

BENEATH THE CROWN

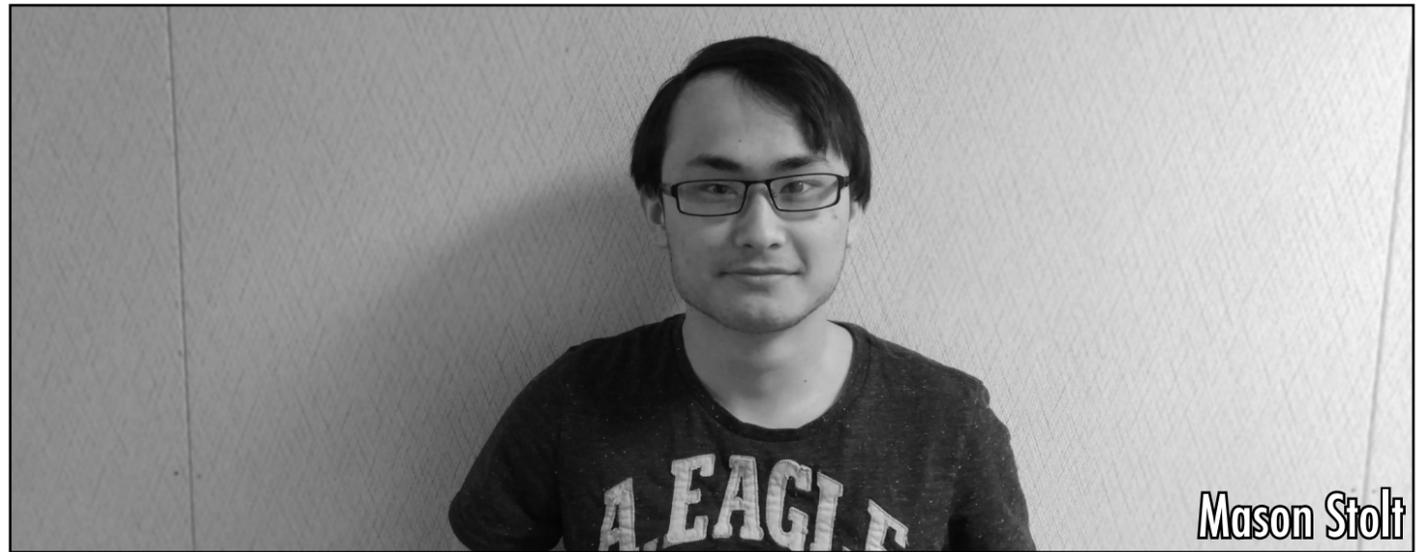


What is a good education to you?

"A good education is one where I can come away knowing that I learned something substantial. It has to be substantial enough that I can effectively take it into my workplace and surrounding community to better not only myself but also all of the people around me."

What would an education need in order to accomplish those goals?

"Usually an education has a goal to it. For example, the idea of majors and minors gives goals for studies. More specifically, in my case, a good education in the philosophy and psychology fields would be one that not only allows me to assist people with mental health issues, which is something I'm interested in, but also educates me on why we should take care of people the way we do. It



Mason Stolt

Cameron MacDonald

should educate me in a way so that I'm always motivated to do the best I can to help people."

What are your future goals with your education and afterwards?

"I've had a few options in mind. I'd like to be a professor of philosophy. Or I was thinking of using the psy-

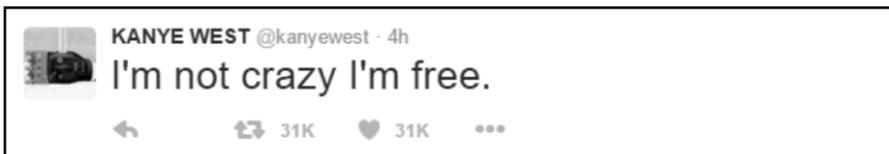
chology side of my degree to go into mental health assistance and help the mentally disparaged. I'm also looking at using it to go into business or human resources management."

- Mason Stolt

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.

Oh, Kanye!

Checking in on everyone's favorite overgrown toddler!



We would never accuse...well, I mean, maybe a little. Free of what now?



No grammar no more either. Maybe if you say "I'm free" a few more times we'll be super convinced of how "free" you truly are.



You're starting to lose me on the whole "not crazy" thing.

"Oh, Kanye!" is written by Cameron MacDonald and does not reflect the views of THE GUSTAVIAN WEEKLY.

Sudoku

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Puzzle 1

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Puzzle 2

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9	6	3	4	9	7	2	1	5

Puzzle 1

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Puzzle 2

Season of ups and downs

Men's Basketball finishes strong after early injuries



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Gustavus' six seniors helped their team win seven of their last ten games, but unfortunately missed the cut for playoffs. From left: Gary Cooper, Chad Poppen, Chris Narum, Brian Jacobs, Brody Ziegler and Sergio Najera.

Jake Woodrich
Staff Writer

Back in early November, the Gustavus Men's Basketball team had high hopes for their upcoming season, including goals of a MIAC Conference title. Unfortunately, these goals did not become a reality. The team ended their season last week with a home victory on Senior Day over Carleton College. That victory gave the Gusties an overall record of 12 wins and 13 losses. The team's record within the conference was 9 wins and 11 losses. The team finished in eighth place in the conference, missing out on the conference playoffs.

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—Chris Narum

Non-conference play at the beginning of the season left the

Gusties satisfied but wanting more. Once conference play began, the injury bug sunk its teeth as returning All-Conference Honorable Mention senior Gary Cooper got injured in the first game of conference play and missed some crucial games.

"The season was full of many ups and downs. We started out on a pretty good foot, winning some games against non-conference opponents. Once conference season hit, in the first game the injury bug hit us right away with Gary getting injured for an extended period of time. That was when we struggled a bit, continuing through the first rotation," senior Chris Narum said.

Despite a sub .500 record, there were a fair share of "up" moments in conjunction with the "downs" this season. Some of these bright spots of the season include a thrilling comeback win over Hamline College, where the team overcame a nearly 20 point deficit to secure an overtime victory at Gus Young Court. Another thrilling victory at home came against St. Johns, where the Gusties edged out a one point victory in the final seconds of the game.

"Going back through the conference the second time we still had a few guys battle injuries, but picked up some momentum

winning seven of the last ten games. It is tough to think what could have been if there hadn't been injuries, but I'm proud of the team for battling the whole season and finishing on a high note," Narum said.

"The seniors were the center of our team, they had a lot of experience that always kept everyone together... Next year will feel a lot different because they are all gone."

—Jacob Herd

Both Narum and Cooper, alongside fellow seniors, Chad Poppen, Brian Jacobs, Brody Ziegler, and Sergio Najera will be missed next year. The group taught the underclassmen a lot, ranging from basketball skill to life lessons.

"The seniors were the center of our team, they had a lot of experience that always kept everyone together because no one doubted their opinions because of what they have been a part of in the past and their overall basketball IQ. Next year will feel a lot different because they are

all gone. We are going to need some other players step up and take on the leading role that was filled by our seniors this year. Along with their basketball aspects, we will be missing their personalities and friendship. They are all great guys that are fun to be around, so that part will definitely be missed as well," sophomore Jacob Herd said.

Herd, along with other returning players, feel there is something to prove in the season to come.

"I think a lot of people might be thinking that we will have a down year due to losing six seniors that all played signifi-

cant minutes, but I believe we are very capable of doing great things next year. So the goal is to compete for a title again and make the playoffs, but overall prove everyone wrong and show that we can be a great team even after losing six great players," Herd said.

To battle injuries throughout the season and end with a 7-3 record in the final ten games of the season means there is definitely something to be said about the 2015-2016 Gustavus Men's Basketball squad's perseverance and work ethic. The team hopes to continue those themes of hard work and dedication in the seasons to come.



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Men's Hockey season in the books



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Clockwise from upper left: Gustie skaters huddle before the first period against St. Mary's University; senior Darren Lopic skates the puck down the ice; sophomore Colin Hernon celebrates a goal with teammates junior Joe Lindberg and freshman Van Sullivan.

Tanner Sparrow
Sports & Fitness Editor

The Gustavus Men's Hockey team's season came to a close on Saturday with a 6-3 loss to Hamline. They finished the year with a 6-14-5 record overall and a 5-8-3 record in the MIAC. Although not the season they wanted, the Gusties are returning all but two skaters next year. Unfortunately, seniors Gavin Tufte and Darren Lopic have finished their careers in black and gold.

"The season had its ups and downs. Being a senior I realize that we have high expectations as a team due to our teams past success. We didn't come through when we needed to, missing the playoffs. Disappointing but you have to look to build as a team and as individuals. Focus on the things you can control as a player," Lopic said.

The season was not one without its positives, no matter what the record states.

"My favorite memory from the season was the Augsburg OT game winner by Jared Docken with a saucy assist from Tim Donahue to win it. It was nice to come out with a win after three periods of grinding," Lopic said.

Lopic is especially grateful for his time on the team, and at Gustavus.

"Hockey has meant everything to me, I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for hockey. I never lived on campus, all of

my friends and roommates have been hockey players. Throughout the years the team bonds closely and blend with the rest of the students on campus. I wouldn't be where I am today without hockey," Lopic said.

When asked what legacy he hoped he left behind with the team, Lopic kept humble.

"Legacy is a big word to just throw around. But the competitiveness that I brought everyday is something that I hope rubbed

off on someone. That's something I feel we have struggled with the last two years. Hopefully I made good impressions on the younger guys and that we can keep in touch," Lopic said.

As for advice for next year's team, Lopic kept his message short and to the point.

"That good s**t doesn't come easy. Starting in the summer, make sacrifices that will make you and the team better. Enjoy

it, have fun with the guys while you can," Lopic said.

In order for the Gusties to achieve their goals of making the playoffs and winning a MIAC championship next year, they will have to look to new leaders such as top scorer junior Sam Majka, and sophomore forward Colin Hernon. Another year of excellent play from freshmen forwards Van Sullivan and Evan Erickson will also be key to Gustie success.

Senior Spotlight

Danny Kimlinger

Baseball

A middle infielder from Chisago Lakes, Danny will be serving as a baseball captain this year, and is optimistic about the season.

Q: What are your expectations for the season?

A: I'm very excited for this season. With a new coaching staff and one of—if not the biggest—recruiting classes Gustavus baseball has had I am expecting a very fun and successful year. From freshmen like Matt "Hulk" Berkner to se-



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niors like Joe "The Wonderkid" Melles we have a lot of depth and promising amount of talent. I look forward to seeing how we match up against conference competition and I expect we will do very well.

Q: What is your best athletic memory?

A: My favorite athletic memory at Gustavus came during my junior year playing Augsburg. With nobody out in the third inning it was a neck and neck game. Both teams had fought hard to this point and each had one solid run to show for it. When Augsburg's first batter of the inning stepped into the box the crowd went nuts. After taking the first pitch for a ball, I thought to myself, 'this could be the end.' Then, as a gust of wind took the field, I thought, 'wait, Gusties Will Shine!' And that's when the incredible hap-

pened. The batter swung at the second pitch and hit a figuratively smoking ground ball to our shortstop, Danny "Smooth Moves" Carlson. Despite the brutal 65° weather and distracting noise of the surrounding city, Smooth Moves was not only able to snag the ball with a single hand, but make a throw that one can only imagine coming from a major league baseball player. We got the batter out and I don't think I'll ever forget that feeling. Surreal. You can't make that stuff up.

Q: Why would you recommend Gustavus?

I'd recommend Gustavus to prospective students because it's a great school to learn educationally and we also have some fun on the weekends. They took care of me so I have nothing but positive memories when looking back at my time here.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, Feb. 26

Men's Track and Field at Macalester Kilt Classic
4:30 p.m.

Men's Track and Field at Macalester Kilt Classic
7:05 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 27

Women's Tennis hosts Bethel University
8 a.m.

Men's Tennis hosts Bethel University
9:30 a.m.

Women's Tennis hosts Concordia College
12:30 p.m.

Men's Tennis hosts Concordia College
2 p.m.

Gymnastics at Best of Minnesota Invite
4 p.m.

Women's Tennis at Hamline University
7 p.m.

Men's Tennis hosts Morningside College
7:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball makes playoff push



From left: sophomore Stephanie Klockmann, sophomore Miranda Rice and sophomore Mikayla Miller celebrate the Gusties' first playoff victory since 2012 after the 60-45 win against the college of Saint Benedict.

Jeremy Pastir
Copy Editor

With a dominating performance over Carleton College on Feb. 20, the Gustavus Women's Basketball team wrapped up yet another successful regular season, ending in a tie with Saint Mary's for second place in the MIAC—just two games behind St. Thomas who won its 12th consecutive conference title.

"This season we have been focusing on one game at a time. They are each individual stepping stones on our journey this year."

—Mikayla Miller

This marks a notable rise in the program as a whole, improving upon its 2014-15 record of 11-7 and posting 14 wins and only conceding 4 losses in the MIAC, three of which were



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decided by ten or less points.



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Attention was then refocused to the postseason, where Gustavus faced conference rival St. Ben's for the second time in less than a week, this time soaring to a dominant victory 65-40. This is the first playoff win the team has had since 2012.

Sophomore guard Mikayla Miller scored 24 points and tallied ten assists in the victory. She leads the team in scoring.

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—Coach Laurie Kelly

year, which has been working so far and helped us stay focused and realize how hard we have worked all season. It's been paying off since half the teams in the

conference didn't get to have practice this past Saturday," Miller said.

The concern, especially in the playoffs, remains in consistency of play, not necessarily game-to-game at this point, but incremental between the whistles.

"With the postseason...we have to play 40 minutes every time we hit the floor and each possession becomes a little bit more important," Coach Laurie Kelly said.

At time of print on Thursday Feb. 25, the Gusties will be fac-



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ing off against St. Mary's University in Winona. The Gusties and the Cardinals tied for second place in the MIAC standings during the regular season, but the playoff tiebreaker went

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to the Cardinals due to their head-to-head victory in Winona on Dec. 2.

Arguably, one of the keys of this matchup is momentum. Fortunately, Gustavus continues playing in the postseason with heat, winning six consecutive games. This should come as no surprise, as the Gusties have had a strong and consistent showing throughout the year,

stringing multiple win streaks together and never losing more than one game in a row.

"We have been focusing this week on getting great shots every time down the floor, [as well as] limiting our turnovers. Stopping the ball in transition will be a huge factor in the end result. We are well prepared, and more than ready to play," Miller said.

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