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Fall Visit Day allows potential students to get a large-scale feel of campus during the fall semester.

Katie Mattinen

Fall Visit Days 2019 attracts potential Gusties

Gustavus Admission Office hosts event for admitted students

Emily VanGorder
Staff Writer

Fall Visit Days begins this week on Thursday, Oct. 17th and Friday Oct. 18th. Current high school students are invited to come to Gustavus between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to experience Gustavus. Prospective students will be able to sit in on classes, take tours of campus, and listen to presentations.

Fall Visit Days occur during MEA (Minnesota Educator Academy) Break, when educators go to workshops and students have the day off.

"It is a great time to visit Gustavus. The campus is bustling, the leaves are changing, and classes are in session," Senior Associate Dean of Admission and Admission Visit Event Coordinator Lindsey Owens said. "This experience offers stu-

dents a fun and authentic experience as they begin or continue their college search. The ultimate goal is to attract future Gusties and leave them with a great sense of life on the Hill. It's always fun to see current Gusties interact with our future Gusties," Owens said.

"[The Admissions Office expects] to see 'around 200 prospective students each day... the total number of visitors will likely range between 800-1,000,' Owens said. Visitors will be able to attend faculty-led departmental sessions in many different areas of study offered at Gustavus. They will also be able to observe sports and music practices, shop at the BookMark and check out the food in the dining hall with a complimentary meal.

"Planning for Fall Visit Days truly takes a village. We always

appreciate the help from various departments, faculty, and students across campus," Owens said.

The process begins with reserving space, sending invitations to over 50,000 students, and requesting presenters for the faculty sessions.

"[There are] lots of spreadsheets and planning, collaborating with colleagues to update materials and session content, meetings and memos with Dining Service, Event Services, and the Physical Plan. There [is a lot] of flexibility and attention to detail. It's a fun and rewarding process," Owens said.

However, some of the best experiences can not be planned for.

"We repeatedly hear from our visitors that interacting with current Gusties is a highlight of their visit," Owens said.

"Gustie Guides are required to work Fall Visit Days, as it's one of the largest touring events of the year," Sophomore Korinna Hylen said.

Gustie Guides receive their training in the spring, which includes learning about rules and regulations of leading tours, being an overnight host, driving, and Title IX training. Guides are able to go on a mock tour and learn tips for leading their own tours around campus. After officially becoming a guide, there are monthly meetings with various departments around campus.

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President Bergman comments on St. Thomas verdict



Gustavus Sports Information

Gustavus competes against St. Thomas in football.

Michael O'Neil
Staff Writer

The University of St. Thomas announced on Friday, October 4th that it has received an invitation to join the Division I Summit League. Although this is an important step forward in their search for a new conference, they require a waiver from the NCAA to transition directly to Division I.

This saga began last May, when the University of St. Thomas was involuntarily removed from the MIAC. This was the result of extensive conversations among the presidents of the 13 MIAC schools. According to the MIAC press release, "while no formal vote was held, all 13 MIAC presidents agreed to a transition that will end St. Thomas' membership in the conference by the spring of 2021."

The cited reason for this decision was athletic competitive parity.

"If you have a larger institution you have more student athletes to choose from. You're able to utilize enrollment in different ways. And typically, enrollment brings more funding. So I think that was another catalyst as well," MIAC commissioner Dan McKane said.

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Campus Safety Report

Sunday, October 6th

- Campus Safety investigated a suspicious circumstance in Complex. All the furniture in the basement of Complex had been turned over.

Monday, October 7th

- Campus Safety responded to a medical incident at Christ Chapel.

Tuesday, October 8th

- Nwo incidents reported

Wednesday, October 9th

- Campus Safety provided a medical escort to urgent care.
- Campus Safety received a carbon monoxide alarm in the Ten-O-Nine house.

Thursday, October 10th

- Campus Safety responded to a medical assist at the Schaefer Fine Arts - Art building.
- Two CF's were doing a health and safety check in the College View Apartments and confiscated a candle.
- A staff member reported losing her Gustavus key via phone.
- Campus Safety investigated an odor of Marijuana in Southwest Hall. Campus Safety referred four students to the Campus Conduct System.

Friday, October 11th

- Campus Safety took a report from an employee regarding lost campus keys.
- Campus Safety responded to the Swanson Tennis Center for a medical assist.
- Campus Safety responded to a medical assist at the Jackson Campus Center.

Saturday, October 12th

- Campus Safety responded to an odor of marijuana in Gibbs Hall.

Sunday, October 13th

- Campus Safety responded to an age alcohol violation on College Grounds. Campus


Safety referred one student to the Campus Conduct System.

- Campus Safety investigated a student of concern in Norelius Hall. Campus Safety referred one student to the Campus Conduct system. SPPD cited one Gustavus student and one non Gustavus student for underage consumption of alcohol. The non Gustavus student was transported off Campus by SPPD.
- Two CF's were approached by three students because they were concerned for another student in Pittman Hall.

An AC was called to help with the situation.

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: As we 'Fall Back' to shorter days, take extra care on the road. fatigue, lack of light, compromised night vision, rush hour and impaired drivers all contribute to making driving at night more dangerous than during any other time of day. In fact, the risk of a fatal crash is three times greater at night, according to National Safety Council research. When Daylight Saving Time ends, No-



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"I am excited to be a part of it. Gustavus is such an amazing school and I am so grateful to have the opportunity to share that with prospective students and their families," Sophomore Kendall Harvey said.

"I became a tour guide because I wanted to share my experience at Gustavus... My tour guide had a large impact on my college choice," Harvey said.

"I wanted to be a part of someone's decision-making process for their own college journey. Last year, I decided to join Gustie Guides to achieve this goal," Harvey said.

Both Harvey and Hylen attended a Fall Visit Day at Gustavus when they were still in high school and touring potential schools for college. "I came to Fall Visit Days during my junior year [of highschool]. I was thoroughly impressed by the campus. It was a great opportunity to get a large-scale look into the campus as a whole," Harvey said.

"I remember noticing how cold Minnesota was during the fall, because I'd never visited before during that time of year. I was drawn to the close-knit environment of everyone on campus and how supportive students and professors are of one another," Hylen said.

"I hope prospective students get a feel for life on campus. I also hope students are inspired to pursue a science major after

they see the new Nobel Hall," Hylen said.

"I have so much advice [for potential students]. Dress warmly, get a good look at potential dorms so you can start deciding where you want to live, and don't be shy once you get here because it's your first opportunity to start making friends with your potential classmates," Hylen said.

"During your visits, make time to meet with some departments on campus, like financial aid, admissions, athletics, and music to see how their programs are run and what opportunities you may be given. Once you narrow it down to a few colleges, come back for another visit or attend an overnight visit," Harvey said.

"Everyone in admission is here to help you make the right choice regarding your decision," Harvey said.

University of Minnesota Professor gives Inka Empire lecture

Professor Kosiba brings enlightening cultural context Gustavus



Students attend Professor Steve Kosiba's lecture in Confer Hall.

Katie Mattinen

Elsa Beise
Staff Writer

On Monday, Oct. 14, Professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Minnesota Steve Kosiba visited campus to present a lecture titled "The Weight of a Mountain: The Politics of Landscape and History in the Inka Empire."

This event was sponsored by the Spanish Honor Society, Sigma Delta Pi, the LALACS department and the department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures (MLC). The lecture focused around educating attendees about the Inca empire, culture, history and politics.

Professor Kosiba is currently conducting two research projects around the Inca, involving him traveling to the Incan empire's capital of Cuzco, Peru. On top of the research that Professor Kosiba has conducted, he has also written multiple articles on political theories and the relation between material things and their contribution to social action, both in modern and historical times. These projects have been funded from many foundations, including the National Geographic Society.

Sigma Delta Pi has been involved in planning lectures on campus before.

"Each year Sigma Delta Pi selects a speaker to come to campus to talk about a topic related to Hispanic and Latino studies," Co-President of Sigma Delta Pi Amelia Espinosa said.

The organization also hosts other events throughout the year.

"We put on several events throughout the year, including lectures like Dr. Kosiba's and cooking and dance events," Co-President of Sigma Delta Pi Katelyn Yee said.

Yee was eager to find an exciting speaker with experience doing research.

"With the help of our advi-

sor, Ana Adams, we reached out to potential speakers last semester who lived in the area and could share their experiences studying or living within another culture...It was really cool to hear from someone who lived in the culture for years and has that firsthand experience. I also think his lecture was unique in that it combined multiple disciplines—anthropology and history, especially," Yee said.

Espinosa helped to plan this event (alongside MLC Professor and advisor of Sigma Delta Pi Ana Adams) and introduced the speaker. She was excited to be able to help to offer more information to students about topics that they may not have time to get to in the classroom.

"She spoke about how a lot of times many Spanish classes have so much to cover that there is little mention of indigenous groups, especially in the beginning Spanish courses. Thus, with our selection of a speaker, the goal was to provide an opportunity for a more holistic view of the latinx experience," Espinosa said. The lecture was purposefully scheduled for Indigenous Peoples Day, highlighting the importance of learning about indigenous cultures in the Americas.

Professor Adams echoed this sentiment, adding the significance of building connection and relationship between cultures.

"One of the mission points of this student org is to organize activities of learning about the culture of Spanish-speaking countries. By providing education and understanding, this student organization aims to foster friendly relations and mutual respect between the nations of Hispanic speech and those of English speech," Pro-

fessor Adams said.

Yee was appreciative of the information in the lecture and how the Inca Empire thought about life.

"The topic by itself seems very distant to our community here at Gustavus, but it was so enlightening to learn about an entirely new way of thinking about history, time, and place. I think Dr. Kosiba's lecture opened our minds to this new worldview and can help us become more understanding and accepting of others' ways of life and beliefs," Yee said.

This lecture was a unique experience for Gustavus to be able to host due to the scarcity of professionals in the specific topic.

"There are not many experts in our state on Inca culture. We are lucky that Professor Kosiba is willing to come to share more about his research findings and educate us about Inca culture," Professor Adams said.



Professor Steve Kosiba lectures on Inka Culture.

Katie Mattinen

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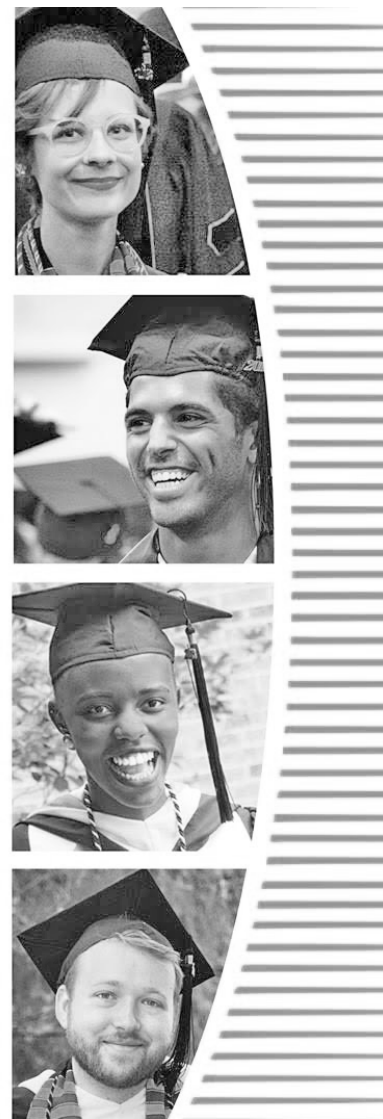
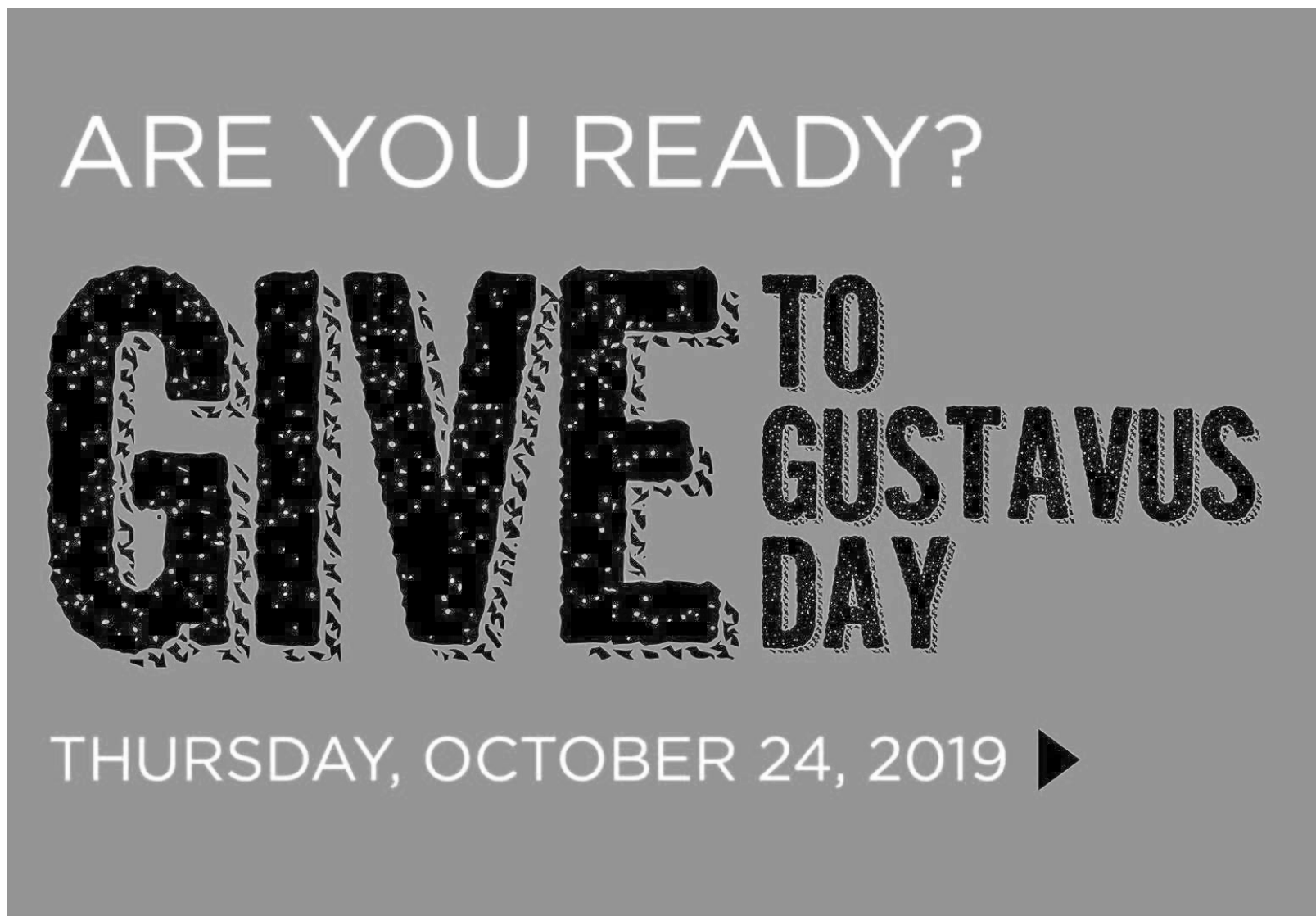
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Give to Gustavus Day kicks off next week

Annual event Give to Gustavus Day helps entire campus



Give to Gustavus Day starts Oct. 24.

Gustavus Office of Marketing and Communication

Jack Wiessenberger
Staff Writer

Next Thursday, Oct. 24, the annual fundraising event known as Give to Gustavus Day will take place. Historically, this day has been marked as the single most important day in contributing to the Gustavus Fund. Donations received during the fundraiser go towards financing all areas of the school. The money raised on this day will have an effect on every Gustavus student.

"Give to Gustavus Day is the biggest and best day to support the Gustavus Fund. The impact of your gift to the Gustavus Fund is felt immediately all across campus. On Give to Gustavus Day, you can join the entire Gustavus community in giving back," the Gustavus webpage for the event said.

The Gustavus Fund is an important resource on campus that helps to provide scholarships to deserving students among other things.

"Through gifts from generous alumni, parents and friends, the Gustavus Fund provides \$2.7 million every single year to support students and our campus. Gifts to the Gustavus Fund get put to work where they are needed most, including student scholarships. The great thing about the Gustavus Fund is that it touches every single Gustie, every single day," Direc-

tor of the Gustavus Fund Katie Schroeder said.

Schroeder takes pride in her job and has a special connection to its purpose.

"As the Director of the Gustavus Fund, I see one of my roles as being a champion for alumni giving. I'm a proud Gustavus alum. I wouldn't have been able to go to Gustavus without the support and generosity of others - so now I pay it forward. It's a pretty special job," Schroeder said.

As a member of the Gustavus class of 2003, Schroeder has a special connection to this school and her job. Providing money for scholarships is not all the Gustavus Fund does, however. A large portion of the money raised goes towards funding other areas of the campus.

"Gifts to the Gustavus Fund support everything on campus. 43% of funds raised go towards Scholarships, 34% to Academic Support and Research, 13% to Student Services, 8% to Institutional Support and 2% to Events and Outreach," Schroeder said.

The money raised at this event truly affects every area of the Gustavus campus. Paying professors adequate salaries, keeping class sizes small and acquiring the latest technology are all enabled by this fundraiser. On top of this, the money is put towards other annual events and attractions such as the Nobel Conference and the Hillstrom Art Museum. Give

to Gustavus Day is by far the largest single day of fundraising for the Gustavus Fund, and this year's event is expected to be the biggest yet.

"We raise 28% of our goal for the year on this one day. We hope to raise \$500,000 from 1,250 donors this year. Last year we raised just under \$500,000 from 1,089 donors," Schroeder said.

The numbers put up by donors on this day are historically very large, and the Gustavus Fund intends to increase them this year. As a way to increase donations, Gustavus has planned promotional events throughout the day. Challenges are set to provide an incentive to donors.

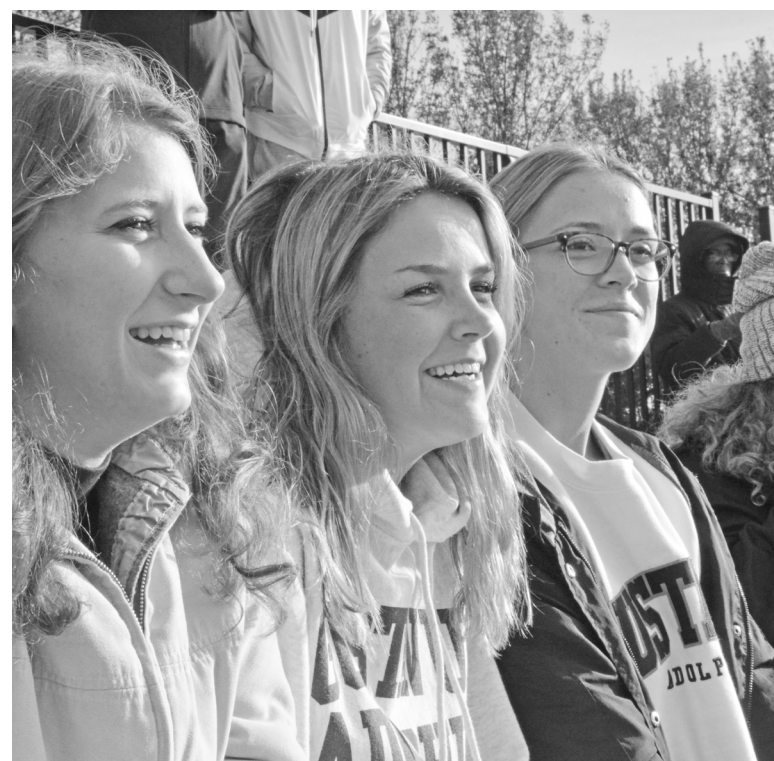
"The challenges are one of the best parts of the day! Our challenges are almost all participation-based. The Bergman's (President Bergman and her husband) are sponsoring the 50-State Challenge for the third year in a row. When a gift is made from all 50 states, they will make a \$50,000 gift to the Gustavus Fund," Schroeder said. There are other engaging challenges that will be rolled out when the donations start early Thursday morning.

All of the challenges will be active at 6:00 a.m. on October 24 at the Give to Gustavus webpage and livestream. The livestream has been a featured aspect of the fundraiser over the last few years. It offers an

additional way for donors to connect with the event. The livestream will include alumni Tane Danger as a roaming reporter. Danger will feature student work from around the campus in the livestream. In the Evelyn Young Dining Room, student workers will be calling donors to thank them for their gifts as they come in.

"All gifts in all amounts make a difference. What matters most is that people give something," Schroeder said.

This event is critical to the Gustavus Fund. The money raised during Give to Gustavus Day 2019 will support students, departments, and events all over campus.



Students campus-wide will be impacted by the money given on Give to Gustavus Day. Pictured is Junior Susan Cook, Senior Liz Geerdes and Senior Rachel Belvedere spectating Gustavus Soccer.

Katie Mattinen

Review: *Mean Girls* at the Orpheum

Elsa Beise
Staff Writer

On Thursday, Oct. 10, the Campus Activities Board (CAB) sponsored an event where students were able to see the *Mean Girls* musical at the Orpheum Theater in Minneapolis.

CAB co-Presidents Senior Emily Scroggins and Junior Aly Granholm planned and coordinated the event, which was attended by many Gusties.

CAB has had a tradition of taking students to musicals or plays in the fall semesters, offering students a chance to experience the arts in an off-campus setting.

"Incredible, wonderful, loved it. The actress for Janis did a great job."

-Sophomore Emily Adamson

"I think that these types of events are a great way for students to go to the cities and see a production that they're interested in and have fun. It's nice to get a break from classes and dress up. It's also a great way to showcase the arts and all the opportunities to participate in the arts," Scroggins said.

Scroggins further commented on the popularity of these theater events and the importance of marketing these events to students.

"The musicals are typically very popular among students, but we shared lots on our social media, thanks to our Social Media Executive, [Junior] Katie Ashpole, which got people excited. Also, we picked this musical in the summer, so knowing what we were going to offer ahead of time is also important in getting students excited," Scroggins said.

This specific production was beginning their national tour off of Broadway.

"One thing that made this event unique was that this was the first national tour of *Mean Girls* and Minneapolis was only the second stop on the tour. Students got to see this show right off of Broadway," Scroggins said.

Scroggins was also excited for the perspective that it offered students.

"[This event is] a great way to gain a different perspective on the arts outside of the Gustavus community. It is important to show that there are opportunities everywhere to see the arts," Scroggins said.

The CAB members were equally as excited to attend this event, which involved a very popular show.

"I enjoyed it so much. *Mean Girls* has been a show that I have been wanting to see for a really long time. I waited to listen to the music until I saw the show in person, so I was so surprised by how there was such a variety of music in it. I also ap-



The marquee display for the "*Mean Girls*" play at the Orpheum Theater in downtown Minneapolis.

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preciated how the show had a modern vibe, and I just really liked it. It's definitely in my top favorite shows for sure now," Senior Taylor Kmiec said.

Kmiec was nervous about getting a ticket, but knew the performance and event would be worth the wait.

"Sign up was exciting but stressful. I had to wake up pretty early to make sure I got a spot in line, but after that I

had a lot of fun talking to other excited people and then finally getting a ticket," Kmiec said.

The theater is a place where Kmiec is always willing to go to and the location of this event was no exception.

"I just always love the atmosphere of seeing a show at the Orpheum. Just watching the crowd [become] silent as the first lights hit the stage and the overture starting always makes

my heart happy," Kmiec said.

The popularity of the movie version of *Mean Girls* did come into play while attending the performance for some students.

"The show was great, especially if you like the movie, but every time the cast made a quote from the movie the audience burst out and was a little disruptive. Overall, the show was a blast, but the crowd was not," Weekly Opinion Editor

Senior Patrick Meadows said.

However, this didn't stop many students from loving the experience.

"Incredible, wonderful, loved it. The actress for Janis did a great job. I loved how they used LED screens for the set and could make everything look very well done," Sophomore Emily Adamson said.

GUSTIES of Will Clark

Michaela Woodward
Staff Writer

Before he found his way to Gustavus, Senior Will Clark was originally looking to go out west.

He made it an hour from his hometown of Northfield, MN.

"I definitely wasn't sure of where I wanted to go," Clark said.

But that uncertainty turned out to be an asset, and Clark has found a valuable community at Gustavus.

"I initially chose Gustavus because of the swim team. There aren't that many students here, and that was a concern, but instead that flipped around and became a pro. The relationships you develop in class and in the groups you're a part of are super valuable and become kind of like family," Clark said.

Junior Mack Christianson, Clark's teammate, seconds this idea of family and speaks to Clark's dedicated character.

"Will Clark is the brother I wish I had growing up. He is the man you want in your corner no matter the situation. He is always grinding and pushing others to achieve more than they normally could do and he always does it with a smile on his face. He always puts those around him first and makes sure they are his main priority. He is an awesome example of putting in hard work and reaping the rewards of that incredible effort

months later," Christianson said.

Between his dedication to the swim team, tutoring for digital arts, and making videos and taking photos for Gustavus, Clark's work ethic and versatile interests are clear. His goals for the future are even more widespread and ambitious.

After he graduates, Clark hopes to use his major in Communication Studies and minor in Film and Media Studies to explore a wide range of careers in the media and marketing industries.

Though he initially did not have a career path in mind, he found that Communication Studies allows him to explore many different paths.

"Coming into Gustavus, I had no idea what I wanted to do. I have found that Communication Studies has allowed me to branch out and pursue many different careers. I want to have that diversity in what I do. I'm super happy with my choice," Clark said.

A recent interest of his is documentary filmmaking, which he became fascinated with after taking an environmental history course. He hopes that his work in documentaries would take on a social activism role, showing how social issues and environmental issues are connected and ultimately raise awareness.

"I definitely want to focus on social inequalities and injustice, whether that's through the environment or things like

race, gender, or social class. I like to expose parts of our world that aren't the prettiest, to try to make a statement and show others what's going on. It's one thing to read it, but I think a lot of people today do benefit from seeing. The visual and audio components are very impactful," Clark said.

This year Clark was a member of Homecoming Royalty.

When he's not swimming, studying or enjoying a shawarma sandwich from the Co-Op, Clark said that he likes the "classic" hammocking in the Arb.

Getting involved in campus activities and volunteering also takes up his time and allows him the opportunity to support others.

Though his time at Gustavus is approaching its end, Clark notes the benefits of stepping outside of his comfort zone.

"I'm almost done, but if I could give any advice it would be to cherish each moment. Put yourself out there and get involved in things you wouldn't normally get involved in or do. You'll meet some incredible people and develop meaningful relationships," Clark said.

These connections can be between students, faculty and even some of the other influential figures on campus.

"Shoutout to Nemo, wherever he is. Nemo for President, 2020. I swear he's been campaigning. He's everywhere," Clark said.



Clark looks forward to a career in the media and marketing industries.

Nate Habben

Do you have a suggestion for a Gustavus student, professor, or staff member who could be our next Gustie of the Week?

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Clark's documentary film work blends social and environmental activism with art.

Nate Habben

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& Tyra Banks

Monali Bhakta
Staff Writer

Junior Tyra Banks is a well-known student who has made a profound impact at Gustavus.

"If you see [Banks] out and about, there's a one hundred percent guarantee that she will be a light brightening other people's day. Her ability to serve her community and build connections is admirable to say the least. I wouldn't say she embodies the Gustie spirit as much as I would say she sets a new standard for what it means to be a Gustie," Senior Jeanet Hinds said.

Banks chose to come here after realizing it was a small campus that had quality academics with the chance to make new friends and provided an affordable education with great financial aid.

During the first 13 years of her life, Banks lived in Liberia. While she was born in the busy city of Monrovia, she primarily grew up in the countryside of Margibi County.

She went to an all-girls catholic school from kindergarten up until freshman year.

When she and her family moved to the United States, she lived and attended high school Brooklyn Center, but finished off her senior year in Rhode Island.

As a student, she was part

of the spelling bee, Debate, Academic Decathlon, National Honors Society, Student Council, Video Production Club and was class president.

Drawing from her experiences of being heavily involved in grade school, Banks carried that passion with her when she came to college.

"Gustavus has so many opportunities, and I would say start taking advantage of them at a very early start in your college career...if you see anything, try to get that exposure and put those experiences in your back pocket. By the time you leave this school, you'll be a sharpened individual who's ready to take on the world," Banks said.

One of the first organizations she joined was Colleges Against Cancer as the philanthropy resonated with her on a personal level.

She also got involved with the Pan-Afrikan Student Organization (PASO), serving as the as one of the co-chairs for Africa night her sophomore year.

She is now on the executive board as one of the social media coordinators, and has the job to convey the group's message and promote their events to the wider campus.

As the former culture and diversity executive of the Campus Activities Board, she planned enjoyable events that exposed students to different cultures outside of Minnesota.

Banks was also on the St.

Lucia Court and was chosen by the student body as last year's St. Lucia.

"Something I value about [Banks] is her work ethic. She always gives her best. I also value her high energy. She has the power of making people smile and laugh," Senior Adonyia Gray said.

As a Biology and Classics major, she was also inducted into the Classics Honors Society, Eta Sigma Phi.

She enjoys being a classics tutor for students who are studying Latin, and also works as a science lab assistant in the stockroom.

She has also been a member of the track and field team where she participates in long-jump and sprinting events.

Banks also participates in Pre-Health Club because of her dream of attending medical school after Gustavus.

One of the major leadership roles she has taken on this year is being the co-president of the Diversity Education Exploration Project (DEEP).

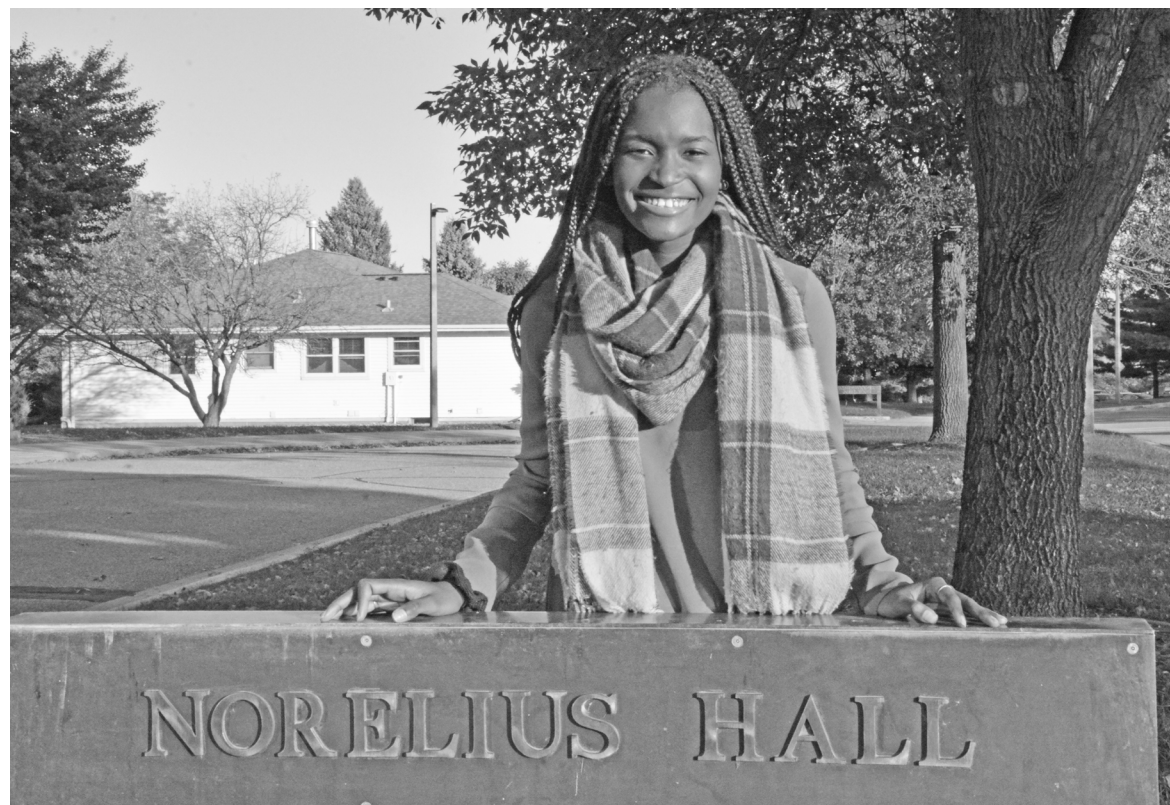
It is an organization that prioritizes itself on exposing underrepresented students to other cultures through an immersive spring break trip.

"We have three pillars: education, service, and excellence. This year, we're taking our members to Denver, Colorado, and we're exploring the Chicano culture. We're going to visit some universities rooted



Banks is a member of the track and field team where she participates in long-jump and sprinting events.

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This year, Banks is serving as a Collegiate Fellow in Norelius Hall.

Katie Mattinen

in [this] culture. Our service projects include giving back to the community. We are also hosting a Silent Auction to fundraise for the trip, and visiting grad schools that expose our members to the better opportunities," Banks said.

Banks values how this will be an educational experience that will give her a taste of another lifestyle.

Banks also hopes to develop a strong sense of sisterhood as new member of the Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority.

Although she joined primarily for the service aspect, she also wanted to broaden her social circle, reaching out to people she does not normally talk to or see all the time.

"My sense of community is forming those ties and networks with other people that are not part of the discipline I study like Biology or Classics...that's why I'm really grateful for the small community of Gustavus because although it's small, everyone has some type of relationship with everyone else,"

Banks said.

This year, she is also a Collegiate Fellow (CF) in Norelius where she adores her residents and loves spending time with them.

The reason why she specifically wanted to work with First-years was to assist in their personal development during their transition to college.

She can relate to the feelings they have about not being able to find your place here, and feels compelled to serve as a listening ear with the expertise to point them to several resources.

"Just being there for them and establishing your position as a CF, but also being their friend too, by saying 'if you want to talk about anything, I am here.' Going to people and forming those ties with them has sharpened me as a leader. The most important part for me is being a listener and observer first because then I can look at what needs to be done, and then use my leadership position to implement those [steps for change]," Banks said.

The Weirdest Places on Campus

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Borgeson Family Cabin

In 1986, Gustavus celebrated its 125th year anniversary with a tribute to its Swedish heritage. The president of the college at that time, John Kendall, suggested that a pioneer log cabin would make a good memorial for this anniversary. The cabin in the Arboretum, formally known as the Borgeson Family Cabin was brought to Gustavus on June 25, 1986. This cabin was originally built in 1867 and was home to Clara and Carl Borgeson. This cabin demonstrates how a Swedish immigrant log house was built and gives a comparison between its method of construction and traditional log building techniques in Sweden. Even after the 1998 tornado, the cabin remains in tact because during its move to campus, all the boards and pieces of the structured were numbered which aided in its reconstruction.



Karen Gibbs Lounge

Most sophomores spend their year living in Complex. The three-part building is made up of North Hall, Gibbs Hall, and Sorensen Hall. The building was named after Karen Gibbs, who began attending Gustavus as a first-year in 1974. As one of the top tennis players in the Midwest during her time, Gibbs joined the tennis team here at Gustavus. Unfortunately, Gibbs was diagnosed with cancer, and her right arm was amputated which put a halt on her tennis career. After chemotherapy, she learned to play with her left arm and joined the tennis team again her sophomore year. Karen lost her battle with cancer in 1977 at the age of 21. Gibbs makes the obscure places list because there is a lounge in her name that not many students know about. What's even more obscure about this area is that you can only access it from the basement of Gibbs, as the doors are locked from the outside. Inside the lounge there are chairs that you can sit in and enjoy some peace and quiet. If you like people watching, this is the obscure place for you.

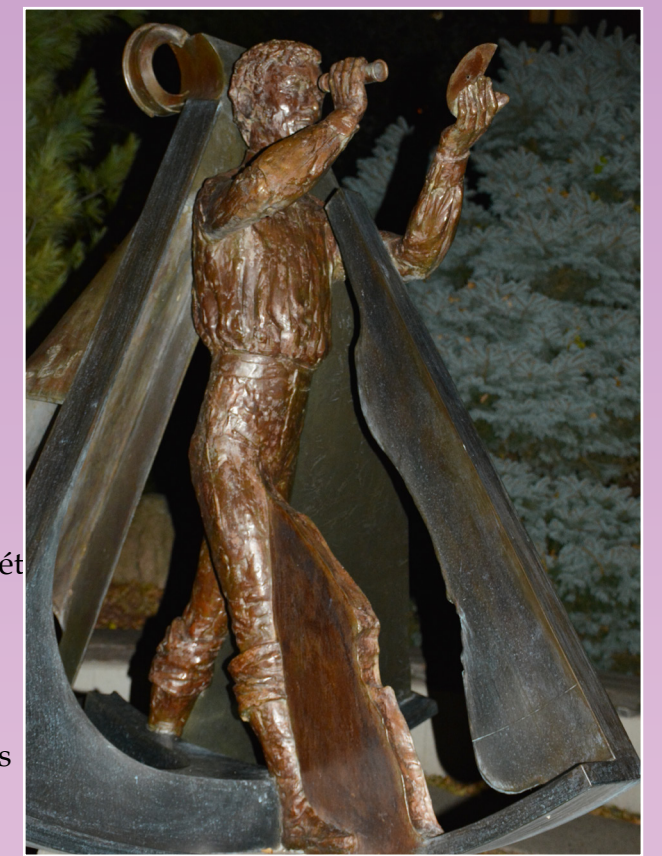
Rundstrom Chapel



Another obscure place on campus is the Chapel in the basement of Rundstrom. This building was built in 1939 and was originally was an all girls dormitory. This building was named after Inez Rundstrom. At 15, she graduated from Augustana Lutheran Church; she was the first and youngest woman to graduate from any college in the Augustana Lutheran Church. Rundstrom worked at Gustavus as head of the French department and as a Mathematics professor for 48 years. She devoted a lot of time to her students, the college, and to her faith. Gustavus remembered Rundstrom's name by naming its first women's dormitory after her. The chapel is the perfect place for people to go to when the trials of the world become too stressful, religious or otherwise.

Nicollét's Statue by Granlund

Another obscure location on this campus is the statue of Joseph-Nicolas Nicollét made in his honor. The statue sits outside of Uhler cleverly concealed by a group of trees. Nicollet, with a magnifying device up to his eye, looks out over the hill. Nicollét was a French explorer and surveyor who originally mapped out the Saint Peter and Nicollet County area in the 1830's. The sculpture was commissioned by Melva Lind who was a French Professor and Dean here at Gustavus, as well as the woman the Arb's Interpretive Center is named after. The piece was sculpted by Gustavus alum Paul Granlund. "Nicollét is sighting the stars to discover where he is on Earth. That's what we do at college. Art is a part of that sighting," Granlund said.



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