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Gustavus welcomes new Campus **Safety Director**



The Department of Campus Safety welcomes new Director, Frederick Smith

Emily VanGorder Staff Writer

¬he Department of Campus Safety at Gustavus • welcomed a new Director, Frederick Smith, in late January. Smith was born and raised in New York City and first began his career in law enforcement as a member of the NYPD. He then moved on to hold a number of law enforcement jobs across the U.S. He comes to Gustavus from Arizona, having most recently been Chief of Police for the Hualapai tribe.

Campus Safety officers are

on-duty for 24 hours a day, and make sure residence halls, academic buildings, and campus are secure, as well as responding to health and safety concerns. Officers are also constantly in communication with members of the St. Peter Police Department. While Gustavus may seem relatively crime-free, the Campus Security Department and officers emphasize the importance of student vigilance and preparedness to prevent crime from happening.

The Campus Safety Department employs students who act as dispatchers. They answer phone calls and act as a middle ground between anyone who calls Campus Safety and the of-

ficers on duty. Student dispatchers receive and process radio alarms, talk to officers over the radio, record student patroi, and are ready in case of emergencies. They also deal with parking registration, car jump starts, lost and found, and answer calls and questions.

"My experience has been really positive. The administrative assistant and administrative director oversee us if there are any issues during the day, and they are both extremely helpful, kind, and friendly. The officers also talk to us about their lives outside of campus, continuing the friendliness around the office," Junior Kelly Carlson said.

Carlson has worked as a stu-

dent dispatcher since her first year at Gustavus.

"I've met a lot of cool new students working this job and the officers are so great... They'll often ask me how school is, what I'm studying, how my day is going, and give life advice. One officer even brought cinnamon rolls on my birthday,' Junior Libby Markham said.

This is Markham's third year working as a student dispatcher for Campus Safety.

While most calls are nonemergencies, students often deal with stressful calls.

'Sometimes the shifts can get really stressful, and I've grown a lot in my ability to keep my calm and stay level-headed while dealing with a tense situation. I think working at Campus Safety has definitely thickened my skin Marknam said.

"While most of the calls from the officers are routine, I have had to deal with some emergencies. I think that it's really important to stay calm, remember all the information you need to log in later, and if necessary, student dispatchers will also make incident reports for the officers to fill out," Carlson.

Director Smith, welcome to the Gustavus Community.

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Campus Safety Report

Thursday, February 25, 2021

- Campus Safety assisted the SPPD with a student in the Southwest parking lot.
- Campus Safety responded to North Hall in response to a suspicious circumstance.

Friday, February 26, 2021

Campus Safety received a call for a medical assist at Arbor View East.

Campus Safety responded to a fire alarm in Southwest Hall. One student referred to the campus conduct system.

Saturday, February 27, 2021

Campus Safety received a report of an odor of marijuana in North Hall

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:

Run, Hide, Fight...Do you know what it means?

Run, Hide, Fight, is a national campaign that Gustavus uses in providing notification during an active threat situation on

campus. Basically the run part is that your first option is to get away, get as far away from the threat as you can. Second, if you can't, then you hide. You barricade yourself wherever you are. You often see the words shelter in place, when it comes to the hide element. You shelter in place to try and keep yourself away from that threat. The last is if you just have no other option, that you can use your

mental and physical capacities to defend yourself. That as a last resort to save your life, there may be a need to fight.

For more information about using Run, Hide, Fight in an active threat situation, watch the short video posted on the Campus Safety website in the right hand toolbar under "Safety Training Videos.'

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COVID-19 Report

Gustavus On-Campus Update

As of March 1, 2021:

Total Positive Cases (since August 15, 2020): 257

Current Positive Student Cases: 2

Current Positive Employee Cases: 0

Total Students in Isolation/Quarantine: 22

Students in Isolation/Quarantine On Campus: 4

Employees in Isolation/Quarantine: 2

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 renotely 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 Dash-

Minnesota COVID-19 Update

As of March 3 2021:

Total Positive Cases (since January 20, 2020): 486,434

Daily Newly Reported Cases: 788

Daily New Reported Nicollet County Cases: 5

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



Frederick Smith attends the first ever lyrical cafe in the new Center for Inclusive Excellence.

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Vaccine update: Johnson & Johnson vaccine approval is a "game changer", Minnesota



Gusties take their COVID-19 tests in Christ Chapel during a mass testing event.

Freya Nelson Staff Writer

□he Iohnson & Iohnson vaccine arrived in Minnesota on Wednesday March 3. Governor Tim Walz spoke on behalf of the newly FDA approved Johnson & Johnson vaccine calling it a "game changer" in the fight against COVID-19. The vaccine was authorized by the FDA for emergency use on February 27, 2021; a symbol of hope for many Americans as vaccine distribution steadily continues.

'Having another vaccine available in the US will certainly make way for more shots into arms. President Biden an-

nounced yesterday that he now thinks that we will have enough vaccines to immunize all adults wanting a vaccine by the end of by the end of March and an May. Two months earlier than initially thought," Gustavus' Vaccine Coordinator Jessica Braun said.

According to WCCO/CBS Minnesota, the single-dose vaccine will significantly increase the rate of vaccinations given to ensure "broad community protection."

"The Johnson & Johnson vaccine is a one dose vaccine. Not having to wait weeks to get a second shot or worry about losing people to follow-up appointments are tremendous positives with this version of COVID vaccine," Braun said.

According to the Johnson &

Johnson company, there is an expected delivery of twenty million vaccinations in the U.S. expected one hundred million doses by the end of the calendar

year.
"A vaccine that protects against COVID-19, especially against the most dire outcomes of hospitalization and death, will help ease the burden on people and the strain on health systems worldwide," Paul Stoffels, M.D., Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee and Chief Scientific Officer, said, as published for the Johnson & Johnson news release.

As the Minnesota Department of Health continues to provide more information as to who qualifies for a vaccine and

when, there begins to be a sense of hope. "The fact that we have a highly effective vaccine within a those who are still waiting may feel like the rollout is taking a long time, the State of MN is trying to prioritize distribution. As the next phases roll out, we will get closer to hopefully achieving herd immunity," Braun said. "Gustavus continues to

work closely with the Minnesota Department of Health and Nicollet County Public Health and if vaccine supplies allow, we will plan for vaccine distribution on campus. As plans are made for vaccine clinics on campus, the community will be notified via email, social media postings, and posters," Braun

According to WCCO/CBS Minnesota, over seventy milyear of COVID being diagnosed lion vaccines have been distributed across the country thus far, which is considered to be tremendous progress towards the ultimate goal of herd immunity. For those interested in learning more about when they may qualify to receive a vaccination, the State of Minnesota has developed a Vaccine Connector. You do not have to fit a certain priority group to register. Register at https://mn.gov/covid19/ vaccine/connector/connector.

"From These Hands" exhibit provides insight into Dakota culture and history



"From These Hands" is displayed at the Hillstrom Museum of Art.

Tori Smith Staff Writer

It's getting to be that time of year again. The air is warmer, the sun is staying out longer, but for many Gusties this means the workload is about to get much heavier.

As midterms approach, many students are finding school to be much more stressful than before. There are more tests to study for, essays to write, projects to complete and assignments to turn in on time.

This is why it's so important for students to find easy ways to relieve stress. Luckily, Gustavus provides an excellent way to do just that.

The Hillstrom Museum of Art, located in the lower level of Jackson Campus Center, is a free gallery where students are encouraged to visit and explore featured exhibitions. The exhibition currently on display in the gallery is "From These Hands: Fiber Art" and Poetry by Gwen Westerman.

The exhibit features the work of Dakota artist, poet and scholar Gwen Westerman, a faculty member of the English department at Minnesota State University, Mankato (MSU).

"My art is grounded in Dakota culture, history, oral tradition and language recovery—and the continuation of our story," Westerman wrote in her artist statement.

The gallery proudly displays her work which includes a variety of poems and quilts, many of which come from permanent collections in The Heritage Center of Red Cloud Indian School in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, the University Art Galleries at the University of South Dakota and the Minnesota Historical Society in St. Paul.

Dakota culture and history have deep ties to St. Peter as this city was the site of the Traverse des Sioux treaty of 1851. This agreement between the Dakota and the U.S. government transferred ownership of 35 million acres of land at 12 cents an acre to be paid for over time by the U.S. government, according to the Minnesota Historical Society.

The breaking of this treaty by the U.S. government, along with many others, led to the 1862 U.S.-Dakota War which ended in the largest mass execution in U.S. history of 38 Dakota men in Mankato.

"It's important that Gustavus be aware of the history of the place where we are located," Director of Hillstrom Museum Don Myers said.

Westerman's piece "Caske's Pardon" is inspired by the event that took place in Mankato 159 years ago. In 2012, there was

a call for a federal pardon for Caske, one of the men executed who hadn't committed a crime. Westerman's piece turns this on its head, portraying Caske calling for a pardon on those who wrongly executed him.

Another piece entitled "Ded Uŋk'uŋpi/We Are Here" portrays the spirits of the 38 Dakota men who were hanged after the U.S.-Dakota War. The piece is meant to highlight their bravery as "fathers, sons, brothers, uncles, and grandfathers who fought to protect their homeland and their people," according to the artwork's summary.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the museum is only open to on-campus students/faculty and invited guests. In response to this, the museum has started using a videographer to create virtual "walkthroughs" of the gallery to be linked on the Hillstrom website as well as a PDF

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form of the exhibit brochure. Additionally, Westerman will be visiting the museum this weekend to participate in a recorded gallery talk about her work which will also appear on the Museum website. In the talk, she will be referencing specific objects and poems in the exhibit to provide more insight into her outstanding work.

For students needing a break from their studies, the "From These Hands" exhibit is an excellent way to relax and enjoy some beautiful and insightful artwork.

The museum is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and weekends from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Off-campus artlovers can email hillstrom@ gustavus.edu to set up an appointment as an invited guest to view the gallery in person.

GUSTIE of the WEEK



Gustie of the Week, Aimen Zara, chats with The Weekly about her involvement on campus

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Aimen Zara

Emma Lohman Staff Writer

A senior international student from Islamabad, Pakistan, Aimen Zara is a long way from home, and that's just what she wanted when she applied to Gustavus. "I wanted to go and learn on

"I wanted to go and learn on my own how to be independent. I applied to the places that were literally the furthest away from home, and Minnesota seemed far enough. And my brother went here. He always had good things to say about Gustavus," Zara said.

Zara is pursuing an international management major with a strategic communication minor and has been instrumental in introducing Gustavus students to new cultures through her roles in various student organizations. Zara serves as Co-Chair of the Diversity Leadership Council, the Co-President of the Muslim Student Association and the Crossroads Program Coordinator for Residential Life in the International Center. She was also the International Student Representative for Student Senate last year. The organizations that Zara is involved in reflect her passion for creating and ensuring equity.

Åbbey Lane, Area Coordinator for Residential Life, has worked closely with Zara in the Crossroads program. Crossroads is a welcoming and inclusive community where domestic and international students come together to learn about different cultures, religions and traditions.

"[Zara] is the first Crossroads Collegiate Fellow hired specifically for the program. Her passion for providing enriching experiences to her peers has helped Crossroads continue its mission despite the challenges presented by the pandemic. Aimen is helping cement the successful future of this program by working to define the community and create a structure for future Crossroads CFs to use as the program grows," Lane said.

Although Zara has adjusted well to Gustavus, she experienced a lot of culture shock when she first arrived, and she still struggles with calling professors by their first name because Pakistanis are taught not to call their elders by their first name as a sign of respect.

"When professors are like 'Oh just call me Patty' or 'Call me Tom,' I'm dying inside. I hold professors in a very high regard, and I think that's really paid off because when professors see that respect that you give them, they also reciprocate that same respect to you,"

Zara said.

One of Zara's favorite professors during her time at Gustavus has been Patty English, Associate Professor in Communication Studies.

"[Zara] was a student in many of my courses over the last three years. In every course, she was an engaged and curious student. Many of the topics we discussed in class were so applicable to [Zara's] experience that we developed a close relationship through our extended conversations about culture and communication in my office after class. [Zara] is a joy as a student and person," English said.

One of Zara's favorite memories from Gustavus happened her sophomore year when she was a Collegiate Fellow in Norelius.

"When the year was ending, some of my residents reached out and told me that I was one of the reasons that they chose to stay at Gustavus after their first year because they had struggled a lot, but I had played a role in making their time here nicer. To me, that felt so nice because that was one of the reasons why I wanted to be a CF, to help people and make their experiences here better," Zara said.

Zara encourages younger students to set goals for themselves for each year.

"My first year my goal was literally just to get acquainted with college and learn how things are. My second year I slowly started getting involved in things that I liked, because the first year I had seen what I might enjoy. And then your junior year is when you want to start thinking about after graduation...Junior year I started looking at grad schools that I wanted to go to and looking at their requirements," Zara said.

Zara advises students to start looking for internships during their junior year as well. She interned at Pakistan International Airlines in the Human Resources department and the Marketing department. She was also the Marketing Analysis intern for the Gustavus Library. In her role, she helped with the accessibility of the library's website and did comparative analysis with other similar institutions.

After graduation, Zara plans to attend graduate school in the United States for Marketing/Public Relations. She is grateful that her Gustavus education has helped her to envision her future.

"I went from being a person who had no idea why I had come to college to knowing exactly where I want to be in ten years," Zara said.

Student Organization "The Radicals" challenges Linnaeus Arboretum's namesake

Mula Lay Staff Writer

innaeus, the name that is synonymous with the arboretum of Gustavus, is named after Carl Linnaeus. Carl Linnaeus was a Swedish botanist, zoologist, taxonomist and physician. His achievements in the scientific field and, of course, being of Swedish descent was what granted his name to be at the forefront of our beloved arboretum.

n light of recent events, there has been a call to action in renaming the arboretum. This renaming effort has been initiated by an on campus student organization called the Radicals. They argue that Carl Linnaeus, while holding remarkable achievements in the scientific field, has been linked to scientific racism.

The Radicals argue that the issue with the Linnaeus name comes with the implications of racism. Specifically Linnaeus' work on the Systema Naturae, in which he classifies humans as a part of the animal kingdom. In this body of work, there is a classification in which four categories of the human 'species' are formed. These four categories are Americanus (American), Europaeus (European), Asiaticus (Asian), and Africanus (Africans). Within these categories, there is a classification of behavior. The Radicals interpret the behaviors seen in the Europaeus and Americanus categories as positive while the behaviors seen in Asiaticus and Africanus categories are negative. The work uses terms such as 'cheerful' and 'wise' for Americanus and Europaeus while describing Asiaticus and Africanus as 'haughty' and 'neglectful' and the Radicals claim this to be explicitly racist.

Students-both members of the Radicals and their supporters-have shared that the impact of this body of work can be overbearing as it empowers the positively described 'species' while it disheartens the negatively described 'species', thus giving way to stereotypes that can be harmful.

The Radicals initiated the efforts in renaming the arboretum after learning of the College's commitment to anti-racism and their acknowledgement of existing on Native American land, namely, the Očhéthi Šakówin

In adhering to the newfound commitments, the Radicals believe that removing the Linnaeus name from the Arboretum would not only strip the name they say is associated with racism but would also honor the Lakota notion that land should not be named after people.



The Radicals work to rename the arb

In researching the cultural aspects of Native American culture, The Radicals were able to have a conversation with indigenous Cânté Sütá-Francis Bettelyoun.

"He just talked about naming practices and the kind of white colonial tradition that assigns human attributes and human names to land that really doesn't belong to people, it belongs to everyone in the community," Senior Signe Jeremiason, a co-facilitator for the Radicals, said.

One of the initiatives Jeremiason took was sending out a survey in October 2020 to students gauging opinions on changing the arboretum name. The survey garnered over three hundred responses, of which over two hundred were for the name change and the rest were either against it or were neutral.

"Something that we've noticed with the discussions with students is that they're not as educated about the issue as we've kind of been hoping for... A lot of people [against renaming] just assume that we want to get rid of it [Linnaeus] because he's a white man," Junior Grace Matson, the secretary for the Radicals said.

The Radicals believe that students should be exposed to the issue of renaming and be educated in what renaming

'We [the Radicals] also want

to make sure that students are actually aware of this issue [renaming] ... because I know personally if I were not in the Radicals, I wouldn't realize that there was something going

on with trying to change the arboretum name," First-year Savanna Hanle said.

The Radicals are continuing to advocate for the Linnaeus name removal and, for more

information regarding the topic, contact your student senate representative or environmental sustainability chair.



The Linnaeus Arboretum is name currently under deliberation



For some, thrifting acts as a relatively inexpensive hobby to add unique pieces to one's wardrobe or home decor, but for others, thrifting is a way to access basic necessities. As thrifting cycles back through what is deemed as "trendy" and has its own fifteen minutes of fame from influencers on TikTok, students may find themselves needing to become more conscious consumers when visiting a thrift store.

Thrifting's popularity can be reflected in the prices at large, nationally established stores. Senior Megan Morris has noticed these increased prices throughout her years thrifting. "At places like Savers and Goodwill [the items] can be so expensive," said Morris. These high prices, along with questions about Goodwill's ethics, have made some students look into alternative shopping options.

"I try to stay out of the clothing sections at large thrift stores. I usually go to the St. Peter Thrift Store or Again Thrift Store in Mankato instead," Morris said.

Other students have also noticed this pattern of gentrification at larger stores. "Mainstream stores like Goodwill are a prime example of becoming truly for-profit and knowing what they should be marking up or not," President and Founder of the thrifting-focused student organization, ThriftyGold, Emma Goebel said.

While Goodwill claims to be a non-profit organization, some interviewees expressed that they felt that Goodwill did not act like a non-profit organization and had too many controversies to be a truly reliable place to shop.

Goodwill's prices are determined locally in order to be competitive, so some stores may need to adjust prices to keep

up the surge of interest in thrifting, which can cause shoppers who rely on thrifting for everyday goods to be priced out of their local stores. "A main negative of thrifting at these stores is gentrification of thrift stores and what that means for families who rely on them" Goebel said.

By thrifting locally, shoppers can avoid some of the gentrification that is seen at nationally recognized stores. St. Peter is home to several local thrift stores including St. Peter Thrift Store, a non-profit store whose entire proceeds go to John Ireland School and the Church of St. Peter's Social Concerns Committee which provides clothing and household items. "When you thrift, concentrating on the non profits is the best way to go because you know the money you spend there is going to go to good use," Lisa Cummiskey, manager of the St. Peter Thrift Store said.

"We recently had a woman come in who was in need of baby items, so we were able to provide her with some clothes and a stroller and the types of things you need for a newborn when you come home from the hospital," Cummiskey said. Local stores often have a charitable mission associated with them while also offering an affordable location for shoppers to buy essentials.

"We're not here to make money, we're here to serve our community and our parish. The prices at a thrift store are a big factor. Especially this day in age where people might lose their job due to circumstances that are going on in the world right now," Cummiskey said.

Thrifting's appeal spans further than just supporting one's local community. For many shoppers and for members of ThriftyGold, sustainability is a main factor in choosing to purchase second hand. "ThriftyGold is focused on sustainability within fast fashion, so a big focus is looking at thrifting and second-hand clothing as an option to negate fast fashion while also being conscious of the impact that thrifting has on the community as well," said Goebel.

This student organization, founded in 2018, takes a closer look at how fast fashion is impacting our world. With the fashion industry being the second largest polluting industry, ThriftyGold tries to look toward resources like thrifting and repurposing clothing to have a second life.

Morris has also explored ways of repurposing clothing she's found at thrift stores to mimic some of the trendier items sold on fast fashion sites. "I'm working on a project where I take two T-shirts and put them together because I saw the idea on Shein, and they were selling it for \$15. I know how to sew things so I thought that I might as well do it myself," Morris said. In many ways, repurposing thrifted items has been a way for students like Morris to avoid fast fashion and still buy trendy clothing, "Sometimes I'll find vintage jackets or dresses that I can fix up and either save or myself or give to someone else. It makes my heart happy knowing that someone has given this item a lot of love and now I get to reuse the clothes for myself," Morris said.

Similarly, Goebel resonated with the feeling that trends are constantly cycling through. "I think with social media and especially TikTok, it's easy to get sucked into wanting clothes from Shein or other companies like that, so we are wanting to address those issues now," Goebel said.

With the ease of buying online, fast fashion has become a more prevalent shopping option, but at the same time, more sustainable brands have also cropped up over the years. This begs the question for many students, should we buy from sustainable brands if we can afford it and leave thrift stores for those in need? Gobel offers some thought on this question: "If you can afford to purchase items from sustainable companies, please, please do that. We understand that there is a privilege that comes with thrifting and that is in the forefront of our mind when it comes to thrifting. We stress that if it's not something that you're definitely going to use or wear that you should not get it," Goebel said.

Cummiskey offers similar advice about being a more conscious consumer. "When going thrifting, come in with a list. If you find something along the way, just think about whether or not you're going to wear it. If it's not something you're going to use, then leave it on the rack," Cummiskey said.

Morris describes the best of both worlds when it come to thrifting by being both sustainable but also intentional with your shopping: "A lot of retro looks are coming back into style, so if you're shopping for fun, you can buy a new staple for your wardrobe while still giving life to something that would've been thrown away otherwise," Morris says.

As more shoppers turn to thrifting with cost and sustainability in mind, conscious consumption will remain just as important as ever in order to keep thrift stores prices fair and open for all.

The Caf's Losses and Minnesota's Food Crisis



Grace Worwa *Opinion Columnist*

In last week's issue, we discussed the lamb's tragic disappearance from our beloved Friday gyros. But Gusties, lamb is not the only Caf casualty of the COVID-19, just as the meat processing bottleneck is not the only COVID-induced disruption in the food supply chains. As it turns out, the pandemic exposed frightening vulnerabilities that already existed within agricultural food systems, resulting in staple Gustie foods missing from the Caf.

Among those foods are veggie and chicken eggrolls, veggie spring rolls, and chicken potstickers. According to Dining Service Purchasing Manager Shari Jacobson, the lack of eggrolls is the most mind-boggling.

"I have not been able to order either brand that we normally stock, nor any sub-brand of either of those two varieties since before Christmas break," Jacobson said.

To replace the eggrolls, Jacobson has stocked up cheese wontons and pork egg rolls instead.

Our supply issues in the Caf reflect the challenges facing food processors and manufacturers across the state. According to a survey conducted collaboratively by Minnesota food and agricultural groups, 56 percent of these businesses experienced a decline in revenue after June 29, 2020. They also faced major disruptions due to the pandemic, including market and sales losses, labor shortages, lack of PPE, bottlenecks, and more.

The reason for this? Minnesota's agricultural food system is not built to withstand such catastrophe. Processing and manufacturing are monopolized under large, international companies, leaving consumers with nowhere else to turn when those companies fall short.

Meatpacking is an excellent example of this. According to Dr. Kathy Draeger, over 90 percent of the meat packing industry in Minnesota is owned by four international companies. Dr. Draeger is the Statewide Director of the University of Minnesota Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships, and she's been calling this a problem for years.

And she was right.

The suffering in Minnesota's hog industry this year supports her claim. Due to monopolization, ten plants handle about 85 percent of all pigs raised in Minnesota, according to the MinnPost. When many of these plants shut down due to COVID, farmers had nowhere to take their pigs. As a result, the Minnesota Pork Board "estimated more than 450,000 hogs were put down in Iowa and Minnesota" (MinnPost).

Beyond lack of processing space, monopolization by large, international companies also means exposure to global market shifts, and that comes with its own set of problems.

According to Yahoo Finance, "The crisis in the global food market owes to a glut in supply in some regions that cannot reach growing demand in others."

In other words, when a supply center in one part of the world suddenly runs short on product, other parts of the world experiencing a rise in demand are left starved.

For example, early-pandemic shortages in grain-producing countries caused them to restrict grain exports (Yahoo Finance); however, this meant that countries like China could not obtain grain to satisfy their rising demand. As a result, the World Banks says that food prices increased by almost 20 percent last

"Our food system is fragile and we need to have plan A's and plan B's because we can't just keep getting bigger industrially, with one globalized company owning such a huge percentage," Dr. Draeger said. "We need to have multiple strategies."

Here at Gustavus, we felt the consequences of the monopolized food system in the Caf, especially at the beginning of the pandemic.

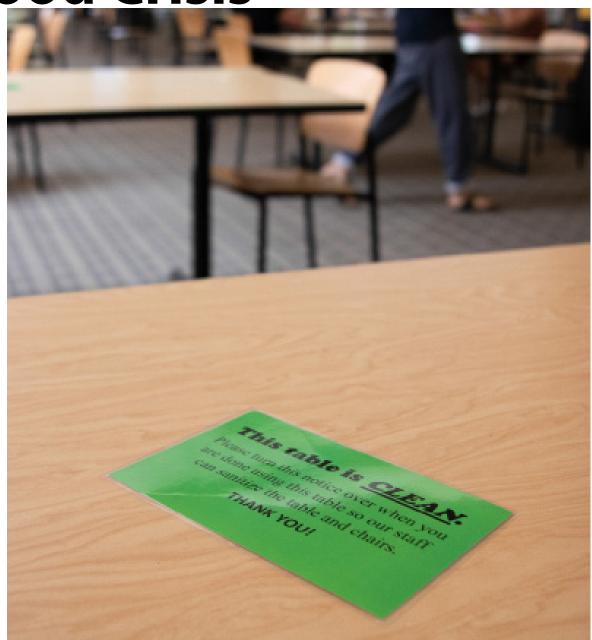
"Typically, I place an order and there might be three items that are out-of-stock, so I'll get substitutes or say I don't need it, but [last spring], I remember placing orders and there would be like 30 items out-of-stock," Jacobson said. "It was unbelievable. I've never seen anything like it."

Thankfully, things have cooled down quite a bit since then, but it still remains difficult to get several food items that are normally readily available, like the chicken and veggie egg rolls.

"It's like the toilet paper thing all over again," Jacobson said, "Where you go to the store one time and they don't have any toilet paper, so the next time you go and they do, everyone is trying to buy 18 big packs of toilet paper and then [the stores are] out again."

Thanks to the pandemic, the dangers of our monopolized food system are finally being acknowledged at the state government level.

According to MinnPost, "the



Changes in the supply chain reach the caf MDA (Minnesota Department of Agriculture) has already worked to to help smaller meat processors co expand or open more quickly." pr

New proposals are expected to quickly follow as to how to continue expanding small meat processing.

In the meantime, we may mourn some of our missing caf favorites, but now we know that we are not alone.

The Good, the Bad, and the Meh



That campus wide wifi outage that got us all out of class on a beautiful day



We do miss the veggie and chicken eggrolls



You might slip

The Best Caramel Latte in Saint Peter



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appy first week of March Gusties. Now that the Lspring semester is in full swing, it means that all of our coffee addictions are back in full force right alongside it. While we *could* just make coffee in our dorm rooms, we all know that getting away from our desks and spending money we don't have on coffee just hits differently. As an act of kindness for you all, I have done the hard hard work this week of trying almost every coffee shop in the Saint Peter area to let you know the best place to get your next caffeine hit.

In order to ensure consistency, I ordered the same thing

at each coffee shop, a small hot caramel latte. I will be ranking each coffee place based on these criteria: Efficiency and quality of service, the taste of coffee, ambiance, location, and "bang for your buck," or price.

First up is Caribou. I visited the location inside of Fam Fresh as it is the closest to campus. The service was fast and efficient, but an employee in Fam Fresh wasn't wearing a mask. The coffee was amazing, with warm earthy/nutty tones and sweet. It may be too sweet for some, but as a warning, I have a sweet tooth. Extra points for being a classic Minnesota favorite. It was kind of expensive, but worth the money in my opinion. I'll admit the location is weird, and it is unfortunate that there is no drivethrough closer to campus. 8/10.

Next up is Dunkin. The service here was super fast, and the worker was really happy and nice. The latte was definitely cheaper, but something is a little...off about it, and I can't quite put my finger on it. Of course, it was super sweet, as one would expect from Dunkin. My drink was good this time, but it's a risk to trust Dunkin to deliver this again. I would say worth the money if I got this exact latte again and it works if you want something cheap and fast. 6.5/10

The next place I visited was

the STEAMery (yes, this was my third latte in one day. You all should be very grateful for me). It wasn't very busy, so the service was super fast, and I got the drink within two minutes of ordering. This was surprising, considering it usually takes much longer. This latte was surprisingly expensive for a coffee geared towards college students. I am going to be honest-this latte was terrible. It was watery, and not sweet enough for me. I can barely tell this is even coffee. The flavoring immediately sunk to the bottom and stirring was required, which after two lattes annoyed me. I was informed by a roommate that these lattes come out of a machine, and are not handmade. Definitely, the worst I have had so far. Get this for cheaper at Kwik Trip. Points for having really cute compostable cups. Didn't even give this cup of coffee the decency to finish it.

The next morning I stopped by Diamond Dust. The pricing was not unreasonable, and the ambiance is out of the world. Two people weren't wearing a mask in the store however and had no drinks. Their small was also the biggest so far, which was nice. The taste of the latte was excellent, and I could tell it was handmade. Of course, it's sweet, but I like that. Perfect round-

ness on the tongue. I was disappointed they have taken away the student discount, considering that the shop is basically on campus. A nice short walk and a good place to go if you are sick of the STEAMery or Courtyard but don't want to drive anywhere. 7/10

That afternoon I tried to visit River Rock. Emphasis on the tried. Unfortunately, they are closed almost the entire week I wrote this article for construction, and I am sorry to report that as a junior I still have never stepped foot in this pillar of the Saint Peter community. Better luck next time I guess. Points for popularity and reputation. 3/10.

Next up was Starbucks. This latte was just great, and well worth the money. It was exactly what you would want a caramel latte to taste like. Rich, well-rounded, but not too overpowering. The employees at this Starbucks are always so fun and memorable. I'll admit, it is annoying to have the only Starbucks in Hyvee, but I think it is worth it. But I have to be honest and admit that this was not a classic caramel latte. Their normal caramel flavoring was unavailable, as their distribution center is in Texas. Instead, they used the thick caramel drizzle, which was supplemented by a little vanilla. I can forgive them

for this and the latte still delivered, so I wasn't mad. Do what you will with this information. 9/10.

Last up was the Gustie favorite, The Courtyard. This latte was better than the STEAMery, but still not the greatest. The courtyard has a really weird caramel flavoring in my opinion, which is almost buttery and I am not the biggest fan. This drink was a tad watery and somehow didn't stay warm as long as some of the other drinks. Definitely an upgrade for the STEAMery though, and I could tell it was handmade. If you are on this side of campus and have some Caf money to spend, grab one of these rather than going to the STEAmery.

I hope this adventure was helpful to you Gusties. After drinking almost six small hot caramel lattes in two days, I can tell you now that I won't be ordering one soon. Best of luck with your stress-induced coffee escapades.



The hunt for the best caramel latte in town begins at one of these noble establishments

Why Winter is an Underrated Season



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think that winter is an underrated season in my opin-Lion. The temperatures begin dropping, autumn is ending, and snow starts falling. During this time of year, there are many great activities. Some of these activities are skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, ice skating, snowmobiling, sledding, ice fishing and drinking hot chocolate by the fire.

"The first time I went cross country skiing, it was dif-ficult to maneuver. After a little while, the strides became easier "

In the winter, it is enjoyable going cross country skiing on trails. It is a great workout. It's like gliding across the snow. I still need more practice to become better at it. The first time I went cross country skiing, it was difficult to maneuver. After a little while, the strides became easier. Every once in a while, I go to Buck Hill to go downhill skiing. It is a fun activity to do in your free time.

I think that downhill skiing is a little bit more challenging to learn. I have never been snowboarding, but it looks really fun. The best snow to ski on is fresh or powder snow. Another activity is sledding. On days where going skiing or snowboarding doesn't seem as interesting the size of the siz interesting, this simple activity is fun to do with friends.

Another fun activity to do in the winter is snowshoeing. Walking through a trail in a forest with snowshoes is a unique experience. Some things to see are the sparkling snow, frozen trees, frozen rivers and lakes, and wildlife. Although it can be extremely chilly outside, the environment is beautiful. Hearing the sound of shoes crunching on newly fallen snow is pleasing. It is great seeing pictures of Minnehaha falls frozen with the blue icicles that hang from the top of the ledges.

In the winter, it is easier



A Gustie outside in the Wintertime

to find wildlife. Without the greenery, there are fewer spots for them to camouflage themselves in. A lot of wildlife I see more frequently during this time of year are deer, coyotes, foxes, and bunnies. It is nice

seeing ice sculptures too. Last year, a fun event that

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combined lights, ice sculptures, and other seasonal decorations was the GLOW Holiday Festival. It was surreal and relaxing driving past illuminated trees and wonderfully crafted

sculptures. It is unfortunate that they melt away as the seasons change and temperatures start rising. Nighttime during the winter is special. The lights that hang from the houses, trees, and other structures add

to the magical feeling.
While taking a walk at night under the lit street lamps, it is easier to see the snowflakes falling. Sometimes it is fun to grab a hat, mittens, and coat to take pictures of a winter landscape. Many times throughout the year, ice crystals, frost appears on the trees. I swiftly grabbed my camera to capture the surreal scene. To

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my surprise, the wind picked up and blew the crystals off the trees. Luckily, I was able to

capture the hoar frost before it disappeared. I will never forget that morning when I looked outside and saw the stark appearance of the trees. Sometimes a winter sunrise or sunset will display a vibrant sky with purple or pink hues. When this is complemented by an abundance of snow, a wonderful scene emerges. On the frozen lakes and ponds, sometimes there are ice skaters and people ice fishing.

I have gone ice skating a ole ot times, to skiing I am still a beginner. I remember when I first went ice skating, and it was difficult to even stand. As I did it more, the movements were a little better. I like to watch others play hockey at actual games or for fun on a pond. I frequently see ice fishers on lakes with their ice houses. I have been fishing in the summer, but I haven't been ice fishing. It looks really fun and rewarding. I also haven't been snowmobiling, but it looks like a very exciting

The joys of winter aren't

only confined to outdoors, though. When the temperatures are too cold, it is relaxing sitting by a fire and sipping hot chocolate. It is enjoyable watching films with friends and family, and it is a special thing cozying up. Another great aspect of this time is my birthday and favorite holiday are in this season.

Some may say that winter is miserable, but there are many aspects of it that make it special and my favorite season. With the ice skaters on the ponds, the snowmobilers racing through the snow, the cross country skiers on trails, the downhill skiers on the slopes, the beautiful environment, and the cozy atmosphere the season is a very wonderful sight.

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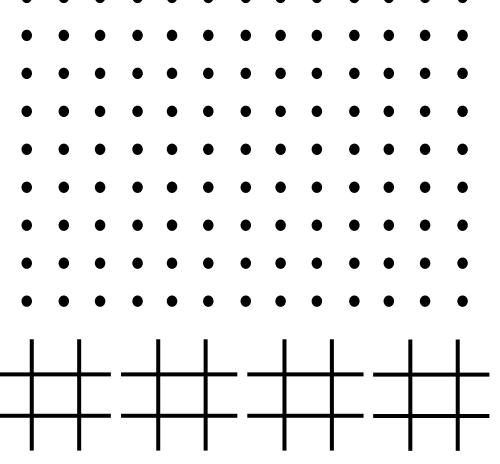
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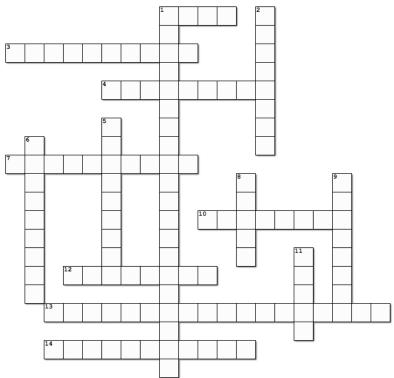
Dots & Boxes

Take turns drawing one line. If that line completes a square, write your initial in the box and draw another line. Continue until all dots have been connected. The player with the most boxes wins!



Crossword

Not Video Games



Across

- Makes you feel like Sherlock Holmes until you open the envelope and you're completely wrong.
- 3. Charades but with drawing.
- 4. Just an excuse to set up a cool Rube Goldberg Machine and knock it down (two words).
- 7. You sunk my ____!
- 10. A crossword where you make the answers.
- 12. A game whose name currently hasn't aged well.
- 13. Math disguised as fantasy roleplaying
- 14. No strategy, only dropping coins (two words).

Down

- 1. Pick which of your friends made the best dirty joke (three words).
- 2. Friendship killer.
- 5.As soon as you were introduced to caffeine, you never won this game again.
- 6. Gloppy haunts my nightmares (two words).
- 8. A game named after apologizing with no real remorse.
- 9. List things about a person until you're down to one tab (two words).
- 11. Upset your friends by building a road longer than theirs

The Monkey Speaks



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March Horoscopes

Aries: Your intuition has not always been right, but keep listening. It will be soon.

Taurus: Play a game with your friends. They miss you.

Gemini: There will come a time this month when you will be faced with a choice. Pick the one with more traction.

Cancer: you know that thing that you keep seeing in your

peripheral vision? Don't look at it directly. That's what itwants.

Leo: The issue is out of your control. Let it go.

Virgo: As the snow melts, things will be revealed. Take it in stride

Libra: Keep your head up and eyes open! You can't miss it!

Scorpio: You're going to see a green light in the middle of the night. Don't worry. This is normal.

Sagittarius: Buy some Girl Scout cookies at the grocery store, but don't linger. They smell fear.

Capricorn: It's supposed to be nice out, but don't be fooled. Keep your coat nearby

Aquarius: Check your schedule. Are you forgetting something?

Pisces: When the aliens come, you know which side you'll pick. Hope it's the right one.

Down. I. Cards Against Humanity, 2. Monopoly, 5. Operation, 6. Candy Land, 8. Sorry, 9. Guess Who, II. Catan.

"Reclaim the Throne!"

Swim and Dive prepares for final meet of the season.

Jack Wiessenberger Staff Writer

fter a tumultuous season, the Gustavus Swim and Dive teams are preparing to get in the water one last time this weekend. The team's few months of competition have come with more than their fair share of challenges. COVID has provided many obstacles for the team to overcome, and the rival schools of the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) have challenged the Gusties to continually work hard. The Men's Team will host the Pipers, Johnnies and Tommies in a quad-meet and the Women's Team will dual St. Thomas on Saturday March 6, and Sunday March 7 in what is sure to be a shootout. Hopes are high the Gusties will be able to finish the season on a positive note as they end St. Thomas' time in the MIAC by handing them a loss.

"This meet is huge, and we are so prepared for it. St. Thomas has been our number one rival for years now and we are ready to hopefully send them out of the MIAC on an L. It will be extra special because in a normal year with the conference meet, only a select number of athletes can participate from each team. This year, we are able to have our whole team compete together in this last meet of the season," Senior Swimmer Hana Pokornowski

The sense of togetherness within the swim team is at an all time high despite the circumstances surrounding the unusual season. All the challenges have led to this meet where some of the best programs from the MIAC will face off in a season finale.

"We are expecting a well-trained, determined team that only has one thing on their mind, and that is to win their last meet as members of the MIAC. St. Thomas has always been Gustavus' biggest competitor and this weekend will surely be no different than any other final meet of the season, Junior Swimmer Denis Engle

In recent years, Gustavus has held the edge over St. Thomas, but by narrow margins. The final meeting of these two outstanding swim programs will almost certainly come down to the wire. The bragging rights to the final chapter of a historic rivalry are

up for grabs.
"They are going to swim fast. They always do at the end of the season, but so do we. The past couple years have been super fun to swim against them just because of the close competition. Our Women's team placed second in the conference last year and beat out St. Thomas by just one point.



Hana Porkornowski prepares for the biggest meet of the season.

Our Men's team has claimed the Conference Championship for the past two years. They're

a tough team, but so are we,"

Pokornowski said.

Due to MIAC cancellations, no team will be named conference champion this season. However, this has not put a damper on the competitive spirit of the Gusties. Swim-mers from both the men's and women's teams are looking to use this final meet to showcase their hard work and dedication from this season.

This odd season definitely had its ups and downs. The

biggest challenge for us was probably having to just put our trust in our training for so long. We usually have more meets throughout the year to blow off some training steam and see our progress. Going for so long without that was hard on a lot of us. We had to continually remind ourselves of the end goals and that the killer training would get us where we needed to be," Junior Swimmer Lillie Ortloff said.

The teams have been practicing since the end of September and have only competed in three meets against other programs. COVID adjustments led to the team's season being much longer than usual, and with far fewer opportunities for competition. Additionally, a near full-team quarantine caused problems for the team

towards the end of January.

"A definite low point of the season would have to be when a better half of the team was required to quarantine due to a poor decision made the previous Saturday night. That was a huge blow to the team morale. Once everyone was out of quarantine, the entire team had a candid discussion about what we could learn from this mistake, what could we do to prevent this from happening again, and how are we going to move on from this," Engle said.

The strange season brought around a variety of challenges the team had never faced before. Mistakes were made, but the team handled them well and was able to come together as a family once again. Now, all focus is set on ending the season with a strong performance over a historic rival.



Gusties work to end their season with a win over historical rival, St. Thomas

Nothing But Net

Men's basketball rides Pete Lundquist's hot hand

Autumn Zierman Staff Writer

Though any Economics and Statistics majors will know the hot hand in Basketball-which refers to the belief that a streak of victories mean the next game will be a victory too, is a false social be a victory too, is a false social cognitive bias—if anyone has a hot hand outside the study rooms, it is the GAC Basketball team. Achieving a three-game winning streak this Monday against Bethel, the GAC Men's Basketball team is sitting on a 3-2 record for the season and a 3-1 for this year in the MIAC

3-1 for this year in the MIAC.

Leading the charge for his team, current Senior Peter Lundquist sat down to shed light on how the team is doing this

"We lost the first two games this year, which was tough, especially because we had a tough end of year last year. We had dropped seven games by the end of the season," Lundquist said.

It seems the team has emerged from the end of that

streak and is ramping up with a winning streak in a far more condensed season this year. "We have limited prac-tice times, but that is because we have three games a week. What was originally a four to five-week schedule has been crunched into two weeks with a game every other day of the

week," Lundquist said.
In the middle of their season, the Men's Basketball team does not show signs of slowing down. On February 24, the team triumphed over St. Mary's with a finishing score of 61-60. Last Saturday the team took an accompany with the status of the earned victory over Concordia with an ending score of 78-69, and finally, Monday night the team triumphed over Bethel finishing the game 70-62.

In an interview with Sports Information Director CJ Siewort Head Coach Mark Hanson

ert, Head Coach Mark Hanson explains the victory on Satur-

day.
"I think we've made some strides offensively and we started getting a feel for mak-ing the extra pass and running our offense, while also taking advantage of what their defense gave us. We had a size advantage and made an effort to get the ball inside, but when you get into a flow like we did today, the shots feel better," Hanson said.

Lundquist, one of the players credited for Saturday's vic-

tory, explains the game.
"It was a fun game; I've never lost to Concordia which is good because with a fourhour bus ride that would be a tough ride back. Everyone felt prepared, we had an advantage on the inside and used it. By half we were up 17 points," Lundquist said.

Despite the high energy from victory, the team has had



The close-knit team faces challenges with COVID, but has managed to continue with their season.

to work much harder this year than previous to stay motivat-

"Without the fans and parents in the stand we had to keep our energy up. It is also exhausting to be on such a different schedule. We have had to stop twice to quarantine in our practice season, so we aren't in the same physical shape," Lundquist said.

"Team morale is really up and down— COVID is frustrating. We get tested three times a week. But we have a pretty tight knit group and are all pretty close friends, even if we don't get to spend as much together off the court. Being on the court it's like our social hour," Lundquist said.

For seniors like Lundquist, however, the ability to get on the court comes as a welcome relief to the season's uncertainty. Basketball has been instrumental to many of the team's vears at Gustavus, and Lundquist is no exception.

"I have played varsity from 2017 to now, all four years. It is the most impactful thing in my life at GAC. I didn't come to college to play basketball, but it takes so much of your time that it becomes one of the most important things you do. I have made lifelong friends here and year to year have gained perspective as it changes," Lundqiust said.

"I would say work and practice hard. Respect everyone. Above all though, find a



Senior Peter Lundquist helps bring his team to victory

way to have fun with it," Lundquist said, offering advice to the underclassmen and upcoming Gusties.

As the team looks to wrap up their season in the coming weeks, some seniors are looking to say goodbye to GAC. Lundquist, however, is excited to stay on for another season, taking advantage of the

ninth semester offer by Gustavus that lets those affected by COVID to have a last taste of collegiate life. After the end of his time at GAC as a Public Accounting Major, he will look to find a job in that industry, having already completed an internship at an insurance company last year.

'I still have no idea what I

want to do, but I am okay with that," Lundquist said.

Whatever he chooses, the GAC community will be there to cheer him on, just as we cheer on the Men's Basketball team as they head for Hamline on March 6.

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Net Gains

Men's Tennis Prepares for First Games of Season

Eamonn McCullough Staff Writer

¬or the first time in over a year, the Gustavus Men's Tennis team will face off against intercollegiate opponents in the Swanson Tennis Center. The Gusties are back in action this weekend, facing St. Olaf on Friday, March 5 and both Luther College and Augustana University the following afternoon on Saturday, March 6. This opportunity to compete marks the end of many months of disappointment, frustration, and changed plans.

"I think for the most part [this past year has] been a real rollercoaster of emotions. Excitement, Disappointment... it's been a lot for the guys to go through," Senior Lawrence Hiquiana said.

Men's Tennis, a sport designated as "low risk" by the NCAA, was slated to compete this fall prior to the cancellation of intercollegiate fall sports by the MIAC. Now, after months of hard work and a year's worth of pent-up desire to compete, building since the cancellation of the NCAA DIII tennis championships last March, one of the most dominant programs in recent Gustavus history is looking forward to putting their training to use.

"Last year it was devastating to have our season cut short. We had a great group of guys in-cluding some fantastic seniors, and we liked our chances to grow as a team throughout the season and make a run in the NCAA tournament. I remember thinking a lot throughout the spring and summer about how much I missed practicing and competing with the team,

and to now have the chance to do that again, it's something that I'm cherishing. Our whole team is incredibly grateful for this opportunity, and it certainly isn't something we're taking for granted," Junior Nick Aney said.

Although intercollegiate competition was out of the question for Gustie Tennis this fall, men's tennis was one of only a few teams who were able to train almost normally throughout the past semester due to tennis' distanced nature, as well as avoiding the Covid-related shutdowns that challenged

"I think the fall gave us an interesting opportunity to really fine-tune games, and work on strokes. After all that hard work, a lot of us are excited to see that come together in competition. A lot of guys were working on doubles stuff and singles stuff which we normally don't get a chance to do in the fall," Hiqui-

Still, the lack of competition this fall makes this weekend feel so much more special for the Gusties, even though they haven't had the unranked pre-season games like in years past to prepare for the season.

"We're used to having a touring break, or travelling to Florida and playing NAIA and DII teams that don't really affect rankings and almost get to warm up for the season... This year, we're starting with the MIAC right out of the gates on Friday, and this feels a little bit different in terms of who we're playing first versus previous years," Hiquiana said.

This stands in sharp contrast to some of the teams Gustavus is slated to play this weekend. Al-



Senior Lawrence Hiquiana explains that the fall season gave time to fine-tune games

though the Gusties play St. Olaf, another MIAC team competing for the first time, on Friday, Gustavus will face off against the Luther College Norse, members of the American Rivers conference, on Saturday. The Norse were able to compete a little this past September, at the American Rivers Conference Champion-ships in Des Moines, IA. Luther won four out of five brackets at that tournament, including a Doubles bracket and three Singles brackets. Since then, they have played two games this

spring, falling to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater 4-5 in early February while topping the College of St. Scholastica 8-1 the following weekend. The Gusties will attempt to drop their record to 1-2 this Saturday

evening.

"Luther is a great team that is well coached, and I've had a couple memorable matches against them. In the fall ITA my freshman year, I had a long singles match against one of their players that I ended up winning 7-6 in the third set, and

then at last year's ITA I lost to one of their doubles teams in a tight match that ended in a tiebreaker. Given all that, there's definitely some experience and history that I can lean on, and knowing that I've been in close matches against this team be-fore will help me embrace the challenge of competing as well as give me confidence because I've been in similar situations," Aney said.

Additionally, Division II Augustana have been competing since January, establishing a 3-1 record thus far. The Gusties will face them before Luther on Saturday.

Regardless of their opponents' head starts and the gravity of competing for the first time in over a year, the Gusties

are ready to shine. "Our team loves to compete and play tough matches to answer these questions. There are obviously differences in protocols and how we have to conduct ourselves, but the tennis hasn't changed and we're still going out there to play the same sport. Once we get on the court on Friday and hit that first ball and settle into the match, the competition should feel just like a normal match,'

Aney said. Livestream of all this weekend's matches will be available on the Gustie Athletics website, with Friday play set to begin at 4:30 p.m. against St. Olaf, the Augustana match occurring at 2 p.m. on Saturday, and the weekend concluding with a 6 p.m. match against Luther.



Lawrence Hiquiana gets ready to crush St. Olaf this Friday

Nick Aney prepares to face off with Luther on Saturday