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Nobel Hall of Science shines in the sun.

Isaac Bui

Nobel Conference 57

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Campus Safety Report

Monday, September 20, 2021

- Campus Safety took a report of a person seen carrying a street sign down Grace St on Saturday September 18, 2021.
- Campus Safety responded to a report of a street sign on the ground behind Gibbs Hall.
- Campus Safety responded to a Medical Assist outside the Carlson Administration Building.

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

- Campus Safety responded to a medical assist in North Hall, the student was transported to the hospital.

Thursday, September 23, 2021

- Gustavus employee called to report that their Gustavus permit was stolen from the back of their car in the Heating Plant.

Sometime between 0819 hours and 1330 hours.

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>

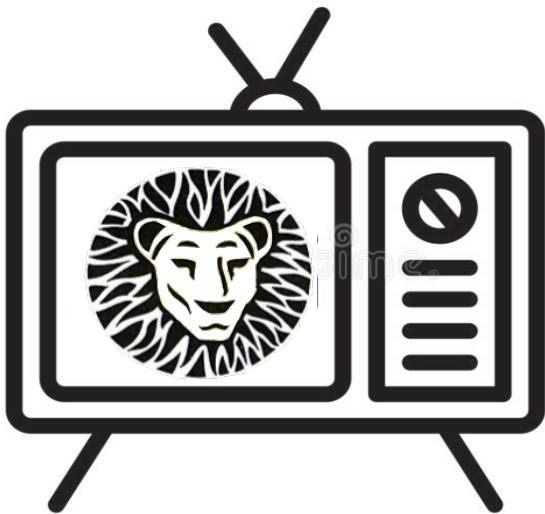
Tip of the Week:

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 your-

self 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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Daily Sabbath Calendar

Open Space- Tuesdays (Christ Chapel)
Come to Christ Chapel for an unstructured time of prayer, meditation, reflection, or rest. Light a candle for the healing of the world.

Morning Praise- Wednesdays (Christ Chapel)
Join together with Gustavus Choirs to sing the Morning Praise liturgy. Coffee and pastries await you at the end of the service. Morning Praise is also live streamed on the Chaplains Office Youtube Page.

Holy Communion- Thursdays (Christ Chapel)

September 29nd, 2021

- Morning Praise

September 30th, 2021

- Holy Communion

Campus prepares for Family Weekend

Lauren Ruth
Staff Writer

The weekend of Oct. 8-10, 2021, Gustavus is hosting its annual Family Weekend. Gustavus dedicates one weekend each fall to host the families of Gustavus students on campus. The events are created so students can enjoy time with their families while also getting a chance to explore the campus.

Family weekend is a time where students can show their families their new living space as well as their new community. “The Gustavus pillar of community also extends to Gustie families,” Assistant Director of Campus Activities Garrett Meier said. Families can experience all the things they have been hearing about over the phone and over text.

The Campus Activities of-

fice has been working hard to coordinate the events hosted by a wide variety of groups on campus. They include Residential Life, The Gustie Well, CAB, LineUs, Dining Services, The Arboretum, GAC Acapella, the Music Department, Career Development and more. These groups have been working hard to ensure that families have an unforgettable experience.

Family Weekend begins Oct. 8, on Friday. Families are invited to attend classes with students all day to experience the academic programs at Gustavus. At 7:00 p.m. in Nobel Hall of Science, there is a movie showing of “Raya and the Last Dragon”. To end the night, there is a LineUs Improv show at Alumni Hall. Families are invited to join Gustavus’ renowned improv comedy troupe for an hour of laughter, fun and games.

Saturday, Oct. 9, is packed with activities for Gustavus

families to enjoy. In the morning, families are encouraged to attend the ‘Wake up with Res Life’ event at the Residential Life office in the morning. Gustavus families can also go on a city tour of St. Peter. At 9:30 a.m. at the President’s Dining Room, the Career Development Office is hosting a series of panels and workshops.

Gustavus is also hosting its annual FallFest on that Saturday at 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in the Linnaeus Arboretum. This event will be filled with games, activities, and food for all ages to enjoy. “Pet real alpacas, go for a hayride, hunt for treasure, play games, explore the Arb, learn from nature discovery activities, and much more”, Meier said.

In the afternoon, Dining Service is hosting a Carnival Lunch in the dining room. At 1:00 p.m. in the Courtyard Café, families can choose to attend Trivia with The Savants of Trivia, or a Walk-

ing Sculpture Tour. At 2:00 p.m. at the Tennis Center, there is the option to attend the Wilkinson Tennis Complex Dedication.

At 3:00 p.m. at the Eckman Mall, Campus Activities is hosting the Central Park Bubbles and Tie Dye event. This event is fun for all ages. Families are encouraged to join the fun in creating giant bubbles and tie dying. Free shirts will be provided to those who attend.

In the evening, at Alumni Hall, families can attend Bingo and pizza. There is also the option to attend another screening of “Raya and the Last Dragon”. At 8:00 p.m. in Bjorling Recital Hall, Marcus Monroe, comedian and juggler, is hosting a show.

Dining Services invites families to brunch beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday Oct. 10 at the Dining Center. Afterwards, the Gustavus Philharmonic Orchestra, Gustavus Symphony Orchestra, Gustavus Wind

Symphony and Gustavus Wind Orchestra are performing a musical showcase at Christ Chapel. Following that, there is a Jazz Ensemble Performance at Bjorling Recital Hall featuring Adolphus Jazz and Gustavus Jazz. There will be another musical showcase at 3:00 p.m., where Gustavus Choir, Choir of Christ Chapel and Lucia Singers will perform.

Campus Activities encourages Gustavus students and families to take advantage of a weekend “full of family friendly events [to] show off your new home to loved ones” Meier said. The full Family Weekend schedule can be found online at the Gustavus website as well as printed copies at the information desk. Gustavus looks forward to hosting this event and to have families on campus.

Big Data: The Nobel Conference continues online

Mel Pardock
Staff Writer

On October 5 & 6 of 2021, Gustavus will be hosting the 57th annual Nobel Conference virtually. This year’s theme is Big Data REvolution, and it will look into how big data is changing our lives, alongside the challenges and opportunities this evolution will bring.

Big data is defined by the Oxford Dictionary as “extremely large data sets that may be analyzed computationally to reveal patterns, trends, and as-

sociations, especially relating to human behavior and interactions.” Big Data impacts all of our lives in a variety of ways, such as personalized marketing, risk management, and social media algorithms.

“Big Data methods such as machine learning are used in almost every discipline to take advantage of all of the data that we and our devices generate. Medicine, public health, economics, you name it. This conference focuses primarily on the positive aspects of Big Data but we will definitely discuss some of the concerns such as privacy and bias”, conference

co-chair Thomas LoFaro said.

The 57th conference will feature seven speakers, featuring professors of health, statistics, mathematics, bioethics, data science, and more, alongside university research chairs and regents professors. Each speaker has a biography listed on the Nobel Conference website.

“Every year a committee forms to plan the Nobel Conference that will happen in two years. We spend about the first semester and a half collecting recommendations for presenters, discussing them and thinking about how they will fit together to explore mul-


tiples layers of a topic. For this year’s conference, we wanted to explore the way big data is employed in a variety of fields, from criminal justice to health care”, conference director Lisa Heldke said.

These speakers give attendees much to look forward to. In addition to their own talks at the conference, there will be four panels in which the speakers will gather to discuss their presentations and thoughts on big data together.

“I think there are two things that I’m really excited about. First, is hearing about the use of Big Data in public health

in general but epidemiology in particular. Secondly, I am interested in hearing about ‘interpretable machine learning.’ Once a machine learning (or artificial intelligence) algorithm has been trained to learn something, it is often quite difficult to understand how it is making the decisions it does,” LoFaro said.

If you have any questions about the conference or are interested in learning more, visit the conference’s website, Gustavus.edu/nobelconference/2021, or contact co-chairs Thomas LoFaro or Karl Larson.



CAMPUS ACTIVITIES BOARD

Homecoming Schedule

Wednesday,
September 29

Coloring & Hot
Cocoa
5pm-7pm
Courtyard Cafe

Friday,
October 1

Tarot Card
Readings
10 pm
Online

Best hair styles of *The Weekly* archives



One of these five sophomore girls will be chosen St. Lucia queen today. Her reign will begin next Friday. They are Michelle Peiffer, Natalie Peterson, Mary Parkin, Billee Kraut, and Pam Stillwell.

From Friday, December 6, 1968, the St. Lucia crew rock some killer hairdos.

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Miss Judith Allen

From 1968, Judith Allen, the Gustavus affiliated artist shows off beautiful her BumpIt.

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From Friday, December 8, 1972, local band "Home Cookin" parties with classic 1970's shags.

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The Good, the Bad, and the Meh



Hair. Enough said.



Amy Downham Aaron Teasdale and Michelle Carter-- "We'll build a new one."

From 1990, like a "Friend" casting photo, these Gusties answer the pressing question of the week.

Submitted



Beth Strehler, '95, business major: "It's very inconvenient because you have to go dripping all the way back to your room."

From November 15, 1991, Gusties really know how to work wire rim glasses and headbands.



Dan Berg, '95, undecided: "I think I'd rather dry my hands on my hair."



Megan Cummins, '94, art major: "Why wash 'em if you didn't pee on 'em?"

Submitted

Connect, support and develop: spiritual life on campus



Students in Christ Chapel during Morning Praise.

Jayne Mapstone

Korri Wojack
Staff Writer

Nearly sixty years ago, Christ Chapel was dedicated on campus. Through the years, there have been over three hundred weddings, six Gustavus presidential inaugurations, forty-seven Christmas in Christ Chapels, and so much more to celebrate. Established as a Lutheran college, Gustavus has always been well known for its focus on worship and praise. However, it's the welcoming inclusivity that makes the spiritual community here at Gustavus so special.

Nearly every major religion from all over the world is represented by the Gustavus student body, as well as many secular traditions. According to Chaplain Maggie Falenschek, the largest groups include Christianity (which contains a huge diversity of traditions within Christianity), students who are not affiliated with a particular religious tradition, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, and Shamanism. Also, many students define themselves as spiritual, but not necessarily religious. Gustavus welcomes all with open arms and offers many spaces to pray.

Between the Bonnier Mul-

tifaith Center, Christ Chapel, and anywhere else students feel spiritually home, there are plenty of peaceful spots on campus to utilize. The Bonnier Multifaith Center is located in Anderson Hall, and is open anytime Anderson is. Most of the time the Multifaith Center is used by students for reflection, meditation, personal prayer, yoga, silence, and other spiritual and religious practices.

The Chapel is open all day to students as well, though there tends to be more structured activities going on during that time. Musical ensemble rehearsals, organ lessons, etc., all take place within the Chapel, but the space is still open for all. If a student finds their spiritual place on campus to be outside, there are plenty of outdoor spaces too. The Arboretum also has many mysteries to explore and use for spiritual reflection, such as the labyrinth, meditation garden, walking trails, and other places that students can connect with the beauty of the natural world.

As many students know, no classes are allowed to be held between 10:00 and 10:30 every day. This is because of Daily Sabbath, a time where Gusties can take a pause in their day to reflect and worship. Every day students have different opportunities to

nurture their spiritual wellbeing during these times. Chaplain Siri Erickson explained some of the many ways to be involved during this amazing time. At 10 a.m., the Chaplains' Office hosts a variety of practices in the chapel: Interfaith Observances for special religious and cultural holidays, Morning Prayer, Open Vigils, Morning Praise, Holy Communion, and Musical Showcase. Fellowship of Christian Athletes leads motivational gatherings on Mondays in Lund at 10 a.m. as well.

In the Multifaith Center, Rosary Prayer meets on Mondays and Fridays at 10 a.m. and the space is open at other times for personal prayer and reflection. In the evenings, there are a variety of activities and organizations, including Sunday Evening Worship at 6:30 p.m. in Christ Chapel, Proclaim, Cru, and Prepare. Other active groups include the Multifaith Leadership Council, Interfaith Ambassadors, and the Newman Center. All of these activities and organizations are open for all students of Gustavus to join in and find their spiritual community.

"The best thing about worship on campus is that there is something for everyone",

Chaplain Maggie said, going on to explain how there are many different types, for the many different ways of feeling spiritual. If you like something quiet and contemplative go to Monday Prayer around the Cross. If you love contemporary praise music, Proclaim is on Tuesdays. If you like a more traditional feel with choral music and hymns, attend Wednesday Morning Praise. If an open and affirming community is important to you (with a combination of contemporary, hymns, and secular music with spiritual undertones)--Sunday Worship Community.

Also, some Tuesdays will be dedicated to a specific theme, topic, event, or experience. This past Tuesday, Sept. 21, space was created for people to reflect, pray, and remember indigenous women and girls who have gone missing. Candles were lit, and orange ribbons were tied around the stair railings in honor and remembrance of the missing sisters.

"This issue has been in the news and in our collective consciousness, especially as Black and Indigenous women have pointed out the inequities related to support and justice for women and girls who have gone missing in their respective

communities." Erickson said. In these coming weeks of the fall semester, if there are any issues, events, or important days of remembrance you would like the chaplains office to hold space for during a Tuesday Open Vigil, they are happy to work with any students.

The Chaplains at Gustavus are here to support the spiritual wellbeing of all students. According to Chaplain Siri Erickson, this includes religion-specific activities, as well as things like nurturing a connection to something larger than yourself, finding a sense of meaning and purpose, and cultivating awareness of the present moment.

"We love working with students from different backgrounds and identities as they develop their spiritual well being, interfaith leadership, and religious practices. This journey is unique for each person and yet there are values we can hold in common as we gather people together for community events and prayer," Erickson said. All of these events help highlight the main three goals of the Chaplains, to connect, support, and develop a student's spiritual or personal journey.



Ratana Chheng poses for a photo.

Korri Wojack

GUSTIE *of* the WEEK

Ratana Chheng

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Originally from Cambodia, Senior Ratana Chheng's Gustavus experience has been built on community, the liberal arts experience and being able to grow and share her knowledge with her peers.

While attending public school in Cambodia, Chheng was recruited in elementary school to study with an NGO program that taught English. Learning English brought her to attend Phillips Exeter Academy, a highly-ranked boarding school in the United States, where she then graduated and was told about Gustavus by a counselor.

While researching, she was drawn to the close-knit community that is cultivated on campus and in the classroom.

"I like Gustavus because of the fact that it's small enough that you can get personalized relationships whether it's with your professors or working with other people in school. I think I do best when I'm able to interact consistently with the professors," Chheng said.

Now a double major in Financial Economics and Psychology, Chheng balances her areas of study between experience and interest.

"Ever since middle school I knew I wanted to go into the business industry, simply because back home that's one of the biggest areas; most people in Cambodia are either subsistence farmers meaning they farm just for themselves, or they are small business owners. I've been exposed to that just through culture and living in my country. If possible, I'd like to go into finance in a role that can help empower people to be more strategic about money and to be able to grow their money

to survive and to have some left to do whatever makes them happy. Because money does free you up to do what makes you happy," Chheng said.

Psychology was an interest that took her by surprise. As part of the liberal arts curriculum, she took an Intro to Psychology class and found herself very interested in the topic, so she kept taking more classes.

"I didn't even think about job prospects for this, I just liked it," Chheng said.

Chheng prioritizes giving back to the community, even in her extracurriculars. Chheng's FTS advisor, Dr. Rebecca Fremo, invited her to apply to be a Writing Center Tutor, and in that role she helps students build confidence and skills within their writing.

"As a tutor, I help students who need help with their writing, which is very personal. You put your opinions, you put your beliefs into your writing. I can help the people with their writing and make them more confident and to feel better about their assignment," Chheng said.

"Ratana has been an integral part of the Writing Center staff since her sophomore year. She's one of the Team Leaders this year, and she has already led some first-year-orientation sessions and given a tour of the Writing Center for an FTS class. Her enthusiasm for supporting all writers and building their confidence is remarkable—especially for a Financial Economics major! Ratana works three jobs at Gustavus while taking a full load of classes, and she has also volunteered to assist with writing workshops at the Le Sueur County Jail this year. She is a super human," Director of the Writing Center and Professor Eric Vrooman said.

As a Student Fellow for Public Deliberation and Dialogue, Chheng finds it very rewarding and beneficial to be able to facilitate open-minded conversations.

"Through PDD, we're able to help people have conversations with each other, even if they disagree, even if they have different opinions, to agree to have discussions and push each other to think about things that they wouldn't normally think about on their own," Chheng said.

Additionally, Chheng is President of Thrifty Gold, a student organization dedicated to thrifting, but with the goal of providing sustainable shopping options to lessen environmental impacts and also to provide clothes to communities and people in need through clothes drives and special events.

Chheng has worked in the Center for International and Cultural Education office since she came to Gustavus and enjoys the professional and kind atmosphere where she can assist other international students.

In regard to her own experience as an international student, Chheng is grateful for the opportunities her education has given her, but she also wishes that international students were considered more in the making and unmaking of policies, such as internship requirements and move-in. As the Student Senate International Student Representative in 2021, she led a proposal to solve difficulties with move-in which was approved and will continue to be worked on this year.

Outside of school, Chheng enjoys reading, learning and relaxing by watching stand-up comedy. Chheng's life philosophy prioritizes happiness and wellness for herself and others.

Strive to do what makes you happy and healthy, but do not harm yourself or others. It's always a big bonus if you can help your community or other people and be happy and healthy as well," Chheng said.

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.

Greek life returns to campus



Sororities host an informational session.

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Emma Kelsey
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Here on campus, sorority and fraternity recruitment is in full swing. Gustavus Greek life aims to deconstruct ingrained expectations of sororities and fraternities with our campus's unique chapters, and create viable communities of growth, support, and change.

Early this week, sorority and fraternity recruitment began its week-long process. On Monday and Tuesday, potential new members (referred to as PNMs) interacted with each of the four sorority or fraternity "chapters". The fraternity recruitment process is more of an informal open house style. For the sororities, the process is more formal. Each of the four sororities is stationed in a room. PNMs spend twenty minutes in each room, rotating every five minutes. This way

they get to experiment and get a feel for which group they may fit with the best.

When asked what they look for in members, Livija Shaeffer, president of the Tri Sigma Sorority, said, "we're not looking for anything in particular. We're looking for people that can fit our values and are interested in Greek life for the right reasons... they want to do community service, they want to meet new people, they're not here to look cute on instagram... we want them to actually be interested and share a passion [for what we're doing]," Shaeffer said. She makes it clear that sorority members are not just girls getting together to have fun, but good people who are ready to take on serious commitments and make a difference in the world surrounded by people they feel truly connected with.

After initially meeting with each of the sororities on Monday and Tuesday, PNMs have a break from the process on

Wednesday. They will receive communication from sororities or fraternities that have chosen to invite them back for Thursday's process. On Thursday, PNMs will meet with the two chapters which they received an invitation to return to. If PNMs have more than two invitations at this point, it's time they narrow it down - they can only visit with two on Thursday. This is the night where potential new members really start to decide which group is the right choice for them.

"Each sorority is an amazing, fantastic sorority; it's more of finding the best fit for you," Schaeffer said. Maddie Sweeney, vice president of operations for Tri Sigma and president of Panhellenic, the board which oversees the two national sorority chapters, echoes Livija's sentiment.

"I look for someone who is their true, genuine self and just has that sense of comfort and relief when they walk in our room," Sweeney said. She

stresses that finding the right group to be a part of is more than anything about finding that sense of home, finding the group of people you really feel you belong to. She adds that the recruitment process is about continuing a legacy, making sure there are enough people to carry it on, and keeping Greek life alive.

After the final exploratory meetings on Thursday, PNMs list out their choices of either sorority or fraternity chapters, first to last. In a matching process, sorority/fraternity chapters examine their own choices, and the PNMs'. By Friday night, the chapters will have made their final selections and extended their bids. A "bid" is an official offer for membership. PNMs have until Saturday at noon to accept.

Once the recruitment process is finished and bids are accepted, members go through the new member period, and then they are inducted. The induction process is a different,

special, and clandestine rite of each chapter that consists of varying traditions. Post induction, the new member education period lasts about a month, where newly welcomed members are integrated into their sorority or fraternity through different informative/bonding processes.

Andrea Junso, the Director of Campus Activities at Gustavus, elaborates that the main goal of the recruitment process is not to be selective, exclusive, or limiting. Junso hopes that both members and potential new members keep an open mind in the process, and to have deep consideration on both sides before deciding the best fit.

Junso speaks warmly of Greek life here at Gustavus and the many improvements they've made in the past few years and continue to make. Junso takes pride in the students here and the "unique and amazing" communities they continue to build, one new member at a time.