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In Sept. 2014, standing outside a party talking with friends, a young man approached me and aggressively grabbed my crotch. Drunk and in shock, I said "No!" and stumbled back from him. He sneered at me and then slipped around the side of the house back into the night.

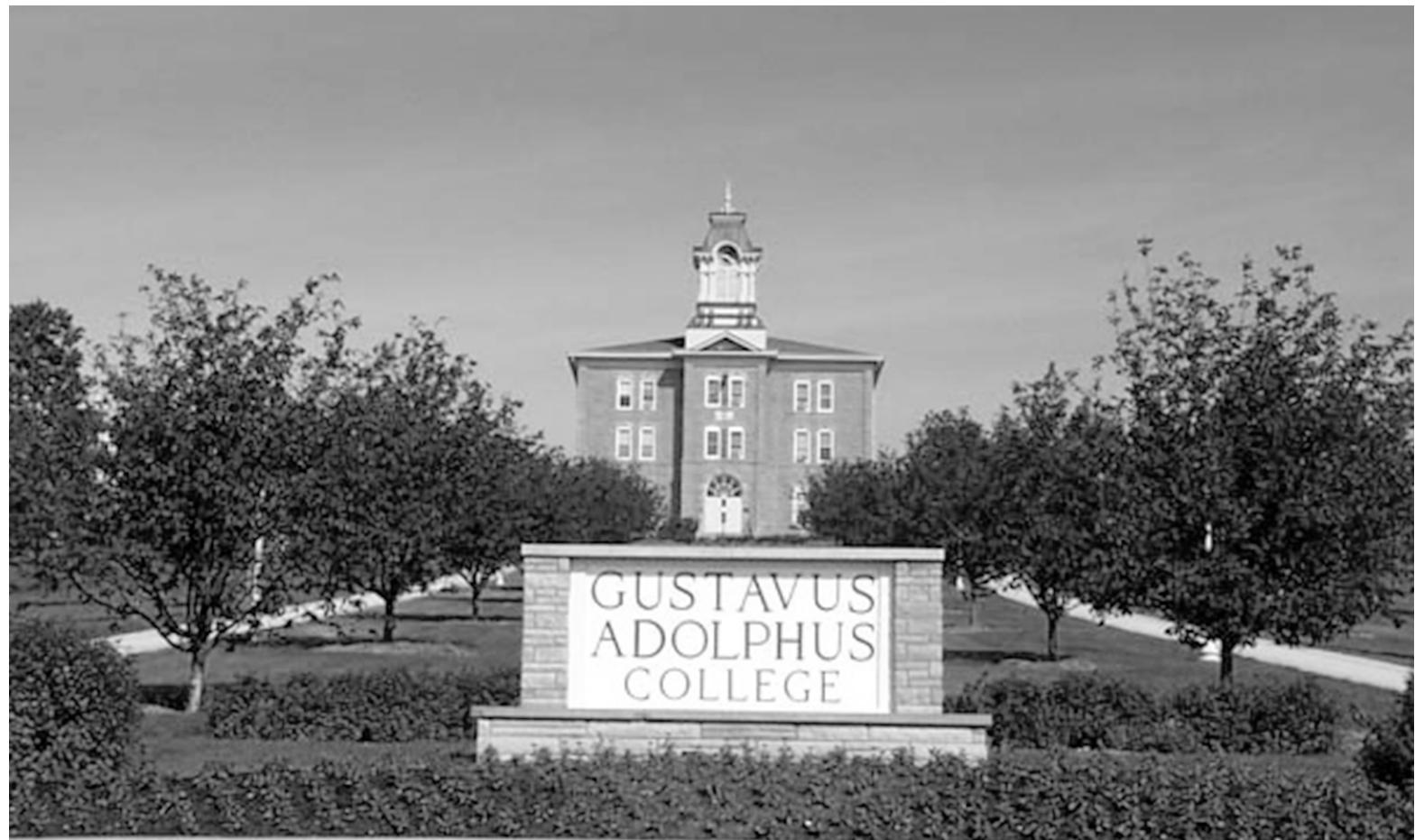
Later, I learned that before he groped me, he had also stuck his hands down another woman's shirt and pants. I don't know his name, and I never reported the incident. Neither did the other woman. This event didn't traumatize me; most days I don't think about it. I know that many, many women have experienced far worse.

And yet, I will never forget that night. Though it was no more than 10 seconds of my life, in that moment, I felt utterly powerless. I was reminded that my bodily autonomy means *nothing* to men who choose to violate it.

Though this story is fairly benign as far as sexual assault goes, I have a thousand more stories I could tell. It is a lifetime of bodily violations, all kept secret. Another drop in the bucket, another reminder that my body is not my own. I tell this story because all women have these stories, and we cannot keep quiet anymore. The silence is killing us.

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# Silence is Consent



Gustavus Adolphus College is engaged in conversations about sexual assault, mirroring the ongoing national debate surrounding the issue. Creative Commons

not tell the stories of my friends and my peers. Their stories and their truths belong to them, and them alone. But know that for every story you've heard about sexual assault, I have heard it a thousand times over. All women have.

We tell each other these secrets in the dark, speaking in hushed tones, ashamed.

We recount all the ways that our bodies have been violated, and we comfort each other, wiping away tears and holding hands, saying over and over, "It

is not your fault, it is not your fault. *It is not your fault.*" This is a routine I am well-versed in. All women are.

I am tired of bonding over our sexual assaults. I have spent countless hours with friends as they process the violations done to their bodies, and I know that I will spend many more hours doing the same painful work. A lifetime of violations, a lifetime of recovery: all women understand this.

It is time that men understood

this, too. I wonder, in those moments when a man decides that a woman's body is his to touch, to grope, to rape, I wonder if he thinks of all of the hours that will be spent crying, comforting, and recovering. Obviously, he does not. How could he, when he was taught that he is entitled to women and that their feelings mean nothing?

So, I have shared my story, and I have promised that there are a thousand more. What can be done about it? It is clear that colleges are woefully inept at adjudicating sexual assault, and in my case, I didn't even report. Then who is to blame for the unrelenting assault on women? We are.

For every woman who has a story, there are people who doubt her, who tell her that it was her fault. There are people on this campus who choose to actively support rapists instead of standing behind the victim/survivor.

Associating with rapists is a choice. Make no mistake, every time we learn the name of a perpetrator, and we choose to attend parties with him or his fraternity, we are siding with *rapists*. We are condoning their behavior, and we are condoning violence against women. I cannot imagine a campus culture supporting fraternities that abuse children; why we actively support fraternities that abuse women, I will never know.

One such fraternity on this campus routinely sexually assaults women. As I previously stated, these women's stories are their own, and it is not for me to share them. However, the

truth is that when I hear these stories from friends and peers, one fraternity is named over and over again. I don't have to print its name here, you've heard it before in previous discussions on sexual assault. After the truth has come out, every single fraternity and sorority on this campus associating with this particular fraternity is complicit in tolerating their behavior towards women. This is unacceptable.

What do you stand for? What do you believe in? I believe in a culture where there is no shame in being a victim of sexual assault. I believe in a culture that shames rapists and everyone who supports them. I believe in the women, all of us, who have survived a lifetime of violations, and who refuse to be silent a single day longer.

Some mistakenly believe that a woman's silence is consent. The truth is that *our* silence, when we choose to socialize with rapists, is consent to the violence perpetrated against women. Our silence is our consent, so I will not be silent anymore.

It is uncomfortable to speak about sexual assault, and it is painful to reflect on the ways we support rapists. Changing culture is a difficult process. However, the alternative, to remain silent, to remain complicit, is no longer a viable option. Women are telling their stories and their truths. Will you listen?

## The Good, the Bad, and the Meh



Ted Cruz announced Tuesday that he is suspending his campaign to be the GOP presidential nominee.



We will never know the true potential of the Cruz-Fiorina dream team.



President Trump.

# May Day's Radical History

**Nick Pemberton**  
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May Day, or International Workers' Day, happened on May 1, and it seems to me that we have never been more ready to celebrate it. Gustavus has been celebrating it through the MAYDAY! Peace Conference for thirty-six years. This year's celebration occurred on May 27, and its theme was "Divestment & Reinvestment: Making Money Count."

Specifically, it was about the divestment from dirty energy such as fossil fuel and coal. The speakers were diverse and urgent this year, it was truly a wonderful day. If we have any hope of saving our planet, we all must divest from fossil fuels and coal immediately.

I truly applaud Gustavus for this day, as the United States has completely abandoned this workers holiday, centered on marches, protests, and the unity of workers. We are one of the few countries that does not have May Day as a government sanctioned holiday, despite May Day originating in the United States. Ironically, the day celebrating workers' rights does not give workers the day off.

Instead, we are left with Labor Day (not *Laborer Day*) meant to celebrate work, rather than to celebrate the worker. This capitalist ideal extends to other holidays in the United States, such as Christmas shopping taking

over Christmas and all the other holidays celebrated during the winter season. Christmas shopping has even taken over Thanksgiving through Black Late Afternoon Thursday. As far as I am concerned, Santa Claus is not the victim of Fox News' "War on Christmas," but is instead the commander in chief.

Historian Peter Linebaugh tells us that the meaning of May Day originated around agriculture, dance, fertility, and springtime. The first maypole in the land that would become known as the United States was in 1627, in Merrymount, MA.

A colonist named Thomas Morton danced around the maypole with former slaves and indigenous people. This uniting of people across culture was suppressed by the Puritans, but the tradition was kept informally in North and South America.

After the Civil War, people were inspired by the progress that was made, and May 1 was used for people to fight to limit the workday to eight hours. Four people from the movement were shot by the police, leading to protestors organizing a meeting in Chicago.

A stick of dynamite was thrown in the meeting, killing seven people. Following this, trade unions were violently assaulted by the police across the country, including the framing of eight murders, resulting in hangings of four in Chicago. The May Day movement was

roused by the brutality against it, and it spread across the world. While May Day is still celebrated officially throughout the world, it was replaced in the late 1800s by Labor Day in the United States to disassociate May Day from the workers.

Despite our social progress throughout history, our world today is facing elements of mass destruction we have never seen before. Whether that be the shadow of mass extinction via climate change, or the looming possibility of nuclear war with a Donald Trump presidency, with a nuclear arsenal which President Obama has committed to put a trillion dollars into over the next thirty years. Despite all of these threats, this May Day, I am left with an overwhelming feeling of hope.

May Day represents the holiday of the people, expressed through protest and dance. There are so many signs of resistance in our country right now. This May Day happens to be the tenth anniversary of the 2006 march where more than 1.5 million people marched on streets in solidarity with worker and immigrant rights here in the United States. This year there are signs all across the country that people are still fighting for their democracy.

Occupy Wall Street and Black Lives Matter are the two greatest examples of May Day's process working for the people in the present day. Despite the rich getting richer, these move-



A May Day maypole celebration in 1910.

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zon worker's 2011 strike.

The other great thing about May Day is that is a global holiday. A chance for us to work with others across the world who are suppressed by the global economy, both economically and culturally. This is a time for us to join hands with others across the world and skip around that silly maypole. If they want to kill you for dancing, then it must be pretty important.

ments have managed to break through the multilayered forms of oppression to make noise nationally.

The divestment movement is another example of something that started small, and now is gripping the country. From April 11-18, a group called Democracy Spring protested the money in politics outside the capital, resulting in 1,400 arrests. 36,000 Verizon Wireless workers are currently on strike, the largest strike since the Veri-



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Given the voter turnout in America, fluctuating around 60 percent for presidential elections and 40 percent for midterm elections, many Americans have taken the right to vote for granted, squandering their ability to influence this country's government. To forfeit one's vote is an unfortunate choice

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Unfortunately, this issue is not so clear-cut as it first appears. After all, not all felonies are deserving of a permanent punishment.

Once a felon is released from jail and finishes parole or probation, it is expected that he or she will reintegrate into society. However, this reintegration is made unnecessarily difficult by the multiple barriers facing felons once they leave prison.

These barriers includes difficulty finding employment, being denied living quarters, and financial issues that come from dealing with for-profit probation and parole services.

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It is debatable whether laws reinstating felon voting rights should make exceptions for certain crimes, but many felony charges arise from crimes that can be easily forgiven, thus allowing felons to re-enter society fairly quickly. The maximum sentence for a felony can be as low as five years while the highest maximum sentence, excluding crimes resulting in a death, is 25 years, although these sentences do vary slightly by state.

Citizens convicted of felonies in the aforementioned ten states, despite being released from jail and forgiven on paper, will be punished the rest of their lives through the loss of their ability to vote. It does not make sense

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It is also worth noting that the loss of voting rights due to felony convictions disproportionately affects minorities, African American citizens in particular. Sadly, this is likely due to the situations which led to the creation of these laws. Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe recently signed an executive order to reinstate voting rights for over 200,000 felons who have finished parole or probation, in an effort to correct the wrongs that led to the law in the first place.

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With this being an election year, the restoration of voting rights is being portrayed as a political issue that divides along party lines, but this issue needs to be bipartisan if the demo-

cratic system is going to survive this election cycle. Individuals should be allowed to vote, a right they are guaranteed as citizens, regardless of the party they might vote for in future elections.

If politicians dictate who can vote based solely on social class or political leanings, then our government is starting down a path that leads to oligarchy, a system in which the powerful and wealthy overrule the opinion of the majority. While felons may be less-than-stellar citizens, they are citizens nonetheless and should not be permanently silenced.

Doing so forces disenfranchised felons to rely on more fortunate individuals to correctly determine what is in their best interest, rather than voting on the issues themselves.

It is time to restore voting rights to all citizens who have managed to work free of the prison system, and to welcome them back into society as the full-fledged citizens that they are.

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I'm a huge fan of Beyoncé. She's an incredibly successful and inspirational woman who creates thought-provoking music and art. When her self-titled album came out from nowhere with singles like "Drunk in Love," "Flawless," and "XO," I was immediately reminded of just how talented Beyoncé is even though she coming up on ten years in the music business by the end of this year.

I remember exactly where I was when I found out that Beyoncé was releasing a new album. I was in my room watching Netflix when I got a message from my brother (who is also on Team Bey) saying that a new album was going to drop. She's

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fighting tooth and nail against a system that sees certain people as disposable.

Beyoncé's new album is a space for identity exploration and healing, as are the many recent convenings of the Black Lives Matter movement that have been popping up around the country. These spaces, like the recent candlelight vigil for the late Jamar Clark held in Minneapolis, ought be preserved and respected by all people as an opportunity for those who have experienced hardships and difficulties to reach a community catharsis and vision of where to go next, even if that means that white folks like me aren't invited.

"Lemonade" is a beautifully crafted and thoughtful reminder of how important it is for white people to realize how much we benefit from a society that keeps so many people down, so that we can envision a better future for others.



**Emmett Haberman**  
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I want to begin by saying I love this college. My time here has been wonderful and I am glad that I came here. That being said, all colleges have their problems. Some more than others, but all of them do have problems.

I believe that because of the problems that Gustavus Adolphus has, this college will not be a college in 30 years or so.

It is evident that something is happening here. Class sizes are shrinking and sports teams are being cut. Currently, the Gustavus class is about 2,450, last year it was around 2600 and a few years ago it was around 2,700. This is unsurprising, considering that tuition around \$40,000 a year, which is higher than it has ever been.

Most likely people will turn to the endowment because that is where many colleges get most of their revenue. But they will also claim that Gustavus' endowment is too small. Gustavus' endowment is around \$144 million. Endowment includes donations given to a college by alumni and other outside

sources. St. John's has \$644 million, Carleton \$783.5 million, St. Olaf and St. Thomas are around \$450, and Saint Mary's university and Augsburg are around \$40 million.

This leaves Gustavus as an average school compared to other private colleges in Minnesota. The good news is that in 2014 the endowment was \$141 million, and in 2013 it was \$109 million, meaning our endowment is growing. But is it growing fast enough? The top-rated colleges' endowments are well above ours.

The colleges that are not as prestigious as Gustavus are desperate to increase their endowment. Hamline had merged with William Mitchell and the only reason why Augsburg has the endowment it has is because an anonymous donation of \$10 million was made.

Because Gustavus is in the middle ground it is sink or swim at this point. If our endowment is not comparable to that of the other prestigious Minnesotan colleges we won't be able to afford some of the programs that incentivize students to come here. Class sizes will shrink even more and soon endowment will follow because there won't be enough alumni to donate.

With fewer students enrolling, and tuition and endowment rising, one has to ask why Gustavus is cutting programs like the Nordic ski team or the forensic team. Instead of tearing

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The administration clearly has their work cut out for them. The question that should be asked is what should we spend our money on to gain bigger class sizes?

The answer administration gave is "spend it on ourselves." Top administration's salary is \$90,000-102,875. These people are members of administration and President Bergman. On the other hand, professors' salaries are anywhere from \$50,000 to \$60,000. Due to the inequality in pay, it no surprise there is no surprise there are complaints heard amongst professors here at Gustavus.

As time goes on the quality of the professors will deteriorate. The skilled professors will want to go to better paying colleges like Macalester or St. Olaf, while average or poorer quality professors will end up coming here. With less skilled professors, Gustavus will no longer be able to offer the high quality education that it is known for.

Luckily Gustavus is able to make some money back with housing. Gustavus is a four year residential college, meaning that it is expected that students live on campus, and only the lucky few are able to get off campus and rent a house.

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like St. Olaf and Carleton. For example, a single in Carleton is twice the size of a double at Gustavus, which begs the question why come here and live in a small room for potentially four years? Instead, it makes sense to go to a cheaper college that allows you to live off campus after at least one semester like Hamline.

Another place where Gustavus is able to gain money is through the cafeteria. Because many people end up living in dorm rooms for three years they tend to stay on a meal plan for much longer than desired. Students are forced to pay for overpriced foods.

We eat multiple unhealthy meals a day, and are expected to pay for it no matter what. It is true that every residential hall has a "kitchen" with cooking supplies (save halls like Rundstrom that have had their cooking supplies taken away from them), but even then we still have to pay for a meal plan.

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The cafeteria does not provide adequate service to students with dietary restrictions. It is particularly difficult to find nutritious food with a dairy intolerance.

This situation is not good for the college, because when prospective students start realizing how the cafeteria is run they will not want to go here, thus decreasing our student size even more.

Our college is being run extremely inefficiently. Our class size is shrinking, but our endowment and tuition is growing. The meal plan is a rip-off that forces students to eat foods they cannot physically eat. Housing forces students to pay to live on campus in small overpriced dorm rooms.

Professors are not being paid enough, making it impossible to gain more great professors alongside our current ones. Most of these issues can be drawn back to our endowment not being big enough. But with all the money-making entities on campus and the increasing tuition many are asking where all the money is going.

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# BENEATH THE CROWN



## What has been a dream of yours?

"I've always dreamed of traveling around the world. I still haven't been outside of the country, so I still need to work on that part. But I still love just traveling around the states and visiting all of national parks. I love it, and seeing God's beauty and creation firsthand is wonderful for me."

## What has been a big inspiration in your life?

"Well, in terms of my career, I'm currently an Elementary Education major with a Math endorsement to teach grade 5 through 8. The person who really inspired me to pursue this path was my senior year AP Calc teacher. She connected really well with all of her students and showed us how much she really cared. She made the material fun and easy to learn. Seeing her made me want to teach and be that kind of teacher to my future students, so she was a big inspiration in my life."

## What's a goal that you have for your career?

"Well my goal is pretty straightforward: once I've gone through the entire edu-



**Alicia Lhotka**

Cameron MacDonald

tion program here, hopefully I'll get a job that I'll really like and positively influence students."

## What kind of advice would you give to someone trying to pursue their dreams?

"I would say just go for it. Even if it doesn't happen right after the first attempt, you can still make steps and be proactive with your dreams. It may take a while, but if you keep working at them, you'll get there. I know I won't be able to travel right out of college and I'll need to make and save money, but it's something

I've been working towards and I haven't given up, and I think that's the important part."

*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.*

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# One-Hit Wonder

## Volness throws a one-hitter as Baseball closes out the season



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*In the game vs. Carleton on April 30, Senior Jacob Volness allowed the fewest hits (one) by a Gustavus pitcher since Josh Spitzak's no-hitter vs. the Knights on April 2, 2005. The Gusties close out the regular season against UW-Superior on May 10.*

**Jeremy Pastir**  
Photography Editor

In a double-header against conference rival St. Olaf on April 23, Gustavus went 2-0. The Gusties won their first game 15-2, and the second 9-8. Gustavus had the lead for the whole first game after scoring eight of its 15 runs in the second inning. Errors by St. Olaf proved to be its downfall in this game. After three earned runs, the remaining Gustavus runs were unearned. Home runs by John DeMarias and John Lundquist resulted in 2 RBI each.

St. Olaf answered with two runs in the third inning, but were unable to match the Gusties' 15 runs, which nearly matched their season high of 16. The Gusties' remaining runs came in the fifth inning (one), sixth (five), and seventh (one).

First-year pitcher Adam Stockwell earned his first collegiate win on the rubber to bring his record to 1-3. Stockwell went five innings, giving up six hits and two runs, while striking out four. This would help lead the Gusties to a 15-2 victory in game one.

Despite the opening dominate performance by Gustavus, St. Olaf rebounded quickly in game two and took an early 2-0 lead after the first inning. However, the Gusties answered in a big way in the third, scoring eight of their nine runs then. Five of the Gusties' eight runs in the frame were unearned, while DeMarias notched a two-run double, and the Gusties banged out seven total hits.

St. Olaf nearly made a come-

back, but its four runs in the sixth were not enough, as Gustavus was able to add a key insurance run in the sixth thanks to a DeMarias run on a passed ball.

Gustavus pitcher Sam Archer took the win on the hill, while Sam Carlson earned the save. Archer went four and two-thirds and gave up three runs on four hits and struck out four. Carlson pitched the remaining four and one-third, allowing five runs on three hits and struck out four.

Gustavus would prevail in the end, 9-8.

This success wouldn't continue into the next double-header against Concordia on April 26 however, as the Black and Gold would drop two games to the Cobbers, losing 0-5 and 2-4. The Gusties failed to plate a run in game one, leaving eight runners on base, seven of which were in scoring position. The Cobbers scored two runs in the second, one in the third, and two more in the fifth for their five-run total.

Connor Kern pitched the complete game, allowing five earned runs on six hits with six strikeouts and three walks. Brock Peterson led the team at the plate, hitting 2-for-3. Gustavus would then drop the first game 0-5.

The next game began with three scoreless innings, until Gustavus plated two runs in the fourth, taking a 2-0 lead, which it would hold until the eighth inning. But that's when Concordia rallied for four runs and held on to complete the sweep.

Jacob Volness threw seven

scoreless innings but ran into some trouble in the eighth. The leadoff hitter connected for a home run followed by a triple, ending Volness' day on the mound. Casey Lewdandoski came in relief and allowed the tying run to cross home on a wild pitch. Four batters later, the Cobbers took the lead on a two-run homer.

The two Gustie runs in the fourth frame came after Dan Carlson and Sam Warner both singled, and John Lundquist was beaned to load the bases. Peterson then singled through the left side for two RBI.

Warner (2-4, R), Peterson (2-4, 2 RBI), and Josh Chatfield (2-4) paced the Gusties at the plate with two hits apiece, but regardless dropped the game 2-4.

The Gusties would get back on track for the first of two games against Carleton on April 30, winning 5-0. Volness' one-hit pitching performance marked the fewest hits allowed by a Gustavus pitcher since Josh Spitzak tossed a no-hitter against Carleton in 2005. The lone Knights hit in game one Saturday came in the second inning. Volness struck out six, didn't surrender a walk, and beaned one batter against 24 faced – three above the minimum.

The Gusties scored what proved to be the game-winning run in the third inning. Dan Carlson walked, stole second, and scored on a single off the bat of Josh Chatfield. The next inning, Gustavus added three runs. Robert D'Amato and Neil Engler singled to put runners on the corners and Joe Melles

followed with another single to score a run. After a sacrifice bunt by Cody Christensen, Carlson ensued with a two-run single, giving the Gusties a 4-0 advantage.

The fifth Gustie run crossed home in the sixth inning. Cameron Hufendick singled, advanced to second on a sacrifice, went to third on a heads-up stolen base, and scored on a single by Carlson. Carlson led the Gusties at the plate, batting 3-for-3 with a run, three RBI, walk, and a stolen base. The Gusties won 5-0.

The Gusties struggled to find any momentum at the plate in game two as the Carleton pitching tandem of Gar Crowell and Cody Bohlman allowed just five hits in the shutout.

The Knights scored two runs in the third, which proved to be enough, on a single, double, and sacrifice fly. Carleton added a run in the seventh and another in the ninth for its four-run total. The Gusties left nine runners on base, five of which in scoring position.

Adam Stockwell went six innings on the mound, allowing three earned runs on six hits with four strikeouts and one walk. Kyle Pinke tossed two innings of relief, giving up three hits, striking out one and walking one. Jacob Braun threw the ninth inning and allowed one unearned run on two hits and a strikeout. John Lundquist led the Gusties at the dish, going 2-for-4. The Knights won the game 4-0.

On May 1, Sam Carlson kept the Cougar batters guessing all game as he tossed a complete

game shutout, improving to 3-1 on the season. Carlson struck out five, didn't give up a walk, coaxed 12 groundouts, and faced three over the minimum.

After a scoreless first inning, the Gusties posted three runs in the second on four hits and a UM-Morris error. With runners on second and third, Jayme Munsterman knocked in a run with single. Two batters later, Cody Christensen doubled in a run, followed by an RBI single off the bat of Isaiah Welckle. Gustavus added a run in the fourth as Christensen was beaned and later stole home. Welckle (2-4, RBI, SB), and Brock Peterson (2-3, R) led the Gusties at the plate with two hits apiece.

The pitching from the home squad continued to impress in game two as Sam Archer earned his fourth win after five scoreless innings. He struck out two and walked two. Casey Lewandoski and Connor Kern each pitched a scoreless inning without allowing a hit.

Gustavus did all its offensive damage in the first three frames. Cam Hufendick singled and later scored on a double play in the first inning. In the third, Welckle scored on an error and Dan Carlson crossed home on a groundout. Welckle led the Gusties at the plate, batting 2-for-3 with a run.

With an overall record of 16-18, Gustavus hosted its final home doubleheader of the season at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday against MIAC foe Bethel.

The Gusties then travel to St. Paul to take on St. Thomas on May 7, and then face UW-Superior on the road on May 10.

# Men's Tennis makes it 28 straight

With another MIAC title in the books, sights switch to playoffs



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The Gustavus Women's Golf team took second at the Minnesota State University-Mankato Spring Invitational on Sunday, April 17. Top row from left: Emilie Anderson, Kennedy Sommerfeld, Abbie Grevlos, Ellie Brandt, Jessica Nelson. Bottom row from left: McKenzie Swenson, Chloe Altmann, Mallory Drenttel.

**Jake Woodrich**  
Staff Writer

For the 28th straight year, Gustavus Adolphus College has earned the MIAC Men's Tennis Conference title. This tremendous streak dates back to a time where many of the players of this year's squad were yet to be born. The rich tradition of Gustavus Men's Tennis is still as strong as ever. Continuing this streak is no easy feat, however. A lot of pressure comes with defending such strong tradition.

"As a team, our goal is to win the conference. There is pressure in maintaining the streak of consecutive MIAC championships. It is a good challenge every year," Senior Andres Saenz said. Saenz has been a member of four teams that have brought home the conference title.

To Head Coach Tommy Valentini ('02), tradition is extremely important. Valentini holds the legacy of Gustavus Tennis that has been present for decades in the highest regard.

"We are very thankful for a great regular season. It is a special accomplishment for this group to win the MIAC championship. We feel honored to be a part of such a strong and meaningful tradition as members of the Gustavus Men's Tennis family. More important than the streak, however, is the way in which our guys have represented that tradition all year. We are fortunate to be a part of this special legacy, and representing our tradition well is a top priority for our guys. Our most important goal is to live out our team values and

competitive identity each time we play," Valentini said.

On top of continuing this astounding streak, this spring has had its fair share of other highlights for the team, including an undefeated tour of MIAC conference play, earning a top 25 national ranking, defeating other highly ranked opponents, and other various honors and awards. A recipient of an abundance of these awards is the very talented sophomore, Mohaned Alhouni. Alhouni has been named MIAC tennis athlete of the week a whopping four times this spring.

"It is for sure motivating to me to get such an award, but I try not to focus on it too much or be distracted with what's happening around me. This way, it helps me take some pressure off and be consistent throughout the year," Alhouni said.

The team now will enter postseason play, which will begin this weekend when the Gusties host the MIAC playoff tournament. Head Coach Valentini explained that this tournament is entirely team based, and if the first-seeded Gusties were to win the tournament, they would earn an automatic bid to the NCAA team championships.

"Most importantly, we want to enjoy being a together as a team for a few more weeks, and to enjoy the exciting and unique moments that playoff competition produces. We're grateful for the opportunity to be together, to play in these exciting matches, and to pursue our full potential as a team as we handle the adversity that comes in many forms in the post-season. We feel like if we focus on what we can control,

support and sacrifice for each other, and enjoy every moment, we'll be in our best posture to play well in the post-season," Head Coach Valentini said, regarding postseason play.

In addition to the NCAA team championships, there is also an NCAA singles championship tournament, which consists of 32 players selected by the NCAA committee, and a doubles championship tournament, which is made up of 16 duos selected by the same committee, Valentini explained. Members of the team are hoping to continue their successful season into postseason play.

"My individual goals are to continue to be a positive contributor to the team and also to make it to nationals in doubles with Mohanad Alhouni. It has been a great experience to play for Gustavus and I've been trying to get the most out of it by enjoying every single time on the court and with my teammates," Saenz said.

Saenz is hoping to end his ca-

reer here at Gustavus on a high note. As for Saenz's doubles partner, Alhouni, he hopes to compete at all three portions of the NCAA championships: team, singles, and doubles.

"My team goal coming up is to focus this week on the playoffs and make sure we are mentally prepared to take on strong competition and hopefully advance to regionals and go in to the NCAA tourney. My individual goal is to keep putting in the hard work and make sure whenever I step out on the court, I am giving full effort no matter what the situation is. I also hope to get a chance to compete at the NCAA tournament for singles and doubles, which will be after the team nationals," Alhouni said.

With a highly successful regular season behind them, the men's tennis team hopes to duplicate the success that led to their 28th straight MIAC title and continue to let the Gustavus men's tennis tradition shine in postseason play.

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

### Friday, May 6

Women's Track and Field at MIAC Multi's

All Day

Men's Track and Field at MIAC Multi's

All Day

Men's Track and Field at Meet of the Unsaintly

All Day

Women's Track and Field at Meet of the Unsaintly

All Day

Men's Tennis hosts MIAC Playoff Semifinal

3:30 p.m.

Softball vs. St. Catherine (MIAC Playoffs)

5 p.m.

### Saturday, May 7

Men's Track and Field at Meet of the Unsaintly

All Day

Women's Track and Field at Meet of the Unsaintly

All Day

Softball vs. MIAC Playoffs

TBD

Baseball at St. Thomas (DH)

1 p.m.

### Tuesday, May 10

Baseball at UW-Superior (DH)

2:30 p.m.

### Friday, May 13

Men's Track and Field at MIAC Championships

All Day

Women's Track and Field at MIAC Championships

All Day



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## The Curious Case of Matthew Boyce

D3 to the NFL: Gustie wide receiver determined to defy all odds



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Two time Gustavus All-American Matthew Boyce received an invitation to the Minnesota Vikings rookie camp. Despite not getting much playing time in high school, Boyce ended up becoming one of the best Gustie wide receivers of all time, holding single season records in yards, touchdowns, and 100-plus yard games, and holding career receiving records in yards and touchdowns.

**Tanner Sparrow**  
*Sports & Fitness Editor*

If you walked up to Matthew Boyce in his senior year at Minnetonka High School and told him he would be a two time All-American wide receiver, and earn an invite to an NFL rookie camp, he wouldn't have believed you.

*"Words cannot describe how much this means to my family and me. I have the most supportive family, friends and classmates, and I couldn't thank them enough."*  
—Matthew Boyce

Boyce appeared in only five varsity football games for the Skippers that year, and it looked like his sports future would revolve primarily around his lacrosse career, as he was a nationally touted recruit in the sport. However, Boyce chose to follow his older brother Anthony to the football team at Gustavus,

and through unwavering hard work, determination and faith, became a record-breaking two time All-American wide receiver headed off to rookie camp with the Vikings. Whatever a "conventional path" to the NFL looks like, it's not this.

Boyce has seriously defied the odds stacked against him. The NCAA estimates that there are about 1,083,617 high school student-athletes competing in football every year. From this pool only 72,788 players will advance to compete at a collegiate level. That's 6.7 percent, most of who started for their high school teams. Out of the 72,788 collegiate football players, a mere 1.6 percent will advance to the NFL, and these athletes are almost all from the Division one level. So the probability of making it from High School to the NFL is a mere 0.08 percent, and that is not considering those who didn't start in high school, and who played at the Division 3 level. To sum it up: Boyce is remarkable.

"Words cannot describe how much this means to my family and me," Boyce said in a statement to the school. "I have the most supportive family, friends, and classmates, and I couldn't thank them enough for encouraging me, praying for me, and

for supporting me."

Boyce currently holds Gustavus single season receiving records in yards (1,318), touchdowns (17), and 100-plus-yard games (9). Boyce also holds career records in receiving yards (3,295), and touchdowns (35). His phenomenal physical tal-



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ent aside, all that know Boyce would primarily categorize him as over-intelligent, an insanely hard worker, a man of strong faith, and a team player.

"We are very excited for Matthew, he has worked hard and we are thankful he has been given this great opportunity. His skill sets and big time play making ability were evident on the field, but his preparation

and understanding of the game were what set him apart. Those attributes will be a huge asset as he takes on this new challenge," Gustavus Head Coach Peter Haugen said.

Although this would be a shock to Boyce out of high school, it should not be anymore. Since it became evident that he had serious talent, he has

*"His skill sets and big time play making ability were evident on the field, but his preparation and understanding of the game were what set him apart."*

—Head Coach Peter Haugen

been working his tail off in the weight room for the chance to prove himself at the next level.

"I have been waking up at 5:00 a.m. the past couple months to drive to the gym, unsure if I would get an opportunity to show a team what I could do. I believe God has a plan for my life and I will continue to trust in Him. Going into camp I will have the mindset that I



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have always had, I am going to outwork everybody, make plays, and pray that God uses me in anyway He chooses. My favorite verse is Philippians 4:13 and it gives me confidence going into camp and reminds me that I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength!" Boyce said.

Camp began on Thursday, May 5, and if the Vikings know what they are doing they will sign Boyce to a long contract, because if his history has proved anything, it is that his best days of football are still ahead of him. Good luck Matt!