

AC is too cool for school



Fans offer a slight respite from the heat of one student's room in Uhler Hall

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As the summer came to a bittersweet end, an array of minivans, trucks, and stuffed-to-the-brim Ford Focuses ascended to our campus. Students could be spotted moving anything from futons to suitcases packed with clothes into their brand new dorm room.

This process ultimately ended with shirts soaked through with sweat and grumpy parents overheated from the lack of a key factor that is crucial for any Minnesotan to survive the humid heat of summer: air conditioning.

I feel it is safe to assume that a majority of students returning to campus were not expecting to feel the cooling blast of sweet, sweet air conditioning upon entering their dorms, but it always seems to be a shock to our systems when we stop for a second and feel the heat descend upon us.

Naturally, this continued discomfort often prompts college students to take to social media proclaiming their absolute need for air conditioning. I will be honest, I was among those ranks. But as the first few nights at Gustavus came to an end, I realized that the negatives heavily outweigh the positives for completely gutting the dorm buildings to install air conditioning.

The biggest obstacle of installing air conditioning that puts a damper on my enthusiasm is the overall cost of it. I may not be a professional contractor, but after watching a few hours of *Fixer Upper*, I can gauge

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that this new amenity would be too expensive to even consider. The issues with cost do not stop at the pure insanity of the price, but spreads to where the funding would come from. Donors that are already maxed out because of Nobel? Student tuition? Rearrangement of funding from another important aspect of campus life? None of these options seem incredibly great.

Further, if the price problems were to be conquered, another large hurdle stands in the way: construction time and energy. Say we do find the funding

we need for the air conditioning system—we would need to find even more funding for the workers who would, so graciously, install them.

And if that was settled, the next issue would be the time it would take would. Seeing as we just welcomed one of the largest First Year classes to Gustavus I have ever heard of, I don't see it likely that there are extra spots in dorms available to students if the building they would be living in were to be renovated. You may be thinking—why are you even considering the school year as the best installation time period?

And I have an answer: the various camps, groups, and other activities Gustavus hosts throughout the entire summer. Seeing as not every dorm is used at one moment, it could be possible, but adding to the current construction zone around Nobel is likely not a fantastic idea.

Perhaps the biggest reason why I feel as though the need for air conditioning should be lower on our priority list here at Gustavus can be seen as a more trivial one: it is not incredibly hot for the majority of the school year. At most it is "unbearably" hot between three to six weeks out of the school year. This is a measly number compared to the total amount of weeks in the academic year.

There are some options, besides permanent air conditioning units, that Gustavus could offer. Obviously, on a large scale it still would not be cheap, but still much less cost than air conditioning units. Box fans, or simply fans that fit on the windowsill, could be included in rooms or offered for lower

prices to students who are suffering due to heat reasons. Or, if students are willing to pay or a donor that is not overly-extended is very generous, portable air conditioning units could be provided and/or offered.

However, that is not something that should be on the to-do list of campus officials, either seeing as the weather has already begun to cool down and it is still the first week of school.

Soon the campus will be littered with coat-wearing Gusties complaining that their room is too cold.

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AC units are provided to students with medical need.

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Square dance tradition matters



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With orientation coming to an end, on every First-year's mind is the countless icebreakers and activities to get the class of 2022 ready for life here at Gustavus. While some will look back fondly on the four days of orientation spent with their Greeter, others—well, not so much.

One particularly controversial event during orientation is the square dance. Some love it, and some hate it. But is the event worth it?

Some students find the event to be boring, hot, and uncomfortable. While countless students went to the dance, many others did not. This is a sad thought, as the square dance is a valuable part of orientation and becoming comfortable here at Gustavus.

Although not everyone may love the event, it certainly achieves the goal of getting First-years out of their comfort zone. Almost nowhere else can you square dance, much less with hundreds of other people. Even though your feet may hurt afterwards, you certainly get your workout for the day and have fun while doing it.

The dance allows for every

Gustie to be a part of a long-standing tradition, as the square dance has been annually held every year for First-years since 1972. Just knowing that multiple generations of Gusties, with all different backgrounds, careers, and lives, have all shared this experience is humbling.

"The square dance is one of the memorable things at Gustavus, something that students and alumni both can look back on fondly and share. It is a sentimental thing for not only alumni, but upperclassmen as well," said Sophomore Carrie Bather.

First-year Ally Berger also saw the importance of the square dance tradition.

"With the Gustie Greeters' hyping it up so much, and hearing about the huge tradition, it really increased my desire to go."

And of course, no one can forget the legend of meeting your soulmate. Many Gustie Alumni have fallen in love and gotten married after meeting each other at the square dance.

The dance gives students the chance to meet new people, and bond with them. When you're thrown into a "dance square" with seven other people, all awkwardness is thrown out the window very quickly.

"It's really rare to hear anyone say that they felt awkward at the square dance. It forces people to talk, and I've actually known people who made friends with people through the square dance," Bather said.

But what makes the square dance different from all the other ice-breaker events of orientation weekend, one may ask? The square dance is the perfect ice-breaker. Unlike other ice-breakers, little to none of the participants go into the event knowing what is going to happen.

"The square dance allowed me to meet all these new people, and it made me feel better about living here at Gustavus," Berger



Students from class of 2016 enjoying the Annual First-years square dance.

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said.

It is an event where everyone can laugh at themselves together and have a dance party. No one knows what they are doing and are trying to survive the fast-paced instructions all at once. This makes your "dance square" a team, all working towards a common goal of not running into each other, and successfully completing a dance.

First-years who attended the event seem to be very happy

about their experience.

"The square dance was so fun. At first, I thought it would be lame, but once I went it was amazing. Now I know how to square dance, and I'm much more comfortable here at Gustavus. I would definitely recommend the square dance to every incoming First-year next year," said First-year Lexy Fuerstenberg.

Square dancing is also something that not many 18-year olds have experience in, leading to a truly unique learning experience.

"First-year Julia Stathopoulos said.

The square dance is a great Gustie tradition, and a unique one at that. Every year, the new students make the event fresh and modern, and it's a great way to meet each other. Here's to another great square dance next year.

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Football defeats Martin Luther 32-20

Gusties look forward to home opener Sept. 8



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Junior Brayton Finch breaks a tackle during a game against Martin Luther. The Gusties won their first game with a score of 32-20. Finch completed a touchdown and had four receptions in the game.

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The Gustavus Men's football team currently holds a 1-0 record after starting their season with a victorious 32-20 win over the Martin Luther Knights last Saturday when they traveled to New Ulm.

Despite trailing by two at the end of the first half, the Gusties regrouped at halftime to battle back and take a hold of the game.

In the first half, Gustavus stayed on their game defensively, only allowing the Knights 84 yards through the air but struggled to get their offense going.

The Gusties are returning a strong core of players, including Senior Michael Veldman who notched 143 completions good for 1931 yards and 19 touchdowns before an injury ended his season early.

Also returning to the team is Senior Matt Berkner, who earned a place on the MIAC All-Conference Second Team and recorded 69 tackles last season.

Another leading force for the team will be Junior Brayton Finch, who completing 28 receptions for 412 yards last sea-

son, scoring one touchdown. In the Gusties' first game Finch completed 4 receptions and one touchdown.

"We really underestimated the other team and let them take over in the first half, but during our halftime speech we got more energy and were ready to win," Finch said.

Head Coach Peter Haugen did his best to fire up the team and get them back to their game plan at halftime, and his efforts paid off.

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"The adjustment in the second half really had to take place within our hearts," Haugen said. "We were really jacked up at the beginning of the game and I thought we were going to come out strong, and we did

in the first minute of the game, but it may have gotten us a little complacent. You have to give Martin Luther credit. They gave us some more man coverage than we anticipated, but we made a couple adjustments there and settled down in the second half."

The Gusties truly came to play in the second half, bringing the score to a lead after Finch caught a pass from Senior Michael Veldman down on the left side for a 20 yard touchdown early in the third quarter.

Martin Luther was not backing down however, tallying 48 offensive plays in the second half but were completely shut down by the Gusties in the last 30 minutes.

Veldman continued to keep the pressure on for the Gusties with a six yard touchdown, keeping the score a comfortable 32-20 finishing out the game.

Haugen said he is optimistic about the team's next game and wants to focus on the basics going into practice this week.

"We need to do a better job of taking care of the ball. That's key," Haugen said. "And we need to be better at the tackle point. We had a few opportu-

nities to get them into fourth down and we just need to wrap up there."

On Saturday, Sept. 8 at 1 p.m. the Gusties will face off at Hollingsworth Field for their home opener against the UW-Stout Blue Devils, who are currently 0-1 after falling to Saint

John's 0-27.

The Hill Crew will also be hosting a "White Out" theme for the game with a kick, punt, and pass event at halftime featuring the Gustie Greeters with free rally towels for the first 100 fans to check in with The Hill Crew App.



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Senior Michael Veldman looks for a pass during a game Sept. 1.

Men's Soccer opens with commanding wins

New head coach hopes to carry on the team's legacy



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Sophomore Trace Dobson crosses a ball for the Gusties during a game against Martin Luther Sept. 5. Dobson scored his second goal of the season in the match helping the team to a 4-0 win.

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The Gustavus Men's Soccer Team opened its 2018 season last Friday on a positive note with a 4-1 win over Presentation College.

The game marked the first victory for Gustavus under the guidance of Head Coach Tudor Flintham, who assumed his role in April.

Flintham is an alum of St. John's University, and most recently served as Head Coach of the men's and women's teams at Nebraska Wesleyan University.

The Gusties came into the 2018 campaign returning eight of eleven starters from 2017, including top goal scorer Arthur Parens.

Parens, now a senior, tallied 12 goals and 27 points last season, earning All-North Region Second Team and All-Conference accolades.

Joining Parens are Sophomore Matt Gibbons, who led the Gusties in assists last year as a First-year, and fellow Senior Matt Bateman, who started all 19 games in goal last season.

The Gusties also return a number of impactful upper-classmen leaders, and were picked to finish third in the MIAC Preseason Coaches Poll.

Flintham's trademark possession-oriented style of play was on full display as the Gusties dominated the ball in the first half of play on Friday.

In the first 45 minutes of play, the Gusties outshot their oppo-

nent 11-2, but it wasn't until the thirty-first minute that they got on the board. After a half hour of play, Sophomore Scotty Heinen recorded his first of three assists as he directed the ball to Parens who sent it into the back of the net.

Despite the lopsided number of shots in the first half, the score remained 1-0 going into the break.

The Gusties wasted no time in the second half, however, as Sophomore Trace Dobson scored his first goal of the season off of a rebound and a pass from Heinen.

Just five minutes later, Heinen led First-year Shiferaw Wilson on a breakaway, and Wilson slotted his first career goal as a Gustie.

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—Coach Flintham

The final Gustie goal came in the seventieth minute as Junior Will Richards connected with Parens to create a breakaway opportunity and Parens finished to give the Gusties a 4-0 lead.

Presentation scored a goal late in the game, so the final score was 4-1 as the Gusties outshot their opponents 22-5.

"Anytime you outshoot a team 22-5 you'll take that, but

the reality is that our guys know that we have a lot to work on," Coach Flintham said.

"We had 61 percent of the possession, but our pass completion rate was only 67 percent because we couldn't quite figure out our timing with the final run and pass. The lads need to figure that piece out," Flintham added.

For the first game of the year, though, Flintham and the Gusties were pleased with their performance.

"Our wingbacks looked dangerous and played with real attacking intent, and then needless to say Arthur and Scotty where at the heart of almost everything dangerous," Flintham said.

He also commended the strong play of the underclassmen, 13 of whom saw time on the field, and the stability provided by Senior midfielder Dan Barnes.

Following their decisive 4-1 win over Presentation, the Gusties notched another win on Wednesday as they hosted Martin Luther.

The Gustavus attack continued to apply pressure and Parens added two more goals to his impressive early season total in a 4-0 win.

Parens scored the first goal of the game and Heinen added one for himself with 35 minutes left in the first half.

Parens scored his second 13 minutes before halftime, and the Gusties rode their 3-0 lead into the break.

The lone goal of the second half came when Junior Luke Laurich played a beautiful corner kick to Dobson, who found the back of the net with a header.

After their 4-0 win, the Gusties move to 2-0 and look ahead to two more non-conference matches before opening conference play against Carleton College on September 12.

Flintham and the Gusties are excited to continue the strong tradition of excellence that characterizes Gustavus Men's

Soccer.

"Our guys are very aware of the legacy and that's positive pressure for us. Our expectation is always to be in and around that championship game whilst still being mindful of the process to get there," Flintham noted.

Next up for the Gusties are two consecutive weekend games in Iowa. They'll take on Luther College in Decorah, IA on Sept. 7 at 7:30 p.m. and Wartburg College in Waverly, IA Sept. 9, at 6 p.m.



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Junior Luke Laurich dribbles the ball past a Martin Luther midfielder.