

# Desperate Push for Relocation



**Jordan Schwakopf**  
Opinion Columnist

As you read this, the world is suffering from the effects of global climate change. The oceans are becoming more acidic, plankton are dying at an unnatural rate, and entire species have gone or are going extinct within our lifetime. Brazil and Ethiopia are facing some of their worst droughts on record, with no end in sight. California is also facing water shortages following a four-year drought, with predicted El Niño storms more likely to cause flooding than cancel out the effects of the drought.

While all these problems continue to build in severity, one Pacific Ocean island system is calling to the United States for help, or at least a different kind of help than what they are already receiving.

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This island system in question, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, with a total land area comparable to that of Washington, D.C., is facing disaster on multiple fronts, yet I am willing to bet few people in the United States are aware of it.

The U.S. Interior Department Office of Insular Affairs, which coordinates federal policy regarding island systems in association with the U.S., reported in October of 2015 that the Marshall Islands have concerns about the livability of the islands due to increased frequency of storms that contaminate the local freshwater supplies and damage what few crops can be grown in the island conditions.

The report also mentioned issues with crowding, and now rising sea levels and higher tides are reducing the livable surface area even more. The Marshall Islands also have high levels of unemployment due to a lack of jobs, and children are often sent to the U.S. for better opportunities and access to quality educa-



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*Many Americans are unaware of issues that others around the world face. This is particularly true regarding the people of the Marshall Islands, who face devastating effects of climate change.*

tion. These issues are not going to go away, instead they will only get worse, and the United States is currently in the best position to help.

If the Marshall Islands sound familiar to you, it is likely because the Marshall Islands, located between Papua New Guinea and Hawaii, were used for U.S. nuclear testing from 1947 to 1962.

Specifically, the U.S. conducted nuclear testing on Bikini and Enewetak Islands, paying for the islanders living at those sites to relocate to a different island in the system, and formed a relocation fund to pay for future expenses associated with living on the different islands.

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Now, however, these islands are becoming unlivable, and the people of the Marshall Islands want to change the terms of the Compact of Free Association.

The Compact of Free Association gave the Marshall Islands independence after coming under U.S. control during World

War II, but the Islands are prohibited from taking any actions that go against the interests of the United States, and must allow the U.S. unrestricted military access to the Islands.

This also means that the protection of the Marshall Islands is the responsibility of the United States. The Compact of Free Association also allows the people of the Marshall Islands to come to the United States as nonimmigrants to live, work, or go to college, but, for some outdated reason, the relocation fund cannot be used to offset the costs of coming to and living in the United States.

The 2010 US Census reports 22,434 Marshallese living in the United States as nonimmigrants, and this number has continued to grow as the Islands face growing environmental and economic problems.

With the laws already set up to welcome and encourage the people of the Marshall Islands to relocate to the U.S., all that is missing is the ability to use the money set aside for relocation purposes. Drastically affected by climate change, the people of the Marshall Islands are asking for the ability to use relocation funds in the United States with increased desperation, and it is

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Allowing the people of the Marshall Islands to use relocation funds to relocate to the U.S. creates a mutually beneficial situation. The money paid to the Marshall Islands will be spent in the U.S. as people move here, and the people of the Marshall Islands can escape the damages caused by climate change without losing the money they earned when the United States tested bombs on their islands.

The government will be paying the Marshall Islands the money regardless, and the people of the Marshall Islands are already permitted to live, work and go to school in the U.S. as nonimmigrants, so why not combine the two policies into one policy that benefits everyone?

The U.S. Interior Department Office of Insular Affairs is currently proposing that Congress introduce legislation to allow the relocation funds to be used here in the U.S., but so far no progress has been made, and no bills have been introduced regarding this issue. Maybe more progress could be made, on this issue and many others, if more U.S. citizens were invested in the well-being of their fellow humans, or if more people paid attention to politics beyond headline-worthy news.

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I am not saying the discussion of divisive issues isn't important, but I am saying that the issues getting ignored are still affecting people, even if the media neglects to discuss them. I don't have a solution for changing this situation, nor can I claim to be knowledgeable of every issue affecting the world today, but I know that I am trying to be more aware of the world around me outside of mainstream media influence, and that is the first step.

# Bridging the Empathy Gap



**Ally Hosman**  
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For those who know me, I'm a very emotional person. A good book, listening to a story, watching a film, or hearing other people tell me their hopes and dreams, all these things and more can hit me with cascades full of diverse emotions, bringing tears to my eyes or laughter to my lips. Being emotional also means that I'm very sensitive, but that isn't something that should be underestimated.

Emotional intelligence is all too often underestimated and undervalued these days. I care so much that it spurs me into action quickly, excites my synapses to react, and allows me to empathize with others the best I can.

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Does that mean that I feel guilty about "being too sensitive" or "taking things personally?" You bet. More and more, however, I find that there is a quiet strength in vulnerability, a power in empathetic connection that survives on the intensity of compassion, urging us all to do something to bring about



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*It is all too easy to ignore the plights of people who do not appear to be like us. We can bridge this empathy gap by reflecting on the humanity and the needs of others.*

positive change. That strength, however strong, isn't always recognized for the unbelievably compelling and all-encompassing driver for positive change. But there is also an issue with empathy that I think would be important to address in relation to social justice, the empathy gap.

Emma Seppälä, a psychologist from Stanford University as their science director of the Center for Compassion and Altruism Research and Education, explained in a Huffington Post article how to understand our

ability to feel empathy in light of the attacks in Paris, Beirut, and Baghdad this last November. She states that people feel more compassion with others that they feel are similar or familiar to them, that our desire to show our sympathy for others is, in some ways, fairly narcissistic

We, as individuals, tend to utilize our power and privilege to lift up those who remind us of ourselves. This has to stop.

We have become so numb to statistics and news stories telling of violence, we (and I am speaking for those whose

lives are not regularly disrupted because of my privilege and the privilege of my peers) no longer feel obligated to care. This is particularly true in regards to those living in the "developing world," war-torn nations, and the global south.

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If we heard that four million refugees from California were in need of refuge and safety, would we be so hesitant to reach out our hands to embrace those seeking a new life as we have been to our global brothers and sisters escaping unspeakable violence in Syria or Sudan? Or those escaping Central and South America from the harsh reality of drug wars between cartels and gangs that plague their communities? Or families fleeing the extreme weather patterns and rising sea levels caused by climate change?

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If we are really going to focus on building a more just and sustainable world, efforts will stagnate if we look only to

those who are like us in skin, creed, or language. Radical love, empathy, and compassion can and will be defining factors in sculpting a better world for everyone. That can only happen when we stop seeing those who do not share our cultural practices, religious affiliation, or anthropological heritage as "others" to be feared.

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Rather, it is time to embrace the grounding humanity we all share. But caring so much and for so many, even for an emotional person like myself, is no easy task. Sometimes, I feel as though I care so much that I will burst with the pain of it all.

Knowing that there is so much hurt and suffering in the world and not knowing what I can do individually breaks my heart more often than I care to admit.

However, that does not mean that I can just stop caring and begin to care when it is convenient for me. Choosing convenience over doing what is right is never an easy choice, but that does not mean it should not be made repeatedly as we go through our lives. Our lives are made up of choices, and I can only hope that I will continue to make the right ones, even if that means that there will be a lot of tissues, ice-cream, and hot chocolate in my future.

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## License to Scare



**Megan Bertrand**  
Opinion Columnist

I went back home to Texas during winter break, and I found that a lot of things have changed. Many people rang in the New Year with alcohol and food. The people of Texas however, rang in their New Year with a new law, "License To Carry." This law includes the open carry law. To simplify this in layman's terms,

thanks to House Bill 910, the people of Texas no longer need to hide their weapons, they can openly carry their firearms in a belt or shoulder holster. The citizens of Texas just need to get a "Concealed Handgun License," no matter the firearm. Before this law passed, a person needed two types of licenses, one to carry, and the other a concealed permit. Now, only an LTC permit is required.

Texas became the 44th state in the union to pass the CHL law. The requirements to purchase a gun in Texas are still the same. Now, we no longer have to hide our guns. I believe there are pros and cons to this. For example, say you're standing at a bank, and on the off-chance,

a criminal comes in and robs the place. A benefit of the law is that you're more likely able to protect not only yourself, but the others around you.

However, this can make you a bigger target. More people are armed at a given time, especially with the rising crime rates in Texas. Another con is that misuse and abuse are more than likely to occur.

Given the probability of a crowded area, a lot more misfire is likely to occur due to weapons being dropped out of holsters, or people forgetting to turn on the safety. Not everyone can handle their firearms with care. It wouldn't be that hard to disarm someone at any given moment, and it just

makes you a bigger target.

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A lot of people would argue that seeing other people with weapons will make them breathe easier. I beg to differ. There is a lot of responsibility when it comes to carrying firearms. I believe that the safety

of the public should be left to professional, responsible armed forces. There would be too many people wanting to show off their weapons, which can lead to all sorts of trouble in and of itself. It increases the chances of violent confrontations. Mainly, it makes the non-carrying citizens feel unsafe, myself included.

I believe this is a horrible idea, and I hope more than anything this fades into the background, and people won't take advantage of this law. I believe in carrying concealed weapons, because this has worked well in the past, and it should not have changed.

## Free Tuition: Too Good to Be True



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Opinion Columnist

Like many college students, when I hear the words "free college tuition," I become ecstatic and automatically think it is a good idea. With Gustavus costing approximately \$50,000 a year, having free college tuition would cause a large change in student loans and work-study. But is the concept of "free college" really so great?

If college were to be free, then it would only be available to a select group of people who test out, which contradicts everyone's right to education. "The paradox of free college is that the institutions may have to limit the number of spots or reduce quality," said Ben Wildavsky, director of higher education studies at the Rockefeller Institute of Government.

Wildavsky also stated that "in some countries with free tuition, it's often students who can afford fancy private schools that get the preparation needed to be admitted to the free universities."

Many who work with scholarship programs understand that most free college plans do not cover the true cost of college. Many low-income students are already receiving grants and scholarships that cover the cost of tuition but they still need to cover things like books and living expenses. Living expenses can take up to 35 percent of a person's income in the United States, which is a huge expense that is unpaid for with the idea of free college.

In the spring of 2015, presidential candidate Bernie Sanders introduced his "College for



Free college tuition may appear wonderful at first glance, but there are hidden costs to this purportedly beneficial concept.

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All Act." This is a bill to make all four-year public colleges and universities tuition-free. This seems like a great idea at first glance, however, this idea would cost the United States an approximate \$70 billion per year, on average more than twice what the federal government spends on Pell Grants. A Federal Pell Grant differs from a loan and does not have to be repaid.

A question we should ask ourselves is: "Would free college make higher education more efficient, more innovative and would it be of higher quality education?" The answer is no.

Traditionally there are two routes to take in order for something to be more affordable, the first is to subsidize in order to bring the price down and the second is making something cost less by using different ma-

terials, or finding other manufacturers.

Our educational system sometimes fails to deliver good quality pathways that many students need in order to be successful in their jobs as they become adults. A study in 2015 by the Gallup-Lumina Foundation found that only four in ten Americans agree that colleges are changing to "better meet the needs of today's students." Only 13 percent of respondents felt that college graduates are "well-prepared for success in their jobs post college."

We often compare the high cost of American colleges to how much cheaper university is in Europe. But it's most likely not a fair comparison. In many European countries most universities are public and students often live off-campus in their family homes. In 2014, Germany

declared that all of their universities are to be tuition free, even for international students.

As a result, foreign enrollment in public German universities reached a record high this past year. The German Academic Exchange Service revealed that over 300,000 foreign students were enrolled in German universities in the 2013-2014 academic year, representing about 10 percent of the total higher education enrollment in Germany for that year.

German universities also have a hard time finding places for classrooms and housing. With the increase in students there are not enough academic buildings and places for them to live.

There are around 400,000 new students every year and only about 230,000 places to house them. This means that around 50 percent of students do not

have a place to live. So where does the funding come from? The answer is taxes. Germany had the second highest income tax of 34 different countries, according to a study from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. In 2012 alone, Germans were paying approximately 49.8 percent of their incomes to their government.

When some ideas are proposed they sometimes sound too good to be true, and this is one of those cases. Although the idea of free college is amazing, there are many hidden downfalls. These downfalls are not small and would affect our country greatly. The next time you think, "Oh, this is too good to be true!" it just might be, so do some research and get to know the topic better. Knowledge is power!

# BENEATH THE CROWN



## What are you thinking of majoring in and why?

"I'm studying history because I think it'll give me a great deal of flexibility in my career. History, as I see it, is a great way to build "soft" skills. These skills are things such as reading, writing, and other skills that we tend to learn then allow to grow stagnant as we get older. Those skills allow me to pursue other avenues that I can use to build other skills. I can read the works of others, I can use synthetization to tie other works together and improve my skills in a new way. Essentially this gives me a mirror, and I can look into that mirror and improve what I see. Man's his own sculptor, and history allows me more freedom with my sculpture."

## When do you think you knew you wanted to study that?

"I came to college originally to become a doctor. I guess I just eventually came to realize that I didn't want to be a doctor because it wasn't really for me. I'm kind of competitive, and I think that that's maybe not the right job environment for my competitiveness. I knew I wanted to study history because I want



Tanner Petroske

Cameron MacDonald

to be constantly learning throughout my entire life. I want to enter different careers. I'm not entirely sure what my endgame is, but I just want to start my base and work my way up. I figured it out around my second semester of my freshman year as I took a history class and noticed that I was actually developing the skills they said I would develop, and I was proud of it."

## What would be your dream career?

"I don't really have a specific idea of what kind of job I would want to do, but I want a job where I can be creative and spontaneous. A job where the work day changes a lot and offers different challenges. This might sound kind of lame, but I don't really want to be that nomadic, in that I want to build a relationship with a community and you can't really do that when you're

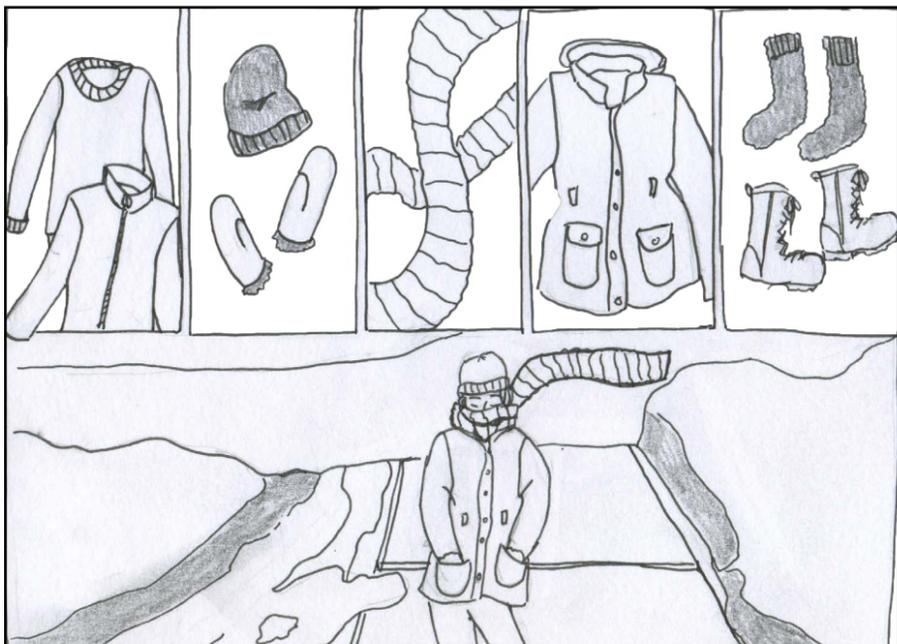
moving around a lot. That's my general idea, but I'm still working on it."

-Tanner Petroske

*Beneath The Crown was created by Nick Theisen ('15). It is inspired by Humans of New York (HONY) and aims to bring the community of Gustavus Adolphus College closer together by providing the perspectives of the many different people who live and work at the school.*

## Comic

Created by Carly Maslowski



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Puzzle 1

# Basketball in paradise

*Puerto Rico heated up for winter training.*



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Men's and Women's Basketball left the Minnesota cold behind and flew down to San Juan, Puerto Rico this year for winter training. When not on the courts, you could find the teams on the beaches or even on a catamaran snorkeling trip together.

**Tanner Sparrow**  
Sports & Fitness Editor

This December, as the temperature dropped down to three, the Men's and Women's Basketball team were dropping threes in sunny San Juan, Puerto Rico.

This year both teams had the opportunity to complete their winter training in Puerto Rico. They both played two games, but when they weren't heating up on the gym floor, they were free to heat up on the white sandy beaches.

It is safe to say that first-year guard Brooke Lemke enjoyed

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the experience.

"When we weren't playing basketball we toured old San Juan and spent most of our time on the beach as a team. We played beach volleyball, had a sand castle contest, had

relay races out on the beach, and goofed around with the go-pro in the ocean. We also watched both of the Men's games,"



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Lemke said.

The women won their first contest against Rampao College 47-29, but fell to the Coast Guard Academy 51-62 in their second game.

Against Rampao, first-year Justine Lee led the team with twelve points, shooting 4-of-5 from the floor and 4-of-6 from the freethrow line. Sophomore



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Mikayla Miller also showed up to play, going for eleven points and eleven rebounds to earn her second career double-double.

Despite a season-high thirty-three bench points the women dropped the game against the Coast Guard Academy. Lemke had her finest game so far however, tallying fourteen points, shooting 6-of-14 with two from beyond the arc. Sophomore Steph Klockmann notched her first double-double after scoring eleven points and snagging twelve rebounds.



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The men lost by a mere point to Vassar college in their first game, 51-52, but bounced back in their second contest beating



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SUNY-Oneonta 55-48.

Senior Chad Poppen tallied ten points against Vassar, senior Brody Ziegler had nine, and senior Chris Narum went for eight, but it was Narum's last second layup that had just a bit too much on it nulled the Gusties' last second win.

The next day Narum played like a man possessed against

SUNY-Oneonta, going for seventeen points. Narum was 7-of-10 shooting, 2-for-4 from beyond the arc, and 7-of-10- from the freethrow line. Sophomore Schuyler Thompson made his first career start and went for four points and three rebounds in his nineteen minutes.

Even though both teams would have each surely liked to win both games, they nonetheless enjoyed the experience.

"One of the main things that I took away from this trip is that we are not just a team. We are a group of best friends that act like each other's second family. This is something that very few people get to experience and I'm glad I am one of those few people," Lemke said.

On the last day in Puerto Rico, the Men's and Women's teams went on a catamaran ride and snorkeled together.

"It was a once in a lifetime trip," Lemke said.



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# All-Star Gusties en México



From left, Scott Newby, Marcus Kelly, Aztec Bowl Event Coordinator Terry Sullivan, Matt Boyce, and Mitch Hendricks.

As it happens, the football careers of seniors Scott Newby, Marcus Kelly, Matt Boyce and Mitch Hendricks did not end with their senior season. The foursome was selected to represent Team USA in the Aztec Bowl,

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—Marcus Kelly

an annual game between a team of American Division 3 standouts, and Team Mexico, a team of standouts from Mexican universities.

"The trip to Mexico was eye opening, I have only been to Cancun before and Mexico City was nothing like I expected it to be. When it came to football, I was surprised to find that the universities there had it and it was very popular," Kelly said.

In fact, the game was so popu-

*"They were crazy fans. Over thirty thousand and they could use air horns and anything they wanted to be loud!"*

—Mitch Hendricks

lar that 32,000 fans were in attendance, and it was nationally televised.

"The crowd was crazy, before the game I would say there was over a hundred officers in full riot gear, it was a little eye opening. Not to mention we played in the Olympic stadium. We did not fill it but we had at least 30,000 people screaming, cheering, and yelling for team Mexico," Kelly said.

"They were crazy fans. Over thirty thousand and they could use air horns and anything they wanted to be loud!" Hendricks said.

Both Hendricks and Kelly had appreciation for the talent of the Mexican team.

"It was hard to gauge the competition, I was a little thrown off

by how big the players were. I would say their size was comparable to the likes of St. Thomas or maybe Bethel. You could tell that while they might not know what to do all the time they played extremely hard and

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with passion. It was super fun to compete against those guys," Kelly said.

"The competition was tough but there were some really good players and then some that weren't as good. Some were top of the line, but a few weren't really MIAC caliber," said Hendricks.

Other MIAC athletes also helped represent Team USA, such as Quarterback Ayrton Scott from Augsburg, Augsburg Head Coach Frank Haegle also served as Head Coach for Team USA.

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—Marcus Kelly

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

**Friday, Jan. 22**  
Women's Hockey hosts St. Olaf College  
7 p.m.

Men's Hockey at St. Olaf College  
7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 23**  
Men's Basketball hosts Augsburg College  
1 p.m.

Women's Basketball hosts Augsburg College  
3 p.m.

Men's Hockey hosts St. Olaf College  
7:05 p.m.

Women's Hockey at St. Olaf College  
7:30 p.m.

**Monday, Jan. 25**  
Men's Basketball at Saint Mary's University  
7 p.m.

**Wednesday, Jan. 27**  
Men's Basketball hosts Bethel University  
7 p.m.

Women's Basketball at Bethel University  
7 p.m.

the country. While there were a lot of people from Minnesota, there also were people from all over so it was super interesting to talk to them and learn about their football in their states," Kelly said.

Although a last second field goal lifted Mexico over the US, Kelly and Hendricks still would have a hard time ending their careers in a better way.

"I would have preferred to win, but it was a pretty good way to end it. I would have to say that my dream was to end my career with a MIAC championship and an NCAA championship, but unfortunately that did not happen. However, I would not change my experience I had playing for Gustavus, it was an honor and I loved every minute of it," Kelly said.

"Only beating St. John's and St. Thomas would have been better," Hendricks laughed.

## Senior Spotlight

**Rachel Dargis**  
GYMNASTICS

Rachel Dargis is a senior who attended Bloomington Jefferson High School before coming to Gustavus. Her events are bars and vault.



**Q: What are your goals for the season?**

A: My goal is for the team to score a 183 or higher this season!

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

A: My favorite memory as a gymnast at Gustavus would be our pre-meet dance parties in the locker room.

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

I would recommend Gusta-

vus because it is a place that I call home. I have never been happier at a school and I love all the support I get from staff and coaches. They make it easier to be a successful student athlete. My friends and teammates are also amazing people and I am so thankful for the opportunity to be apart of their lives.



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## More than just a broom



The timeless battle in coed intramural broomball between shooter and goalie is tested yet again in overtime with the season on the line. The season ends after the games on Monday, Jan. 25.

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Long have people tried to earn glory and distinguish themselves from their fellow man through sport. This theme has been prevalent all throughout history- even cavemen practiced the spear throw. This year Gustavus students are offered a similar opportunity. Coed Intramural Broomball is in full swing this J-term, and the competition is heating up.

This year twelve teams of men and women fill out a fierce field as each team battles for the best



record, and the everlasting glory that comes with it.

Each team has its own strengths and weaknesses, strategy and grit. Freshman Jack

Blaney, captain of the Multiple Scores, cites his team's strengths as a solid passing attack and strong goalie play. For Jack, winning is everything.

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fun IM sport, but my goal is definitely to win the league," Blaney said.

Blaney employs his own well-formulated strategy during games to help his team.

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ball as hard as I can at ankles to get a little fear into the opponents," Blaney said.

The Multiple Scores have a tough road ahead of them to win the championship however.



With two losses already, their fate may be out of their hands.

The leagues top two teams, The Broomballics and The Elks both only have one loss, and will face off on Sunday, Jan. 24 in what could potentially determine the champs.

Freshman Brady Miller is the leading scorer of The Elks and has equally high hopes for the season as Blaney, expecting to win the IM championship.

Miller did not waste any humility in his statements.

"Our strengths are our ability to score genos consistently. We have no weaknesses, we are a powerhouse. Our strategy is to dominate," Miller said.

Even Miller can give credit where credit is due however.

"Our best player is easily Tommy Jech because he knows how to get the job done and his

leadership ability," Miller said.

Freshman Jack Sorenson, co-Captain of the Elks also had to give credit where due.

"Our girls are our secret weapons. They all have played hockey their whole lives, so they are actually better than the boys out there," said Sorenson.

With the season wrapping up after the games on Monday, Jan. 25, all twelve teams must make the final push down the home stretch if they want a chance at the championship, and an eternal home in the history books.



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