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## Forensics team forced to make changes due to budget cuts

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While most students were away over the summer, changes were occurring on "The Hill". One of those was a reduction in the Forensic Team's budget. Students utilized social media as a method to get information out to others who were unaware of what was happening.

There were heated Facebook posts, rumors circulating and much confusion about what was actually going on.

Senior Forensics Team member Emily Meyer explained that everyone is an emotional human being.

"When something that you are so personally invested in gets diminished in some ways it starts to feel like it's a personal diminishment," Meyer said.

A lot of the anger, Meyer reasoned, came about because people took the team's loss as a personal loss.

Changes started when the Director of Forensics unexpectedly announced his resignation in late spring. A budget cut on top of a change in coaching staff escalated the situation. The Board of Directors ultimately approved these budget decisions after recommendations from the budget committee, which is made up of representatives from all levels of campus.

"We had a modest but significant reduction in the college funding for forensics program as we warped through some of the challenges that we had in budgets," President Bergman said.

Left without a coach and facing an ambivalent future the Forensics Team needed some-



Last year's Gustavus Forensics team won the Minnesota Collegiate Forensics Association State tournament for the fourth year in a row, before facing significant budget cuts this season.

one with experience who was willing to step in quickly.

Phil Voight, an Associate Professor in Communication Studies, served as Director of Forensics from 1990 until 2007 and agreed to serve as Director of Forensics once again.

Meyer described her new coach as enthusiastic and said the team is very excited to work with him.

"As we worked through some of the philosophies around forensics we decided to steer it in a slightly different direction. That had to do largely with bringing more of our philosophy around the liberal arts perspective to forensics," President Bergman

said.

"The feedback we've got from a fair number of faculty in the past was that students on the forensics team had too many demands too much travel time away and how does that fit with the liberal arts?" Provost Mark Braun said.

Students were required to compete at a certain amount of competitions in order to keep their scholarship. The new philosophy being created will be more consistent with the liberal arts ideas and the "Gustie Way". This season will be different from previous years.

"There comes a point when you have to stop missing what

was and start working with what is," Meyer said. "I've just kind of reached that point and the rest of us have as well."

Meyer pointed out the team still has the opportunity to compete and they are grateful for that. Meyer had a very successful season last year ranking as one of the top twelve orators in the country. Her goal for her final year is to help establish stability.

"I want our team to be in a place where we aren't worried about loss anymore. I'd like to convince Gustavus, both the student body and the administration that we are a program worth having," Meyer said.

President Bergman believed the Forensics Team is an excellent program at Gustavus.

"It's an excellent program and changes in a program don't mean that we will compromise excellence. Change just gives us a new perspective on how to achieve excellence," President Bergman said.

One of the changes will be reviving the team's name 'Evan Anderson Forum'.

"Trust. Speak. Fight" is the team's motto and will help students as they navigate a difficult year full of changes. Several members have tattoos incorporating some or all of those words. Meyer explained the motto originated from posters hanging in the Forensics room in Beck: "Speech taught me to trust, speech taught me to speak up and speech taught me to fight."

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—President Bergman

A reduction in budget did not eliminate all competitions the team will travel too. The tentative schedule plans for six or seven overnight tournaments and ten to twelve local tournaments.

Director Voight claims any

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## Mismanagement at Security Hospital causes chaos

Molly Butler  
Managing Editor

Gustavus students may spend four years studying and living in St. Peter and never learn the small town is home to hundreds of mentally ill and dangerous individuals.

In a random survey of 15 first-year students, none had heard of the Minnesota Security Hospital. Yet, the campus is located only a mile away from the facility.

The Minnesota Security Hospital in St. Peter was built in 1866, the first of four Security Hospitals in Minnesota meant to reduce to increasing num-

ber of mentally ill individuals filling Minnesota jails. It was quickly overflowing with patients deemed by the courts to be mentally ill and dangerous.

When it comes to treating and containing the mentally ill and dangerous, many forces have to come together. Laws have to be written and followed. There are issues of financing. And then there are the people. The patients who need proper treatment. The staff members who risk their safety, even their lives. These forces rarely work in harmony.

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) reported in July of 2015 that the facility already had 68 work-

place injuries just this year, 54 of which were caused by aggressive patients.

*The Weekly* sought information regarding staff/patient contact and self-defense policies from several sources. From the Human Services Department *The Weekly* was redirected to the Office of Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities and from there was redirected to a Minnesota Department of Services liaison.

"Generally, in situations where a patient at the Minnesota Security Hospital is acting in a way that poses an immediate threat of harm to themselves or others, staff can use seclusion and restraint," the Minnesota

Department of Human Services said. "However, there are a small number of patients at the Minnesota Security Hospital who are committed only as developmentally disabled, not as mentally ill. We cannot use any sort of mechanical restraints to restrain these patients."

Every source seemed hesitant to talk. *The Weekly* was eventually able to contact a staff member at the St. Peter facility who asked to remain anonymous for fear of losing their job.

"The staff have no way to defend themselves. They have very selective moves they can use, and any expert would laugh," they said. "The patients can get away with murder. They

can literally get away with murder. And they have. It really is that crazy."

It is clear that the current approach is not working. The facility has been making an alarming number of gruesome headlines over the past several years.

In 2014 the Security Hospital was fined after an investigation determined maltreatment had led to the death of one of their patients. Patient Darnell Dee Whitefeather was charged with murder after killing a fellow mentally ill patient, Michael Francis Douglas, according to

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## Campus Safety Report

### Monday, September 7

- Campus Safety responded to a medical assist on College grounds. Two students were transported to Urgent Care.
- Campus Safety responded to the Lund Center to take a report from an employee who had an accident off campus with a College-owned vehicle on Friday, September 4.
- Campus Safety responded to a medical assist in Pittman Hall.

### Tuesday, September 8

- Campus Safety responded to a medical assist in Pittman Hall.

### Wednesday, September 9

- Campus Safety responded to a medical assist at the Swanson Tennis Center.
- Campus Safety observed an alcohol violation in College View. Three students were referred to the campus conduct system for an of-age alcohol violation and one student was referred for giving false information.
- Campus Safety responded to a noise complaint in College View Apartments. Five students were referred to the campus conduct system for a noise complaint. Seven students were referred to the campus conduct system for underage consumption of alcohol.

### Thursday, September 10

- Campus Safety responded to an underage alcohol violation on College grounds involving one student.
- One student was referred to the conduct system for an of-age alcohol violation on College grounds.

### Friday, September 11

- A student reported the theft of an unlocked bicycle from the College View bike rack sometime between 8/8/15 and 8/22/15.
- A non-student in Rundstrom hall was cited by the Saint Peter Police Department for underage consumption and trespassing on campus by Campus Safety.

### Saturday, September 12

- Two students in Norelius Hall were referred to the campus conduct system for underage consumption.

### Sunday, September 13

- Four students and six non-students were cited by the Saint Peter Police Department for underage consumption while in Southwest Hall. Four non-students were trespassing from campus by Campus Safety.

- Campus Safety responded to an alcohol violation in Norelius Hall involving one student.

Note: Case dispositions are available online by viewing the daily crime log on the Campus Safety web page: <https://gustavus.edu/safety/incidents/index.php>

### Tip of the Week:

Keep your emergency contact information up to date!

In the event of a campus emergency or when communication with you is imperative, Gustavus may send campus-wide or building-specific messages via email, text, and/or telephone messages.

So that you can receive these messages, please provide and keep updated your contact information through your Gustavus User Settings 'Emergency contact' section or directly at <https://gustavus.edu/emergency>

Information that is marked as private will only be used by the College to communicate with you and will not be made available to any third party.

The College does a test of its emergency alert system each Fall, so update your information as soon as possible to be sure you are receiving campus emergency alerts.

Contact Lisa Octigan in the Campus Safety office if you have any questions about emergency communications or how to change your contact preferences.

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student who wants to try speech or debate can get to at least fourteen tournaments. Pi Kappa Delta will be the national tournament the team competes at later in the year.

Along with the debate and speech competitions the team will participate in, Director Voight has some new ideas he wants to bring to campus.

"Because it's a presidential election year we are going to try and have a contest for citizens, alumni, students even high school students to do a very short five minute speech in public on the topic Resolve: The Next President of the United States should be \_\_\_\_."

Director Voight also wants to implement oratory contests in languages such as Vietnamese or Spanish. The languages will change each year to highlight different perspectives at Gustavus.

There will be a new emphasis placed on multicultural awareness and an effort to make connections beyond "The Hill". This comes at a great time as the first-year class has the largest number of international students in the school's

history.

"Gustavus is a place where you can compete at a high level and still have a complete and well rounded liberal arts experience... [and] participating in forensics won't preclude you from being in other activities and from prioritizing your studies".

Braun concluded with reminding Gustavus that we are community and if people are critical of himself, Phil Voight or other people involved to be respectful.

Braun addressed those students who have left Gustavus because of the budget cut.

"We've heard they have gone to some good forensics programs. We wish them well".

President Bergman is excited to see the new team's dynamic. The new direction is up to the team and their director to explore for themselves.

"It's theirs to uncover and discover," President Bergman said.

This year is a crucial turning point in the team's history. As they evolve into a role that allows them to influence others beyond Gustavus while returning to their liberal arts roots, they will lay the foundation for what the future team will be.



# Summer research celebrated at the Fall Symposium



The Fall Research Symposium gives students the opportunity to present summer projects to the Gustavus community.

Melissa Saholt  
Staff Writer

The 2015-16 school year has officially started and Gusties have returned with a multitude of summer stories. For those who have conducted research in the past three months, the Fall Research Symposium provides a unique venue for Gusties to share what they have discovered.

The Fall Research Symposium is one of two research showcases for Gusties. At the Symposium, two students will perform a twenty minute speech. Which students perform the speech are decided by the faculty based on abstracts students supply about their research. Other students will present posters on their research.

"The poster sessions provide a great opportunity for researchers and students to interact," Senior Emilie Benson, a chemistry and physics double major, said. "Poster sessions are very interactive, and you can tailor it to the person you're talking to."

For the Symposium's poster presentation, Benson has three different explanations prepared for high school students, peers, and graduate students or professors. Rather than speaking to a broad audience, Benson wants to talk specifically to each individual's understanding about material science.

This past summer, she studied material science at the University of Minnesota, where she

was able to present her findings. She has also presented research at Cornell University.

According to Assistant Professor of Chemistry Steve Miller, summer research provides Gusties the opportunity to work with cutting edge research in major research labs. Miller also said that "summer research is usually a lot more impactful; usually it's like a ten-week, full time job."

Sophomore Biology major Brian Hastings had similar comments about the research he conducted on campus.

"Even though it's in a small subsection [of science], we're making new discoveries at Gustavus," Hastings said.

*"Students should attend the Symposium to see what Gustavus students are capable of."*

—Steve Miller

Hastings conducted research about the aging cycle of female fruit flies, specifically how aging effects reproduction. This type of research has never been done before and his group wrote a paper on their findings.

In addition to academic learning, research also helps students learn about themselves.

"It's like being in the wild. I learned a lot about how to push through on a project and think

on your feet. You're at the forefront of the scientific endeavor," Hastings said.

Students who want to participate in the Symposium are not limited to those who researched on campus.

Senior Morgan Timm, a biochemistry and French double major, completed her research at the University of Iowa. While she was there, Timm delivered a poster presentation about her work.

"You learn a lot about the research process and the many frustrations that come with it," Timm said. "It's really cool to get to use all of the equipment you read about in textbooks."

At one point over the summer, Timm was able to use an instrument she discussed in a research report for class from the previous semester.

The lessons these students have learned is invaluable and has left them with a lot to share when asked the infamous question, "What did you do this summer?"

"Students should attend the Symposium to see what Gustavus students are capable of," Miller said. "It's in a sense, some of our best students who are doing some the best research out there."

Regardless of what the research is, students who attend will learn a lot from the Gusties who have gone before them. The Fall Research Symposium will take place at 6 p.m. on Sept. 24 in Nobel Hall.



Correction: A photo was dual-printed on the cover of last week's issue. This should have been the cover photo, projected interior of Nobel after renovation and expansion.

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CBS Minnesota. Whitefeather stomped on Douglas' head as many as 30 times in an attempt to get the attention of the staff. Investigators reported it was likely Douglas was unconscious and dying for an hour and a half before staff found him. Eight days prior, Whitefeather had assaulted another patient, breaking his nose, according to the *StarTribune*.

The facility was fined \$1,000 and had its conditional status extended. All this, after the Minnesota Security Hospital had already been placed on conditional license status in 2011 for other incidents of patient maltreatment.

In January of 2015, Senator Kathy Sheran reported the Security Hospital would have to lay off staff if they didn't receive emergency funding. An estimated \$10.4 million would be needed to keep up with staff and safety requirements.

In July of this year a female staff member at the hospital was treated for injuries after being assaulted by a patient. The patient reportedly smashed the staff member's head into a brick wall and kicked her repeatedly.

In September, 45-year-old Patrick Grande escaped from supervision while on an outing at the Mankato River Hills Mall. The Department of Human Services reported he posed "no danger to the public" and he was located and returned to the hospital that night. Grande was committed in 1993 for aggravated robbery.

"There is a lot that isn't in the news," the staff source at the St. Peter facility who wished to remain anonymous said. "The only way to resolve the problems is if the people revising the laws worked at the hospital as Security Counselors for a week."

Despite the stream of headlines and investigations, staff members continue to feel unsafe.

"When upper management is in the spotlight, they give out pretty words that could mean anything. It's just pretty language," the staff source said. "It's not reformed. You have to ask the people that are actually in the field."

On Tuesday, Governor Mark Dayton held a two hour meeting at his residence with top facility executives, state commissioners, lawmakers, security counselors, and a patient advocate, according to the Mankato Free Press. Attendants said Dayton demonstrated a "heightened sense of urgency."

Director of Campus Safety, Carol Brewer, says Gustavus is prepared for the event that a patient at the Security Hospital might pose a threat to the campus.

"If there was an imminent threat to campus safety...an emergency message would be sent out. This is one of the reasons it is so important for all community members to keep their emergency information updated," Brewer said. "If the threat was in a specific building, we may choose to lock down that building and/or adjacent buildings. We would, of course, work with police in providing access for an apprehension."

Brewer added that email alerts would also keep students updated about the patient's escape and apprehension.

The stories unfolding at the Security Hospital are relevant to the Gustavus community not just because of proximity.

Students studying law, ethics, nursing, and psychology will face the difficulties of balancing what looks good on paper, and what works in practice. Without a cohesive vision of the Security Hospital, and the needs of the staff and patients, policies will continue to fall short, and lives will continue to be at risk.

# Dive in desperate need of updating



Megan Quirk

Students are encouraged to bring any ideas about how to make the Dive more functional and appealing to JoNes VanHecke or Andrea Junso.

**Rachael Manser**  
Variety Editor

Most Gusties know the Dive simply as the place to go for student dances on Friday nights, but it is a big space to only be used every couple Fridays throughout the year. Therefore, talks began last spring about sprucing it up to make it more functional and more inviting.

President Bergman was on the Board of Trustees a few years ago when the Student Senate was pushing for a big Dive renovation, and she was very involved in those conversations. Now, as President, she's looking to actually do something about it.

"Last spring, the President had said that she was really interested in seeing us start some conversations about Dive improvements. She initiated a conversation with physical plant about things that we could be doing down there, some smaller renovations," Dean of Students JoNes VanHecke said.

The timing was off to start anything last spring because the updates would have to take place over the summer, but now those conversations are starting again for next summer.

"It's an immensely popular place for

certain activities, then other times, like today, there's people taking a nap. It's a big college resource to have empty all the time," Director of Physical Plant Warren Wunderlich said.

VanHecke was a senior at Gustavus the year the Dive was opened and remembers it as a fun and likeable spot on campus.

*"The Dive is a big college resource to have empty all the time."*

—Warren Wunderlich

"Generations of Gusties have loved the Dive, and I kind of feel like the last few years, there's been less use of it by students. I have this nostalgia about an active and much loved Dive and we clearly have moved away from that. I want it to feel like an inviting space again, but I recognize that in its current configuration, it's probably not going to be like a coffee shop," VanHecke said.

Smaller renovations could help to make the Dive a better space for students, possibly including things like new carpeting, replacing the ceiling tiles, more modern furniture, and painting.

"We're not talking about moving walls,

more about cosmetic changes that would make it visually appealing, like a place you'd want to go to spend time," VanHecke said.

However, the Dive is not unusable in its current condition. It's a space that is usually quiet during the day and VanHecke views it as somewhat of a cross between the library and the Courtyard Café.

"If you go there, there's a really good chance that you've got this nice, quiet space where not very many other people are spending time," VanHecke said.

There are some technology updates happening this year within the Dive to make it more suitable for uses beyond Dive dances. An LCD projector is being installed as well as slight modifications to the sound system.

"Event Services is collaborating with GTS and Physical Plant to get the projector installed and working so we can address the growing requests to use the Dive for meetings and presentations so we can cut down on the labor intensive practice of bringing in portable systems since the Dive was not set up to function as a meeting or conference room," Assistant Director of Event Technical Services Matt Dobosenski said.

*"Generations of Gusties have loved the Dive, and I kind of feel like the last few years, there's been less use of it by students."*

—JoNes VanHecke

Conversations about what can be done to improve the Dive for students are still occurring, especially concerning budgets since there have been some bigger renovation projects over the summer. VanHecke encouraged students to bring any ideas for improvement to her or Andrea Junso.

"If students have ideas about how that space might function, or ways that they see that we're lacking specific kinds of space on campus, I'd love to hear from them," VanHecke said.



Megan Quirk

The extent of the updates currently happening are technology-based, but the hope is to do some cosmetic upgrades next summer.



# GUSTIE *of the* WEEK



Basra's Greeter-quality smile lights up the Halls of Gustavus.

Lindsey Taylor

## Jaurdyn Dobler Staff Writer

Originally from Somalia, Senior Basra Osman had no trouble fitting in with the Gustavus community. In fact, putting herself out there and meeting new people is one of her passions and an ability that many took notice of immediately.

"I remember meeting Basra for the first time at our floor dinner freshman year. She sat in front of me and as soon as she opened her mouth I knew this girl was from another world. She is so full of energy, happiness, and smiles. She is a very outgoing and transparent person," Senior Sofia Huitron said.

Now President of PASO, a member of Big Partner Little Partner, and Gustie Greeters, Basra utilizes her outgoing personality to make differences within the community.

"I'm passionate about justice and educating others about those who are different from them. I don't like to see tension between two groups of people. Everyone deserves to be heard and appreciated and everyone is interesting if you just take the time to help them open up," Basra said.

While extremely friendly and loving, Basra isn't afraid to voice her opinions and stand strongly for what she believes in.

"Basra has worked on helping bridge the gaps regarding

diversity in various ways. She is not shy in expressing her opinion. She is open to discussing problems to find solutions," Technical Coordinator in Biology Maureen Carlson said.

In fact, one of her proudest college moments so far has been when she read a poem at PASO's Africa night informing others about what the hijab meant to her.

"I felt good because the response was so positive. Many times people don't understand that I choose to wear the hijab for myself. It makes me feel comfortable. So to have the audience listen and accept this poem positively made me feel happy and at peace," Basra said.

Even in the classroom Basra maintains her passion and positive attitude. She says that learning has always been important and fun for her.

*While extremely friendly and loving, Basra isn't afraid to voice her opinions and stand strongly for what she believes in.*

"I knew Basra was special from the moment she first sat in my office on Labor Day. She came here to work hard and to make a difference in other people's lives and she has done so everyday. She's fought hard

to be here, and she recognizes the value of her education every day, which makes her a pleasure to teach and learn with," Associate Professor of Writing Across the Curriculum in English Rebecca Fremo said.

Studying biology, Basra hopes to attend medical school in the future to become a pediatrician.

*"I've known for a long time that I love working with children."*  
—Basra Osman

"I've been camp counseling since high school so I've known for a long time that I love working with children. Once I realized that I enjoy biology too, it wasn't hard to decide that being a pediatrician would make me happy," Basra said.

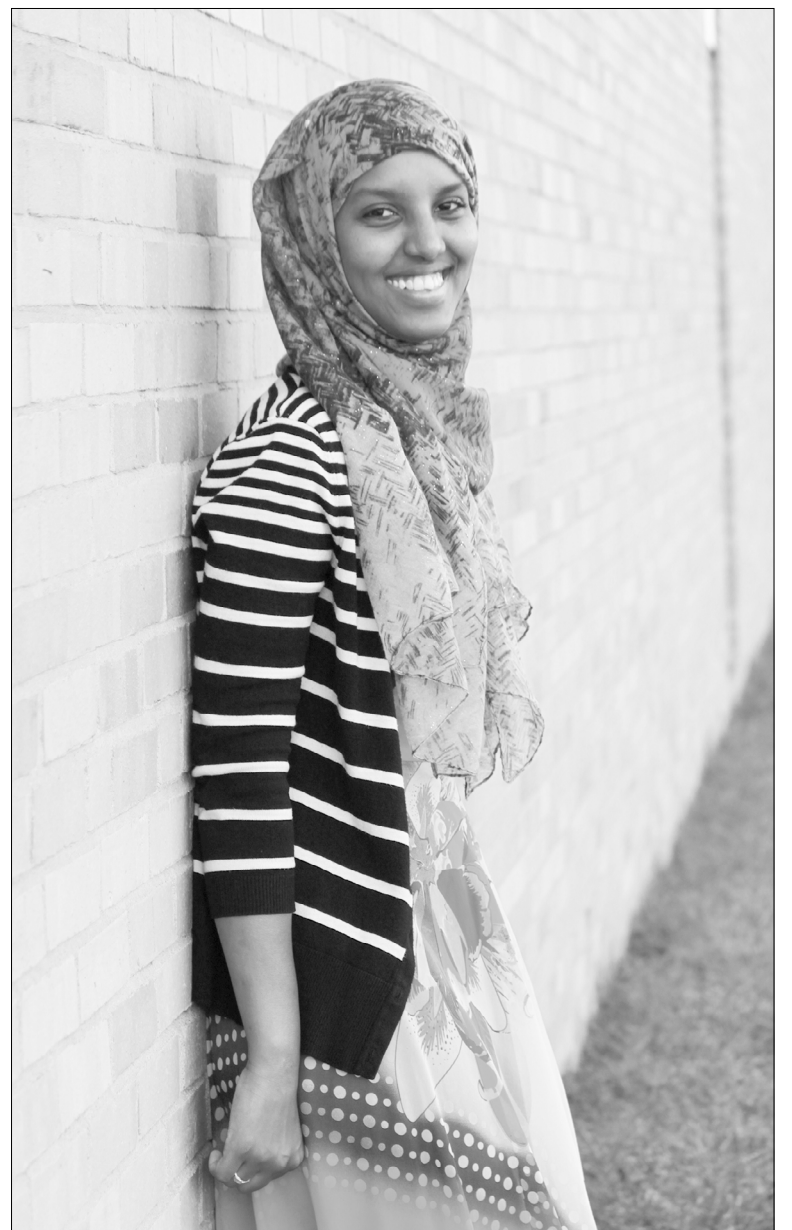
While she's a bit nervous to graduate and move forward, those who know Basra are confident that she will go on to find success.

"Students like Basra are rare and wonderful and I think that every classroom she enters is just automatically elevated by her good vibes. I fully expect to read about her accomplishments in the next ten years. She's the real deal," Fremo said.



Her experience in BPLP will aid her future as a pediatrician.

Lindsey Taylor



Basra's friendly and energetic personality is infectious.

Lindsey Taylor



# Gusties audition to join competition dance

Emily Knutson  
Copy Editor

While everything on campus was winding down after the first day of school, the Gustavus Dance Team was just getting started. Tryouts for the performance team began at 8 p.m. and the team's season was officially underway.

Seven new additions were added after Tuesday's tryouts, bringing the team's roster up to eighteen dancers. These new dancers joined a dynamic team with strong leadership, immense talent, and potential to continue the success of past seasons.

Head coach Krista Ripperton '14 was a member of the dance team all four years and captain her last two. She quantified the success of last season by the performance team dancing at all home football games and the competition team taking second place at nationals in California.

"Our goal is always to expand the team and allow more girls to further pursue dance when they are in college," Ripperton said.

When asked about this year's team, many of the team leaders expressed similar thoughts of excitement. Junior captain Maddie Renneke believes the dance team is unique from other sport teams.



The Gustavus Performance Dance Team learning the tryout routine.

Caroline Probst

"No one is trying to be a star dancer it's really about making sure everyone dances well together," Renneke said.

In order to create a cohesive team they must bond as a group. Team bonding consists of eating some meals together, hanging out outside of practice and various other activities throughout the year.

Senior captain Rachael Urbaniak's goal is to create a close-knit team and work hard to be successful.

"The only thing harder than getting first is staying there," Urbaniak said.

The team took first place at the Saint Thomas Invite last year and hope to defend their win this year.

The girls on the team love to dance and want to share that love with the audience members at each of their performances. At any performances, the team wants students and audience members to clap, bring signs and be loud throughout the dance. Emily Palmquist believes the team brings an upbeat experience to the games they

perform at. The crowd interaction shows people are enjoying the show, which is a big motivation for the girls to have a great performance.

The performance team will dance at home football and basketball games. Renneke explains the team practices three days a week for two hours each night.

"That's just a huge amount of work to get done in such a short amount of time," Renneke said.

Each week the team learns and performs a new routine for the game.

The competition dance team will have a send off later in the fall where they will unveil their new dance before competing locally and across the country. Coach Ripperton said she would host additional try-outs for the basketball game performances in the winter if enough students expressed interest in joining the team. Her contact information can be found at the Gustavus Dance Team website for anyone interested.

This year the four captains will be Rachael Urbaniak, Maddie Renneke, Hailee Griffin and Jenna Ripperton. Check out the halftime show at the football game on Saturday Sept. 26 (Homecoming) for their next performance. Best of luck to the dance team for their upcoming performances and competitions.

## Tales from Abroad

Long Hoang  
Guest Writer

An Open Letter to First-Year International Students,

There goes another summer. But this time it is different, because this time I was in the United States. I chose to stay and work on campus for many reasons: to make some extra money to set aside for the new school year, to enjoy the local cultural events in summer, and just to avoid the excruciating heat that'd be waiting for me back in Vietnam (yes, it's always 100 degrees and the monsoons only make things worse).

Although there were conferences, camps, and weddings happening on campus, so many that my schedule as an event technical support person was completely full, I still couldn't help feeling a little bit homesick. After all, it's my first summer away from home, but it's okay.

The number of new international students this year is certainly jaw-dropping, and seeing them walking around on campus brought me right back two years ago, when I was in the exact same place with my fellow international students.

Although the help of Jeff Anderson (the International Coordinator) and the Greeters surely



Long and friends in his home town in Vietnam.

Submitted

made the first few days a lot easier, there were so many new things around us that sometimes we hardly knew what to do. It would take some time for us to start adjusting and assimilating into this new community, but the hospitable and friendly nature of everyone would keep this nothing short of a pleasant trip. And I know it will be

the same way not only for this group, but for every incoming group of incoming international students in the future, and I wish you all the best.

It should be indisputable that the Gustavus campus is one of the places to be, as it was pointed out to a great deal of you. However, let's not forget how wonderful the folks in the

city of Saint Peter are. In fact, saying something along the lines of 'yeah it's a nice town, there a lot of things to do, you go to this place if you want to do that' would never suffice. The people are friendly and will not hesitate to lend a hand should you need help. The public servants in the county courthouse will take extra steps to explain laws and regulations for international students. The public safety officers are attentive and helpful, with absolutely

no record of police brutality. If you don't believe me, go ahead and spend a day downtown, be it in the commercial area or the parks.

International students are just like anyone else, of course we want exciting places to go whenever schoolwork can be set aside. But let's not take for granted how the peaceful atmosphere that a small-town setting can help you a great deal in concentrating on schoolwork. With Mankato a 20-minute drive away and the Twin Cities an hour drive away, you virtually lose nothing. All you have to do is ask a friend with a car, and if you don't have one, chances are you can try harder to reach out and make new friends (it is a part of the 'studying-abroad' experience, isn't it?). Even better, if you feel adventurous, buy your own car!

To close this letter, I hope that you all are aware of how important you are to making Gustavus a truly diverse and unique experience for college students can have. If you think I could help you in any way, feel free to seek me out. There will be many things to do and to achieve on 'The Hill', and you should feel proud to be a part of this community, so that you would miss it as much as I will two years from now.

Sincerely,  
Long Hoang.

Tales from Abroad is an ongoing section in which Gustavus students share the highlights of their international and study abroad experiences.



# Fall shows worth binge-watching



Even the most studious gusties need to put down the textbooks and watch four seasons of their favorite show once in a while.

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With September passing through the midway point, television networks are preparing their shows to win over viewers. Plenty of 2014 shows went through the gauntlet to prove themselves worthy of another season, but there were some that didn't prove successful enough to continue, whether critically or financially. Here's a rundown of shows I think may be worth your television time this fall.

While DC Comics has had the edge on live action television over Marvel for a while, thanks to the success of *Arrow*, Marvel has shown itself to be just as effective on the small screen by recovering from *Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.*'s rocky start and provided one of the most critically acclaimed superhero shows with *Daredevil* on Netflix, which they will have a second season for next year featuring the famous Marvel vigilante known as the Punisher. As for this fall, DC continues its superhero stories on the CW with new seasons of *Arrow* and the *Flash*, and will introduce another show into the lineup titled *Legends of Tomorrow*, featuring a large team-up of classic DC heroes. *Gotham* will also have its second season on Fox, though anticipation is less due to Season One's overall mixed reception.

Both Marvel and DC's new shows this fall are giving the attention to two underappreciated female superheroes. Debuting

in late October is *Supergirl* on CBS, starring Melissa Benoist, which will focus on the journey of Superman's cousin Kara Zor-El to heroism. While the original trailer received a mixed response, the leaked pilot had generally positive reactions.

The second of Marvel's Netflix series after *Daredevil* is *Jessica Jones*, which will star Krysten Ritter as the titular character and *Doctor Who* veteran David Tennant as the villainous Kilgrave. The show will release in Nov. and be centered on a woman whose superhero career met a tragic end and led her to opening up a detective agency while suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. Like *Daredevil* it will not shy away from darker tones and grounded fight scenes.

One of the supporting characters, Luke Cage, will also receive his own Netflix series next year, which will eventually lead up to Marvel's *The Defenders*. With the issue of the lack of female superhero solo films on the big screen, hopefully these two shows can encourage film studios the potential a number of superheroines have to offer.

Speaking of heroes, NBC made the surprising move of choosing to resurrect one of its many dead franchises, *Heroes*, with the 13 episode mini-series, *Heroes Reborn*. It features the return of actors from the original series as well as some new faces to the fold, and debuts on Sept. 24. While the original was a hit from the start, the later seasons disappointed fans which led to a decline in viewership.

But *Heroes* is far from the

only franchise to return from the grave. *Ash vs. Evil Dead* will debut on Starz on Halloween and will have the triumphant return of Bruce Campbell's chainsaw-handed Ash Williams who's back to kill monsters with his boomstick. The first episode will also be directed by *Evil Dead* and *Spider-Man* trilogy director Sam Raimi. The story takes place after the *Evil Dead* movies and has Ash go into both familiar and unknown territory. The fans of the original only had one word to summarize to this news, groovy.

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On a lighter note, ABC will debut *The Muppets* on Tuesday, Sept. 15. Shot in a mockumentary style similar to *30 Rock* and *The Office*, the show will focus on the professional lives of Jim Henson's creations as they try and film Miss Piggy's late-night talk show while dealing with their own personal problems, one of which was the recent break-up of Miss Piggy and Kermit. Since the recent two movies have made the Muppets more relevant in pop-culture again, the show hopes to continue that success. As expected with a Muppets series, the show will have a few guest stars to pop in once a while to interact with the lively puppets.

CBS will feature a television series based on the 2011 film

*Limitless*. For those unfamiliar, *Limitless* starred Bradley Cooper and was about a man who used a drug that would increase his brain's capacity that he used to improve his everyday life. The concept itself sounds similar to the 2014 film *Lucy*, but it's worth noting that not only did *Limitless* come out first, but many critics and audiences agreed that it used its concept more efficiently. The television series stars Cooper's *American Sniper* co-star Jake McDorman as Brian Finch, who also discovers the powers of the NZT-48. Cooper is not only one of the show's executive producers, but his character from the film will also be a recurring role on the show, possibly as a mentor to Jake to learn his powers.

Finally we have Fox's *Scream Queens* starring Emma Roberts, Jamie Lee Curtis, and Skyleer Samuels amongst others. Made from the co-creators of *Glee* and *American Horror Story*, this horror-comedy focuses on a string of murders that occur twenty years after a sorority pledge gone wrong. Given the history of both the creators and actors in the horror genre, there is little doubt that this show has potential.

As usual, plenty of fan-favorite shows are coming back this year such as *Drunk History*, *Walking Dead*, *Fargo*, and *Doctor Who*, but it wouldn't hurt to either check out some of the newer programs this year or see what you missed out on last year. You might find something different to binge-watch on Netflix or watch on weeknights from your usual schedule.

## GAC Handbells

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Gustavus Adolphus College is known for many of its musical groups. But a lesser known ensemble has been gaining recognition: the Gustavus Handbells.

Handbells are commonly used in church music and were introduced at Gustavus in the mid-1990s to help develop the church music program. Previously made up of two different ensembles, this year the group will expand to three ensembles.

Any student, whether they have musical experience or not, is welcome to audition for Handbells. Members meet once a week for rehearsals and perform at Chapel services, Christmas in Christ Chapel, and several concerts throughout the year.

Chad Winterfeldt, Cantor of Christ Chapel and a professor in the Music Department, has been directing the Handbells ensembles since the spring of 2006, although he has worked with various handbell ensembles since 1995.

"Handbells is an interesting ensemble in which every person is essential," Winterfeldt said. "There is a really clear sense of community. If one of the ringers isn't present, you can't really play the piece."

Seniors Katelyn Graham and Emily Rudquist and have been ringers since their first-year at Gustavus. Both girls viewed Handbells as a good way to fulfill their ensemble requirement and enjoyed the experience so much they have stayed with the group since.

"It's a really cool group of people," Rudquist said. "We all have our own quirks and it's so much fun when we all get together."

After spending so much time working together, the group becomes very close.

"It's kind of like a big family," Graham said. "I've met all of my best friends there."

The Handbells ensemble will be hosting a festival in February 2016 for high school ringers to attend. These students will have the opportunity to play alongside the ringers of the Gustavus Handbells.

The ensemble also has many events planned for the winter, including Christmas caroling and a soup party with their director.

"The best thing about Handbells is the good camaraderie, laughter, and dedication," Winterfeldt said. "The students have really found a way to pursue musical objectives and work toward excellence and perfection and have fun at the same time."



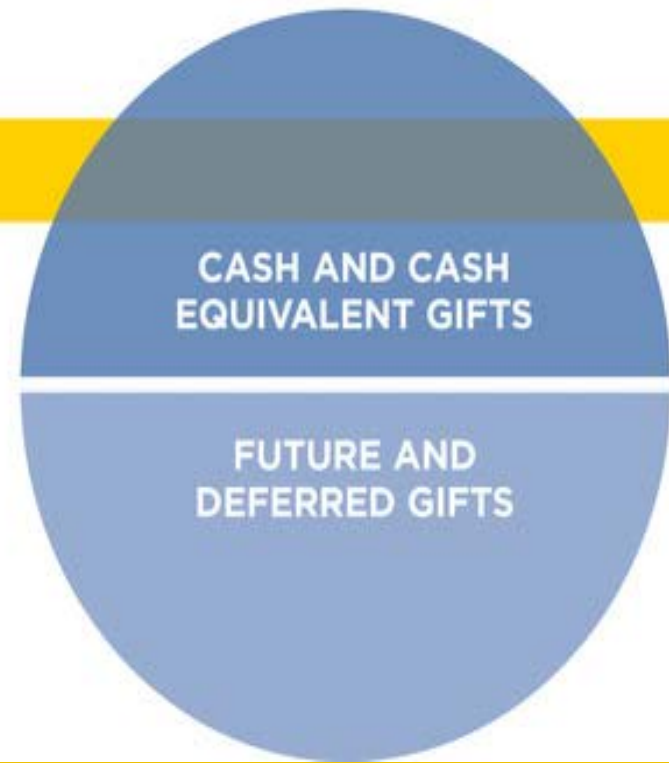
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This latest fundraising initiative will also allow the college to grow in their endowments, scholarship abilities and recruitment opportunities.

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*What ignites your passion?*

Tom Young, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, is one of the leading minds behind *Campaign Gustavus*. Young has worked at Gustavus for 10 years and continues to use his passions as a fundraiser and volunteer organizer to help Gusties make their lives count.

