

Winter safety hazards at Gustavus



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Opinion Columnist

This winter has not been normal. Records have been set, or nearly set, for snow cumulation and low, low, temperatures. With cold weather and blizzards come bad road conditions, broken heaters, and cold water. As every Gustie knows, this can mean delayed starts (if we are lucky), canceled classes, and finger-freezing walks to class.

The last blizzard we endured was one of the worst I have experienced at Gustavus, perhaps the worst of my twenty years of living in Minnesota. The winds were whipping, the ice was frozen, and the snow was piling. The known-to-all triple threat. Within the first few hours, activities were canceled for Sunday and roads were shutting down. It looked to be a weekend full of Netflix and bags of popcorn for meals, and that was definitely what it turned out to be.

As soon as the snow began to pile up past my waist and the wind blow-dried my hair, I knew that travel of any sort would be incredibly difficult. Upon waking up on Sunday, I got alerts from the National Weather Service about closed roads, cities being in states of emergency, and snapchat of cars stuck in the middle of the road and abandoned there.

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My roommate tried to go to work and was one of the unlucky people who had to leave their cars in the middle of a street. When she got back, thanks to the help of a Campus Safety officer, she informed me that the man who had given her a ride and attempted to get her unstuck was the only Campus Safety officer on campus that day-not because the rest decided to call it a day and not come in, but because he was the only one who could physically make it there. I did not think twice about this as I knew I would never risk my own safety, and

others on the road, to make it to work when roads are shut down and I am told to drive only in an emergency.

I was caught off-guard when

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my classmates were upset due to the fact that Campus Safety and the grounds crew was unable to assist with stranded cars and unplowed sidewalks. The arguments did make sense: students were put in potential danger by unheated apartments and stuck cars. But what did not make sense is the argument that there should have been workers scheduled.

I am positive that there were Campus Safety officers and grounds crew workers scheduled for Sunday, but I am also certain that the blizzard also caught them as off-guard as it did us. It may have just been me, but I did not expect the conditions to be quite as severe as they turned out to be. I do not speak for the officers and grounds crew, but I am sure that they expected to be able to, at least, drive up to campus-even if the conditions were not ideal.

It is hard to live on a residential campus and have your heat go out. It is difficult to struggle walking to places on campus due to large drifts of snow, and it is frustrating when you cannot take a hot shower.

But it is also unfair to expect workers to risk getting stuck, spinning out, or being stranded in such severe conditions. It was nearly impossible to drive a block on campus, let alone up the various hills to get onto campus. Yes, it would be convenient to have a live-in handyman or landlord of sorts to address these issues in times of snow crises, but it simply does not exist at this moment in time at Gustavus, unfortunately.

There are certainly flaws in the residential system, but those are not solvable in one day, let alone in the middle of a blizzard. If one good thing came out of the cold water, stranded cars, and freezing apartments, it is that these are serious issues, and that they need to be addressed. It is incredibly unfortunate that they happened and they all have a certain degree of risk for those experiencing them. But it is wrong to place blame on the shoulders of those who could not make it to work in the blizzard.

Advice for the floundering first-year



Dear first years-

I sure hope that your spring semester has been off to a good start, but more than likely you've had a few ups and downs already. I can tell you that the freezing weather has caused me quite a few problems in the last three weeks, but hopefully we are all going to make it through this. As cold as it feels now, remember that spring will eventually come.

However, I know that things aren't always good, so I wanted to talk about some different resources available to you on campus, in case you need a little extra help getting through the winter.

Health Services- My first year I never went to health services, but now it's become such a helpful resource for me. We can't always be healthy, and health services is conveniently located right in the campus center, so you can get an appointment in despite of having a busy schedule. If you need medical help, this is a great resource to turn to.

Counseling Center- In addition to not always being physically well, college students might not always feel mentally healthy. That's totally okay, though, because Gustavus has a great counseling center and students get 12 free sessions a year. If you're struggling with any aspect of your mental health, make an appointment with the counseling center. There's absolutely no shame in utilizing the resources that are available to you, and no problem is 'too small.' If it's bothering you, it's worth about.

Center for Academic Resources and Enhancement (CARE)- Another incredible resource available on campus is the CARE center. A lot of students think of CARE as the office that helps with four-year plans (which they do), but there's so much more than that. If you think you need test accommodations, help choosing a major, or even tutoring in a class, the CARE center offers

all that.

Writing Center- No matter where you are in the writing process, the writing center can help you succeed on your next paper. Transitioning to college writing can be difficult, so if you feel apprehensive about writing a paper, the writing center is the place to go. Don't feel shy about bringing your paper to the writing center; the staff there would love to help you out.

I hope this review of campus resources is helpful to you as you go about your busy spring semester. Stay warm, Gusties!

-Marie



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Learning a language will change your life



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There are hundreds of languages spoken in the world, and with those languages there are hundreds of cultures to accompany them. At a time when people all across the globe are as connected as we are now through social media, it seems more important now than ever for people to try and understand other cultures and languages.

Part of learning about other cultures is learning the languages that said cultures speak. If you don't understand English, you're not going to really understand the ways in which people in the United States behave or the reasons behind those different behaviors. The same idea applies to other countries and cultures: if you want a better understanding of those places, it's best to start with their language.

"You learn a new language, you learn a new way of looking at the world. Each language brings a different way to structure the world," French Professor Laurent Dereny told me, "We speak all the time. There is no possible way to talk about languages without using a language. The only way to have another point of view on your own language is to learn another one.

To know only one language is like monoculture and the consequences are the same (weak soil, etc.). Another language fosters curiosity. More languages help you see the world and connect with different people. You are less judgmental and more open to different experiences." said Dereny.

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Language is one of, if not the most important thing, in a society. It is the building blocks of a culture, of a people. Without language, you have no way of communicating with others, which prevents a society from being built or a culture from

being established. To know more languages is to know more cultures, to know more about the world around us and the people who are living just next door. It connects people and brings them together in a way that isn't possible when there's a language barrier in place.

It's more than just for cultural reasons, though. The desire to learn anything is fueled by curiosity. I can't imagine anyone not being curious about what other people are saying when they hear people speaking in another language. Anytime I hear another language being spoken, my curiosity peaks, and I just have a sudden urge to learn more about that language.

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The fact that learning more than one language after you've already developed the part of your brain that holds communication and language (which develops fully around the age of three) is very difficult, makes those who speak several different languages, and fluently, all that more impressive to me. It's similar to when a scientist goes through a rant on something in their field, using their scientific language—it's so wildly impressive, even if nothing is understood by those who aren't scientists.

Language learning is a difficult, yet rewarding experience. It's not within everyone's comfort zone, and it's hard to control how much you know and don't know while learning a different language. This lack of control scares people, and derails them from wanting to

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continue, or even start, learning other languages.

"It definitely helps put you in another person's shoes in many ways. As a language professor, it's very humbling to sit down in a 101, or 102 class and see people feel a little lost and not be in control. It's humbling to be out of control in a world where it's so important to be in control. It's over-valued in my opinion, the need for control, the idea that you have to know everything all the time," Spanish Professor Darío Sánchez-González said.

Second language programs are dwindling, at a time when learning a second language is so important for our future. It's frightening how people are losing those opportunities,



Swedish professor David Jessup teaches class.

Luke Laurich

that languages are being lost and language barriers are rising higher and higher. That's why I find it so important that schools, throughout all grades,

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curiosity.

Some people find the requirement of a language course here at Gustavus to be nothing but a bother, but I find it crucial. Knowing only one language is like only knowing one part of the world, one point of view. It's important to take risks and put yourself into the shoes of others by taking a step towards learning about them, about their

language and, subsequently, their culture.

The Good, the Bad, and the Meh



We finally put string lights up in the new *Weekly* office and our ambiance game is on point.



The melt-freeze cycle of the sidewalks has lead to countless injuires across campus.



We've had to get crafty with our Courtyard orders due to the continued lack of our precious espresso.

Jussie Smollett and the reality of hate crimes



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Social media is a powerful tool. It can be used for amazing things, as well as equally terrible ones. Many of us have seen the deception that social media can be used for in the last few weeks in the case of the Jussie Smollett scandal.

If you don't already know, Jussie Smollett was an actor on the popular show *Empire*, and he staged a hate crime against himself at the end of January. When the news of his attack first broke out, an outpour of love and support flooded social media, with many condemning the violent act of hate and bigotry. According to CBS News, the story went like this- Jussie

was attacked outside his apartment by two Trump supporters. Eventually, Chicago police caught on and arrested Smollett for filing a false police report.

As a fierce supporter of justice and equality, I am totally shocked that a man who has experienced both racism and homophobia could commit such an act. If he had such a complex understanding of oppression and the danger of hate crimes, how could he manipulate that knowledge in such a way in order to gain money and attention? I am left in a state of total shock, disappointment and dismay. Anger even. Hundreds of people flocked to Jussie to support him and felt his pain. It was proof that this even happens to celebrities. But all of us who spoke up for Jussie were duped into his cruel scheme.

This kind of behavior is seriously dangerous for the victims of hate crimes. The sensational aspect of the case has only worsened the terribly offensive belief that hate crimes aren't as big of a problem as they actually are- that victims are lying for attention. In this political climate of hatred and apathy that we live in, something like this can only make things worse for members of minority communities.

Whenever these types of crimes are committed, my mind always returns to young Matthew Shepard, a college student- the same age as most of

us here at Gustavus. In 1998, on his 21st birthday, he was beaten, tortured, and left for dead outside of a bar in Wyoming. The "reason" for his death? His sexuality. Shockingly, most people today have no idea who he is. His death helped spur legislation to be passed in Congress in an attempt to curtail these types of crimes.

Matthew is only one of many people in the LBTBQ+ community who have continually faced the danger of violence at every turn. In the heyday of the gay community in San Francisco during the 1970's, there was an entire force of people who patrolled the streets to protect others from being harassed and assaulted. While the LGBTQ+ community has come to be more accepted in main stream society today, the danger is still very prevalent. So what Smollett chose to do cannot simply be dismissed as a silly act of vanity. Smollett manipulated the very serious and intense history of hate crimes against both people of color and those part of the LGBTQ+ community. It is a disgusting use of other people's trauma for his own gain. His use of the Trump symbolism only goes to trivialize the real culture of hate and bigotry that Trump culture has helped to worsen. While this bias and discrimination has always been a part of American history and American culture, the era of Trump and his



Katie Mattinen

The Diversity Center is a safe place for students to gather.

supporters have helped to fan the flames of homophobia and white supremacy.

So where do we go from here? I have no answer for that. All I know for sure is the extreme depth and far-reaching affects that lies like Smollett's can have in the long run. We cannot let his lie detract from real crimes that members of minority groups face on a daily

basis. Instead of letting his actions convince us that hate crimes aren't common, we should use the opportunity to direct attention and help to organizations that work to end hate crimes and discrimination. We cannot let ourselves succumb to the negativity.

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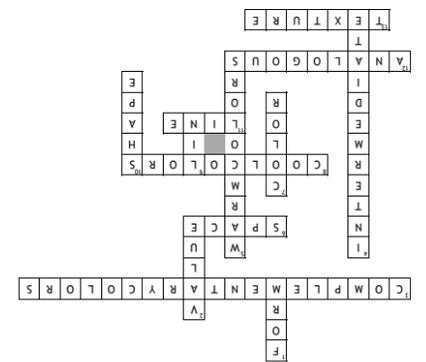
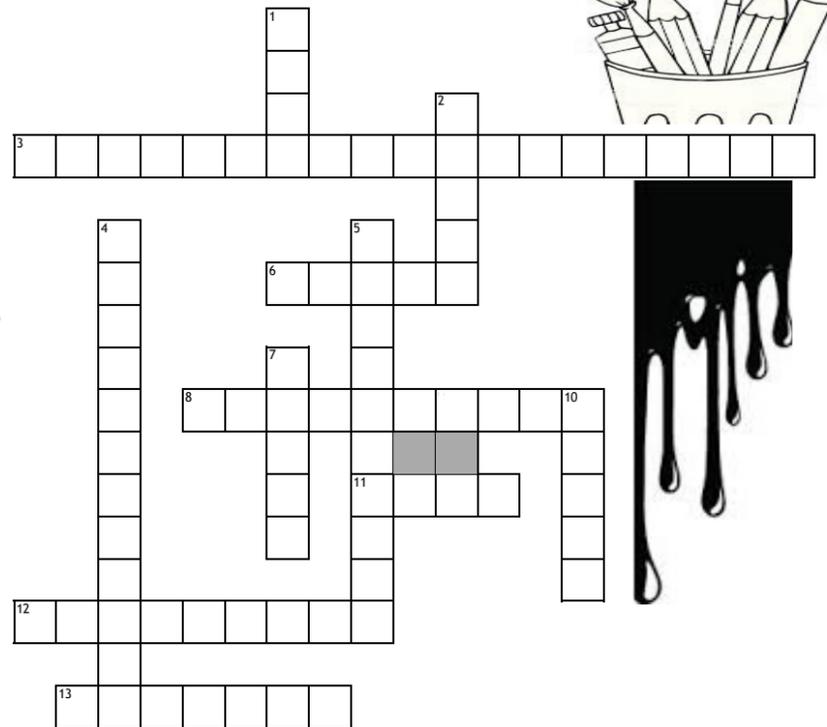
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Across

- 3. What colors are located directly across from each other on the color wheel?
- 6. What element of art is two dimensional, three dimensional, perspective, illusion of depth?
- 8. What colors are green, blue, and violet?
- 11. What element of art suggest movement, straight, curved, diagonal, horizontal, and vertical?
- 12. What colors are located next to each other on the wheel?
- 13. What element of art describes how an object feels?

Down

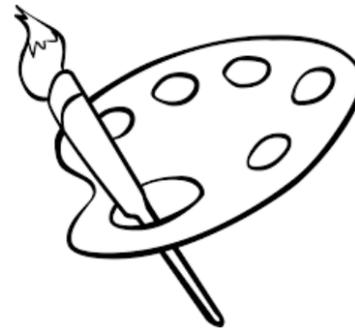
- 1. What element of art is used for three-dimensional works, describes volume, weight, and mass?
- 2. What is the lightness and darkness of a color?
- 4. What kind of colors are made by mixing a secondary color and a primary color together?
- 5. What colors are red, orange, and yellow?
- 7. What element of art is also known as hue?
- 10. What element of art is geometric or organic?

What did the artist draw before they went to bed?

The curtains!

Why did the paintbrush see a doctor?

It had a stroke!



Word Search

Art

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- BRUSH
- CANVAS
- CHARCOAL
- CLAY
- COLOR
- DRAWING
- INK
- OIL
- PAINT
- PAPER
- POTTERY
- SKETCH

"Snow Bunny" by Bryanna Filip



Women's hockey falls in playoff semifinal

Gusties lose to No. 1 ranked St. Thomas 4-0



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First-year Kayla Vrieze carries the puck up the ice for the Gusties in a game earlier this season. Vrieze was a first-year standout and named to the MIAC All-Rookie Team this season.

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The Gustavus women's hockey team suffered a 4-0 loss to No. 2 ranked St. Thomas this past weekend at St. Thomas Ice Arena in Mendota Heights, MN.

Both sides played even through the first period until St. Thomas struck at the 16:48 mark, making the game 1-0.

Following the goal, the Gusties and Tommies played scoreless through the second period, until the Tommies struck again at the 2:40 mark in the third period.

Shortly after they made it 2-0, they capitalized on a Gustavus penalty, scoring a power play goal and extending the lead to 3-0.

Less than a minute later, St. Thomas scored the final goal of the contest at the 9:13 mark in the third period.

The Gusties outshot their opponent 20-10 in the first two periods but were unable to find the back of the net. The Tommies had a surge in the final period, recording 16 shots to the home side's three. The Gusties also had two penalties in the final period, allowing for the Tommies to gain steam and put the game away.

Senior goalie Amanda DiNella recorded 21 saves, allowing four goals in the loss.

Junior captain Amelia Vosen was very positive when asked about her thoughts on the season, and expectations for next year.

"We definitely had our ups

and downs this season. We ended fourth in the regular season conference standings, we got four sweeps throughout the year, and also tied a lot more than usual," Vosen said. "A lot of teams gave us a challenge, but that is usually expected in the MIAC. I believe we had a target on our back from the way we ended last season, but that made the season more fun."

Despite the loss to the Tommies this past weekend, the women's hockey team had four Gusties named to the All-Conference team on Monday afternoon. First-year Kayla Vrieze, Junior Amelia Vosen, and Seniors Allie Stranger and Amanda DiNella all earned All-MIAC recognition for their performances throughout the 2018-2019 season.

Vrieze was named to the MIAC All-Rookie Team this season after her performances on both ends of the ice. Not only did she show her strengths on defense by helping allow the second fewest goals in the MIAC (38), Vrieze was also an attacking threat for the Gusties. She tallied five goals and nine assists on the season, totaling up to 14 points.

Vosen earned her first appearance on the All-Conference team this year. She had career highs in both assists (7) and points (18), with her 11 goals this year tying her season high from last season. The junior captain was also a key component in the dying moments of the games, as she had four game winning goals this season, tied for most in the conference.

Along with her personal ef-



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Junior Amelia Vosen skates up the ice during a game this season. Vosen was one of four Gusties named All-Conference.

orts, Vosen gave a lot of credit to the newcomers on the team that helped them be competitive throughout the season.

"We had a young team, 13 freshmen total, and we relied on many of them to play a lot of minutes in every game. I think they all took the pressure pretty well and contributed to our team. As a team overall, we had a lot of success this season although our season ended short," Vosen said. "I'm very proud of everyone and everything that was accomplished."

Stranger also earned her first All-Conference recognition in her final year in the black and gold, leading the team in points this season with 24. She also had the teams highest plus/minus at +21.

Stranger had 12 goals on the season (tied for seventh most in

the conference) and 12 assists (tied for 12th). Her 24 points position her eighth in MIAC rankings for total points this season.

DiNella, a veteran on the team, earned her third consecutive All-Conference honor after starting in 25 games for the Gusties. She accumulated 528 saves on the season while allowing only 38 goals. Her save percentage of .933 ranks second in the conference. DiNella holds the program record for total saves with 1,722 in her career, as well as having the second most career shutouts in program history (19).

Other individual honors will be released in the coming weeks as well, as the Gusties look to get All-American honors. Veteran goalie DiNella will be looking to write her name

in Gustavus women's hockey history as she goes for her third consecutive All-American West First Team honor.

"For the next season, I think we can improve on our consistency in games. I think this would make us a big threat for our competitors because when we are on our game, we can be a dangerous team. Again, we are going to have a very young team next year, so it'll be important to get everyone working towards the same goal from the very beginning, and I believe that goal is to go to nationals and win it all."

The Gusties finished the season with an overall record of 16-6-5 and await the bracket release to see if they receive an at-large bid to enter the 2019 DIII Women's Hockey Championship tournament.

Gusties enter first weekend of competition

Softball competes against Buena Vista and Luther

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Staff Writer

The Gustavus Softball Team opened their 2019 season this past weekend with doubleheaders on Saturday and Sunday in Rochester, MN.

On opening day, the Gusties took on Luther College in game one in what turned out to be a battle of great pitching and solid defense for both teams.

Sophomore Ashley Neuenfeldt was on the mound for the Gusties and pitched all seven innings. She threw five strikeouts, allowing seven hits and no earned runs.

Neither team got on the scoreboard until the third inning, when the Norse strung together two hits and took advantage of a Gustie error to bring two runners home.

The Gusties trailed by two runs until the bottom of the fifth, when Junior Aly Freeman singled, and fellow Junior Caitlin Kammerer drove her in. Kammerer then advanced to third base, but a clutch strikeout closed out the inning for Luther and left two Gusties stranded on base.

Luther's stellar pitching closed out the game, and the Norse went away with a 2-1 victory behind a 10 strikeout performance.

Freeman and fellow Junior Emily Carlson led the Gusties offense with two hits apiece.

"In game one we really came out and competed start to finish and we were really happy with our performance. We made adjustments in our approaches throughout the game against a very good pitcher and we got seven hits in the contest. Ashley pitched really well for us and dominated the strike zone. Our defense needs to be cleaned up a bit, but that



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Junior Sarah Pederson fields a ball and throws it towards second base. The Gusties entered their first weekend of competition and finished with a 1-3 record.

will come as we continue to play more together as a team," Head Coach Britt Stewart said after game one.

In the second game of the doubleheader, the Gusties' offense started slow but picked up late to give them edge.

Through the first five innings, the game was knotted at 0-0 and the Gusties had managed to produce just three hits.

Then, in the sixth inning, the Gusties' bats caught fire and they put together six runs on seven hits. Carroll responded with one run of their own in the bottom half of the inning before the Gusties tacked on four more runs in the seventh and final inning.

This time it was Freeman going the distance on the mound for Gustavus. She al-

lowed seven hits and had five strikeouts while allowing no earned runs.

Gustavus showcased its young core as First-years Sydney Swenson, Kaylyn Leonard, and Kenzie Skuza each had two hits. Leonard was the standout with three RBI's and two runs scored.

"Game two was a battle for five innings, and then we were able to string multiple hits together in the sixth. We had solid defense and our coaching staff is really happy with such a strong start to the season but also know there is work to do," Stewart said.

On Sunday, the Gusties encountered stiff competition. First, they took on Buena Vista in a game where both teams had eight hits, but the Beavers were able to capitalize and turn those into runs while the Gusties were not.

The Beavers took a 1-0 lead in the second inning off of two hits and a Gustie defensive error.

In the fifth inning, the Beavers added to their lead on an error, two singles, and a double.

In the sixth, the Gusties were able to string together four hits, but solid defense from the Beavers and sloppy base running resulted in zero runs.

The final score was 5-0 in favor of Buena Vista. Skuza

led the Gustie offense with two hits, and Freeman suffered the loss on the mound, going 4 innings and allowing two earned runs.

The Gusties had a quick turnaround to take on No. 20 UW-Oshkosh. An incredible pitching display from the Titans and solid hitting combined with savvy base running proved to be too much for the Gusties to handle.

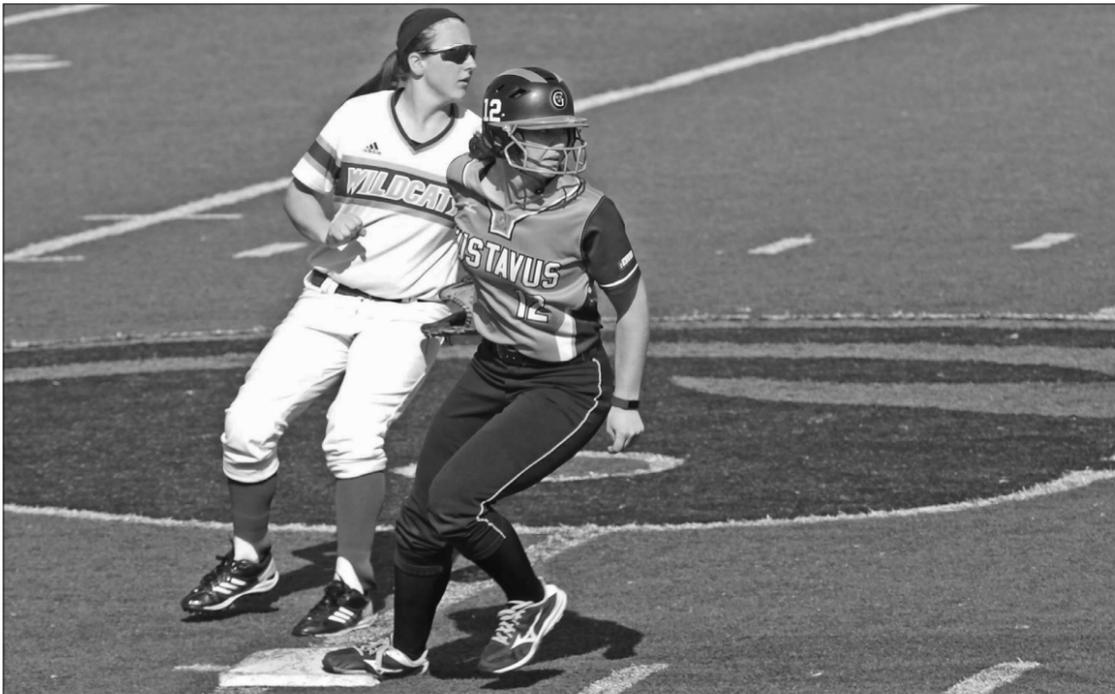
The Titans scored one run on two hits in the first inning, and then scored four runs with two outs in the second to take an early 5-0 lead.

The fourth inning is where the Titans really extended their lead, with six runs on five hits and a pair of errors for the Gusties.

Oshkosh gave up just one hit in the five innings of play, and First-year Amara Packey got her first appearance on the mound for the Gusties, producing one shutout inning.

"Today was a tough day. We didn't execute the stuff we've been working on the past month. The positive part is that we have only played four games. Our team has a ton of upside and our girls are ready to get back in the gym and put the work in," Stewart said.

The Gusties head back to Rochester next Sunday for a doubleheader against UW-River Falls and UW-Eau Claire.



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Junior Aly Freeman checks if she can continue running the bases during a game last season.

Men's Tennis places fifth at ITA Indoors

Aney named MIAC Athlete of the Week

Joe Brandel

Sports & Fitness Editor

This past weekend the Gustavus Men's Tennis team competed in the ITA Indoor Championships, the team's biggest tournament heading into their regular season.

The Gusties were in for a big challenge, facing eight of the top teams in the country including the University of Chicago and Emory University.

On top of this, there were many other top 25 ranked teams that the No. 8 ranked Gusties were set to face off against.

The men started the ITA Indoor Championships on Friday when they battled against No. 12 Pomona-Pitzer.

Pomona started off strongly, winning four of the six singles matches while the Gusties won just two from Junior Yassine Derbani in the third singles spot and First-year Nick Aney in the fifth spot.

Moving into doubles, the black and gold got right back into it. However, after posting a win from the top doubles team of Seniors Patrick Whaling and Chase Johnson, moving the overall score to 4-3 in Pomona's favor.

Derbani and Aney proved to be on fire that day, winning their doubles match as well and evening the score at 4-4.

In a nail biting final doubles match, Junior Michael O'Neil and First-year Joel Hug barely lost to their Pomona opponents by a score of 8-7.

This match left Pomona as the winner in this matchup of these two elite tennis colleges with a score of 5-4.

Head Coach Tommy Valentini was very proud of the team's ability to fight in what they knew would be an uphill battle and was proud of the character the athletes showed.

"It was a heck of a match to-



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Senior Chase Johnson serves a ball during a match. The team got its second consecutive consolation title this past weekend at the ITA Indoor Championships.

night," Valentini said. "We played very well in the doubles and executed well there. The energy and tactics were great, and we handled the tight moments really well. In the singles, Pomona came out flying. Our guys did very well to stay positive and withstand a big push. We showed great grit to win second sets in the middle of the singles lineup and we certainly had a good look at it down the wire. I couldn't be prouder of how we competed. We handled what was within our control very well and stuck together beautifully. We certainly wish we could've have come through today, but overall, we made some great strides as a team."

Because of this loss, Gustavus was moved into the consolation bracket to fight against other teams that lost in the early rounds of the tournament.

The following day, the team faced off against Whitman College in the consolation semi-finals and posted a strong 7-2 win.

"To bounce back from last night's tough loss with such a positive effort took a lot of character," Valentini said.

The team commanded singles, with Johnson, Derbani, O'Neil, Aney, and First-year Indraneel Raut winning five out of the six matches.

The Gusties added on two doubles wins from the top team of Johnson and Whaling

and second team of Derbani and Aney.

This win moved the team into the consolation finals and battle for fifth place overall in the tournament.

Going off of the momentum from a big win the day before, the Gusties took it to the host of the tournament this year, No. 18 ranked Case Western Reserve.

All three doubles teams won their matches, and quick singles wins from Aney and Whaling gave the Gusties a 5-0 victory. The rest of the matches were ended early since the winner was already determined at that point.

Aney was named as MIAC Athlete of the Week for his ef-

forts to help the Gusties win their second consecutive consolation title at the ITA Indoor Championships, good for fifth overall in the tournament.

"Overall, the guys focused on what was within our control all day, and we're grateful that the result went our way in the end," Valentini said. "It was a great challenge for our group today, and we made very good progress as a team. We're thankful for a great national indoor tournament, and we look forward to continuing to improve from here."

The Gusties are back in action March 2. They are set to host St. Olaf, who they play at 9:30 a.m., and Hamline, who they take on at 1 p.m.



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Junior Yassine Derbani gets ready to serve the ball to an opponent.



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First-year Nick Aney prepares for his teammate to serve during a match this fall.