



Grab some colored paper from the Gustie Den and make a sign to show your support.

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Painting your chest is also a great way to cheer a team on, just don't get too cold.

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Sometimes you also need a t-shirt to show your dedication to the team.

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Features Editor

What would a Gustie sporting event be without its cheering section? Fans have always been a key part of any Gustie sporting event, providing encouragement and celebration for every play of the game.

"Having fans is a great advantage whenever we play. When other teams come to Gustavus, the fans definitely have an impact on the game. They bring extra energy and help us when we need to get a stop on defense or convert on the offensive end," Junior Basketball Guard Chris Narum said.

Super fans are the ones that keep the energy and momentum of the crowd alive. They are the ones who start the slow clap of the rouser and show up decked out in some type of black and gold gear. They are also the ones you see at every match or game, a dedication to the team and Gustavus that is something to aspire to.

"Having the support of fans makes a substantial difference in our performance. We feed off the energy from all the cheering the fans bring—especially on floor. It's so

much more fun and less intimidating to perform in front of the fans because we know they'll always have our backs. This fun environment typically pushes us to perform better as a whole team," Senior Gymnast Kalyn Botzet said.

These super fans aren't just composed of Gustavus students or fellow teammates. Parents are often a large portion of our cheering crowd.

"We get quite a variety of fans at our meets. The first group of fans would be our parents. You can find them front and center decked out in gymnastics Gustie gear with big posters," Junior Gymnast Rachel Dargis said.

Anyone can be a super fan. All you need is the energy to give to the team and the charisma to unite your fellow cheering section together.

"The final group of fans we have are our wonderful painters. These guys bring a lot of energy into our gym and we absolutely love their school and gymnastics spirit. Having fans in the gym always helps us compete to the best of our abilities. It is our time to show them what we've got and how far we've come for the season," Dargis said. Grab your best yellow costume or Gustavus gear and make a sign for a favorite teammate and head out to the game, match, or meet. Even though cheering is expected and encouraged, make sure you are still being respectful to the teams playing.

"I do think someone snuck a whistle in

once this year which made things a little tricky," Junior Hockey defenseman Sam Smith said.

All Gustavus sports teams can always use more super fans at their competitions. It's important that students go out and show their support, while still having fun and cheering on the teams. Most importantly, if you want to start the slow clap, make sure you know the beginning of the Rouser: C'mon, you Gusties, Fight on! Fight on! Shout out the battle cry of victory!

# C'mon you Gusties!



## That's so Witty Beneath the Crown



**Cory Witt**  
Opinion Columnist

There are a lot of really awesome projects that students are involved with here on campus. It's pretty amazing what the students at this school are capable of doing while being full time students and sometimes even working a part-time or a full-time job on the side. Students here embrace the idea of social justice and realizing that we can change the world, students are engaged in social justice projects and countless student organizations that are dedicated to change things here on campus and abroad. Some, like me, are engaged in research projects, writing novels, producing art, writing philosophy papers, and everything

in between. All of these students deserve a huge pat and the back and as many people as possible to wish them good luck.

*Though the answers are different, most, if not all, talk in some form about happiness and about passion.*

For a moment, however, I'd like to focus on one project in particular. Recently, I was asked by one of my good friends, Nick Theisen, a senior history major, to do an interview for his project on campus called *Beneath the Crown*. For those of you who don't know, *Beneath the Crown* is a project done on campus inspired by the web project *Humans of New York* and strives to build a more connected and wholesome understanding of the people of our community here at Gustavus through the use of conversation and photography.

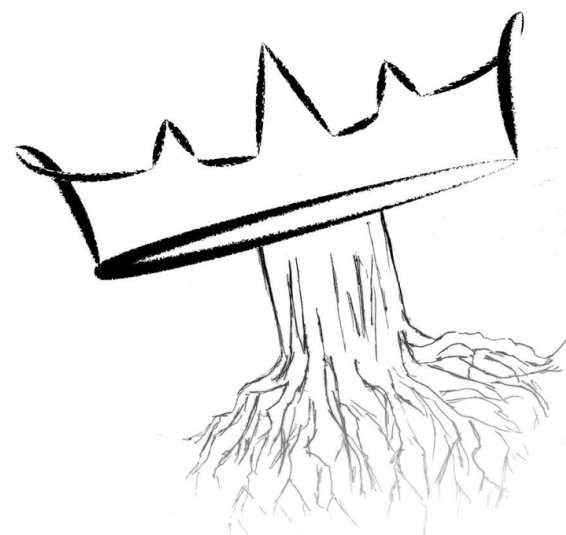
Conducted through random interviews, Nick engages his "guests" by asking them two or three related questions from a list of over a hundred that he has on him at all times. These questions really make you think about yourself and the world

around you when you try to answer them while Nick listens and records the dialogue with his camera. After a short conversation, Nick takes your picture and then posts the conversation on Facebook after he types it up on the page a few days later for all of our community to see.

Though it might seem a little embarrassing at first, the beauty of this project is really the scope of questions that Nick asks and the diversity of the people he has asked for an interview. Included on the page are students from all over the country, who are studying abroad, and even teachers. The beauty of this project is in the openness of the guests asked and the answers that they give.

Despite the questions asked, almost everyone is extremely open and is willing to answer the questions truthfully despite the fact that they might not even know Nick or what the project is about. They all give up a small piece of themselves for this interview and trust Nick to report their answers truthfully. And though the answers are different, most, if not all, talk in some form about happiness and about passion.

This correlates nicely to an article that I wrote in November of 2013 where I discussed dreams and why we are all here at Gustavus in the first place –



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*The purpose of Beneath the Crown is to foster a more interconnected and understanding community at Gustavus through the use of conversation and photography.*

to accomplish our dreams. The best part for me about being a student here at Gustavus is hearing about the variety of people's dreams, passions, and life goals and being able to rally behind them and give them what support I can to help their dreams come true.

The *Beneath the Crown* project is a showcase for the things that drive those dreams and goals in all of us and is why I so highly recommend checking out the

project as soon as you can if you haven't already. In March, the project will be doing an exhibit in the campus center regarding the driving passion here at Gustavus that will feature some of Nick's best work. I highly suggest taking the time to visit the exhibit when it is up. Finally, I will leave you with the question of what is your passion – what is thing that drives you to excel and what do you wish to accomplish with your life?

## A Rambler's Tale Don't Let Others Put Limits on You



**Andrea Broman**  
Opinion Columnist

Sometimes as I go through college, I feel as though everything around me is trying to limit me. I have to make choices that constantly seem to be limiting my range of interests. People are constantly being asked to specify their passions, to try to narrow it down to a single focus. But the truth is that people are not defined by a single passion.

People cannot simply fit into one box – to use an obvious cliché. Before I came to college, I had already limited my passions for various reasons – I had stopped playing hockey even though I loved skating to focus on high school speech and I had stopped dancing with my friends in my troupe because I

could no longer afford to pay for the fees involved which my parents weren't willing to pay for it for me. I had decided very early on that math and science were not my thing. I had shied away from the shop classes and the child development classes – convinced I couldn't possibly be interested in those subjects. But most of these things I discontinued were minor passions of mine, or unrealized passions that I never actually gave a chance.

When I got to college, though, things were different. I had to start making choices that would cut out major passions. I had played in the orchestra at my high school for many years, and I had even talked to a professor here about being a part of orchestra when I was applying, but I made the choice to give that up; a choice that I kind of regret. I consoled myself with the fact that I hadn't cut out music entirely – I was still taking voice lessons and participating in orchestra – but I was still very sad to give up the viola. In college, you are surrounded by the message that you need to "find yourself" and find the one thing you really want to do – above everything else.

The one thing you could do as an occupation that would make you happy. Unfortunately, I don't think that people come with a single desire – or a focus so singular as to hang on to one

subject for the entirety of their lives. We are eclectic creatures and each of us has a myriad of interests, passions, and hobbies.

*You as a person are both transient and permanent. For you are always yourself, but you are never the same.*

Recently, I've been noticing lore and more often the passions I've left behind or the passions I've not discovered, yet again creeping into my life and I have decided that it's a good thing. I have made the conscious decision not to limit myself. I believe that if you like something, you should do it and find a way to work it into your life.

I'm majoring in theatre and focusing on performance, but this year I have discovered that I also enjoy some of the aspects of stage management. I like to sing and make music, I like to dance and to paint, and I don't believe that I should be forced to choose between these things. And even beyond the artistic (because I'm sure not everyone reading this considers themselves artistic), there is no need to limit yourself to a single discipline all the time. No need to limit your likes and

dislikes or to ever feel ashamed of the things that you enjoy.

People try to limit you to the person you have always been. They think that you will continue to think as you have always thought, intractable and immovable, stuck in the rut of who you have always been. The thing is, change is possible and necessary. We do not live in a void and we are constantly influenced and changed by the ebb and flow of the tide around us. Our modern world, with its global communication and sense of progress cannot forever

remain the same. You must realize that change is inevitable and recognize that changing and growing, losing some passions and gaining others, is normal and necessary. You as a person are not a single thing day in and day out, forever and always. That is an impossible state of being. You as a person are both transient and permanent. For you are always yourself, but you are never the same.

### CORRECTION

In the opinion piece entitled "The End of Rape Culture" in last week's issue, the quote "Why is there such an obsession with trying to find someone to sleep with? Shouldn't we try to find someone worth waking up to?" was added, despite not appearing in the original text. THE GUSTAVIAN WEEKLY apologizes for the mistake.



# The Kruizer Report Don't Repeat Your Mistakes!



**Mason Kruize**  
Opinion Editor

be professional historians, and there are many other professions besides teaching. Instead, most go on to become lawyers, librarians, businesspersons, writers, archivists, researchers, politicians, and even entertainers if they incorporate their knowledge into a profession such as acting. Leaders in every industry, from business to the arts, can point to their training as history majors as the starting point for their success. Indeed, historical study plays an important part in fostering well-rounded intellectual development as well as developing valuable career skills in research, writing, argumentation, and documentation.

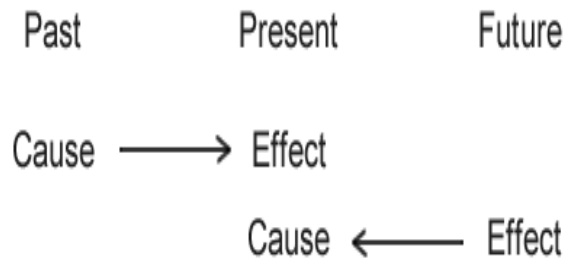
Furthermore, the importance of knowing the past cannot be overexpressed. All people and peoples are living histories. To take a few obvious examples: communities speak languages that are inherited from the past. They live in societies with complex cultures, traditions, and religions that have not been created on the spur of the moment. People use technologies that they have not themselves invented. Each individual is born with a personal variant of an inherited genetic template, known as the genome, which has evolved during the entire lifespan of the human species.

So understanding the linkages between past and present is absolutely basic for a good understanding of the condition of being human. That, in a nutshell, is why history matters. It is not just useful: it is essential.

The study of the past is essential for 'rooting' people in time. And why should that matter? The answer is that people who feel themselves to be rootless live rootless lives, often causing a lot of damage

It's often a joke among college students to argue over who has a practical major or not and how many job options they'll have once they graduate. Bio-chem and physics majors always seem to know there'll be job positions for them, despite the tedious coursework they endure. Classics majors desire to follow in the footsteps of their professors, or forge their own path by reading Old Latin and Greek texts which they'll write lengthy commentaries. Even theatre majors aren't the proverbial butt of all jokes since they're seen as artists to be respected in their area of work. For history majors however, we're all told, 'Oh, that's neat. What are you going to do if you're not a professional historian; teach?' Or perhaps, 'You sure about that? How are you going to pay off your loans?' Of course, there's always the statement which has us neophyte historians grinding our teeth, 'There's no point to history; it's about dead people and stuff that doesn't matter anymore.'

In truth, only a small percentage of history majors go on to



*"The past is the cause of the present, and the present will be the cause of the future." -A. Lincoln*

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to themselves and others in the process. Indeed, at the most extreme end of the out-of-history spectrum, those individuals with the distressing experience of complete memory loss cannot manage on their own at all. In fact, all people have a full historical context. But some, generally for reasons that are no fault of their own, grow up with a weak or troubled sense of their own placing, whether within their families or within the wider world. They lack a sense of roots. For others, by contrast, the inherited legacy may even be too powerful and outright oppressive.

In all cases, understanding history is integral to a good understanding of the condition of being human. That allows people to build upon a secure foundation. Neither of these options can be undertaken well without understanding the

context and starting points. All living people live in the here-and-now but it took a long unfolding history to get everything to the present. And that history is located in time-space, which holds this cosmos together, and which frames both the past and the present.

Let's take a look at another example. When you go into a doctor's office for the first time, you invariably have to fill out an information sheet that asks about your medical history. Some of these forms are very detailed, asking questions that require information from rarely accessed memory banks. Why does a doctor ask these questions? The doctor is trying to construct an accurate picture of your state of health. Your health is heavily influenced by the past. Your heredity, past behaviors, past experiences are all important determinants and

clues to your present condition. Whenever you return to the doctor, he or she pulls out a file which contains all the notes from past visits. This file is a history of your health. Doctors understand very clearly that the past matters.

As a society, we cannot allow the belief that history can be ignored while we're faced with the myriad challenges of today. By looking back, we can often find solutions that worked then and will work again with minor modifications. Those who take the time and effort to learn history are never condemned to repeat it, but become destined to use it as a tool for the present. When one comprehends the fact that the past is the cause of the present, the past then becomes able to shape the future. The past only dies when it is forgotten.

## Letter to the Editor

"Make your life count" is the motto I have heard over the radio since the start of this school year. As far as mottos go, it makes good sense to me. I am a bit concerned that some of the student body either haven't heard the motto or just haven't thought about it yet.

I am a police officer, and have been for the past 24 years. I have seen a lot of classes come and go, and without too much difficulty. I'm very concerned about this year's class.

I've been to several large house parties where the guests have gotten totally out of control. The neighbors have then seen fit to invite the police to the gathering. The residents usually greet us by saying, "We've been trying to clear them out as it just got out of control on us."

One weekend I observed several large groups of college aged citizens walking either towards the bar district or away from it towards

campus, talking and yelling in very loud voices. These young people seem surprised when an officer stops and asks them to quiet down as people are trying to sleep.

I had a chance to catch two males relieving themselves on a very well lit and very public building, within fifteen feet of a group of fellow Gusties, waiting to cross the road to the GusBus. One male ran off and the other accepted his ticket with a personal responsibility that actually surprised me.

Now I'm not against having a good time, but I believe having fun can be tempered with some self control and self policing. There used to be a time in St. Peter when Gusties policed themselves. Fellow students looked after each other and kept the roar down to an acceptable level.

I believe the current abuse of alcohol by this generation is out of control. One young male probably would have died one weekend this fall had it not been for a fellow student calling for


help. I would like to list a few items that will help you not be arrested by the police during your time in St. Peter.

- If you're under the age of 21, don't drink alcohol.
- If you do make contact with the police, be polite.
- Be quiet when you move through the neighborhoods on your way home.
- Don't have large gatherings with intoxicated people at your home.
- If you choose to drink underage, accept the consequences of your choice.


I would prefer not to meet as many of you as I have so far under the circumstances that we have become acquainted. I believe the vast majority of students want to live the total college life experience, but I also want you to "make your life count."

—David Arpin, St. Peter

## The Good, the Bad, and the Meh

 Hopefully "*The Importance of Being Earnest*" leaves students feeling a little more 'devoted' to their classes.

 The first day of spring isn't until March 20th.

 Mother Nature switching the temps for January and February.



## Colin It Like I See It True Love



**Colin Rieke**  
Opinion Columnist

With Valentine's Day last weekend, love is in the air, or at least in everyone's hearts. I have a slight problem with Valentine's Day though. Amidst the hustle and bustle of Valentine's Day, we lose sight of what's really important. In other words, the excitement of giving heart-shaped boxes of chocolate and fancy flowers to the person we "love" distracts us from a more significant type of love we should be concerning ourselves with: God's love.

Love is one of those things we all desire for ourselves; we all want to be loved. And when we don't have that certain somebody in our lives to love us in the greedy way we want, we get sad. Valentine's Day is probably one of the most disliked holidays by all single people for that very reason. The truth

is, this society is too obsessed with romantic love. We live in a love-saturated culture in which finding true love is the most important thing in our lives.

Well then here's a treat, because, boy, do I have a message to share.

Finding true love is the most important thing in life. True unconditional, never-ending love is what we should want, but it doesn't come from a romantic relationship. It comes from our Heavenly Father. It comes from Jesus Christ.

*God sent Jesus to die on the cross so that we could be saved from our sins. This is the foundation of understanding love...*

We spend our entire lives looking for love in the wrong places. Love has been right in front of us the whole time. From the moment we were created, to right now, and to even after we die, God loves us. And guess what, He loves a lot. In fact, He sent his one and only son to die on the cross for us. That's how much he loves us.

Imagine if your best friend chose to die so that you could be saved. Now imagine a parent willingly giving up their only child for the sake of others.



You don't have to look very far to find true love here at Gustavus. Submitted

That's love. A box of chocolates and a dozen red roses can't compete with that.

God sent Jesus to die on the cross so that we could be saved from our sins. This is the foundation of understanding love, or at least *agape* love. In fact, God is love. The only way to experience the awesome comfort and security of love is to know God, to have a relationship with Him. Whereas romantic love is never guaranteed, God's love is always guaranteed. It's always

there for the taking, because God is always there.

So why do we even need God's love in the first place?

Without Him in our lives there is always something missing; we will always be searching for something we can't get on our own; we will always be thirsty. The thing about love is, as humans, we are not capable of loving another person in the way God loves us, it doesn't come close. But when God is a part of our life, when we accept

him, and accept that Jesus died for us, a type of love enters into us that is stronger than any love we can ever feel. And the cool thing is that you can then spread that love onto others.

When we feel the love God has for us, our perspective changes. When we understand His love, to the extent we can understand it, we then see His love in others. When God is a part of our lives, He works through us and uses us to spread some of His love onto others. It is in this way the phrase "love is an expression of understanding," makes sense.

If there's one thing I want everyone to take away from this article it's this: God loves you, always has, and always will.

If there's a second thing I want you to take away from this article it's this: God's love is very present here at Gustavus. He is here and He wants us to experience His love by being a part of the Gustavus faith-based community.

So the next time Valentine's Day rolls around, don't just celebrate romantic love, celebrate a more important type of love. If we choose to do Valentine's Day in this way, then everyday becomes Valentine's Day. Every day becomes a day in which we are all loved. That sounds pretty good, does it not?

## Fancy Ain't It? Sex, Drugs, and Rocking Chairs



**Ashley Nickel**  
Opinion Columnist

For decades, the youth of our country have been engaging in behavior characteristically defined as reckless, stupid, and risky. In the Sixties, it was Rock and Roll and marijuana. For today's youth, it's something even more menacing. And we at Gustavus are not only buying into this behavior, we are in fact encouraging it.

This practice is none other than sitting down for extended periods of time, an activity more insidious than anything we have previously seen (quite

literally, from the Latin *sedere* meaning, "to sit." I kid you not; the word literally means, "to sit on.")

*Think about all the time we voluntarily sit, spending hours streaming television, listening to music, and sleeping.*

In all seriousness, the results of a recently conducted study have been published, and an alarming reality has emerged. Those who spend between eight to twelve hours sitting everyday are at more risk to die prematurely, and are at 90 percent more risk of contracting chronic diseases such as type 2 diabetes. The worst part of this information is that those who exercise in addition to sitting for extended periods of time are not exempt from this death sentence, although it does help a little. And it certainly is a death sentence, as physical inactivity is the number four cause of death in the world.

This statistic (probably heavily

influenced by the contribution of North America and all of its sedentary people) raises extremely important questions about our health, habits, and society's impact on them.

Whether you blame it on your desk job or on binge watching

*"Sitting is the new smoking." By far, it is just as addictive and more lethal, increasing the risk of high blood pressure, depression, certain types of cancer, and other ominous conditions."*

Netflix, the reality still comes through that as a culture we encourage and set up our institutions to favor sitting, forcing it even. This can be seen in the statistic that the average American sits for approximately 9.5 hours daily; that is just how our society is constructed.

For example, the fine establishment that we call

Gustavus Adolphus College is ranked way up there with the healthiest schools in America. And yet, on a daily basis, I can personally say that I spend at least eight hours sitting, whether because I'm in class, studying, or the like. It is probably safe to say that most of you can say the same. Aside from cutting class to walk aimlessly through campus buildings, there really is no alternative to this occurrence.

It helps that most of us exercise, and that you have to walk every time you need to go somewhere on campus, but is that really enough to outweigh the impact that sedentary habits have on our health and lifespan? Is one hour of exercise enough to balance the 10 hours we spend being inactive? The obvious answer is no.

Think about all the time we voluntarily sit, spending hours streaming television, listening to music, and sleeping (although most normal people sleep horizontally, which really is a gray area in my book). Dr. James Levine, an endocrinologist devoted to the research of the impacts of a sedentary lifestyle, claims, "Sitting is the new smoking." By far, it is just as addictive and more

lethal, increasing the risk of high blood pressure, depression, certain types of cancer, and other ominous conditions.

Some of you more thanatophobic individuals may be anxiously wondering what you can do to reduce the risk of death from sitting. The short answer is next to nothing. The longer answer recommends that standing and walking around periodically every few minutes helps counteract the effects of inactivity on the body. But really who has the time or focus to take a turn about the room every quarter of an hour while elbows deep in writing a paper or doing math homework. Personally my concentration would be shot if I did that.

In my opinion, the only thing you really can do is not worry excessively about this. We all knew that death was coming for us. What we didn't know is that it would come in the form of an exorbitantly priced formal education, Hulu Plus, and a second-hand armchair. Maybe that's why they took the couches out of the campus center.





THE  
**FOURTH CROWN**



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# Campus Safety gears up to dish out record number of Violations this holiday season

## The Fourth Crown

**S**AIN'T PETER-- One of Gustavus' longest traditions is set to take place on Saturday, Feb. 21 beginning at 12:00 a.m. Participants are expected to finish an entire case of beer in 24 hours, ideally without passing out or throwing up. This isn't just a holiday for Gusties, but for Campus Safety, too.

Every year, Campus Safety competes to see who can give out the most violations in the 24 hours that Case Day runs.

"My record is 32 and I'm hoping to beat that this year," commented Campus Safety Officer Vic Pascutti. "Nothing makes my day more than nailing a student with a \$300 fine."

Case Day is infamous for the belligerence and inappropriate drinking that it promotes, but Gustavus Campus Safety has seen it all. A seasoned Case Day officer elaborates on his favorite memory, "Five years ago, we had to call the fire department because three seniors climbed on top of Christ Chapel."

Campus Safety officers participate in several days of training to deal with the notoriously irresponsible Gusties. Preparation includes sitting in a room of 20 five-year olds while Kendrick Lamar blasts over the speakers and the smell of booze is funneled in through the air vents.

Campus Safety also works in conjunction with the Saint Peter Police, Residential Life and Saint Peter Hospital to make the most of this sacred day.

"The police officers get really into it," said Pascutti. "I once saw an officer run down like four or five hockey punks and slap them with minors. What a display of the law. It truly is an honor working side by side with these modern day heroes."



Cameron Jarvis

## Pre-law student giddy for "Case" Day

## The Fourth Crown

**S**AIN'T PETER-- After waiting for several months, First-year history major, with an emphasis on pre-law, Jackie Reynolds is "stoked" to celebrate Case Day with her fellow classmates. According to reports, Reynolds has been voicing her excitement about the event to her friends in the Caf—completely unaware that Case Day has little to do with law outside of underage students breaking it.

"I can't wait to have a meaningful discourse on a few of our favorite cases from American history," said Reynolds, who believes that the entire campus will be engaging in a celebration of landmark cases throughout the day. "I really appreciate Gustavus for hosting and promoting such a smart, healthy event. They even sell T-Shirts! I got extras for my parents and little sister."

When asked what kind of case she would get for Case Day, Reynolds responded, "Oh there are so many to choose from. Plessy vs. Ferguson is a classic, but I think Erin Brockovich's case against Pacific Gas and Electric is a sterling example of modern .... [20 minutes of incoherent law rambling]... So, I'll probably go with that one."

"This is getting out of hand," said First-Year Ashlee Mork. "All Jackie has been talking about for the whole month

is how excited she is for her first Case Day. I've watched her tell a couple of her professors how she 'can't wait to dive into it headfirst'." Sources report that Mork has withheld the real information on Case Day from Reynolds on the grounds that, "it is kind of funny to watch her indirectly tell everyone that she is going to drink 24 cans of cheap beer. She weighs 98 pounds."

A few of Reynolds' professors have been taken aback by the seemingly innocent girl's drinking habits. "Holy s\*\*\*, that girl doesn't care what I think about her at all," said History of Law Professor Michael Finch. "Most people try and hide their vices from those in authority positions, but this girl is just on a whole different level. She told me everything, and she is down right proud and excited to drink this much. She even asked me if she would see me around on Case Day. How do I even take that? Was she hitting on me?"

At the time of publishing, Reynolds is still declaring her excitement for the unofficial campus event, and has even begun tabling outside the Caf to help spread awareness. "I just want to get everyone as turned up as I am about the big day," said Reynolds.

Check out the Case Day Facts for more info.

### Case Day Facts

- Out of the 48 toilets in Co-ed, only three will survive Case Day.
- Day-to-Day activities largely won't change in Prairie View.
- A case is roughly the equivalent of .25 shots of alcohol. AKA: Very Dangerous... but manageable under the right circumstances.
- Saint Peter Police will undoubtedly exceed any sort of quota system they have in place to judge their effectiveness on dealing with underage drinking.
- The Campus Self Loathing (CSL) index will reach record heights.
- That cute girl from Gen. Psych. won't be impressed by your drinking.
- Family Fresh Market Pharmacy annually double their inventory of Plan B for this sacred occurrence.
- A rambunctious pack of wild cats will overrun the Rundstrom Chapel, and possibly seek to start a new campus faith organization.
- The Minnesota River Valley will flood with booze.
- The Campus custodial staff is currently threatening going on strike should they have to clean up one more spot of vom.
- Day-to-Day activities largely won't change in Complex. People may have one or two more beers, but besides that it should be business as usual.
- The administration will be handing out rubber rain boots in Lund from 10 a.m. to noon. These will be used to wade through the pools of alcohol and human excretion certain to appear across campus.
- Kid Rock and Lil John will appear at some point and scream incoherent slurs at you.



# Women's basketball dribbles into post-season

**Katie Allen**  
Staff Writer

The Gustavus Women's Basketball team will wrap up a successful regular season on Saturday, Feb. 21 with a home game against the College of Saint Benedict. The women will then set their sights on the conference playoffs which begin the following week. Currently ranked third, the women are hopeful that despite having a rather young team, they will be able to rely on strong team chemistry and ability to play well under pressure to carry them through the playoff games.

"We have a lot of new girls and we were kind of expecting it to be a growing year, but we came in and we started really strong and continued to grow as the season went on," Senior Captain Emily FitzSimmons said. "We've had some hiccups, but our team has actually responded really well to those, so I think that's why we're in the place that we're in right now."

This season the women's team welcomes nine new players to the roster. The team is quite young, with thirteen of the twenty-one players being underclassmen.

"We have a good group of young players, and we are exceeding what some people thought we would do this year," Head Coach Laurie Kelly said.

Despite the influx of new



With a 69-49 victory over Macalester College on Wednesday night, the Gusties are now 11-6 in the MIAC.

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players to the team the women have been able to come together and create strong team chemistry on and off the court.

"Our team chemistry is unmatched in the MIAC, in my opinion," Senior Captain Maddie Ehrich said.

In addition to their strong team chemistry, the women's team also has been able to pull together during tough games

and play well under pressure.

"We've had a lot of really close games that we almost lost but we've been able to grind them out which, is again, rare for such a young team. In the times that we really needed to score, really needed someone to step up, during different games different people have been able to do that," FitzSimmons said.

Throughout the season the

women have also been working on improving their defensive play. According to Coach Kelly, the women have significantly lowered their number of turnovers and have had two games of back to back single digit turnovers, a feat never before accomplished in the history of the Gustavus women's basketball program.

As the playoffs begin next

week, the women are moving forward with high hopes, already proud of the season they have had so far and what they have achieved.

"We have accomplished so much and I am so proud of this team. We are right where we want to be at this point in the season," Ehrich said.

# Make-or-break weekend for men's hockey

**Jessica Yang**  
Staff Writer

Four losses, six ties, and four wins; it is up to the final two games of the hockey season to determine whether the men's hockey team continues into the playoffs, to possibly even win the MIAC Championship for the fourth straight year. Last weekend, they beat the Tommies with a 2-1 shootout win on the Friday and then a 3-1 victory on the Saturday.

The game against University

of Saint Thomas was filled with a lot of pressure. Junior John McLean, who was out for the first half of the season due to hip surgery back in August, made sure that he performed well for his team to have a chance at the playoffs.

"We had a really good weekend, we needed to win both games. It was a lot of pressure on everyone, but we really had to focus on the game," McLean said.

In Saturday's 3-1 victory, McLean only allowed St. Thom-

as one goal, despite being shot at 29 times within 40 minutes. With a 3-1 lead heading into the third period, McLean turned away eight shots to bring his total saves to 36 in the game. Overall that weekend, he turned away over 60 shots.

McLean was named MIAC Men's Hockey Athlete of the Week. No one else of the Gustavus hockey team has received that recognition this season.

"I went into the game really relaxed. I knew it was possibly going to be my last two weekends and I just wanted to have some fun. I was so focused that it was actually a blur to me; I took it one shot at a time, one minute at a time, and one shift at a time," McLean said.

The men's hockey team is now head to head with Augsburg in points. This means the Gusties must sweep Bethel this weekend to qualify for the playoffs.

"There are possibilities we get six points this weekend and not get into the playoffs, but if we don't get six points we know for sure we will not be able to get in. We haven't had a weekend this season where we had six points. We got five last weekend against Saint Thomas, but it's still not six. If we had gotten

six last weekend it would have been better because now it is major crunch time," Coach Brett Peterson said.

During the MIAC showcase



Gustavus Sports Information

Drew Aspinwall was in charge of the puck against University of Saint Thomas. The Gusties need two out of two wins against Bethel University to secure a spot in the MIAC playoffs.

back in October, which started the season, Gustavus fell to Bethel 2-4. But with McLean recovered from his surgery and the hockey team healthier than before, there are strong hopes the team will take two wins and gain the points they need.

"I don't want to go down softly. I want to win these games

and make it to playoffs. I hope we end on a good note," Junior right-wing forward Darren Lopic said.

This weekend not only marks the Gusties last opportunity to qualify for the playoffs, but also the last chance seniors may have to play hockey.

"I hope for the seniors sake that they get to finish in the playoffs. Our senior group has been a great group, it seems like they just got on campus a couple of weeks ago, but now it's been 4 years. There's not another senior group in our conference that has played in 3 championship games, so I'd love to see them in a 4th. If it didn't happen though, for them to look back and say, 'Hey, we've been in 3 championship games, no other senior class in our conference can say that.' That's a tribute to them and how well they have taken care of themselves. I'm really proud of them," Coach Peterson said.

Come support the men at Senior Night this Saturday at 7 p.m. as they take on Bethel in their last game of the regular season.

"It doesn't matter how you start, it's how you finish," McLean said.

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# Dubnyk boosts Wild towards playoffs



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After a troublesome year and a half, goaltender Devan Dubnyk seems to have settled in Minnesota, where he has inspired the team with a series of key performances.

**Philip Evans**  
Sports & Fitness Editor

After a trembling start to the season, the Minnesota Wild used the month of January to get back on a winning record. Since the all-star break, the team has collected 18 points out of 22 possible, elevating them from the bottom place in the Central Division to the verge of being a playoff candidate.

One does not have to look far to find a reason behind the vast change of performance. It is found between the red pipes, in a recently discovered confidence booster from Regina, Canada: 28 year old goaltender Devan Dubnyk.

"I think it probably starts with him. Just in the sense that he's making the key save at the key time and he's got a sense of control and calmness back there that has trickled through to the rest of the group," Wild coach Mike Yeo said in an interview with TwinCities.com.

Dubnyk entered the 2013-14 season with the Edmonton Oilers. After playing to a save percentage of .891, the worst in the league for any goalie with more than 24 starts, the Oilers decided to let Dubnyk go. Although the Nashville Predators would later pick him up, Dubnyk was left to compete with Finnish Olympic goaltender Pekka Rinne, giving him trouble to find time on the ice. With only two games played for the Predators, averaging a save percentage of .850, he was dropped again, only to be picked up by the Montreal Canadiens AHL affiliate, the Hamilton Bulldogs.

"If you had asked me at the start of that year, 'What's the worst thing that could happen?' I wouldn't have thought half of that season," Dubnyk said.

Burke, with history playing for the New Jersey Devils and the Vancouver Canucks in his 18 season long NHL career, saw potential in Dubnyk, something the goaltender considers the turning point of his challenging streak.

"Right from the get-go, he just put so much confidence in me. There's no words, it's not like he pumps your tires every day, it's just the unspoken. You know he's got your back, you know he believes in you and you know he'll go to bat for you. It lets you go out there and relax and play," Dubnyk told NHL.com.

Despite the fact that his confidence was found again, the Coyotes still had veteran Mike Smith in net. Needing to play games to build off of his fresh poise, the move to Minnesota came at the exact right moment, with Backstrom and Kuemper struggling to find stability in their games. In his 14 games with the Wild, Dubnyk has managed to pull off 4 shutouts with a save percentage of .933, a personal record for the goaltender.

"You learn to win in every different kind of way and every different kind of situation. We've been doing that through this run here, and it just makes you feel like going into every game like you can win every game. That's a fun way to play hockey. That's a really nice feeling, and we're going to hold onto it and keep working to keep that feeling," Dubnyk said when questioned by The Globe and Mail.

Time will tell if Dubnyk is up for the task of bringing the Minnesota Wild to the playoffs. With a total of 33 starts as of now, Dubnyk will finish the regular season with over 60 games if he

is kept as the Minnesota number one. This is 13 games more than what he recorded when he started the most games in his career, 47, in the 2011-12 season for the Oilers. And if they are successful in reaching the playoffs, Dubnyk will encounter another thing he has never come across before: post-season hockey.

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—Devan Dubnyk

Devan Dubnyk and the Wild hit the ice again on Fri. 20, at

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

### Friday, Feb. 20

Swim & Dive at MIAC Championship  
6:30 p.m.

Tennis hosts ITA National Indoor Championship  
5 p.m.

Gymnastics at UW-Eau Claire  
6:30 p.m.

Men's Hockey at Bethel University  
7 p.m.

Women's Hockey hosts Bethel University  
7 p.m.

### Saturday, Feb. 21

Track & Field at Saint John's Quadrangular

Women's Basketball hosts College of Saint Benedict  
1 p.m.

Women's Hockey hosts Bethel University  
2 p.m.

Men's Basketball at Saint John's University  
3 p.m.

Men's Hockey at Bethel University  
7:05 p.m.

8 p.m. when they play Western Conference opponents Edmonton Oilers at Rexall Place, Alberta.

### Remaining Key Games

-  Feb 22 vs. Stars
-  Feb 28 @ Avalanche
-  Mar. 8 vs. Avelanche
-  Mar. 27 vs. Flames
-  Mar. 28 vs. Kings
-  Apr. 6 vs. Jets
-  Apr. 7 @ Blackhawks

Cameron Jarvis

Although Dubnyk was not considered a hot subject during the free agency period last summer, the Arizona Coyotes decided to pick him up and revive him from the AHL swamp where many talented players have seen their careers end. The Coyotes' Goalie Coach Sean



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## Softball goes 4-2 against D-II schools in Hawaii



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The Gustavus Softball team will play six straight games in the RCTC Bubble. The team will have to wait until April for their first home game.

**Jacob Woodrich**  
Staff Writer

For most Gusties, touring break consisted of subzero temperatures and many attempts to stay warm. This was most definitely not the case

for the Gustavus softball team who spent ten days enjoying the Hawaiian sunshine while taking part in three double headers against Division II level competition. The team went 4-2, facing each of the following teams: 2011 Division II national champions Hawaii Pacific Uni-

versity, Chaminade University, and Brigham Young University-Hawaii.

The team agreed that the experience at Hawaii Pacific University (HPU) was the highlight of the trip. Not only did the team play two games at HPU, but they also toured the unique

campus.

"Softball-wise, the best part for me was playing Hawaii Pacific. Those were our two losses, but they have a gorgeous facility and a strong tradition. I feel like we learned the most from those two games," Head Coach Jeff Annis said.

Senior Captain Shelby Nosan explained that in the previous three spring trips, the competition had all been at the division III level.

"Facing D-II competition, we really played well as a team. I can honestly say that it's probably the most fun that I've had with this team so far," Nosan said.

Coming together through softball, the team spent time performing the Gustie Rouser on top of Diamond Head Mountain, visiting the historic Pearl Harbor memorial, heading to the North Shore, or just relaxing on the beach. For Senior Captain Carly Klass, the experience at Diamond Head Mountain was her favorite offfield activity.

"I love to hike, so the hike up Diamond Head and being able to see all of Waikiki Beach and all of the surrounding area was really cool," Klass said.

Nosan explained that her favorite moment was seeing Pearl Harbor with her parents.

"The first day that I went to Pearl Harbor with the team, we were unable to go out to the USS Arizona memorial, but my parents had come with to Hawaii and I was able to go out and see the memorial with them the next day. It was just amazing. We met one of the veteran

survivors of the ship and it was just a really cool experience," Nosan said.

As a whole, the trip was seen as a huge success.

"It was great to get outside and play. Now as we practice inside, we know what it feels like and we can simulate and learn from what we did in Hawaii as the season approaches," Annis said.

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—Coach Jeff Annis

With this being the first time that the team as a whole has played together, the trip really went well.

"There was a lot of team chemistry on the field considering that we hadn't fully practiced as a team before. Even in the games that we lost, we played well. Overall, I feel that it was a really good trip and we have a lot to build on," Klass said.

The Gusties take the field next in the RCTC bubbledome in Rochester later this month on February 28.

## Senior Spotlight

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



**Heather Funai**

Diving - The Swim & Dive team will partake in the MIAC Championship this weekend.

**Q: Has the season met your expectations so far?**

A: Yes. This season has been amazing. It's better than what I imagined my final season being. My teammates are probably 97% of the reason why this year has been so amazing. I couldn't have done it without them cheering me on and being supportive on and off deck.

**Q: What is your best athletic memory?**

A: I have two memories that tie for first. One is swimming on a relay at a meet earlier this season. I am not a swimmer so doing this was a blast and having teammates cheering made it all the better. My other one is when I had national qualifying scores and when I broke the school records.

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

A: From an athletic standpoint, TJ, my diving coach, has been nothing but understanding and supportive of me. He understood what it meant to be involved with so many things (orchestra, Greek life, Athletic Training, diving, and classes). Another big one is the team. The bond the swim team has is so strong I don't think any other school could come close to what the swim team has together. This doesn't just apply to the team, but also to the Gustavus community in general. The sense of community here is definitely one of a kind.