

Are young minds being manipulated?



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Looking back on the glory days of childhood, there appeared to be an impressive amount of toys to tempt and occupy one's time.

My days were spent in the midst of either a Barbie explosion or a surprisingly detailed Playmobil town.

Nearly twelve years after receiving my first American Girl Doll, my expanded and admittedly obnoxious collection is still on proud display.

Just about everyone has memories about a favorite toy or game integral to their child-



Playmobil, a popular toy for children.

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hood, but few really think about the role they play in developing a child's interests and personality.

Handing a young boy a Hot Wheels car doesn't guarantee he will become a Nascar fan, but even the most mundane toys teach children expectations for

how they should view the world in ways vocal instruction aren't able to communicate.

This clever manipulation of young minds would seem to allow the opportunity for discovering a variety of new interests but unfortunately gendered marketing techniques closes just

as many doors as it opens.

The social construct of gender is far from a new concept, its roots can be found in nearly every civilization throughout history.

Because women have generally held responsibility for child care, a large number of people

today still assume they have a natural maternal connection that provides them with better parenting abilities.

While this belief allows for an easier argument against changing societal traditions, it is far from correct.

The moment one is placed in a little girl's hand, a clear path is set for where society expects her to end up.

Grooming girls for motherhood begins at a very young age, the wide variety of baby dolls available in stores serving as a springboard for the journey into raising a family.

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A person's college and major choice rests heavily on their experiences growing up, and the toys that surrounded their childhood are no exception.

Winter is Coming



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Fall has officially started! Which means it's time for: sweaters, pumpkin spice, falling leaves, and crisp mornings, it's also the start of flu season.

For those who don't know the flu (influenza virus) is a common virus that is easily spread throughout college campuses.

Don't let the fear of the flu ruin your fall, but make sure you do simple things to keep your body in top shape so you can still do your favorite fall activities!

First things first, let's talk about personal hygiene.

This may sound obvious but simply washing your hands can keep you healthy!

Make sure to use warm water and soap for 30 seconds before rinsing.

You should do this after going to the bathroom, before and after preparing or eating food, shaking hands, and other daily activities.

If you don't have soap and water near you, invest in some hand sanitizer (your immune system will thank you).

If you are too lazy to do this, just think about the thousands of germs that are living on your hands.

These germs can cause more than the flu; they also commonly cause the chicken pox, common cold, E.coli infection, Hepatitis A, strep throat, typhoid, and the Epstein barr virus.

Now, if these examples aren't enough to get you to wash your hands, here are a few statistics to help you ease into the idea.

In 2015, the CDC estimated that up to 80 percent of infectious diseases were caused by hands.

In addition, the CDC also estimated that 1 in 5 people do not wash their hands.

This translates to about 660 students at GAC that do not wash their hands.

However, keep in mind that hygiene isn't the only thing that contributes to your illness.

In addition to personal hygiene there are a few easy daily life changes you can do to help keep your health in check.

First, get enough sleep.

This is not the first time you've heard this but maintaining a solid eight hours of sleep a night can help keep your mind and body in the best possible shape.

If you're having trouble falling asleep, there are many different types of sleep-aids, a common ones being breathing or self-calming exercises.

These may not put you to sleep per se, but they will relax



Flu season is coming up quickly, make sure to avoid getting sick by washing your hands regularly.

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your body enough to ease your body into the sleep cycle.

Adding a few drops of lavender essential oil under your pillow is another easy way to ensure a good nights sleep.

If you already get a lot of sleep, try adding some extra

nutrients into your diet.

Increasing your Vitamin C intake can help boost your immune system and help fight off bugs that come your way.

On that note, make sure to round out all your nutrients, making sure that your body is

full of what it needs!

If you add these small steps, (and exercise for a few more) you are bound to keep your body healthy and ready to fight off any bugs.

Enjoy your fall and pumpkin spice!

Where did all the good music go?



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The Strokes released a new four song EP titled "Future Present Past".

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Father Time certainly waits for no one and spares no victims.

Our pets, beloved—and not so beloved—family members, and weird dudes you met in high school all eventually get old and fade away.

I always thought that the nonmaterial things in our age of digital permanence would last forever.

Oh, how I was wrong. Indie-rock—the cool music we all should have listened to in high school—is dead.

Think about it, can you name one prominent indie-rock band nowadays?

Even harder, can you name one that's not just still around from 2011?

Our fears have come true: indie-rock went mainstream and disappeared.

The heydays of Modest Mouse, LCD Soundsystem, The Shins, MGMT, The Strokes, Vampire Weekend, the Yeah Yeah Yeahs, the Black Keys, the Vaccines, Arctic Monkeys, Cults, Sleigh Bells, Phoenix, TV on the Radio, Two Doors Cinema Club, Metric, Fools—you get the point—are long behind us.

All that remains is a sad nostalgia of when we were young and hip.

Pretty soon we'll be voting Republican, collecting our Social Security benefits, and eating cream of wheat every day—quite a dreary future.

I mean, Vampire Weekend hasn't done anything since 2013, and founding member Rostam Batmanglij left in 2015.

All Ezra Koenig's been doing lately is playing at Bernie rallies and writing Americanized anime—surely a representation of these dark times.

I bet you haven't even heard of the Fools albums after 2013's

Holy Fire.

The Strokes have released some good stuff recently, but it just isn't the same—and no one is listening to it like they used to.

What went wrong?

How is 2017 so different than 2011?

I guess everyone now cuffs their pants instead of just those who listened to their iPods filled with pirated Radiohead.

Perhaps 2011 was a more upbeat time; a time when people were finally breaking out of the late 90s and early 2000's mold.

After all, sagging one's baggy pants was certainly still a thing in 2009.

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in the genre sound a tad too similar.

A person can only listen to the same upbeat riffs so many times, after all.

However, deeming indie-rock as merely a fad devalues the subculture and influence the genre has had on 2017 music.

Off shoots like psychedelic rock and, arguably, indie folk are still going strong—Tame Impala's *Currents* was a hit.

Spotify dubs indie R&B/funk/electronic-esque music as "Escape Room"—and it has seen increasingly popularity at the expense of indie-rock.

Escape Room is a smorgasbord of music including Solange, Death Grips, Blood Orange, Toro y Moi, The Avalanches, Yuno, YACHT, and Santigold—music I often see former indie-rock hipsters jamming out to.

Now, this genre isn't dramatically different than indie rock, but one could argue it's, in a way, more mature.

Solange and Dev Hynes are jamming about systemic racism and current events—something that hardly occurred during the pinnacle of indie-rock.

Perhaps "Escape Room" merely reflects the needs of those 2011 hipsters to flee to another semi-underground genre after the mainstream takeover of indie-rock.

Soon enough that genre will be dead as well as new folks urgently seek a new genre to adopt in order to be different from the norm.

Alas, indie-rock is dead and its successors will die, but in the age of Trump, at least punk is making a comeback.

Even in 2011, the world was still captivated by mid-2000s pop—Black Eyed Peas, Lady Gaga, and Katy Perry.

The point is that the trends started by early indie-rock acolytes—a.k.a. "hipsters"—eventually folded into the mainstream culture, thus brutally murdering the subculture that supported the genre of indie-rock.

So where did the hipsters go?

Some evolved into hip-hop heads—which is forgivable seeing the recent hip-hop renaissance of Tyler, Kendrick, Earl, etc.

Some transitioned to the memetastic vaporwave subculture.

Some simply stopped following new music—stuck in a cycle of only listening to the aforementioned bands.

Some grew up and just became lame, I suppose.

More relevant is that indie-rock bands just haven't made music with the same punch as in 2011.

Perhaps indie rock was doomed to fail—most bands

The Good, the Bad, and the Meh



Next week is Nobel, which means two days of automatically canceled class.



The lines in the Caf will be super long because of Nobel visitors. Plan accordingly!



The classes that aren't canceled.

The Structures of Meaning



Rachael Manser
Opinion Columnist

As humans, we have a psychological need to answer the big questions in life: Who am I? What is my purpose? How did I get here? What does it all mean?

This is where religion comes in and offers an explanation as to its prevalence and staying power in today's scientifically advancing society.

Whatever your personal views are on religion, it's impossible to deny that it provides some kind of answers to our search for meaning as humans.

If we view religion in this way, as a means for easing our natural human anxieties, we can remove for a moment the complexity and disagreements between religions by simply bringing it down to a human level which we can all understand.

A human is born into the world as the result of a well-understood and widely accepted biological process of reproduction.

I find meaning in exploring the options and reasons behind them; she finds meaning in believing and practicing one such option.

That answers the how, while the who, what, and where answer themselves based on each situation, but it does not answer the question of why.

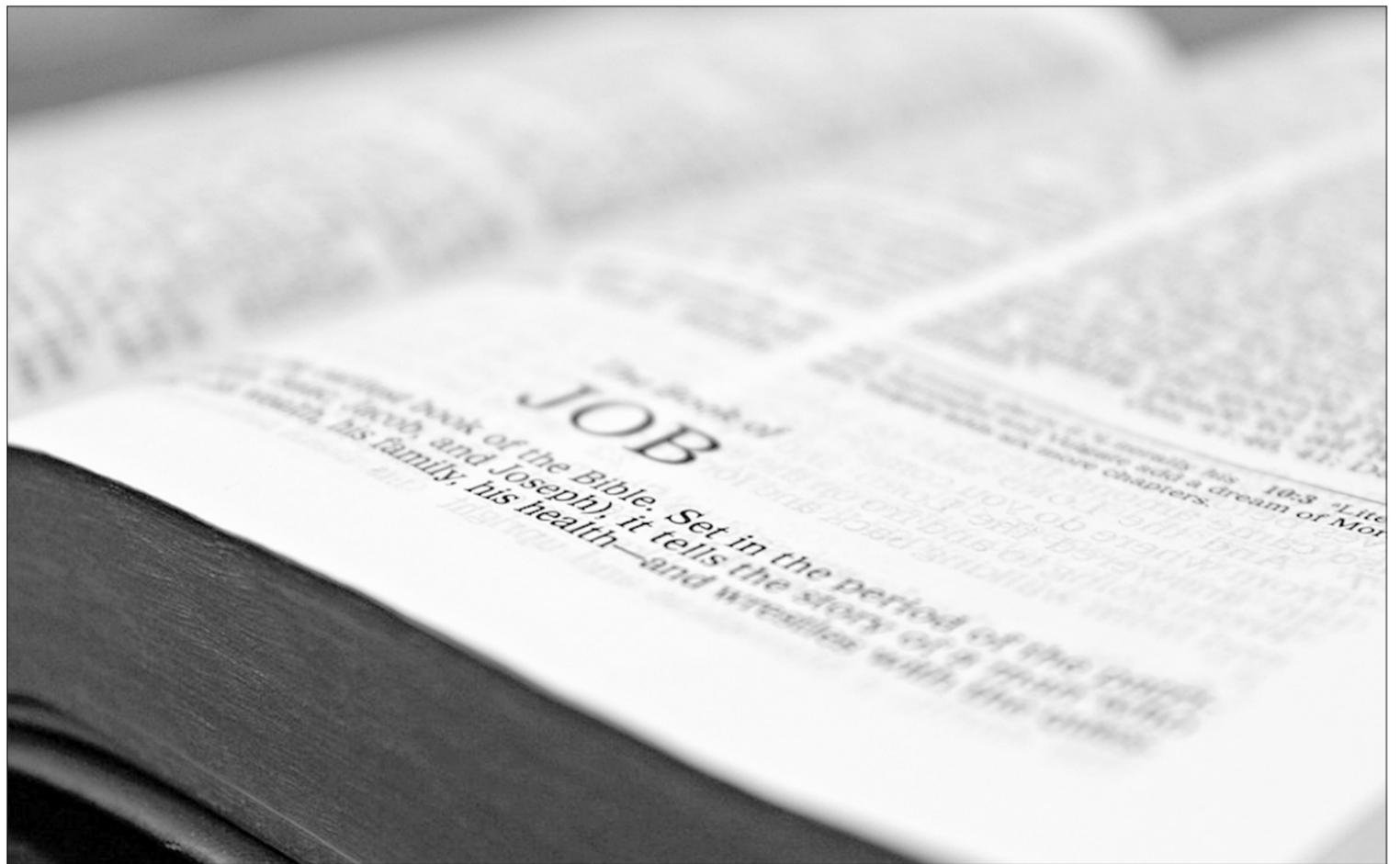
Because of the nature of humanity to think about and reflect on our circumstances, the question of purpose and meaning will inevitably arise at some point in life.

While science can provide some sort of concrete answer in the necessity of reproduction to the survival of our species, that answer doesn't even begin to scratch at the surface of the deeper meaning which we all seek.

It may satisfy the curiosity of the brain, but fails to fill the void of the soul.

Religion does.

In whatever way it satisfies, through a belief to hold on to, a routine to practice, or a simple foundation off of which to build and explore, there is no denying



The Bible, the holy book in Christianity.

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that it has proved essential for many people in living their lives peacefully.

But consider this: A mother raises her child in a particular religion in today's increasingly secular society, but recognizes at a certain point that the decision to believe and practice that religion is up to the child.

This child grows up and has certain experiences with the church that are hard to reconcile and begins to question her belief.

She eventually decides to stop practicing.

However, her mother continues to do so.

She reads her devotionals

while sipping on her coffee every morning, listens to the pastor give his sermon every weekend, attends weekly bible study with a group of friends, and prays diligently for the people around her.

Religion as a belief and practice is still an essential part of her life.

How can the disillusioned daughter understand her mother's belief and practice in a way that respects it, but also makes sense to her?

By understanding religion as a response to human anxieties and as a reasonable form of comfort.

Now I have a startling confes-

sion to make: that hypothetical mother and daughter duo is my mom and me.

I struggled with my mom's faith for a long time because I was struggling with my own.

But after studying religion for a few years, I'm now able to see it a little more objectively, and in a way that makes sense to me.

I'm now able to see the habitual practice of reading that starts the day on a hopeful note, the stories and experiences that help her make sense of her life in each sermon, the group of friends that root themselves in a sense of security that enables them to unconditionally support one another, and the daily

thoughts for the people she cares about that give her a sense of agency.

The belief in and practice of religion brings peace and comfort to her life, so why should it matter whether it makes sense to me if it ultimately only needs to make sense to her?

I find meaning in exploring the options and reasons behind them; she finds meaning in believing and practicing one such option.

Either way, we're both coping with the big questions of human existence in a comforting way.

**Opinionated?
Ready to fight for it?**

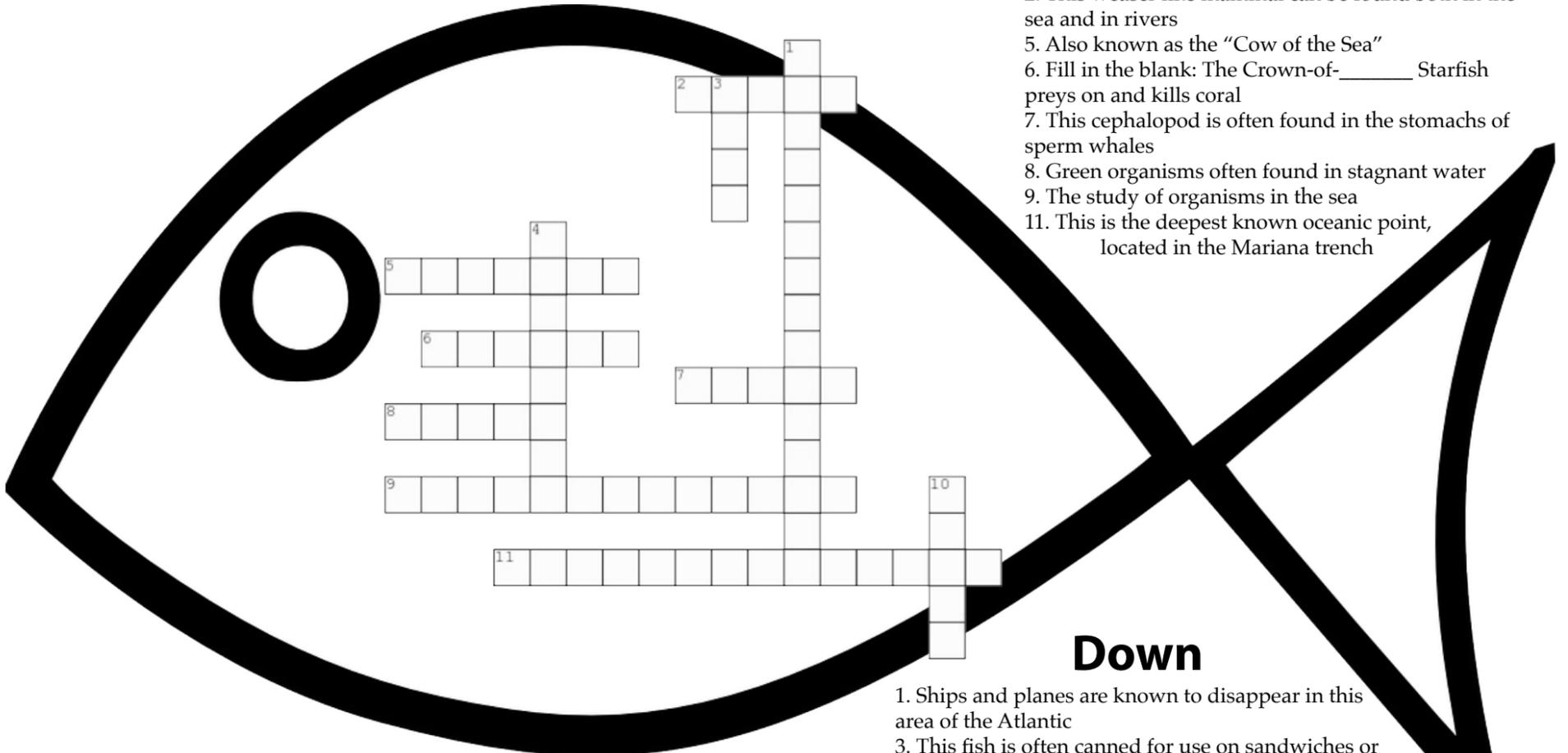
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Crossword



Across

- 2. This weasel-like mammal can be found both in the sea and in rivers
- 5. Also known as the "Cow of the Sea"
- 6. Fill in the blank: The Crown-of-_____ Starfish preys on and kills coral
- 7. This cephalopod is often found in the stomachs of sperm whales
- 8. Green organisms often found in stagnant water
- 9. The study of organisms in the sea
- 11. This is the deepest known oceanic point, located in the Mariana trench

Down

- 1. Ships and planes are known to disappear in this area of the Atlantic
- 3. This fish is often canned for use on sandwiches or salad
- 4. A species of fish commonly mistaken to be a lake monster
- 10. This type of sea turtle is on the endangered species list

- ACROSS
- 2. Otter
 - 5. Manatee
 - 6. Thorns
 - 7. Squid
 - 8. Algae
- DOWN
- 1. Bermuda Triangle
 - 3. Tuna
 - 4. Sturgeon
 - 10. Green
 - 9. Marine Biology
 - 11. Challenger Deep

Pun of the week

"Atheism is a non-prophet organization."

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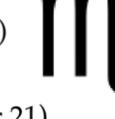
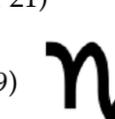
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2.
A A L L L

3.
B U R

- Answers
- 1. A drop in the ocean
 - 2. All in all
 - 3. Backrub

The zodiac signs as dogs

	Aquarius (January 20-February 18) Greyhound	
	Pisces (February 19-March 20) Dachshund	
	Aries (March 21-April 19) Maltipoo	
	Taurus (April 20-May 20) Golden Retriever	
	Gemini (May 21-June 20) Pointer	
	Cancer (June 21-July 22) Boston Terrier	
	Leo (July 23-August 22) Yorkie	
	Virgo (August 23-September 22) Pitbull	
	Libra (September 23-October 22) Chihuahua	
	Scorpio (October 23-November 21) Great Dane	
	Sagittarius (November 22-December 21) Corgi	
	Capricorn (December 22-January 19) Husky	

Volleyball bounces back

Gusties defeat Macalaster after falling in back-to-back games



Gustavus Sports Information

Junior Brittany Luethmers digs for a ball in a match last year against Wartburg. The Gusties currently hold an overall record of 14-3 and a record of 3-1 in MIAC play.

Jacob Woodrich Staff Writer

So far this season, the defending MIAC champion Gustavus volleyball team has compiled 14 total wins and has only been defeated three times, while holding a 3-1 record in MIAC conference play.

With a strong overall record of 14-3, the Gusties are currently ranked number 11 in the nation. However the Gusties suffered rare back to back losses to Bethel and eighth ranked Northwestern. Both of these defeats were hard fought battles where the Gusties showed heart by fighting back from a 2-0 set deficit to bring the score to 2-2 and force a fifth set.

"Both matches were competitive and fun overall matches. Even though we lost in five both days, we played well. It was a challenging weekend playing two great teams. It definitely lights a fire in us, and we're excited to get back into the gym this week during practice to keep improving," Junior Lauren Hanson said.

The team has definitely learned a lot from the two matches.

"Bethel and Northwestern are both talented teams. They did well at pressuring us from the first point. It took us a little time to get into our groove. We are very confident we have the tools and the personnel to finish those matches on top if we continue to stay focused on our game and play in the moment during those challenging mo-

ments. Both were good matches that will better prepare us for the future," Head Coach Rachelle Sherden said.

The close losses have motivated players on the team to improve in a variety of ways.

"The losses are very motivating for us and are pushing us to get into the gym this week to work on a few technical things we lacked in those matches. Aside from technical play, the losses are motivating us to get grittier and more competitive," Junior Nora Holtan said. Holtan, who was the MIAC conference player of the year last season, was a part of the teams that brought a MIAC title to Gustavus the past two seasons. Winning another title is definitely on the team's agenda for the season.

"One goal is to keep our MIAC championship title and be back-to-back-to-back MIAC playoff champs. We are really working hard in order to make it to the NCAA tournament again. We have been there the past two years and we are looking to make it farther than we have yet. Now, these are our goals, and we don't take them lightly. We realize these are not easy things to do, but every day, we go into the gym with a growth mindset to improve," Hanson said.

Looking ahead, the team will begin to face primarily MIAC opponents in the remainder of their season with a few exceptions.

"Our conference is so competitive. It makes every game

exciting and you never really know what's going to happen," Hanson said.

Remaining conference play will include big matches against big opponents. The team's practice habits and other things will help them prepare for these big upcoming matches.

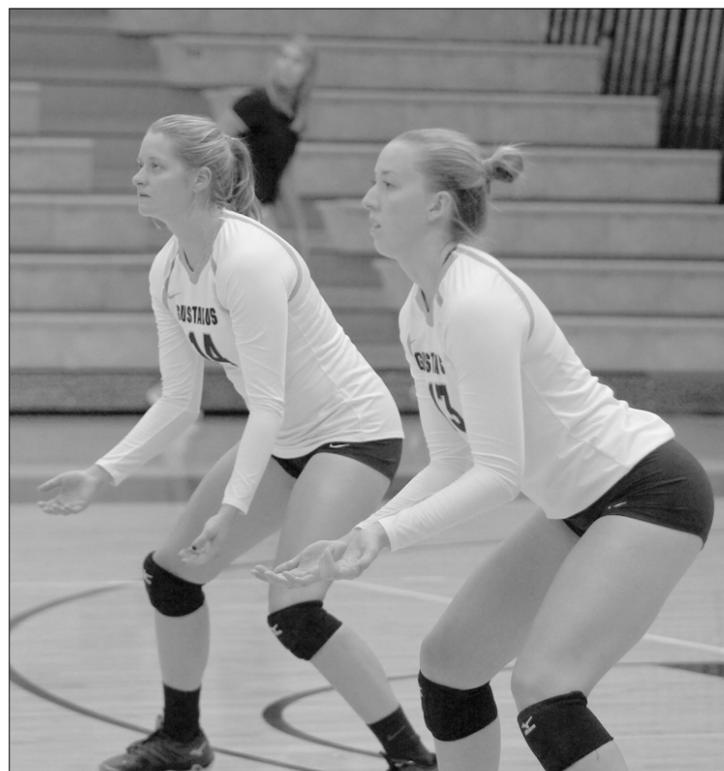
"We have a very competitive atmosphere in practice every day, which helps us compete well against some of the best

teams in the nation that are in our conference and region," Head Coach Sherden said.

The Gusties were able to bounce back against MIAC foe Macalaster on Wednesday in a big way, sweeping the Scots 25-12, 25-9, and 25-6. First-year Kate Holtan led the Gusties with 9 kills and one error for a season-high .667 attack percentage. Senior Shaefer Rugar and Junior Hannah Albers had

five kills apiece, and the elder Holtan tallied 24 assists.

The Gusties take the court next this Saturday at home. The match begins at 3 pm, so be sure to head to Lund and cheer on your favorite Gustie volleyball players as they get back on track against St. Kate's University.



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Juniors Hannah Albers and Lauren Hanson prepare to return a serve in a match earlier this week against the University of Northwestern-St. Paul.



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Women's soccer defeats St. Olaf

Gusties hold 3-1 record in MIAC play



Gustavus Sports Information

Junior Sally Morrow takes on a UW-Stout defender during a game Sept. 19. The Gusties currently hold an overall record of 6-2-1 and a record of 3-1 in MIAC play.

Nathan Thompson
Staff Writer

The Gusties went 2-1 this past week, beating UW-Stout 2-1, falling to St. Thomas 2-0, and defeating St. Olaf 3-1.

The Golden Gusties won a 2-1 contest against the University of Wisconsin-Stout, pushing their overall record to 5-1-1.

The scoring started off early for Gustavus as Sophomore Abby Mullenbach scored just over 14 minutes into the match. The rest of the half, however, would remain scoreless despite 11 shots from the Gusties compared to the Blue Devils 3. Gustavus also registered one corner kick.

Stout would respond quickly in the second half with a goal from forward Kaitlyn Hess, just over two minutes into the second period of play. The match would remain even for the majority of the second half with Stout registering 5 shots to go along with 8 from the Gusties.

The game would stay tied until the 82nd minute when Senior Josie Mazzone sent the game winner past Blue Devils' goalie Rachel Nowak. Gustavus would hold out for the remainder of the game to seal the win and push their winning streak to 3 games.

"We started to be a little

more proactive and we started to press a little more. When we kept the ball and were able to keep possession, we found control of the game," said Head Coach Laura Burnett-Kurie.

In their next action on Homecoming weekend, the Gusties lost a 2-0 match against St. Thomas on Saturday afternoon, ending Gustavus' three game

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—Sophie Lieninger

streak.

After a scoreless first 38 minutes, The Tommies took a 1-0 lead with a goal from Brielle Bierman. The rest of the half would remain scoreless as each team tallied a corner kick while St. Thomas held a slight 4-3 lead in shots.

The close score would remain until halfway through the second period when Mallory DeBoom sent a shot past Junior Goalie Ashley Becker to push St. Thomas' lead to two. Becker would end up with five saves in the loss.

"I don't think we showed our best but we played a good match, we just couldn't find the back of net," Senior Sophie Lieninger said.

The final shot total swayed in St. Thomas' favor as they held a 11-7 advantage overall. The Gusties would hold the advantage in corner kicks with three against the Tommies' two. Freshman Katie Ashpole would lead the way for Gustavus with two shots.

"Today was a battle," said Coach Burnett-Kurie. "We had some solid performances and learned a lot about managing the game. It was not the result we wanted, but we continued to improve and had some bright spots."

The loss moved the Gusties to 5-2-1 overall and 2-1 against the MIAC.

"We're just trying to focus on finishing in the final third and on how we can play our best for a full 90 minutes," Lieninger said.

The Gusties turned things around this Wednesday at St. Olaf.

The team controlled the game, outshooting St. Olaf 21-12 and after 90 minutes came away with a 3-1 victory.

All the goals were scored in the first half of play. Senior Hannah Sturtz scored first with an unassisted goal.

Shortly after, Sophomore Abby Mullenbach found the back of the net on an assist from Junior Emily Skogseth.

St. Olaf tried to battle back into the game with a goal in the 29th minute of play.

The Gusties responded quickly, scoring five minutes after the St. Olaf goal. Sopho-

more Judith Hepburn finished the chance for the team on an assist from Senior Sophie Lieninger, moving the score to 3-1.

The team hopes to carry this momentum into its next game on Saturday at Augsburg College. The game kicks off at 7:30 p.m.



Gustavus Sports Information

Junior Chase Miller dribbles the ball past a St. Thomas defender Sept. 23.

Gusties compete in ITA Tournament

Hartmann wins singles and earns All-American status



Gustavus Sports Information

Junior Briana Hartmann won singles in the Fall Intercollegiate Tennis Association Regional Tournament this past weekend, becoming the first Gustavus All-American since 2011.

Michael O'Neil
Staff Writer

The Gustavus Women's tennis team was in action last weekend for the Fall Intercollegiate Tennis Association Regional Tournament. The event was hosted here in St. Peter and featured competitors from 30 of the top teams in the Midwest Region.

Numerous Gusties made deep runs in the tournament, but none were as exciting or noteworthy as Junior Briana Hartmann, who won all of her singles matches en route to a convincing victory in the final.

With her singles victory, Hartmann is automatically an All-American and will advance to the Oracle Cup in Rome, Georgia on Oct. 11 through the 15. There she will compete against the winners of the other seven regional ITA tournaments to determine a national champion.

Hartmann was seeded 9-16 going into the tournament, and had some close matches early in the tournament before clos-

ing out the final in dominating fashion.

She began the tournament with a first-round bye, before beating Gabby Ferro of Cornell (6-0, 6-0). She then beat Julie Martin of UW-Whitewater (6-7(3), 6-4, 10-8) and Milica Cvrkota of Grinnell (4-6, 6-1, 6-1), en route to the quarterfinals. To get to the semifinals, Hartmann beat Laura French of Coe (6-3, 6-4).

On the final day of the tournament, she overcame Alex Talyansky of UW-Whitewater (6-2, 6-3), and finally rolled through Jillian Wallace (6-1, 6-1) to secure her All-American status.

The singles final featured two underdogs; both Hartmann and Wallace were 9-16 seeds.

"Bri played unbelievable today. She was very sharp mentally and was great in chasing down balls. She executed her game plan perfectly. It was great to have the whole team there as well. I think the cheering actually had an impact on the overall result," Head Coach Jon Carlson said after the match.

With this win, Hartmann becomes the 41st All-American in Gustavus Women's tennis history, and the first since 2011.

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—Jon Carlson

Although Hartmann was the only Gustie to reach the finals, many of her teammates also had successful tournaments, both in singles and doubles.

First-year Ginger Valentine made it to the Round of 16 after a bye and wins over Sami Hindt of Bethel (7-5, 6-1) and Laura Sunday of St. Mary's (7-5, 6-0). She then fell to Natalie Wijesinghe of UW- Eau Claire (6-4, 6-3).

Senior Katie Aney had a first round bye and beat Paige Nierman of UW-Whitewater (6-0, 6-0) before falling in a heartbreaker to Maddie Riermann of Bethel (4-6, 6-2, 13-11).

Senior Laura Martin enjoyed a first-round bye before losing to Brigid McGuire of UW-Whitewater (6-3, 6-1). Junior Sheila Sullivan lost her first match to Sabrina Barboza of St. Olaf (6-4, 6-2). First Year Hannah Borgh also fell in the first round to Carleton standout Danielle Vasiliev (6-2, 6-1).

"Such a great day of big wins and a lot of learning, I'm excited for the team," Carlson said.

On the doubles side, Aney and Hartmann beat Pieterick and Kopiecki of Hamline (8-1) and Sunday and Lois of St. Mary's (8-3) before falling in the Round of 16 to McGuire and Wallace of UW-Whitewater (8-3).

The team of Valentine and Borgh had similar success, beating Sporer and Eckstrom of St. Kate's (8-2) in the first round. They then had two competitive matches, beating Cogan and

Cvrkota of Grinnell 9-7 before falling to Lindsay and Benoy of St. Thomas 9-7.

Sullivan and Martin won their first round over Colbrow and Miller of St. Ben's (8-4), before falling to Henderson and Wijesinghe of UW-Eau Claire (8-2) in the round of 32.

With the ITA Midwest Regional Tournament complete, the Gusties will travel to Omaha this weekend to compete in another individual tournament before the conclusion of their fall season.

With the exception of Hartmann, who will continue competing at the ITA Oracle Cup in mid October, the rest of the Gusties will begin their off-season training as they prepare to defend their 2017 Spring MIAC Championship.

Although their top singles player from last season graduated, with added talent in the freshman class and experience at the top of their lineup, they should be prepared for another successful season.

The Gusties' spring season will begin in early February.