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Students stand in solidarity with Mizzou



Students marched from the campus center to the front of Old Main, chanting "No violence, no hate."

Deven Kelley
News Editor

In light of the recent high-profile racial incidences surrounding the University of Missouri- Mizzou, Gustavus students came together on campus to march from Charles Jackson Campus to Old Main and back in support of Mizzou's students.

The march, organized by Seniors, Jalen Gray and Jace Rigin,

took place last Thursday, Nov. 12 as a representation of support.

Students held cardboard signs with slogans such as "I Stand in Solidarity with Mizzou" and "No violence, no hate." Gustavus is now officially a part of one of the hundreds of schools who have already supported the cause by standing in solidarity.

The Mizzou football team even stood together and refused to play in the football game if

action wasn't taken regarding the complex timeline of racially biased events that occurred on campus.

Tim Wolfe, Mizzou's President, will be stepping down at the end of the school year as his efforts to stop growing racial tension among the student body and campus were inadequate. Along with Wolfe, University of Missouri's Mizzou

"I feel empowered seeing students, who are not going to

keep quiet or give up", Junior and Sociology and Anthropology major, Esther Mwangi said.

The events that took place at Mizzou over the past week have affected, the Mizzou's students, community and the Missouri as whole, but also people all over the country. #PrayforMizzou was a top trend on twitter.

"Racism is everywhere, but here at Gustavus it's not as in your face," said senior Theatre major, Jalen Gray. "If you're

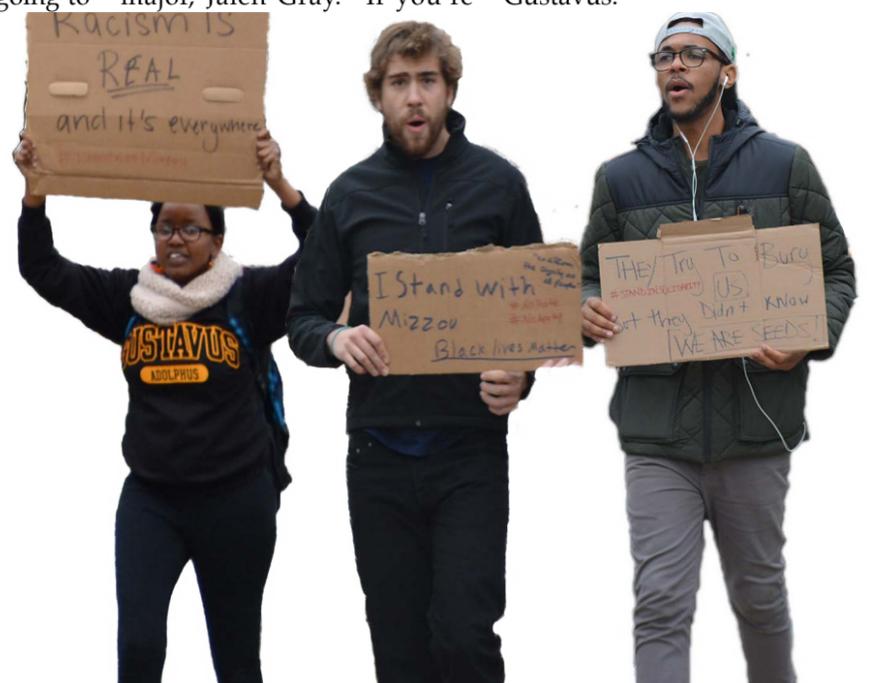
not helping to form a solution, you're part of the problem."

"Education is liberation," said senior Political Science and Communications major Jace Rigin. "In order to be an advocate, it requires an act of selflessness. You have to destroy the system of oppression."

After the march, students and faculty gathered in the Diversity center to discuss the events of Mizzou and what it means for Gustavus.



After the march, students met in the Diversity Center to debrief about the issues.



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Campus Safety Report

Monday, November 9

- Campus Safety responded to a medical assist in the Lund center. One student was transported to the hospital.

Tuesday, November 10

- The Campus Safety Director took a report from a faculty member regarding a threatening comment made by a student in class. One student was referred to the campus conduct system.

- Campus Safety completed investigation and documented an accident with a College-owned vehicle that occurred on Saturday, November 7, at 2145 hours on College grounds causing damage to the vehicle and a gate support post.

Wednesday, November 11

- Campus Safety responded to a medical assist at the Library. One student was transported to Rivers Edge E.R.

- Campus Safety responded to the Lund Center for a medical assist. One injured student was transported to the hospital by ambulance.

- An online report was submitted of a suspicious circumstance in the Arboretum. A student observed belongings off the trail and was concerned someone might be sleeping in the Arboretum. Campus Safety did a follow-up investigation and found a bag of abandoned belongings in the Arboretum but no evidence of sleeping/residence.

- A student reported the theft of an unsecured bicycle from the bike rack at Prairie View.

- A Collegiate Fellow observed a student vomiting on the floor and sink in a restroom in Norelius Hall but was not able to identify the student.

- Collegiate Fellows and Campus Safety responded to a noise violation in Norelius Hall involving seven students.

Thursday, November 12

- Campus Safety responded to the International Center for a medical assist.

- An anonymous report was submitted about suspected hazing involving an athletic team that occurred on October 30, 2015. An investigation was already in progress.

Friday, November 13

- A Gustavus student reported the theft of an unlocked bicycle from the Sohre Hall bike rack.

- Campus Safety responded to an of-age alcohol violation in College View.

- Campus Safety responded to an of-age alcohol violation outside of Southwest Hall.

Saturday, November 14

- Campus Safety and Residential Life responded to an underage alcohol violation in Pittman Hall involving eight students.

- Campus Safety responded to an underage alcohol violation in Sorensen Hall. Campus Safety referred seven students to the campus conduct system.

- Campus Safety responded to an of-age alcohol violation in Sorensen Hall.

- Campus Safety and Residential Life responded to an underage alcohol violation at Sohre Hall.

- Collegiate Fellows responded to a College policy violation in Sohre Hall.

Sunday, November 15

- Collegiate Fellows documented suspicious activity in Norelius Hall, including a possible alcohol violation and potential for sexual misconduct. The students left the area before Campus Safety arrived.

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:

Commit to being an active bystander and assist in improving the safety of your community.

All members of the Gustavus community are encouraged to report concerns about fellow students/community members, tips, situations or behaviors that are believed to be dangerous, illegal or contrary to College policy.

<https://gustavus.edu/safety/silentwitness/>

https://gustavus.edu/deanofstudents/incident_report.php

Please don't assume that Campus Safety has been informed of an incident, report as soon as possible and with as much detail as possible! While reports can be submitted anonymously, please provide contact information if at all possible. This allows for quicker follow-up, to get more information about reported incidents, and to assist in confirming if an incident has been reported previously or not.

The anonymous form is sent to the Director of Campus Safety and the Dean of Students, or you can also mark if the message is currently in progress for the message to be sent to the on-duty officer. Situations in progress can be reported to Campus Safety at 507-933-8888 or Police at 911.

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Gustavus students explore new solar plant

Melissa Saholt
Staff Writer

With winter on the way, there is no better time for Gusties to recognize the power of weather and increase their awareness of the environment. Before the negative temperatures of traditional Minnesota winters begin, tours were given at Gustavus last Thursday that [highlighted the solar panels].

The tours were given by physics professor Charles Niederriter and explored multiple locations on campus with solar panels, including Olin, Beck, the Campus Center, and Lund. According to Niederriter, the solar panels are created by different manufacturers and vary in their levels of efficiency.

Additionally, Gustavus employs two types of solar energies, thermal and electric.

Senior Alexander Nadeau, an environmental studies and geography double major, explained, "Both use energy from the sun, but solar electric turns it into electricity and solar thermal uses heating tubes...to heat water."



Solar panels are a form of clean energy and help reduce our carbon footprint.

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"Right now, Macalester and St. Olaf are leading in Minnesota with their solar power and renewable energies, we want to get Gustavus up in that area as well."

— Courtney Potter

According to Niederriter, the solar panel tours event was initiated by alum Megan Spear, 2015, an employee of Environment Minnesota, and Junior Courtney Potter, a management and psychological studies double major.

The state as a whole relies very little on solar energy.

"In Minnesota, we have less than 1% of our energy coming from solar," Potter said. "We are hoping to get students to sign on as a support aspect."

The tours were meant to spread awareness on campus about solar energy.

"Right now, Macalester and St. Olaf are leading in Minnesota with their solar power and renewable energies," Potter said. "We want to get Gustavus up in that area as well."

The number of solar panels at Gustavus might surprise students who are unfamiliar with the steps the College has taken towards using sustainable energy. *The Gustavus Renewable Energy Projects* webpage states there are more than eighty solar panels scattered around

campus.

On a broader scale, the faculty at Gustavus have developed several other initiatives towards becoming eco-friendly.

Niederriter stated that he and a few colleagues "received a national science foundation grant to develop laboratory experiences and some demonstrations for the classroom on sustainability and renewable energy."

There is also a group of faculty who develops materials on climate changes that can be discussed in unlikely subjects like religion or philosophy.

However there is still a need for improvement in terms of sustainability. The amount of energy gained from solar energy "is a small drop in the bucket,"

"It's hypocritical for the student body to ask for the college to be more sustainable if we are not willing to live our day to day lives in a sustainable manner."

— Alex Nadeau

Niederriter said, when compared with the amount of energy the College uses as a whole.

"While the use of solar panels is commendable as an alternative energy source," Nadeau said, "it's only one piece of a much bigger puzzle in terms of

reaching sustainability on both campus and in society at large."

There is more work that must be done on for everyone.

Senior Jesse Womack, an environmental studies major, said he would like to see the administration be much more aggressive about getting more solar panels in general.

Students also have the responsibility of being more conscious of the environment. While the legality and execution require support from the administration, the first steps need to come

from students.

There are two environmental activist groups on campus, the Gustavus Greens and Divest.

In terms of how students can contribute apart from those, Womack suggested having a senior gift giving campaign, in which seniors donate a sum of money that would be "earmarked for a solar project." He also recommended including a discussion of the solar panels during freshman orientation.

It is crucial for students to show their support for the en-

vironment.

"It's hypocritical for the student body to ask for the college to be more sustainable if we are not willing to live our day to day lives in a sustainable manner." Nadeau said.

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Hmong New Year is a celebration of connection

Nicholas Pemberton
Staff Writer

Hmong American Cultural Outreach (HACO) led Gustavus New Year on Nov. 13 and 14. HACO kicked off the celebration last Friday when they held Open Mic from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Courtyard Café. The main event was held Saturday night in Alumni Hall, from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday night consisted of Hmong food and a variety of entertainment provided by talent from on and off-campus.

Doors opened at 4:30 p.m. Saturday for an enthusiastic crowd of young and old. Admission and food were free and the audience got engaged through a raffle. The food was advertised as “popular Hmong food”. The menu included egg rolls, sticky rice, sausage, and vegetables. The entertainment started at 5 p.m. and ran for close to an hour before everyone took a break for food, ball tossing, and a photo booth. The entertainment resumed at 7 p.m. and ran for another hour.

“We do not have a lot of Hmong students and this is a way from them to feel connected in a sense.”

— Du Xiong



Last year's 2014 Hmong New Year celebration.

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Students and guests took over the stage. HACO members danced, sang, and modeled Hmong clothing in a fashion show. The attire had quiet bells and loud colors that drifted across the stage with the performers. Among the guests were musical artists David Yang

and Pong Vang, the dance group Nkauj Hmoob Vam Meej, and the first Hmong councilmen of Maplewood, Tou Xiong.

The Hmong New Year is generally celebrated throughout the month of November. This year's festivities held special significance as it has been 40 years since the first Hmong person came to Minnesota. In the United States, Minnesota stands second to California in terms of Hmong population. The significance of this anniversary was observed

throughout the night. Xiong said he broke down in tears when he was campaigning door to door and he was told by an elderly woman that he was like a son to her because he was representing the Hmong community.

HACO performed on the stage but they also worked hard off the stage to put this event together. HACO is part of the Diversity Leadership Council (DLC) and consists of about 20 students. The group is open to all students but tends

to be a group for the Hmong community of Gustavus.

“Anyone can join, though it is mostly Hmong students. I think this is so because we do not have a lot of Hmong students and this is a way for them to feel connected in a sense,” Junior Sociology and Anthropology major Du Xiong said.

The Hmong New Year is the largest event put on by HACO but they are active throughout the year.

“We plan monthly events for our club, after the New Year we will be having our Christmas gathering and before this we had our Halloween lock-in,” Junior Psychology major Jamie Xiong, who is the secretary of HACO said.

The group needs funding for these events, but that is not the entire picture for a cultural group on campus according to HACO President Samantha Van.

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— Jamie Xiong

“We’re part of DLC, so it helps us with the big financial part, which is a big thing for doing events. In terms of like welcoming, I’m not really sure. I don’t know what to say because not a lot of people know about Hmong students. We are kind of invisible but what should the administration do? Hire a Hmong faculty or some staff,” Vang, a Senior with a double major in Political Science and Communications, as well as a Japanese minor said.

The festivities for the Hmong New Year will continue at the Saint Paul RiverCentre November 27-29.

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Megan Quirk

Tyler enjoys mentoring and serving as a role model for others as a Gustie Greeter and the loudest fan at sporting events.

Jaurdyn Dobler
Staff Writer

If you glance out into the fan section of most Gustavus sporting events, you can usually spot Senior Tyler Bishop decked out in Gustie gear, leading the loudest chants, and cheering his fellow classmates on to victory.

"Tyler is the biggest fan at sporting events. At a recent foot-

ball game he was told by a referee that his megaphone needed to be confiscated but the funny part was, he had no megaphone. It was just his voice. He's a light in everyone's lives," Senior Becca Woodstra said.

His encouraging attitude doesn't rest solely on the sidelines but also epitomizes his role within the Gustavus community.

"He has some real depth to

him. You can see Tyler cheering louder than anyone at most sporting events, but if you take the time to have an intimate conversation with him you will quickly see that he's thoughtful and genuine," Senior Max Mliner said.

While he enjoys helping rile up the crowd, Tyler says that real gratification comes from simply fulfilling his position as a role model.

"I do it because someone has to bring more life and energy to these games. The players are always saying how much they appreciate it. I think after my experience in Gustie Greeters, I learned just how much I love being a mentor and a role model to people. It keeps me stay grounded and content to know I'm helping people in any way," Tyler said.

Along with being a role model at sporting events and as a Gustie Greeter, Tyler is also involved with the mentoring program, Epsilon Pi Alpha fraternity, and is Co President of the Men's Club Volleyball team.

"At a recent football game Tyler was told by a referee that his megaphone needed to be confiscated but the funny part was, he had no megaphone. It was just his voice."

—Becca Woodstra

"He is a leader, plain and simple. He's at the forefront of most everything he's involved in and for a good reason. He's generous and always greets



Megan Quirk

After he graduates, Tyler will be working in the Technology Leadership Development Program at Ameriprise Financial.

people with a smile. The guy does everything flawlessly," Sophomore Michael Greenberg said.

On top of that, Tyler's able to balance all of his extracurricular activities alongside his Computer Science major and Business Management minor. After his time at Gustavus, he already has a job lined up with Ameriprise Financial in the Technology Leadership Development Program.

"I have no idea where that will take me after the 18 month program but it's such a huge honor. It's so satisfying and comforting to say that I already have a full time job lined up. I'm excited for the experience," Tyler said.

During the rest of his time at Gustavus, Tyler aims to make deeper friendships and continue to motivate and cheer on everyone around him.

"I try to consistently focus on the way I'm presenting myself to people. I feel very strongly that everyone you meet can help shape your future either positively or negatively and I want to shape people's futures positively," Tyler said.

His desire to shape the lives of those around him in a positive manner is already one that has been recognized.

"He's a role model to everyone, especially the first-years who he helps transition to college. He is deserving of this honor because of his strong involvement, commitment to, and kindness toward everyone," Senior Stephan Quie said.

"He is a leader, plain and simple. He's at the forefront of most everything he's involved in and for a good reason."

—Michael Greenberg

While he has a job lined up and his future seems less daunting than some people's, Tyler says that he wants to focus on appreciating the time he has left at Gustavus. Just as he will miss those around him, he and his outgoing personality will be missed as well.

"I'm sure he will be successful no matter where he ends up. With his personality, he'll be able to get a lot, if not everything he wants," Woodstra said.



Megan Quirk

Tyler's friends describe him as thoughtful, friendly, and a natural leader.

Give thanks to the movie industry over break

Brady Lass
Staff Writer

Thanksgiving is a time for many to have a week off from school and spend it with family and friends. When I'm not emptying my wallet while Christmas shopping for my loved ones, I like to see what new movies are out or which ones I've missed in the past month.

Thanksgiving week is usually the time for a good chunk of "Oscar bait" movies to come out, but it appears most of them have been pushed back to the end of December, likely out of fear of competing with *Star Wars*.

But that doesn't mean there's not a wide selection to choose from, in fact, quite a number of them hold my interest. So what movies should you check out during your well-deserved time off?

The Peanuts Movie

Now that the film has been released I can safely say it looks like they got it right. Back when I made my 2015 Fall Movie article, I put *Spectre* as my most anticipated November film with this coming in a close second.

The reason I held back was because this was made by Blue Sky studios. They haven't had the best track record in terms of their projects, such as the *Ice Age* and *Rio* sequels. But thankfully they were able to prove me wrong.

As a major fan of *The Peanuts* growing up it's great to see one of my childhood favorites be brought to the big screen and done right.

Despite it being CG animation rather than the traditional 2D, it perfectly replicates the style of Charles Schulz's beloved characters as it focuses on the unlucky Charlie Brown's attempting to woo the Red-Haired girl and Snoopy's never-ending fight against the Red Baron.

Some critics have argued that it plays a little too safe to its nostalgic values and lacks original content, but with this franchise, I honestly don't mind that approach. Charlie Brown and *The Peanuts* are timeless characters, they don't need to be modernized or redone to connect with older and younger audiences.

Creed

Like the fictional boxer's career, the *Rocky* series has had some major hits and misses, but based on the positive reactions from both the trailer and the movie, *Creed* is not something to miss.

The film focuses on Adonis, the son of Rocky's deceased rival and mentor, Apollo Creed. Growing up without his father, Adonis followed in his footsteps and became a fighter himself. In the movie he travels to Philadelphia to train with the legendary Rocky Balboa, reprised by Sylvester Stallone.

On paper, this sounds like a big risk, given Hollywood's reputation these days to rehash or reboot older franchises to make a quick buck. But *Creed* takes itself very seriously thanks to writer and director Ryan Coogler.

Coogler previously made the critically acclaimed *Fruitvale Station* which also starred *Creed's* lead actor, Michael B. Jordan. Those who have seen the earlier screenings say to expect strong performances and to bring a box of tissues, because this looks to be a knockout hit.

The Good Dinosaur

Normally the November Disney movie would be out right now, but things are a little different this time around. Not only will the next Disney animated film, *Zootopia*, be released in March, but *The Good Dinosaur* is set to be Pixar's second 2015 film after the summer hit, *Inside Out*.

The story focuses on an alternate timeline where the dinosaurs were not killed by an asteroid. It focuses on a young dinosaur named Arlo, who finds himself far away from home and befriends a human cave-boy named Spot.

It has had quite an intriguing history compared to most Pixar films, as the development started back in 2009, but midway through production switched up the directors, writers, designs, and even actors. It was supposed to be released nearly two years ago but kept getting pushed back.

The animation looks breathtaking and it has been getting pretty positive reviews so far. Hopefully this will continue Pixar's good streak after the success of *Inside Out*.



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The Peanuts Movie brings back beloved and timeless characters in a modern 3D format.



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Building upon the *Rocky* series made famous by Sylvester Stallone, *Creed* adds fresh blood with Michael B. Jordan.



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Hoping to continue successful streak, Pixar presents a world where dinosaurs never went extinct in *The Good Dinosaur*.

I AM WE ARE celebrates twentieth anniversary

Emily Knutson
Staff Writer

Friday, Nov. 20 kicks off the celebration of the 20th anniversary of I Am We Are on campus. There are many workshops throughout the weekend as alumni and current members of the current I Am We Are Troupe (IAWA) collaborate to create a special show.

"Students, staff and faculty here today should be proud of our commitment to justice, equality and diversity," Professor Lang, Director of Gender, Women and Sexuality Studies, said. "IAWA is one of the small handful of important efforts to make social justice the norm in Gustavus culture. Martin Luther King Jr. reminded us that 'human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable.' The IAWA anniversary gives us a chance to remember the struggle and sacrifice of dedicated people who came before to help make that progress happen here, and it reminds us that we need to be the ones to continue that struggle if we want it to continue."

The first workshop starts at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, "Understanding Ubuntu" with Neo Moroka '05. Ubuntu is the South African word meaning "I am because we are" and his workshop will help the participants explore that idea. Also on Friday at 2:30 p.m., and again on Saturday at 12:15 p.m., will be a "Social Justice Theater Intensive" with Vanita Vactor. Vactor

was a professor at Gustavus and her courses about social justice inspired the creation of I Am We Are. On Saturday at 10:30 a.m. there is a workshop on "Laughtivism: Comedy and Social Justice" with Michael J. Sielaff '08.

At 2:15 p.m. on Saturday there will be a panel of alumni who will talk about "Life after I Am We Are". Virgil Jones, the former Director of Diversity and Co-Advisor of I Am We Are (2006-2011) will be moderating the panel. The panel will consist of Sedrick Hawkins '96, Heather Nielsen '99, Emanda Thomas '02, Matt Swenson '06, Brian Evans '07, Lillie Hollingsworth '08, Rhea Muchalla LeGrande '09, Megan Myhre '11, Elizabeth Coco '12, Karla Leitzman '13 and Julie Tindell '13.

The alumni have impacted the world in a variety of ways. Their careers after Gustavus include but are not limited to; teaching, professional dancing, press secretary and senior communications advisor to Governor Mark Dayton and Dean of Students. These alumni have used the skills they developed at Gustavus then went out into the world to try and create a positive impact.

Later on Saturday at 4:15 p.m. there will be a panel about "The Beginnings of I Am We Are". Vactor and the first Director of I Am We Are Denise Iverson-Payne will speak.

Finally at 8 p.m. on Saturday "We Were, We Are - A Collaboration of New and Vintage



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The weekend celebration includes numerous workshops and performances honoring justice, equality, and diversity.

Works by I Am We Are" will be performed in the Anderson Theatre. Amy Sehan is the Director and Junior Theater major Elsa Larsen is the stage manager for the production.

"I have been attending rehearsals of the troupe and the Anniversary Ensemble to keep all members of the production organized, informed and on schedule," Larsen said.

Her job continues to keep her busy throughout the weekend. "During the events of the

weekend, I will make sure all workshops are running on time, all workshop leaders have what they need, and all guests are having the best experience possible. During the shows, I make sure all the performers are where they need to be at the correct time, calling light and sound cues in the booth, and solving problems that arise," Larsen said.

Senior Dan Britt helped out writing and transcribing some of the pieces performed in the

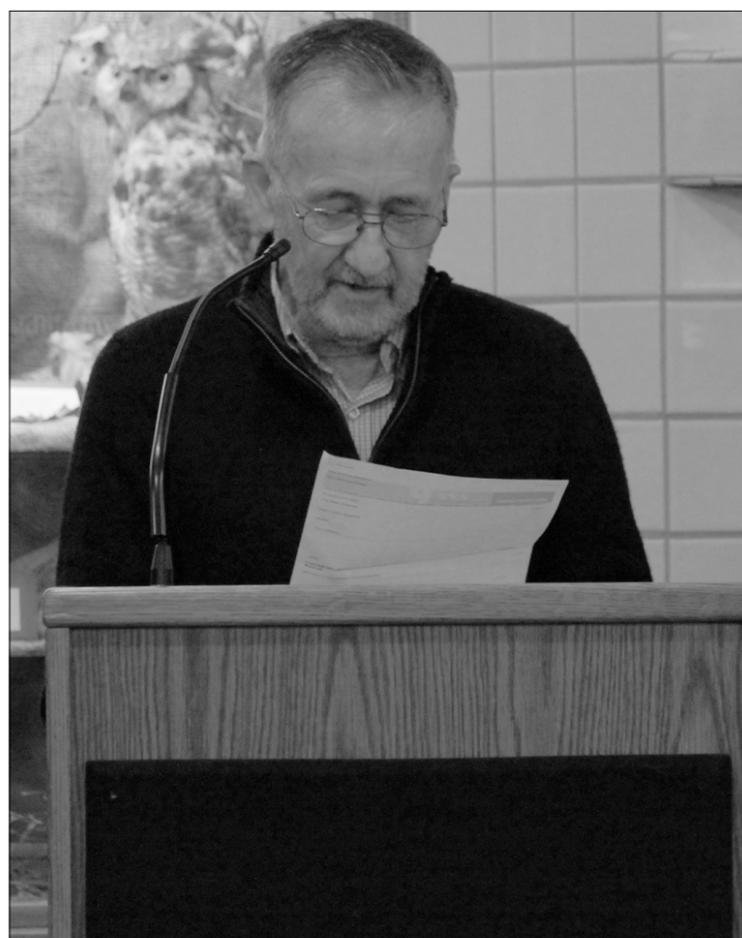
show.

"I'm excited to see it all come together. I'm excited to see the diversity of the alumni and their critique of the show," Britt said.

First-year Sydney Hallmark will help out in the booth for the show. "It's been great working towards this and I'm excited to see the final product," Hallmark said.

There will be also be a matinee performance at 2p.m. on Sunday.

Bards in the Arb features Minnesotan poet Tom Hennen



Kim Krulish
Staff Writer

Before beginning the reading, Professor Philip Bryant introduced the poet at the Melva Interpretive Center.

"Tom is absolutely fearless in hearing the poems, and writes them with abiding faith," Bryant said.

Then Tom Hennen rose and stood behind the podium. Before reading, he spoke softly to the crowd, greeting familiar faces. Throughout the reading, he never raised his voice above a gentle drawl. The audience was silent and still, picturing blue jays, crisp snow, and the thunderstorms he spoke of.

Hennen, who was presented with the Bachelor Farmer Lifetime Achievement Award in the Arts, read selections from his most recent book, *Darkness Sticks to Everything: Collected and New Poems*. His work also appears in Garrison Kiellor's anthology *Good Poems*.

The reading was part of Bards in the Arb. Admission was free and open to the public.

Reviews of Hennen and his work have been published in the *New York Times*, *The Writer's Almanac*.

"It's hard to believe that this American master – and I don't use those words lightly – has been hidden right under our noses for decades," Dana Jennings, a writer for the *New York Times*, said.

"One of the most charming things about Tom Hennen's poems is his strange ability to bring immense amounts of space, often uninhabited space, into his mind and so into the whole poem."

— Robert Bly

Hennen is originally from Morris, Minnesota. He began working as a letterpress and offset printer in 1965. He worked in the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and later as a wildlife technician at the Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge in South Dakota. In 1972, Hennen helped found the Minnesota Writer's Publishing House.

"I can say, without hesitation, that this collection is one of my favorites, easily one of the best books of 2013," James Crews said in a review of *Darkness Sticks to Everything*. "It is most surprising that so few of us have heard of Tom Hennen because his exacting poems, in their own original ways, echo the work of past U.S. Poet Laureates and evoke a rich sense of place, as so few poets deign to do nowadays."

Now retired, Hennen has written six books with small presses since 1974. *Darkness Sticks to Everything* is his first book to be nationally distributed.

Hennen's poems contain a transcendent aspect. Hennen's work is heavily influenced by Robert Bly.

"Robert Bly: much help from the start, about 1963, and ever since," Hennen said in his acknowledgements section of *Darkness Sticks to Everything*.

"One of the most charming things about Tom Hennen's poems is his strange ability to bring immense amounts of space, often uninhabited space, into his mind and so into the whole poem," Bly said.

Lindsey Taylor

Hennen read selections from his latest book, *Darkness Sticks to Everything*.

Give Back at GAC

Mikayla Kvittum-Barr
Features Editor

‘T is the giving season and with Thanksgiving right around the corner, it is an excellent time to think about giving back to the community. Gustavus’ Center for Community-Based Serving and Learning (CBSL) provides students with opportunities to get involved in St. Peter and the surrounding area.

Service is one of Gustavus’ five core values, embracing the idea that genuine leadership expresses itself in service. This idea of servant leadership adds to the idea of a “truly liberating education.”

The CBSL gives students the opportunity to practice service and explore different volunteer causes. Each year, the CBSL works with up to 1,200 participants a year.

The CBSL is led by Dave Newell and Jeffrey Rathlef.

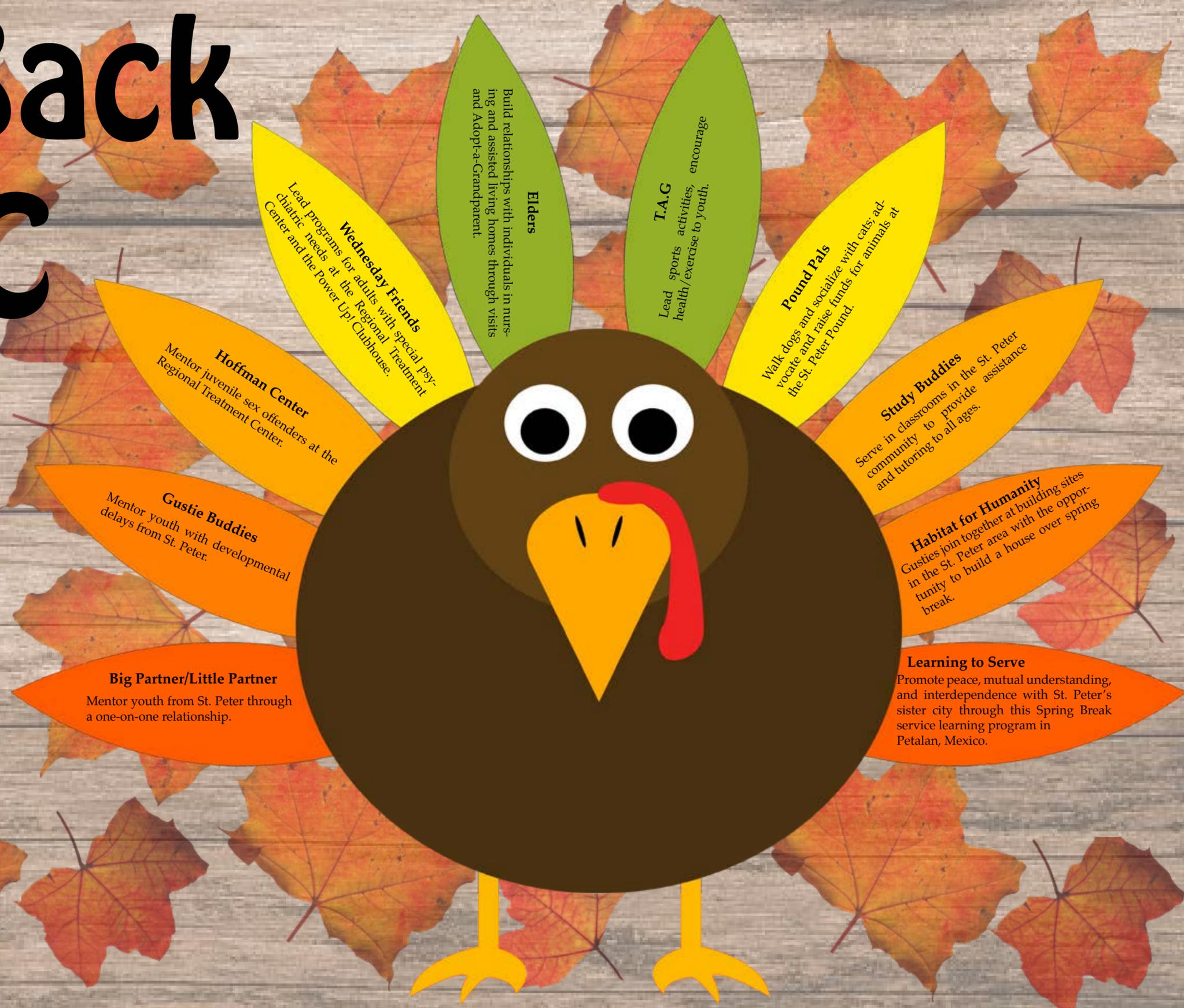
Dave Newell, Director for Community-Based Service advises all community-service projects, supervises the Spring Break work trips and works heavily with the students on campus.

Jeffrey Rathlef, Director for Community-Based Service and Learning, also oversees service projects and community engagement, but works primarily with the faculty.

Together, the two facilitate the development of meaningful servant leadership and community engagement.

The CBSL is home to 10 different incredible and unique programs that range from helping out at the pound to mentoring youth.

With the giving season upon us, students are encouraged to give thanks with a grateful heart and give back to the community.



- Wedge 1 (Yellow):** **Wednesday Friends**
Lead programs for adults with special psychiatric needs at the Regional Treatment Center and the Power Up! Clubhouse.
- Wedge 2 (Green):** **Elders**
Build relationships with individuals in nursing and assisted living homes through visits and Adopt-a-Grandparent.
- Wedge 3 (Light Green):** **T.A.G.**
Lead sports activities, health/exercise to youth, encourage.
- Wedge 4 (Yellow):** **Pound Pals**
Walk dogs and socialize with cats; advocate and raise funds for animals at the St. Peter Pound.
- Wedge 5 (Orange):** **Study Buddies**
Serve in classrooms in the St. Peter community to provide assistance and tutoring to all ages.
- Wedge 6 (Light Orange):** **Habitat for Humanity**
Gusties join together at building sites in the St. Peter area with the opportunity to build a house over spring break.
- Wedge 7 (Orange):** **Learning to Serve**
Promote peace, mutual understanding, and interdependence with St. Peter's sister city through this Spring Break service learning program in Petalan, Mexico.
- Wedge 8 (Light Orange):** **Big Partner/Little Partner**
Mentor youth from St. Peter through a one-on-one relationship.
- Wedge 9 (Light Orange):** **Gustie Buddies**
Mentor youth with developmental delays from St. Peter.
- Wedge 10 (Light Orange):** **Hoffman Center**
Mentor juvenile sex offenders at the Regional Treatment Center.