provide numerous activities during the week of finals, including miniature golf by SAVE, Trivia by GSNA, and Glow Yoga by Peer Assistants. Psi Chi has created a brochure, "Stress Management and Relaxation for the Busy College Student," that includes

mindfulness tips, breathing techniques, and a list of free relaxation apps. Pound Pals will also bring over therapy dogs, and the library will host Stress Buster Activities and invite massage therapists over.

Librarian Michelle Twait wrote the grant for this project and also helped bring all of these organizations together.

"Last year, Psi Chi, the honor society for psychological science applied for and received one of these Coca-Cola grants to add more of the seasonal affective disorder lights. Since they had done a project with the library before, when we talked

about stress free finals event, we thought psych students would be interested and have some ideas about stress relievers. So we initially talked to them, and then we kind of just expanded to other groups from there," Twait said.

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- Mary Anderson

A relaxation room, located on the second floor of the library, has been put to use as part of the project, relieving the daily stress of the campus. Anderson estimates that about fifty people use the relaxation room every week. She also shared some comments written by students, such as:

"There is a whole room of wonder back there," suggesting that the relaxation room has received positive feedback among students.

Kjellgren encouraged people who have projects in line with the intent of the grant to apply. He will send out emails to the whole campus. The application process for the grant of next year will start in the early fall.

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of in the library.

Stewart also mentioned the Relaxation Room as an important resource for students.

"Another thing we are excited about through this grant is the addition of the Relaxation Room in the Library which includes a massage chair, Zafu cushion for meditation, and a tabletop fountain along with string lights. This room is available to students during library hours, and they can sign up for slots on a sheet outside of the room. They are also free to walk in if it is not currently in use," Stewart said.

Most of the other events for Stress Free Finals Week will also be located in the library to increase accessibility to studying students.

"The library tends to be a place of stress during finals time, so the overall goal of the Stress-Free finals event was to make a place where students can also relax and have some fun. We wanted a combination of relaxing/meditative, fun, and more physical activities to address the issue of stress in different ways," Anderson said.

Stewart explained that throughout the week there will be a large offering of activities to destress in different ways.

"Everyone, as a college student, knows that finals are

a crazy stressful time, so we looked at what we could do to resolve some of that. We have been working hard to organize activities that students will enjoy and there is something for everyone. It is important to take study breaks, especially when studying, and potentially cramming, for finals, so get up and grab a friend, take a mental break and play some ping pong or nourish your mind by experiencing Glowga for the first time. There will be healthy snacks available in the library during Stress Free Finals Week such as fruit trays, popcorn and granola bars," Stewart said.

Junior Peer Assistant Kelli Remboldt explained that the week is designed to encourage healthy study habits, as well as healthy choices in students' last week on campus.

"Finals are a very stressful time. I think it is very important for people to take breaks. Also, the Peer Assistants have a goal of making things go on into the evening to hopefully encourage healthy choices on those last few days," Remboldt said.

Remboldt also reiterated the truly 'relaxed' nature of the events featured throughout the week.

"The events are very laid back, you can just show up, you can bring homework, there will be free food at most of them, plus, it's a bonding time for you and your friends, kind of like a last hoorah," Remboldt said.



Student Mike Sterling enjoying the Relaxation Room's new massage chair

McKayla Murphy

## Stress Free Finals Week events: May 21 - 23

### Wednesday, May 21:

Therapy Dogs: 6-8 p.m. - In front of the library

"Glow-ga" 8:30 p.m. - Football field

Stress Buster Activities: All Day - AV Room 2

### Thursday, May 22

Massages: 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (sign ups required)

Mini golf, prizes, and healthy snacks: 2-5 p.m. - Library first floor

Stress Buster Activities: All day AV Room 2

Trivia Night with prizes and popcorn: 6-8 p.m. - Library first floor

### Friday, May 23

Massages 9:30 AM - 12:00 p.m. (sign ups required)

Stress Buster Activities: All day AV Room 2

Therapy Dogs: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - In front of the library

Ping pong and bean bag toss - Library first floor

# Student research recognized during Celebration of Creative Inquiry

Marissa Haeny  
Staff Writer

The Celebration of Creative Inquiry is a campus-wide, public forum to share Gustavus students' personal research. The phrase "Creative Inquiry" is intentionally broad in order to encompass research and scholarship in all academic disciplines. In previous years, there have been over 140 separate posters representing student projects from across campus in almost every discipline.

There are different ways that projects can be submitted. Students can submit summer research, a class project, or collaborative research with a faculty member. Projects are presented in a poster format, and viewers are allowed to tour the event, asking questions of the researchers and their projects.

Some professors, including Geography Professor Anna Versluis and Professor of Health and Exercise Science Bruce VanDuser, incorporate Celebration presentations into their classes and encourage students to share their work.

"The [Celebration of Creative Inquiry] is an opportunity for the campus to experience the excitement of academic scholarship and learning. At Gustavus, students have the opportunity to go beyond being consumers of knowledge to become producers of knowledge. Witnessing this transformation from 'this is what an expert tells me, this is what I read in a book' to 'this is a thesis I struggled to create, this is a study I designed, these are data I analyzed and

interpreted' is very exciting," Versluis said.

Bruce VanDuser, in addition to encouraging creative inquiry, organized the National Conference on Undergraduate Research. The opportunity for students to encounter other academic disciplines and share their work with the larger Gustavus community is key. Presenting research to one's peers, VanDuser believes, is critical in concluding one's research.

"Research unshared is research unfinished. Research is the practitioner's way of teaching and learning. Researchers ask questions, develop processes to gather evidence to answer questions and add to the body of knowledge, make applications of results and conclusions, and finally and most importantly, share their experiences. The multidisciplinary environment of the Celebration event provides students and faculty the awareness of what creative inquiry is in other disciplines, and allows all to escape from their defined boxes," VanDuser said.

Physics Professor Thomas Huber is also serving as the Faculty Associate for Undergraduate Research in the Kendall Center. The range of students and departments represented at the Celebration is one part of the event that Huber truly enjoys.

"It is exciting to see students engaged in such a wide range of different types of projects. They are excited and articulate about sharing their project with other students, faculty, additional members of the community and



Sophomore Communication Arts and Literature Teaching major Mikaela Warner presented her project titled "How to Reject a Knight" at the event.

the general public. The students are involved in activities ranging from in-class projects, independent studies, senior thesis projects, and summer research. There are students from most academic departments across the entire college," Huber said.

Getting involved in next year's event is a good opportunity for students and faculty in any and every department. Questions regarding potential submissions for next year can be addressed at <https://gustavus.edu/kendallcenter/undergraduate-research/creative-inquiry-faq.php>.

## 2014 Award Highlights

### Student Organizations

The Fourth Crown

### Student Events

Sophomore Showcase

GACTALKS

Women in Leadership Conference

### Diversity Leadership Award - Outstanding Students

Danielle Cabrera, Rebecca Eastwood, Valentine Maruleedharan

### Mark H. Anderson Staff and Faculty Diversity Award

Staff: Jane Lalim

Faculty: Deborah Goodwin

### Diversity Honors award for Outstanding Event Award:

Building Bridges 2014

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Associates (GLA) helps plan the event each year. She laid out the steps in which the books are chosen in order to highlight the library's vast assortment of books.

"We start off with a list of suggestions from library staff and faculty... But ultimately, it is the sponsor's choice, and many of them choose titles with which they have a personal connection. We've always ended up with a broad selection of materials highlighting our nuanced and carefully cultivated library collection," Timmerman said.

Mollner describes the vast variety of books as a way to spark interest in all the viewers and designers.

"They are all over the board, and they try and find things that are really current. Often, they try and pick titles that will resonate with designers and that will resonate with people who will be looking at them," Mollner said.

The different designers donate all the flowers, and they are given the opportunity to design the exhibit in the way they feel moved to. Each arrangement is unique to the designer's interpretation for all to see.

*"It's really cool to see how they make the books come to life."*

— John Baron

This event was open to the public, but also attracted a number of Gustavus students. First-year John Baron was suggested by friends to view this showcase for the first time and was pleased with what he found.

"A couple friends had recom-



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Books in Bloom Flower arrangement depicts The Little Engine That Could

mended it to me, and I thought it would be interesting to walk around because I didn't really know what it was... It's really cool to see how they make the books come to life," Baron said.

One of the more popular books being showcased was *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green. This *New York Times* Best Seller has been a huge hit mostly among the younger population.

It is coming out in theaters this summer, therefore was a well-visited exhibit throughout the weekend.

The GLA's purpose is to promote learning, literature, and the Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library. This event highlights this mission statement, through the variety of books and the display of literature for all to see.



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Books in Bloom draws alumni and community members

# Africa Jam hosts Carnage the Executioner



**Clara Wicklund**  
Staff Writer

Next Friday, May 16, Africa Jam will take place. Featured will be the beats of Carnage the Executioner, a hip-hop artist and award-winning beat boxer; Karizma, an up-and-coming rapper from New Prague; Concept from Minneapolis; John Kerns and the Hemispheres, a rock band based out of Minneapolis featuring Gustie John Kerns, and Jessie Erickson, another Gustie with an abundance of musical talent.

What makes this event special, is that it is a charity concert to raise money for the nonprofit organization, Africa Jam. It is an organization serving youth in disadvantaged communities throughout the South Africa Cape region to promote faith enrichment, social upliftment, and arts and education programming.

Africa Jam was founded by our very own 1997 Gustie alum, Ellen Huntington Ruiters. After living and volunteering in Cape Town, Ellen founded the organization as an after-school bible study program that brought underprivileged youth, varying in race, religion, and language, together. The goal was to help remove the youth from violent and disadvantaged communities to lead them on a path that combats drugs, gangs, and other negative life choices.

"In my opinion, the goal of Africa Jam is to end the negative outcomes of Apartheid. Gangs, violence, poverty, AIDs, and racism all are due to Apartheid and are things that youth in Cape Town are exposed to daily. Africa Jam provides guidance and tools to help youth live lives that do not take part in violence, racism, or gangs," Junior Dan Bergevin-Smith said.

Organized by the Omega Kappa fraternity, one hundred percent of the proceeds will be given to Africa Jam to support the youth all over Cape Town.

"The concert was created while brainstorming ideas to raise money for our philanthropy. We decided a concert would be unique and big enough to make a strong impact and went with the idea," Junior Dylan Michalec said.

Tickets are currently on sale for \$5 for Gusties and \$9 for the public, and the concert will fea-



Posters for Africa Jam are posted across campus.

ture almost five hours of music. "We chose to do a concert, because Africa Jam puts a large emphasis on music and the importance it has due to music

being a universal language," Junior Rhett Schwichtenberg said. Africa Jam now reaches more than 13,000 youth a year, ages 9-18, in 22 schools and nine

townships. The program is flourishing and has more than 200 volunteers each year, plus five year round staff and several part-time staff working in the schools.

"Having Africa Jam as our philanthropy is one of the reasons I joined the Omega Kappa fraternity. They take frequent mission trips to Africa Jam in Cape Town and connect with Gustavus to provide J-Term trips to Africa Jam. This not-for-profit is a huge part of the Gustavus community and the Omega Kappa fraternity," Schwichtenberg said.

Schwichtenberg and the Omega Kappa fraternity truly believe in the impact Gustavus students can make on both the community of Cape Town and the youth growing up there, simply by attending the concert.

"I am looking forward to all my brothers coming together to be a part of something that is bigger than our fraternity to impact the Gustavus community in such a strong and positive way," Schwichtenberg said.

Africa Jam will be a night jam-packed with fantastic music and entertainment. You do not want to miss it.

"This event means the world to me. To see this concert come together is a dream come true," Schwichtenberg said.

# Tales from Abroad: Petatlan, Mexico

## Global stories, experiences, and life lessons as told by Gusties studying abroad.

**Erin Traxler**  
Guest Writer

Going to Petatlan, Guerrero, Mexico (St. Peter's sister city) on the Spring Break "Learning to Serve" trip was one of the best decisions I've made in my time at Gustavus.

I admit I was apprehensive at first. I knew home-stays would be involved and that my Spanish wasn't great, but I decided to give it a try. There were 17 Gustavus students on the trip, ranging from fluent Spanish speakers to others who knew no Spanish at all.

We were a cohesive group with a diverse mix of ages and majors. Each one of us stayed with a different host family in an effort to immerse ourselves

more fully in the culture and daily life of the local people.

Throughout our time at Petatlan, we participated in a variety of service projects. Each day, we would meet at the local coordinator's home and divide up into our service projects for the day. We taught English to a group of high school students, had language exchange trips with the university students around the town, volunteered in a hospital and clinic, and spent time with special needs children at a local rehabilitation facility.

Despite the language barriers, each opportunity to serve was incredibly rewarding. I found myself becoming increasingly comfortable trying new Spanish phrases and interacting with the local people, while they became more comfortable interacting with us.

The relationships we built with the people of Petatlan were by far the most rewarding part of the trip.

For the past four years, Gustavus students have been eager to serve in Petatlan. While taking part in the culture of the area, we all had the common desire to share whatever we could with our sister city, whether it was something tangible, like clothing or a meal, or something intangible, like language or even a smile.

For me, our sister city relationship with Petatlan helped reinforce the idea of global community. Everyone around the world has the same needs and deserves the same respect. Instead of reinforcing our differences, we should emphasize our similarities.

I was struck by how my host family acted so similarly to my family back home and how students goof around with their classmates in Mexico just as we do in the United States. As soon as we reach out towards



Distributing clothing to the people of Rechikito, a small village near Petatlan.

others, we will find that, more often than not, they are willing to reach back toward us.

As Gustavus students, we came to Petatlan to serve and were served at the same time by our generous host families

and members of the Sister City Committee. I am excited to continue the process of "learning to serve" using this trip to Petatlan as a constant reminder of our global community.

*Tales from Abroad is an ongoing section in which Gustavus students share the highlights of their study abroad experiences.*

# Midsummer play in May



**Kim Krulish**  
Staff Writer

It is down to the final weeks of classes at Gustavus and that means finals are approaching quickly, but there is still time for fun and entertainment. For anyone looking for a short break from studying, Theatre Professor Henry MacCarthy is directing a workshop performance of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" May 15-18 at 7p.m. in the Linnaeus Arboretum.

The play is familiar to MacCarthy, who has worked on "A Midsummer Night's Dream" before.

"I think in this particular production there are two things I've really enjoyed. Building the whole world of the fairies

has been really interesting, and discovering how passionate the lovers are for each other has also been surprisingly exciting this time around," MacCarthy said.

The actors performing in "Midsummer" auditioned in October 2013 to know if they would be part of the cast before registering for their Spring semester classes. As the production is being done in a workshop setting, the cast did not have rehearsal every day, but instead began rehearsing three days per week at the beginning of this semester. The cast is large, including characters such as the Athenians, the Mechanicals, and the Fairies.

"I'm excited that I'm working with so many new people that I have not worked with before. I'm also excited to be working with people that I have worked with a lot. It's been really exciting and fun to see them tackle these characters that are very different from roles that they've done before," MacCarthy said.

Senior History and Art Major Katelyn Juni is playing the character of Peter Quince, a Mechanical. The director and cast decided to change the gender of the character and call her Mary Quince.

"I love working with such a large cast. You learn a lot about one another but you learn a lot from each other on how to act and how to perform. It's been a really great experience to work on this in a workshop setting. This workshop setting has been more intensive but has also given us as actors and performers more opportunity to bring our own thoughts and opinions to the table," Juni said.

*"I think it's always fun to work a Shakespeare text. This particular Shakespeare play allows for many different readings and I'm doing the one that is immediately evident to me."*  
—Henry MacCarthy

First-Year Psychological Science and Theatre Major, Deb Witherspoon is playing the character Puck/Robin Goodfellow, the attendant of the king of the fairies, Oberon.

"I think he's pretty cool. The fairies are a very interesting bunch, they're quite mischievous," Witherspoon said.

No tickets are required for the performances, but there is no seating provided, so it is recommended that audience members show up early and bring their own chairs or blankets to sit on. Since "Midsummer" will be performed outside, if it rains the performance will be cancelled for that day.

"I really appreciate the lens that our director is using to look at 'Midsummer Night's Dream'. People have a very strict image of what you expect a Shakespeare play to look like, and Henry MacCarthy is doing something with this play that I think is rather unexpected by bringing it to a contemporary age. We're performing it outside, which is something that a lot of people on campus don't normally see. We are performing Shakespeare in a new or an unexpected way," Juni said.

"I think it's always fun to work a Shakespeare text. This particular Shakespeare play allows for many different readings and I'm doing the one that is immediately evident to me. I do think that the way we interpret the ending is not the most common way that it's usually done," MacCarthy said.

"My favorite part of the show

is definitely the end. I'm not going to say what happens because people need to watch that. But there's a very interesting surprise twist at the end, a metaphor that was made literal by Henry's direction, and I think people will get a kick out of it. I definitely do," Witherspoon said.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" is one of the last theatrical performances of the school year. For some of the actors, it is their final performance as a Gustavus student, but for others it is the beginning of their college acting careers. The performances will be one of the last chances for students to take a relaxing break from studying for finals and for the general public to see Gustavus actors in action this year.

"I'm really excited for people to see this show. Because we're doing it in the Arb and because we're doing it in a contemporary setting, I think that the audience will never be bored, and that's something I'm really looking forward to," Juni said.

"I've really enjoyed this whole process. It's been a good show and I'm excited to see where it's going to go," Witherspoon said.

## Gustavus Viola Ensemble

On Sunday, May 10, at 5:30 p.m., the Bjorling Recital Hall will be filled with the music of Gustavus' own Corda String Quartet. The Quartet is composed of Sophomore Kendra Frey, Sophomore Elizabeth Fröden, Sophomore Karin Dye,

and Senior Helen Wauck.

This performance will feature works by Dvorak, Persichetti, and Shostakovich. Free and open to the public, the ensemble will perform works including Air by Bach and The Viola Fight Song.



Kendra Frey and Elizabeth Fröden are part of the String Quartet that will perform. Submitted

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# Congratulations Seniors!

The following messages were provided by families and friends of seniors.  
Best wishes to the class of 2014!



*Congrats, Laurel!*

Not only did you achieve a big milestone, you have become a wonderful person who is able to thrive wherever you are planted.

Love, Mom, Dad, and Joe



*Congrats, Anna!*

We are so proud! "You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think." We love you!

Mom, Dad, Allie, Ryan and kitties



*Congratulations, Joe!*

We are so proud of you! You have a very bright future ahead of you. We love you!

Mom, Dad, Jack, and Rascal



*Great job . . . Amazing, Lexi!*

We are so very proud of you! I am so excited for your future as a nurse. You are kind, giving, and nurturing. You are right where you belong. You did it! We love you very much! Love, your family.



*Congratulations on your graduation, Christina!*

We are all very proud of your success and look forward to what you will accomplish in your life.

Love, Mom, Dad, Robyn, Allison & Cody



*Congratulations, Matt!*

You have put in a lot of hard work to get to this point. We are very proud of you and your accomplishments. We love you!

Mom, Dad and Ty



*Now You Fly.*

"Do not ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive and go out and do it. Because what the world needs is more people who have come alive." - Howard Thurman Love, Mom



*Congratulations, Erik!*

Your Gustavus accomplishments have far exceeded our expectations. Wishing you much success at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry. Much love always. Mom, Dad, Bjorn & Christina



*Congratulations, Brittani*

You did it! This is such an exciting time for you. I've always known that you will go far. I love you so much and couldn't be more proud!

Mom



*Way to go, Joe!*

These years will be among the most treasured of your life. We are so grateful to the professors, coaches, staff and friends who have made Gustavus a part of who you are.

Love, Mom, Dad & Sam



*Way to go, Elliot!*

Congratulations on your great achievement! Continue to pursue your passions in life! We love you and we are proud to be your parents!

Love, Mom & Dad



*Congratulations, Lowen!*

You did it! I am so very proud of you. Be positive and you will accomplish all your goals! I am so blessed to be your mom! I love you!

Mom



*Congratulations, Anna!*

We are extremely proud of you. This accomplishment is a springboard to follow your dreams. We love you!

Dad, Mom and Henry



*Congratulations, Andrea!*

We are so proud of you! You have excelled in your studies and GWO. Wishes for happiness and success in your next adventures. Love you lots!

Mom, Dad and Kristin



*Congratulations, Megan!*

We couldn't be more proud of your great accomplishments at GAC! The future is yours for the taking! We love you!

Mom & Papa

# features

## First-Year Orientation

"It was so much fun to get to know each other and experience the college life. It symbolized a new chapter in my life. What's amazing is that I got to write it."

- Blia Xiong



## First-Year move in day

"It was so overwhelming coming here not knowing anyone, and then meeting some of my best friends in life all in the same first-year dorm"

- Andrew Vold

## "Then.Here.Begin" (gala concert at AC DFA)

"Performing in the gala was an amazing honor that I got to share with six of my closest friends. We were able to move an audience and showcase ourselves as people and dancers."

- Allie Kalkman

## First theatre production

"Seeing my first theatre production here, R&J. It's story on same-sex romance showed me how unafraid and powerful theatre could be, especially compared to high school productions."

- Jessica VanKempen



## Choosing what to study

"My eyes were opened to the limitless beauty of the universe by studying the art of Physics. God's universe is a complex and unfathomably beautiful painting."

- Elliot Bell

## The Royal Visit

"The royal visit was memorable because it really showed me how actually important this place is."

- Rob Ward

## Habitat for Humanity

"Besides meeting some awesome people, I have learned that poverty takes on different forms. It is inspirational to hear people's stories, and I look forward to helping more in the future."

- Joe Renier



## Christmas Crew

"Christmas Crew with my friends is this little tradition we started since freshman year where we have a party on the Saturday night before finals every year just to have tons of fun before facing finals."

- Mikie Phan



## Christmas in Christ Chapel

"CinCC is by far my favorite Gustavus tradition. Music has always had such a strong presence in my life and through my music experiences, I have been introduced to some of the most wonderful people."

- Alecia Woods

## St. Lucia Festival

"The St. Lucia Festival during my sophomore year at Gustavus was one of the most magical days I have ever experienced during my time here."

- Ellen Krueger

## Final Gymnastics meet

"My freshman year I suffered a T1 fracture in my neck from a dismount on the uneven bars. With the support of my team, I was able to heal and worked my way into lineup the following year."

- Brittany Hancock



## Meeting my fiance

"Meeting the person I want to spend the rest of my life with three and a half years ago now seems like a dream and definitely one of my best memories."

- Becca Elin



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## Midnight Express

"I was being introduced to all of the traditions that make the campus what it is. It amazed me to see a place that everyone on campus came together to celebrate."

- Abby Schnorr

# Finished game: Road to graduation

Jaurdyn Gilliss  
Features Editor

## Gustavus seniors look back as they prepare to graduate

As graduation looms near for Gustavus seniors, memories made throughout the last four years begin flooding back to most on a day-by-day basis. Within the past four years seniors have been witness to many important campus events such as Midnight Express, the Royal Visit, and Christmas in Christ Chapel. They have also been witness to many much more far-reaching events such as Obama's reelection, the Global recession, and Hurricane Katrina. While these events hold an obvious importance, this time of year when asked to think back on their most memorable moments at Gustavus, seniors seem to remember the little things most.

They speak of their first day moving in as first-years and making new friends or their first time viewing a theatre production at Gustavus. They remember their last athletic meets and their final decision on what to study.

Each event holds a certain sense of importance to each individual in its own way, so as graduation approaches, take a look at the events Gustavus seniors remember most. Perhaps it will spark some of your own memories or provide an example as to the memories you will make as you continue your own journey.

# congratulation notices



**Congratulations, Greg!**

Four great years on the hill and now on to the real world. We're proud of you! Can't wait for your next adventure. Love you!

Mom, Dad, Kristin



**Congrats, Kelsey**

We are so proud of all your academic and Forensic Team accomplishments. You are a true Gustie. We love you.

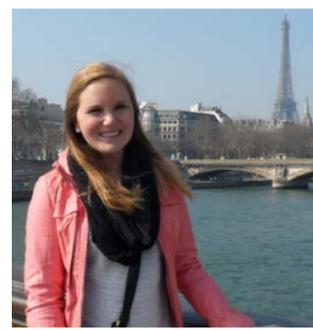
Mom and Dad



**Congratulations, Madison!**

We are so proud of you, Madison, and so excited to see what direction life takes you! We know you will go far!

Love, Mom, Anissa, and Camryn



**Congratulations, Jenni!**

As a graduate, you have the knowledge, friendships, maturity and leadership to succeed. We are so proud of your accomplishments! Love, Mom, Dad, and Kelsey Gusties forever!



**Congratulations, Bailey!**

You rocked it at GAC, now your journey continues. We couldn't be more proud of you. Good luck at SDK. Stay gold. We love you!

Mom, Dad, Riley & Clover



**She's no "rusty" Gustie!**

Through her activities, Ellen brought credit to her college. Now she's joining a society of fellow Gustie graduates. We're proud of you, Ellen, and wish you a wonderful future.



**Congratulations, David!**

Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you've imagined. We are so proud of you and your achievements. We love you!

Dad, Mom and Mackenzie



**Great Job, Jessica!**

You did it. We are so proud of you. Reach for the stars, the sky is the limit. We love you!

Mom, Dad, Sam, Grandma & Grandpa



**Congrats, Claire!**

We are all so proud of you and love you so much! Way to go!

Love, Mom, Dad, and Charlie



**Congratulations!**

We are SO very proud of you ~ for who you have become and for what you have yet to accomplish. Enjoy your life Sam, it has only just begun... Love you!



**Congratulations, Maggie!**

We are so very proud of the amazing young woman you have become. Looking forward to where the next adventure takes you.

With love, Mom, Dad, Emma and Sam.



**Congratulations, Elizabeth!**

You made it! We are so proud of all you have done to reach this point in your life! You are a strong girl with many God given talents. Always reach for the stars! We love you, Mom, Dad and kids



**Congratulation, Daniel!**

We are so proud of you and all your hard work!

Mom, Dad, Matt and Steve



**Congratulations, Laura!**

Celebrate all you have accomplished and the goals you have met. You have set the path for a bright future. Happy Graduation, Woot,Woot! We are so proud. Love, Mom & Dad



**Way to go, Eric!**

Wow! That was a fast four years. Think of all you have done. We are so proud of you and excited for your next step to dental school.

Love, Mom and Dad



**Onnea Aleks!**

What an exciting four years! And now a new adventure awaits you. We are happy for you and very, very proud.

Love, Mom, Dad, and Elli



**Congratulations, Ryan!**

Life has a way of taking new directions and turning them into opportunities. Go in the direction of your dreams to find adventure and fun. We are proud of you.

Love, Mom, Dad and Karen



**Our Love to Robert Ward**

Troy, Booth, & Gene to name a few / Characters well created because of you. / You leave Gustavus for a brand new start / To live your dream and follow your heart. Mom, Renee, Leandra, & Joe



**Congratulations, Charlie!**

As a wise woman once said: "Take chances. Make mistakes. Get messy!"

With much love from your family



**Congratulations, Kaitlyn aka Mickey**

Now that you have been educated, sophisticated, matriculated, articulated, and graduated...Consider yourself congratulated!!

Love, Mom, Dad, Charles, Kylie, Kathryn & Kellee P.S. We moved!

# congratulation notices



**Congratulations, Darcy!**  
Darcy, we couldn't be more proud of you. Columbia University is just a stepping stone to the fantastic future you're moving into. We love you!  
Mom and Emily



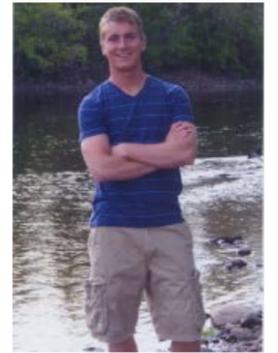
**Congrats, Naga!**  
We are so proud of you! God has brought you this far to take you further still, into a future full of promise. Keep walking by faith for God has great plans for you. We love you! Dad, Mom, Biftu & Meti, Kuwe & Gudina and Kaleb



**Congratulations, Hallee!**  
We couldn't be more proud of you! You have done amazing things the last four years and will do even more as you move on to grad school and beyond.  
Mom and Dad



**Thumbs Up to You, Kyle!**  
Congratulations! You reached the top of GAC Mountain! We're proud of you, we love you, and we wish you the best as you continue your life's trek.  
Mom and Dad



**Congratulations, Adam!**  
We are so proud of you and your accomplishments! "Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where this is no path and leave a trail."  
-Emerson Love, Mom, Dad, Sarah & Ryan



**Congratulations, Kara!**  
We are so proud of you and all you've accomplished, not only these past four years, but your entire life! Continue to follow your heart and chase your dreams. We love you!  
Mom and Dad



**Congratulations, Mariecus!**  
You have achieved so much, we have watched you mature and we are all so very proud! May God bless your future and aid your success. With all our love.  
Your family.



**On Your Way!**  
You did it! We are so proud of you. We know you will accomplish great things. Live your dreams. We love you!  
Mom, Dad, Amanda, Dieter & Grace



**Congratulations, Claire!**  
"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose."  
Love from your family and Dr. Seuss



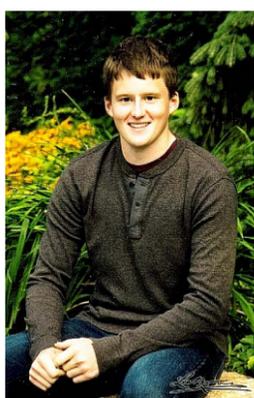
**Congratulations, Laura!**  
Another chapter in your life is now successfully complete - Continue to pursue your dreams and remember - no regrets! We are so proud of you and we love you!  
Mom, Dad and Rilee



**Congratulations, Caitlin!**  
Such a blessing you have been, These twenty years and two. For all you've done along the way, We could not be more proud of you.  
Love, Mom and Dad



**Congratulations, Cameron!**  
We love you and are incredibly proud of your many accomplishments, especially Phi Beta Kappa and repeating as an All-American. You will be a fantastic DDS!  
Mom, Dad, Garrett, & Caitlin



**Congratulations, Sam!**  
We're very proud of you.  
Love, Mom, Dad, Kate, and Lucy



**Congratulations, Laura!**  
We're so proud of who you are and all you've accomplished! Continue to let your God given talents shine in all that you do. We love you!  
Mom and Dad



**Congrats, Paige & Matt!**  
You both have worked very hard and we are all very proud of you! You both have new and exciting adventures ahead! We love you!  
Your families



**Congratulations, Shelby!**  
Shelby, we are so very proud of you.  
Love, Mom and Waleed



**Congratulations, Josie!**  
We are so proud of you and love you very much!  
Mom, Dad, Skylar, and Sophie

# Congratulations Seniors!

Best wishes to the class of 2014!



# The Masonator Queer History Exhibit at Gustavus



**Mason Kruise**  
Opinion Columnist

If you've had the time to walk by the bulletin outside the Caf, you may have seen a bright exhibit of all things gay and happy. History and Gender, Women, and Sexuality Professor Kate Wittenstein's Queer History and Culture class has put together an exhibit of all things queer and LGBTQA related at Gustavus over its lengthy history as a college.

With earliest findings being from the 1950s, this was, as Professor Wittenstein put it, "our chance to archive and exhibit a history that is often overlooked or forgotten at Gustavus." Though it is a history

people would not immediately think of or possibly believe exists, Gustavus has had a queer community that has left an impressive mark upon its history as a college.

Students Erik Anderson, Hoang Anh Astrom, Avery Maijala, Caroline Pokrzywinski, Micah Thornquist, Mariah Welsh, Tianan Zhu and myself were instructed by Professor Wittenstein to research and select documents or objects concerning the queer history of the college. We were assigned separately to research from sources such as the Academic Curriculum and Catalogs, Gustie Guides, Ovanlig Newsletter, yearbooks, Heterodoxy, Counseling Center records, Chaplains Office, THE GUSTAVIAN WEEKLY, Womyn's Awareness Center, Queers & Allies and more.

We've all spent countless hours not only pouring over decades of documents, but also many hours selecting and preparing the highlights of our research for the Queer History Exhibit we set up on May 5.

It has been a lengthy process in which we are proud to have contributed to archiving a history at Gustavus that, though obscure, should be valued as equally as any other particular



The LGBTQA history is one worth remembering.

Mason Kruise

sort of history of this century and a half old college.

Thanks must be given to Jeff Jenson, archivist at the Folke Bernadotte Library for his help in allowing us access to the library's archives and his assistance in setting up our exhibit. Thanks must also be given to the Gender, Women, and Sexuality Department, as well as the History Department for their financial contribution toward the exhibit, and their support of our project. Finally, I must thank my Professor Kate Wittenstein herself for her guidance and advice concerning our research and preparation of the

Queer History exhibit, and my fellow students who worked hard to preserve the past of Gustavus.

It has not only been a rewarding and proud experience to have been a part of; it's been fun. Some may consider this a political or provocative statement to have made an exhibit focusing on the queer activities at Gustavus Adolphus College. Ultimately, our purpose was, first and foremost, to present a history often overlooked or sought to be hidden from the public eye. As with any other minority or form of history at Gustavus, the past of queer indi-

viduals at this college does exist, and Gustavus as we know it would cease to exist were it not for them. True, the overwhelming amount of our documents portray queerness or gayness in a positive or supportive manner, though it can be argued that is due to the overwhelming voice of those at this college being in support of LGBTQA individuals and recognition of their existence. It has been the historians' choice to be in support of it, therefore our available data and documents present queerness in a relatively positive light. History is history, and it must be remembered and recognized lest it be lost or forgotten with the passage of time.

Whatever your stance on the queer lifestyle or queer history of the college, I invite you to look at the exhibit which shall be up for two weeks and then preserved in the archives of the college. It is not only a history of the queer individuals here or the queer history of the college; it is a history of you. It is a part of your experience and life while you grow and learn as a Gustavus Adolphus College student. As a wise man once said, "the past is the cause of the present, and the present shall be the cause of the future."

## Fancy That Pick Up Your Sh\*t



**Ashley Nickel**  
Opinion Columnist

Tibetan monks proceeded from Christ Chapel, jar of mandala sand in hand. Ceremonial hats on their heads and playing traditional instruments. A hoard of fascinated people trail excitedly, chatting over the processional music and crowding in as close as possible to see. The assembly walked through a parking lot, inching ever closer to the destination where the sand would be deposited, and the ceremony complete.

As people bustle forward, some snapping pictures, some chasing children, some idly in conversation over classes, a lone grocery bag summersaulted between cars and beneath tram-

pling feet. Empty cans litter the sidewalk. Wrappers of all varieties underfoot. Upon reaching the pond, a circle forms around the monks as they finished their sacred ritual. More cameras flashed, the murmur of voices continued.

As the sand is finally poured into the pond in the Linnaeus Arboretum, a few things escape the attention of the onlookers. For one, the floating piece of Styrofoam in the water not twenty feet from the monks' sandals, another, the plastic bags tangled in the long grass along the perimeter of the pond. A few empty water bottles were scattered here and there along the grass and at the bottom of trees in the surrounding area.

Perhaps all of these things—and the fact that no one took a second look as they walked passed them, over them, and around them illustrates exactly how different Western culture is from the mindful, compassionate, knowledge-seeking culture of the East.

A mandala is only created when there is need for the healing of either the living people in the world or the environment. Seeing the state of things here at Gustavus, we are still desperately in need of a mandala, along with a few willing volunteers to pick up trash.

It is almost impossible to go three steps without encountering a piece of garbage when



"The Friendliest Beer"? Maybe not to the environment.

Ashley Nickel

walking the Arb. Whether you're a nature enthusiast, biology student, recreational hiker, or anyone else who frequents the winding paths and tangled trees, this is painfully obvious.

Whether you're near or far from the paths, whether you're deep in the woods, or on an Adirondack chair. Garbage is everywhere. While walking along just one path this weekend, it was possible to collect an entire garbage bag full of miscellaneous items (tissues, beer cans, food wrappers, etc.). This is not only annoying, disrespectful, and gross, but also dangerous for much of the wildlife that lives there.

The whole point of the mandala ceremony, and a great piece of wisdom that the monks were

trying to impart, is that in the face of impermanence, there are still ways to bring the world into harmony. This is what mandala means.

It is important to look out for the things that we have, while we still have them, and try to balance them. Part of this is having compassion for not only others, but also the environment. The Linnaeus Arboretum was founded in 1973 as "[...] a living sanctuary of plants and animals for education, recreation, reflection and stewardship."

Isn't it possible for students to enjoy the Arb the way it was meant to be enjoyed, balancing this with awareness of their surroundings, respect for the place that we are all so privileged to have, and compassion enough

to not trash it to the point where it becomes sickly?

For this problem at least, in order to create a small kind of harmony out of the chaos, to really maintain the sanctuary aspect of the Arb, the solution is simple, achievement very possible: just pick up your stuff before you leave. Please don't let baby ducks choke on your candy bar wrappers. That's bad karma.

In order to keep the Arb healthy and happy, maybe pick up a piece of garbage when you see it lying on the ground. If there is a group that frequently targets the cleaning up of trash and litter on campus sign me up! If there is not, as proactive students we should start one, perhaps setting something into motion for next year. Please contact me if you are interested in taking part.

Also, check out the pictures posted on the Overheard at Gustavus Facebook page of the garbage that was collected from just a day of walking. If the Arb could be cleaned up this much in a couple hours by just a few people, imagine how a great many people could change the campus for better. After writing for you, and working to bring issues to notice that are maybe overlooked, starting something like this is an easy, manageable way to take action and take back our campus.

## The Skvorc Retort Matters of the Mind



**Caitlin Skvorc**  
Opinion Columnist

With the finals season fast approaching, many students are probably starting to think, “man, I wish someone else could just take that test for me.” To my hopeful friends, then, I have to ask: if you really could get someone to go through the motions for you like that, would you do it?

In August of last year, researchers at the University of Washington published the results of an experiment using “what they believe is the first noninvasive human-to-human brain interface” according to the University of Washington news online. In simpler and more specific terms, they put some fancy magnetic caps on two people’s heads, and were

able to transmit one person’s brainwaves to another as they sat in different rooms. The first subject pressed the space bar on a computer to shoot a canon in a video game, and the guy in the other room twitched the same finger, at the same time.

While the success of the experiment depended heavily on the willingness of both subjects to participate, and the transferred brainwave triggered a motion rather than a conscious thought, there is no denying the ominous potential of this project.

It’s not hard to imagine that, sometime in the future, with the development of this kind of technology, a student in a dorm room could think hard about writing down an answer, and transmit that motion into the hand of someone in a classroom. Cheating potential aside, I wonder: did anyone stop to think about ethics in the potential scope of this experiment?

Given the already tremendous influence of the media on things like body image and gender, as well as political propaganda, it seems highly likely that technology like this could lead to a whole new level of brainwashing.

Americans live in a country—and, increasingly, a world—where progress and individualism reigns supreme, but all too



Chris Pine as Captain Kirk: *Sexy. Vulcan Mind Meld? Not so much.* Creative Commons

often we succumb to laziness in our daily lives. Although we are probably the largest advocates of democracy, are we not in danger of giving an elite group of people power over the majority, in an effort to make things easier on ourselves?

I do not mean to imply that science or progress is inherently bad or doomed to ethical failure, but perhaps progress for the sake of progress is. Scientists like Josef Mengele, the mastermind behind the human experiments of the Holocaust, and J. Robert Oppenheimer, one of the so-called “fathers” of the atomic bomb, probably started

out with dreams of making the world a more capable, if not “better” place. Clearly, something went wrong.

While the follow-up question of “where” is a complicated one, the answer starts with something like greed and selfishness. When the means to an end start to lose focus in the name of progress, and an individual reputation takes precedence over compassion and community relationships, the danger of unethical practice becomes real.

The debate over ethics in science is nothing new, but how many people have thought about it in terms of the ethics

of knowledge? When did we as people decide that we have a right to all knowledge?

If you don’t believe in original sin, this question might not have an answer. To some, the question may not even seem relevant. But I know I am not the only who wants to have their own thoughts be their own thoughts, and have complete control over whether or not they are shared.

To bring this back to the brain interface experiment, some comfort lies, again, in the power people have (currently) to say yes or no, and we need to take advantage of that. The gift of human agency is a precious one, and soon it will be threatened. If I am willing to let a Facebook app access all of my information and post on my behalf without a second thought, letting someone use their brain to move a pen in my hand on the page doesn’t seem so far off.

So let your mind make moral dilemmas of matters like this, if only to retain your ability to make a conscious choice. In the not-so-distant future, you might wish you still had the power to do something yourself.

## Weekly Senior Salute



**Justin Feit**  
Top Senior Nostalgist

The big dogs at the top of the food chain here at THE WEEKLY have deemed me the one responsible for writing a “senior salute” of sorts even though, as the Calendar Editor, I am usually out of the office by 8 p.m. (at the latest) and am not a team member whatsoever. My existence at this paper consists of me sitting in my isolated alcove, laboriously churning out jokes and asking no questions. However they took away my page for the last issue of my career, so this is my job now.

So these are my unwanted tips—once again from someone that knows little to nothing about the production of this paper—on how to make THE WEEKLY better from over here

in Calendar Island.

First, don’t have the guy who has started a rival publication who hopes to “BURN THE DREAMS OF THE WEEKLY” write the senior article. That’s some risky business.

Second, pay the Calendar Editor more. Thank the thankless here.

*“Third, don’t let Jack Ohle leave. Because honestly, who the f@#\$ are you going to write about anymore?”*

*Fourth, The Fourth Crown. I told you not to have me write this article, editors. I’m shameless.”*

Fifth, I think we really missed some people when it comes to Gustie of the Week...including me. So I’ve taken the liberty to provide a small blurb for mine.

“Holy s@#\$ Justin is selfless,” Senior Justin Feit said. “And smart. And sexy!”

Sixth, try lying about news stories. I’m pretty sure libel is legal and fair as long as it takes place on campus.

Seventh, let’s get Campus Safety to give us some names with their reports. I want some Scarlet Letter-type s@#\$ up in here.

So with this manifesto of



*You don’t go through four years of college without writing a few columns.*

Vinny Bartella

sorts, I am confident that I have given this publication the ability to thrive beyond this senior class. My expertise should not be wasted. I know what I’m talking about here.

Okay, maybe I have a bit of a skewed perspective over in the quarantined corner of the calendar. Maybe this advice is really bad.

Either way, one thing I do know is that the staff of this paper has enjoyed bringing you

more than just the news and more over the years.

What’s more is that I certainly have enjoyed my time here. This paper has given me one of many opportunities to make you all laugh at Gustavus. It is a role I have reveled in over the last few years—one that I will always cherish.

Whoa, that was far too sentimental. BE STRONG, FEIT. Whether or not anyone takes my advice does not matter. The fact

that the school’s newspaper is willing to run the ramblings of a crazy person like me every week for two years is one of those weird things that makes Gustavus a place I have been proud to call home.

# Track & Field hopes to end season on high note at Conference meet

**Kelsey Hering**  
Staff Writer

On the outside, track and field may appear to be an individual sport, but for both the men's and women's teams, they have collaborated individual strengths to form an energetic and powerful team. Head Coach Dale Bahr said he is impressed with how the team and coaching staff has dealt with the unpredictable weather.

*"Of course, it is always a good feeling to walk away with some individual champions, but the emphasis is always 'team first.'"*

—Dale Bahr

"It makes training a bit more difficult and as you can imagine, it is also not good for producing great times and marks, but it is what it is and when the weather does turn nice, we will definitely be ready to perform," Bahr said.

Both the staff and the entire team have been working hard to make the best of the weather conditions.

"We have some very dedicated athletes who put in a lot of time to become their best and my coaching staff also puts in countless hours to ensure the athletes are doing what it takes to be their best," Bahr said.

After Grant Rorem passed away this January, Senior Anna McDevitt remembered how inspirational he was.

"Grant and I were hurdlers together, and he is one of the reasons I was able to stay positive and committed to track despite



Senior Tanner Davenport (in Gustavus jersey) raced in the 1,500-meter run at the Drake Alternative meet. Members of the track & field team will head to St. Olaf on Friday and Saturday to compete in the MIAC Championship meet.

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my injuries over the last three years. He helped coach me in the hurdles and despite the fact that he hadn't planned to compete this year, he had planned to be around at practices to hang out and help coach," McDevitt said.

In honor of his life, the team has chosen to replace the laces on their racing spikes with yellow shoelaces.

"We're thinking about him at each and every meet," McDevitt said.

While the team mourned the loss of Rorem, they also came together to race for him and it has proven to be successful for

both the men and women.

On the men's side, Cameron Clause has established himself as one of the top in the conference in the Decathlon, achieving first in pole vault, third in long jump, and third in the 110 hurdles. He is also sitting at number eight in all of Division III in the decathlon and 20th in the nation in pole vault. Other notable accomplishments from the men include Matt Flotterud in 9th place in the 110 hurdles in the conference, and Blair Riegel standing strong with the second best mark in the triple jump.

For the women, McDevitt is currently third in the triple jump

and Elizabeth Weiers sits at the top of the conference in the hammer throw. Sarah Swanson is occupying the fourth place spot in the shot put, thirteenth in the discus and ninth in the hammer throw.

"Marit Sonnesyn is showing great range with solid performances in the 1,500-meter run all the way up to 10K, where she currently has the fourth fastest time," Bahr said.

Bahr noted that the whole team has had a great season so far, not just these individuals.

"Of course, it is always a good feeling to walk away with some individual champions, but the emphasis is always 'team first,'" Bahr said.

"I think that the biggest team accomplishment is just being able to stay positive throughout this season. There are so many times when I get frustrated with my throws, but the team is always right there to help and support me," Junior Elizabeth Weiers said.

McDevitt says this season has been extremely rewarding. With the proper preparation we've put in, we're seeing the results

we want to be seeing at this point in the season. Everyone has put in the work and many have qualified for Conference Championships, which we will be competing in this Friday and Saturday," McDevitt said.

With the end of the season in sight, the team hopes to be among the top three teams in the conference this year, with goals of being just as successful next year.

"Like every year, we will need to see the younger athletes step up and develop so they can score the points that our seniors have the year before and hopefully more. It is also important to bring in more talent through recruiting," Bahr said.

Both the men and women have high hopes for the MIAC Championship Meet which will be held Friday, May 9 and Saturday, May 10 at St. Olaf College in Northfield.

"We have all worked hard to be in this competition, and there is no reason not to give it our all," Weiers said.



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A vaulter cleared the bar at the Drake Alternative meet hosted at the Gustavus Track and Field Outdoor Complex.



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# Students rally to Race For Grace

Zac Isaak  
Staff Writer

As the school year comes to an end, Gustavus students are still actively trying to serve their community. On Sunday, May 18, Colleges Against Cancer and the Gustavus Swimming & Diving team will be hosting a fun run/walk, the Race for Grace 5K.

The name of the event was given in honor of Grace Goblirsch, who was a student at the College and a member of the Gustavus Swimming & Diving team. In August of 2013, Grace passed away after an 8 month battle with acute myelogenous leukemia.

Carlson coached Goblirsch during her time on the team.

"I continue to be inspired by the impact Grace Goblirsch has had on her teammates on the swim team, as well as her classmates at Gustavus. This run is a great way to honor her and raise money for a great cause. She was a special person whose spirit still inspires the lives she touched," Gustavus Swimming & Diving Head Coach Jon Carlson said.

Goblirsch's memory continues to live on through the Gusties she befriended during her time on the Hill. She left a positive impact on many students she associated with at the College, including her teammates.

"To everyone on the team,

Grace was the one with the positive attitude. She was that person that would help you through the difficult times. She was a good friend to many people, because of her good attitude. She was very strong and hard-working, both in school and swimming. Losing her was very difficult for many people, because she was someone people could turn to," Senior Swimming & Diving Co-Captain Alissa Tinklenberg said.

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—Jon Carlson

The Swimming & Diving Team and Colleges Against Cancer are hopeful that this event will become a tradition at the College. As of May 3, there were 155 people signed up to race.

Senior Caitlyn Bayer has been in charge of making this event possible.

"Our original goal was 100, but now that we've passed



For a registration fee of \$15, participants in the Race For Grace 5k will receive this performance t-shirt. The event takes place on Sunday, May 18, beginning at 9 a.m.

that goal, we want to raise the bar for that goal. We're just very thrilled with how many people are involved," Bayer said.

The organizers of the event are encouraged by how many people across campus have signed up to show their support. Members from different athletic teams, as well as other Gusties, have all signed up for the event. There will be a wide variety of participants at this event.

"We've been very surprised by the amount of participants. We've been blown away by the amount of organizations that have reached out to us," Bayer

said.

The goal from this event is to raise \$1,000 total. Bayer believes it's possible given the overwhelming amount of support the event has received so far.

The cost to participate in this event is \$15. Those who signed up by May 2 are guaranteed a performance race t-shirt. All the proceeds from this event will go to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to help fund blood cancer research, education, and patient services.

Check in will be at 9:00 a.m. outside the Interpretive Center in the Linneaus Arboretum, or it

will be inside if there are inclement weather conditions. There will be an opening ceremony at 9:30 a.m. followed by the race at 10:00 a.m. A small meal will also be served following the race.

There will also be a costume contest, and participants are encouraged to wear the colors purple and orange. Orange represents leukemia while purple represents cancer survival.

Bayer is the contact for the event and all questions regarding the Race for Grace 5K.

## Disappointing baseball season comes to a close

Megan Tuttle  
Staff Writer

The Gustavus baseball team's season came to a close on Monday, May 5 when the two teams split a non-conference doubleheader. Gustavus lost the first game 13-5 but came back to win 3-1 in the second game of the day.

The Gusties finished with an overall record of 6-23 and a MIAC record of 7-24. The team came into the season with high hope for success, but suffered a series of disappointing MIAC and non-conference losses.

"Our team goal was to make the playoffs. We sat down before we went to Arizona and before our conference season started and set individual goals for both Arizona and the conference season—these involved team batting average, and other things we wanted to accomplish," Junior Max Fidler said.

Seniors Scott Benjamin and David Tranvik agree that the team did not end up where they imagined, even after putting in a great deal of work since last season.

"We definitely thought we were good enough to win the conference, or at least be in play-offs. We didn't think we were the best team but we knew



Max Fidler swung for the fences in Monday's game against St. Olaf. The baseball team had a disappointing season, but has high hopes for next year as only three seniors are graduating.

we could make a run. And obviously that wasn't the case," Benjamin said.

According to Benjamin and Tranvik, the young team fell into a slump and couldn't seem to recover after losing their first conference game to the University of St. Thomas on April 8.

"We need to work on our mindset when we're hitting. I

feel like, again, going back to how young we are I think guys start to struggle and kind of carry that with them the whole time, they don't really know how to dig their way out of it. The more experience the guys are getting they're going to get so much better," Benjamin said.

Fidler believes that changing the team's mindset is crucial for

having a more successful season next year.

"I think we need to kind of develop a killer instinct. Right now, we're just in this slump where it's almost like when you're in a close game you expect to lose rather than going out there expecting to win. We need to kind of get that cockiness and killer instinct and go

out and win games," Fidler said.

As a young team, Benjamin and Tranvik are confident the team will be able to become stronger from gaining more experience and continuing to work hard during the off-season.

*"We definitely thought we were good enough to win the conference, or at least be in the play-offs. We didn't think we were the best team but we knew we could make a run. And obviously that wasn't the case."*

—Scott Benjamin

"The team is basically all coming back, it will be so much better next year. Hitting is contagious, and we found out the hard way this year," Tranvik said.

The team is only graduating three seniors, Benjamin, Tranvik and Dan Venn; setting the team up to be more experienced and well-prepared for next season.

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## Thank you, seniors!

**Linnea Moat**  
Sports & Fitness Editor

Each spring, as graduation edges nearer, the time comes to reflect on the accomplishments of the senior class. This year's senior athletes were an especially talented group, and THE GUSTAVIAN WEEKLY would like to congratulate every graduating senior who participated in athletics during their time at Gustavus—whether it was on an intramural team, in a club sport, or as part of a varsity program.

Thank you for contributing to the athletic success of Gustavus, and we wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

The seniors presented here are ten individuals who have stood out in their sport this year, and have been recognized by the Sports & Fitness section staff as the top ten senior athletes. Covering these athletes' athletic accomplishments this year has been a pleasure and we are thankful for all they have done during their four years at Gustavus on and off the field, track, court, pool, or course.



Submitted

**Alissa Tinklenberg**

Swimming & Diving

"I have learned that hard work, determination and perseverance pay off in the end if you mix those three things with fun and great people. It has been an amazing experience to be able to focus on both academics and athletics at the

same time—I'm thrilled I chose a Division III school and I'm even more thrilled I chose to attend Gustavus."

All-American, 2012, 2013 & 2014

**Joe Renier**

Cross Country and Track & Field

"I have learned that I can do anything if I put my mind to it. Coming into my freshman year, I would never believe I would be where I am now. I have had great mentors who have taught me that hard work and consistency in training will pay off over four years. Let me tell you, they weren't lying."

Hollingsworth's Key - highest scholastic average of a senior male athlete



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**Melissa Doyle**

Hockey

"Over the past four years I learned to develop thicker skin and a softer heart. I've been able to understand how vital embracing ones role is, the importance of words of affirmation, and most importantly, I have been able to see how awesome things are when you allow faith to root itself into sports and friendships."

Career: 34 goals, 29 assists = 63 points

**Cameron Clause**

Track & Field

"As an athlete at Gustavus, I have learned to cherish the good moments and to not dwell on the bad. I have had plenty of both over my career, but I'm going to remember my successes and the fun that I had."

All-American, 2013 & 2014



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**Jeffrey Dubose**

Football

As a running back, Jeffrey Dubose broke Gustavus football records for most rushing yards in a single season, most career rushing touchdowns, most rushing yards in a single game, most rushing touchdowns in a single season, and most career rushing yards.

All-American Honorable Mention, 2013

**Marian Lund**

Nordic Skiing

Lund finished first for the Gusties at numerous meets throughout the season—including all three of the meets the team competed in during the month of January. Lund recorded the best finish of her career at the second NCAA Qualifier in January.

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**Julia Dysthe**

Basketball

"I have learned so much from being an athlete at Gustavus. Being a student-athlete has taught me how to manage my time, how to better be part of a team, and how to work hard. These lessons have been invaluable."

Career: 802 points, 44.9 percent shooter

**Juan Luis Chu**

Tennis

Chu has been a solid performer throughout the fall and spring seasons for the men's tennis team, consistently winning in both singles and doubles matches.

All-Conference, 2011 & 2012

**Corey Leivermann**

Hockey

"I have learned a lot since I've been here—mostly how incredibly close all Gustavus athletes are and how each team cares a lot about each other and representing Gustavus as a whole. I've also learned a lot from the coaching staff and want to thank them as well."

All-American, 2014

**Blair Riegel**

Track & Field

"While being an athlete at Gustavus I have learned that a fine balance is needed between sports and academics. I also learned that there are a lot of ups and downs and one needs to cherish what they still have even through the lows."

Holds Gustavus Indoor Triple Jump Record: 46 - 3.25 (2012)