

Growing Pains



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Opinion Editor

It started when we were children. Our parents walked us to the bus stop, supervised our playtime, and met with our teachers to make sure they weren't being too hard on us. Conflict between kids was mediated by adults, and tattling on playmates was encouraged.

Sports, once the domain of neighborhood kids everywhere, became organized and structured by adults, who rewarded our sweaty efforts with unfettered praise. In this process, my generation lost the ability to navigate the world without our hands being held.

Now, we are in college, the big kid's playground. Our new mommy and daddy are college administrators, always ready to intervene, always ready to implement new rules. Today, college administrators and students enjoy a symbiotic, albeit unhealthy, relationship. You might even call us codependent. However, this wasn't always so.

In the 1960s, students and



In response to student outrage over Gustavus' handling of sexual assault, President Bergman convened a panel of administrators for a sexual assault forum with students.

Caroline Probst

administrators experienced some growing pains. Across the nation, college students were in rebellion. They occupied college buildings, attempting to "wrest control of the educational process from the administrative bu-

reaucracy," among other goals. The student protesters rejected the notion that colleges should operate *in loco parentis*, "in place of a parent."

Before the 1960s, college students were subjected to many restrictions in their private lives, from curfews to curtailed freedom of speech.

Students rebelled, demanding recognition of their autonomy and adulthood. They recognized the danger inherent in ceding too much power to authority figures. Students rejected the college bureaucracy that told them they knew what was best.

Today, however, students are all too happy to embrace the bloated college bureaucracy, which has grown at an unprecedented rate. In 1975, universities had twice as many professors as administrators.

Today, administrators outnumber faculty. Furthermore, the number of "executive, administrative, and managerial employees" rose by 85 percent. In the same time period, "professional staff" at colleges have increased by an astonishing 240 percent.

Now, with a bloated bureaucracy, when we have a complaint, we run to the increasingly large administration to fix it. This is an unsettling inversion of former student protests. It appears that students seek to return to the spirit of *in loco parentis*.

This shift in student-administration relations is evident at Gustavus. After campus-wide outrage over Gustavus' alleged mishandling of sexual assault complaints, a panel of admin-

istrators convened in a forum with students.

Though it is increasingly clear that colleges are ill-equipped to adjudicate sexual assault complaints, students continue to demand that their colleges stop rape. Instead of protesting the fraternities and the individuals who support rapists and perpetuate rape, students turned their frustrations towards the administration, demanding more policies, more intervention, and more training from the college.

A student body that demands more bureaucracy receives more bureaucracy. President Bergman ended the forum with the unveiling of a new task force, largely composed of administrators, charged with studying the problems of sexual assault and its adjudication. Coincidentally, our neighbor school St. Olaf College also recently announced their new task force for sexual assault in response to similar campus outrage. Students everywhere are looking to their administrations to protect us from ourselves.

It is unclear how students want administration to actually prevent rape. St. Olaf is a dry campus! Would they prefer administration attend house parties, ensuring that adults don't sexually assault one another in private residences? Or should administration come to the bars and monitor our alcohol consumption? Perhaps the solution is to bring back curfews.

While supporting and recognizing efforts to reduce and eliminate rape and sexual assault on college campuses, I remain unconvinced that expand-

ing the college bureaucracy and relying on the administration is the most efficient means of solving this issue of rape culture.

Despite the passionate anger directed at college administrations, the college is not attacking students. We, *the students*, are assaulting each other, and that's a hard truth.

Students can no longer cling to the administration, as if they are an extension of our parents. It's time to grow up. The real world doesn't have a benevolent dictator administration looking out for us, shielding us from drug and alcohol laws and ensuring that no student is ever subjected to offense.

College administrations have proven to be completely incompetent at dealing with sexual assault. If we are upset about rape and sexual assault, and I assure you, we are, then we need to go after the rapists.

Imagine a campus where the true shame lies in being a sexual predator. This would do far more to eliminate rape on college campuses than yet another school-mandated training on consent, the effectiveness of which is in doubt.

It's tempting to rely on the administration to resolve our social issues. After all, our whole lives have been a series of adult interventions. However, for better or for worse, we are the adults now, and no one can fix us but ourselves.

It's time to revive the original student protester, who knew that the college administration is not your friend, and is definitely not your mom or dad. It's time to revive student responsibility and individual autonomy.

Editorial

The Gustavian Weekly Editorial Board

THE GUSTAVIAN WEEKLY aims to cover major events on campus. This spring, one of the biggest campus events is the upcoming Big Concert, featuring chart-topping artist Hunter Hayes.

However, THE WEEKLY will have absolutely no access to Hayes. As of April 20, 2016, a mere 3 days before the concert, THE WEEKLY has been informed that we can neither photograph the concert nor Hayes, and we do not have access to an interview with Hayes.

The *Mankato Free Press* and KEYC also experienced difficulties interviewing Hayes, so this may be the work of his agents. While it is understandable that Hayes may not want to be interviewed, it is absurd that THE WEEKLY cannot photograph an artist performing on our campus.

We were informed that Campus Activities Board (CAB) has already hired a photographer from the Office of Marketing and Communication to take photos of the concert. We were

told that if THE WEEKLY wants any photos, we must request them from the photographer following the concert. We are also prohibited from taking photos during sound check, or during or after the show.

Every year, the Big Concert is funded through CAB, which collects payments through student activities fees to fund this and other events. The staff of THE WEEKLY, like every student of Gustavus, pays these fees, yet we are prevented from fully reporting on the event.

THE WEEKLY strives to provide students, faculty, staff, and all members of the Gustavus community with comprehensive coverage of events on campus such as the Big Concert. It is disappointing that THE WEEKLY has been prohibited from fulfilling our mission as a student paper to cover events important to the student body.

We are disheartened that CAB has denied the Gustavus student paper access to an event funded by Gustavus students.

Are You Experienced?



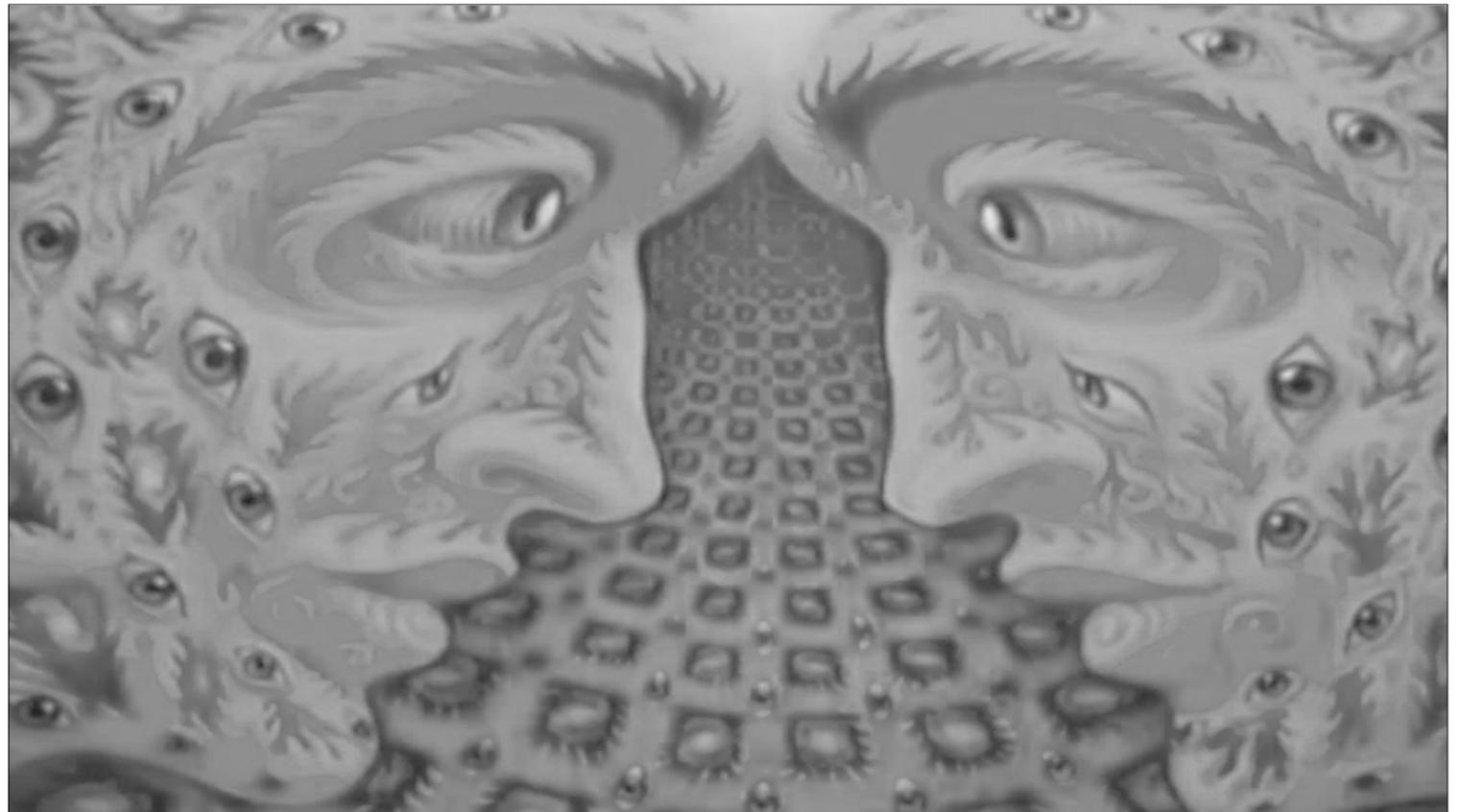
Emmett Haberman
Opinion Columnist

A psychedelic drug is any drug that causes hallucinations or perceptual anomalies by flooding serotonin receptors in the brain. Fossils dating back 10,000 years show that early humans have used psychoactive drugs during religious rituals. Some Native Americans would also use psychedelic drugs.

With the rise of the church came the prohibition of psychedelics. During the mid-1900s great minds were experimenting with psychedelics which at the time were mostly raw plants and gases. Philosopher William James claimed that nitrous oxide helped him understand Hegel, a philosopher concerned with consciousness and subconsciousness.

Chemist Albert Hofmann discovered LSD while looking for a cure for psychosis. LSD, unbeknownst to Hofmann, touched his skin in the lab. While he was riding his bike home, he began to trip seeing vivid hallucinations of geometric shapes. Suddenly a powerful spiritual feeling came over Hofmann. Later, he was found in a tree.

Writer Aldous Huxley claimed that psychedelics opened up a door of perception. Opening up these doors will allow us to view our subconscious. By the 1950s medical professionals were testing the potential medical benefits of psychedelics. Due to the mind-altering property of psychedelics many psychiatrist and medical professionals began testing on people. After



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Recent studies have shown psychological benefits for people who have used psychedelics. These new findings could open the doors for integration of psychedelics into modern medicine, as well as legalized recreational use.

the test subjects revealed to the public what they had been taking, the drug culture of the 1960s was born.

After this explosion of interest in psychedelics, many studies have been done exploring the positive and negative aspects of using psychedelic drugs. Ultimately, these studies have demonstrated many benefits of experimenting with psychedelic drugs.

Recent studies consistently reveal new and exciting effects of taking psychedelics. A study at the University of Alabama Birmingham School of Public Health found that people who have used a classical psychedelic drug, such as peyote, or psychedelic mushrooms, had a decreased desire to commit suicide after taking the drug.

Studies have also shown that LSD helps people suffering from neurosis come to terms with subconscious issues that they might not have previously understood.

This was initially discovered in the 1950s, when Abram Hoffer, an experimental psychiatrist from Canada gave LSD to patients suffering from chronic alcoholism, who were unresponsive to traditional methods.

During his experiment, Hoff was able to get a consistent rate of improvement or recovery, demonstrating that LSD helps people recovering from alcoholism. Psychedelics are also proven to help people suffering from chronic pain.

When LSD is administered to people suffering from chronic

pain, their outlook on life and their mood improves. Because psychedelics give the user a new perspective on life, levels of creativity also increase. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, studies on the lasting effects of psychedelics show no lasting mental health problems for users.

However, when discussing psychedelics, it is important to note the potentially negative aspects of these drugs. The most common issue that arises during psychedelic use are bad trips. Sometimes, and without forewarning, a user may experience frightening visual hallucinations or anxiety. Often, a bad trip can be more introspective than visual. Some users report realizing that everything they see is fake while others realize something deep about themselves.

There have also been horror stories of people injuring themselves while under the influence. George Harrison of The Beatles allegedly tried breaking a window to jump out while taking LSD for the first time. Newspapers in the 1960s reported that people taking LSD would eat their own children or jump out of windows believing they could fly. However, these stories were proven to be made up.

The most compelling reason to not take psychedelics is what happens immediately after coming down from a trip. Many users report feelings of depression after tripping. Because receptors are flooded with serotonin, and then suddenly are reduced, feelings of depression may be experienced. A person already prone to depression may experience worsened feelings after using psychedelics.

After considering all of the available research, college students should be taking psyc-

hedelics. Because of the pervasive binge drinking culture on campuses, it is no surprise that a reported 31 percent of college students met criteria for alcoholism. Hoff's study in the 1950s shows that psychedelics have the potential to help people recover from alcoholism with no lasting mental health issues.

In the future, college students may be taking psychedelics instead of drinking. Instead of college kids getting drunk and vandalizing the campus or assaulting each other, they can sit back and trip. Down the road, college students will end up drinking less and run into less problems down the road that result from college age alcoholism.

Another pervading issue is the mental health crisis on college campuses. A reported one in four college students suffer from depression or other mental illness. 44 percent of college students report having symptoms of depression. Though there is no known cure for depression, LSD and other psychedelics have been proven to relieve this mental health issue.

Ultimately, college is about learning who you are, and psychedelics do just that. Psychedelics do not only cause visual hallucinations, but also hallucinations of thought. These hallucinations are a catalyst for different outlooks and perspectives on life. Of course, do not take psychedelics if you do not believe you are ready. They are not for everybody.

But when you do take psychedelics (I personally believe everyone should), choose a safe environment with people you trust, and get ready to turn on, tune in, and drop out.



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Kobe and Me

Nick Pemberton
Opinion Columnist

Kobe Bryant, one of the greatest basketball players ever, played his last game April 13th. His last game was quite “Kobe.” He took too many shots, but he made a lot of them. 60 points on 50 shots, one of the most absurd games by a single player in history.

Despite a significant decline in talent this year, Kobe took all the shots. Many media critics were upset by this. They argued that he should spend his last days teaching the young players. He should go out looking like a “team player.” They said he was being selfish. They said that he was hurting his legacy.

Above all, this is why I will miss Kobe. Because he did care about himself more than his team. That is not to say he didn't win a lot, he won five championships, but he did so with Kobe at the front and center. And why shouldn't he?

I have more trouble understanding this season's face of the NBA, Stephen Curry. He is the best player in the world, but he passes all the time. He is the best player in the world, but he always talks to the media. He is the best player in the world, and he is always smiling. I may be the only one who doesn't like this guy.

I have never understood why we even have interviews of players. There is a script that athletes are supposed to follow. They say they couldn't have done it without their team. They say they are so blessed to be in this situation.

They thank the fans and the coaches and the owners. Curry has a pattern of bringing his

daughter to this staged event. Everybody loves this gesture: a great dad and a great basketball player. What an upstanding citizen! Meanwhile, the rest of us have to sit at home thinking about how crappy our life is in comparison.

Kevin Durant recently won the MVP award. Durant said during his press conference that his Mom was the “real MVP.” Thanks Kevin. Normally when I see someone else winning an award, I feel like a loser. But in one corny line, he made sure I felt like an jerk too.

Yet whenever somebody expresses a sincere emotion at a press conference, there is an uproar. Cam Newton walked out of his press conference after losing in the Super Bowl. Everybody hated that.

Haters said that he was a sore loser. He was immature. He would never win a Super Bowl until he grew up. I am not sure why we bother to have the press conferences if we are only open to what we want to hear. This is why we need Kobe.

Kobe to me is more of a role model than the current straight-laced players of the NBA. Kobe presents himself authentically, Curry and Durant are opportunists. Kobe does what he wants, the others do what they are told. Kobe cares about himself, the others care about their image. Kobe is flawed, the rest are vanilla.

Kobe strikes me as a character from a novel, Curry and Durant are from a sports movie. Kobe is a real person. He cares about himself, yet no one is harder on him than himself. He does not



Kobe Bryant, basketball legend and controversial figure, recently retired from the NBA. He played his last game on April 13th with the Los Angeles Lakers, his team of 20 years.

care about his image, but he cares about being great.

He is not a nice teammate, but he will make sure you get a championship ring too. He doesn't sweet talk his fans, but he works his tail off to make sure they saw a good show.

There are no complexities to the public image of the other stars. They are your ideal: nice guy, likes everybody, loves their family, and is great at basketball.

This is pretty hard for a kid to live up to. I can identify with

Kobe and the flaws that he is not afraid to show us. It's much harder to identify with the removed identities of Stephen Curry and Kevin Durant.

Kobe cared about basketball. He couldn't care less if someone who didn't know him liked him. He never cared what anybody thought about him.

He put on a corny face this last season but throughout his career he was stone cold. He didn't care about the media, he didn't care about the ideals of sports fans.

He cared about his art, his craft. He loved basketball, so he played it as hard as he could. No one was harmed by him being a ball hog or turning down interviews.

I don't care if a basketball player cares about his billionaire owner, I don't care if he cares about the media, I don't even care if he cares about me. He was in love with basketball and I am happy for him.

Legalize Sex Work



Megan Bertrand
Opinion Columnist

The fight over the legalization of prostitution has been going on for years. The federal government believes that legalizing prostitution is not only immoral, it “contributes to the modern-day slave trade, and creates a higher demand for human trafficking victims.”

However, not all states follow this line of reasoning. In Nevada, prostitution is legal in eight counties, and twenty-eight counties that have legal brothels.

Being an escort in all fifty states is completely legal, and women accept money from

their clients for services performed. However, federal law states that accepting money for sex is completely illegal.

The only difference between being an escort and being a prostitute is that an escort makes hundreds of dollars more than a prostitute and it is generally safer. I argue that both jobs are the exact same thing. Both jobs are sex work and ought to be recognized and protected by the government.

Prostitution should be legalized for many compelling reasons. It is a woman's choice how she uses her body, and perhaps sex work is her best source of income.

I believe that prostitution can be considered physical labor, and if stripping is legal, then other forms of sex work should be legalized. Furthermore, by legalizing and regulating sex work, we can make the streets safer, and cut down on human trafficking, which is human exploitation for sexual services.

Prostitution is the provision of sexual services for negotiated payments between two consent-

ing adults. If companies can make employees sign contracts for goods and services rendered, why can't there be a similar concept for the idea of sex?

No person's human or civil rights should be violated or judged on the basis of their occupation, profession, or work. If women or men want to engage in sex work, then they should be able to do so in a safe environment.

Though not always a preferred profession, stripping and exotic dancing are completely legal occupations. There are rules and protections to ensure the safety of these workers. For instance, guards are often utilized both outside and inside clubs to protect the dancers from customers who become inappropriate.

Employers don't give out workers' information, and refrain from using their real names. Due to the sexual nature of this line of work, it is conceivable that other forms of sex work, such as prostitution, should also be legalized.

However, many people argue

that prostitution and sex work is a very unsafe business. A major concern is the spread of STIs and unplanned pregnancies. Fortunately, free condoms and other forms of birth control, as well as treatment prevents certain diseases and unplanned pregnancies.

A second concern is that sex workers are unsafe under the control of pimps. Perhaps pimps could be eliminated by having the sex industry under the employment/business labor law, and even give them their own labor union, creating more benefits and protections. Such as healthcare, better payment options, the ability to file restraining orders, and the ability to pick their own clients.

We could have the sex workers get licensed, and have them follow regulations like any privately-owned business. All self-employed prostitutes should be registered and the federal government should make the act of soliciting for illegal prostitution an offense. The owners and employers of brothels should be subjected to

extensive background checks.

I advocate for the making of “red boxes,” meaning if sex workers feel unsafe in their profession, they wish to report abuse, or just need to get away from their “pimp,” then they should be able to run to these places, and claim sanctuary and have a safe place to go.

If women and men are working in safer conditions, and with employers who will keep them safe, it will cut down on street violence, abuse, and rape, contributing to the increased safety of sex workers. Many people work in this line of business to keep their families fed, or because they feel they have no other option.

I feel that if more sex work were legalized, then more people would feel comfortable going into brothels, or other businesses that offer these sort of services. This could effectively cut down on street crime, rape, abuse, and murder on the streets.

BENEATH THE CROWN



What inspired you from an early age to pursue your interests?

"I would probably say the story of Nikola Tesla. He was always getting shot down and dismissed even though he was a genius, and he was still sticking it out, even if he was a little insane at the time. In terms of a person I knew, I'd say my uncle. He didn't go to college, had to get his GED, all of that stuff. He ended up not only managing to get a job as an air traffic controller, but he is now a senior manager over at Reagan National Airport near Washington, D.C."

What is your dream career?

"I want to do something with engineering. I'm extremely interested in the idea of space exploration. When I was a little kid, I wanted to be a space cowboy, wrangling up 'star-beetles,' and you know what? Not a lot of people get to pursue their dreams but I said 'No, I'm going to be an astronaut! I am going to be a space cowboy!' You probably think I'm joking, but I can assure you I'm not. Aerospace engineering is where it's at."



Anton Fuchs
 Cameron MacDonald

What do you hope to engineer?

"I would like to make something not as, for lack of a better word, archaic as we use now for propulsion. Currently we basically just take a huge chunk of rock, turn it into liquid, and light the firecracker, and hope it gets us into orbit. So I'd like to make something that

was maybe a bit more efficient."

What kind of advice would you give to someone who is pursuing their dreams?

"When it comes to your dreams, don't think of others. Think of yourself. They don't live your life, wear your skin or

walk in your shoes. It's okay to be a little selfish once in a while."

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.

Brain Teasers

Riddles

1. The day before yesterday, Chris was 7 years old. Next year, she'll turn 10. How is this possible?
2. What room can no one enter?
3. What is it that's always coming but never arrives?
4. What can travel around the world while staying in a corner?

Word Puzzle

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| TEMPERATURE | PAR 2 | CHANCE |
| HEART | COLLAR HOT | THE HEAD SAND |

Comic

Carly Maslowski



Solutions

(Upside-down, to avoid spoilers.)

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| 1. Falling Temperature | 1. Today is January 1st. Yesterday, December 31st, was Chris's 8th birthday. On December 30th, she was still seven years old. This year, she'll turn 9 and next year she will turn 10 years old. |
| 2. A mushroom | 2. Two Under Par |
| 3. Tomorrow | 3. Fat Chance |
| 4. A stamp | 4. Broken Heart |
| | 5. Hot Under the Collar |
| | 6. Head in the Sand |

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Four years to get FIT?

The dilemma of the Lifelong Fitness credit



Gustavus Sports Information

The Gustavus Football team runs out the tunnel, maybe knowing in the back of their mind they, like all student athletes are not given the appropriate amount of credits for their countless hours of practice.

This opinion piece solely represents the views of the writer.



Tanner Sparrow
Sports & Fitness Editor

As fall registration week comes to a close at Gustavus, I again noticed something that baffled my body, bewildered my brain, and stumped my soul. A varsity sport is worth thirteen-hundredths of a Personal Fitness requirement. So what is that you ask? Allow me to explain.

A Personal Fitness requirement, or (FIT) makes up half of the Lifelong Fitness credit. The other half of the Lifelong Fitness Credit is a Lifetime Activity (ACT) requirement. In order to graduate from Gustavus a student must complete both a half credit in Personal Fitness and a half credit in Lifetime Activity.

Gustavus describes the credits as following: "The Personal Fitness requirement (FIT) encourages exploration of cardiorespiratory fitness and its importance. Students learn how to set appropriate goals to improve fitness, engage in regular aerobic exercise, and acquire knowledge regarding health promotion, disease prevention, wellbeing, and relaxation. The

Lifetime Activity requirement (ACT) encourages students to select courses across a range of activity areas based on personal interest to develop an appreciation for lifetime physical activity and skills associated with such activities." Okay Gustavus, fair enough. Exercise is important, especially in today's America where Burger King sells hot-dogs and pizza is a vegetable. However, at the same time, 0.13 for a varsity sport? Are you serious? How little do you value the fitness and physical activity your athletes put in? Let's look at an example.

Take imaginary Freshman Football player Jack McKumquat for example. Jack comes in three weeks before fall classes start to begin summer training camp. Jack has roughly three hours of practice a day, six days a week.

So before school has even started, Jack has already spent 54 hours practicing a strenuous sport for the college, and that's not including the time he's spent in the weight room, or meetings.

Classes start, and Jack sticks with football, and continues to practice and play with the team all season through mid-November. For his effort Jack receives 0.13 of a FIT credit.

For contrast lets look at Jack's imaginary classmate, Nick O'Shaggyraisins. Nick has decided not to play sports at Gustavus, and to instead divert all his focus on his studies. While registering, Nick signs up for a class called Conditioning. Nick attends three fifty-minute classes for thirteen weeks. Nick

gets some good workouts in, loses some weight and feels healthier.

Nick spent about 32 hours in his activity, which is about twenty hours less than Jack spent practicing with the football team during summer camp alone, before the season even started. For his efforts Nick receives 0.5 of a FIT credit. You don't need to be a tenured philosophy professor to see that that's not logical.

Now that's not to discount the work students in FIT classes do, or the whole Personal Fitness program. I think it's a phenomenal requirement, for everyone who is not a student-athlete.

Athletes put in far more time doing a physical activity than students in FIT classes during just one season, and yet it takes us four seasons to earn the credit. If that seems like a huge f-you, it's probably because it is.

Now, I don't know a single student athlete who plays a sport because they want the FIT credit. We do it because we love it. However, ranking our time and effort so low is offensive. The four season commitment becomes an even larger issue when you consider the following, imaginary scenario.

In two years, Jack returns for his junior year of football but suffers a bad concussion in a game, the fourth concussion of his life. Putting his long-term health first, Jack regrettably hangs up his cleats and quits football. Jack now must take a FIT class if he wants to graduate.

That means the hundreds of hours he put in in the previous two years are worthless in terms

of a FIT credit. Although that particular scenario was imaginary, similar scenarios happen every year, and it's not fair.

ACT credits are a whole different monster. Although slightly different in its definition, the irony that you get more ACT credits for a half semester class called "Beginner's Tennis" than you do for being on the Men or Women's Varsity Tennis team for a season is not lost on me.

What I propose is simple. Upon completion of a full season on a varsity athletics team, a student-athlete should be awarded either a half FIT credit, or a half ACT credit.

Two seasons on a Varsity athletics team, would thus earn a student-athlete enough Personal Fitness credits to graduate. This would have plentiful benefits. First of all, student-athletes would be rewarded justly for their time and effort competing in a physical activity. Secondly, the four-season

method, a method that does not take into account career-ending injuries, or student-athletes who graduate early, would be dissolved.

Thirdly, it would encourage students to go out for sports, boosting participation and school spirit. Sure, plenty of Gusties still won't go out for sports, but they are free to enjoy the wonderful FIT and ACT classes Gustavus has to offer instead! Frankly I think one season of Varsity athletics should be enough for both requirements, but hey, I'm taking baby steps here.

I think what I said makes sense, and if you do too, please write an email petitioning the office of the registrar to consider revising the Personal Fitness graduation requirements. If the Ivory Coast national soccer team can singlehandedly end a war, why can't a group of D3 athletes change a school policy?



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Men's Golf hits their groove



The Gustavus Men's Golf team took home some hardware at the Bobby Krig Invitational, winning the tournament after being five strokes down on the first day. Gustavus Sports Information

Jake Woodrich
Staff Writer

The spring season for the Gustavus Men's Golf team has been a good one. The team's season is split between the fall and the spring, with a break during the winter. With a roster that is competitive from top to bottom, the Gusties have had a great time hitting the links in the recent months. Although having to battle snow and other imperfect weather conditions early in the season, the weather has cooperated for the team in the recent weeks.

Highlights so far from this spring include multiple high placing finishes at events, competing against both conference and non-conference opponents. To begin the spring season, the Gusties opened with an impressive fifth place finish at the Camp Lejeune Invitational, which was held in North Carolina.

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—Coach Scott Moe

"We started our year at the Camp Lejeune Invitational in NC. We had a great experience getting to play alongside, and visit with, some retired military personnel. The event had a very strong field. We played pretty

well for our first event, finishing 5th out of 30," Head Coach Scott Moe '95 said.

In the team's next two meets, the Augsburg Invitational and the Bobby Krig Invitational, the Gusties took home two first place finishes. The Bobby Krig Invitational was the lone event

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of the season that is hosted by Gustavus. The event took place in Jordan, Minnesota and also Le Sueur, Minnesota.

"We just completed our own event, the Bobby Krig Invite, and played solid golf, winning a big event by 6 strokes. We needed this win to propel us into our final event, the Saint John's invitational," Head Coach Moe said. The Saint John's Invitational will take place this weekend in St. Cloud, Minnesota and Monticello, Minnesota.

Moe, who is in his 19th year as head coach of the Men's, and 12th year as head coach of the Women's Golf team here at Gustavus, is very happy with the preparation that his golfers put in for this season.

"I'm pleased with how hard our players worked in the off

season and continue to set the bar high and push each other. We have had great support from all of the players on our roster, pushing everyone and supporting each other during the week and on the weekend," Head Coach Moe said. Moe is also impressed with how his team has performed so far this spring.

"We are playing the way we need to play right now, making a bunch of pars and avoiding big numbers. We have shown depth right now and anytime you have five players that can be our low score of the day, that is a key to have a good team

and we have that right now. We expect to play well each time out and if that results in a victory, then great, if not, then someone else will have to play great to beat us. The great thing is, everyone on the team has contributed," Moe said. This hard work in the offseason, as well as the stellar golf being played, will hopefully turn into a bid to the NCAA Tournament later this spring.

"We are taking our season one event at a time. We are hoping to play well enough to earn an at large spot in the NCAA Tourney in New York," Moe said.

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SPORTS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 23

Men's Golf at Saint John's Invitational

All Day

Women's Golf at Bethel Invitational

All Day

Men's Track and Field at Carleton Relays

10 a.m.

Women's Track and Field at Carleton Relays

10 a.m.

Softball at St. Thomas (DH)

1 p.m.

Women's Tennis at College of Saint Benedict

1 p.m.

Baseball at St. Olaf (DH)

1 p.m.

Men's Tennis hosts Carleton College

2 p.m.

Sunday, April 24

Softball vs. St. Olaf

1 p.m.

Tuesday, April 26

Baseball at Concordia (DH)

2:30 p.m.

Softball at Concordia (Senior Day)

3:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 28

Softball vs. UW-Stout (DH)

3:30 p.m.

Men's Tennis Triumphs Beats nationally ranked Kalamazoo



Gustavus Sports Information

Clockwise from top left: Junior David Hagberg; Sophomores Tommy Entwistle (on right) and Zach Ekstein (left); and Sophomore Mohanad Alhouni. The Gustie men rebounded from a tough loss against No. 5 ranked University of Chicago to beat No. 37 ranked Kalamazoo.

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Photography Editor

Last season, the Gustie Men's Tennis team faced Chicago twice – once in the regular season and the other in the second round of the NCAA Championships. The Black and Gold fell both times to the Maroons, including a 5-4 decision in the early going, and falling yet again by a 5-2 score in the play-to-decision format of the big dance. Gustavus last faced Kalamazoo in 2014 and took down the Hornets by an 8-1 count.

Unfortunately for the Black and Gold, the Gustavus Adolphus College men's tennis team dropped a 7-2 decision to No. 5 University of Chicago on Saturday afternoon at West Bend High School. The loss drops the Gusties to 19-7 overall, including a 3-6 mark against nationally-ranked foes.

"Our guys competed very well today," Coach Tommy Valentini said. "We set the tone

early with some solid play in the doubles. Chicago is obviously a talented group on the singles court...hats off to them on a well-played match. Our guys showed spirit and poise in singles. We now turn our focus to preparing for Kalamazoo tomorrow."

This refocus definitely shown through, as the Men's Tennis team earned two non-conference victories on Sunday morning, including a 7-2 defeat of nationally-ranked No. 37 Kalamazoo College in Elkhorn, Wis. and a 9-0 win over Bethany Lutheran College at the Brown Outdoor Tennis Complex. With the pair of wins, the Gusties move to 21-7 overall heading into their final regular season match next Saturday.

"The guys put together a great bounce-back effort today," Coach Tommy Valentini, commenting on the earlier national loss Gustavus suffered, said. "They were extremely poised and showed great trust in one another to pick up the sweep in doubles. This gave us a great lift in singles. Ekstein and Whaling

executed their game plans beautifully to get us to 5, and everyone competed hard in singles today. KZoo is a very strong and well coached group. We share a long standing, special rivalry with them, and we feel fortunate with today's result."

Against Kalamazoo, the Gusties started strong, earning a sweep in doubles play. While Mohanad Alhouni and Andres Saenz earned a strong 8-4 win at No. 1, Zach Ekstein and Tommy Entwistle squeaked out a 9-8 decision at No. 2, and topping off the day Mitch Elofson and David Hagberg took home an 8-6 victory at No. 3.

In singles play, Ekstein and Elofson each earned straight-set wins at the second and third spots, respectively, while Gabe Steinwand and Patrick Whaling added the other two points at the fifth and sixth positions.

A separate squad stayed back to take on Bethany Lutheran and was able to sweep the Vikings. The doubles combos of Mason Bulje and Taylor Parr, and Collin Sandgren and Alex Senjem, and Joakim Ekfeldt and

Graham Kellogg earned 8-4, 8-3, and 8-2 wins at the first, second, and third doubles positions, respectively.

In singles play, Bultje, Ekfeldt, and Sandgren each earned straight-set wins at the first, second, and third positions, respectively. Con-Aras Theirhoff, Alex Smith, and JJ Janssen picked up the remaining victories at the fourth, fifth, and sixth spots, dropping just six games between the three of them, including a 6-0, 6-0 win from Janssen at No. 6.

"The guys were focused from their first doubles points until their last singles points," Assistant Coach David Lachman said. "Despite not having played outside much yet this season, they successfully implemented their strategies, and attitude, effort, and sportsmanship were exceptional across the board."

The implications of these final matches are huge, as Gustavus and Carleton are the only two remaining teams in the MIAC that have stayed undefeated in the conference, with Carleton

and Gustavus posting records of 6-0 and 8-0 respectively. Though Carleton has a one game advantage in losses, Gustavus possesses a seven game win advantage. The Gusties will then conclude their regular season next Saturday when it hosts Carleton College at the Brown Outdoor Tennis Complex in a 2 p.m. match.

Meanwhile, the Gustie women face familiar foes in St. Olaf and St. Thomas. Last season, Gustavus took down the Oles twice – once in the regular season 8-1 and the other in the MIAC Playoff Semifinals 5-1. The Black and Gold also saw the Tommies twice last year and went 1-1, where Gustavus won the first go-around 6-3, but were upset not long after and fell to St. Thomas less than one week later 5-2 in the conference playoff championship match. This season, both matches figure to be plenty competitive again, as the Gusties, Oles, and Tommies are three-of-four teams that remained undefeated in MIAC play heading into that weekend tourney.