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First-years & Frankenstein



Abby Anderson

Sophomore Gustie Greeter, Adonya Gray displays a copy of the Reading in Common book,

Monali Bhakta
News Editor

Gustavus is a college rooted in the liberal arts, meaning it is adamant about providing incoming students with the opportunity to engage in thought-provoking discussions.

For the past seventeen years,

this learning approach has been implemented through the "Reading in Common" program.

The annual "Reading in Common" program brings together incoming students and various members of the Gustavus community (Gustie Greeters, professors, and other campus leaders) read a selected book, and discuss its themes and top-

ics at length.

The purpose is to provide first-years with a unifying academic experience when they first come to campus.

While the program has had the same structure before, it has now changed this year.

In the past, a selection committee from the Campus Activities Office chose a contemporary novel where the author was most likely alive, and could come to campus in the fall to hold a lecture.

Considering some authors were highly reputable, it would be costly for them to come to campus.

This year's novel is Mary Shelley's, "Frankenstein."

Given that the author has been deceased for some time, she will not appear on campus.

This saves Gustavus from having to pay the speaker's expenses.

"I thought it was interesting how Frankenstein is a classic book that I was very much aware of, but had never read before," sophomore Gustie Greeter Rachel Belvedere said.

Instead of a speaker, there will be a movie screening of the 1931 version, Frankenstein, at 7:00 p.m. on Sept 12 at Wallenberg Auditorium, followed by a panel discussion where Gustavus faculty members will discuss film, ethics, and literature.

This will lead up to a live marathon reading of "Frankenstein" on at 10:00 a.m. on Sept 28 at the Courtyard Cafe.

There will be several faculty members, students, and community members reading excerpts from the novel using costumes and props.

After the mar-

athon, there is another movie screening of the 1974 version, Young Frankenstein, at 7:00 p.m. on Oct 13 at Wallenberg Auditorium.

Even though the first years will have been exposed to the book, these events are open to the entire Gustavus community.

"I hope they enjoyed the book. It's kind of a fun one...I think most of us have an image of what Frankenstein is that's really from popular imagination.

You think of the big green monster, and in a lot of ways, there's a lot of deeper questions that get raised in the book that are kind of more nuanced and interesting," Political Science Professor, Katie Knutson said.

One of the major changes this year is how the theme of "Reading in Common" connects to the theme of the Nobel Conference.

Gustavus wants the book to relate more to the academic school year.

By establishing this bridge, students understand how the event makes the college famous by bringing various intellectual minds together.

The upcoming Nobel conference is about reproductive technologies and the creation of life which relates to "Frankenstein."

In the story, Victor Frankenstein creates the unique monster, from the body parts of the deceased, and tries to ponder the ethical implications of his creation.

These are the questions being raised, such as whether humans have the right to create life, and

how they respond to life and death situations.

Another beneficial aspect is how most students do not have to purchase the book since they were available at Gustie Gear-Up, summer registration.

In the previous years, students were required to purchase their own copies, preferably at the Bookmark.

Aside from registering for classes, this was an added bonus for those students fortunate to come.

As opposed to last year, all Gustie Greeter groups will be the same as FTS classes.

This insures that the book discussions are aimed toward introducing students to first-term seminar experience.

They have the chance to start building the crucial relationship with their professor early, and engage with their fellow classmates in their FTS.

The goal is to give students a preview of an actual discussion where their FTS Professor is leading it.

"I think it adds an extra element that you can use in discussions, and just to connect within your Greeter Group and FTS or Three Crowns classes," sophomore Gustie Greeter, Carly Miller said.

As far as future of the Reading in Common program, student feedback will determine whether Gustavus will keep the revised model or fall back to the old one.

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GUSTIE of the WEEK

TJ Zemlin

Sarah Knutson
Variety Editor

Senior TJ Zemlin originally chose Gustavus, after graduating from Eden Prairie High School, to study biology and chemistry.

However, once on campus he decided to go a completely different route. Zemlin declared his major in music education. The catalyst for his reaction?

"I decided bio-chem wasn't as much fun, so instead I'd go for music. Plus I had been thinking about being an educator for a long time and I think I made the right choice."

Gustavus student Katie Peroutka met TJ through the music department where the two ended up on the same track for their music majors.

After years of classes and making music they will finish their journey at Gustavus together this spring.

"Over the years at GAC, TJ and I have become much closer. We've been in multiple ensembles together including Chapel Choir, Gustavus Choir, and Legacy Acapella."

This past spring, we performed our junior year recital together consisting of a classical, jazz duet. Our friendship grew this summer as we worked as counselors together at the Lutheran Summer Music Academy.

Needless to say, it was a blast! From awkward first years to now seniors, he is definitely someone I can count on."

TJ has excelled in and out of the classroom and credits his success to the small class sizes and attention professors offer their students.

"I really like that it's a small college so you really get to know your professors. It's nice to have that personal relationship. That really worked for me."

The music department excels at not only teaching their students how to understand, play, and teach music themselves, they also give music education majors the chance to conduct in a real concert setting.

This past spring choir concert, TJ conducted the men's choral piece with an audience filled with family and friends to give them a "sneak peak of his bright future" Peroutka said.

"Gustavus changed everything. I was a way different person when I got to Gustavus. I was terrible at deadlines. I'm still not great, but I'm a lot better."

Suddenly I actually know how to teach music. When I started my music education major, I didn't know how to do that."

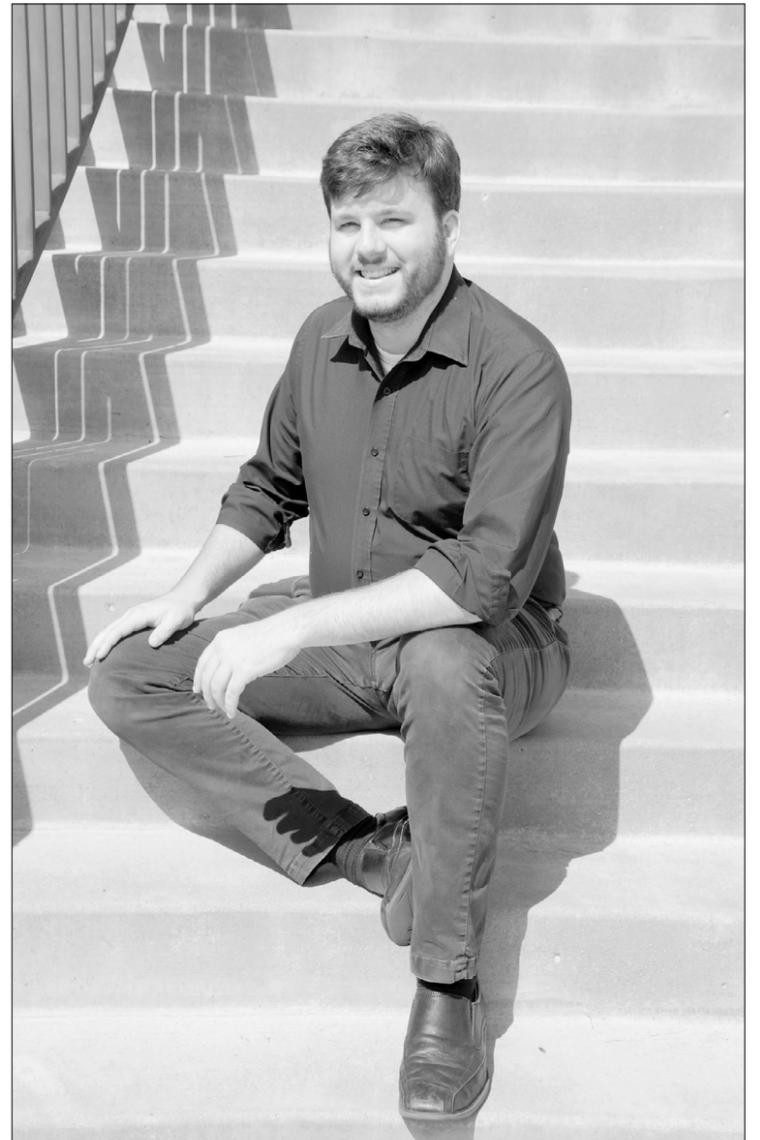
Zemlin plans on finishing his senior year on a high note with the Gustavus Choir, G-Sharp Acapella, Legacy Acapella and as a Vocal Music Assistant.

"TJ is a great musician and friend. It's hard not to laugh so hard until you cry when you're with him!"

—Katie Peroutka

The beatbox extraordinaire and tenor for the acapella groups knows how to lay down beats and put on an entertaining show.

Zach Diedrich, sophomore G-Sharp bass vocalist, explains



Abby Anderson

TJ's positive attitude makes him a freindly face around campus.



Abby Anderson

TJ can most likely be found practicing in the music building - his second home.

TJ is "the rock and foundation of our group."

He reminds us how if we're not having fun with what we are doing we're doing it wrong".

This approach encapsulates TJ's personality and ability to draw the best qualities out of the people he surrounds.

This school year will be TJ's third time being a collegiate fellow, and his impact on past residents and fellow CF's is easy to see around campus.

Elizabeth McCabe first met TJ in her freshman year at Gustavus when he was one of her Pittman CF's and the following year she was fortunate enough to work with him as a fellow CF in Pittman.

"From the very beginning, I appreciated TJ's humor and goofiness in the way he interacted with others! It was also a really neat dynamic to switch from being one of TJ's residents, to being on CF staff together, to being classmates in our respective education programs," McCabe said.

Tommy Lindquist met TJ freshman year when they lived one door down from each other and from the start they knew their friendship would be a ridiculous one.

"He was always so "on", always ready for a good joke or prank, and it made that year a real fun one."

We've certainly learned when the other is joking around, and have gotten pretty good at joining in on each other's shenanigans."

Together TJ and Tommy joined G-Sharp and became CF's in Pittman. One of Tommy's favorite

memories of TJ was last school year when the CF's did Breakfast Carts in Pittman.

"We woke up all the residents at 7:30 in the morning for fresh breakfast delivered to their door, and we had a blast laughing and joking while we were waking everyone up."

TJ embodies the Gustavus values of excellence, community, justice, service, and faith.

He is able to create relationships across campus and build communities wherever he goes.

"People flock to him because he makes people feel welcome and that they have a part and place at Gustavus," Residential Life Assistant Director Melissa Shugarman said.

One reason TJ has managed to create so many lasting relationships and memories at Gustavus is his sense of humor.

MCCabe suggests you ask TJ, "is cereal considered soup?" to elicit her favorite reaction of his.

To find your place in college, TJ's advice is to get involved in at least one activity which will, in turn, open doors for other opportunities.

Gustavus helped TJ explore and expand his forte for music. In return he has shown us how to get involved, the importance of following your passions and not to take everything so seriously.

From freshman year neighbors, to senior CF's and musicians, Lindquist has found that "for every goofy and silly thing TJ does, he also has a lot of heart."

He is passionate about the things he loves, and he is always ready to put on a good show."

Thanks TJ!

The Best Campus Hangouts:

The editors welcome new students to campus with their favorite campus spots.

All photos submitted.



"Tip: STUDY ABROAD! It'll be the best semester of your college career. It's never too early to start planning your trip! Come visit me or the other PA's to get help planning your adventure."
- Caroline Probst, Senior, Editor-Chief



"Hollingsworth Field. It's a fantastic place for a football game and it's amazing that the whole stadium was solely alumni funded."
- Tanner Sparrow, Junior, Managing Editor



"My favorite spot on campus is the flower gardens in front of the Chapel. They add such incredible color to campus, and really make me wish we could keep them planted year round."
- Elliott Robinson, Senior, Copy Editor



"I like going to the campus center because it has the Courtyard Café, which is the best place to get coffee every morning and it's a great place to do my homework. Everything is centered here."
- Monali Bhakta, Sophomore, News Editor



"The hill in front of Old Main. It's one of the prettiest views you'll find on campus. Students love to 'mock and study in the sunshine."
- Jeremy Pastir, Senior, Copy Editor



"My favorite spot on campus is the third floor of Old Main. There's a cute little window and sitting area that overlooks the hill and the views are perfect every season or time of day."
- Sarah Knutson, Sophomore, Variety Editor

A 'Second Chance' in College Football



Sophie Leininger
Opinion Writer

She was unconscious. They took videos and laughed for six hours. She was sexually assaulted, dragged around naked, and photographed. They were released early from their one and two year long sentences in a juvenile detention center.

She was ridiculed online by classmates, town members, and people around the country for her character and her decisions to attend a party and consume alcohol.

They were offered spots on Division I and II football teams.

Found delinquent in juvenile court of rape in the spring of 2013 at the ages of 16, Mal'ik Richmond and Trent Mays were students at Steubenville High School at the time of the crime.

They assaulted a 16-year-old girl and showcased the events on social media, where videos of other male students joking about the assaults were posted.

Penetrating the unconscious female with their fingers after a night of partying, the two male students were sentenced to time in a juvenile detention center.

Mays received a harsher sentence for his involvement in circulating the images of the victim. Both were released before their sentence was completed, and both of them finished their high school careers before attending state colleges.

Richmond transferred to Youngstown State University after a stint at a different institution and found a spot on the school's Division I football team for the 2017 season.

The team's head coach, Bo Pelini, offered Ma'lik Richmond, a "second chance" under the judgment that "every case is different."

Mays played college football at a two-year institution and has a roster spot on the Division II team at Central State University for the 2017 season.

Living off-campus as a registered sexual offender, Mays is suited up with the current team, vying for a starting position under the school's support of his "second chance."

Both of these men received a second chance.

They returned to high school, received diplomas, and dedicated their lives to earning a degree in higher education.

Their respective colleges accepted their applications and provided learning opportunities for both.

At Central State University, the president of the college endorsed Mays' enrollment with a school-wide email dedicated to second chances.

Then, what comes next is the end of the compassion for others, mistakes, forgiveness, and the ability to move forward.

Education is a right deserved by all people, including those who commit terrible grievances and horrific crimes against others.

In the case of these two young men, education may be one crucial step in turning their lives from ones of despicable decisions to ones used



The two young men found delinquent of rape in a juvenile court, Ma'lik Richmond (Left) and Trent Mays (Right). Creative Commons

for the goodness of others. Yet, these two men received more than the goodwill of a second chance on their education.

They were offered central roles at the heart of their respective institutions.

The privilege of playing a college sport is not a guaranteed right, and nor should it be.

Putting on a jersey is more than an opportunity to throw a ball.

It signifies the school's endorsement of the logo-bearing student-athletes and all they represent.

And at institutions where one in five female college students will be sexually assaulted before they graduate, we can only hope the need to take a stand against the heinous crimes is one value held above the privilege to play.

But for Richmond and Mays, the idea of a second chance extends beyond the classroom and onto the field.

Their respective institutions made executive decisions to effectively forgive sexual assault in favor of boosting football rosters.

These choices are not unique. The National Football League has long offered examples of the same logic.

Peyton Manning was accused of sexually assaulting his athletic trainer in college and became part of the decade long cover-up.

"Their respective institutions made executive decisions to effectively forgive sexual assault in favor of boosting football rosters."

He went on to win two Super Bowls and become an NFL hero. Ray McDonald, a NFL player, was released from the 49ers following the announcement of an investigation into charges of rape.

He would go on to be signed by the Chicago Bears months later despite former domestic violence arrests and the sexual assault investigation.

"We believe in second chances, but when we signed Ray, we were very clear what our expectations were if he was to remain a Bear," team chairman George McCaskey said, in his justification for adding McDonald to his team's roster.

The list of the NFL's ability to forget and forgive is exhaustive.

The league owners, chairmen, and coaches repeatedly choose sports and talent over questions of decent humanity.

And subsequently, fans and other athletes follow suit. In the case of Richmond and Mays, the town of Steubenville poured out support for the

two men even in the face of their despicable actions.

Americans across the country turn on the TV every Sunday, offering a new justification for a forgiven sexual assault or act of domestic violence each week.

As of two weeks ago, Richmond will no longer be eligible to suit up this season.

A petition started by a Youngstown State University student changed his status.

The petition demanded the removal of the convicted student from the school's team, receiving thousands of signatures as it circulated social media.

The backlash against the coach's decision to allow a convicted rapist to represent the school spread, edging the school administration to quickly reverse the action.

The announcement to remove Richmond from the roster came under the assertion that the school "takes sexual assault very seriously" and is "committed to a safe learning environment for all."

The words sound nice, but quickly collapse under the weight of the truth.

Both the school administration and the coach were prepared to have Richmond put on a school jersey this fall, fully aware of the gravity of his past conviction.

The decision to take a critical stance against sexual assault was not their first move.

It was purely damage control. And it came with a quiet, yet telling asterisk.

Richmond will remain with the football program for this season.

He will also remain eligible to suit up next season.

At Gustavus, where these crimes are also present, we must be prepared to hold our institution to a standard much higher than the ones offered by the NFL and the two colleges in question.

The Good, the Bad, and the Meh



Your arrival on campus means you're finally about to learn what adulthood is like!



The campus is beautiful, but be warned—the wind could potentially blow you away.



Saying goodbye to your family can be hard the first time! You got this!

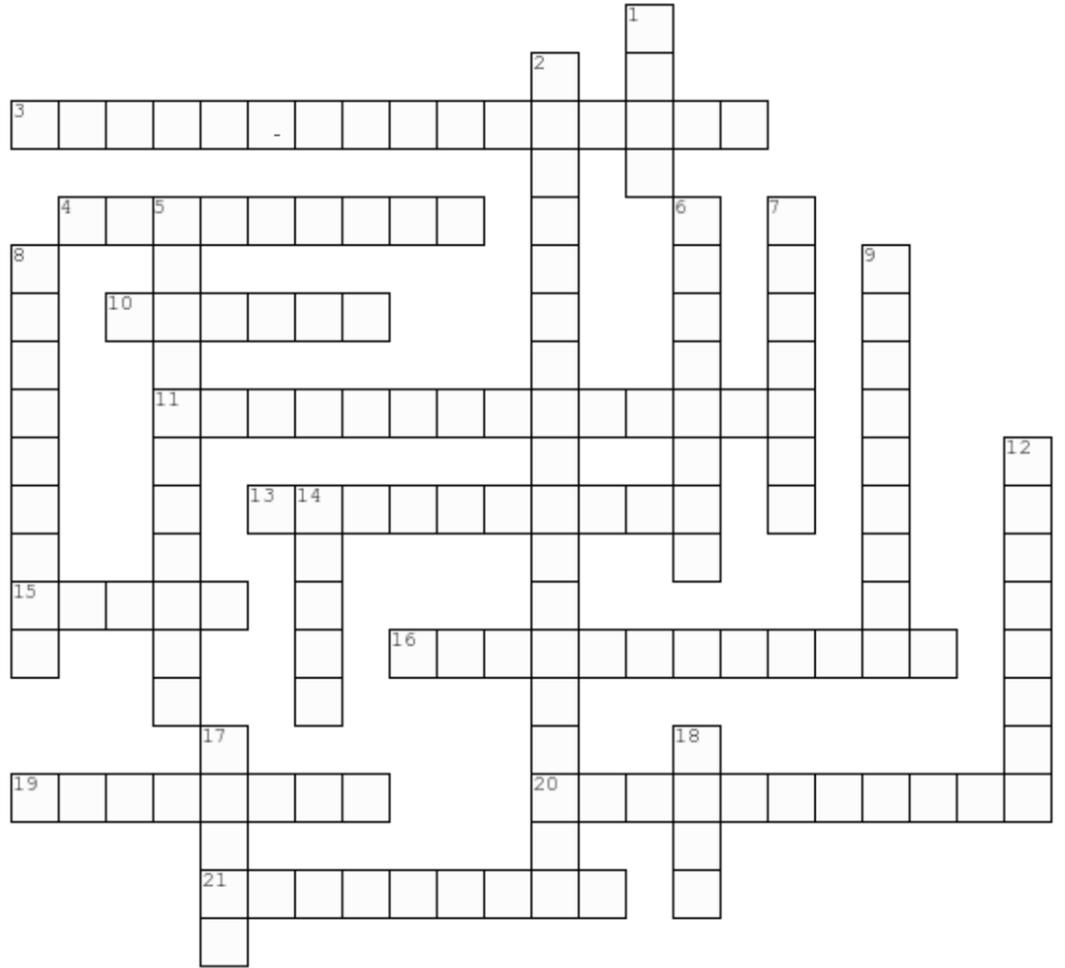
Crossword

Across

- 3. Gustavus was founded by
- 4. The brand name for correction fluid
- 10. This utensil can write for seven miles
- 11. Try this to fix your dry permanent markers
- 13. A bionic pencil
- 15. The number of courses a French student is served for lunch
- 16. Who ya gonna call? (in case of emergency)
- 19. 79 million U.S. students carry one of these
- 20. Before the invention of the eraser, these were used to erase mistakes
- 21. Paper not bound in a notebook

Down

- 1. Pencils used to carry this toxic substance
- 2. The fear of going to school
- 5. These activities usually just make things more awkward
- 6. The Gustavus campus is also known as
- 7. A helpful online flashcard tool
- 8. One of Gustavus's five core values
- 9. Most common type of ink pen
- 12. The Arb is named after this botanist
- 14. Average number of books a child will read in the summer
- 17. Gift for a professor
- 18. Type of adhesive invented by Richard Drew



- ACROSS
- 3. Swedish-Americans
- 5. Pencil
- 10. Pencil
- 11. Rubbing Alcohol
- 13. Mechanical
- DOWN
- 1. Lead
- 2. Didaskaleinophobia
- 5. Icebreakers
- 6. The Hill
- 7. Quizlet
- 8. Community
- 9. Ballpoint
- 12. Linnaeus
- 14. Eight
- 17. Apple
- 18. Tape
- 15. Three
- 16. Campus Safety
- 19. Backpack
- 20. Breadcrumbs
- 21. Looseleaf

Pun of the week

“A dyslexic man walks into a bra.”

Brain teasers

G Z K C A B	Sleeping	QUARTER
COFFEE	twins twins	1. Way 2. Whey 3. Weigh
crycrycrycryBANK	stake stake	BAD BAD
DAEHiiYM	skirt	AALLLL

- 1. Backing up
- 2. Sleeping at the wheel
- 3. Quarterback
- 4. Coffee break
- 5. Identical twins
- 6. Count the ways
- 1. Cry all the way to the bank
- 2. The stakes are too high
- 3. That's too bad
- 4. Eyes in the back of my head
- 5. Miniskirt
- 6. All in all

The zodiac signs as breakfast items



Aquarius (January 20-February 18)
Blueberry muffin

Pisces (February 19-March 20)
Waffles

Aries (March 21-April 19)
Sunny side-up eggs

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Avocado toast

Gemini (May 21-June 20)
Frosted sprinkle donut

Cancer (June 21-July 22)
French toast

Leo (July 23-August 22)
Cliff bar

Virgo (August 23-September 22)
Sausage McGriddle

Libra (September 23-October 22)
Cinnamon roll

Scorpio (October 23-November 21)
Froot Loops

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)
English muffin

Capricorn (December 22-January 19)
Chocolate chip pancakes

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The Hill Crew builds campus community

On-campus group promotes student involvement



Gustavus Sports Information

Members of the Hill Crew lead the student section in chants during last year's homecoming football game against Concordia. The group supports many sporting events throughout the year.

Joe Brandel
Sports & Fitness Editor

As another school year comes around the corner, a student-run group on campus, known as The Hill Crew, looks for new ways to promote school spirit and a positive community setting for extracurricular events.

The group is run by co-presidents Chris Captain and Mckenzie Swenson.

The goal of this group is to promote student involvement regardless of the event, according to Captain.

"The Hill Crew is a strong community on campus and brings people together from various corners of life on the hill."

—Chris Captain

"The Hill Crew promotes athletic events, fine arts events, and partners with the Campus Activities Board (CAB) to increase awareness and attendance on campus," Captain said. "The organization serves to unite the student body by supporting each other through incentivizing participation in these events."

Swenson said she is excited

about the direction the group is heading in and the positive impacts it has had on the school since it was started four years ago.

"The first year we had over 800 students join which was super cool to see starting out," Swenson said. "The Hill Crew is basically an on campus super fan club for everyone at Gustavus."

The group not only provides a great social environment for students who attend but also creates a better atmosphere for the school's extracurricular programs, according to Swenson.

"After we started, it took a little bit to see some results but we saw the stands double in size with fans in the crowd," Swenson said. "It's so fun to perform with all your friends cheering you on and it also creates a home game advantage."

The group is continually looking for new ways to encourage participation from the student body.

Last year, the group came up with a great way to get members more involved through the creation of the "Gustavus Hill Crew" app. This app can be downloaded for free, has information about upcoming events, and has a point system for attending events, which prizes can be won from. The group is working on expanding the app as well to provide more information to students.



Gustavus Sports Information

The Hill Crew showed its support for the Volleyball team last year as they took on Bethel in the MIAC playoff finals.

"The app provides detailed information with multiple tabs for the user to choose from including a calendar of events, a social feed connected to athletics, and fine arts and CAB media outlets," Captain said. "The updated app will include other options for looking at rosters for sports teams and more rewards for those who check

into events."

The group strongly encourages all students to join to promote a more supportive environment for extracurriculars.

"The Hill Crew is a strong community on campus and brings people together from various corners of life on the hill," Captain said. "By joining The Hill Crew, new stu-

dents can connect instantly to a supportive group while also being introduced to new athletic events, fine arts events, and CAB events."

Students can join this on-campus group by downloading the app and creating an account or by buying a tshirt pack for \$15 at extracurricular events and during orientation week.