# Don't Just Glaze Over On Hazing



Matthew Glasier
Opinion Columnist

If you're a member of a student organization and tell anyone trying to join the organization they have to do anything, you run the risk of hazing them. At least this is what it seems like at a first glance of Gustavus Adolphus College's hazing policy.

College's hazing policy.
Gustavus defines hazing as "any action taken or situation created, intentionally or unintentionally whether on or off campus premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, fatigue, humiliation, intimidation, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule or that disrupts community life or academic commitments regardless of the intent or end result. Such actions may be perpetrated by an individual, group, or organization against an individual or individuals."

Now for a little background and context. Hazing is seen as a problem among different just trying to build bonds of friendship or instill values of the organization among its

student organizations at the high school and college level nationally. The main reason being that hazing activities seem to often lead to people getting hurt (physically and/or emotionally) and even dying.

Now, it is surprisingly difficult to get an accurate count of deaths or injuries related to hazing on college campuses since the federal government doesn't keep statistic on those kinds of incidents. Therefore, I'm not going to give you statistical examples, but on the Internet it is easy to find reports and studies about hazing that show the severity of the problems.

Even if some reports and professional studies are biased or have skewed numbers, the fact remains that a significant number of people are suffering or dying as a result of hazing, making it a problem that needs addressing in our current society and culture.

Hazing is awful. It shouldn't be happening. Something has to be done about it. Thus Gustavus has adopted a zero tolerance policy towards hazing. The problem arises though, that not everyone agrees on what constitutes as hazing.

If you define hazing too narrowly, you might end up not being able to give proper justice to victims and perpetrators. On the other hand, if you define it too broadly, you might end up punishing people who had no intention of hazing, and were just trying to build bonds of friendship or instill values of



Colin Reike

Don't get lost in things you feel you have to do, get lost in the things you truly want to.

members.

For example, is it hazing if an organization asks members to wear a piece of clothing or certain style of clothing? Perhaps an organization values respect and holding one's self professionally and therefore asks its members for a couple days or once a week to dress nicely. Perhaps an organization asks its members to wear a certain

colored piece of clothing or accessory in order for them to express their pride and support for their organization, or express and build unity amongst its members.

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This is analogous to sport teams in a way. In order to play on a sports team you are required to wear a uniform. One of the main reasons for this is for officials and spectators to keep teams apart but another aspect is to build a sense of oneness and unity amongst its members. Why can't the same be done to at least a minor extent and period of time among other student organizations?

Is it hazing for an organization to require its members to memorize a creed or text that embodies the organization's mission or values? Under the Gustavus definition of hazing it may be.

With how broad Gustavus' definition is, it could potentially investigate or condemn any student organization for "any" action it asks it's members to take or participate in in which a member experiences "discomfort" or their regular life is disrupted "regardless of the intent or result" of the action or activity.

Then again, with how large a problem hazing is on college campuses and here at Gustavus, if we really want to end hazing and harm to students perhaps we need a sweeping definition to give administration leeway to take care of serious incidents that occur and use prudent judgment on minor incidents that may technically fall under the definition of hazing. Just because an incident falls under the technical broad definition of hazing doesn't mean that it need to be treated with the same severity of more serious and harmful incidents.

Perhaps there are other solutions to the problem of hazing as well. Perhaps the solution doesn't need to be a top-down crackdown by administrators on student organizations. Perhaps the solution can come from the bottom up. Maybe students and organizations can assume responsibility to change the culture of hazing at Gustavus and on a national level.

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They can hold each other and themselves more accountable and impose their own sanctions and corrective actions amongst themselves to bring hazing to an end. But maybe I'm a dreamer. Either way, the tides are changing and hazing looks as though it's coming to an end. It's up to student organizations to decide on how they want this change to occur.

# The Good, the Bad, and the Meh



Homecoming this weekend! Thank the Cabbie nearest you for all the work they put into giving us an awesome weekend!



The smoothies in the caf, when it hits it really hits, but when it misses it makes one question their love of fruit.



Having midterms for students before Nobel break should be a felony level crime.

# Just in the Nik of time Your Time Here



Nikki Rom Opinion Columnist

Reality check: you will not be on this campus forever. When you drive up that hill as a wide-eyed first-year taking in the sight of the Gustie jungle and feeling the electric energy of everyone who is so excited to see you, your countdown begins to the day when all you've done here compresses itself into a 5" x 8" document that validates your status as a scholar.

Yes, we are here to get an education. We are here to read, to study, and to pass exams by the skin of our teeth. We are supposed to find internships and prepare for the ever-approaching real world.

But sometimes that's just not what we need to do. We need all-nighters whose sole purpose is watching *The Swan Princess* and eating Dominos with your favorite person and a delicious beverage. We need to join the ranks of the generations before us by carrying on the tradition of streaking in the arb. We need those nights in the Dive so we can twerk out any and all issues in our lives. We have the next 80 years to be serious and settled in. We have less than four years here; just 1,368 days.

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Some of the days will be dedicated to reading ungodly amounts of articles that seem unending. Some may begin with you greeting the sunrise over the Florentine horizon.

Some will be spent fully intending to be productive.

Some will be spent fully intending to be productive, and are successful...and some, where those well-intended efforts turn into a self-granted day off. There will be weeks spent longing to be back on this hill and urging the summer to end, and there will be days when



Change isn't something we should control, but rather learn to appriciate.

you're counting the seconds until you can leave for break, never wanting to return to this campus again.

You will laugh here. You will cry here. You will love here. You will hurt here. You will do things you never conceived yourself to be capable of. You will feel things you never knew a human being could feel. You will find a cause here. You will learn to stand on your own here. There will be nights you wish would last for the rest of your life, and there will be nights where you pray you'll make it to the morning.

You have heard this phrase a hundred times already, but

I want to stress its accuracy; this time goes by so fast. I have spent so much time this month thinking about my favorite memories, and then I realized that those moments didn't just happen yesterday, they happened 1,095 days ago.

Now, in less than a year, my

Now, in less than a year, my fellow seniors and I will be departing this hill for the last time. We will be taking with us the memories, the bonds, and the stories.

We are the first generation of the sesquicentennial. We have put our everything into this campus. We have made our mark. I can only hope that in our time here we will have

inspired you to live with fire and passion for the things you enjoy and thirst for life; to balance your ability to have fun, but step up and be an effective and respected leader when the situation calls for it.

More importantly, to encourage others to be leaders, and to know when it's okay to just listen and follow along. If we haven't brought forth these lessons, we still have eight months to do this. Give us time. We're dealing with a lot right now.

Your clock is ticking. Don't spend your time worrying about the seconds that have already passed.

Insteady passed.

Instead, anticipate the ticks and decide what you will do with them. Stargaze in the arb. Go to the art gallery. Take pictures. Take so many pictures. You will never have these moments again. Capture them so you have something to look back on; something to remind you of the place you loved, and the people who loved you.

This place may be home to the best and worst moments of your life, but it is also your home. You can be yourself here. You are free here. Let your heart be warmed. Let your voice be heard. You are a Gustie. I am honored to share this campus with you.

# The Importance of Nobel



David Roland
Opinion Editor

obel inspires different reactions from everyone on campus. Some people like it for the intellectual powerhouses it brings to campus, others like it for introducing them to new topics that they would not have explored without it, and some people just like it for the chance to sleep in on a weekday.

Either way, Nobel is basically akin to a beloved holiday here, and the fact that people love it for so many different reasons is at the heart of why it is so important to our philosophy as a school. Nobel doesn't just discuss the merits of one particular issue, it finds a topic

and explores every single possible facet of that issue.

For example, last year, the theme was "The Universe at its Limits." It would be undertstandable to assume that the only people speaking, and listening for that matter, were going to be physics majors and the like.

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However, the conference included economists, philosophers, and even a Catholic Priest. Instead of having a decidedly uniform list of speakers, it included a wealth of disiplines to explore each part of the issue.

From musical and theatrical performances to special events on campus, Nobel is a time to explore parts of life that you might have not otherwise explored. It could be by attending a lecture of a different academic discipline than you normally do or going to a new music performance on campus.

Think of the two day break as a miniature J-term, and embrace all of the chaos and wonder that it has to offer.

As this joyous academic holiday approaches us, don't just waste it on sleeping in, apply yourself to the community you live in!



## Don't get mad, get Glad Freedom of Speech: There's an App For That



Andy Gladitsch **Opinion Columnist** 

n December 15, 1791 the First Amendment to the United States Constitution was ratified, including the rest of the Bill of Rights. This Amendment was to become one of the most valued and well known pieces of our rul-

ing document.

The exact wording of the First Amendment is "Congress" shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

This crystal clear wording and how the courts have interpreted this phrasing over the years has been quite consistent, allowing people to do and say things that the mass majority of Americans would not support

if it came to an actual vote.

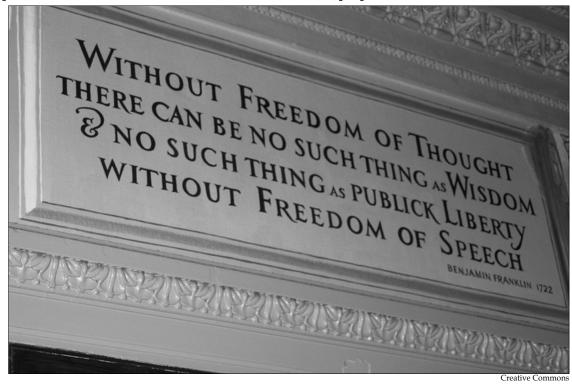
Since the internet became widespread in the 2000's, there have been many movements that seek to restrict the freedom of groups that do not agree with them.

Recently, both high schools and college campuses have been introduced to this new app called Yik Yak. For those who have not heard of the app, who have not heard of the app, it is essentially an anonymous Twitter that fills your feed with "yaks" from people in your geographic area. It also has voting mechanism where one can upvote a "yak" they like and downvote one they do not.

"Now this discontent has spread to college campuses and in some places there are even campaigns to encourage students to stop using this app because of the "offensive" nature of some of the yaks. "

Unsurprisingly, ever since Yik Yak launched, it has faced serious criticism from both school administrators those who embrace political correctness. Most of the criticisms from high school officials had to do with problems of bullying. The company found that these complaints were legitimate and so the company suspended service on school grounds.

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It's strange to think that an app like Yik Yak is the perfect example of our dualist nature to both protect the freedom of speech and to destroy it because it doesn't suit us at the time.

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ture of some of the yaks.

Firstly, to expect political correctness and general decency from an app that organizes people geographically and al-lows anonymous posts is beyond naïve.

This may sound grim but it is far from, as things like Yik Yak allows the everyday person to say whatever they want whether or not it is politically

This allows for far more unrestricted freedom of speech than most other social media platforms. People that are per-petually offended by the con-tent on Yik Yak have two op-tions, either do not download the app, or vote and help form the community the way theywant it to be.

Another closely related topic is the controversial issue of internet neutrality which came onto the national scene when a certain company was using "deep packet inspection" to discriminate against people by slowing their internet connection if they were connected to gaming sites. In the spring of 2014, the issue became quite prominent as a result of the FCC taking a new rule under consideration that would establish net neutrality.

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## IN NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE... Net neutrality needs to be

As the Nobel Conference approaches, physics majors come out of the crypt of dreams that is Olin to see that people are interested in their field again.

In the wake of the catyclism of "The Fourth Crown Sells out", the leadership of The Fourth Crown officially places a bounty on the head of Opinion Editor David Roland, amounting to the sum of a five dollar gift card to Dairy Queen.

After the men's soccer team's stunning victory over St. Mary's, Gustavus students actually start watching soccer.

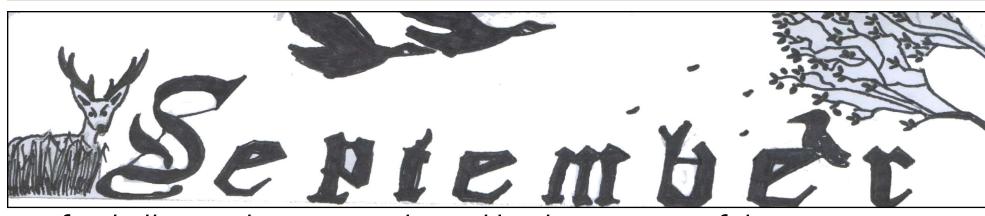
made into law as it is of key importance if we wish to retain our right to free speech in both our real lives and in our online entertainment and communi-

Unless the FCC upholds our Constitution and the rights of the people, corporations can easily discriminate against sites and people that are in competition or in a disagreement with the Internet provider. These common sense regulations would stop corruption before it ever has a chance to rear its ugly head.

Believe it or not, both of the aforementioned issues are closely related as some prominent people in our society seem to believe that the internet is a place to be tamed and controlled but this is clearly just another attempt by supporters of big government to find some way to control this grand forum of free speech and channel it to suit their own interests.

# Top foods for the week-end, in my opinion

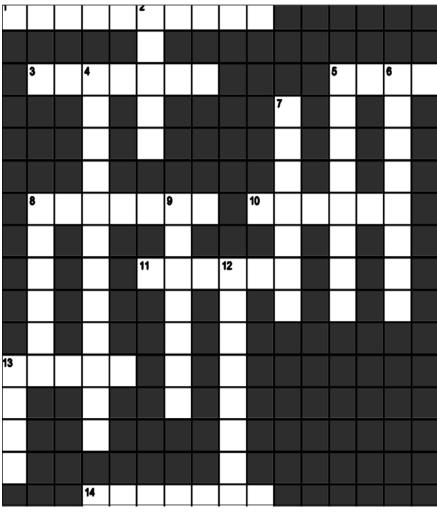
- Dominos is the classic choice—delicious pizza with gluten-free options, whats not to love?
- Whiskey River, often overlooked because of its distance from campus, but if you can find a safe ride it's totally worth the drive—ask for the Ruben Ball!
- McDonalds, if health isn't your primary 3 concern. It's the economical choice that tastes decent for any ocassion.
- China Town—it's great delivery food for the money and who doesn't like Chinese food every now and again?



"In football everything is complicated by the presence of the opposite team."

-Jean-Paul Sartre

## Crossword



# Zach Lardy

\*Answers online.

#### Across

- **1.** Quarterback with the most interceptions in NFL history.
- **3.** In Batman, Oswald Cobblepot's villian name.
- **5.** Austin Powers can't function around the ladies without his
- **8.** Former home of the Oklahoma City Thunder.
- 10. In "Caddyshack," the animal that infests the golf course.
- **11.** A group of crows.
- **13.** Latin for "Happy".
- **14.** First name of Tom Hanks's character in 1994 classic.

#### Down

- **2.** Type of fly seen around the garbage.
- **4.** State with the motto: "Live Free or Die"
- **5.** Eminem's actual first name.
- **6.** Starting goaltender on the 1980 Ice Hockey team (one word).
- **7.** Country between France and Spain.
- **8.** Two-handed tool used to cut wheat in the middle ages.
- **9.** Artist who remade "Mambo number 5" in 1999 (one word).
- 12. Greek god of wine.
- **13.** Popular feature on most 1950s vehicles, seen today on fish.

Kevin Pajor Entertainment Editor

### Weather, Really?



## Nordic skiing moves forward as club sport

Philip Evans Sports & Fitness Editor

ix months have passed since the Gustavus nordic ski teammembers were told they would no longer race as a varsity sport. From that point on, the ski team would compete as a club, excluding them from subsequent regional and national tournaments. The decision, made by the Athletics Department in late March, put the Gusties in the big group of MIAC students-athletes who have seen their Nordic programs cut.

"Everyone who was on the team last year is coming back. It just shows that the people here love the sport and won't be let down easily."

—Marit Sonnesyn

The decision pierced through campus irritating not only athletes, but a major part of the student population. Although a petition was inititated to save the team, recieving nearly 3,000 signatures, the Athletics Department maintained their position.

"Right now we are only looking forward. We just had a great meeting with the team and we're all excited for what is to come," Director of Athletics Tom Brown said.

Even though they were disheartened by the news, the returning skiers still used the summer to get fit for the upcoming season. One such returning skier is Junior Marit Sonnesyn, a Plymouth, Minn. native who has also been one of the top runners for the cross country team

"I try to alternate running and rollerskiing as much as I can. I don't think our skiing training will change much this year. Everyone who was on the team last year is coming back. It just shows that the people here love the sport and won't be let down easily," Sonnesyn, who on wednesday became the Gusta-vus Athlete of the Month, said. Former Nordic Skiing Head

Coach, Jed Freidrich, is still very involved with the team. He provides workouts for the weight room as well as different interval sessions every week. He appreciates that the cross country team has given a help-ing hand to the ski team this fall. "A lot of skiers joined the

cross country running team and are doing very well. Mata Agre and Marcus Speca, both juniors, are running for the first time and are both giving the varsity team a boost. Marit Sonnesyn is probably their best runner so far. The other skiers are rollerskiing and running to get ready," Friedrich

For Sonnesyn, the urge to race in a high-level setting kept her



Marit Sonnesyn was named the Gustavus Female Athlete of the Month for September for her performance on the cross country team. She will continue to balance running and rollerskiing until snow falls.

going this summer.
"Those returning still want to race at a competitive level. We will participate in varsity races this year, even though it won't count towards anything in the post season. We will also do three public races up in the cities," Sonnesyn said.

Although going through a big change, Freidrich is awed

by the work the skiers have put in to make the club reach its

full potential. He also emphasizes the fact that there could be some positive experiences from adjusting to the new position.

The team has been taking an active approach to raise funds and get organized. I'm really impressed with their determination and drive to get this new club going. I believe there will be some positive outcomes from this change. Some skiers might feel like a Division I athlete who

transfers to a Division III school to compete. Those athletes gain a different perspective on sport," Freidrich said. The Nordic Ski Club will be-

gin official training on Oct. 14 and continue for another three months on dry land before the longing for snow is over.

"On good years we have snow in early December, but sometimes it doesn't fall until finals week," Fredrich said.



# The part of the conference everyone gets.

Join us during the Nobel Conference, we're just down the hill.

#### deli hot bar menu

#### Tuesday, October 7

Moroccan Stew Spanikopita Greek Meatballs in Mushroom Wine Sauce Greek Pizza Minted Rice Pilaf Roasted Vegetables Mediterranean Potato Gratin

#### soups

Vegetarian Chili Creamy Chicken with Wild Rice Tomato Basil Feta

#### deli hot bar menu

#### Wednesday, October 8

Hunan Chicken Vegetable Lo Mein Vegetable Egg Rolls Kung Po Beef Spicy Orange Tofu White Rice Sesame Vegetables Chicken Fried Rice

#### soups

Cream of Mushroom Tuscan Bean Thai Chicken

We also have a fabulous salad bar, ready-made sandwiches or made-to-order signature sandwiches on our menu. Did we mention our desserts?



## **Student athletes host Special Olympics**

Will Metcalf Staff Writer

This Sunday, Sept. 28th, Gustavus hosted a Special Olympics Unified Flag Football Tournament for the second time ever. Unified Flag Football is a sport where individuals with and without disabilities play on the same team. Special Olympics athletes from all around Minnesota participated in the event.

"Once I began helping out, I realized that our help is greatly appreciated by the athletes. In turn, I have found myself inspired by the drive and passionate determination of many of these athletes."

—Zach Vine

The coordination of the event is the result of a partnership with NCAA Division III and the effort of numerous studentathlete volunteers. According to the NCAA website, "Through this partnership, Division III student-athletes across the country will be encouraged to participate in existing Special Olympics events, create their



The Special Olympics Flag Football event has what it takes to become an annual tradition at Gustavus. "The pure joy and excitement the athletes experience is something we can all learn from since they show an absolute love for the game and express it in a way that is very touching," Chad Poppen said.

own events, or otherwise serve to support Special Olympics organization."

The NCAA also states, "The

purpose of the partnership is to improve the lives of Special Olympics athletes through their involvement with Division III student-athletes and to foster a mutual learning experience between Division III studentathletes and Special Olympics athletes.'

However, Gustavus' relation-ship with Special Olympics began before the NCAA was involved.

"We are fortunate at Gustavus that a partnership with Special Olympics was established before Division III partnered with Special Olympics. I am not sure when that partnership started, but it seems to me that the Gustavus Greek organizations started this relationship here at Gustavus by volunteering at the Track and Field event that is hosted here at Gustavus in May," Assistant Athletic Director Kari Eckheart said.

Student-athlete volunteers played various roles in making sure games went smoothly. Some officiated games, while others ran the scoreboards and clocks. They're also around to cheer at the awards ceremony. Senior Health Fitness major Zach Vine enjoyed volunteering and found plenty of value in doing so.

Once I began helping out, I realized that our help is greatly appreciated by the athletes. In turn, I have found myself inspired by the drive and passionate determination of many of these athletes. My favorite part of helping out would definitely be when an athlete does a good job and everyone goes crazy cheering for him or her. It is awesome to see their hard work pay off. I also want to note how impressive the sportsmanship of many of these athletes -they

Junior Public Accounting Major Chad Poppen had a similar experience, finding that volunteering for the event Sunday was a great opportunity for service.

'I am involved in the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, and one of the big components of this group is community service, so using the members of the Men's Basketball team to give back to the community was what drew myself and teammates to the event," Poppen said. The football team was also a major source of help. "I only had to make an announcement after a football practice to get an influx of willing volunteers," Vine said.

For those Gustavus studentathletes who volunteered, Sunday's tournament was memo-

"The pure joy and excitement the athletes experience is something we all can learn from since they show an absolute love for the game and express it in a way that is very touching," Poppen concluded.

#### **SPORTS SCHEDULE**

#### Friday, Oct. 3

Cross Country at UW-Eau Claire Blugold Invitational 4 p.m.

Volleyball at Hamline University

7 p.m.

#### Saturday, Oct. 4

**Golf at MIAC** Championship

**Football hosts Carleton** College (Homecoming)

1 p.m.

Men's Soccer at St. Olaf College

1 p.m.

Women's Soccer hosts St. **Olaf College** 

1 p.m.

#### Sunday Oct. 5

**Golf at MIAC** Championships

#### Monday, Oct. 6

**Golf at MIAC** Championships

#### Wednesday, Oct. 8

Women's Soccer at UW-**River Falls** 

7 p.m.

Volleyball hosts St. Olaf College

7 p.m.

# Spotlight

This recurring segment will highlight a senior Gustavus athlete each week.



Anthony Boyce

Football - The linebacker will enter Homecoming weekend defending a 4-0 record with his team.

#### Q: What are your expectations for the season?

A: The expectation for this year is to win the MIAC cham-

pionship. I think that we have a great opportunity to do this because of our dynamic offense that we have and the expirence that we have returning on de-fense. In past years, we have always been a competitive team but struggled with closing games and I believe that this team takes pride in our ability to finish and close out games.

#### Q: What is your best athletic

A: The game against St. John's last year. It was a team that we previously played tough against but had not been able to get a win from. Beating them at home, in overtime, really made all the training in and out of season worth it. St. John's is also a team that travels well so there were a lot of people at the game and the atmosphere was

#### Q: Why would you recommend Gustavus?

A: Gustavus is a place filled with a lot of people who will have a great impact on your life during your time here at Gustavus and when you leave.

are truly supportive of each other," Vine said.



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## Undefeated football team looks to continue streak with a Homecoming win

#### **Katie Allen** Staff Writer

**¬**he Gustavus football team is focused and looking strong going into the Homecoming game against Carleton on Saturday, Oct. 3. The team's record now stands at 4-0 after defeating Augsburg 55-31 last Saturday, Sept. 27, and the men are hoping to carry their momentum into this Satur-

day's game.
"We're 4-0 right now and we're feeling really good about how we've started the season, but we feel like we have yet to play our best game and we're just focusing on what needs to be improved every day, what we can continue to build on, and just staying together," Senior Captain Zach Vine when asked how he felt the season has been going so far said. Despite their spotless record, the team is still looking for ways improve dur-

ing every practice.
"We have continued to work on everything. The goal is to improve on everything, every day. There's no end game with getting better, it about trying to have an environment and expectation of continuous improvement," Head Coach Peter Haugen said. "We talk about one percent—can you get one percent better every day?"

Along with overall improvement, the football team specifically aims to improve their consistency from play to play.

"I think that inconsistency is always going to be a struggle throughout the season, but right now that's something we [the defense] really want to work on. We've had moments where we could have been one of the



The football team is having one of their greatest starts to a season ever. They hope to increase their winning streak to five straight games when they host Carleton College in the 2014 Homecoming game.

best defenses in the nation, but then we have other moments when we are just making foolish communication errors. I can't speak for the offense, but I'm sure they have little things they want to work on as well and I'd say that's the big thing right now, just improving our consistency," Senior Captain Jacob Forcier said.

Although the team is focusing on improving their weaker areas, they are also hoping to use their strengths, on both the offensive and defensive lines, to their advantage in the upcom-

ing contest.

"Offensively, we play really fast; no huddle, we can put up a lot of points in a hurry. Defensively, they're really good at stopping the run and we've got some good corners and safe-ties that have really stepped up this year and they've forced some turnovers. I'd say we're just really close as a team right now and our cohesion is re-ally good," Junior Quarterback Mitch Hendricks said.

Hendricks recently set the Gustavus school record for the most yards completed in a single game. Hendricks broke the former record, held by Dean Kraus '89 and set in 1985, when he threw four touchdowns and completed 31 out of his 43 passes for 443 yards in the game against Hamline on September 20, 2014. The record stood for another week before Hendricks broke his own record in the game against Augsburg when he threw for 504 yards and 7 touchdowns.

The positivity and unity that characterizes the entire Gustavus football team is another major team asset, in addition to the individual strengths of the offense and defense.



Junior Quarterback Mitch Hendricks broke his own passing record against Augsburg College, passing for a total of 504 yards and throwing 7 touchdown passes.

"It's one that's layered in trust," Coach Haugen said. "We "Carleton is a good squad. They're playing good football, have a team of guys that trust each other and I think that's a really good place to start, holding each other accountable. We have really good team chemistry."

"We really pride ourselves on staying positive, staying in the moment, just the process, everyday grinding with a purpose and working towards our goals all together," Vine said.

Heading into the Homecoming game against Carleton the Gustavus football team is expecting strong competition but are planning to use their team strengths and positive team dynamic to come away with a win.

"Carleton is a good squad. and they're always a well pre pared football team, so it will be a good challenge for us,' Vine said.

"I'd say the odds are in our favor, we just need to play well, and if we do we can beat any team in the conference," said Hendricks.

For the Gusties, the overall goal hasn't changed.

'We want to be MIAC champions, so that's what we have to keep reminding ourselves of and take every day and make the best of it," Vine said.

