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The Chauvin Trial: interpreting the results



Gusties gather in the Eckman Mall on Friday, April 23 for a moment of silence and solidarity following the Chauvin trial results to show support for BIPOC students, colleagues and communities.

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Trigger Warning: Death

A jury found Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin guilty on all counts last Tuesday in the murder of George Floyd.

Last May, a video of Chauvin kneeling on Floyd's neck for over nine minutes during an arrest drew international outrage. Now, after three weeks of courtroom testimony and ten hours of jury deliberations, Chauvin has been convicted of second-degree murder, third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter.

So, what do these convictions mean? And what comes next?

The first count—second-de-

gree unintentional murder—is also called felony murder. It means that Chauvin killed Floyd while committing felony (or third-degree) assault, according to ABC News. In other words, Chauvin didn't intend to kill Floyd, but he did intend to apply unlawful force that caused bodily harm.

The second count was third-degree murder. This means that "Chauvin caused Floyd's death through an action that was 'eminently dangerous' and carried it out with a reckless disregard for and conscious indifference to human life."

Lastly, second-degree manslaughter means that "Chauvin caused Floyd's death through culpable negligence that created an unreasonable risk, and that he consciously took the chance of causing severe injury or

death," according to ABC News.

In essence, the verdict means that Chauvin's actions consisted of unreasonable force and were substantial in causing Floyd's death.

In order to prove their case, prosecutors relied heavily on the video of Floyd's death and witness testimony in order to relay to the jury what happened on that day. According to NPR, many witnesses expressed feelings of helplessness and guilt as they recalled the events of that day.

The prosecution also called Floyd's girlfriend Courtney Ross and his brother Philonise Floyd to speak on behalf of Floyd's life and character.

In addition, prosecutors had several medical experts explain that Floyd had died from lack of oxygen due to Chauvin's

restraint. They also had law enforcement experts testify that Chauvin's use of force was unreasonable and excessive. Several current and former members of the Minneapolis Police Department said that Chauvin's method of restraint was not part of their police training, and a use of force expert said that Chauvin's use of force was disproportionate to the crime and to Floyd's behavior, according to NPR.

On the other hand, defense attorney Eric Nelson argued that Chauvin had been following his training and Minneapolis Police Department policy. He called a former police officer to the stand who said as such, according to NPR.

Nelson tried to show that Chauvin's actions were justified because "Floyd was big, under

the influence of something, could start fighting, and that nearby bystanders presented a threat," according to ABC News.

Lastly, the defense attorney attempted to demonstrate that Chauvin's actions had not caused Floyd's death. He called a medical expert to the stand who said that he would declare Floyd's cause of death to be "undetermined" because underlying heart issues and drug use may have been involved.

Chauvin declined to testify on his own behalf. After the guilty verdicts were announced on Tuesday, May 20, Chauvin was immediately handcuffed and escorted out of the courtroom. Outside the courthouse,

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Campus Safety Report

Thursday, April 22, 2021

- Campus Safety received a theft report involving a student's vehicle in Sorensen Parking Lot. I
- Friday, April 23, 2021
- Campus Safety was called to the Library to escort a student out of the building for repeatedly not having their mask on.

- Campus Safety received a request for a welfare check in Sohre Hall.
- Saturday, April 24, 2021
- Campus Safety investigated the odor of marijuana, two students referred to the campus conduct system for possessing marijuana and paraphernalia in Southwest Hall.

- Campus Safety provided a medical escort to the E.R. for a student in Norelius Hall who cut their thumb.
- Sunday, April 25, 2021
- Campus Safety was patrolling College Grounds when a student of concern was observed.
 - Campus Safety took a report of a theft from a motor

- vehicle in the College view parking lot.
- Two students walked into Campus Safety to report suspicious emails sent to-night to both of them as well as others.
- Monday, April 26, 2021
- Campus Safety was called to give a student a medical escort to urgent care.

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COVID-19 Report

Gustavus On-Campus Update

As of April 26, 2021:
Total Positive Cases (since August 15, 2020): 295
Current Positive Student Cases: 3
Current Positive Employee Cases: 1
Total Students in Isolation/Quarantine: 12
Students in Isolation/Quarantine On Campus: 4
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 April 29, 2021:
Total Positive Cases (since January 20, 2020): 572,025
Daily Newly Reported Cases: 1,514
Daily New Reported Nicollet County Cases: 9

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





Gusties participate in Pie-A-Gustie.

Luke Yang

Relay for Life: returning to fight back

Luna Besaiso
Staff Writer

In 1985, in an attempt to help the American Cancer Society (ACS) raise funds, Dr. Gordy Klatt spent 24 hours walking and running at a local track. Friends paid to join his activity and run/walk with him throughout the day. Klatt envisioned the community coming together to fight cancer, and so he planned the first team relay to raise funds for ACS. His venture to prove that cancer doesn't sleep inspired and altered the lives of millions, and Relay For Life became a worldwide event.

Cancer disease has notably emerged over the past few decades, and the world has been battling to find a cure. The Relay For Life (RFL) movement is dedicated to help communities combat the disease through awareness, research and endowments. Like every year, Gustavus Adolphus College was honored to host this event in Lund Arena on Friday, April 16.

The American Cancer Society (ACS) at Gustavus coordinates the event yearly. Junior Sydney Stumme-Berg, the co-president of the club, shared her attachment to Relay For Life.

"My grandpa passed away from cancer. To honor his memory, my family and I attended Relay For Life for the first time when I was four years old, and it has been a huge part of my

life ever since. For that reason, displaying the event is both emotional and exciting for me. It is incredible to see the community coming together for a great cause, and actually providing valuable help for real change," Stumme-Berg said.

Relay for Life is designed to be a friendly environment that is full of activities, food, music and entertainment. Their main goal is centered around raising money to research and find a cure for cancer. Gustie teams and student organizations set up booths and exhibits around and within the track, each team contributing to raise money and awareness while doing fun activities.

Among the exhibits, Big Partner/Little Partner (BPLP) held a "tie-dye" themed booth in the event. It is a program that matches youth from the St. Peter community with Gustavus students, they meet once a week for a couple of hours as a means to provide mentorship and foster friendships through various activities. Senior Bethany Tennis, member of BPLP, explains what it means for her organization to attend Relay for Life.

"Big Partner/Little Partner allows Gustavus students to engage with the surrounding community, and for little partners to form bonds with them and learn from their college experiences. BPLP is at Relay tonight because cancer affects everyone, and our

big/little partners were affected by it in some sort of way. Although we are not able to have our partners join us on campus this year, it is important for a community-based organization like BPLP to attend Relay and emphasize the importance of community events and inclusivity," Tennis said.

The Gustavus Tennis team has a special connection to Relay For Life. Steve Wilkinson, the founder of Tennis in Life Camps and the longtime men's tennis coach, passed away in 2015 after enduring cancer for years. The team attends Relay every year, to support all cancer patients and to pay special tribute for Wilkinson. Pedro Gonzalez Menezes, a first-year tennis player, describes the team's tie to RFL.

"It is a tradition for the tennis team to participate in Relay. We attend the event to honor Steve Wilkinson's legacy, and to support cancer patients as much as we could. Almost every year, the tennis team raises the most money. We played water pong tournaments, badminton, cornholes, etc, and raised a little over \$6,000. Because cancer affects everyone, we try to be present for our community and contribute towards a better world," Gonzalez Menezes said.

Physics Professors, Paul Saulnier and Darsa Donelan, came in second place for most donations.

In another approach to raise money, participants were welcome to dye their hair purple in solidarity with Cancer Awareness month. Saulnier and Donelan, both faculty physics professors, were leading the activity. They came in second place after the men's tennis team for most donations raised. According to Saulnier, who attended Relay for the first time, their initial goal was to raise \$250, but they were doing so well that by the end of the night they were able to collect over \$2,000. Donelan explained why conducting this activity is significant for them.

"I was getting my undergraduate degree when my aunt passed away. After I was done with the degree, I reached out to many colleges for research collaboration in relation to health. Although it was outside of my physics education, I still wanted to give back. My aunt was an amazing woman. Last year of her life, everybody she worked with gave up their two-week vacation so she could have enough money to travel the world," Donelan said.

The Luminaria ceremony is another incredible yet emotional chapter. Purple glow sticks are lit inside of the bags, and are placed around the track in a tribute to the ones who lose their fight against cancer, the survivors, and those whose fight continues. The ceremony

takes place after dark, and participants are invited to share an emotional moment, an inspirational quote, or any kind of hopeful messages, and write it on the bag. It was a special moment for participants.

"Everyone comes in for a reason. They have their own stories, their own experiences, and the event provides a space to share them. The luminaries are incorporated at the end of the night as a reminder of why we relay and symbolizes why we chose to. It is one of my favorite things about the evening, you can see the whole room lit up during the service. The candle light is a guiding path, and we use it as a means to remembering the lights in our life," Stumme-Berg said.

Although last year Relay For Life couldn't be held, it returned this year to pick up where they left off. Though challenges involved carrying out an event while keeping people safe, the planning committee was able to pull it off. According to Stumme-Berg, over 150 Gustavus community members attended the event. Participants were asked to register prior to attending, wear their masks and maintain social distance. Despite these restrictions, Relay For Life was a success this year.

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a crowd of several hundred “erupted into cheers,” and people gathered at George Floyd Square in Minneapolis screamed and clapped in celebration, according to Reuters.

The Chauvin case is seen by many as a referendum on police accountability.

“While the U.S. criminal justice system and juries have long given leeway and some legal protection to police officers who use violence to subdue civilians,

the Minneapolis jurors found that Chauvin had crossed the line and used excessive force,” Reuters said.

However, while the guilty verdict may signal a turning point, recent weeks have made all too clear that the U.S. still has a lot of work to do in the face of racial injustice.

On April 11, a young black man named Daunte Wright was shot and killed by police officer Kimberly Potter during a routine traffic stop, mere miles from where Chauvin trial was taking place. Potter has resigned and

faces charges of manslaughter.

13-year-old Adam Toledo in Chicago, IL and 16-year-old Ma’Khia Bryant in Columbus, Ohio were also killed by police in recent weeks.

After the verdict, President Joe Biden himself tweeted that it has the potential to “be a giant step forward in the march toward justice in America.”

However, it can only be a step forward if we make it so.

“We have to protest because it seems like this is a never-ending cycle,” Philonise Floyd said.

In the meantime, the next

step in the Chauvin case is sentencing. Under Minnesota guidelines, Chauvin would face 12.5 years in prison for his murder conviction as a first-time offender. However, the guidelines also allow the sentence to be varied per the judge’s discretion.

According to ABC, prosecutors in this case plan to ask for a longer prison sentence; they will cite several “aggravating factors” such as the fact that “Chauvin was a uniformed officer acting in a position of authority, and that his crime

was witnessed by multiple children.”

Prosecutors could potentially ask for up to forty years in prison, the maximum sentence for second-degree murder.

Chauvin’s sentencing is expected to happen in about seven weeks. He is also expected to appeal the verdict, a process which could take about a year, according to ABC.

The 97%: a space to rage



Students at the 97% event in the Arb.

Submitted

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The month of April is nationally recognized as the Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), symbolized by a teal ribbon. During this month, communities come together to support the victims of sexual violence, raise public awareness, and provide resources to help prevent assault.

In honor of SAAM, IGNITE and Students For Reproductive Freedom (SRF) held a myriad of activities prior to their main event, “The 97%”. Members of the student orgs gathered in the Courtyard Cafe to create cardboard signs that include statistics and empowering quotes. The week after, the signs were hung up on campus trees outside of Eckman Mall.

On Wednesday April 21, The

97% took place in the Arboretum. Professor Misti Harper gave an opening speech about the significance of the event and the backstory behind legitimizing SAAM, its connection to second-wave feminism, and the activists that came before us to make it possible.

Before SAAM was recognized in 2001, the roots of the movement go back to anti-violence initiatives in the 1970s. A wide-spread demand for social change around issues of sexual violence gained power and the movement “Take Back The Night” emerged. This movement encourages survivors of sexual assault to march, rally, protest, and hold vigils against rape and all other forms of harassment. Ever since, the movement has become an annual event honored internationally and across all fifty states.

Following Harper’s speech,

attendees were invited to join a moment of silence that lasted 97 seconds. Then, they walked around the Arb chanting; “However we dress, wherever we go, yes means yes and no means no.” Afterwards, participants stood in a socially distanced circle and yelled, screamed, and used that moment to let unresolved anger out, and break the silence.

Junior Regina Olono, the president of IGNITE, explains the meaning behind these activities.

“The name of the event refers to a recent study that revealed 97% of women had experienced some kind of sexual harassment. This information is not talked about enough, so we decided to come up with an event that sheds light on sexual assault, specially that women are statistically more prone to it than men. We were inspired

by Take Back The Night movement, and tried to embody it in our activities through marching and chanting in the Arb,” Olono Vidales said.

The event also featured a self-defense portion. A demonstration was shown to educate the audience about the top five defense movements in case of an assault; hammer strike, groin kick, elbow strike, “Bear Hug” attack, and hand trap escape. A technique guide and homemade pepper spray recipes were also printed and provided for people to collect. These events were an attempt to educate the audience and provide them with necessary information that contributes to protection from assault.

To wrap up the event, a bonfire was lit. Attendees gathered to share their stories and feelings. Cookies, bandanas, stickers, and educational resources were also provided. Junior Em-

ily Falk, the president of SRF, comments on the importance of providing such space.

“Although there is a lot of awareness, it is still somewhat limited. Many gusties have experienced sexual assault in some shape or form, but sadly, not a lot are aware of what they have experienced, or sometimes don’t have an opportunity to express what they feel. Usually, it is always a moment of silence, but many salients want to rage. I hope our attendees left not feeling alone, left feeling empowered, knowing that we are here to provide a space for them to let their anger out, and we are going to continue doing so in the future,” Falk said.

12 campus organizations collaborate to put on “Discover the Outdoors” event



Trail in the Arboretum where the event will take place Sunday.

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On Sunday, May 2 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Gustavus students can visit the Arboretum to participate in games and educational activities and learn about topics related to climate justice, conservation and sustainability.

A dozen student organizations will be represented including the Environmental Action Coalition (EAC), Campus Activities Board (CAB), Fly Fishing Club, Students for Reproductive Freedom, Ducks Unlimited, Geology Club, Chemistry Club, Society of Physics Students, Tri-Beta Biology Honor Society, Student Senate, the Radicals and IGNITE.

Each organization will have its own table on the front lawn of the Arboretum, which will be spaced out to allow for social distancing. There will be a welcome table at the entrance to the Arboretum where students

can check in and receive a bingo sheet. Students are encouraged to visit every table, and if they return a completed bingo sheet, they will be entered into a drawing for a prize. It is expected that students wear masks and follow standard COVID-19 protocols.

Junior Lily Engebretson, who is an environmental studies major, has been the primary organizer of the event. Engebretson is the Diversity Leadership Council representative for the EAC, a Sustainability Intern and student worker in the Linnaeus Arboretum. Engebretson believes that this event will offer students a nice break from screens. She is hopeful that the weather will be nice this weekend and that students will bring their friends to the event.

“The goal of the event is to get Gusties outside and involved in outdoor education and exploration. It is also a way to bring the community together as the year comes to a close and a chance to recognize that as students, we are connected to the Earth that we live on and we need to

respect it,” Engebretson said.

The Discover the Outdoors event was started in 2017 as a way to reach out to the St. Peter community. In the past, the event has been directed toward youth, but because of COVID-19, this year only Gustavus students will be allowed to attend. Engebretson recognizes that student organizations haven’t had a lot of opportunities to be a part of large collaborative events this year due to the pandemic. She believes this event is a good opportunity to allow organizations to engage with their members in-person and to introduce first year students to clubs that they may not have known existed on campus.

Students for Reproductive Freedom is one of the organizations participating in the event.

“We will be doing a giveaway of several menstrual cups and having a bunch of sustainable menstrual products available for folks to pick up and try out for themselves,” Junior Emily Falk said.

“We will be talking about

the intersection of climate justice and reproductive justice at our table and providing resources for folks so they can make more sustainable choices for their cycle,” Falk said.

The Environmental Action Coalition (EAC) is also planning to have a table at the event. They will be discussing Line 3, a pipeline going through Indigenous land in Northern Minnesota, and its negative effects on the environment.

“We will be showing [the effects] with a water contamination example called an Enviroscope. This shows how pollution, like the crude oil from the pipeline, will be carried into the land and bodies of water. We will also be sharing some photos and stories from trips people in EAC have taken up north to see Line 3 construction and their experiences at a water protector camp,” Sophomore EAC Member Tessa Johnson said.

Johnson encourages students to attend the Arboretum table as well, where they will be doing a pond study.

“This involves taking water samples from the pond and putting them in trays and examining all the different little critters there are. These critters are very important to the pond ecosystem because they show the water is healthy enough to sustain life,” Johnson said.

Students can also plant succulents, make homemade sun-catchers, try out electric bikes and participate in a scavenger hunt. In addition, there will be information about the Linnaeus Deliberation, duck calls, waste sorting, and sustainable fishing.

Engebretson hopes that the event will spark curiosity and that Gusties will realize the intersectionality between our actions and the environment.

“We’ve had such a challenging year, but I hope to finish it off with a positive, uplifting educational experience,” said Engebretson.

GUSTIE of the WEEK

Kylie Arvidson



Gustie of the Week, Senior Kylie Arvidson, is involved with multiple campus organizations.

Submitted

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

If so, send their name, position on campus, and a short description of why you think they should be recognized to weekly@gustavus.edu for a chance to be featured!

A representative from the Gustavian Weekly will be in contact with you via email if your suggestion is chosen to be featured in an issue of the paper.

Senior Kylie Arvidson, an Elementary Education major and English minor, enrolled at Gustavus after she was captivated by the homely and friendly atmosphere of the campus.

"I knew I wanted a small, private school in Minnesota. My sister went to Gustavus, so I ended up touring the campus with my sister and I saw all the fun she had here and the sense of community that she built. Even though I was against it at first, I knew I wanted to come to Gustavus after that and I fell in love with the campus pretty quickly," Arvidson said.

Once settled in on campus, Arvidson found her transition into college life to be relatively smooth, filled with lively conversations and communal spaces.

"I lived in Co-ed [my first] year, and that building provided me with a sense of community. Also being able to join clubs easily was a big factor and helped myself meet a lot of new people,

and everyone is super friendly. There's also a lot of common spaces to meet everyone which helped me a lot too," Arvidson said.

As an Elementary Education Major, Arvidson knew from a young age that educating the youth of tomorrow was her passion.

"I always knew I wanted to be an Elementary Education major. I always loved hanging out with kids, especially when I participated in after school child care and summer camps in high school. I also had a lot of great teachers growing up who made the career look super fun, so those moments convinced me as well," Arvidson said.

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Outside of her major, Arvidson channels her passion for teaching through her involvement with the Gustie Buddies and Study Buddies programs on campus.

"Being an Education Major, both of these opportunities allow me to still be involved with kids and getting to know them on a weekly basis," Arvidson said.

Outside of her academics, Arvidson participated in the Habitat for Humanity chapter at Gustavus, where she served as Fall and Spring Break Coordinator for two years.

"My sister had gone on a Habitat spring break trip, so I knew that was something I wanted to do within my four years at Gustavus. My roommate and I [our first] year went to Winston-Salem, North Carolina through Habitat. I loved every minute of it and you just get to meet so many fun people on the trip," Arvidson said.

Arvidson is also a leader of Gustavus' Run Club.

"My friend Carly and I joined [first] year. It's been super fun working with the students and encouraging them to participate in running," Arvidson said.

Although Arvidson plays an active role in these organizations, over-involvement was her greatest challenge once during her first couple weeks at Gustavus.

"Something really easy to do

at Gustavus is to become over-involved and become a part of a lot of different clubs and activities. So being able to find that balance between school and social life while ensuring that I'm staying focused in all aspects of life has helped me a lot," Arvidson said.

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More recently, Arvidson's biggest challenge was adapting to the online nature of COVID-19, especially as her interactions and involvement on campus were limited.

"This fall I was a home student teaching virtually, so that was interesting figuring out a whole new way to navigate teaching and gave me a different perspective. So being able to come back on campus for the spring and interact with some people with limitations was still super fun for me because I was at home before working 100 percent virtually," Arvidson said.

As graduation soon approaches, Arvidson reflects and shares her most cherished memories throughout her time at Gustavus.

"In the Run Club, we usually do a half marathon every spring. During my first year, my friend and I did it together, and I never ran 13.1 miles before. That was an amazing experience. I've also been on two Habitat trips, and those were trips I will never forget," Arvidson said.

Arvidson also offers her words of wisdom to future Gusties.

"I would definitely recommend finding one club that you're passionate about and joining. Being able to have a group of friends on campus that you find through that organization, become a family, and spend a lot more time with them is super influential and can really make a difference in your time throughout Gustavus," Arvidson said.

Celebration of Creative Inquiry to be held virtually this Friday



Students in Gustavus Dance Company, subject of one cultural research project

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This year, Gustavus' annual Celebration of Creative Inquiry will be held virtually from 4 to 6 p.m. on April 30. Using a Google Meets link provided on April 30, anyone interested in learning more will be able to drop into various groups to learn more about their research and ask questions.

Students from all academic disciplines led research into a variety of topics, including COVID-19 data, TikTok algorithms, and the importance of discussing race in high school biology classes.

Fellow GUSTAVIAN WEEKLY staff and Seniors Kyra Bowar and Emma Lohman researched the ethnography of the Gustavus Dance Company for their intercultural communication class.

"We decided to choose the Gustavus Dance Company because neither of us knew much about dance, but we found it really fascinating because they really do have a culture and language that's unique to them," Bowar said.

Throughout the semester, Bowar and Lohman observed six dance rehearsals and performances, taking detailed notes and conducting interviews with members of the company.

"In ethnographic research (the study of culture), it's really important for research to be immersive to get a comprehensive look into the subculture.

Our faculty sponsor, Patricia English, was really helpful and supportive throughout the entire process, offering feedback and encouragement. Without her support, we wouldn't have pushed ourselves to find such a fun and challenging group to observe," Bowar said.

Senior Nicole Cundiff and Professor So Young Park received the Presidential Grant to do research over the summer about art and the literature of George Gissing, a Victorian author.

"Professor Park had had this idea for a while... It was really interesting to learn how much nuance you can put into art. There were a lot of historical aspects I researched for this project that were also very interesting. I know a lot about 1890's fashion now, and read an entire book about Victorian floriography, or flower language, which features in my presentation," Cundiff said.

Cundiff is a painter, which she credits as one of the reasons Professor Park approached her with this research project. After she graduates, she is going into a graduate program for Victorian Studies.

"All of the classes I've taken with Professor Park have been so interesting and so rewarding, and this project specifically. There is something so rewarding about looking at the material culture of the 1890's as well as the Victorian Era and at history in general, and it's very interesting to study and to do that for art was particularly enjoyable for me," Cundiff said.

Senior Ingrid Kubisa's re-

search on child soldiers in the Democratic Republic of Congo is a topic Kubisa has had personal experience with.

"I am originally from the Democratic Republic of Congo. I grew up there, and I left in 2016 when I was twenty. War started in 1996, when I was born, so I grew up seeing people my age becoming child soldiers when I was going to school, and the consequences of that child soldier movement are still happening now. We still have to talk

about this, because we haven't found solutions," Kubisa said.

Kubisa remembers when fighting broke out in her hometown of Bukavu in 2004.

"It was really surprising to go back to school and see that some of my schoolmates had died, some of them did not come back because they had been taken away to be child soldiers. [I had this] consciousness that this was happening and that I was lucky to still be there, because it was happening in my

neighborhood," Kubisa said.

Kubisa's father, a pastor, created a nonprofit organization in 2000 which took in victims of war and provided them with psychological help, job training, and helped with their reintegration into society. She interviewed a woman who was helped by her father's nonprofit after being a child soldier. While her integration was difficult, she went back to school and is now working with Nobel Peace Prize winner Dr. Denis Mukwege.

"Jill [Locke] was a mentor and a supervisor. She was really helpful in planning and writing because... she pushes me to think, and I really love that about her. She's been there from the beginning, giving advice and pushing me to write the best I can," Kubisa said.

Kubisa's main focus is on the role institutions, including governments, social organizations, and religious organizations, can play in rehabilitating child soldiers and in continuing conflicts.

"My dream job is to be someone in between the people and the government, so that when they make decisions they can make them for the common good, in addition to help[ing] my country make good decisions when it comes to signing contracts with other countries. I also want to work with children, because when I left the country I was volunteering at my dad's organization and I learned that children who were born from rape by the army are not treated as citizens... I'm going to advocate for them to be recognized as citizens. I want to be [someone] who can make change in my country and the world regarding social justice, child soldiers, and peaceful conflict resolution," Kubisa said.



Another look into the Gustavus Dance Company

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Features Writer

What's Blooming Around Campus?



Springtime brings color and life back to campus, just in time for finals. Right when we need a pick me up, we can walk around campus and see the different colors, smells and sights that plants are producing. With all the new growth, you might be wondering just what those little blue flowers might be, or what that fragrant tree next to Jackson Campus Center is. Wonder no longer, because this week's Features article takes you through some of the early spring blooms that are brightening up the campus gardens.



Magnolias

Right next to the campus center are the showy fragrant magnolia trees. Even with a mask on, you can smell the blossoms on your way to get food from the Caf. While you're at it, you could munch on a couple blossoms—magnolia blossoms are actually edible! However, their flavor is very strong, and they're not often eaten raw. Instead, they are commonly pickled or used to flavor things like rice and tea. Magnolia trees are actually a very ancient plant, with fossils dating back to times before bees even existed. It's thought that they evolved to have a flower that encourages pollination by beetles, and as a result of this, produce lots of pollen rather than nectar.

Serviceberry

On your way to Confer/Vickner, or perhaps your dorm room in Pittman or Sohre, you might notice a scraggly looking bush littered with white blooms in the little garden area by Anderson. These belong to a shrub called a serviceberry. This bush also belongs to the rose family, which is such an interesting family because it includes many of the fruits we love to eat. Just like its family members, you can eat the fruits this bush will eventually produce in June. Too bad we won't be around to beat the birds to the berries! These bushes are important to more than the birds and us, as pollinators and other herbivores love the blooms and berries just as much as gardeners do.

Tulips

Another early springtime favorite, tulips belong to the genus *Tulipa*, of the same family as lilies. After their bloom time, tulips become dormant until next spring. Originating in mountains of Asia, tulips weren't introduced until the "tulip mania" of the 17th century. During this time, Dutch merchants were growing rich through their imperial endeavors with the Dutch East India Company and had a lot of extra money to spend. So, when the tulip was introduced over a short period of time, the price rose rapidly until it crashed back down a short time later. At the peak, some single tulip bulbs sold for more than 10 times the annual income of a skilled artisan. Interestingly, the variegated varieties of tulips (the ones with multiple colored petals) arose during this time. It's actually a virus called the tulip break virus that causes these differing streaks of colors in tulips.

Daffodils

I'm sure we've all seen the daffodils on campus, as their bright yellow petals stand out. Perhaps a bit insensitive to the times, the cup-like structure of the flower that makes a daffodil so easy to identify is called a corona. The daffodil's genus is also one of people's favorite: *Narcissus*. It's actually uncertain where this name comes from. Some ideas include that it originates from the Greek word 'narkao,' which means 'to be numb,' because the bulbs are poisonous to animals, or that it's from the Greek mythology tale about the boy Narcissus and daffodils grew along the river from this story. These plants produce alkaloids, as many plants do, but interestingly, they produce galantamine—a compound used to treat patients with Alzheimer's. As a result of this, they've been cultivated in some places just for this compound.

Dandelions

Dandelions belong to the *Taraxacum* genus, which belongs to the same plant family as sunflowers. The common name comes from the French phrase "dent-de-lion," which means "lion's tooth," after their interesting shaped leaves. Many people consider these plants weeds, and they can have damaging effects on crops as they readily spread. However, as yard inhabitants, they're really not much of a worry. They can even help loosen compacted soil with their taproots. If anything, the weed killers that are often used to rid yards of them are more of a worry. We all know that dandelions are edible, but they really are a great source of nutrients, especially their leaves. They've been used widely (worldwide!) because of their high amounts of vitamin A, C, iron, calcium, and potassium. Scientists think that the common dandelion, which isn't native to North America, was brought to Europe on ships (as a lot of species were, including many of our invasive species) because of the medicinal use of dandelions. Today, you can still find dandelion products sold in grocery stores, in supplements and teas. The entire plant is edible, and there's so many different foods you can make with it!

Scilla forbesii (Forbes' glory of the snow)

These little blue flowers can be found covering the ground underneath the trees around Christ Chapel and in the garden in front of the library. These perennials are really good at spreading, so they form blue blankets easily wherever a few bulbs are planted. From the mountainsides of Turkey, this plant will go back into a more dormant state until next spring after a couple weeks of blue. You might have noticed these before all other blooms because they're one of the earliest flowers to open up in the spring—sometimes as early as late February!



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Hot Gustie Summer



Tori Smith
Opinion Columnist

It's almost that time of year again, my fellow Gusties. What time is it, you may be wondering? I'm glad you asked. As the beautiful Troy Bolton once sang in the iconic film *High School Musical 2*, "Summertime. It's our vacation."

For many Gusties, including myself, a vacation is just what we need. After a tiring and stressful year due to the pandemic and lack of a proper spring break, summer couldn't arrive sooner.

This year was almost as bad as the year Troy had to decide between basketball and the school musical. Suffice it to say, we all deserve a break.

Many students are starting to finalize their summer plans whether it be jobs, internships, trips, or other activities. For Senior and Weekly Staff Writer Emma Lohman, summer is an exciting time filled with new adventures.

Her first adventure comes in just a few weeks with Commencement on Saturday, May 15.

"As we near graduation, I am feeling very reflective and a little nervous about the future. I will miss living on the Hill and being close to all my friends. I am excited to be done with homework, though," Lohman said.

Lohman doesn't want to waste any time this summer. Just three days after graduation she plans to road-trip to Colorado with three friends to hike and explore Denver.

"I am very excited to road-trip with my friends, as it has become a bit of a tradition. Last summer we went to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and hiked at Painted Rocks National Lakeshore, and during the summer of 2019 we went to Thunder Bay, Canada and went hiking at Sleeping Giant Provincial Park," Lohman said.

After that, she plans to spend a lot of time at her cabin and make a second road-trip to Nashville, TN with her family. Then, in July she starts a new job as Project Management Associate at Boom Lab.

Scoring a job right out of undergrad is quite the achievement, especially during a global pandemic when many employ-

ers aren't necessarily looking to hire fresh graduates.

During economic recessions like the one we are in now, "unemployment rate for younger workers often rises faster and higher compared with older workers due, in part, to employer hiring skewing away from less experienced workers," according to researchers Elise Gould and Melat Kassa in their Economic Policy Institute report, "Young workers hit hard by the COVID-19 economy."

Currently, the unemployment rate for young people (16-24) is around 11 percent, nearly double that of the overall unemployment rate which is around 6 percent.

So, what are we to do? Lohman suggests using college resources to help with job hunting.

"Take advantage of the Gustavus Mentoring Program and attend the MN Private College Job and Internship Fair. Also, practice interviewing, and make sure to reach out to your network," Lohman said.

For students still unsure of their summer job plans, you're not alone. After completing what had to have been fifty-sixty applications to various summer internships (don't blame me for losing count), I've yet to seal the deal on any. I've heard back from a total of one so far. Fingers crossed.

Whether I land the internship or not, I'm still excited for my summer. I'm planning on going up to my cabin on free weekends, fishing off the dock with my three-year-old nephew, and rolling out the Lily Pad mat in the lake.

To find out how other Gusties are spending their coveted three-

month break, I asked my followers on Instagram what their summer plans are.

"I will hopefully be working in a National park," Senior and Weekly Variety Editor Tyra Ericson said.

I'm a little jealous of this one, I'm not going to lie. Working outside during the summer months is an amazing way to spend a break.

"I will be volunteering at a COVID testing clinic," Junior Maddie Sweeney said.

As COVID cases continue to fluctuate in Minnesota, there is an increasing need for volunteers at testing sites. Thank you to Sweeney and all the other amazing volunteers that have helped during this pandemic.

For some Gusties living far from home, this summer will be more of a reunion than anything else.

"I will finally get to see family for the first time in a year," Senior Darby Hurlbert said.

Originally from Bakersfield,

CA, Hurlbert is excited for the ability to finally travel back home to see family and friends.

"I'm going to go on the pontoon and swim and, um, hit dingers and, oh, fish," three-year-old future Gustie and my nephew Bennett Smith responded. I'm glad to know we have similar plans for the summer.

Whether you have plans set for this summer or not, you can at least sleep easy knowing long, class-free days are ahead of us.



Gusties take an opportunity to enjoy the nice weather on The Hill

Luke Yang

The Good, the Bad, and the Meh



SHORTS! SHORTS! SHORTS!



Having to now shave your legs



Starting to pack up your dorm

Student protesting cannot go away



Maia Honi
Opinion Columnist

The first time I saw a protest in person, I was in high school. It was the first days of spring, when the 65 degree weather felt like summer to our winter-worn bodies. Though our school had three floors, we were cramped in common areas and could feel the additional heat of people no matter where we were. Summer clothes were being brought out of hibernation, and with it came teachers adhering to the modesty-based dress code.

The dress codes in my school's district had long been the ire of many girls, with unnecessary rules and regulations that controlled our wardrobe with a ruling fist. They told us that our school was a job, and that wearing anything not appropriate for work could warrant us being sent home. But how can you be expected to be completely covered when it's a hot day out? This was the question a student asked after she was dress-coded for wearing a crop top that rested right above her belly button. Her slightly showing her midriff caused her to get in trouble while the athletic guys got away with wearing muscle shirts that

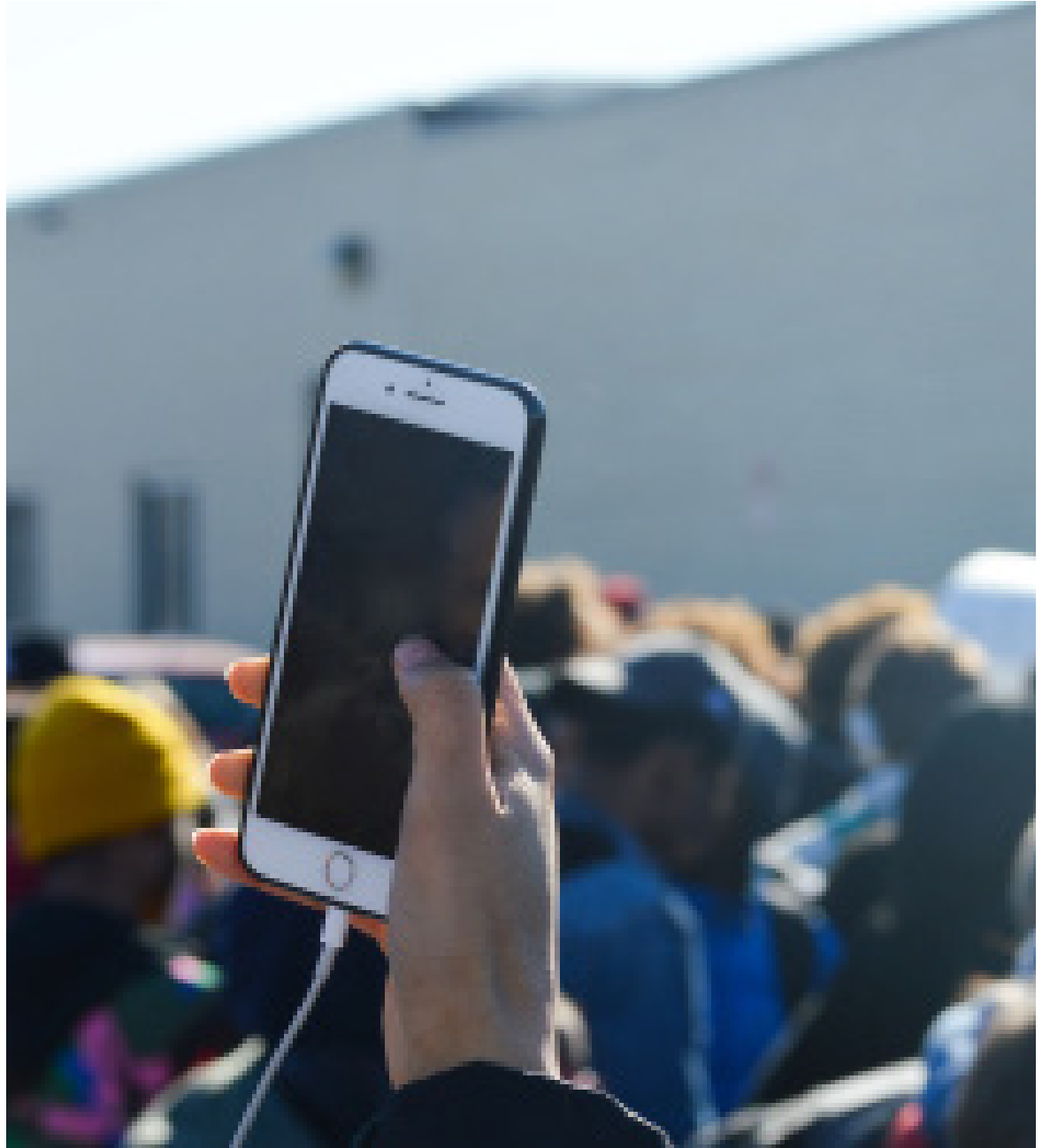
exposed the entire sides of their torso.

Later in the day, she was harassed by a male student due to her shirt, and when she turned to a teacher for help, they replied by saying "boys will be boys." Word about this spread very quickly throughout the school, and people were upset. A small group of girls who were close with the girl who was harassed decided to stage a demonstration. During the morning when everyone was arriving, the group arrived wearing crop tops and sat in a large circle, blocking off a large portion of the main staircase. It made unknowing students grumble, but they did the first thing needed to have a successful protest: they got everyone's attention. They sat there for thirty minutes before the office agreed to talk to them. Our rural school didn't do much to change their unfair system, but the protest made me realize something. It made me realize that you don't have to be one of the women or civil rights leaders we read about in history class to make a difference, anyone can do it.

"[Student Protesting] allows students to be in a community that can help turn stress and anger into determination and action," Junior Lib Markham, a member of the activism group The Radicals, said.

Student protests have played a vital role in history, and have been happening for centuries.

"College students in the U.S. and England before the U.S. Civil War were important agitators against slavery and for Black equality as part of the era's abolitionist movement. Their voices were important in keeping abolitionism and civil rights before the Anglo-American public," History Professor Greg Kaster said.



Students recording a protest

This example and others shows that the history of these protests are important since they tell us how to be successful in implementing change. Student protest has been the backbone

of many fundamental changes, such as the 26th amendment which gives 18-year-olds the right to vote. Protesting at Gustavus has also shown success, with Black students staging a successful petition back in 1968 to have the school's first African-American history course. If these examples of protest show anything, it's that change won't happen unless you make the people in charge hear you.

"We're just as important, if not more than, the old people representing us in office... We need to fight to change the horrible things that older generations created," Sophomore Vincent Kenobbie, another member of The Radicals, said.

Protests today have taken on a new ferocity, with many concerns being accentuated during the times of COVID and technology. Issues such as gun control, police brutality, homophobic and transphobic hate crimes, misogynistic judges and sexual harassment, all of these are at the forefront of a lot of the protests we see in our society. College students are taking action against those in leadership positions when it comes to these issues, and that's mainly because we live with this reality everyday. We grew up in a post-Columbine, post-9/11, post-Sandy Hook world that raised us to be cautious and fearful.

But when we see repeated

instances of school shootings, sexual assaulters being let off, officers not being punished for police brutality, we don't see progress. We don't see change, and we are getting sick of having to push for it every time something bad happens. I'm tired of being scared whenever I hear a loud noise on campus, I'm tired of having to learn self defense just to feel safe walking anywhere, and I know I'm not the only one.

"Protesting is one of the few ways we can actually get the administration to take notice of what we want to change and hold space for the frustrations we have," Senior Signe Jeremiason, member of The Radicals, said.

I've heard people say that protests have taken it too far, that peaceful protests are the key to establishing a space where those in power can speak with those who are showing their concerns. But I don't think those people understand that if we were to only have peaceful protests, nothing would change. By staying within the guidelines that those in power have for protests, you aren't giving them any reason to pay attention to you. They won't listen to silence, for there is no power in it. So yes, protests are going to keep happening, and will continue as long as there is injustice in this world. We are tired of being tired.



Vince Kenobbie and Sage Kiefer attend a protest in Mankato

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Digital Nomads



Lexi Louis
Opinion Columnist

I think that being a digital nomad is a great thing, and it prepares students for becoming more adapted to technology. A digital nomad is someone who uses technology to perform their job, and they do it in independently chosen locations. With technology evolving, we use it more at Gustavus to learn. Working in public places with technology provides a great learning experience. Some other benefits of becoming a digital nomad are being able to travel around to new places, meeting new people, freedom, flexibility, inspiration and growth.

Someone who uses technology to do their job in independently chosen locations enjoys having the freedom to choose where they work. They will be able to experience new cultures, environments and atmospheres. While someone is working in an independently chosen location, they may be able to learn better interpersonal communication and problem solving skills.

A digital nomad isn't stuck in one place at an office. Sometimes, there is less stress in changing environments. New environments can provide a release from stressful situations, so that a digital nomad can be more productive. These new

places can also serve as a distraction for relieving stress if the individual focuses on them. Some common places a digital nomad can work at is in coffee shops, hotels or beaches. These places allow someone to have more freedom, they will feel less confined and they may feel more engaged in their job.

Having independence to choose where to work can increase their productivity. They are allowed to find a place that fits their needs. Someone may prefer a natural, quiet environment over a bustling, urban environment. Technology can sometimes allow someone to complete tasks faster. A digital nomad can send messages instantly and submit their work instantly. Digital communication allows them to stay easily connected to their colleagues. With emailing, social media and text messaging this is easier than in the past.

When working independently, they have more control over their lifestyle. They can choose when they want to work, exercise, and spend time with others. They are able to decide what they want to eat. Having more control over their lifestyle allows them to prioritize events better. These aspects may increase someone's mood and productivity.

At Gustavus, we use technology constantly to learn. We use it to read, send messages and work. Being a digital nomad during the summer is beneficial because it allows someone to improve their technology skills. Working with a computer independently also helps improve someone's own responsibility skills. They are not in a typical working environment, so they must make their own decisions without the constant supervision of a boss in an office. This is a valuable trait that can be used throughout someone's life and their careers.



We could have been traveling all semester. Thanks COVID

Cadence Paramore

When they get to choose where they want to work, they can save money. In other countries, items and living are less expensive. In the process of working digitally, they can do their job and save money. Another benefit of being a digital nomad is being able to meet new people and gaining new opportunities along the way.

Traveling around to new places allows a digital nomad to make new connections and network. They may find new job opportunities and connections. They may gather inspiration from the places they visit. Some creative, digital jobs that can gather inspiration from places around the world are writers, photographers,

graphic designers, artists, and website designers. Some of the most common digital nomad careers are in web or app development, online marketing, graphic design and software entrepreneurship.

Others may say that there aren't many digital nomads and it is risky. Although this is a relatively recent way to work, there are around 10.9 million digital nomads today. This number grew due to COVID-19 because more people worked remotely. Working independently requires responsibility and drive to get things done. It may be easy for someone to become sidetracked or prioritize less important tasks. Although someone can have

difficulty being independently productive, this way of working provides great practice at improving this.

A digital nomad has more control over their lifestyle, the ability to travel around to new places, and more opportunities to meet new people. Because of these benefits, being a digital nomad has become more common. It allows someone to immensely grow in areas such as interpersonal communication, adaptability, and using technology. These are important in life and many jobs today. This is a recently possible way of working, and it will continue to grow. This is why being a digital nomad is a great thing.

One More Email...



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Opinion Columnist

Hello my fellow Gusties. I hope the end of the semester is treating you well. I know we all are quite busy and that's exactly why I wanted to talk to all of you about this very *important* topic. I call it "if I get one more [duplicate] email, I'm going to scream."

As college students, emails are a staple in communication between peers, professors and

faculty. How else are we supposed to know that class is now on Zoom instead of in-person twenty minutes before class starts? The good old note on the door? Not a chance. While this is a good use of email, I think that many of us would agree that getting the same exact email, or at least the same exact information in an email repeatedly, is not a good use of this form of communication.

Way back when I was a bright-eyed, and bushy-tailed first-year, I used to actually read every email I received. I used to think that 'they wouldn't send me useless emails.' As I got more established at Gustavus, I found that this was no longer true. Especially once COVID hit. Yes, they are telling us important information, usually, but I do not want to read the same email more than once.

I'm not sure I should admit this, but I now delete 75 percent of emails I receive without reading more than the subject

line. Should I take the blame for this? Probably. I probably should just own up to this, but I have to admit that I truly cannot blame myself for this not-so-good habit. Once you get more than five emails with the exact same information and nothing new, you start to lose your faith in the 'sanctity' in emails. I truly cannot express my absolute frustration and anger when I would spend the time to read the very, very long COVID update email, for it to not add anything new or benefit me in any way. Or I spend the time reading these essays of emails that only have one small update at the very end of the email.

I understand why reminder emails are necessary, I have relied on them as reminders in the past. But when I get more than one reminder email, I delete them as soon as they hit my inbox. I even delete some of the 'update' emails as soon as I get them, because I know that there isn't a real update to report.

I get notifications for my Gustavus email, which used to be fine and dandy, but I've greatly considered turning it off. But every time I'm tempted, I get a real update or real urgent email and keep it on. Keeping it on allowed me to sign up for a COVID vaccine that was in Mankato instead of an hour and a half drive away. It is also how I found out we were going home for two weeks in March of 2020 (or so we thought). It's almost like Gustavus knows when I'm about to throw in the towel and turn off notifications, so they send me something new or urgent so I delay shutting off notifications.

I find that credibility of an email significantly decreases if it is too repetitive. As with glitter, less is more. I am significantly more likely to delete all emails from a certain person or department on campus if they are flagged in my brain as someone who is guilty of this. If there is only new information once every ten emails, why

would I want to open the email? The daily reminder emails make emails less official and more like texting. I don't want an email unless it is valuable information. I would bet if we went to a student who doesn't clean out their inbox, well over two-thirds of the emails are just repeat or junk emails.

I'm pretty sure that some of my grievances are relatable to most Gusties, or at least the Gusties that actually check and keep up with their emails. Everything is already so overwhelming and hard to keep track of, I don't need more information clogging up my inbox. Please only email us when necessary, when there are real updates to report (also put the new information first in the email if it is crucial information, most of us are not reading the essay of an email anyway, sorry), and limit reminder emails to at a maximum of two times. Please stop sending me duplicate emails.

Word Search

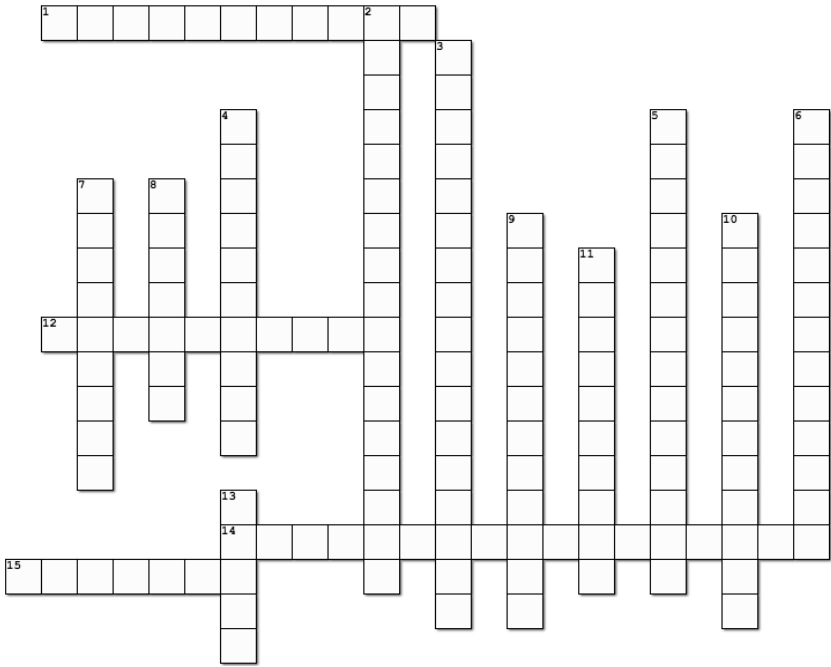
Vampire and Werewolf Movies

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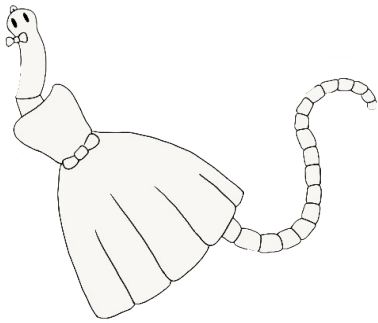
Crossword

Vampires and Werewolves



- Across**
- 1. The protagonist of Teen Wolf (two words).
 - 12. The only good D.A.D.A. professor harry ever had (two words).
 - 14. Tom Cruise from Interview with a Vampire (three words).
 - 15. Like Daffy Duck, but British and a vampire.
- Down**
- 2. Brad Pitt from Interview with a Vampire (five words, it's French).
 - 3. The best werewolf buddy in Supernatural (three words).
 - 4. "I'm in love with my good friend's wife's unborn child" (two words).
 - 5. The werewolf Death Eater (two words).
 - 6. One, ah ah ah. Two, ah ah ah. Three, ah ah ah (three words).
 - 7. Bald and scary Dracula.
 - 8. The OG vampire.
 - 9. The twinkly vampire (two words).
 - 10. The cereal vampire (two words).
 - 11. The legendary vampire unmasked by Scooby and the gang.
 - 13. A Marvel vampire that kills other vampires.

Choose Your Fighter: Twilight Wedding vs. Shrek Wedding



Emmett's Bag of Eggs
Vampire Eggsperts

Of the things in this world that have some kind of connection, one might not guess that it is Shrek and Twilight. It's wedding season, you might start seeing wedding invitations of some sort, and you need not fear your Gen Z weddings; other than the fact they're getting married at the clearly mentally stable age of 19 into a 45% divorce rate, they're fine. But Millennial Weddings, those are your real concern. It's possible you've recently been invited to one, so here's what to expect. Thankfully, there are only two brands of millennial wedding that you will attend:

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Adam Pierce
Confused Stenographer

Brand A) the playful, romantic, more socially acceptable, and may we even say, swampy, Shrek wedding. And B) the Kristina Perry, vampiric cottage-core, excessively burlap-sacked type of wacky shindig in a barn (always), with residual amounts of teenage angst that manifests as melancholia, the Twilight wedding. In a Shrek wedding, expect that every DJ will put on the Shrek soundtrack and act like they did something. But, that is acceptable in our eyes, because people who like Smash Mouth and potentially Bowling for Soup, people who had fun in high school, as well as hipsters

with large beards and waxed mustaches are the ones who will be in attendance at these weddings, and will eat that \$#!% up. We say, as Zoomers, it's fine since it is based on a cinematic masterpiece. We grew up with calls of "it's all ogre now" in the hallways, so it can only go up from there. To the happy couple, Shrek is Love, Shrek is life. For the English majors, we have a literary inspired gathering, based on the print and cinematic classic Twilight: Breaking Dawn. Mental breakdowns welcome as both you and your partner walk down the aisle to Kristina Perry's "Thousand Years." Bella Swan inspired dresses and Edward Cullen inspired wigs grace you with their presence, not to mention your future is bright, which includes you dying and becoming a vampiric mother. This entire experience is a metaphor for our generation's fear of motherhood, as getting married means you are going to get pregnant, get dead, and get vampired. I know this cycle sounds overwhelming, but you will have a chance to relive it at every millennial wedding. If you find yourself attending one of these weddings, don't worry, they'll get divorced

soon and you will never have to talk about it again. We recommend wearing a flower crown to blend in with decor, use #happycouples on Instagram or the Snap filter, bring a kind gift of a Rae Dunn kitchen decor (that's right, a flour canister that says "flour" on it), anything from Etsy that involves a cactus or succulent, hand embroidered inspirational quote from your favorite Disney movie, or monogrammed chevron hot pink or teal towels. Don't know what to wear? Just take a BuzzFeed quiz. Also, this is a message for Stephanie Meyer, if she is reading this. While you have made a wonderful piece of literature, we are worried about you. Please seek help in parsing out your religious trauma.

Crossword Answers: Across. 1. Scott McCall, 12. Remus Lupin, 14. Lestat de Lioncourt, 15. Duckula. Down. 2. Lois de Pointe du Lac, 3. Garth Fitzgerald IV, 4. Jacob Black, 5. Fenrir Greyback, 6. Count von Count, 7. Nosferatu, 8. Dracula, 9. Edward Cullen, 10. Chocula, 11. Yowie Yahoo, 13. Blade.

Gusties Shine at Drake Alternative

Women Win Seven Events at Track and Field Invite

Brady Boie
Staff Writer

The Gustavus Women's Track and Field team had a phenomenal performance this last weekend. The Golden Gusties hosted five other teams (Martin Luther, UW-Stout, Carleton, UW-River Falls, and Crown College) at home. Despite dealing with cold, windy conditions, the Gusties were able to excel and ended up winning seven different events at the Drake Alternative Invite.

"The girls team performed really well this weekend, especially given the weather and temperature. It's not easy to compete when it is so cold out, but we still were able to have seven girls take first place in their events and many others placed in the top three (for their events)", Sophomore Madi Kes said.

Kes was one of the Gustie event-winners. Kes placed first in the triple jump with a distance of 11.10 meters. She also placed second in the long jump with a distance of 4.87 meters.

"Being able to jump with all of my friends was the highlight of my weekend. We always get each other hyped up to compete and it is always so much fun to be part of such an enjoyable team," Kes said.

This positive energy was everywhere for the Gusties who competed in the field events. Sophomore Annika Poe took first place for shot put with a heave of 12.85 meters. Fellow Sophomore Alexys Guidry won the discus with a throw of 39.04 meters. Finally, Junior Rachel Erickson secured first place in the javelin with a toss of 31.05 meters.

"Like at most meets, the atmosphere was super supportive. Even though we weren't



Senior DeAnna Giles soars through the air in competition

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allowed to have spectators, it still always felt like there were people watching you and cheering you on... It's always a positive and enjoyable atmosphere because you can tell that everyone really wants you to succeed and do your best," Kes said.

Not to be outdone, the Gustie runners tore it up. Teammates Junior Mackinzee Miest, Sophomore Lily Engbreton, and Junior Iliana Ramon swept the podium with

a 1-2-3 finish in the 5000 meter run. Engbreton, who finished only three seconds behind Miest, was proud to run stride-for-stride with Miest.

"The 5000 meter race with [Miest] was the highlight of the weekend for me. We worked on a new race strategy, and [Miest] ended up winning first overall with a time of 18:39. We wanted to represent Gustavus well at the last home meet of our season, and we brought our A game," Engbreton said.

Senior Kourtney Kluseth brought her A game to the track on Saturday. She ran the 3000 meter steeplechase, an 7.5 lap event that consists of five barriers per lap, 4 of which are dry and 1 of which is wet. Kluseth won the event with a time of 12:15 and was pleased with her own performance and the resilience of her teammates.

"I performed really well. I was able to run the race in a way that was comfortable and allowed me to execute my barriers well... Everyone realizes how fortunate we are to be able to compete safely, and we bring our best to the table when we are given these opportunities. Gusties are very supportive of each other and this team is no exception. We all cheer each other on and this supportive environment is what allows us to come together as a team," Kluseth said.

Four Gustie women came together and put on a winning performance in a relay event. First-year Danielle Miller, Senior Karley DeKnicker, Senior DeAnna Giles, and Junior Emilia Helms-Leslie combined for a 4x100 relay time of 53.70 seconds.

"We had a lot of fun at our last home meet of the season... We were able to perform in the best possible way and had an amazing relay team that ended up winning the event," Miller said.

Miller has dealt with the struggles of being an athlete in the midst of a pandemic. She

became a close contact with a family member who tested positive for COVID-19 in the middle of the season and had to miss over two weeks of training.

"It was really hard for me because I could not exercise during this time. It was really hard for me to come back into practice and not being able to do my best. After many weeks of hard work, I am now happy to say that I am finally back on track," Miller said.

This resilient mindset is exactly what the Gusties need to have as they head into their final weeks of their season. They visit MSU Mankato on May 1 and will compete in the MIAC conference championships on May 14 and 15.

"Our team goal is to place in the top three and to qualify as many people as we can for each event," Kluseth said.

With all of these athletes peaking at the right time, it seems like this goal is very attainable for the Golden Gustie track team that continues to shine when given the opportunity to do so.

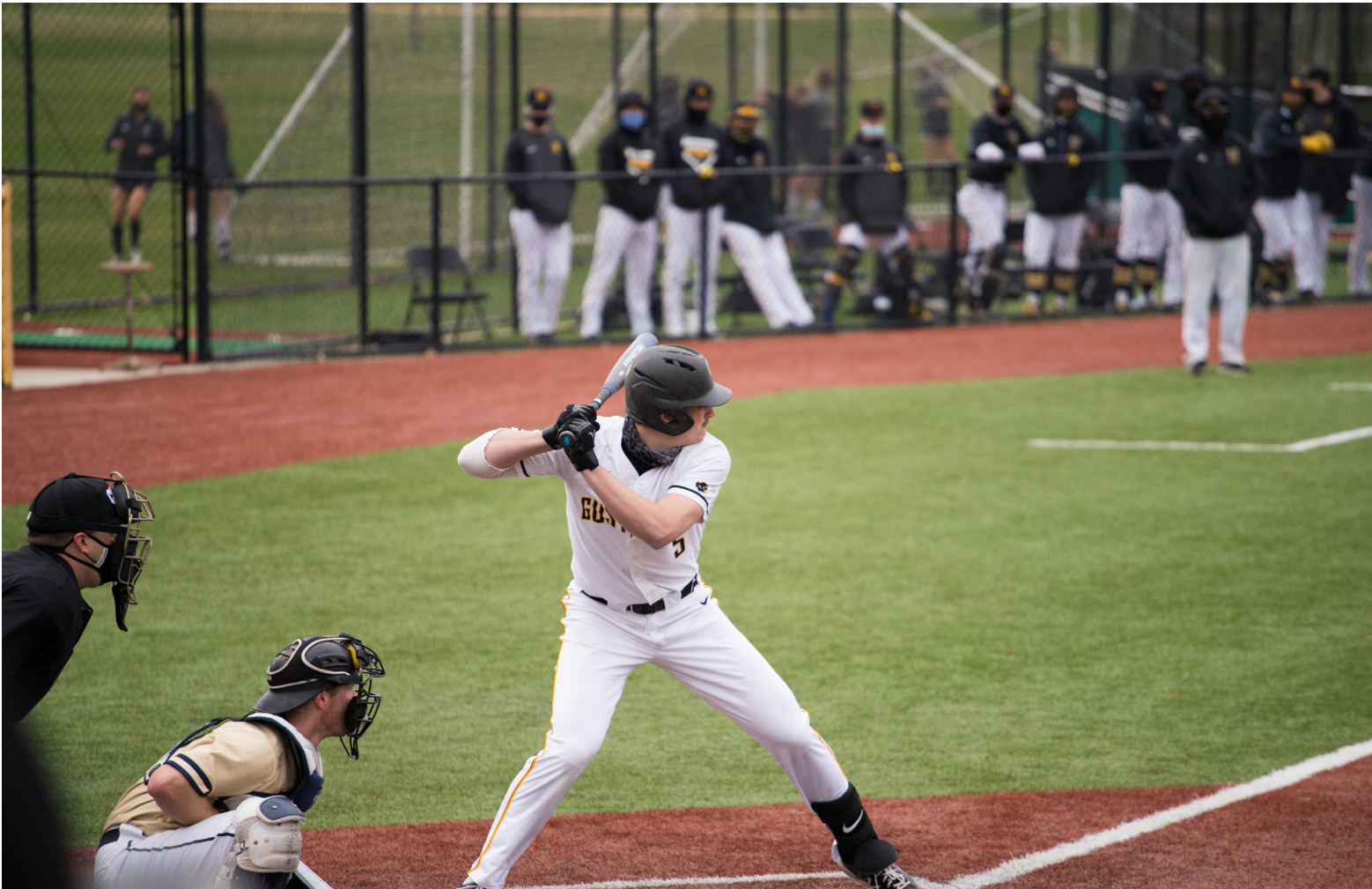


Gusties on the block waiting to start the race

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Gusties Sweep Bethel in Fashion

Rademacher named MIAC Athlete of the Week



Chris Knowles prepares to hit

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The depth of talent on the Gustavus baseball team has been on display throughout the spring season, a trend that only continued this past Saturday, April 24, as the Gusties swept Bethel in a double header on the road. Intermixed with the deep field of skill on display, however, were several standout performances that led to a stunning, story-book victory over the Royals in the last inning of the day.

The Gusties came out of the gates early in their first game of the day, blazing past Bethel's 1-0 lead from the first inning with eight straight runs in the fourth inning. The stacked inning was propelled by stand-out performances from Junior Jack Hanson, who hammered out his sixth home run of the season to allow three players across home after already hitting the Gusties' first single of the fourth.

The very next inning meant more scoring opportunities for Gustavus as Junior Nick Azar finished rounding the bases off a hit from First-year Chris Knowles, bringing the score to 9-1. Although Bethel was able to squeeze another run in during the seventh inning, it would not be enough to close on the Gusties' unstoppable momentum. Despite the commanding lead, the Gusties certainly had to work for their early victory.

"I think my biggest challenge was just staying focused for a long period of time and trusting the defense to make

plays we did. The biggest success for the team, I think, was turning three double plays in a close game to help bail me out. It just seemed like every time the Royals would swing, we would have a guy right where they hit it, so that was pretty cool," Senior Damon Rademacher said.

Subsequently, the Royals were looking for revenge in the second game, taking an early lead that would grow to 4-1 by the bottom of the fourth. The Gusties strapped in to play the long game, however, closing the gap with runs in the sixth and eighth to bring the score to

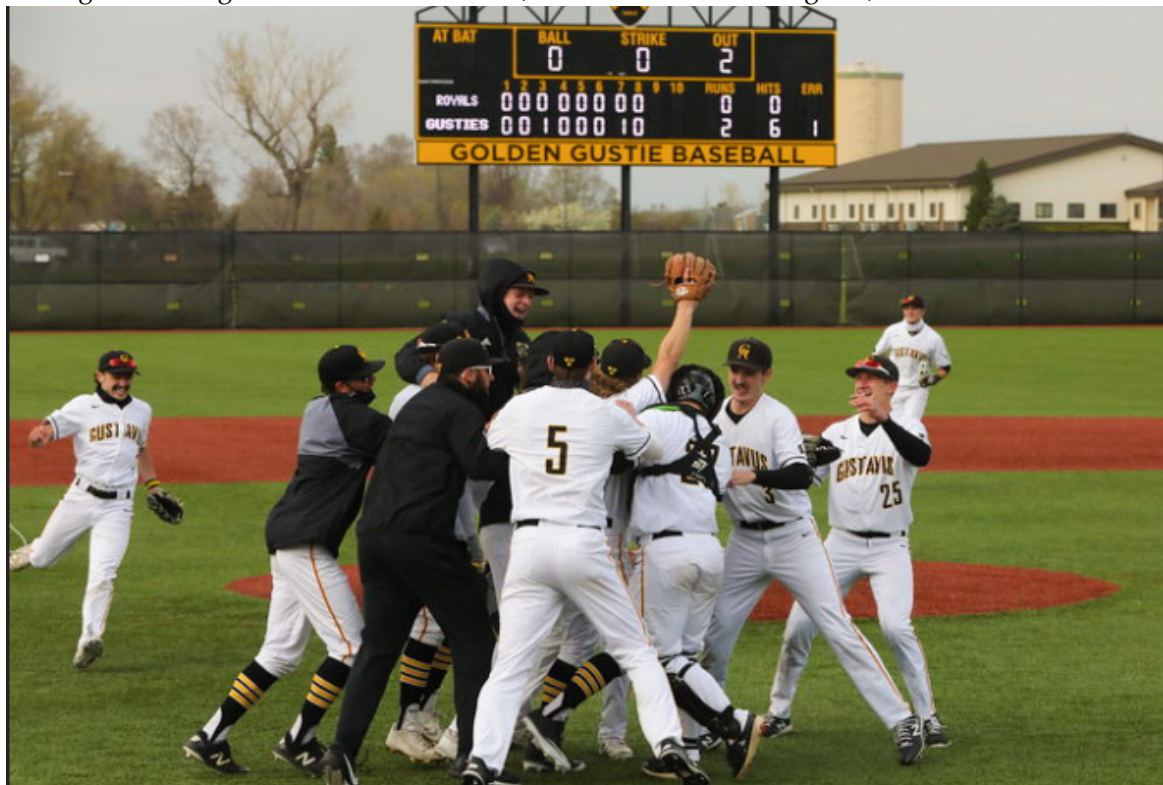
4-3.

"I would say I'm the most impressed with how fast our team can score, and how defensively we make a lot of very difficult plays look routine at least once a game. I feel like our team chemistry is unmatched. Every player on the team serves a purpose, and they know what their purpose is," Rademacher said.

By the top of the ninth, the Gusties took advantage of that chemistry. First-year Bryce Novak started the inning off strong with a single before Junior Dalton Thelen slammed a home run, his third of the sea-

son, to send two more Gusties home and clinch the game 5-4. Thelen wasn't done with heroics, however, and after the Bethel offense put the potential game-tying runner on second, he chased a fly ball to the left-center warning track and caught it on the slide, ending the game in an eruption of applause.

"My favorite moment definitely had to be Dalton Thelen's performance in the 9th inning. He hit the go-ahead home run in the top of the inning, then made a diving catch on the warning track to end the game," Rademacher said.



Players celebrate after Weston Lombard completes the no-hitter

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Rademacher was another standout player in the Bethel double, pitching four scoreless innings including the ninth for his third win of the season on the mound. Rademacher caught the eye of the entire conference as well, being named MIAC Baseball Pitcher of the Week on Monday, April 26.

"I felt very confident in my stuff so far this year. It also seems like everything that can go right does go right," Rademacher said.

This week was merely a continuation of his strong season, and in fact the only change from previous weeks was more playing time.

"This week was a little bit different in the fact that this was the first time in my college career that I threw four innings in a game," Rademacher said.

The Gusties hardly had time to savor their weekend victories, however, as they completed the three-game series against Bethel at home on Monday, April 26. The result was yet another victory in stunning fashion, highlighted by Senior Weston Lombard pitching a legendary nine-inning no-hitter.

"Getting the last out, being able to celebrate with my teammates... That was really cool since it was a group effort and everyone made the plays," Lombard said.

The last time a Gustie shut a team out from the mound was in 2005, when Josh Spitzack '06 left Carleton without a hit for seven innings. In fact, in the last 46 years of Gustavus baseball, Lombard's no-hitter is only one of three.

"It's not something you usually look into until you do it. After it happened I did a little bit of research, and it was really cool to be a part of," Lombard said.

In addition to Lombard's history-making game, Monday featured stand-out performances from Azar on defense, who made a pair of assists on ground balls in the eighth inning, as well as Novak and Hanson leading the team at bat.

"When I'm on the mound, I'm really confident, I have no worries. I know the guys have put the work in to prepare themselves to put us in a position to win," Lombard said.

With Monday's 2-0 victory over Bethel, the Gustie record improved to 18-2 overall and 13-2 in MIAC play. This puts them first in the conference. The Gusties are back in action at 1 p.m. at home on Tuesday, April 27 with a double header against Concordia. If that seems like a lot of games, it is.

"The rest of the season will be a grind, between games and school work. Finals are coming up fast and we have about 12 games in the next two weeks," Rademacher said.

Gustie Golf Prepares for Playoffs

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As the spring golf season nears its end, the Gusties are hoping to walk away with two Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) titles. Both the Men's and Women's teams are set to compete this weekend in the conference championship at Emerald Greens Golf Course in Hastings. The unusual season has brought out the best in the program, and they are hoping to reach their peak at the right time.

"Overall our team has fared quite well. We have finished each tournament in the top portion of the leaderboard and have performed very well at the times that we needed to play well. If our team had a bad round we would bounce back the next day and find a way to perform better. I had a great time this spring season with the team. We were out on the course everyday and enjoyed the grind that is spring golf," Sophomore Jack Holtan said.

The men's team had their first competition of the season earlier this month when they traveled to Illinois for the Wesleyan Invitational. Last weekend, the men wrapped up their regular season at the St. John's Invitational where they finished fourth out of seventeen teams. The women's team also began their season well when they opened with a win over Minnesota State Mankato. They continued their strong performances through last weekend when they placed third out of ten teams at the Carleton Invitational.

"We have placed in the top three in all of our tournaments, and won our tournament down in Iowa. We have a really skilled group of girls who understand the game well. We have spent a



Jack Holtan crushes a tee shot

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lot of time focusing on the mental side of golf, staying present, and moving forward which has helped us immensely," Junior Emily Kratz said.

Both teams began spring competition on a high note and have continued to perform over the course of the season. The solid results have come as a result of the dedication of each golfer, as well as the steadfast

leadership of Head Coach Scott Moe.

"The coaches have been instrumental in our success this season. They have set high, but achievable goals for us to aim for. They have been so helpful on the course, helping us make the best and smartest decisions in our shot choices. They are so supportive and put in so much work to make sure they are do-

ing everything they can to help us succeed on and off of the course. They expect that we will continue to work hard to make sure our games are in the best shape possible for conference this weekend," Kratz said.

Coach Moe has done an outstanding job of keeping the teams focused on their big goals, without overlooking the small details. The unique challenges presented to the team this year due to COVID-19 have made it even more important to have strong leaders. Thankfully for the golf team, leadership skills run deep.

"Our upperclassmen have done a great job of leading the way for us underclassmen by leading by example and being there for us to lend a hand if we need help with anything or have questions about anything. Our team culture has been great this year. Both years that I have been on the golf team we have had very good chemistry," Holtan said.

Despite the additional obstacles provided by the pandemic, the Gusties have been able to come together and build a supportive team culture. Heading into the MIAC Championship this weekend, the teams will look to stay true to who they are and perform at their highest level.

"Our goal with both programs is to peak at the right time

and that is during our MIAC Championship. We are very young on our men's team and I think they are starting to understand their game more and ready to put a good game plan together for this weekend. Our team goal always remains the same, we want to come away with two titles. Our women's team is led by our three juniors who will be competing in their third MIAC Championship and are playing solid golf right now," Moe said.

Both teams are going into this weekend knowing they are capable of claiming the conference title. The Gusties have stayed near the top of the podium all throughout the season and hoping to make the final push at Emerald Greens.

"With the MIAC coming up this weekend, our whole team is eager to get out there and compete. We are not a team that is going to shy away from adversity so we are ready to get out on the course this weekend and compete until the last putt drops on Sunday. To win a MIAC Championship would be a huge honor for our team and would punch our ticket to nationals this year. That is the goal we have been working towards all spring and we are more than capable of achieving it," Holtan said.



Women's golf on the way to their next shot

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