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Bigest homecoming reunion in 50 years



Cameron MacDonald

This week's Homecoming schedule includes window painting, a medallion hunt, a visit by a slam poet, the paint balloon fight, and insomnia cookies.

Hannah Silva-Breen
Staff Writer

The Great Gustie Gathering, also known as Gustavus Homecoming 2015, is September 26 and includes multiple new and classic events that alumni and students alike can look forward to attending. A few of these events include Rock the Hill, *Nature: A Walking Play*, and a Rave in Alumni Hall. Additionally, the Epsilon Phi Alpha Fraternity will be hosting a Homecoming reunion for the first time in over 50 years.

Finally, the seven-year-long fundraising initiative, Campaign Gustavus, will also be coming to a close following the football game against Augsburg College. President Bergman will announce the final number and the celebration will move to the Homecoming tent.

Assistant Director in Alumni and Parent Engagement Kasey Linde is excited for the events that bring alumni together.

"Rock the Hill is number one the biggest event that's different from all the past years," Linde said.

Flood Plain Four is the first musical act comprised of two Gustavus graduates and two retired professors. MVP Smash, a 'Top 40s' group is the second act, and Rockin' Hollywoods, a group who has played at many Gustie weddings and is well known among alumni will be the final performance. Luke O'Connor, a current sophomore student will DJ to end the night.

Linde says they're hoping to expand each year and make Rock the Hill even bigger.

"To get students and alumni together is our main goal. We want to make it a 'day', you know there's a game every

weekend, we want to make Homecoming special," Linde said. "Students, stay in the tent! Talk with the alumni, you never know what sort of connection you'll make."

As of Sept. 17 there have been 430 tickets sold which doesn't include the free tickets for children and current students.

Co-Executor for Special Events in the Campus Activities Board and a senior Biology major, Alexa Peterson is looking forward to all the special events leading up to Sept. 26.

"I'm really looking forward to the Lip-Sync Battle on Friday which will be a fun competition between organizations and on Saturday we have Pyrotechniq, a fire and light show, and then we're going to have a rave night in Alumni at 10 p.m." Peterson said.

However, those aren't the only Homecoming events stu-

dents can look forward to. Along with the classic Medallion Hunt, CAB is bringing back the Pizza Off by popular demand and a new T-Shirt trade. Students can bring in an old, gently used T-Shirt to donate and then they'll receive a free Homecoming T-Shirt. All the donated shirts will be going to Partners for Affordable Housing in Mankato.

"It's a unique outreach and volunteer thing we're trying out," Peterson said.

The Great Eppie Gathering, the Epsilon Phi Alpha Fraternity reunion, will also be taking place during The Great Gustie Gathering. The reunion used to be a tradition but died in the 1960's.

"We were founded in 1928 so it's our 87th birthday and we're inviting all the Eppies back on the Hill. We're going to have our own section of the

tent during the day and then host a barbecue at our house in the evening," Alumni Relations Chair and Senior Political Science and Communication Studies double major Jace Riggan said. "We're hoping to bring it back this year, so we can have it every year."

There are 572 living Eppie alum and there will be just under 100 returning on Saturday.

Homecoming is a great place to connect with Gustavus alumni and Riggan is looking forward to that with both the Great Eppie and Gustie Gatherings.

"It's part of the Gustavus education, getting access to this alumni network. So go to Homecoming, mingle with some alums! There's a lot of things you can do, don't be afraid because they're more than willing to help you," Riggan said.

The search continues for the Diversity Center

Nicholas Pemberton
Staff Writer

This summer, Gustavus faculty and staff conducted extensive interviews for the position of Director of the Diversity Center. The group was pleased to offer Sharon Sobotta the position. On Friday, Sept. 18, Dean of Students and Vice President for Student Life Jones VanHecke announced via email that Sharon Sobotta would not be able to join Gustavus for

personal reasons. The search for Sobotta's replacement has begun and will be finished by October.

Sobotta would have been the fifth director for the Diversity Center. The organization began with Denise Iverson-Payne (1999-2001), who was succeeded by Nadarajan Sethuraju (2001-2006), Virgil Jones (2006-2013), and Leonard-Rock (2013-2015).

Momentum began for a diversity center at Gustavus in 1989 when Dr. Joyce Parks created a report for the College on

the diversity and inclusion on campus. On its webpage, the Diversity Center defines diversity as: "everything that we are and that we are not."

The College scrambled to hire a new director over the summer after the last serving director, Pearl Leonard-Rock, resigned late in the spring semester of 2015. Students and faculty conducted interviews over the summer and Sobotta was clearly the top candidate. Sobotta was originally supposed to join the Gustavus community on Mon-

day, Sept. 21. As of 10:15 a.m. last Friday, VanHecke believed that Sobotta would be joining Gustavus at a later date due to personal reasons. Just over five hours later, VanHecke sent out an email to students and staff that Sobotta would not be joining Gustavus. VanHecke had sent an email to students and staff on Sept. 9 announcing the hiring of Sobotta.

Special Assistant to the Dean of Students and Interim Director Judy Douglas will be the advisor to the Diversity Center until

the new search reaches its conclusion. Douglas has worked with Gustavus for over 30 years. She created and developed the Peer Assistant Program and is known for her work in drug and alcohol education. In October, the interim director will join a new Assistant Director and Gustavus students in the leadership of the Diversity Center.

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Campus Safety Report

Monday, September 14

- An employee reported causing damage to a College-owned vehicle while on campus.
- An employee reported the loss of Gustavus keys. The keys were later recovered.
- An employee reported the loss of Gustavus keys while off campus over the summer.
- Residential Life responded to a pet policy violation in North Hall.

Wednesday, September 16

- A student reported the theft of personal property from the Lund Center. The items were later recovered in the owner's possession.
- Campus Safety received a report of the theft of College property from College View.
- Campus Safety responded to Health Service to take an injury report for a student who had an accident with his long board in the Linnaeus Arboretum.

Thursday, September 17

- Campus Safety responded to Health Service to take an injury report for a student who had an accident with his long board in the Linnaeus Arboretum.

- Campus Safety responded to suspected drug violation in Sohre Hall. Four students were referred to the campus conduct system for the possession of marijuana and paraphernalia.

- Campus Safety responded to a suspected drug violation on College grounds. One student was referred to the campus conduct system for possession of marijuana.

Friday, September 18

- A student reported bias-related comments made by a student in Sohre Hall.
- Campus Safety responded to an alcohol violation in Norelius Hall. Three students were referred to the campus conduct system for underage consumption.
- Campus Safety responded to an alcohol violation in Gibbs Hall. One non-student was cited by the Saint Peter Police Department for underage consumption and trespassing from campus.

Saturday, September 19

- Campus Safety responded to North Hall for an alcohol violation. One student was referred to the campus conduct system for underage consumption.

- Campus Safety responded to an underage alcohol violation and medical assist in the International Center. One student was transported to the hospital by ambulance.

- Campus Safety responded to an alcohol violation in the International Center. One student was referred to the campus conduct system for underage consumption.

- Campus Safety responded to an alcohol violation on College grounds. One student was referred to the campus conduct system for underage consumption.

- A student reported an inappropriate comment made at an off-campus location by another Gustavus student on Friday, September 18.

Sunday, September 20

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

- Campus Safety responded to the Saint Peter Police Department's request

for assistance on College grounds with an underage alcohol violation involving one student who had been cited by the Saint Peter Police Department while off campus.

Campus Safety responded to an underage alcohol violation and medical assist in Norelius Hall. One student was transported to the hospital by ambulance.

A student reported suspicious incident that occurred in Norelius Hall on Friday at 1159 hours.

Campus Safety responded to a medical assist in Norelius Hall.

A Collegiate Fellow reported a bias-related comment in Norelius Hall that occurred on Sunday, September 13, 2015.

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:

Register your bicycle!

Registering your bicycle with Campus Safety is free, and required for bicycles on campus. Register online: gustavus.edu/safety/permits and your free permit sticker will be mailed to you, or stop by the Campus Safety office with your bicycle information (including serial number). Your registration is valid as long as you are at Gustavus.

Registration allows Campus Safety to contact you if your bicycle has been picked up due to improper parking and avoid holding fees, if a stolen bicycle has been recovered, and assists the Saint Peter Police Department in knowing to contact Campus Safety when a bicycle is recovered off campus.

And while registration is important in assisting in the recovery of bicycles, making sure your bicycle is securely locked to a campus bike rack is the best way to avoid theft!

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Students adjust to redesigned website

Hannah Silva-Breen
Staff Writer

On Aug. 29, Gustavus launched a redesigned website for the first time in five years. Director of Web Services Jerry Nowell explained that the main reasons behind the update was to get a contemporary look and make the site more mobile friendly. In the past year, the mobile and tablet traffic for the Gustavus website has increased by 42 percent. In order to meet the needs of those using their phones, the new website can change and adapt to any screen size and has larger and more spaced buttons.

However, those aren't the only changes that were made.

The home screen is now more focused on photos and visuals than the word blocks that used to cover the home page. It also includes a social wall. In that

section of the home page, pictures from Instagram and tweets from Gustavus accounts are posted. When scrolling down to the social wall, users also notice the utility bar at the top follows them down. This gives people quick access to search and audience specific navigation. The point of audience specific navigation is to make it easier and faster to find what they're looking for, whether they're a student, alum, employee, or applicant.

Nowell also mentioned that a popular misconception is that students can no longer log into their Gustavus Webmail and WebAdvisor accounts through the new site. To assure students, he said, "That still exists. You can access it by clicking on the 'information for' button and then in the student's column, you click the heading 'students' or, the first link is also a link to

the same page. After that it's still the same."

To some, this redesign is a welcomed change while others find it more frustrating to use than the old website. Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Residential Life Charlie Potts is a member of the former.

"I'm a big fan of the purposeful look at engagement. The whole thing with social media on the home page, I think, is a really neat feature because when we think about how people interact even with our website so often they're coming to us from social media," Potts said.

The department of Residential Life, along with many other departments on campus, uses the website often, and isn't immune to the confusing nature of a brand new and rearranged website.

"It just takes some exploring

to figure out where things are. All the same info is out there; it's just presented in a different way. It still has the same functionality that it always had," Potts said.

"Student feedback is very important to us. We'll be making changes, tweaking things based on our feedback that we receive now, indefinitely."

—Jerry Nowell

Senior Communication Studies major Becca Woodstra argues that although the website looks nicer, it's more complicated to use compared to the old version.

"I don't like it, I'm just used to the old one and don't like change so I don't like struggling to navigate the new page. The student resources seem a little harder to find. I do like the new look though," Woodstra said.

Even though some people are still getting used to the new website, Nowell and his staff are always looking ahead. One of the most common and important aspect to their job is responding to user's concerns.

"Student feedback is very important to us...We'll be making changes, tweaking things based on our feedback that we receive now, indefinitely," Nowell said.

Students and other users can send their feedback directly to web@gustavus.edu or follow the "Feedback" link at the bottom of each page on the Gustavus website.

Stay safe with BlueLight



Along with the BlueLight app, the blue light tower is easily accessible all over campus.

Kristi Manning
Staff Writer

Safety is a main concern for students and faculty here on the Gustavus' campus. Campus Safety does their best to protect students by providing services such as Safe Rides and blue light phone poles. Today, new apps are being developed to supplement current Campus Safety tools.

Recently, Gustavus was one of 100 college campuses added to the network of a new app called BlueLight, a safety app available for smartphones.

According to BlueLight Director of Communications Lauren Wilbanks, the app was created by Preet Anand, a graduate of Santa Clara University. Anand heard at his freshmen orientation that one in five college women would be victims of sexual assault while in school.

He decided this was unacceptable and worked tirelessly to make an impact on the problem, resulting in the origin of BlueLight in 2013.

"The current standard for campus safety and emergency response is the iconic blue light tower. Like us, it's a direct line to Campus Safety. Unlike us, it might be a good 200 feet away. We take that power and put it in your pocket, on and off campus. Students already consider their smartphones a lifeline; we take it to the next level," Wilbanks said.

The app also includes features that the poles do not. The app acts as a tracker so others know where you are in case an emergency occurs.

"The 'On-My-Way' feature lets you send your location to family or friends so they can keep an eye out for you as you head from place to place. Our aim is to bring students peace of mind, whether that reassurance comes from letting a friend walk

you home or having a direct line to help in your pocket," Wilbanks said.

Gustavus was added to the BlueLight network because students at Gustavus requested that we be included. However, Gustavus Campus Safety is still new to the idea of the BlueLight app.

"I don't know a lot about it," Director of Campus Safety Carol Brewer said.

The BlueLight app is meant to be an alternative to other safety tools on campus, but these other tools will stay in use.

"I don't think it would replace current safety options. My attitude towards it is, if it is something the students would use, we would explore and stay current with the options. I think it could be a huge benefit if it works well," Brewer said.

While Campus Safety is new to the app, some students are already getting on board with the BlueLight app.

Senior Psychology and French Major Kalyna Rieland is very positive about trying the app.

"If it guarantees a safer walk around campus, I would use the app," Rieland said.

From the students' perspective, Rieland also expressed why it might be a better option for students on campus.

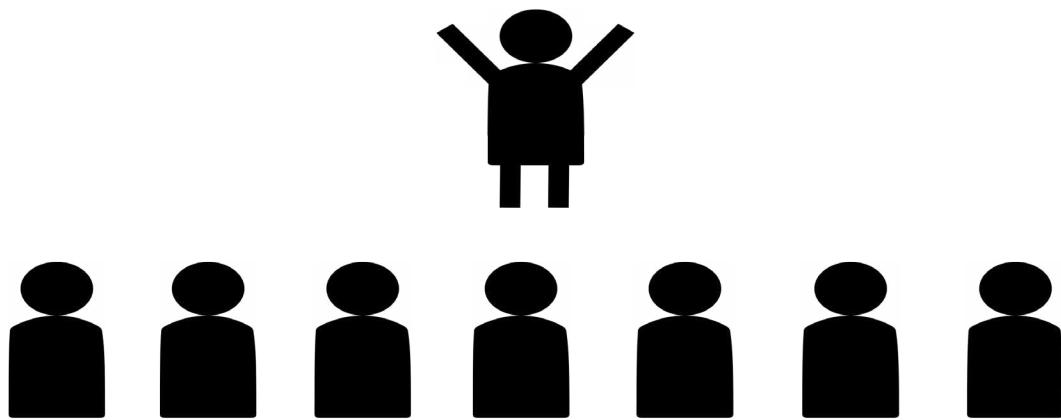
"Because everyone has their phones on them at all times and because an app is more appealing than running to a pole to push a button, I think it will be more beneficial to students," Rieland said.

The app has been out since late 2014 for Androids and since January 2015 for iOS. The BlueLight app is available for Gustavus students on smartphones for a one month free trial, and costs \$9.99 after the first month. So download BlueLight and stay safe Gusties.

G.O.L.D. paves the way with new track

G.O.L.D.

Student Organization Leadership



A new program that develops student leadership and organizational skills.

Melissa Saholt
Staff Writer

With the start of the new school year comes a multitude of different clubs and organizations Gusties can participate in. For many, the aftermath of the activities' fair results in an overabundance of fliers and group emails. Among these, one of the must-joined organizations is the GOLD program, which stands for Gusties in Ongoing Leadership Development.

The GOLD program is a unique organization that teaches participants valuable leadership and organizational skills. According to Andrea Junso, one of the co-directors, GOLD is a program that has been based

off of professional leadership development programs and business training programs from Target and General Mills among others.

"It's an amazing opportunity to realize your potential in a safe place. You can employ things employers are looking for to develop life skills."

—Andrea Junso

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employers are looking for to develop life skills," Junso said.

In order to become a certified leader in a track, students must attend at least seven of the eight sessions. But students who are overburdened by other clubs and activities do not have to worry too much about meeting this expectation. Since tracks are offered on a bi-yearly or yearly basis, Gusties can pick up where they left off. If someone missed the first two sessions, he or she could revisit those sessions the following semester.

This semester, GOLD will be offering five different tracks, the most they have ever had according to Amy Pehrson, another of the program's directors. Each of the tracks focus on a different type of leadership. The primary

track is self-leadership.

"This is for students who want to understand their own skills, gifts, talents, their own understanding of self-leadership," Pehrson said.

The self-leadership track involves multiple assessments including StrengthsQuest and the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator to help students learn more about their leadership styles.

"This is for students who want to understand their own skills, gifts, talents, their own understanding of self-leadership."

—Amy Pehrson

Another track offered is exemplary leadership, which discusses the various ways one can implement leadership in any group setting. The mindfulness and Christian leadership tracks were introduced last year and both focus on the mental state of the individual leader.

The new track being introduced this semester is student organization leadership.

"It will explore the ways we can help you achieve your goals and do the best you can do in that role," Junso said.

This track will focus on maximizing how students are leaders in relation to student orgs.

"This track helps you develop leadership skills you can take to your student organization, whether you want to be president, treasurer, or secretary for

your club," Sophomore Chrissy Dornon, a new GOLD student coordinator, said.

GOLD is open to all Gustavus students. From first-years to seniors, anyone looking to become a better leader should join.

"You don't have to be a president of a sorority or a student org," Pehrson said. "Wherever you are on your own leadership journey, we would encourage you to be part of the GOLD program."

No matter which track a Gustie joins, he or she will walk away with new and deepened perspectives. Sophomore Emily Holmes, a Gustie who participated in the self-leadership track last year, found herself implementing her leadership skills outside of GOLD.

"I used the skills I learned in GOLD in my PA interviews and also in different group settings," Holmes said. "It's easier to explain things based off of what you learned."

Junior Kristin Podratz, a GOLD student coordinator, shared Holmes's sentiments. She participated in the self-leadership track with friends.

"I saw the skills that they learn directly translate to everyday life," Podratz said. "Students can take so much away by just dedicating that time on Fridays to leadership development."

Classes are taught every Friday starting on Oct. 2 from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. They will be tabling Thursday, Oct. 1 in the Campus Center for those who want to learn more about specific tracks.

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While she did not get to meet many Gusties, Sobotta appeared to be a candidate that both the students and faculty in the hiring process wanted to bring in.

"There was near universal agreement among all the people who participated in the interview process that she was the top candidate. I think people felt like she had the skills and the background to really do a great job with the position," VanHecke said.

VanHecke credits the faculty and students for their involvement in the summer hiring process that brought in Sobotta.

"The faculty were amazing, we had great faculty participation in the interview process. We had students on our search committee, which we always do. We feel really strongly about that. Obviously it was harder for students to participate in a search process because it was during the summer but we did have a group of students who came and attended the interviews with all of the candidates, so there was a student interview portion of the interview process for all of the candidates," VanHecke said.

Students are a central part of leadership for the Diversity

Center. Working in the Diversity Center is a work-study position on campus. Senior Financial Economics Major Haiyan Lang and Sophomore Hayat Butta both work for the Diversity Center. They are looking forward to the arrival of a new director and they both had ideas about how the Diversity Center could grow.

"I would like to see more events emphasizing the diversity of International Students," Lang said.

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—Jones VanHecke

The Diversity Center is located in the lower level of the C. Charles Jackson Campus



The Diversity Center is a welcoming environment for historically underserved students, faculty and staff.

Megan Quirk

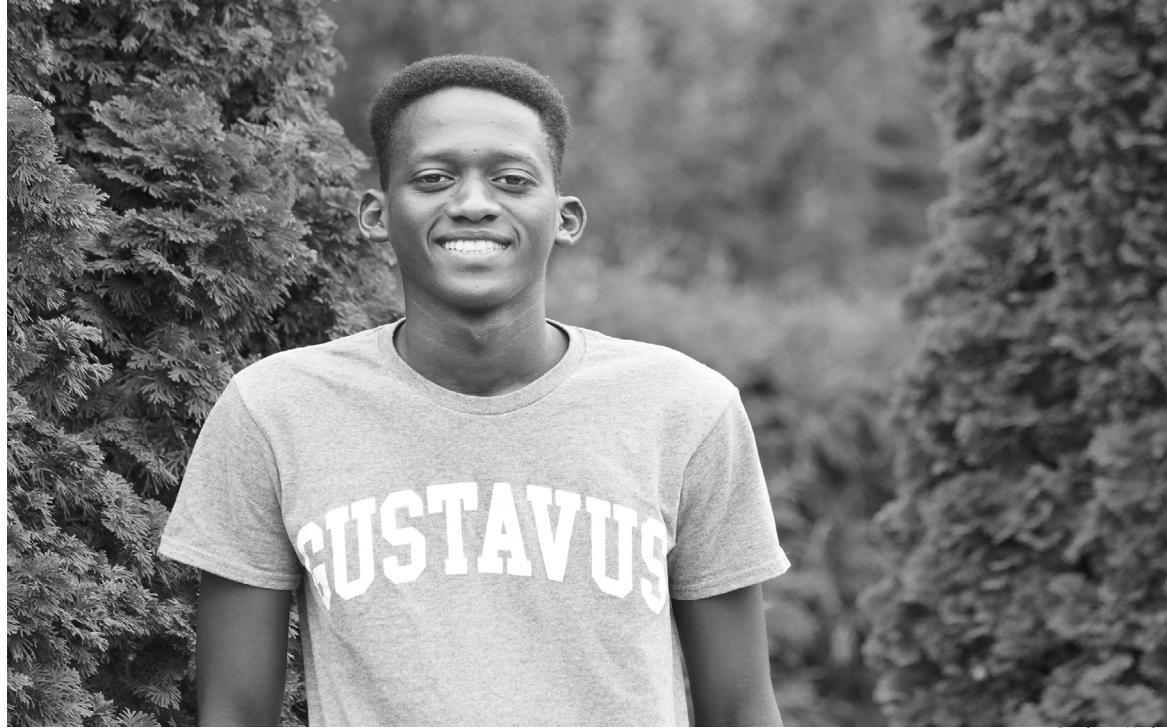
"One of the important pieces of it is the support of underrepresented students on campus. We want the D-Center to be a place where all of our students feel like they have a home but we especially want our underrepresented students to feel like there is someone there they can have as a resource, a referral, a support person," VanHecke

said.

VanHecke believes that it is important that the new director works with the elements the Diversity Center already has.

The Diversity Leadership Council as well as the peer education program are important parts of the Diversity Center that the new director will be able to work with this year.

GUSTIE *of the WEEK*



Lindsey Taylor

Hubert is active in many campus organizations including Proclaim, Prepare, PASO, French Club, and Student Senate.

Jaurdyn Dobler
Staff Writer

Traveling from his home in Burundi, Africa, Sophomore Hubert-Christian Ngabirano joined the Gustavus community spring semester of last year.

For any student, let alone an international one, joining half way through the school year when social circles have already been formed and counterparts already transitioned into school can be a daunting experience, but Hubert hasn't let that challenge faze him at all.

"Whenever I see someone I want to get to know I just approach him or her and ask them to chat. It's a very rewarding

experience to sit and actually have a deep conversation with someone new. I don't allow myself to be afraid to introduce myself to people I don't know. Some of my friends I met while washing my hands in a restroom, others walking through the cafeteria, and others through organizations," Hubert said.

This fearless attitude toward strangers has led Hubert to develop relationships within months that usually take others years to establish.

"The first time we met, I was sitting with Logan Boese and Marissa Haeny and Hubert came up and asked if he could join us. Approaching a group of three juniors like that is something that is uncommon and pretty brave for a first-year

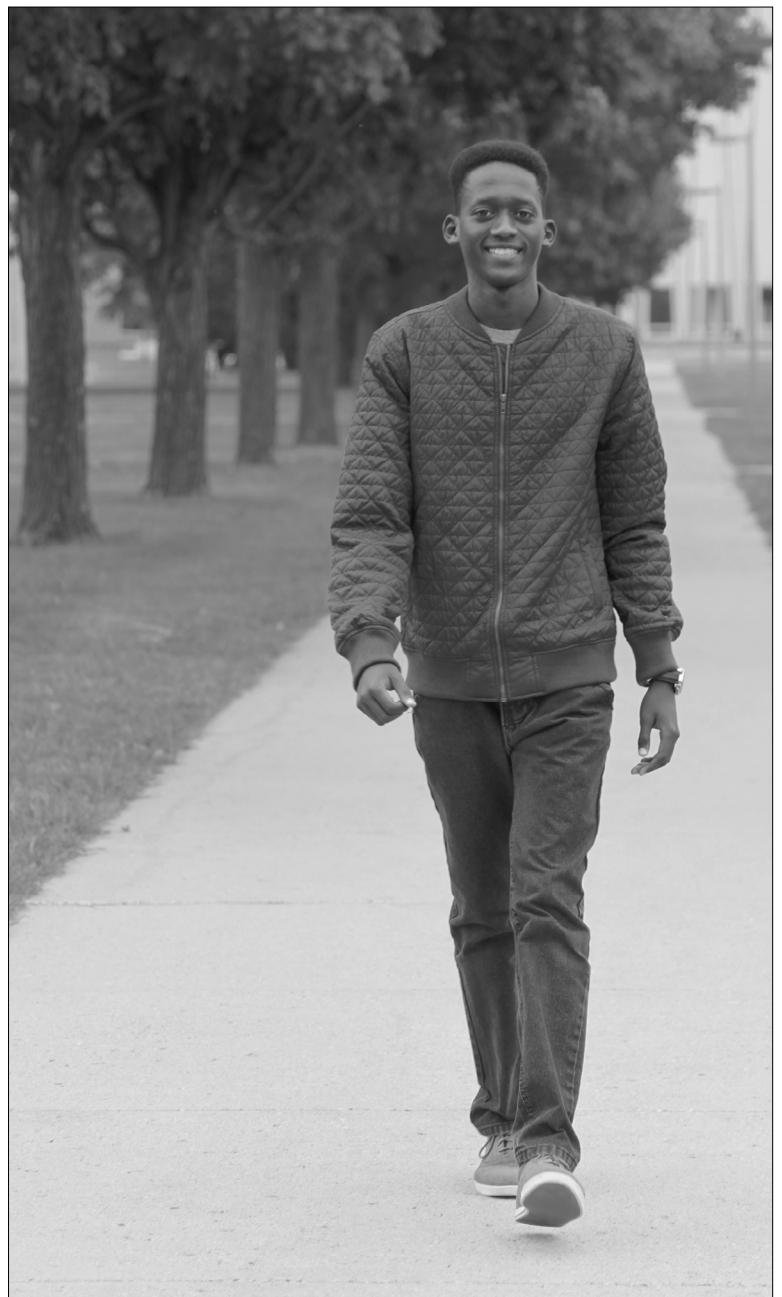
student to do. I was really impressed by his courage," Senior Griffin Reed said.

Not only has he made a quick impression on his peers but the Gustavus staff as well.

"He is engaging, calm, inquisitive, and positive. He continues to impress me and I feel he will do well at whatever he chooses to do."

—Jeffrey Anderson

"Hubert has made a big impact in a very short time. A lot of Gustavus staff have told me



Lindsey Taylor

Hubert plans on pursuing a career in medicine and wants to return to his home in Burundi, Africa to be a Doctor.

how much they love him. He is engaging, calm, inquisitive, and positive. He continues to impress me and I feel he will do well at whatever he chooses to do," International Student Services Coordinator Jeffrey Anderson said.

Along with forming relationships with others, faith is a significant aspect of Hubert's life and personality.

"Balancing steadfast faith and respect for others can sometimes be tough to do, but Hubert does exactly that. His love of both God and his fellow community members work hand in hand, as his faith calls him to live a life of service to others," Senior Sam Panzer said.

"I think he's already on his way to becoming one of the most well-respected and well-loved individuals on campus."

—Morgan Timm

He fulfills that service to others in many ways. He's a member of Proclaim, Prepare, PASO and the French Club executive board as well as Administrative Director of the Student Senate



Lindsey Taylor

Hubert's fearless attitude in approaching new people allows him to form deep relationships in a short period of time.

Cabinet. He says he does all of this not simply to grow as an individual but to fulfill a larger purpose in life.

"There's a quote by Les Brown that says, 'the graveyard is the richest place on earth, because it is here that you will find all the hopes and dreams that were never fulfilled.' This influences everything that I do because it makes me conscious every single day that I'm meant to give all of my potential while I'm living. I want to die empty and happy that I fulfilled my entire purpose," Hubert said.

As he continues his journey at Gustavus, studying chemistry with the hope to eventually study medicine and become a doctor, Hubert intends to do everything in his power to leave a lasting impression within the community.

"Hubert wants to be a doctor and return to Burundi to practice medicine. I think he will make a wonderful, compassionate physician someday. In the meantime, I think he's already on his way to becoming one of the most well-respected and well-loved individuals on campus. I'm sure that he will make a lasting impact regardless of the organization he dedicates himself to," Senior Morgan Timm said.

Infamous Stanford Prison Experiment still shocks

Brady Lass
Staff Writer

Psychological experiments have the potential to make for compelling stories whether it'd be in a book or on the big screen.

Discovering the scientific properties of something is one thing, but two of the more important aspects of storytelling on film are the actors and the characters they represent. This is why experiments based on psychology have a good chance to make for a great product, it challenges the actors to allow the audience to try and see what is on their characters' minds.

The art of film itself could be considered an experiment to see how the audience reacts to what is shown on the screen. Thus we have this weekend's movie, *The Stanford Prison Experiment*, which has actually been in development for over twelve years. It was given a limited release following its presentation at the 2015 Sundance Film Festival.

Does this film based on real life events give the audience thrills, or should they not be subject to this experiment?

The movie tells the story of an actual experiment conducted in the early 1970s conducted by Stanford University psychology professor Phillip Zimbardo.

The experiment was done to see if the personalities of the prisoners and the guards were the chief cause of the intense behavior between them.

He selects fifteen male students to participate in a 14-day prison simulation to take roles as prisoners or guards and pays them \$15 per day. It takes place within the basement of the psychology department building.

Unfortunately, some of the students who are paid to portray guards get a little too into their role and display sadistic behavior towards the inmates, the professor himself doesn't do much to help the situation as well.

The experiment, as well as the movie that features it, are both very thought-provoking. It's always interesting when a movie gives you a number of topics to debate afterwards.

It's difficult for a movie based on real life events to be left up to interpretation, but it opens up for discussion on morality, who is to blame for the respective scenarios, and the results overall.

What helps cement the film's success even further are the actors, primarily Billy Crudup, Ezra Miller, and Michael Angarano. They play a huge part in which you like these people or not, whether you feel sympathy for them or just love to hate them.

The guards are vicious, but the people behind the experiment may arguably even more vicious for allowing some of this abusive behavior to happen in the first place.

Some characters emotionally transform from the traumatizing experience, and the actors



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The acting performances of Billy Crudup, Ezra Miller, and Michael Angarano cement the film's success.

manage to pull it off.

However the film isn't without its flaws. It is worth noting that this is not the first time someone has adapted this experiment, but since I have not seen the 2010 film *The Experiment*, I am unable to draw comparisons for those that are curious.

I understand that the filmmakers want to make the audience experience plenty of shock value, but some of the violence can get monotonous after a

while, reminded me a little bit of *Passion of the Christ* with the amount of overplay.

Some parts of the film just felt like they overstayed their welcome as well, it probably could have been cut down by 10 to 15 minutes. If you want to have shock value, it's important to pace it properly and not over rely on it.

That being said, the *Stanford Prison Experiment* was a decent experiment. Even if it did drag at some parts and tried to push



Slam poet, Ebony Stewart, cracks up the crowd



Lindsey Taylor

Slam poet Ebony Stewart brought laughter to the Courtyard Cafe Wednesday night with her passionate and engaging presentation of real-world problems, cast in a humorous light.

Traveling theatre troupe walks with *Nature*

Kim Krulish
Staff Writer

Gustavus is well known for its Theatre Department and plays. But not often does a professional theatre troupe visit the College to put on their own performance.

As part of its Midwest tour of 2015, TigerLion Arts will be performing its featured production *Nature: A Walking Play* in the Linnaeus Arboretum from Friday, Sept. 25 through Sunday, Sept. 27. There will be performances at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, 12:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, and 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.

This play shares the work of authors Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry Thoreau and their love of the natural world.

As the name implies, it has an overarching theme of getting back to and acknowledging nature. *Nature* involves a certain amount of audience participation. TigerLion Arts is known for celebrating nature through its productions.

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For more information on the troupe, visit its the Tigerlion website.

In order to bring the message of the play to full force, the play is physically walked through the arb.

Before the play begins, a chorus comprised of Gustavus students, high schoolers, and community residents will sing for fifteen minutes.

The cast is comprised of professional actors and a community chorus, which is made up of different members at each lo-



Actors and audience alike will physically walk around the early autumn arb during *Nature: A Walking Play*.

Megan Quirk

cation the play is performed at.

Nature was created collaboratively with Tyson Forbes, who happens to be a direct descendant of Emerson. It is directed by Markell Kiefer.

"I feel like we've really boiled down the ideas of Thoreau and Emerson to their essential parts," said Forbes to the *Mankato Free Press*. "This show really communicates with 7-, 8-, 9-year-olds as much as it does with academics."

Karin Dye, a senior Music

Education major, is leading the community chorus for the performance.

"I was particularly drawn to the project because of its collaborative community aspect," Dye said. "The chorus is made up of Gusties but also community members so there is an age range there. It's been cool for me to work with people much older than me, people younger than me, and people my own age and to make music in that setting."

After its presentation at the

MN Landscape Arboretum in Chaska, in 2014, *Nature* was honored in the Minneapolis Star Tribune as the "Best of 2014: Striking performances mark best in theater."

Tickets for *Nature* are available at gustavustickets.com or by calling 5079337520. General admission is \$18, Gustavus students and staff tickets are \$5, and children twelve years and under are free.

The play runs about ninety minutes without intermission

and will be performed outside in rain or shine. Audience members are encouraged to wear weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable shoes. Portable chairs and blankets are welcome.

"I'm really excited to have TigerLion Arts on our campus," Dye said.

Rain or shine, this play for adults and children will take place as nature intended.

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