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"Squish those bins": Composting returns to campus

Gustavus Zero Waste Initiative helps make composting on campus a reality



Compost bins are available to use throughout the C. Charles Jackson Campus Center.

Nate Habben

Georgia Zutz
Staff Writer

Composting is a vital factor in sustainability on campus, and various organizations and individuals are putting forth their efforts and passion in order to make Gustavus's Zero Waste Initiative a reality.

"Several years ago, the Environmental Studies department received significant grant money and chose to invest in an industrial composter," Junior Sustainability Intern Kendra Held said.

A rare opportunity for any college campus, Gustavus has also had a unique collaboration with campus services to make composting an option without outsourcing to outside vendors for food services and waste management.

"We have a Dining Services program that is run through the campus that allows for flexibility and control over our composting process," Held said.

Dining Services also was a

factor in providing a fully compostable dining ware.

"All items that say 'BPI Certified' or 'Greenware' are compostable, and can be found at every dining spot on campus," Held said.

There is also signage around campus showing what can or cannot be put in recycling and composting receptacles.

Now, many changes are in the works regarding composting, collection and processing.

"There has been [a lot] of student interest in composting, and thanks to that, this year we are increasing compost collection sites on campus," Sustainability Intern and Junior Ochtrup-Dekeyrel said.

Composting collection sites could previously only be found in the Jackson Campus Center and Nobel Hall of Science, but now collection sites can be found in nearly every building on campus, including both academic and residential buildings.

"This doesn't mean that problems we've faced in the past are gone now. They just simply present themselves in

alternative ways. Composting machinery, transport, and storage are much more expensive than most people would think," Held said.

Composting on campus also requires large amounts of manpower among students, faculty and staff.

"Composting is a collaborative effort. Not just between students and faculty, but even among different councils and organizations on campus," Audrey Ochtrup-Dekeyrel said.

"Dining Services, Building Services and Physical Plant are so important in making this process a reality... as students we don't share our gratitude with them enough," Held said.

Composting barriers that students may directly notice come in the form of lids on all of the composting bins. Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, many students rely upon the compostable takeout boxes supplied in the Market Place, and may not know where to properly dispose of them.

"The composting bins are covered right now as a way for

us to say 'Hey, we aren't quite ready to fully start compost collection right now,' but that we still want students, staff, and visitors to be aware of those collection sites," Held said.

"Dining Services highly recommends that students use the conveyor belt, normally used for returning dishes, as a site for their compostable dishware. Whether it be the clamshell containers, coffee cups from one of the cafes on campus, anything. Please put it on the conveyor for collection," Ochtrup-Dekeyrel said.

In regards to overcoming challenges and making campus-wide composting a success, students play a huge role in the process.

"Students don't always realize just how important they are in making Gustavus a sustainable campus," Ochtrup Dekeyrel said.

"Student responsibility and behavior is a huge factor in composting, and the way students act at the collection sites can heavily impact composting down the road," Held said.

"Contamination and items being disposed of incorrectly is a huge setback, and leads to recycling and composting having to be compromised," Ochtrup-Dekeyrel said.

Students and staff are encouraged to ask questions and think critically when they are unsure how to sort their recycling and composting in order to get the most out of composting.

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Campus Safety Report

Monday, September 28

- Campus Safety responded to College View Apartments for a welfare check on a student requested by roommates.

Tuesday, September 29

- A CF had multiple noise complaints from a room in Uhler Hall. The room was warned twice after quiet hours. The resident that opened the door both times refused to put on a mask when the CF requested it.
- Gustavus Custodial staff reported the theft of four pictures in Gibbs Hall basement area.
- Campus Safety dispatch received a phone call from

a staff member concerning an unapproved visitor in front of Campus Center handing out flyers.

- A CF was doing rounds in Pittman Hall when they came across a COVID social distancing violation and moving furniture.

Wednesday, September 30

- A CF contacted Campus Safety for the odor of marijuana in Pittman Hall. A candle was confiscated by the CF.

Thursday, October 1

- Campus Safety was performing a routine patrol through North Hall and

discovered an alcohol incident; Two students were referred to the campus conduct system for a 21-and-older violation and two students were referred for underage consumption.

Friday, October 2

- Campus Safety responded to a fire alarm in Southwest Hall.
- Campus Safety was called to Sorensen Hall for a report of a student jumping in and out of a window on the first floor.
- A CF contacted dispatch about a noise complaint located at Arbor View Apartments. Campus Safety officers responded and found

that there was alcohol in the room. Four students were referred to the campus conduct system for 21-and older-violation and three were referred for underage consumption. There was also one non-student in the room.

- Two CFs heard loud music and voices coming from a room in Norelius Hall after quiet hours. Once the door was opened the CFs found COVID violations (number of people in a room and one of the students was not wearing a mask.
- An AC was informed of an off-campus visitor in Southwest Hall.

Saturday, October 3

- Two CFs were on round in Norelius Hall and located a room with the door open. In the room were four residents, only two of which were wearing a mask.
- Campus Safety discovered an alcohol incident while patrolling Uhler Hall. Six students were referred to the campus conduct system for underage consumption.
- Campus Safety discovered an alcohol incident while patrolling Uhler Hall. One student was referred to the campus conduct system for underage consumption.
- Campus Safety responded to a mental health check in Southwest Hall.

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COVID-19 Report
Gustavus On-Campus Update

As of October 5, 2020:

Total Positive Cases (since August 15): 18
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Total Students in Isolation/Quarantine: 14
Students in Isolation/Quarantine On Campus: 6
Employees in Isolation/Quarantine: 3

This data set is meant to encompass the on-campus impact of COVID-19 by counting cases where a person may have been on campus while infectious. For example, students who are living at home or employees who are working remotely and not visiting campus will not be counted in these on-campus numbers. This information is also available for viewing on the College's COVID-19 Dashboard.

Minnesota COVID-19 Update

As of October 7, 2020:

Total Positive Cases (since January 20): 106,651
Daily Newly Reported Cases: 918
Daily New Reported Nicollet County Cases: 5

This data comes from the Minnesota Department of Health's "Situation Update" website, which is updated every day at 11 a.m.

The reality of being back on campus

Gustavus Health Services helps students adjust to the new normal



Prairie View Hall is one of the on-campus buildings that houses quarantined students who have tested positive, as per campus COVID-19 procedure.

Gracie Jackson

Emily VanGorder
Staff Writer

After beginning the semester with a staggered student arrival, this week marks the first that the majority of Gustavus students are back on campus. Students have had to adjust to new COVID-19 campus guidelines and safety practices across campus.

"The College's approach of having a staggered start where we slowly brought various groups of students back to campus has served us very well in allowing us to make adjustments as we go and make sure that we have all the mitigation strategies in place to ensure campus is as safe and as healthy as possible," Director of Health Services Heather Dale said.

Given these changes, many students have experienced changes in how they take in-person classes.

"In my [biology] lecture... the room is all spaced out so there's six feet of room or more for each person. For labs, there's only a handful of people at a time... [you're] just sitting in your designated spot and being really careful not to get too close to people," Junior Korinna Hylen said.

Other students have experienced few in-person classes at all.

"I have one in-person class. It's technically hybrid...I think the hardest part of it is teaching both online and in-person. There have been many times when [a professor] forgets about the online people because the in-person students are right in front of them, and there is that immediate connection," Junior ROAR Team Member Kendall Harvey said.

Since the semester began, there have been numerous health and safety regulations put in place by the College to ensure the health of all students.

"Campus is pretty much what a normal school year would look like, but everyone is wearing masks indoors and outdoors, and there's social distancing enforced. In classes all the desks are spaced out, in the Caf all the tables are six feet away," Hylen said.

"We've been really impressed with the way the majority of students have handled themselves. I think in some ways, students have exceeded our expectations. There are instances where we forget, where we all forget...we all need kind and compassionate reminders so that we can all do the right thing and keep our campus safe," Dale said.

The Gustavus ROAR Team is dedicated to reminding students how to best respect others and act responsibly while

living on campus during this pandemic.

"I haven't really had to tell anyone [to wear their mask]... I think one thing we could work on as a campus is social distancing and staying six feet apart. We kind of merge towards each other and gravitate towards standing in groups... as humans, we're social creatures, we need to have that aspect, [but] we also need to stay safe," Harvey said.

As more students have arrived on campus, members at Gustavus Health Services have noticed an increase in the amount of COVID-19 tests being performed.

"The first week we were back on campus, we did two tests... Last week, we did sixty tests. Certainly we're seeing an uptick in testing, but that's a really good thing. It means that people are identifying either when they have some sort of symptom or whether they have had any exposure to COVID-19," Dale said.

"Obviously, you're not going to be one-hundred percent safe with being in a global pandemic, but compared to other schools I do feel like Gustavus is handling it well and there are fairly low numbers... for everyone being back on campus, I am fairly impressed with the Gustavus community," Harvey said.

Gustavus Health Services

has been acting in accordance with the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) guidelines, but has been more proactive in testing.

Some clinics require that individuals have confirmed contact with COVID-19, or a certain number of symptoms before they can be tested, despite the fact that thirty to forty percent of people with COVID-19 can present as asymptomatic. By making testing more accessible on campus, Health Services is reducing the risk of more students contracting COVID-19.

"I feel very safe on campus, especially after I saw the email that there was currently only one positive COVID-19 case on campus," Hylen said.

When campus first reopened, a courier service was coming to campus at 5 p.m. every day to take COVID-19 tests and take them to Rochester, Minnesota, where they were processed at a Mayo Clinic. Test results were typically received within 48-60 hours after being taken.

Last week, Health Services switched to a courier pick-up at 2 p.m., and are now seeing test results come back within 24 hours or sooner, though they do still caution that test results may take one to three days depending on numerous factors at the Mayo Clinic lab where the tests are being run.

Gustavus is already making preparations for an increase in COVID-19 cases before the end of the year.

"As much as I think we've gotten more comfortable, or maybe everything has become more normalized for us, the virus is not going away. In fact, we're seeing higher levels of it now in our state than at any other time during the pandemic... to me that means we just have to keep doing the things we're doing. We can't let our guard down," Dale said.

Having adequate testing and being able to get tests results back quickly is vital to managing COVID-19 on campus. Members of the Gustavus community have been trained to conduct contact tracing so the school is not reliant on the MDH to do so.

"Last week, we had a patient test positive, we initiated our system here on campus and had that person in isolation, had the roommate in quarantine, and had other people contacted. On Sunday I got a text from the Minnesota Department of Health saying 'Hey, we think this person is on your campus.' I told them we had contacted them four days ago... I do feel like Gustavus... is trying to be really proactive and thinking about what stepping up a bit would look like," Dale said.

Nobel Conference Director Lisa Heldke produces new podcast *ScienceWhys*

Freya Nelson
Staff Writer

Director of the Nobel Conference and Professor in Philosophy Lisa Heldke has created an innovative new podcast in conjunction with the Nobel Conference dubbed *ScienceWhys*. The podcast's first episode was released on Sept. 1, and explores the complex relationship between science and ethics.

"Long ago I was also a student [at Gustavus] and I was THAT kind of student, the one who went to every Nobel Conference and took notes," Heldke said.

"Eventually some of those notes became my PhD dissertation," Heldke said.

"Our hope in creating *ScienceWhys* the podcast is that you, the listener, will be inspired to ask a new question, think more deeply about a topic you already know, or explore an issue for the very first time," Heldke said.

The podcast's introductory episode concludes with, "The podcast is produced by Gustavus graduate Will Clark," followed by an ode to musician Bessie Smith, whose song "Thinking Blues" is the theme song for the show.

Within the podcast, Heldke conducts interviews with scientists, researchers, scholars and thinkers about how science and ethics mingle.

The show also features interviews with the Human Oncology Chair at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center Charles Sawyers, Associate Dean at the Medical University of South Carolina Chanita Hughes-Hal-

bert and many other highly recognized professionals.

"I have an incredibly curious mind and I want to solve puzzles. The puzzles that I am most interested in involve cancer," Sawyers said.

Heldke and Sawyers, within the second episode of *ScienceWhys*, discussed ethics of working on something as tragic as cancer, data sharing in the science world amidst a pandemic, embracing discoveries with humility, and solving science's great puzzles.

"Academic researchers want to get credit for their work and get famous based on keeping their data to themselves until it's fully shrink wrapped and ready to be published," Sawyers said.

Sawyers continued that his work at Sloan-Kettering is ethically separated from the majority of academic researchers in the foundation of his team's incentive basis. Sawyers spoke to the severity of cancer and cancer patients as a primary incentive for creating cures.

A podcast based on consequences, ethics, philosophy and their relation to science covers multilateral subject areas and critically examines hard hitting topics, such as cancer. Heldke conveyed the essence of the Nobel Conference into a podcast format, readily available for anyone to listen.

"This podcast is for anyone who hears about a scientific breakthrough and thinks 'what are the downstream consequences of that?'" Heldke said.

"When I first began studying philosophy, many nights found me sleepless in St. Peter, worrying about how I knew for certain that the world as I experienced it really existed or not. Years later, I sleep a bit more soundly, but



The cover art for Lisa Heldke's new podcast produced in conjunction with the Nobel Conference.

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I'm still worrying about many of the same questions about the nature of knowing, the nature of truth, and the nature of reality," Heldke said.

This combination of philosophical thought and scientific analysis come together

in *ScienceWhys* and represent a value that is at the core of what it means to be a member of the Gustavus Community, excellence and the curiosity that encourages it.

The podcast's first eight episodes are available for free

on Spotify and the *ScienceWhys* website at <https://anchor.fm/sciencewhys>.

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"Don't be afraid to go the extra mile. Think about how your food and packaging waste can be reused. Practice collecting your own personal compost in your dorm and bring it to a collection site. Pay attention to your consumption of plastics and other nonrenewable resources, and try to cut down whenever possible. And don't be afraid to utilize the compost collection bins, even when they look full," Held said.

"Squish those bins," Junior Sustainability Intern Aviva Meyerhoff said.

Although an important aspect, composting is more than sustainability initiatives and diverting waste from landfills.

"College is a time to care about your peers, your planet,

and making a positive impact in your environment," Meyerhoff said.

"There seems to be a stigma around caring for others at times, which is something we hope to see change in our world. We want the people of Gustavus to learn more about their consumption habits and reducing their waste, but ultimately we want everybody to realize that composting is about community," Meyerhoff said.



Students can also drop off their compost in the Evelyn Young Dining Center.

Nate Habben



The beautiful colors of autumn have returned to the Arboretum.



The Arb's Melva Lind Interpretive Center is a great place for Gusties to learn more about nature.

Cadence Paramore

What's happening in the Arb?

Tori Smith
Staff Writer

The Linnaeus Arboretum, commonly known as "the Arb," at Gustavus is a special spot for students, faculty and the surrounding St. Peter community. It is a space used by many to relax by hammocking, lounging in the grass, walking the trails or taking a jog through the forest.

The Arb's 125 acres, which looks roughly like the shape of Minnesota from above, include restored natural areas representing Minnesota biomes including tallgrass prairies, wetlands, coniferous forests and deciduous woods.

This past spring, part of the tall prairie grass was set afire in a controlled burn. This process helps maintain the health of native plants, manage weeds and restore nutrients to the soil. This helped create a healthier environment over the summer and now the fall, as the grass is currently tall and healthy.

Senior Brie Wintz is a student worker in the Arb.

"There are three other student workers, so four of us in total. It's a great place to work because you get to interact with the naturalists on campus and just be outside," Wintz said.

Wintz described some of the 'behind the scenes' of the Arb's upkeep.

"We do a lot of mulching, and we do some invasive species pulls. Be aware that these pulls might be happening throughout the fall," Wintz said.

Student workers like Wintz also help with programming for the Arb. On top of mulching, planting flowers, and other physical upkeep of the trails, Wintz helps plan events like last weekend's 'forest bathing.'

"There was an event called 'forest bathing' which is essentially meditation in the prairies. About twenty students attended and had journals and went to the arb to learn about what 'forest bathing' is like," Wintz said.

Wintz also encourages others to consider trying this on their own time.

Normally, the Arb puts on events like the Back to School: Treats and Trees event, normally held in September. During this event, students were invited to play yard games and make dirt pudding cups. This year, however, student and community engagement will have to look a bit different.

Wintz also explained another program that will be taking place in the Arb the week of October 12.

Students can take a break from classes and get some fresh air in the Arb to learn about bird

watching, native species, plants and more. These 15-minute info sessions will be taught by some of Gustavus's education students and will follow COVID-19 guidelines of mask-wearing and social distancing.

"It's called 'Nature for Nincompoops,' Wintz said, "which will be a short basic learning opportunity for amateurs every day next week during chapel break."

-Brie Wintz

While larger events in the Arb may not be able to take place this year, the Arb has been creative in order to keep up student interaction.

This year, the Arb introduced a Photo Contest that students can participate in through Friday, Oct. 16. Students can follow the Arb's Facebook and Instagram and submit up to three recent photos of the Arb for a chance to be chosen as a featured photo and win a gift card.

On top of the four-week

contest, the Arb is also hosting weekly photo challenges as a way to keep students and community members engaged and participating in all the Arb has to offer. All students have to do to participate is take a photo in the Arb that is related to that week's prompt. For example, this week's prompt is "best fall color photo", so participants would go out and take a picture of the fall colors.

"We really want students to come out and enjoy everything that the Arb has to offer whether that's running the trails, hammocking, picnicking, studying, or taking a walk with friends."

-Brie Wintz

These virtual activities that the Arb has put on not only engage the community remotely, but also encourage students to go out and visit the Arb in all its autumn glory.

During this pandemic,

GUSTIE *of the* WEEK:

Ace Schwartz



Among many other campus involvements, Junior Ace Schwartz is the President of SAE.

Cadence Paramore

Michaela Woodward
Staff Writer

Despite his many achievements, getting recognized for the Gustie of the Week profile was the most

surprising for this week's feature, Junior Ace Schwartz.

"Getting picked for this when I don't consider my involvement to be the most visible...apparently I'm doing something right," Schwartz said.

Originally from North Branch, MN, Schwartz found himself at Gustavus after talking with his uncle, an alumnus, and taking a chance.

"I took kind of a shot in the dark, throwing out this application, but when I got here there was a sense of community that I did not feel anywhere else that I toured. It's that thing that people mention, that you know it's your college when you set foot there," Schwartz said.

Most of his past decisions have taken off on a similar footing.

"I've never really had a clear path. My path has always just been a series of 'why not?'s," Schwartz said.

As a Communication Studies and Philosophy double major, he feels like there are many opportunities in store.

"I don't have a concrete plan for what I want to do after college and I figured a Communication Studies degree, that really keeps a lot of doors open. Philosophy, that's just for fun," Schwartz said.

The uncertainty is not a source of worry. In fact, it allows him to focus on what he enjoys the most: connecting with others.

"I love people. I love meeting people. I love making people feel like I care about them. I used to always love giving people fist-bumps," Schwartz said.

Those around him also find him to be sociable and personable.

"[Schwartz] works at the Information Desk in our Campus Activities Office. We love having him at the desk because he is kind, creative, and always willing to lend a helpful hand. [Schwartz] enjoys writing funny quips and engaging in meaningful conversations with those around him," Lindsay Powers, Administrative Assistant in the Campus Activities Office, said.

As the pandemic has put an end to his fist-bumps, it has also made him have to think outside the box in his role as president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE).

"[My] goals for being president [are] to just navigate through this semester without too much damage. We really have to get creative with these times, and I'm fairly good at being creative," Schwartz said.

Despite challenges, Schwartz is proud of his involvement and his ability to make an impact on campus.

"Being president of an organization in [SAE] that I really care about is a really good feeling," Schwartz said.

As Greek Life recruitment approaches, he encourages anyone with an interest in joining SAE to reach out to him with any questions.

While in the future Schwartz is looking forward to a possible career in broadcast and radio, he is currently well occupied on campus. When he is not busy with SAE activities, he may be seen doing crosswords, searching the Arb for large rocks to stand on, thinking about the perfect day that involves bears and swords or drinking black coffee from the Caf.

"[My favorite thing from the Caf] is black coffee, and I am ashamed of that answer," Schwartz said.

While the current state of the world may be isolating and confusing, Schwartz is doing his best to remain positive and share that positivity with others. "You can usually tell even through a mask when people are smiling. So don't let that stop you from making people smile," Schwartz said.

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Music ensembles at Gustavus adapt to in-person

Emily VanGorder
Staff Writer

Music programs at Gustavus have undergone many changes to meet COVID-19 requirements, including adjusting to online and now in-person classes. During the start of the semester when the majority of students were online, members of the orchestra worked on composing an etude for their instrument, while choir students have been preparing for Christmas in Christ Chapel since the beginning of the semester.

"A lot of what I'd normally do in terms of looking for music and working on planning for performances and things like that has gone into planning safety, and I think we've done a really good job. All of this has very little to do with music itself but about keeping everyone safe so that we can continue to do this," Gustavus Wind Symphony Conductor Dr. Heidi Miller said.

"I had the behind-the-scenes preparing musical instruction part, but I also had the burden of figuring out how to deliver that in an online way...we had to make some changes to how the instruction worked for on-line ensembles and that took quite a bit of extra work...[but] it was successful," Gustavus Choir Conductor Dr. Brandon Dean said.

In addition to figuring out instruction and social distancing, the choir's permanent rehearsal space has to be set up and taken down every time the choir rehearses.

Members of the symphony and orchestra are spaced out in ten-foot cubes in Alumni Hall for rehearsals and are encouraged to fill the furthest seats in order to avoid having to come into contact with numerous people. Each group has been split into two 'pods,' which each have rehearsal two times for half an hour each week as opposed to the normal hour and a half.

"[Students] have to have ten feet between them and everybody else, and that is a very vulnerable position to be in as a player...it's like asking everybody to play solos the whole time."

-Dr. Heidi Miller

Splitting into pods has allowed for sanitization and air circulation between the groups.

Members of the symphony and orchestra are also wear-



Dr. Dean conducts the Gustavus Choir while rehearsing in the Beck Hall atrium.

Gracie Jackson

ing special 'musicians' masks,' created by Gustavus alumna Morgan Fuller, who has her own business through Etsy.

"They're funny because they kind of make the musicians look like muppets when they're not playing their instruments, but it was really great that we were able to get [them]," Miller said.

"I think we're going to grow as musicians in our ability to be independent and be confident, so I'm hoping that can be a bonus even though this isn't an ideal situation."

-Dr. Heidi Miller

In addition to wearing masks, flute players have special flute shields and brass players have puppy pads to empty their spit valves onto.

The orchestra will be having a concert on Nov. 7, in which groups will come to Christ Chapel and have their performances recorded. The videos will then be spliced together into one cohesive recording. It is estimated that the recording will be available within 24 hours

of the performance.

Choir students have spent all year building up to the Christmas in Christ Chapel (C in CC) performance, during both online and in-person classes. Students learned their music pieces online and are now finishing and beginning to refine their pieces in person. Rehearsals are being held in Christ Chapel, the Beck Hall atrium and outside, as weather permits.

Choir members are spaced eight feet apart and wear specifically designed singing masks during rehearsals. While the masks are expensive, the Gustavus Advancement Team stepped in and made sure that students did not have to pay for them.

"Everybody was very flexible and rolled with [online courses]. Now that we're in person, I think there's a sense of anxiety that meets excitement. It's good to be in community again, but there are some real challenges to staying safe," Dean said.

This year's Christmas in Christ Chapel performance has been moved to the week after fall break instead of the traditional first week of December to accommodate this semester's altered schedule.

As with the orchestral performance, C in CC will be pre-recorded with no audience by Heroic Productions, an event technology service that has

been providing Gustavus with lighting and video work for C in CC performances for almost a decade. The finished performance will be available to watch on Dec. 19 at 7:30 p.m.

"It will only be offered online, but the unique talent challenges have also allowed us to do some things that we couldn't normally do. I won't spoil what all those things are, but we've re-looked at how we make music together and how we collaborate with our graphic designers and our alumni, and we're going to have something special for the community," Dean said.

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-Dr. Brandon Dean

"I would want our students to continue to grow and learn and be artists and stretch their minds through what's possible through artistic expression," Conductor of the Gustavus Wind Orchestra Dr. James Pat-

rick Miller said.

Dr. James Miller is on sabbatical this semester, continuing his work writing a teacher's pedagogical assistant to conducting.

Dr. Heidi Miller has taken over his position as conductor of both the orchestra and symphony in his absence.

"When you care so deeply about something that gets taken away from you for a period, it can be a real wakeup call... I think we're all learning that we do place a high value in what we do together and that we won't be taking it for granted. Ultimately we're learning a lot about perseverance and flexibility, and how to live in community with each other in a meaningful way," Dean said.

Safe-Six Socializing



Cadence Paramore

Campus life continues to gear up with each passing day of the semester, and Gusties across campus are reuniting after six months of socially distanced learning. After quarantining, we're all feeling socially deprived and are looking for ways to reconnect and catch up on what feels like "lost time." Practicing safe-six can be hard when all we want to do is see everyone all at once. However, we must stay vigilant if we want to avoid another socially isolated semester and even more time away from our friends! You might feel stuck. Zoom calls can get exhausting, and the last thing you want to do is hop onto another call to hang out with your friends when they live on the same campus as you. You're probably wondering: What can you do in order to hang out with your friends in a COVID-friendly way? Google no more, because this week, we answer that question for the Gustavus community!



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Have a movie night with your roommate(s)!

Especially with the newly renovated Nobel Hall, there are plenty of empty classrooms or lounges to project a movie! Classrooms and lounges have perfect setups to sit six-feet apart, so you can still enjoy a movie in-person. Or, if you want to stay in bed, you can use an app like Netflix Party!

Go for a socially-distanced walk!

The change of seasons in St. Peter never fails to bring beautiful weather and views. Wonder through the Arb, or take a drive to Seven Mile Creek Park! There's so much potential to find cool places, plants, and paths. While on your walk, stop for a hammocking session in the Arb (trees are 6 feet apart, right?).

Play video games!

What's a better excuse than a global pandemic to stay inside all day and play video games? Set up a group server, or play socially distanced in-person to share your favorite games (and show off how good you got over quarantine)!

Craft! Learn a new hobby with friends!

We've all had that passing thought that maybe we should learn to knit at least once. Or maybe you're sick of wearing and washing the same 4 masks, and really want to try your hand at sewing. Gather your materials, find a table (with chairs safely six feet apart), and give in to that urge. YouTube is your best friend.

Make a collaborative playlist with your friends!

Want to make sure that people actually listen to the songs you keep posting on your story? Make a collaborative playlist on Spotify, and maybe even break that habit of listening to the same three albums on repeat!

Play socially-distanced games!

Sick of video games? Try a different game! Grab a frisbee, football, or longboard, grab your mask, and head outside for socially distanced activities. Or, learn a new card or board game with your roomies.

Still bored? Friends stuck in Zoom classes? Read a book you've always been meaning to read!

Similar to our movie list, we all have a list of books that we keep adding to, knowing that "one day" we'll read them. Make your socially distanced days the "one day" and enjoy a new book!