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## GAC divided on controversial window paintings

### Temperatures cool down as political controversy heats up

Mykaela Otto  
Staff Writer

The purpose of the press has always been to protect and enable democracy.

The idea of free press and free speech at Gustavus came into question this week when multiple campus groups painted the cafeteria windows for Homecoming week.

Following the event, discussion ignited around campus about free speech and the rights of groups to share their ideas with the campus-wide community.

Traditional window paintings went up on Monday night to celebrate homecoming here at Gustavus.

The College Republicans' window states: "If all means all then why does GAC suppress free speech? #confirmkavanaugh. Socialism is death. Gustavus CRs."

The next window, painted by HerCampus, states: "We stand with survivors #hercampus."

After the windows were completed, Gustavus student Amanda Jensen led a protest against the College Republicans' window.

Jensen said, "I do not have the patience for individuals that seem to not have an understanding of the importance of dignity for others' bodies. Bodily autonomy is not a concept that is open for discussion. Similarly, humanity is non-negotiable for me. It is clear that some students at Gustavus value some bodies over others, and I will not tolerate that."

Jensen continued by saying, "Since the first day I sat down in the back of the caf with a sign that said I support survivors, I have had countless survivors and folks affected by sexual violence feel comfortable and empowered to share their story. In addition, I have encountered visitors from Nobel, both high schoolers and older folks, come up and thank me and those sitting with me for being advocates and showing support for them. To me, that is more powerful than any negative reactions I may receive from my actions."

Many students have concerns about the window and



Messages from College Republicans and HerCampus were seen after the window painting on Monday.

Ben Wick

about the messages being sent on campus.

"When I saw the window painting for the Campus Republicans Club, it made me extremely upset. I think it gives visitors the idea that Gustavus is complicit towards rapists; a mentality that is very untrue and very damaging to all survivors of rape and sexual assault...The right to free speech is no excuse to be unkind to our fellow human beings, and I think that is forgotten too often nowadays," Sophomore Signe Jeremiason said.

Other students believe the College Republicans had the right to paint their beliefs on the window.

"The College Republicans have every right to espouse their beliefs and views. Specifically, after the contentious Kavanaugh-Ford hearings, tensions on both sides of the political aisle have been at near-insurmountable levels and due process should be afforded to anyone who has been accused of any crime...Everyone is entitled to their beliefs, regardless of what anyone thinks," Student

Nathan Dull said.

The Gustavus campus seems to be full of differentiating views on whether or not the action was justified.

"While I feel that the group had every right to paint what they did on the window, I also feel that the way they went about it was not constructive. If the goal of a student organization is to bring in new members, the way to do so is not to drive out all of those who disagree. It's to come to a place where people are able to relate to and understand the messages of the

group," Sophomore Madelyn Smerillo said.

The Campus Activities Board Co-Presidents, Mallery Butchko and Annie Fox, shared their statement on Monday night via an email to all students. The message said, "We do not endorse or restrict any freedom of speech that organizations share and we encourage all of you [students] to have constructive dialogue with the leaders of each group."

Additionally, they shared that the window would not be taken down because the messages did not directly threaten anyone on campus or elsewhere.

Covering up the window would be a suppression of free speech.

Both the College Republicans and HerCampus have released statements about their windows.

"We as an organization meant no harm and possessed no ill intent by our window painting. Our choice of writing 'confirm Kavanaugh' was based upon the fact that we are a political organization who is vouching for our supreme court justice to be nominated. We see this country moving from due process and the 'innocent till proven guilty' attitude switching to 'guilty till proven innocent.' Since, Kavanaugh has not been proven of committing sexual assault, he is innocent until proven otherwise. If he was proven guilty of such actions I can promise that would not have been written on the window," Mason Zeiher, College Republicans' President, said.

"We apologize to anyone hurt or offended by this. We do not condone sexual assault in any form. I repeat that if Kavanaugh was a proven assaulter, we as an organization would stay far away from endorsing him for such a powerful position. However, we believe it is of utmost importance to preserve the rule of law and the structure of due process in this country and stand by our decision to support

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## Campus Safety Report

### Monday, September 24

- Campus Safety responded to a suspicious incident in the Arbor View parking lot.
- Campus Safety was called for a medical assist at Myrum baseball field. An employee was taken to the hospital for further evaluation.
- Campus Safety responded to a medical assist at Christ Chapel.
- Campus Safety responded to Medical assist at 3 flags Circle.

### Tuesday, September 25

- A Gustavus employee

reported a lost Gustavus key.

- Campus Safety responded to a medical assist in Norelius Hall.
- A Gustavus student spoke with a CF and a group about what seemed to be a potentially undiagnosed dis-associative identity disorder

### Wednesday, September 26

- A student reported a theft from her vehicle that was parked in the Arboretum lot.
- Campus Safety responded to a medical assist at Lund Center.

### Thursday, September 27

- No incidents reported

### Friday, September 28

- Campus Safety responded to Norelius Circle for a medical assist. A student was provided a medical escort to urgent care.
- Campus Safety responded for a welfare check in Norelius Hall.

### Saturday, September 29

- Collegiate fellows reported finding a Gustavus hurdle in a room in College View Apartments.
- Campus Safety responded to an alcohol violation on College Grounds. Campus Safety referred one student to the Campus Conduct system.

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### Sunday, September 20

- Campus Safety observed three students, one was staggering and stumbling. Three students were cited for underage consumption by the St. Peter Police.
- Campus received a report of a stove fire in the Swedish House.

Note: Case dispositions are available online by viewing the

daily crime log on the Campus Safety web page: <https://gustavus.edu/safety/incidents/index.php>

### Tip of the Week:

Campus Safety Safe Rides Program – call x7000!

The Campus Safety Safe Rides van offers rides from 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. every night at the designated Safe Rides stop locations. Students calling the Safe Ride number, (x7000), will be directed to the nearest location to be picked up by the Safe Ride vehicle.

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# Gusties celebrate the golden days

## Gustavus Homecoming hosts alumni and students October 1-6

**Elsa Beise**  
News Writer

This year's Gustavus Homecoming will be one to remember.

With an array of events happening throughout the week and a theme that will bring smiles to many faces, there won't be any room for disappointment.

Homecoming, happening during the week of October 1 through October 6, is a tradition that brings all Gusties, current or former, together to celebrate the uniqueness and special qualities that Gustavus possess.

The theme this year is "Celebrate The Golden Days," reminding everyone how precious their time on the hill is.

"Homecoming is one of the biggest weeks for activities in the fall. This year is really special because we have the Nobel Conference and Homecoming in the same week," We felt that this year's theme encompasses the love that Gusties have for our community and living your life to the fullest during your college experience," Junior and Co-Special Events Executive for the Campus Activities Board, ReAnn Eidahl, said.

"We are so excited to have the students, alumni, and other guests be a part of something that's so special to the Gustavus community, as well as showing off our Gustie Pride," Eidahl said.

The week will feature events including casino night on Friday, dive dances and the anticipated hit event from last year's Homecoming, the rave

on Saturday night.

"We have the annual window painting Monday night, 'Treasure the Olden Days' dive dance Wednesday night, the annual lip sync battle, casino night...and Insomnia Cookies Friday night and finally the Homecoming [Rave on] Saturday night. Some of the events we kept because they are [a] tradition at Gustavus," Senior and Co-Special Events Executive for the Campus Activities Board, Angie Ramirez, said.

The lip sync battle offers students the chance to make a difference for whatever they are involved in.

"Student organizations will be vying for the first place prize, which is \$1,000. Students get to show off their creativity in a hilarious lip-sync showdown. This event is held in the caf from 7-8:30[p.m.] on Friday," Eidahl said.

The casino night will be held Friday night and offers the chance for students to win prizes and eat delicious food.

The event will be in the Heritage Room in the Campus Center.

CAB is especially excited for this event and all of the uniqueness it brings to Homecoming.

"Immediately following the lip sync battle, we have our casino night event right next door in the Banquet rooms. During this event, students can choose to play blackjack, poker, slot machines, grocery bingo, and more for a chance to win some amazing prizes. We will be giving away a total of \$2,000 in prizes during casino night alone," Eidahl said.

The events are catered to-

wards what previous Gusties have loved in the past, and they also feature new and exciting events to keep the annual week different from year to year.

In addition to these entertaining nights, Homecoming will also involve the annual crowning of the Homecoming king and queen, as well as the Homecoming football game on Saturday.

This year the game is against Concordia College.

"I'm excited for the Homecoming game Saturday because

*"The theme for Homecoming this year is Treasure the Golden Days. We felt that this theme encompasses the love that Gusties have for our community and living your life to the fullest during your college experience."*

*-ReAnn Eidahl*

of the atmosphere and excitement built around it. It's exciting having the stands filled up with alumni cheering on the Gusties along with the current students. It really shows how deep the roots go here at Gustavus," Sophomore and Defensive Back Ryan Zamzow said.

Fans are encouraged to attend and show their Gustie pride.

"Everyone should come



Gustavus football will play Concordia on Saturday.

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to the game [on] Saturday because [the team has] put in a lot of hard work these last [two] weeks to prepare for the Cobbers and are more than ready to compete at home in front of our great fans," Zamzow said.

This year's Homecoming is expected to be a success and a time for Gusties to come together.

"I am excited for homecoming because we have lots of fun events planned for Gustavus students, [and] we also have \$2,000 in prizes for our casino night event. I also love the homecoming shirts—they are dry fit," Ramirez said.

This special event will set the tone for a fantastic year to come.

Students are encouraged to attend all events and to help be

be a part of a high-energy, exciting tradition on campus.

"Students should attend the events for good food and chances to win some awesome prizes. It's also a fun way to show your Gustie spirit," Ramirez said.

CAB has worked extremely hard to put together such a complex and fun-filled event for all students and alumni.

They are eager to see the magic of Gustavus events come together.

"It will be an eventful, but fun week for Gusties. There's nothing quite like a great Gustie gathering and that's what makes it so special," Eidahl said.



The Homecoming Rave is an annual tradition and common favorite Homecoming event at Gustavus.

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# Epsilon Pi Alpha hosts bi-annual blood drive



The Red Cross blood drive takes place in Alumni Hall and is open to anyone who meets the Red Cross requirements for giving blood.

Submitted

## Jack Wiessenberger News Writer

This upcoming Tuesday, Oct. 9, Gustavus will host a Red Cross Blood Drive. The event will be put on by the Gustavus Student Nursing Association and sponsored by the Epsilon Pi Alpha Fraternity.

Gustavus has a history of hosting biannual Red Cross blood drives.

In 2017, the men and women's soccer teams gave a helping hand in the event.

This year Co-Presidents of the Gustavus Student Nursing Association, Drew Weis and Becky Thayer, were tasked with organizing the event.

"We usually get in contact with an account representative from the American Red Cross. The past couple years we've worked with Caroline Olstad. She's been so helpful when it comes to setting up these sorts of events," Weis said. "In order to plan for the blood drive in the fall, we usually connect towards the end of the spring semester—a couple months after the completion of the spring blood drive. Together we figure out the logistics of the blood drive."

The Red Cross gave some basic information on blood drives.

"Donating blood is a safe, quick process. It includes registration, medical history and mini-physical, donation, and refreshments," the Red Cross said.

The Red Cross personnel first evaluate each donor in order to ensure that they are eligible to give blood.

This includes checking the donor's body temperature, blood pressure, pulse, and hemoglobin to ensure it is safe for the donor to give blood.

Not everyone is eligible. Only 38 percent of the United State's population meets the Red Cross standards for giving blood.

Donors must be in good health and feeling well. They

*"Donating blood is a safe, quick process... Every two seconds in the United States someone needs blood."*

*-The Red Cross*

must be 16 years of age or older and weigh over 110 pounds.

People looking to donate must also not have donated within the last 56 days.

Some typical circumstances that disqualify people from donating blood are that they have a low iron count in their blood, have travelled outside the United States recently, or have another illness that may contaminate their blood sample.

Many students gave blood for the first time at past blood drives and many are expected to do the same during the upcoming event.

The blood draw is relatively painless so even those afraid of needles can handle the process.

"I was definitely worried about needles, but it went smoothly," Jarod Petrovic, a player for the men's soccer team said at the blood drive last year. "The nurses were great, and I was happy to take part in such a great cause."

"We also had several players

give blood for the first time," the now retired soccer coach Mike Middleton said at the 2017 blood drive. "Hopefully, that may lead to a lifetime of helping giving blood. It's such a worthwhile cause."

The donation portion of the process takes only about 15 minutes.

After donating, drinks and snacks are always provided for free. The average time people spend at a blood drive is about one hour. Donors say that the time is well spent because of the cause.

"Every two seconds in the United States someone needs blood," the Red Cross said.

The demand for blood is very high. The blood donated is used in surgeries, cancer treatments, and traumatic injuries.

Each donation will likely be used soon after it is given. Blood is always used within 42 days after it is taken by the Red Cross.

"The Eppies (Epsilon Pi Alpha fraternity members) will be helping out with volunteering along with the rest of the Gustavus Student Nursing Association board and junior and senior nursing students," Weis said.

The event is expected to run smoothly and get as much

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the nominee to the Supreme Court of the United States of America."

"We stand by the statement we made in our window painting as a group. We did not mean to open a dialogue of College Republicans vs. HerCampus, but we said what we believed and will not waver from that. We feel that it is important that every survivor out there knows that they are supported, believed, and loved," HerCampus collectively said.

While the college has not released an official decision on whether this incident will be considered a bias event, it is clear to most students that there is a need for open conversation on this campus.

Gustavus promotes a diversity of thought and opinion, which means that as a campus community we may not always agree.

That does not mean that voices should be silenced, on any side.

For democracy to work, members of the community must listen to each other and be open and respectful to all opinions.

We may not always agree as a community, but open, respectful, and truthful communication is a requirement for the survival of democracy.



Gustavus typically hosts bi-annual blood drives.

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