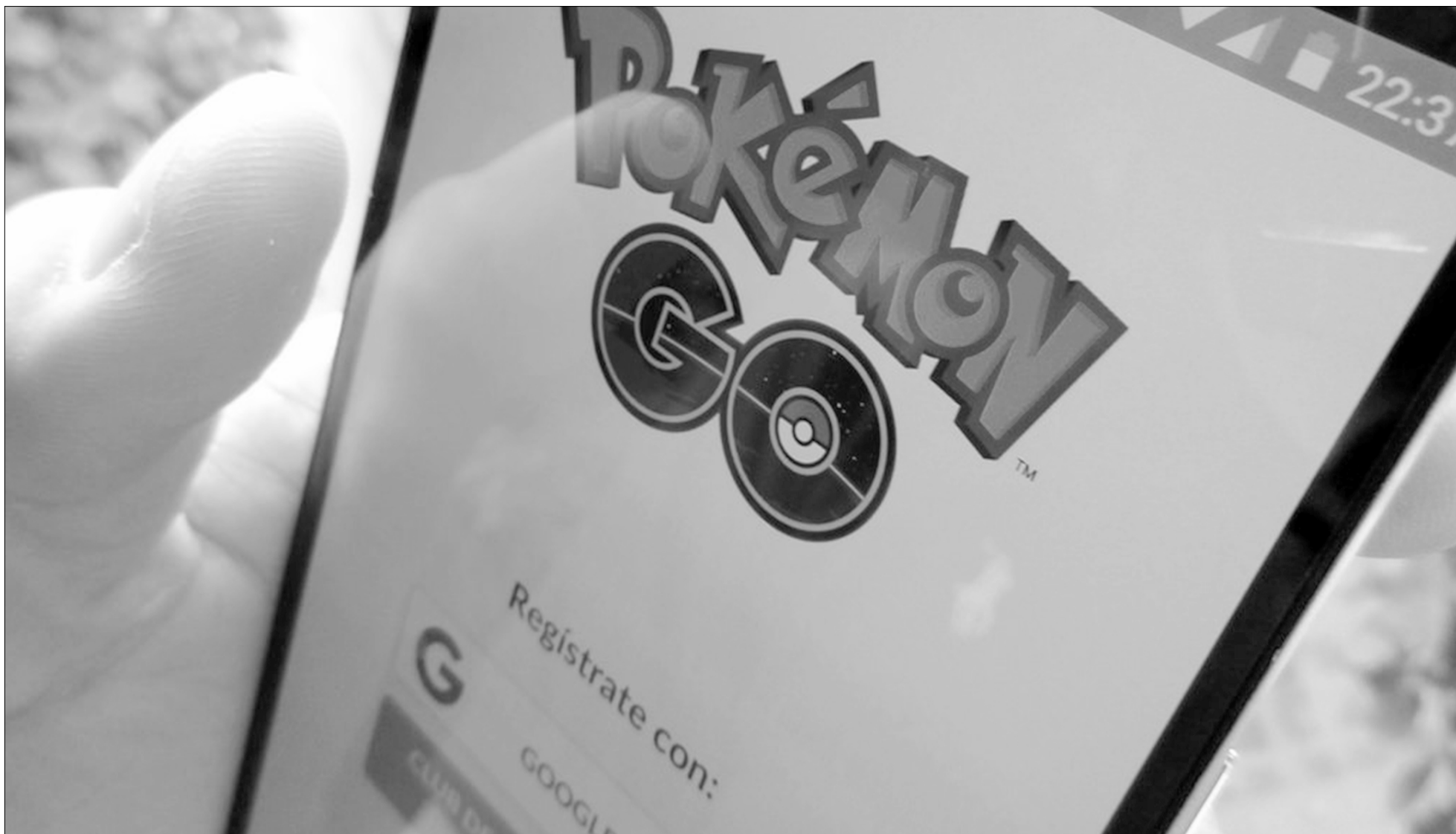


# The ups and downs of Pokemon Go



Pokemon soared in popularity when Pokemon Go was released last summer.

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**Daniel McCrackin**  
Opinion Columnist

**W**hat does it take to be the very best, like no one ever was? For some that means excelling in their classes, rising to the top on graduation day.

For others it means being exceptional in athletics, leading their team to victories at State, Regionals, and maybe even Nationals.

For one growing group of individuals however, to be the best means something entirely different, it means becoming true pokemon masters.

Pokemon Go has taken the world by storm since it was introduced over the summer, and like many things that make their way into popular culture, it has sparked fierce debate between people.

For some the game is an innovation, a pioneer that brought AR games to the forefront of

modern gaming and allows people to engage in a healthy round of walking while they play.

For others the game is an incarnation of everything that is wrong with the world, causing accidents by distracting people and stealing people's attention towards their phones more than ever.

The truth of the game's impact on society actually sits somewhere firmly in the middle of black and white, muddled in gray.

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When Pokemon Go was introduced it was in fact an innovation, but only in the way that it actually allowed people to start paying attention to the field.

Niantic, inc., the company who worked with Nintendo to develop the game, actually had another AR game that came out long before Pokemon Go.

This game is called Ingress, and in a lot of ways it is actually

more complex and challenging than its more recent counterpart.

However Ingress didn't appeal to our inner ten year old the way Pokemon Go did, nor did Niantic have the funds to do the advertising campaign for Ingress that Nintendo was able to create for Pokemon Go.

In total, Pokemon was not the innovator that it first appeared to be, but that doesn't mean it hasn't had a massive impact on the world of gaming.

For the first time in many years gamers are back out from behind a TV or computer screen or tabletop game board and wandering the streets.

If you think that this is a new phenomenon however it is suggested that you look into LARP gaming and learn more about it, you might find it to your liking.

For all its progress in getting people outside, it is true that the game also has its downsides.

There have been accidents across the United States caused by people playing the game while driving, or not paying attention to their surroundings and wandering into traffic or off of cliffs.

It has happened enough times now that most people wouldn't classify it as isolated incidents.

That doesn't entirely make it the fault of the game though, in fact it has very little to do with it.

Much like blaming the car in a car accident, or a power tool for cutting off someone's hand, the game is simply an engine.

How people use the engine

determines its value, and the unfortunate matter is that some people don't pay attention to their surroundings despite numerous warnings to do so.

When a game explicitly warns you, multiple times, to pay attention to your surroundings while playing and you fail to do so, then the blame for any incidents that occur rests on your shoulders.

In this way the game developers have done all they can in trying to keep its players safe.

Pokemon Go has done a lot of good for people in bringing AR games to the front of people's attention, and it also has been an engine for a lot of stupid mistakes.

In either case the result is based on how the game is used.

So whether you play or not, the amount of praise or degradation you heap on the game likely won't impact how many people are playing and just genuinely having a good time.



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# Welcome to the age of conspiracy



**Philip Evans**  
Managing Editor

I want to talk about conspiracy theories. In its simplest form, a conspiracy theory is an idea put forward by a person who notices rationally irrational behavior and tries to figure out what the hell is going.

Hold on, that's not what we've been told, right?

Aren't conspiracy theorists old, wacky guys who believe that reptilians run the universe?

Yes, those conspiracy theorists definitely exist. Just like there are people who go full crazy on just about any other subject available.

While the idea about reptilians might have been true, and very well could still be, such thoughts have been ridiculed and laughed at so many times that even the expression 'conspiracy theory' is being stigmatized.

Well, if conspiracy theorists were once seen as being a movement for oddballs with unconventional ideas about the world, that is about to change.

Instead, it is now turning into a full scale online movement.



Hilary Clinton is rumored to be involved in large conspiracy theories.

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With the world wide web allowing new information to be publicly available because of freedom activists who risk their life leaking documents, the conspiracy theorists are not the same people as they once used to be.

In fact, I would like to make the point that we are all, or at the very least should be, conspiracy theorists.

Conspiracy theories exists along all magnitudes. A small conspiracy theory would be that your college coach doesn't play you because your hair is brown.

Stupid, for sure, but that is a conspiracy theory nonetheless.

However, internet movements found on sites like

4Chan and Reddit - whose r/conspiracy recently moved up to top 60 of all subreddits - seem to all agree that a larger, global conspiracy is now entering one of its most critical phases.

It involves Syria, it involves the Clintons and it involves pretty much anything tied to the the monetary system, a system which was empowered by an idea put forth by the Rothschild family almost a century ago.

You know, the Rothschilds? The family who helped set up the Federal Reserve and the central banking system which is now one reason why just about every country on the planet is in debt to someone else?

Yes, the Rothschilds are the founding fathers of the monetary system, the same monetary system whose only factor of credibility is that it heavily relies on that everyone relies on it.

Quite frankly, it's a joke, and the punchline won't make you laugh.

When the advocations for 'cash-less' societies are being put forward, and you don't think it's a bad idea because, after all, who can keep track of all those damn coins anyway, what will you think when a negative interest rate removes money out of your account on a monthly basis, just like a tax?

Sometimes, the easiest way to understand a disease is to look closely at the symptoms it produces.

How is it that in times of financial trouble, the only industry that does decently well is the one that includes banking?

If we move the perspective even closer to our everyday life, why are all football stadiums all named after banks? If everyone else is losing and only one industry is winning, I'd insist that the game is heavily distorted to encourage that industry.

New topic, same conspiracy. Who could tell me what is actually going on in Syria?

There is a war, sure, it would be hard to fake images of buildings being bombed.

However, who could specifically tell me who is fighting who, and what the final goal of the war is?

To defeat ISIS? Sure, how about this;; define ISIS for me.

It is not hard to understand why the conspiracy theorists are getting more grist to their mills.

Who benefits from the wars, not just the Syrian wars, but

any war?

There are obviously a variety of answers to a question like that, but broadly speaking, it causes two things.

First of all, it causes mass movement, meaning people are forced to go places they normally wouldn't.

This creates debt, because as people who have nothing tries to enter places where people have things they need capital to be able to sustain a decent life.

Who benefits from this? Creators of debt. Banks.

Secondly, what do you do when a building is bombed?

You rebuild it. With what money? Debt.

What is interesting is the fact that in 2000, Afghanistan, Iran, Cuba, Libya, Syria, North Korea and Iraq were among the few countries who did not have a Rothschild structured central bank.

In 2016, those countries are now Syria, Cuba, North Korea and Iran.

How that might be is up to your own interpretation.

It does get scary when you realize that almost everything that effects everyday lives are tied to the senseless monetary system we are forced to endure.

The Clintons are definitely involved, all you have to do is follow the campaign money. Is Trump involved, maybe. Probably. Most likely.

The ability to view the grand perspective is of highest importance.

This is what conspiracy theorists do best.

They can understand how dots connect on the bigger picture scale.

So before you dive head in to back any presidential candidate this fall, please take a step back and ask yourself one question - what the hell is going on?

## 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 knats.

# Act of violence hits too close to home



**Jessica Hastings-Ereth**  
Opinion Columnist

On Saturday, Sept. 17 a man dressed as a security officer injured several people at the local mall in Saint Cloud, Minnesota.

The stabbings happened in several places throughout the mall, including in stores and in common areas.

The chief of police identified the man as Dahir Adan, whom had three previous encounters with police.

The Chief of Police, Blair Anderson, described the man as a person who was armed with a knife and allegedly made references to Allah during the attack.

In addition he asked at least one person whether they were Muslim.

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But Anderson pointedly declined to call the attacks an act of terrorism, saying the motive isn't yet known.

According to CNN, the FBI is indeed calling this an act of terrorism. On Sunday, ISIS had released a statement calling Adan a soldier of the Islamic state.

An off-duty officer, Jason Falconer confronted the man and shot him. He has been deemed a hero ever since.

United States senator Amy Klobuchar said, "While we will learn more about the facts surrounding this horrific attack today, one thing we know for certain this morning: Due to the courageous actions of an off-duty area police officer, the good work of first responders, and the reaction of those present at the mall, lives were saved."

This incident has disrupted the Muslim-American community that is in Saint Cloud.

Jaylani Hussein, who is the Minnesota Director for Council on American-Islamic Relations and St. Cloud Somali-American Leaders were upset about the attack and stated that they wished for peace in the community.

They spoke at a press conference, which was held on Sunday afternoon that included non-Muslims from St. Cloud as well.

This incident worries the com-



Police quickly responded to the scene at the St. Cloud mall.

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munity director for #UNITE-Cloud, a group that helps to lower tension between the Christians and Muslims in the Saint Cloud area.

As of Sunday, three of the stabbing victims remained hospitalized.

Harley Exsted and his wife were just two of the many witnesses of the crime.

After a gunshot, they saw crowds of people running toward the exit of the mall, as they joined the crowd they continued to hear four more gunshots.

Another witness named Ran Schliep had just gone inside the mall with his girlfriend when they saw a crying girl running

outside the mall.

She was yelling, "Call 911! Call 911!" As Schliep continued to walk into the mall Adan came towards him. "He looked me dead in the eyes. He had a pretty emotional face, just a blank stare," he said during an interview with the Washington Post.

After eye contact was made, Adan stabbed Schliep in the head, causing him to fall.

He got back up and ran into a Forever 21 to find cover, where an employee tied clothing around his head to stop his head from bleeding.

At this point even more chaos ensued.

I first heard of this attack from my roommate, who lives close to Saint Cloud.

*All of these show us how important it is that we cherish life; we never know when it could be our last day.*

I was confused as to why she was so upset until she told me what had happened.

I didn't think that something like this would happen in a Minnesota city.

Over the weekend there were numerous tragedies throughout the US.

All of these show us how important it is that we cherish life; we never know when it could be our last day.

I feel bad for the families of those who were injured and for anyone affected from any terrorist attack.

I hope for people of all religions to come into harmony, and until that day comes I will do my best to bring people together no matter their religion or culture.

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# BENEATH THE CROWN



**What is a big challenge that you faced in your life, and how did you handle it?**

“The first thing that comes to mind, being in college, is that my mom died during my freshman year, in January. It was kind of out of nowhere. The additional fact of it being freshman year helped exaggerate it a lot.

I dealt with it pretty poorly at first. It took me about four months to actually go to the Wellbeing Center on campus and try to have someone else help me deal with it. One of the most constructive things I did with this is that I took Public Discourse the following spring.

I decided to make my project about helping students at my high school whose parents are alcoholics, drug abusers, things like that, because that’s what ended up killing my mom. I wanted to get those students help, because I know I struggled with that a lot in high school, and there weren’t really any resources available. That was how I really dealt with it positively once I sorted myself out.”

**What’s one of the greatest feats you’ve ever accomplished?**

“I’m one of the first people in my fam-



**Antonia Hopkins**

Cameron MacDonald

ily to go to a four-year college. Well, first one who will graduate, anyway. My dad was at York for two and a half years or so, but really was only there for football. So my being here and earning the scholarships that I did earn was really a big accomplishment for me and my family.”

**What kind of advice would you give to someone facing a challenge in their life?**

“For any challenge, it seriously helps to talk to someone. It can be one of the most difficult things to do, because I know that a lot of people probably think ‘I really don’t want to just sit there and complain to someone,’ but it’s really helpful for you. Also, you don’t really know what the person you’re talking to is going through either, so often having somebody just listen to what you’re struggling with can help that person as well.”

*Beneath The Crown was created by Nick Theisen ('15). It is inspired by Humans of New York (HONY) and aims to bring the community of Gustavus Adolphus College closer together by providing the perspectives of the many different people who live and work at the school.*

## Sudoku

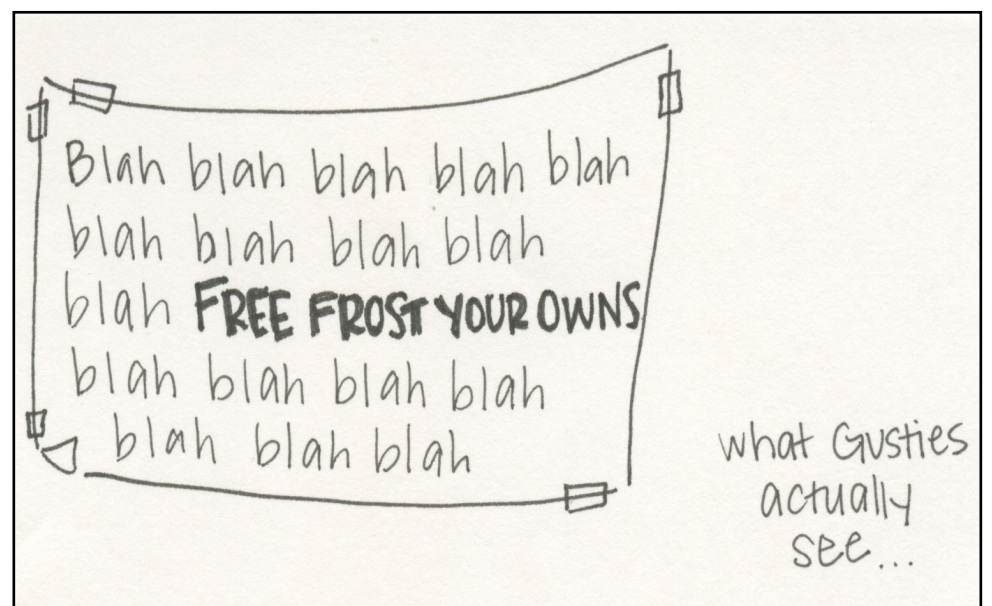
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Katelyn Holman

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# Women's Soccer suffers first loss



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Sophomore Emily Skogseth weaves through Macalester defenders. The Gusties would defeat Macalester 2-0 to open MIAC play, but drop their next game to St. Olaf 1-3. The Gusties now hold a record of 4-1-1 overall, and 1-1-0 in the MIAC.

**Jeremy Pastir**  
Copy Editor

Women's Soccer opened MIAC play with a victory over Macalester College Tuesday, September 13. The Gusties shutout the Scots by a final score of 2-0 to record their fifth shutout on the season.

With that win, Gustavus moved to 4-0-1 (1-0 MIAC) on the season while Macalester fell to 3-1-1 (0-1 MIAC).

Goalkeeper Ashley Becker made five saves to keep the shutout theme rolling. Becker and the Gusties have yet to allow through five games.

"We battled hard," Head Coach Laura Burnett-Kurie said. "There were a lot of momentum shifts in the game. For a period of time I thought we controlled the tempo, and then Macalester would control it. In the second half, we were smart and we finished strong."

Gustavus got on the board at the 34th minute of the first period. Jana Elliot squeezed the ball through the Macalester defenders, giving Paula Miller a partial breakaway as she put home her second goal of the season.

The Gusties and Macalester traded chances throughout the game but the Gusties smart and consistent defensive play shutdown the Scots. Gustavus led Macalester in shots (11-10) and shots on goal (6-5).

Late in the second period, Emily Skogseth made some nice moves to get past Macalester defenders and centered the ball to Grace Brustad, who put in her first collegiate goal.

"We talk a lot about building our soccer IQ and our all-

around play so when we're in games like today, they understand what to do," Burnett-Kurie said. "It was awesome to get a goal in the last minute or so to kind of seal it."

The Gusties now have 14 different players who have found their names in the season scoring column, using their team depth to their advantage.

"Being able to have a lot of players put the ball in the back of the net and knowing that we don't need to rely on one or two individuals is great for us. Having so much depth on our bench allows us to play a lot of players and keep our legs fresh," Burnett-Kurie said.

Next the Gusties continue conference play as they head to Northfield, Minn. Saturday at 1 p.m. to take on rival St. Olaf College.

*"It was a great learning experience for us. We knew this year was going to be tough and we have to find an edge to our game in order to win."*

—Coach Burnett-Kurie

"We know that Macalester is a top contender in the MIAC so it was a good test for us in our first conference game," Burnett-Kurie said. "We just have to take it one game at a time because everyone in the MIAC knows that it's super competitive from top to bottom. It was great to be able to battle at that level and now we're setting the tempo for

St. Olaf on Saturday."

Unfortunately, that level of competition proved to be too much in the following game, as Gustavus suffered its first loss of the season at St. Olaf by the score of 3-1, dropping to 4-1-1 overall and 1-1-0 in the MIAC. The three goals against also marked the first goals scored against the Gusties all season.

"St. Olaf definitely deserved

*"One loss isn't going to break our season, but now we need to see how well we can rebound."*

—Coach Burnett-Kurie

the win," Burnett-Kurie said. "It was a great learning experience for us. We knew this year was going to be tough and we have to find an edge to our game in order to win. We ended up turning it on and had some moments, but we didn't have those players step up that need to step up. It's a great learning opportunity for us to realize that we need those players to step up. One loss isn't going to break our season, but now we need to see how well we can rebound."

The Oles wasted little time getting on the scoreboard as they scored the first goal in the eighth minute. Six minutes later the Oles added another goal off a corner kick to take a 2-0 advantage. Another St. Olaf corner kick resulted in the third goal of the game as a header found the back of the net in the 22nd minute.

The Gusties broke the shutout

in the 28th minute as Abby Mullenbach scored her first collegiate goal, assisted by Josie Mazzone. Neither team could find the goal in the second half and the home team walked away with a 3-1 victory.

Ashley Becker suffered her

first loss of the season after making seven saves.

Gustavus will look to learn from their first loss and bounce back against non-conference opponent UW-Eau Claire next Thursday.

## First-year Spotlight



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**Abby Mullenbach**  
SOCCER

*Abby attended Lakeville South High School where she lettered in Soccer and Track & Field. She was two-time All-Conference and served as team captain. Mullenbach was also Academic All-State.*

**Q: Why did you choose Gustavus?**

A: I chose Gustavus for a lot of reasons but mostly because it felt like home. I play college football.

**Q: What has been your favorite athletic memory so far?**

A: My favorite moment of the season so far was when I scored my first collegiate goal.

**Q: What has been the biggest transition from high school sports to college?**

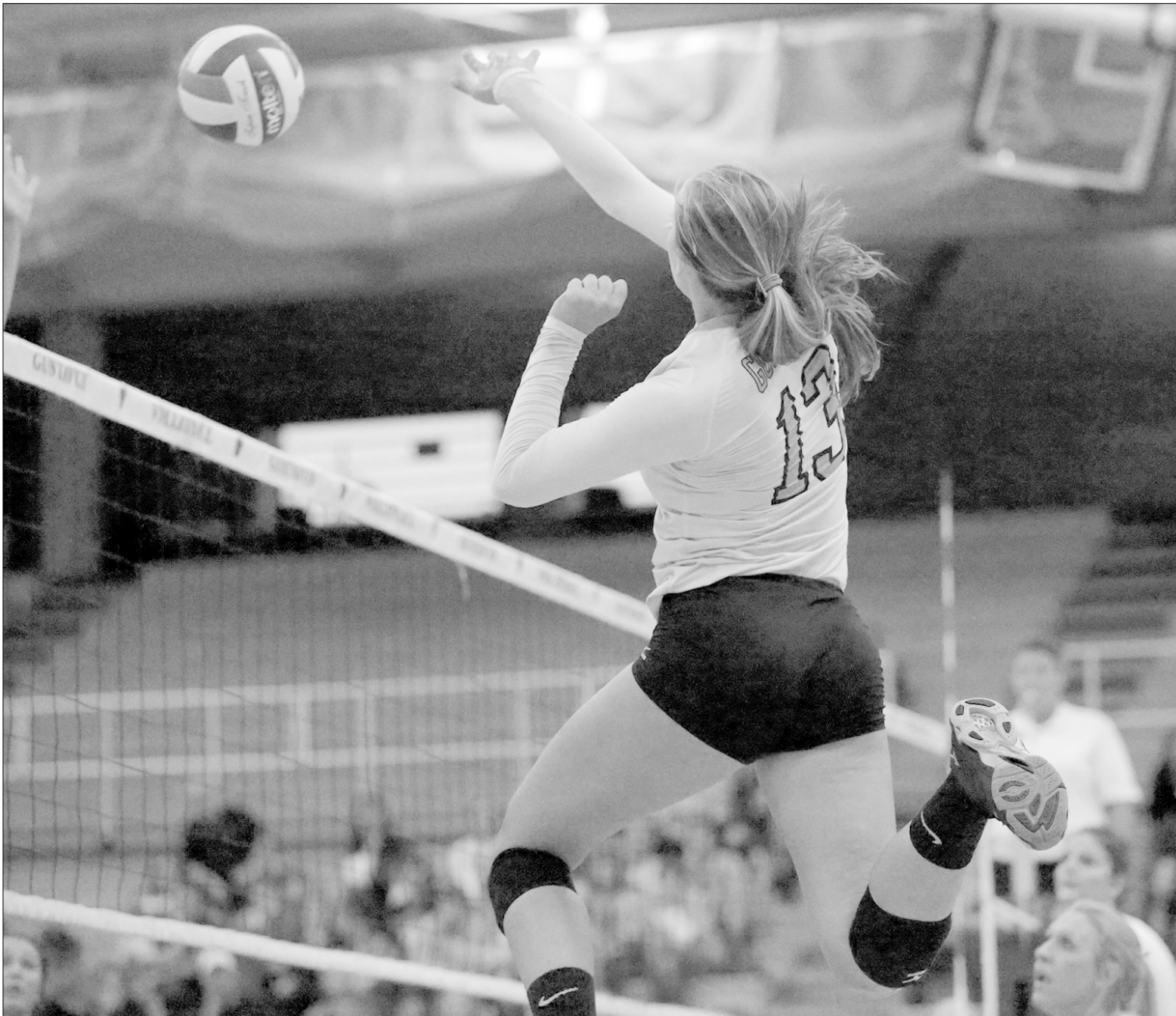
A: The biggest transition would be that the speed of play is a lot faster and it's more physical.

**Q: Why would you recommend Gustavus?**

I would recommend Gustavus to prospective student-athletes because the coaches know that your education is your number one priority and they support you in that first.

# Setting up seven straight

## Winning streak continues as Volleyball beats St. Olaf



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Sophomore Lauren Hanson spikes the ball against Bethel. The Gusties have won their last seven straight games, the most recent being a 3-0 shutout of St. Olaf in Northfield on September 21st.

**Tanner Sparrow**  
Sports & Fitness Editor

The last time Gustavus Volleyball lost was on Sept. 9, when the Gusties lost a close match 2-3 to Cornell in the Loras College Tournament. Since that loss, the Gusties have won seven straight, bringing their overall record to 11-2 and 2-0 in the MIAC.

*"Our serving was really tough tonight. Our defense was also scrappy, which allowed our offense to generate some momentum."*  
—Head Coach Sherden

The Gusties shut out St. Olaf on Wednesday night, winning their three sets 25-10, 25-21 and 25-20. In the first set the Gusties came out strong with a 10-1 lead, then countering a

5-1 Ole run with a crushing 15 point victory.

The Oles came out hard in the second set, leading 6-2. Gustavus retaliated with five straight points, and then the two teams traded blows, with four lead changes over 21 volleys, until Gustavus took the final lead and held on.

The third set saw another fierce start from the Oles, but Gustavus battled back with four straight kills, causing St. Olaf to call a timeout. Things were then tied up at 16-16, but Gustavus smelled a shutout and powered to a five point win.

All aspects of the Gusties' game contributed to the win. "Our serving was really tough tonight. Our defense was also scrappy, which allowed our offense to generate some momentum," Head Coach Rachelle Sherden said.

Two Gusties that stood out in the match were Sophomore Lauren Hanson, who proved again that she was the go-to attacker with a team-leading 16 kills, and Sophomore Hannah Albers who had nine kills and

a team best 12 digs.

"Lauren had a phenomenal match and Hanna really turned it on at the end," Sherden said. "It's great to see those two performing well as we get into our conference schedule because every match in the MIAC is a battle."

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—Head Coach Sherden

Sophomore Nora Holtan was again excellent, averaging 10 points per set with nine digs and four kills. Holtan has already received two MIAC Setter-of-the-week awards this early in the season.

The Gusties return home on Saturday for a 3 p.m. MIAC match-up against St. Catherine. The Wildcats dropped their match against St. Thomas Wednesday, moving to 8-6 overall and 0-2 in the MIAC. Show up and cheer on the Gusties!



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Sophomore Hannah Albers.

### SPORTS SCHEDULE

#### Friday, Sept. 23

Men's Tennis at Drake  
Fall Invite  
All Day

Women's Tennis  
hosts ITA Women's  
Midwest Regional  
Championships  
All Day

Saturday, Sept. 24  
Men's Tennis at Drake  
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Women's Golf at College  
City Challenge  
All Day

Men's Golf at Twin  
Cities Classic  
All Day

Football at Hamline  
1 p.m.

Women's Soccer at St.  
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Volleyball hosts St.  
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Men's Soccer at St.  
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Women's Golf at College  
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Men's Golf at Twin  
Cities Classic  
All Day

# Football tells tale of two halves

Big rally executed against Augsburg to remain undefeated



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Sophomore Safety Brady Miller (43) celebrates with his teammates after returning an interception 65 yards. The Gusties came out flat, trailing 0-13 after the first half, but dominated in the second half, scoring 35 unanswered points to improve to 3-0 on the season, and 1-0 in the MIAC.

## Michael O'Neil Copy Editor

After a slow start last week, the Gustie Football team surged in the second half to defeat the Augsburg Eagles. This victory moved the Gusties to 3-0 on the season and 1-0 in MIAC play. The game was certainly a tale of two halves, as the Gusties scored 35 unanswered points in the second half after trailing 13-0 at halftime. Augsburg was in control of the game throughout the whole first half, tallying 174 yards of offense, while allowing only 79 to the Gustavus offense. "First off, you have to give Augsburg credit because they came ready to play," Head Coach Peter Haugen said. "They came out really strong and set the tone. They were more physical than we were in the first half."

However, after halftime the Gusties established themselves as the better team, creating 320 yards of offense and scoring five touchdowns. "I think the biggest thing is that we played with a lot of heart in the second half. We started to get physical

and played the way that we needed to play. It was a mindset that we need to be more physical and need to be sharper," Haugen said.

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The second half change was sparked by a number of players stepping into new roles in the offense. Most notably, Junior Running Back Kareem Ortiz got his first start for the year—with Senior Luke Martinez out from last week's knee injury—and had a career game. Ortiz rushed the ball 27 times,

and accumulated 180 yards and two touchdowns, including a 43-yard touchdown dash early in the third quarter that sparked the Gusties' scoring run in the second half. His breakout performance earned him MIAC Athlete of the Week honors. The game also gave Ortiz his personal record in yards and TDs.

The offense was led by another newcomer— Freshman Quarterback Christian Haffner from Liberty High School in Brentwood, California. Haffner took over midway through the second quarter and was composed. He completed 9 of his 11 attempts for 112 yards and three touchdowns, and proved himself as a young talent. Haffner is the first Gustie freshman quarterback to get meaningful snaps in a game in 12 years. "He really did a nice job of staying composed and made a couple key throws and runs," Haugen said of Haffner's debut. "The guys rallied around him and that was good to see."

The Gustie defense also turned it up a notch in the second half, giving up only 20 yards and one first down over

the final 30 minutes of play.

"We started to swarm the ball [in the second half]," Haugen said. "Our defense was in attack mode and we had their quarterback on his heels the entire second half and got so much pressure on him that it helped us on the back end to get a nice interception. We did a good job with our pressure and stopping the run all day long, that was really good."

Junior Leeland Lauti lead the Gustie defense in tackles, recording eight total Senior

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Tanner Jensen also had a strong defensive showing with six tackles, four of which were

unassisted.

Senior Iker Ortiz-Hidalgo came up with a clutch sack, forcing a fumble, and Senior Andrew Allen also recorded a sack in the victory.

Sophomore Brady Miller made his first career interception a memorable one, returning it 64 yards.

As the Gusties look ahead to next week, they face a challenge as they travel to St. Paul to play the unbeaten Hamline Pipers. Last season, the Gusties barely beat Hamline by a score of 42-35 in a wild game. The Gusties will be looking to keep their undefeated season alive, and are continuing to improve each week.

"We're looking forward to getting back to work and we've got a lot of improvements to make," Coach Haugen said. "That's a positive thing because we haven't played our best football yet at all. Hamline is off to a great start so it will be a tough test."

The Gusties will return to Hollingsworth Field on October 1st to take on Concordia for Homecoming.