

Video games aren't all bad



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Video games, specifically console games, have been a large part of modern culture since the introduction of the Atari in 1977.

For almost forty years, video games have been ingrained into daily life, and have advanced so far as to have become a medium for cultural, artistic, and even political expression.

They can be accessed at home via a computer or console, or on the go through the amazing advancement of mobile technology such as tablets and smartphones.

Yet, what effect do all these video games have on us as a society? Many children growing up have likely heard the rhetoric of TV and video games rotting people's brains and turning them into vegetables. In fact video games actually have a lot of benefits in terms of development.

First off video games help to improve fine motor control.

Now the same can be said for a large number of athletics such as basketball, baseball, or soccer which require a lot of hand-eye coordination, or hand-foot co-



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Playing video games helps develop fine motor control.

ordination.

However video games do the same while also proposing certain mental challenges.

A large number of video games propose puzzles, a necessity for strategic thinking, and even certain social interaction skills when making dialogue choices.

While these things may also be somewhat present in sports, a lot of that is coordinated by a coach or other athletic leader like the captain.

In a videogame one is working almost exclusively independently, or in smaller teams which at first usually lacks an easily identifiable leader.

In this way video games also teach a certain level of independence, they foster a wish to succeed and in some cases can even inspire those who play them.

There is a wide slew of fan created art, music, technology, computer code, modifications, and even entire other games based on inspiration from popular video games.

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This can take a negative form when people start to abuse the anonymity of games for the purpose of insults and slurs, however a large portion of games

monitor interactions heavily to try and keep speech cordial.

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There are also large conventions where players from a community can interact with one another, the most well known and famous of these being the

Electronic Entertainment Expo, better known as E3.

This is where Nintendo, Microsoft, and Sony, as well as number of smaller developers like Square Enix and Aksys Games exhibit their big products that will be appearing over the next year.

Gamers arrive from all over the country, and in some cases all over the world, just to try out the games that are still in their beta, or even alpha form to help developers create an awesome product that can be shared.

They also attend be some of the first to learn about new products and see famous gaming celebrities such as Shigeru Miyamoto, the man who created Mario, Legend of Zelda, and Star Fox, some of the most well known and celebrated franchises of all time.

Finally, and most importantly, gamers come together at these conventions because of what video games are, a way to have fun.

The medium is often lambasted for how it is an indoor only activity (not true, especially with advent of AR games) and how because of this it makes people who play them anti-social.

The truth is that video games are a way for people who may be shy or more introverted to be more social in a space they are comfortable in, until they get to a point where they can attend conventions and meet people who love the same things they do face to face.

So while many may mock those who love video games, it is important to appreciate what they contribute to society, fun in the form of an artistic medium.

Gustavus needs to stand up for social justice



Emmett Haberman
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advocate for social justice, and a college that became the first fair trade school in Minnesota, release a statement on an issue that the school will face or has faced.

If the school released a statement on a social justice issue then it would hold them accountable for some of their actions.

Last year, a sexual assault case sparked a discussion campus wide, two years ago "Yik Yak" proved that through anonymity hate festers through campus, and three years ago the first hate crime in Gustavus history was recorded after the "n-word" was written on a CF's door.

Some good came out of these discussions; people that have never had these conversations became aware of something that many people struggle with on a daily basis.

Unfortunately, some bad came out of these discussions, but with most conversations there were parties that were unwilling to listen to each other.

At some point, it seemed like everyone was talking about these issues. One voice was missing from these discussions: the schools.

If the school released a statement on a social justice issue then it would hold them accountable for some of their actions.

If the school would have come out and said that they do not condone rape in anyway,

shape, or form, it would be hard for the school to then give someone an essay on why rape is wrong.

The same holds true with most social justice issues.

I find it hard to believe that the school has not had a hate crime in the past three years.

If the college came out, when a hate crime occurred, and said Gustavus Adolphus does not stand for racism or discrimination, it would then hold itself accountable for future incidences.

The only thing I can think of that holds the school accountable right now are the five pillars of Gustavus, but the school does not even hold itself to that standard.

The five pillars shown proudly in the caf are Excellence, Community, Justice, Service, and Faith.

How can the school claim they

value justice without standing up for those treated unjustly in our community?

The peoples whose lives are being threatened by the Dakota Access Pipeline are an example of those in our community who need someone to stand up for and with them.

But if the college refuses to stand up for those who are treated unjustly then the college is acting far from excellent.

How can a school claim they live with faith without doing the right thing like the book they preach about every Sunday?

This is why I believe that the school should do us the small service and put out a statement when there is a public outcry.

I argue that we as a College that advocates for community, justice, service, and faith, a college that holds programs like I Am, We Are (IAWA) that

The last election you'll ever vote in



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Fifteen minutes ago, I applied for my absentee ballot.

The process was simple, short, and only required the state government's website and some basic information.

In November, I cast my vote not only for the next president but also for the decision makers of both my state and my hometown.

I am excited to vote in this election, not only because voting is important, but because it could be the last election I ever vote in.

Sorry, that was dramatic.

To clarify, I am not saying democracy as a whole could disappear from this country.

But my vote and the vote of many others could cease to exist under Voter ID laws.

Voting laws vary from state to state, but presently all one needs to vote, after being registered, is some sort of proof of their residence in the county.

It could be a student ID or a

piece of mail or a Driver's License.

Voter ID laws require a person to show state issued ID on the day of the election.

These laws would also effectively kill absentee voting.

No problem, you might be thinking.

I can switch my districts and just walk on down to St. Peter's

community center on Election Day.

I can use my Minnesota Driver's License or if I do not have my license or am an out-of-state

student, I can use my Gustavus ID.

Except, under Voter ID laws, student IDs don't count because they are not government issued.

So if you do not have the ability to drive home on Election Day, you do not get to vote under Voter ID laws.

The good news is that Min-



nesota does not have a Voter ID law.

A Voter ID constitution amendment was proposed during the 2012 election, but it was defeated.

The bad news is that 13 states have passed Voter ID laws and one of two major president candidates vehemently supports the laws.

Back in August, Donald Trump described Voter ID laws as just common sense to keep people from "voting 15 times for Hillary."

Voter ID laws are rising in popularity and they threaten more voters than just college students.

To begin with, both Texas's and North Carolina's Voter ID laws have been taken to court for targeting Black and Latino voters, who are significantly less likely to own state-issued ID's than White voters.

Women have been turned away from polling places under these laws because they are registered under their married names but have not yet switched their last names on their Driver's License.

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Poor people are also more likely to be disenfranchised as they are more transitory and often do not have the time or resources to acquire state IDs with their current addresses.

Noticing a pattern here? These groups tend to vote Democrat. Republicans are Voter ID's greatest champions.

Conservative politicians claim requiring voters to provide ID is the least our government can do to prevent election fraud.

Except in-person voter impersonation, the only type of fraud these laws prevent, is virtually nonexistent.

According to the Washington Post, multiple government investigations, academic research, and news inquiries have found no significant presence of voter fraud.

For example, Kansas's Secretary of State examined 84 million votes cast in 22 states and found 14 cases warranting prosecution.

That's 0.00000017% of votes cast. Donald Trump is wrong.

No one is going to be voting for Hillary Clinton, or anyone else, 15 times.

So this year, you must vote against Voter ID laws and referendums.

Vote against the politicians who support these laws.

Vote for the voting rights of yourself and others.

Vote. Vote. Vote.

Because if you don't, you may never get a chance to vote again.

The Good, the Bad, and the Meh



Homecoming is this weekend and with it brings family, friends, and alumni.



All of your Nobel extra-credit essays are due.



Everyone is sick and now you are too.

'Make your life count' shouldn't be a cliché



Gustavus advertises their "Make Your Life Count" slogan.

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Caitlin Steffen Opinion Columnist

Far too often adults question me about my passions, and current intentions of pursuing them in college.

We've all been there.

As a college student I feel pressured to not only know how I dream of spending the rest of my life, but also articulate my intentions of how to achieve my success.

But, the phrase "pursuing your true passions" has begun to sound like a cliché.

The reality of being a part of a new, complex community is the wide array of exposure to new experiences.

Here at Gustavus, students are consistently encouraged to dabble in any opportunities that may spark their interests.

The idolized goal for most is to somewhere along the way stumble into a subject that resonates within them beyond explanation.

Posters are plastered against the wall, interest tests are e-mailed to students weekly, not to forget the overwhelming open opportunities at Gustavus's very own Involvement Fair.

Gusties are encouraged to "Make Your Life Count", a statement that seems to be out of proportion with what lies in our control as college students.

Being a part of the Gustavus community seems to be as close to our fingertips as ever before, but is that a good thing?

Days consistently booked

with classes, a desire to become a part of the Gustavus community remains unfulfilled for many.

In the rural town of St. Peter, the social circle kindles college spirit within the small radius of the school.

With comfortable, familiar faces around campus, we are all bound to create relationships with one another.

Why is it necessary to feel guilty into attending clubs, organized meetings, and events to broaden our spectrum of personal connections?

If we are honest with ourselves, we experience these

opportunities daily, in a natural fashion.

Why isn't our focus as college students more central on the things we can control, to make our lives count?

The reality of being a part of a new, complex community is the new wide array of exposure to new experiences.

The task of creating purpose to a life commitment sounds

daunting.

This phrase should be inspiring.

As a community, the Gustavus student body should discover how to make their life count in little ways, simply by being engaged with others.

Take the time to cut back on obligations that don't draw a smile to your face, and invest the energy into a friend in the lunch line, or a neighbor in the courtyard.

Advisors, counselors, professors, and fellow students begin to become swept up in the search for passions to where they feel investing time is nec-

essary.

The honest truth of action is found within the simplicity of one another.

Honing the skill of reaching out to those that happen to be where you are at the same place, at the same time, isn't fate.

It is simply life.

Invest in one another, and invest in supporting each other as we all remain on the search to find what truly makes us excited to become further educated.

Making your life count has never been easier. Give it a try.

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BENEATH THE CROWN



What is your dream career?

"I'm really into numbers and I'm someone who doesn't want to be the center of attention, like I'd rather work behind the scenes, but I still want to make a difference. So, I've always been into math. My mom was my math teacher in sixth grade and that was what sparked it, I think. I like that math has more definitive answers and is a more concrete subject. I have a background in statistics, so I'm looking into becoming an actuary so I could work with evaluating risks and making a difference within a company."

How did you go about exploring your interest in math?

"Since my mom was a teacher, she was always trying to keep my brain stimulated throughout the year. She would even give us workbooks in the summer, which I didn't like at the time of course, but now I really appreciate that she made us practice. We would always try to make it less of a chore and try to put a fun spin on things. We'd make it into a game or a competition, just trying to come up with new ways to make learning a little bit more fun, as corny as it sounds. Making it fun makes you want



Kate Schneider

Cameron MacDonald

to learn and it really helps you retain it better, and you really appreciate why it's important."

What advice would you give to someone trying to pursue their dream career?

"I would say perseverance is key. Not everything I take is something

I'd consider fun. I do pride myself on working hard and getting everything done well and efficiently, but it can be difficult and it can take a long time to do it. Whether you have to do some homework problems or a full research paper, whatever you have, it's going to take time. Rome wasn't built in a day, so you have to be willing to work at it, put your mind to it, and really consider the bigger picture. Understand that while

it's hard now it'll be worth it in the long run, because you'll ultimately be doing what you're passionate about and you'll love what you do."

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

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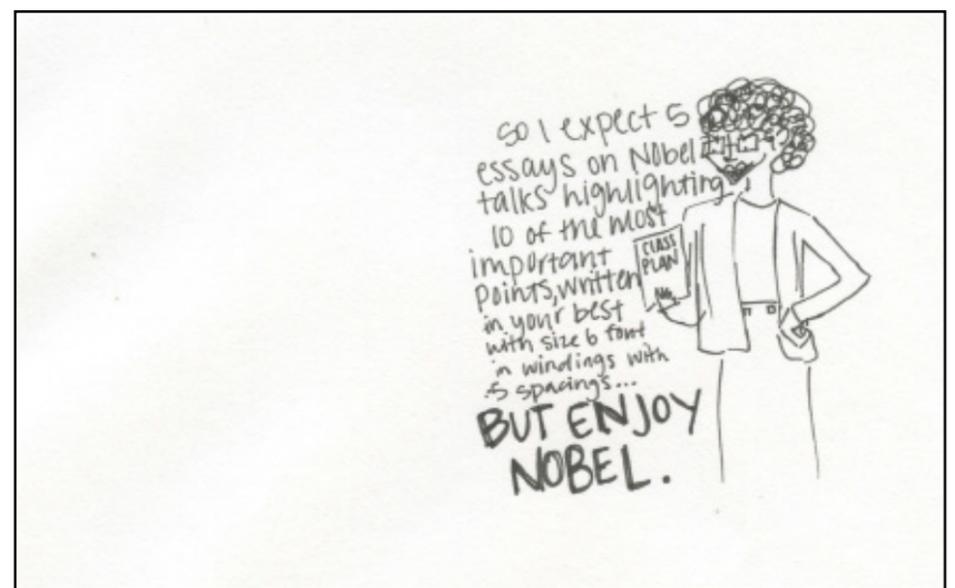
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Katelyn Holman

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Football comes up short in shootout



Gustavus Sports Information

Despite Junior Running Back Karim Ortiz's 155 yards and two touchdowns, the Gusties were edged out 42-40 by Hamline. The Defense allowed only 17 yards on the ground, but gave up 475 yards in the air. The Gusties look to bounce back on Saturday when they host Concordia for Homecoming.

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The Gustavus Football team took their first loss of the 2016 season last weekend when they lost a nail-biter to the Hamline Pipers in St. Paul. The Gustie offense had a chance after a forced safety brought them within two points of the Pipers with 35 seconds to go in the game, but they weren't able to overcome the deficit. The final score was 42-40 in Hamline's favor, but the game could've gone either way.

"We had a few chances to win on offense but didn't get it done today," Head Coach Peter Haugen said. "Some of the mistakes early in the game hurt, but we rallied back in the second half, it just didn't come all the way around. It's a disappointing loss, but we're moving on," Coach Haugen said.

The two teams grappled for the lead the entire game-- Gustavus led 3-0 after a relatively uneventful first quarter. Ham-

line led 21-17 after the action escalated in the second quarter and both teams found the end-zone multiple times. Gustavus added two more touchdowns in the third quarter and had a comfortable ten-point lead heading into the final 15 minutes of play.

"We are throwing some young guys into the fire and we'll keep growing and learning and try to get better next week."

—Coach Haugen

Hamline never gave up, and began the fourth quarter with two straight touchdown drives to take the lead. Haffner and the Gustie offense then came up with the longest play of the game, an 82-yard touchdown pass to Sophomore Jamison Beulke to regain the lead, 38-35. The Pipers took the lead back shortly after, finding the end-

zone one last time, making the score 42-38. Gustavus made one last push and forced a safety, but they weren't able to score in the final 35 seconds, and the game ended 42-40 in Hamline's favor.

The Gusties had no trouble scoring the ball, but couldn't stop Hamline's Quarterback, Justice Spriggs, who completed 29-41 passes for 475 yards and 6 touchdowns.

Despite their struggle to slow down Spriggs' pass game, the Gusties were able to apply some pressure on the Quarterback, and completely shut down Hamline's run game--allowing only 17 yards on 29 attempts.

Sophomore Jordan Kahlow led the defensive effort for the Gusties with 8 tackles and an interception that he returned 46 yards for a touchdown.

"We had four sacks today so it was good to get a little pressure on the quarterback," Haugen said. "We have to continue to do that."

On offense, the Gusties were led once again by a strong per-

formance from junior Running back Karim Ortiz. Ortiz has stepped into the starting role in the absence of Luke Martinez, and had his second consecutive week with over 150 yards. He averaged 4.5 yards per carry with 155 yards on 34 carries, and added two touchdowns. Junior Hunter Johnson was the favorite target of Freshman Quarterback Christian Haffner, hauling in six catches and accounting for 104 of Haffner's 273 passing yards.

Haffner was 14-25 and threw 2 touchdowns and one interception in his first start for the Gusties. Haffner played meaningful minutes in the win over Augsburg, but Saturday was his first start under center, and overall Coach Haugen was happy with his play.

"Our young quarterback made some big plays in key spots, and that's an area where we are going to have to continue to grow," Haugen said.

Junior Kicker Brendan Boche was solid as usual, and opened

the game with a 39-yard field goal. He then went a perfect 5-5 on extra points. Boche was MIAC Special Teams Athlete of the Week three weeks ago and has continued his exceptional play.

"The kicking game was solid today so that was a really good sign," Haugen said.

This loss moves the Gustavus football team to 3-1 on the season and 1-1 in the MIAC. The Gusties had beaten Hamline in their last 10 meetings, and hadn't lost a game in which they scored 40 or more points since 1975. However, Coach Haugen remains optimistic and focused on improving his relatively inexperienced team week by week.

"We are throwing some young guys into the fire and we'll keep growing and learning and try to get better next week," Haugen said.

The Gusties will play host to MIAC foe Concordia at Hollingsworth field on Saturday, October 1st for Homecoming.

Women's Soccer surges past St. Mary's

Senior Madison Ackiss scores twice in victory



Gustavus Sports Information

Senior Madison Ackiss gets past St. Mary's goalkeeper on Wednesday. Ackiss' two goals lead the Gusties to a 2-1 victory over the Cardinals to move to 5-2-2 overall and 2-2 in the MIAC. The Gusties will look to defend their home turf again at 1 p.m. on Saturday when they host Carleton.

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After only two and a half minutes of play on Wednesday, Women's Soccer found themselves down 1-0 to St. Mary's. Sixteen minutes later a boot from Sophomore Goalkeeper Ashley Becker found Senior Madison Ackiss past midfield. Ackiss did the rest of the work from there, dribbling past St. Mary's defense to tie the game up 1-1. The goal was the second of the season for Ackiss, and the assist was Becker's first of her career.

"She's (Ackiss) deadly, especially in the final third. It's something where other teams are going to target..."

—Coach Burnett-Kurie

At the end of the first half the score remained tied at one. Each team had registered three shots.

"It's been nice so far this season that we have had so many people get on the scoresheet, so teams know that other people can score on the team."

—Coach Burnett-Kurie

The Gusties controlled the game in the second half, outshooting the Cardinals 4-1. At the 47th minute Senior Jana Elliot tallied her fourth assist of the season with a through ball to Ackiss, who finished for her second goal of the game, and fourth of the season.

The goal would prove to be the game-winner as the Gusties held on to win 2-1.

Ackiss scored nine goals last season, and after a slower start this year it looks like she's caught fire again.

"She's (Ackiss) deadly, especially in the final third. It's something where other teams are going to target... It's been

nice so far this season that we have had so many people get on the scoresheet, so teams know that other people can score on the team. Now we have to continue to get her looks along with other players to balance it out," Head Coach Burnett-Kurie said.

The win marks the first come from behind victory for the Gusties this season.

"We know every conference game is hard and it's always great to play at home. There's something special about playing at home and our girls ended up pulling out the win, which is good to see."

—Coach Burnett-Kurie

"Coming from behind is always a daunting task so it was nice to be able to rebound from that. We made some adjust-

ments in the first half and we started to figure some things out. In the second half we definitely created more dangerous opportunities for ourselves," Burnett-Kurie said.

The Gusties are now 5-2-2

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overall and 2-2 in the MIAC. The win was the fourth at home for the Gusties, who are undefeated on their turf.

"We know every conference game is hard and it's always great to play at home. There's something special about playing at home and our girls ended up pulling out the win, which is good to see," Head Coach Laura Burnett-Kurie said.

The Gusties will again look to defend their home turf at 1 p.m. on Saturday when they host Carleton College.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, Sept. 30

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

Saturday, Oct. 1

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

Men's Swimming and Diving hosts Alumni/Intersquad Pentathlon
10 a.m.

Women's Swimming and Diving hosts Alumni/Intersquad Pentathlon
10 a.m.

Women's Cross Country at Carleton Running of the Cows
10:30 a.m.

Men's Cross Country at Carleton Running of the Cows
11:30

Football hosts Concordia (Homecoming)
1 p.m.

Women's Soccer hosts Carleton
1 p.m.

Men's Soccer hosts Carleton
3 p.m.

Volleyball at St. Thomas
5 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 2

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

Tuesday, Oct. 4

Volleyball at UW-Stout
7 p.m.

Gustie Golf looks to make a mark



Gustavus Sports Information

On left: Senior Sam Majka tees off on the tenth hole on Monday at Le Sueur Country Club in the Twin Cities Classic. On right: Junior Mackenzie Swenson's tee shot in the College City Challenge. The men took second at the Twin Cities Classic, and the Women came in fifth at the College City Challenge. Both teams are preparing for the MIAC Championships in October.

Jacob Woodrich
Staff Writer

With the Ryder Cup coming up, the sport of golf is on many Minnesotan's minds. As for the Gustavus golf teams, the fall has been a successful one.

"We have had great opportunities thus far to compete against nationally ranked teams in Kentucky and Florida. We have also played well in conference competition."

—Chris Captain

Both the men's and women's teams have had strong performances in their fall seasons and look to carry their momentum into the MIAC Championships in early October and bring home a couple of conference titles.

After traveling to the states of Kentucky and Florida earlier

this fall, the men's team hosted the Twin Cities Classic this past weekend in Le Sueur, MN. The team finished second out of a 16 team field. It was a total team effort to obtain this result. A standout performer throughout the season has been Junior Chris Captain. Captain, who is a two-time All-Conference award winner, has posted multiple low scores and has helped lead the Gusties to the success they have found this season.

"We have had great opportunities thus far to compete against nationally ranked teams in Kentucky and Florida. We have also played well in conference competition at Eau Claire and the Twin Cities Classic, finishing 2nd in both of those tournaments. We hope to continue to play our best golf next weekend in the MIAC Conference tournament," Captain said.

As for the women's team, there have been multiple strong performances, as well. A highlight of their season includes a first place finish at the Eau Claire Invitational.

"We are starting to come together and post some consistent

rounds," Head Coach Scott Moe said on behalf of the women's team. Moe, who coaches both the men's and women's teams, is excited about the depth of the women's team.

"Once we get all five players posting decent scores, we can compete. We look for that depth to help out at the MIAC tourney."

—Coach Moe

"Once we get all five players posting decent scores, we can compete. We look for that depth to help out at the MIAC tourney," Head Coach Moe said. One of those five players is Junior McKenzie Swenson, who hopes to keep her play more consistent in the latter part of the season.

"I had a decent start at our first tournament at Blackberry Ridge, but after that I had some tough rounds. My swing was not where I wanted it to be.

After our tournament in Indiana, I made a change to my swing, practiced it that week and played well this weekend. I'm proud of the way I bounced back after a couple of rocky weekends," Swenson said.

As Gustie golfers prepare for their final tournament of their fall season, they have the opportunity to achieve a large team goal. This goal is a bid to the NCAA Championships in the springtime.

"Both teams have one tournament left, the MIAC Championships. An automatic qualifier spot is on the line. The winning team guarantees a spot at the NCAA Championships in the spring," Head Coach Moe said.

The teams hope to achieve this goal and bring home a Conference Title. This final tournament of the fall season takes place on October 8-10 for both the men and women, and Head Coach Moe hopes to see some student support at the very important meet.

"Golf can actually be fun to watch. It would be awesome to get some students up to Bunker Hills in Coon Rapids next week-

end to cheer on the Gusties. They have worked very hard and very seldom get fans other than family members, some student support would be awesome," Head Coach Moe said.

The Gusties look forward to the conference meet and are ready to capitalize on the opportunity of obtaining an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.



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Junior Chris Captain.