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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."

Give blood.
Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.
American Red Cross



**Blood Drive
Gustavus Adolphus College**
Alumni Hall
800 West College Ave
Saint Peter, MN 56082

**Monday, October 11, 2021
12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 12, 2021
12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients.
If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation.
Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.
Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Gustavus to schedule an appointment.

Come to donate and receive a free T-shirt (while supplies last).

**Daily Sabbath
Calendar**

*Open Space- Tuesdays
(Christ Chapel)*

Come to Christ Chapel for an un-structured 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)*

October 6th, 2021

- Morning Praise

October 7th, 2021

- Holy Communion

Everything you need to know about the COVID-19 booster

Mel Pardock
Staff Writer

As more and more Americans become vaccinated against COVID-19, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have found that protection provided by vaccination weakens as time passes and is less likely to work against the Delta variant on its own. With these boosters and improved immune response, people will become even less susceptible to COVID-19 and the Delta variant. “Data from a small clinical trial show that a Pfizer-BioNTech booster shot increased the immune response in trial

participants who finished their primary series 6 months earlier. With an increased immune response, people should have improved protection against COVID-19, including the Delta variant,” the CDC said. Similar to how vaccine rollout began in late 2020, there are limited groups of people who received the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine that have access to booster shots at this time. These groups of people include individuals over 18 with medical conditions, long-term setting residents 18 and older, and those whose home lives or jobs will entail increased exposure to COVID-19, such as health-care workers, educators, USPS employees, corrections workers,

and more. “People aged 18–64 years at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting may get a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine based on their individual benefits and risks. Adults aged 18–64 years who work or reside in certain settings (e.g., health care, schools, correctional facilities, homeless shelters) may be at increased risk of being exposed to COVID-19, which could be spreading where they work or reside,” the CDC said. At this time, you are unable to get a booster vaccine unless you received the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccination and are included in one of the groups

the CDC recommended the booster for. However, as more studies are concluded and more data becomes available, boosters may become available for more people who need and want them. The CDC also answered some commonly asked questions regarding boosters. One is still considered fully vaccinated even if they do not receive the booster, the need for boosters does not mean vaccines are not working - they are to prevent severe illnesses and hospitalizations that could occur due to decreased protection, and the risks associated with boosters are similar to those associated with the two-shot vaccination series with severe adverse reac-

tions being possible, but rare. In addition to this, basic COVID-19 protection precautions must still be taken once you receive a booster. If you are a recipient of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine that is a part of one of the aforementioned groups of people who can get a booster and would like one, check your local pharmacy’s website to see if appointments or walk-in vaccinations are available, and check your local or state health department for more information regarding boosters. All data mentioned in this article was found on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website, CDC.gov.

Doug Thompson joins the Gustavus community

Carter Brown
Staff Writer


On May 27, 2021, Gustavus got a new addition to the President’s Cabinet; the first vice president (VP) for Equity and Inclusion. Doug Thompson, PhD, introduced himself yesterday on Oct. 6, 2021. A man of values, the very first thing Thompson talked about is family, something he holds very dearly and takes pride in. “One thing I always want people to know [is] that I’m a family person, I’m a person of values, I have a large family. My wife and I have been married for 20 years [and] I have a family of three boys and three girls. Values are everything to me. When I’m not working I enjoy spending time with family, I’m a music lover, I enjoy reading, exercising, fitness; really I enjoy things that help me love life. I am simple in that regard, but I live life to the fullest. I am a lifelong learner.” Thompson said. And as a relationship-oriented person, he finds that his role as the VP for Equity and Inclusion to be a perfect fit for him. When discussing the nature of his role, Thompson elaborates

on the importance of working together to make a difference in the community. “I think my role is amazing. It’s an incredible opportunity to make change and make a difference and that lines up with my personal ways and values. I do this work because I do want to make a difference. I have the opportunity to positively affect the lives of the students here, the faculty, the staff, and even the alumni. Some people don’t know why this work is important. In reality, this will not be easy as we change a culture, as we try to make a difference, because we have to change a lot of systems and structures. And it’s going to take a long time; it’s a marathon not a sprint. But I’m here for it, I’m here for the long haul, because I know it’s not gonna take one or two years. This work is ongoing.”, Thompson said. And equity and inclusion work serves as a personal motivator for him as well. He describes his own feelings and struggles of belonging and, again, emphasises the importance of developing a diverse and inclusive community. “I’ve been in spaces where it’s been so different, so white. I’ve been looked upon in some

way with all my credentials - even with my PhD. And in some ways it exists because it’s natural for them to make you feel that way. Diversity is a fact, equity is a choice, and inclusion is an action. When I think about inclusion, it’s the cultural and environmental feeling of belonging and feeling like you’re in a group or a community. Where people feel like their values are respected and included.” Thompson said. Thompson’s solution to developing such a community? Communication. He is a people person and enjoys talking to others and developing relationships. His personal view is that only together can we foster a community like this - not just him alone. “What’s important is communicating. What’s important is community. What’s important is being accessible. I don’t want them to have to look for me -- I want them to find me by simply emailing or calling. I just want to be present. I’ve had meet and greets, I’ve established office hours every week almost for three hour increments. This is important to me because people may not feel comfortable coming to my office -- to the administration building. So I come to

where they are. I’m listening to their pain points and their motivators and that’s important to get this work done. I noticed that our community wants to engage.” Thompson said. Community, as Thompson reiterates, is very important. Connections are what makes change, in his eyes. This is why he holds office hours frequently, so that our community can engage with him and learn - so he can listen. “One of my favorite quotes is ‘Do the best you can until you know better. And when you know better, do better.’ by Maya Angelou. This quote applies to Gustavus a lot. I don’t think people are perfect but they want to do better. ‘This is what we’re going to do, this is how we grow and listen.’ That to me is important - community engagement and learning. Not when just some major injustice or atrocity takes place, not when someone just gets killed as a cop. We have to unlearn bias and relearn how to humanize each other. I’m going to meet everyone who wants to meet with me. I want to meet every student, every faculty member, every staff member so that we can do good things together.” Thompson said. “I’m really excited.

That is the one thing I want to impress upon everyone. I think we have an amazing opportunity to transform this college. To transform our future. We talk a lot about ‘Show the World’, but I think we as a community have an opportunity to show the world how we positively affect the lives of our community. To show the world how we love each other. How we care about people no matter who they are or what they bring. I am so fortunate and blessed that I can serve in this opportunity to lead the charge because I think we have an opportunity to change this place. Some people may have seen me in videos or something, but it’s okay to talk to me. It’s okay to speak! I love people, I love talking to people. I’m not so caught up in the bigness of the role -- I want to connect with you and I want to know you.” Thompson said. Thompson referenced both his office hours and a workshop that is going to be held soon in the upcoming months focusing on unlearning biases and how we can grow as a community. His office hours can also be found around campus. If you have any more questions, please contact Doug Thompson at



CAMPUS ACTIVITIES BOARD

Family Weekend Schedule

Friday, October 8	Saturday, October 9	Sunday, October 10
Raya and the Last Dragon 7pm Wallenburg	Raya and the Last Dragon 7pm Wallenburg	Marcus Monroe Comedian & Juggler 8pm Bjorling Hall

Squirrel humor is NOT just a thing of past ft. *The Weekly* archives



Katherine Medbury, Senior Advertising Manager
In light of the realization that I will soon experience Weekly withdrawal, I will be bringing the squirrel with me for moral support.

From 2002, we at THE NUTLY love the squirrel based therapy

Submitted



Squirrei:
"???????"

Squirrels have thoughts too THE GUSTAVIAN WEEKLY staff of 1992. Very bold of you.



A Long, Cold Winter may lie ahead of us if you can depend on squirrels. Word has it that this fall they're wearing more fur and hiding more nuts in preparation. We interviewed this guy about it but he ain't talkin', he just sits and grins. Score: Mother Nature 1, Journalism 0.

From October 15th, 1976, Gusties and THE GUSTAVIAN have a long heated past.

Submitted

Four Security Officers and a Squirrel
Directed by: Will Hung
Released by Para Mount Pictures
Cast: Trip Humpendorn, Killian Red, Bat Bawlin, Bill B. Bunz, and Schtuppy the Squirrel
Running Time: Longer than anyone wanted

From May 13, 1993, hey, this is from so long ago that we LEGALLY can't even tell you what the context is... but I bet you can guess *wink*.



"If I were a squirrel, I would go find some nuts."
-Toshia Christoffer, sophomore

From 2004, our fellow Gustie, throws around some squirrel based mircoagressions.

Submitted



One of THE NUTLY's favorite campus squirrels is Bess the Cat.

Anna Edblad



"IT RAINED ON TUESDAY" or "The Ubiquitous Sandwich" by Colin Klotzbach



After the final scene of "Wounded Lamb"(when Victor finally returns to Moldspore only to be fatally papercut by Katrina's letter)



the figure study demonstrated linear techniques in his unforeseen decision to "chase the wind"



and God appeared to Dr. Gruberman in the form of a squirrel.



But because God was a squirrel, Dr. Gruberman didn't recognize him, and proceeded to think briefly about omelettes.

Colin from October 16, 1992, we at THE NUTLY love the squirrel comic so much, that we featured it a whole 29 years later.

Submitted

That's what I'm walking about: Walktober at the GustieWELL Office

Korri Wojack
Staff Writer

This October, as featured on the classic "Once Upon a Potty" posters put up by the PAs in bathrooms all around campus, the GustieWELL Office is focusing on physical and emotional wellness and engagement. "Walktober" is a set of events sponsored by the PAs that give students the opportunity to partake in walks around campus while engaging in mentally stimulating and fun activities.

The Peer Assistants (PAs) are an integral part of the GustieWELL Office whose mission is to "infuse wellness education into the everyday lifestyles of our students through co-curricular experiences and engagement," Peer Assistant advisor Laura Herbst-Johnson said. The PAs support those efforts by creating tailored programs and workshops, transforming community norms, hosting large-scale wellness events, and assisting students in accessing resources. They mainly focus on topics such as: stress management & resilience, chemical health, mental health, nutrition and fitness, and healthy relationships. The mission statement on their homepage explains, "The GustieWELL Office strives to infuse wellness into the everyday lifestyles of our students, through the promotion of personal responsibility, positive social norms, and campus engagement."

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The Peer Assistants (PAs) are a selected group of elite student leaders who are dedicated to promoting a culture of well-being by providing quality wellness education and resources that support and enhance the lifestyles of our students. The PAs support these efforts by equipping students with health-related knowledge by providing educational programs and workshops, awareness campaigns, social activities, and assisting students in accessing resources.



Scenic campus sidewalk.

Luna Walker

"Walktober was created to draw attention to the positive impact a brief walk and fresh air can have on one's mood and mental health," Herbst-Johnson said.

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"The month of October can start to feel overwhelming for our students as it gets closer to midterms, and the chaos of life sets in." Anxiety and stress are the top two reported blocks that impede academic achievement among college students.

While studies show physical activity can help to alleviate those symptoms (along with improving memory, sleep, and mood), it's often the first thing students drop from their busy schedules. It is difficult to value a break, or a quick walk in some fresh fall air, while assignments and day to day responsibilities are piling up. Because of this, the GustieWELL Office created Walktober in hopes of giving students a brief moment of relaxation and fresh

air. Last hosted in 2019, among 100 students that participated, 97% reported improved moods after taking part in Walktober.

Walktober events are held every Thursday in October, and students can choose to participate anytime between 8:30am - 4pm. The extended times allow students with every type of schedule to take a quick break from their days and participate. Every Walktober event is self-led through a paper passport. Students simply check-in at the GustieWELL Office to get started and by participating in three or more events they can be entered to win prizes.

Each of the four Walktober events were created and scheduled intentionally, with purpose, along with the stops included on each route.

The first event is a Mental Health Resource Scavenger Hunt, which took place October 7th. The scavenger hunt clues were developed by the PAs based on common struggles students may experience throughout their time at college, and aim to help identify both the purpose and physical location of on-campus resources available to support students through those challenges. October 7th was also National Depression Screening Day, so students had, and will continue to have, an opportunity to check-in on their mental health through a clinical screen-

ing provided by Learn to Live.

Many students have been all around campus, but have never had the opportunity to sit back and take in the campus beauty around them. Most of us are always too focused on our next class, or rushing to work after a long day. The Poker Walk on October 14th is simply an opportunity for students to press pause and venture around campus with a friend in hopes of taking their minds off daily stressors while trying for a winning Poker hand.

The Walk & Talk on October 21st is meant to be thought-provoking and growth-producing, focusing on goals and personal achievements. "When we pause and intentionally think about habits we'd like to establish and goals we'd like to achieve, then share them with a friend, we verbally commit to making better decisions," Herbst-Johnson said.

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In reference to chocolate, "Eat. You'll feel better," were the famous words of Harry Potter's Remus Lupin. For the last event on October 28, Halloween themed, as all things should be, students will trick-or-treat to the same mental health resources from the scavenger hunt so students become more familiar and comfortable with entering each office.

Besides Walktober, the GustieWELL Office also provides smaller scale, one-on-one programs that focus on supporting specific populations of Gusties. Thrive in Five is a resilience-building program, created specifically for first-year Gusties, to help them successfully navigate life as a college student. Project 21 is another program, created to help students transition into the legal drinking age in a memorable, harm-free manner.

If you would like more information about Walktober and PA programming in general, visit the GustieWELL office on the lower level of the campus center.

GUSTIE of the WEEK

Nancy Roessler

Michaela Woodward
Staff Writer

Even if you've never visited this Gustie of the Week's office, housed in the basement of Olin, you've almost certainly benefited from the work they do on campus. Customer Support Specialist in Telecommunications, Nancy Roessler, is responsible for various duties on campus that range from answering the main phone line to putting together campus directories. Some consider her "the voice of Gustavus."

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Having lived in Minnesota her whole life, Roessler was familiar with Gustavus because her high school used to host their basketball games and band performances here.

"It actually took me a few years to be able to walk into Björling Hall without my knees shaking," Roessler said.

Before working in the Telecommunications office, Roessler received a degree in dental hygiene.

"I worked 31 years in the dental field. And then I worked another eight and a half years in the vision therapy field. I was married and my kids were young, and I was in Mankato working long hours and I went 'this is just not working'. I applied to Gustavus a few times and got this job," Roessler said.

Roessler enjoys being able to connect with a diverse group of people through her position.

"I think the best part of my job is being able to work with absolutely everybody on cam-

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pus. I work with everybody from facilities right down to first-year students to the community to nationwide. Answering the telephone and talking to people from absolutely everywhere is just a giggle a day. I never know who's going to be on the phone. The people I speak with are really nice and they're interested in Gustavus," Roessler said.

Roessler's responsibilities are wide and varied – and she always follows them through with a smile.

Telecommunications Office assistant Becky Barnes works closely with Roessler.

"She answers all the switchboard calls with an above pleasant voice and always knows where the caller should be directed, even if the caller doesn't know. She goes above and beyond trying to help the caller get the answers the caller needs. She trains and supervises four work study students to handle the calls during her lunch hour, the evening switchboard hours and the weekend hours. She knows when the students are ready to handle the calls on their own and never makes them do anything that would make them feel uncomfortable. Her students all love her and they usually are with us for their 3 plus years at Gustavus, calling her their Telecom Mom."

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"The job she does, that a lot of people would know about, is handling the vehicle checkouts

for the college. She is responsible for keeping track of which vehicle is going where, when, and with how many. She makes sure they get the keys, gas cards if needed, and always finds a way to accommodate all requests. The faculty and athletics rely on her expertise all the time so that their requests for vehicles are met," Barnes said.

One of the most surprising jobs Roessler has is coordinating Motor Pool.

"I do all the registering for online classes for certification for all the drivers on campus and manage the Motor Pool fleet with help from the facilities. Scheduling is a big part," Roessler said. Additionally, Roessler is working with Kari Wallin to revamp the "Gusties on the Go" bicycle program so that students can reserve bikes.

During COVID last year, Roessler played a large role in organizing both case tracking and technology services.

"I was helping put cases from the campus onto a spreadsheet so that everybody else, caseworkers and people that were assigning housing and everything could manage from that," Roessler said. She also worked with GTS to make sure there were enough video cameras and other devices.

That was not the first time the Telecommunications Office has withstood a disaster.

"I was told when the tornado came through in '98, we were still housed in the basement of Olin as well, and everything was fine. For as hard as the College itself got hit, our communications system was good," Roessler said.

While Roessler enjoys seeing campus projects and developments, she says that one of the most difficult parts of her job is seeing people leave.

"I enjoy getting up and coming to work. It's a very wonderful place to work," Roessler said.

After ten years in her position, one thing is for certain: every day brings something new to the voice of Gustavus and her indestructible office.



GOW Nancy Roessler.

Korri Wojack

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.

Fun for the whole family

Kaitlin McCoskey
Staff Writer

As any college student can attest, one of the hardest parts about starting school is adjusting to life on your own in a new place. Such a major life change can be lonely and disorienting. So Gustavus is bringing a little bit of the comfort and familiarity of home to campus this weekend. Friday, October 8 will begin Family Weekend 2021.

Every year Gustavus invites the families of Gusties new and old to come visit campus. After about a month of classes, students have the opportunity to reunite with their families on campus and show them around. This is an especially important event for First-years just getting

used to college life and for those students whose families live far away from campus.

Celeste Thalhammer is a Sophomore and will be her first family weekend on campus. "Last year was my first experience in college. It was really challenging," Tahlhammer said. Tahlhammer says she understands how difficult being a first-year is, and although she doesn't experience homesickness often, she can understand it from watching her friends. "Although I wanted the opportunity to grow on my own away from home, some of my friends were really struggling a lot with missing their families," Tahlhammer said.

This year there are lots of exciting events planned for Gusties to reunite with their families. Garrett Meier '19 is the Assistant Director of Cam-

pus Activities, and as such has a hand in planning the whole event. He will be helping things run smoothly and hopes that Family Weekend will give students a chance to show their families the new places they've been and people they met. "It allows families to see all of the things that they normally only hear about over the phone," Meier said.

Kali Johnson is a Junior working in CAB and played a part in planning this year's Family Weekend. "I found a magician/hypnotist for the big show on Saturday night. Planning it was fun, I just kind of got to research and pick who I wanted," Johnson said. Her favorite part of family weekend, both as a student and a CAB member, is involving her family on campus. "The thing I've liked about family weekend is

that it involves my parents in the community, otherwise they wouldn't have that tie to my school," Johnson said.

Families are invited to shadow their student's classes for the day and experience their academic courses firsthand. There will also be a showing of the movie *Raya and the Last Dragon* at the Wallenberg auditorium at 7 pm. Lastly, Gustavus' LineUs improv group will be performing for students and their families at 8 pm at the Alumni Hall.

Saturday will be another day full of fun events. Among these are the city tour of St. Peter, an escape room put on by the Career Development Office, and a presentation on the history of Gustavus. The afternoon will include Fallfest, an all-ages carnival in the Linnaeus Arboretum, as well as tie-dyeing in Eck-

man Mall and a comedy show by Marcus Monroe at Bjorling Recital Hall.

The weekend will conclude with a series of musical showcases, including a jazz ensemble performance on Sunday October 10. If students or their families are unable to make it to the Family Weekend festivities, there will be several virtual tours and events taking place on the Gustavus website.

There is something for everyone this Family Weekend, so Gusties invite you families now to visit you on campus; it's sure to be a fun weekend.

LineUs returns to campus

Emma Kelsey
Staff Writer

LineUs is back on campus, and it's members are ready to entertain. As Gustavus' premiere and only improv comedy troupe, this group performs monthly for students and visitors to campus. They also have additional shows for Midnight Express each semester and during the 100 Hour Challenge. Their goal is to provide Gustavus students with a fun, friendly and free event on Friday and Saturday nights. It's a good time for everyone involved; passionate performers get to do what they love and audience members get to hang out with their friends and have a good laugh after a long week of schoolwork and other commitments.

What is improv? A lot of fun. Improvisational theatre is a unique form of performing, where most or all of what is performed is unplanned, unscripted and spontaneous. Performers and audience members alike are kept on their toes, and it's an exciting experience to see what exactly will happen next in a show. Performers have to think quickly on their feet and take risks. Mistakes may be made. Fun will be had.

Laughter will be ringing. Their long awaited return was made May 1st, 2021, their first in-person show since pre-COVID. Like many of us, LineUs experienced a painful pause in their lives when they were kept from performing when the pandemic hit. It had been over a year since they could bring their comedy firsthand to students. In 2020, they put on performances virtually, streamed through Youtube, recorded via Zoom with members joining from their own individual spaces.

Although they got creative and still found success, they anxiously awaited the day they would be together again to perform with an audience whose laughs they can hear. Sophomore Lauren Kennedy, a member of LineUs and head business manager expresses the group's feelings on their highly anticipated return, "LineUs is VERY excited to be back to performing monthly and we have a show this Friday [October 8th] in Alumni Hall at 8pm," Kennedy said.

Not only are there many opportunities for students to enjoy LineUs from the audience vantage point, but can be involved with it in numerous other capacities as well. LineUs is student run, consisting of 10-12 performers and a few business managers. These two teams of LineUs make for the perfect group. According to Junior Thomas Sullivan, a member of LineUs, "The performers are students from all years, majors, and backgrounds who just like to let loose, be themselves, and have a good time," Sullivan said. They strive to bring laughter to everyone: the audience and one another. "LineUs is open for all students to audition for a spot on the performance team. This is a good opportunity for students who are interested in performance and/or comedy," Sullivan said.

On the other side of LineUs are the business managers. These students run social media, book gigs and rehearsal spaces, manage finances and resources, and keep the group on track. Sullivan says the performers would be lost without them. Head business manager Kennedy works with two other business managers Sophomores Jack Raway and Anna Stednitz.



LineUs rehearsal.

Jayne Mapstone

Senior Sam Albright is the current President of LineUs, and there are two Co-Vice presidents, Seniors Dessa Thomas and Audrey Ochtrup-DeKeyrel. There are several more members, including Juniors Alex Bretoi, Jacob Korver, Katie Doolittle, and Sophomores Anna Marie Riner, Kayla Malmgren, Carter Learned and Aurora Schelmeske. These members all work together with the leadership positions to make things happen. The two sides of the group, performers and business managers, balance into a successful and fun-filled organization and provide students with

many different opportunities for involvement.

LineUs' previous event was just last month and members report success. Members were pumped to put on a show, overjoyed to get back to performing and energized to be together again. The audience turnout was a success too. Many people turned out to see the show and were also excited for what the evening had in store for them. Most importantly, people were laughing. The smiles, cackles, giggles, chuckles, chortles and grins fueled the performers as they thought on their feet in the art of improv.

It was good for the members to see their hard work pay off, because a tremendous amount of effort goes into each performance. This past show was one of many more to come this year at Gustavus, and has made many laughs of countless more. It provides a place for students to relax, enjoy themselves, be with one another, meet new people and laugh after long days of committed study. LineUs is back on campus, in all its comedic glory.