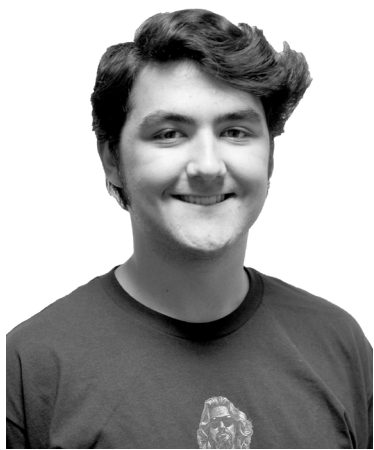


Old MacDonald had an opinion “They Drew First”



Cameron MacDonald
Opinion Columnist

There is a satire news outlet in Paris, France known as *Charlie Hebdo*. They are known for being very outspoken and unafraid to share their opinions on nearly everything, no matter how controversial they may be. They were notorious and commonly seen as quite raunchy and dirty, as well as unprofessional. Unfortunately, they happened to offend some people who decided to do something rather terrible about it.

On Jan. 7, two gunmen armed with assault rifles pulled up in front of the building that housed the *Charlie Hebdo* offices. They forced one of the employees to

open the front door and then proceeded inside. They found the offices and proceeded to gun down eight journalists, two police officers, a visitor and a caretaker; totaling 12 victims at *Charlie Hebdo* alone.

The men who committed this act were Islamic extremists who had been offended by the newspaper's repeated depictions of the Prophet Muhammad, as depictions of the Prophet are banned under Islam. They were later identified and chased through France until they were shot and killed on Jan. 9 by law enforcement. The act of terrorism drove France's alert system "Vigipirate" to its highest level. The attacks committed are the deadliest acts of terrorism in France since the bombing of the Vitry-Le-François train station in 1961.

Many countries have condemned these attacks and stated that they are "barbaric." Cartoonists and publications all across the world are putting in their statements on the events and are condemning such actions. They are hoping that by spreading the word, and showing that they aren't afraid of these men, something like this will never happen again. The people of France joined in these efforts with peaceful demonstrations, holding signs that said "Je Suis Charlie" which means "I am Charlie" in French. They

did these to demonstrate that they did not fear the people who did this and would rally against them.

[A newspaper] should not have to fear someone kicking in their door and murdering them for speaking their mind.

This attack raises a lot of the same issues we've been hearing about for years now, but this is now considered bigger because it was pulled off in the heart of France. This strike was close to home and in a very populated area, and raised many security questions for France, which have been responded to with increased military occupation in the city of Paris.

The main issue people are debating is the freedom of speech. It has been said that a paper such as *Charlie Hebdo*, no matter how disliked or vulgar it may be, should have the right to voice their thoughts and opinions without fear of persecution. This violent response puts a hamper on such voices, and many fear the censorship of papers in order to avoid such events, which they state is let-

JE SUIS CHARLIE

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"I do not agree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." -Evelyn Beatrice Hall

ting the attackers win.

The events that occurred in Paris are truly tragic. A newspaper, while it may have been controversial, should not have to fear someone kicking in their door and murdering them for speaking their mind. The saddest thing is that this only increases stereotypes and fear of people who follow Islam. With these extremists committing these atrocities, people tend to forget that the very large majority of Islamic people are just that; people. They are no different than someone who follows Christianity or any other religion. They are people with a different belief system who do not desire conflict. No one wants to live in constant fear. The important thing to take away from this is to be sure we focus on the fact

that these men were extremists who were working for a specific organization, and not represent the entire Islamic population.

There is a similar situation with police right now, since there are videos all over the internet showing "dirty" or "crooked" cops. Don't forget that for every video of a bad police officer, there are hundreds to thousands more who do their job every day to protect us. This goes the same for someone who is Muslim. For every video or news article you see of extremists, there are so many more who are just trying to go about their daily lives and not be persecuted for their religion. We're all just people in the end, and we have to work together to make this world a place we want to live in.

Don't just glase over it Stop Loving Pope Francis (But Don't Hate Him Either)



Matthew Glaser
Opinion Columnist

Pope Francis is something of an anomaly, being surprisingly popular with public media, Catholics and non-Catholics alike in the United States. His predecessor, Pope Emeritus Benedict (the Emperor Palpatine Pope) certainly didn't foster such a welcoming from the media and populations. Yet Pope Francis also has been seen to divide liberal and conservative Catholics being too progressive for more conservative Catholics, while for some liberals not being progressive enough. What could be the cause of all this? Mainly this: media fails to understand Catholicism or what Pope Francis actually says.

I remember back to when

Pope Francis made his famous, "Who am I to judge?" comment, which was praised as by many as the start to Church reform to be less discriminatory against people in the LGBTQ community, and possibly even a hint at marriage reform within the Church. The number of people who suddenly loved the Pope skyrocketed among Catholic and non-Catholics. The problem is, none of what he says is any different at its core from what the Catholic Church has been teaching in its Catechism which is this:

"They must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided." (Paragraph 2358)

But also the two preceding sentences:

"The number of men and women who have deep-seated homosexual tendencies is not negligible. This inclination, which is objectively disordered, constitutes for most of them a trial." (Paragraph 2358)

I bring up this example not to judge on what the Catholic Church teaches, but to point out that the media takes what Pope Francis says, and if it can ring well with liberal ears, while ignoring other public announcements and teachings he proclaims that would point out his conservatism.

Another example is Pope



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With respect, compassion, and sensitivity.

Francis' endorsement of evolution. To some it was seen as revolutionary that the Catholic Church has finally gotten with the times and denied Creationism and Intelligent Design Theories. The problem with this is that the Catholic Church has been relatively accepting and warm to evolution since 1950 when Pope Pius XII wrote a papal letter taking the stand that the study and discussion of evolution among Catholics was no big deal, and Pope John Paul II made an endorsement of evolution in 2002 stating it was more than a hypothesis.

And just on Thurs., Jan. 15, Pope Francis chimed in on climate change saying, "I don't know if it is all [man's fault]

but the majority is, for the most part, it is man who continuously slaps down nature."

This statement for some reason shocked many in the media and was written about as a slap to conservative Catholics. All this when the Catholic Church, along with many other Christian denominations, has been teaching that humans are stewards of the earth and need to take good care of it for years upon years.

So why is it a slap in the face to Conservative Catholics, and some of the other things he says championed by Liberal Catholics? Because the media imposes a ludicrous dichotomy between conservative views and liberal views on just about

everything, including Catholicism. And with Catholicism it really just doesn't make sense, which in turn makes Pope Francis look like some type of weird anomaly. Admittedly it's easy to label the Catholic Church as conservative overall since it is conservative on issues of sexual morality. Yet not every issue the Church takes a stand on fits in the conservative camp as portrayed by the media.

The Catholic Church has been pro-life for decades, opposing both abortion and being against the death penalty which both together don't fit well into a liberal/conservative divide. The Church has been accepting of evolution, while also affirming God as Creator of the Universe and of the human soul which also doesn't fit neatly into the media's divide. Topic to topic, when you get into the real meat of issues it becomes harder to put the church as a whole into any conservative or liberal camps. The forcing of the typical political liberal/conservative dichotomy onto the Catholic Church really fails to capture what Church really is,

So if you love Pope Francis, think twice about what he says, check what the Roman Catholic Church is still teaching, and maybe you won't be so quick to love him. Then think a third time, and you probably won't be so quick to hate him either.

The Kruizer report

Kill It, With a Ping-Pong Ball!



Mason Kruize
Opinion Editor

Despite all the jokes of some Gusties bearing resemblance to the walking dead, much part in thanks to our ever so benevolent professors and their late night reading assignments, many of you are no doubt familiar with the event known as Zombie Week.

Whereas there is an 'infection' rather than killing, Zombie Week is a classic game of assassins. You have a target, someone is targeting you, and your goal is to survive by evading your attacker while tracking your target down and hitting them with a seemingly innocent ping-pong ball.

This year, to ensure there are less arguments, both the infected and infector must submit an email report immediately afterward so there is a record of who is out and who's hunting who at any given time. Participants started with finding their P.O. Box containing an envelope holding a picture of their target along with a single ping-pong ball. Prizes are given out to the last one standing, as well as categories such as who infected

the most targets.

This is the third year Gustavus has done Zombie Week, and it's already become somewhat of a tradition where people are skittish walking across campus or exiting the Caf. It can be tiring, looking over one's shoulder every day for anyone eyeing them and reaching into their pocket for an instrument of white death. There have been chases from the Caf to wherever the hunted can hide, stakeouts by a target's door and creepy Facebook stalking for more pictures to identify one's prey so they have more to go by than the poor black and white photo given out in the beginning of

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Zombie Week.

Many resort to the Gustavus website to find a target's dorm and room number, and several have been so talented, or perhaps demented enough, to find the J-term their prey is taking. Several participants have experienced the unfortunate circumstance to have their target within their sights, close in for the 'kill,' only to feel the sting of extermination in the small of their back.

To maintain some sort of order in a free for all game of kill or be killed, several areas have been



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updated as out of bounds. You may not hit your target while they are in the Chapel, the sanctuary for anyone who can get

*"That awkward
moment when you
realize you have no
plans for where you
are going in life, yet
you know exactly what
you are going to do in
a zombie apocalypse."*

-Anonymous

there and then discreetly exit in one of four directions from the center of campus. Restrooms are off limits, as are the participants'

dorms unless they give you permission to come in. The Lund area is also off limits to prevent pandemonium amongst those working out, and you cannot hit a target while they are in class or speaking with a professor. Common courtesy should be considered common sense here, but the need presents itself for these rules to be briefed during the info-session on the eve of Zombie Week.

There is quite a thrill to it, knowing someone is out to get you, and knowing that while you may dodge a would be assassin once, they'll make the attempt again if the opportunity presents itself, though it's more difficult as you now know they're after you. Or, perhaps, they won't even hunt you the next day, for they might have gotten eliminated themselves so

you're back at square one wondering who has you. You know your target, but do you seek help from others who could potentially help you get them, or keep the information to yourself so you're not sold out? There are many variables, many considerations as you are participating, and in the end, it's often up to luck more than personal skill in tracking someone down or evading the one hunting you.

All in all, Zombie Week presents a fun opportunity for students to test their ability to hunt someone down in a non-lethal manner, as well as test their ability to survive and escape from whoever is targeting them. With some luck, you might get to hunt down your own friend for a memorable laugh, or laugh at yourself if your termination is anticlimactic. Yet, it is ironically relieving to be infected as you don't need to keep evading someone 24-7.

This event has become an amusing tradition for the campus, one where hilarity ensues from the many tales of chasing and being chased, and is even amusing for those not involved who witness attacks around campus. If you don't become one of the living dead from the sleepless nights due to the anxiety of being hunted, then you got what you were supposed to out of Zombie Week; a fun occasion to make memories and test your survival abilities.



Will you survive the hunt?

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Colin It Like I See It The Four W's



Colin Rieke
Opinion Columnist

If you are unclear whether you have purpose in this world, or if you find yourself lacking some sense of direction, I have a couple questions for you. My first question is:

What do you do?

Each and every one of us have at least one thing we do that comes naturally and effortlessly to us. Think about what you like to do or spend time doing. More importantly, think about what you do in relation to others. What you do is what you have to offer this world right here, right now. What you do is unique to you. What you do is an action or activity that benefits others because in doing so you are being yourself. And when you stay true to who you are you encourage others to do the same.

Take Victor, for example. He might be a chef, but at the same

time he could consider bringing joy to others as what he really does, his real vocation. Being a chef is only a platform in which Victor can do what he cares about the most.

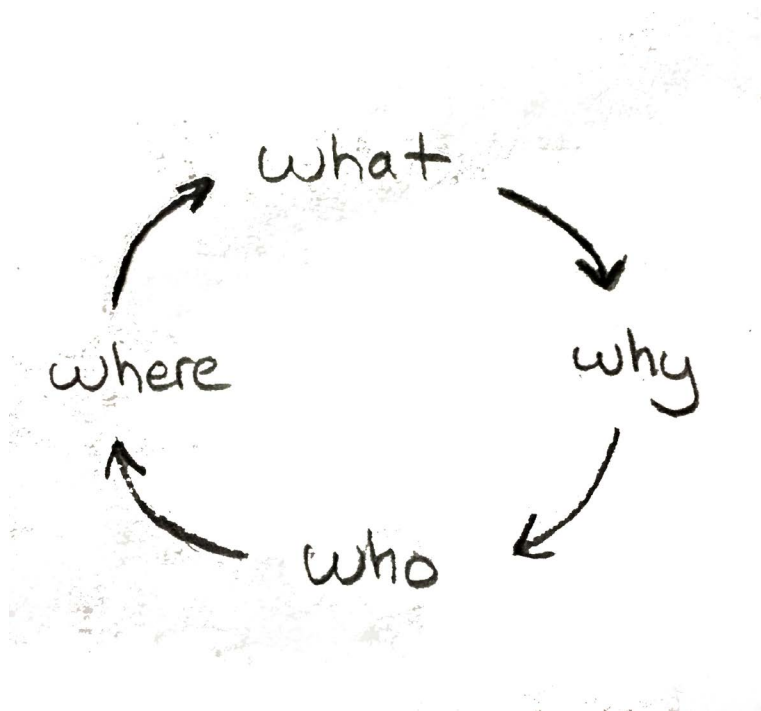
What you do is at the core of who you are; it shows what kind of person you are at your deepest level. Take a second right now in this moment to close your eyes. Now picture what it is that you do. Continue reading only after you have done this, and if you are still unsure what it is that you do maybe my next question will help:

Why do you do it?

There is a reason behind what you do, just as there is a reason for everything we do in our lives. If Victor's "what" is bringing joy to other people, there is a reason why he does that. To determine the "why" behind your "what" you may have to give it some serious thought. You might have to retrace the past.

Why Victor brings joy to others could simply be because he's good at it. It could be because that's what he was taught. But there is more to the "why". We need to go one step further and ask why Victor is good at it, or why he has taken to heart what he was taught. In discovering the "why" behind the "what," we understand how personal the reason is for why Victor brings joy to others.

Perhaps Victor had no one to bring joy to him when he grew up, which is why he now



How will you answer the four W's?

wants to give back to others. If you have an idea of what your "why" is, then let me ask you another question:

Who do you do it for?

It is one thing to be aware of what your unique gifts are and to be aware of why you have them. It's another thing to also have a clear sense of who your gifts benefit. Knowing who is impacted by what you do points you towards how you can effectively use your "what" in the world. You have been affecting certain people your entire life

whether you realize it or not. But now being aware of who those people are could give you a heightened sense of purpose and direction.

The "who" does not necessarily have to be people. A group, movement, country, or an organization could be the beneficiaries of your "what." Going back to Victor, he could very well be intending to bring joy to specific people, but he could also be aiming to impact the restaurant and entire city in a positive way.

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While it's important to consider the "who" behind your "what" and "why," it's just as useful to take a step back and address one more question:

Where are you right now?

Now that you have been introduced to the first three W's it's time to come full circle. Where are you in regards to the what, why, and who? Think about whether you have come up with your own "what." Determine if you know why you do what you do. Figure out if you know who you do it for. Decide which of the first three W's needs more clarification. Ask yourself whether you even have the desire to ask these questions. If you dare to ask yourself these questions you might realize the person you have been differs from the person you want to be.

Or if you're still unclear on any of the first three W's then I have one last question for you: Where do you want to be moving forward? If you ever get stuck think about the person you want to be in the future, then start the whole process of asking the first three W's based on your future self.

If you're unclear on the first three W's; if you're unsure on what your story has been; if you doubt whether your life story up to this point has been written, I have good news for you: you can start to write a new one.

All you have to do is grab a pencil, think about the four W's, and start writing.

Mark my words

Economic Change or Environmental Sustainability? How About Both?



Mark Siatta
Opinion Columnist

Recent drivers have been jovial to see a drop in gas prices when pulling into the gas station. During the same time Americans have also seen the strength of our dollar rise. This is important for it simultaneously increases both our purchasing power and the overall confidence in the economy.

With oil prices down, many executives and shareholders of oil companies are feeling their pockets thinning ever so slightly. This added to the ever-evident impact of climate change signifies the progression of a changing of the guard.

Simply stated, innovation in how and what types of energy we use has to occur within our country if we plan on continuing being an economic leader.

The significance of these changes directly impacts us as students right now and for the foreseeable future. One major effect forthcoming that many recent and future graduates will appreciate is the availability of jobs in developing energy fields. With more of a focus on sustainability, energy companies will need the help of our generation to bring ideas and a dedication to the new and emerging sectors of the economy that will take form.

This change is not expected to happen overnight but it is imperative that it does take place during the current decade. In capitalist societies competition is revered and it's survival of the fittest, but sometimes the fittest isn't necessarily the best for society as a whole. The oil companies still have a strangle hold on most of the world markets and do not want to give up that type of hegemony. This is one of the main reasons why the development and implementation of cleaner, greener energy sectors have been stymied.

The lack of support for energy

innovation from the oil conglomerates is illustrated by the countless attempts to reinvent and maintain the dominance these companies have. Exemplified by the continued insistence and push for Fracking, and most recently the Keystone Pipeline proposal. All of these claim to provide cleaner, safer ways to mine and utilize oil and/or gas, while concurrently providing jobs and maintaining America as a world leader.

Support has to come from us as consumers and potential investors as well as backing from the government.

The truth is anything but that. In regards to the Keystone Pipeline, the jobs that would be created are mostly temporary, not to mention the immense risk that would be undertaken by the states in which the pipe flows through. The similar dangers of which were disastrously displayed during the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Fracking is another fruitless endeavor, in

that it is extremely costly and immensely risky for the areas surrounding the fracking site. The consequences from these types of energy sources should disproportionately further the discussion towards truly cleaner solutions.

That is why it is crucial for green energy companies to gain more support. Support has to come from us as consumers and potential investors as well as backing from the government. Some of the different types of products or services could take the form of solar panels on buildings, electric and or water powered cars, high-speed rail trains and other such energy and cost saving products. The developments from this type of innovation could have profound effects in curtailing climate change while also opening new opportunities in the United States for entrepreneurs and job seekers.

By accommodating this change we are not only providing the United States with homage to the 1950's excellence we experienced, but also leading by example through delivering a sustainable and environmentally friendly business sector in order to leave the world in better condition than we inherited

it. Should this not be the goal of every person let alone every nation?

Implementing this change will no doubt be difficult for some; particularly those with a vested interest in companies that would see their influence drastically diminish. But, if we are to be true capitalist we must accept the change for the better, as it will open up new sectors to thrust our influence in. The push back will begin to deter once the positive effects are seen in regards to employment, our economy as a whole, and most importantly the environment.

Recent graduates and those people who have been out of work should be able to begin to find sustainable jobs, while also producing a profound positive effect on the environment. Who knows, if these innovations do take hold we could see a rebirth of Detroit becoming the hydro-car manufacturer of the world.



"Laziness is nothing more than the habit of resting before you get tired."
- Jules Renard

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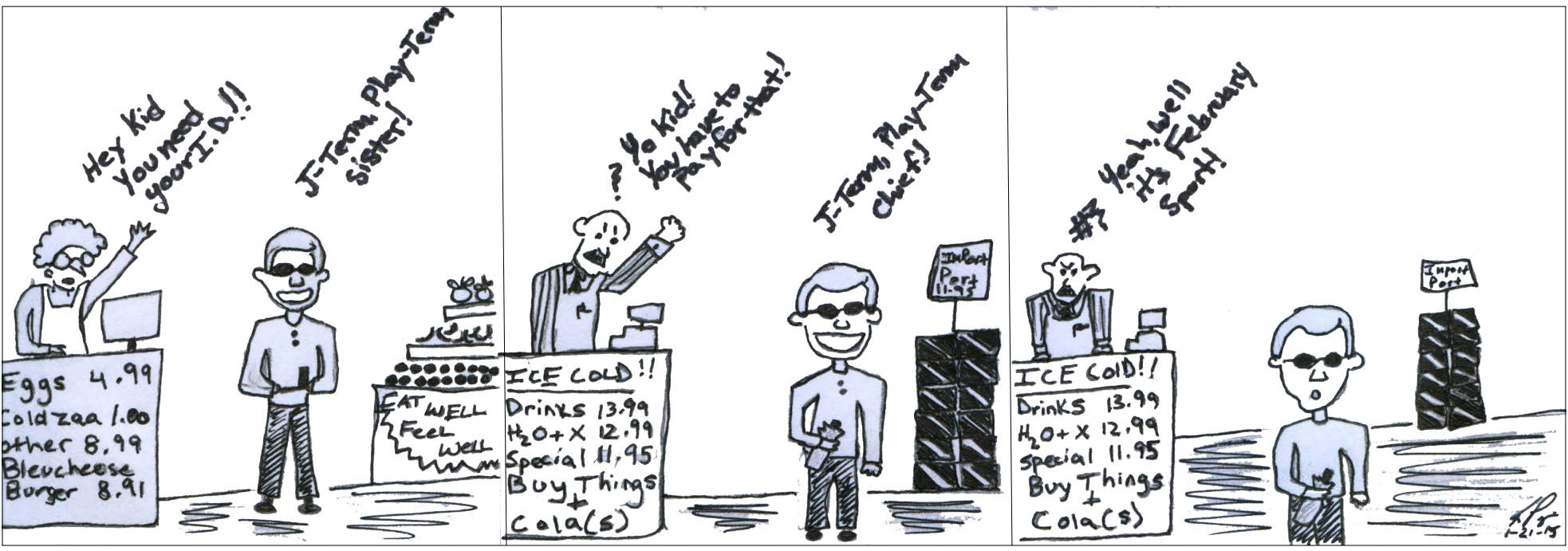
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January Term

Kevin Pajor
Entertainment Editor



Women’s Hockey gets back on winning track



Gustavus Sports Information

The Women’s Hockey team maintained their no. 6 spot in the USCHO ranking poll after their five goal sweep against Augsburg College on Friday night. The Auggies would come better prepared on Saturday, but a late third period goal by First-year Fefenseman Rachel Skoglund would give the Gusties a 2-1 win to take home. The team will host Saint Mary’s University in the Don Roberts Ice Arena on Friday, Jan. 23.

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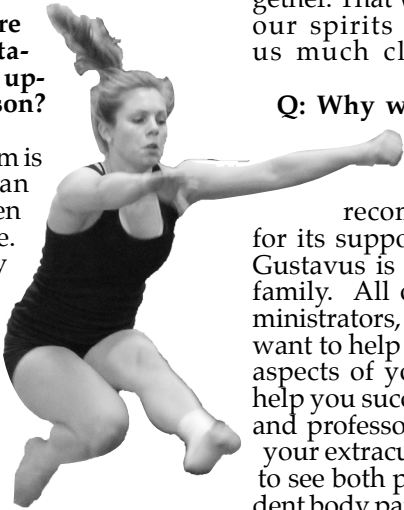
This recurring segment will highlight a senior Gustavus athlete each week.

Kalyn Botzet

Gymnastics - Kalyn Botzet and her teammates hope to bounce back from their close loss to Hamline University on Jan. 16.

Q: What are your expectations for the upcoming season?

A: Our team is stronger than we have been in a long time. Since my freshman year, our team goal has been to score a 180. While we haven’t scored that in my years at Gustavus, I’m hoping we can reach our goal this year.



Q: What is your best athletic memory?

A: My favorite memory from the Gustavus gymnastics team is winning our meet against Hamline in 2013. We hadn’t won a meet in three years and had dealt with a ton of coaching issues the previous year, so it was exciting to finally see all of our hard work come together. That win really brought our spirits up and brought us much closer as a team.

Q: Why would you recommend Gustavus?

A: I would recommend Gustavus for its supportive community. Gustavus is like a tightly-knit family. All of the faculty, administrators, and students truly want to help you succeed in all aspects of your life. Coaches help you succeed academically, and professors support you in your extracurriculars. It is fun to see both professors and student body painters in the stands cheering you on at meets.

First-years lead way for Men's Hockey



Gustavus Sports Information
Sophomore Defenseman Drew Aspinwall checking an Augsburg forward. The Gusties will face Saint Mary's University in a back-to-back match up on Jan. 23 and Jan. 24.

Jessica Yang
Staff Writer

With the loss of last year's highest scoring players for the men's hockey team, the team's outcome was unknown. They are now in the middle of their season but have not yet reached expectations of previous Gustavus Men's hockey standards.

Last week, the men's hockey team had a great comeback against Augsburg. They lost the first game, but displayed a diverse set of skills and teamwork and to come back and win the second game 3-0. Gustavus has an overall record of 5-6-6 at the moment with 2-2-4 in the MIAC.

"We have been decimated throughout the whole season from injuries which began in August," Coach Brett Peterson said.

Junior John McLean, who was the starter goaltender, tore his labrum and hip back in August. He had surgery on Sept. 1 and just recently started skating again.

"We got healthy over Christmas, but then someone separated their shoulder when we got back. These injuries are one of the reasons why our record at the moment is very average. There has been too many injuries to have any continuity. In hockey, you need continuity for the group to get better," Peterson said.

Beside the injuries that have held the team back, two first-years have shown that they belong on the ice. With a com-

bined 1.64 points per game, Conor Deal and Jake Bushey earned high marks from Coach Peterson.

"Both Conor and Jake are leading us in scoring. They are having a really good first year in Gustavus hockey and are having a huge impact. There are no other teams in the conference that have two of their first years leading in scoring besides us. They have really gotten on a good start to their career," Peterson said.

"The fans are super loud with all the chants. There is always two guys in banana suits, those guys are pretty fun to have at the games"

—Conor Deal

Conor Deal is fortunately one of the few who have not suffered an injury this season. As one of the top lead scorers, he has a lot of weight on his shoulders to do well and stay healthy.

"We have a great athletic training staff and they're doing the best they can to get everyone back out on the ice. As for me, I'm glad I'm not injured. I didn't expect coming in my first year of college that I would produce this well. When you have guys like Blake and Tim as teammates, it's easy to play with those guys. Like I said, I've been surprising myself so hopefully I keep this up during this stretch



Gustavus Sports Information
John McLean kept earned his shutout in three games when he saved 26 shots against the Auggies.

before playoffs," Deal said.

Senior Nate Paulsen was not as fortunate this season. He sprained his ankle and was out for 10 weeks. He just got back on the rink during winter break.

"This year is a very different team dynamic. Last year we had certain players who pucked the net regularly, now our team focuses more on team chemistry. Instead of having one or two guys we can count on, everyone on the team is contributing as best they can. We've struggled adjusting to that, especially for returners. Now that we have our goalie back and others back from their injuries, I think we have a chance to build off something," Paulsen said.

One consistent for Gustavus Hockey has been the support from fans and fellow students.

"The fans are super loud with all the chants. There is always

two guys in banana suits, those guys are pretty fun to have at the games," Deal said.

The team will appreciate

continued support at their next home game this Sat. Jan. 24 when they host Saint Mary's University at 7 p.m.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, Jan. 23

Gymnastics hosts UW-Stout
6:30 p.m.

Men's Hockey at Saint Mary's University
7 p.m.

Women's Hockey hosts Saint Mary's University
7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 24

Swim and Dive hosts University of St. Thomas
1 p.m.

Women's Hockey at Saint Mary's University
2 p.m.

Women's Basketball at St. Catherine University
3 p.m.

Men's Hockey hosts Saint Mary's University
7 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 28

Men's Basketball at University of St. Thomas
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Women's Basketball hosts University of St. Thomas
7 p.m.



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Men's Basketball searching for successful rhythm

Jake Woodrich
Staff Writer

At the midway point of their season, the Gustavus Men's Basketball team has so far experienced a roller coaster type ride; starting off well but hitting some low points in recent weeks. The Gusties currently hold a 10-5 record overall and are 6-4 in conference play.

"We have a good, experienced team. We started really strong, but since Christmas we've hit some speed bumps, similar to last season," Senior Captain Isaac Tapp said.

These speed bumps include three losses in the past few weeks to MIAC opponents, St. Olaf, Augsburg, and Concordia. Despite these low points, the Gusties have also had many strong moments this season which they hope to see more of in the weeks to come.

"It's been a turbulent season.

We've had some really great moments and some less than impressive ones. We need to gain consistency in our play and hopefully add more quality wins," Senior Captain Martin Feddersen said.

The greatest moment of the year so far has been a home victory over MIAC rival St. Thomas. When asked about the big win Tapp said, "The win shows how good we can be as a team."

This potential was exhibited in other MIAC wins including victories over Carleton, Hamline, and a big conference win over St. John's last Saturday at home. The results of these games have maintained the possibility of a MIAC title in spite of recent losses. Every team plays conference members twice, so if the Gusties can adjust their play in the coming weeks they can still challenge other MIAC teams.

While the team may face challenges on the court, off the court they have stood strong.

First-year Guard Jacob Herd,

who is a member of the Varsity team, but has also participated on the JV side of the court, described the locker room atmosphere as very positive.

"The team chemistry is really good. Everyone seems to get along with everyone with no problems," Herd said. "My favorite part of playing here at Gustavus is the fact that I get to play with an amazing group of teammates. Getting to know these guys more and



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Gary Cooper finds Sergio Najara. The team will travel to the Twin Cities and play the University of St. Thomas on Jan. 28.

that much better to play here."

The next time the Gusties take the court at home will be Wed.,

Feb. 4 at 7:00 p.m. when the team hosts Carleton College in a MIAC conference game.

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