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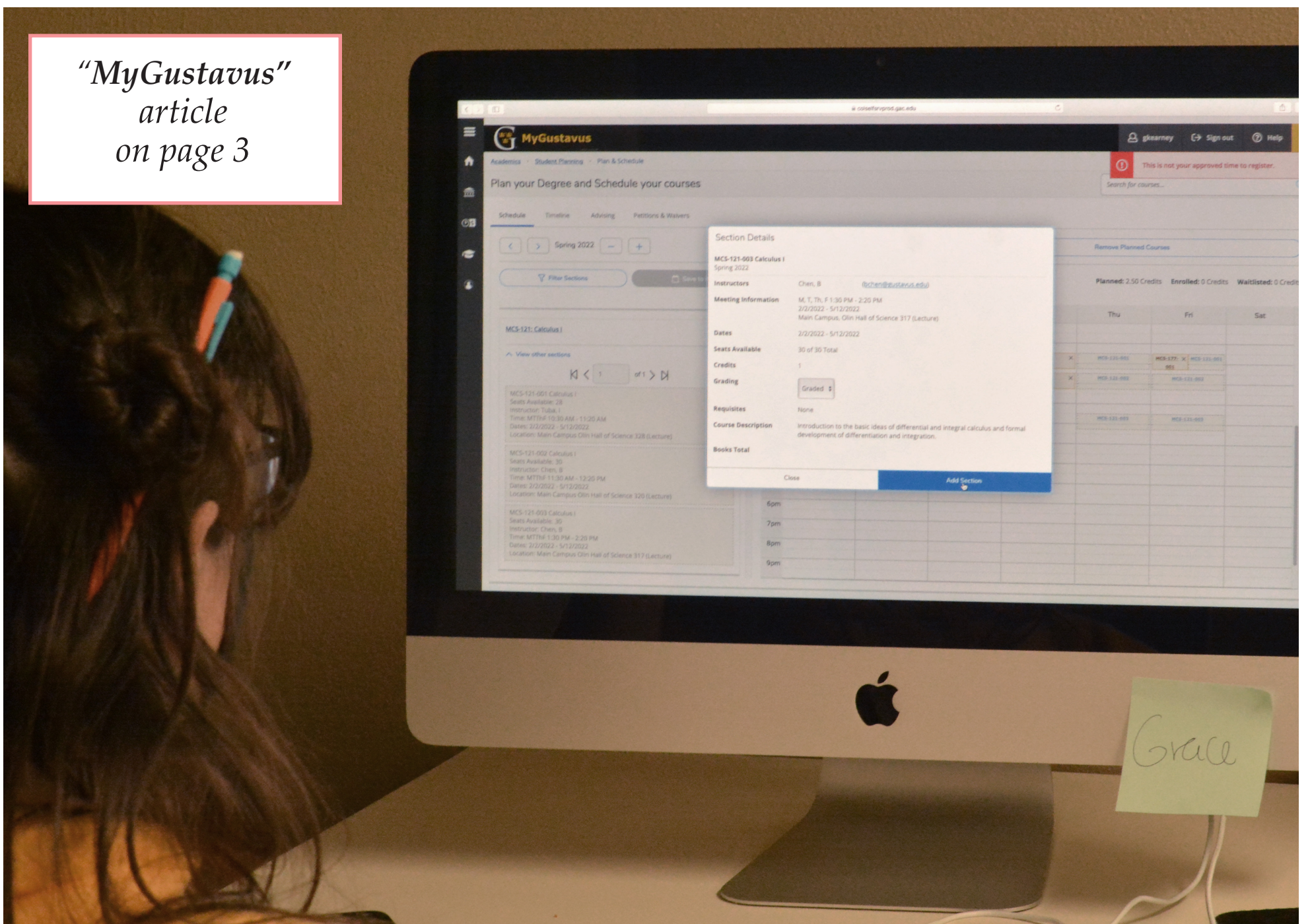
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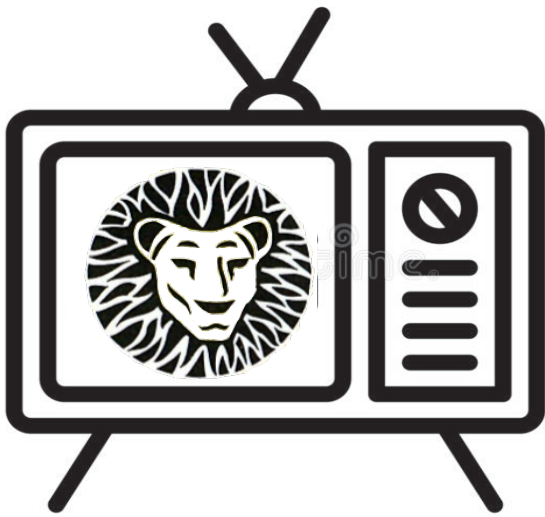
Campus Safety Report

**November 1, 2021**  
• Campus Safety responded to a missing bicycle at North Hall. Sunday, October 10, 2021  
**Tip of the Week:**  
Run, Hide, Fight... Do you know what it means?

Run, Hide, Fight, is a national campaign that Gustavus uses in providing notification during an active threat situation on campus. Basically the run part is that your first option is to get away, get as far away from the threat as you can. Second, if you can't, then you hide. You barricade yourself wherever you are. You often see the words shelter in place, when it comes to the hide element. You shelter in place to try and keep yourself away from that threat. The last is if you just have no other option, that you can use your mental and physical capacities to defend yourself. That as a last resort to save your life, there may be a need to fight.

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

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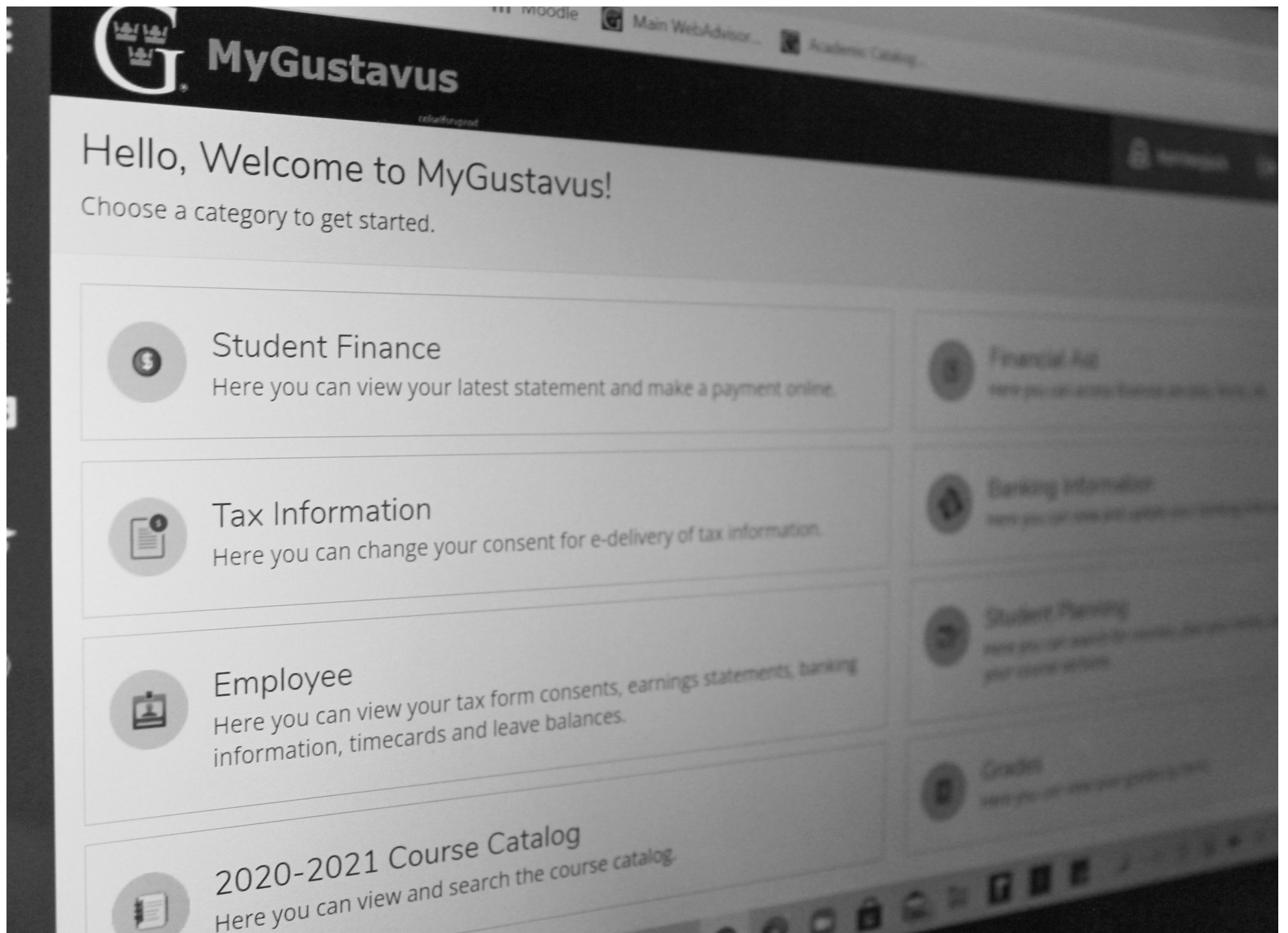
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Daily Sabbath Calendar

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)

- November 1st, 2021**  
• Morning Praise
- November 2nd, 2021**  
• Holy Communion





MyGustavus can be found at [my.gustavus.edu](http://my.gustavus.edu).

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# Transition to MyGustavus causes confusion

**Lauren Ruth**  
Staff Writer

While many of us are familiar with MyGustavus through financial aid and work study, new features have been added that change the way we will interact with it in the future. Gustavus Technology Services, or GTS, has been working hard to make a simpler, cleaner system for class registration.

There are many reasons for this change. First, the company that owns WebAdvisor has a shelf life, which means Gustavus had to find another system to use to register for classes and show students their degree audits. Students have already been using MyGustavus for student finances, however there is much

more the system can offer.

The switch to MyGustavus has many perks that will make registration an easier process. To begin, the new system looks much more modern and up to date. The user interface is less clunky and more efficient. The degree audit is much more visible and easier to navigate. The classes needed are highlighted in red, so students know which classes they need to take to graduate. Dean of Arts and Humanities Elizabeth Kubek spearheaded the change from WebAdvisor to MyGustavus.

Another perk to MyGustavus is how easy it is to plan and schedule classes. No longer do students have to put at least two subjects in the search to find classes. In WebAdvisor, students could make preferred

lists and there is a comparable system in MyGustavus. Class descriptions are directly under the class listed so students no longer must open multiple tabs. Cookies are no longer an issue and students will not get blocked when too many cookies are used. MyGustavus also will show the classes selected on a weekly schedule, which allows students to easily plan their day with no overlaps.

Moving to a new system is not without its setbacks and bumps in the road. According to Lauren Hecht, a professor of Psychological Science and FTS advisor, some things are still clunky. One thing needing improvement is the General Education requirements for those in that major. Students are hitting some glitches, which is the issue

for GTS to resolve. There will be an adjustment period where GTS will have to resolve some issues and glitches that will no doubt happen.

While First-years were introduced to this system through FTS, many upperclassmen are unfamiliar with how MyGustavus works. For those unsure on how to register, going to the GTS page on the Gustavus website will be useful. GTS has created several tutorial videos on how to navigate the new system. It has been highly suggested that students take time to watch the videos and become more acquainted with MyGustavus.

Students are questioning whether to register on MyGustavus or WebAdvisor for classes in the spring semester. Both are currently live, and students

can register for classes on both. Hecht recommends using MyGustavus for spring registration for several reasons. First, MyGustavus has a better refresh system. There is currently a two-hour refresh rate between WebAdvisor and MyGustavus, which makes it more beneficial for students to go right to MyGustavus to register. Additionally, using MyGustavus and becoming familiar with the system will be advantageous going forward. MyGustavus will be the new system going forward and students should get to a place where they feel confident using it. Ultimately, MyGustavus delivers on many of the things that have been asked for by students over the years to make class registration an easier, less stressful process.



# Student Senate runs midterm elections

**Carter Brown**  
Staff Writer

On Thursday, Nov. 4, the Gustavus Student Senate has just finished their elections for new hall representatives for Arbor View, Sohre Hall, Gibbs Hall, North Hall, and Sorenson hall, Norelius, Prairie View and Chapel View. These hall representatives will become new senators in the Student Senate and represent the interests and concerns of those living in those halls.

With this, a recurring question that the Student Senate often receives rears its head once more: what exactly do they do? Ombudsperson Birgen Nelson, who leads the Student Senate's ethics committee, offered general information on Student Senate and what they do.

"Student Senate is composed of elected students from each dorm hall, class year -- as well as [for international and off-campus students] -- and the Cabinet members," Nelson

said. "[The] Senate acts as a liaison between students and the administration, so our main function is to listen to students. Senators hold office hours, talk to their constituents, and then bring their issues to the Senate. Alternatively, Students can come to speak during Community Comment to have their voices heard."

Aside from listening to student concerns and bringing them to the Student Senate, they also fund every student organization on campus and create programs with the intended purpose of enhancing accessibility and quality of life for students.

"The Senate is responsible for funding the Gus Bus, the Aunt Flo tampons in the campus center, the laptop loaner program, the compost bins, [the water filling stations] and many others. Last year, the Inclusive Excellence Committee created gender-neutral housing for students in Coed," Nelson said. It can also be noted that there are some operations that, while not

directly sponsored by the Student Senate, are created and run by students within it in order to help their constituents, such as the new Gustie Food Drive.

And while initiatives are important, the Student Senate would like the importance of these things to be known, and just how much work they do. When talking with Co-President Regina Olono-Vidales, there were some things that she had wanted to be cleared up regarding the actual role of the Senate.

"Student Senate is really important because we have the opportunity to create change on campus. While students may think it's more day-to-day activities and funding student orgs, we actually establish a precedent for future Gusties," Olono-Vidales said.

"We have made it known that Anti-Racism is important on campus, we have made it known that we care about sustainability, we have made it known that each student deserves to feel comfortable in their living assignment regard-

less of gender identity. Future Senates [here at Gustavus] can take on these ideas and continue to expand them in the future, overall creating a better Gustavus," Olono-Vidales said.

Throughout COVID last year, they continued their work as well. Conducting their meetings through Zoom, the Student Senate continued to meet throughout the year every Monday, just like in "normal times", but now that it is back to normal, they claim to have gained a new perspective on certain situations on campus.

"This semester, we can meet in person, which has helped us get to know each other better and makes it easier for us to communicate. Last year, we did everything over zoom. We still got a lot done, however, it was not an ideal situation because a lot of what we do is listen to students," Nelson said. "[But] that did not stop us from creating the [Anti-Racism and Racial Justice] committee, or the laptop loaner program. We still met each Monday and tried to support students from home. Covid

made us more aware of how important it is to tackle racism on campus and make sure that we are constantly checking in with students' mental health," Olono-Vidales said.

And although the search for hall representatives has concluded, the Senate is still in search of new people and new voices to contribute to the current platform and interests of the Gustavus student body. Olono-Vidales gives an open invitation for those who are interested in the constituency to join the Student Senate.

"Our job is to make sure we can support every single Gustie through funding or policy. No issue is too big or too small, in fact we had someone come to us regarding a ghost in Uhler. We just want everyone to know that we are passionate about changing campus climate and passing items that can help our community in the long run. We are also always in need of more representation, so please consider joining the Senate as well," Olono-Vidales said.



Pfizer booster vaccines are now available via Health Services for Gusties who were previously got the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Gracie Jackson



# A new kind of masks

**Korrie Wojack**  
Staff Writer

The Masquerade Ball was held in Alumni Hall last Friday, October 29. A masquerade ball is a “night time event where people get fancy, disguise themselves and have an opportunity to dance and socialize with others” according to the Campus Activities Board email inviting students to attend. Although everyone in attendance wore decorative face coverings, when the clock struck 12 there was a face reveal where all students were asked to remove their decorative masks.

As students walked up the stairs to Alumni Hall, music flooded through the open doors covered in silver streamers. Different sorts of decorative masks were waiting for those who didn’t have one. The masks students wore were varying in size, shape, and color. Some wore ornate handmade masks, others simpler and elegant lace ones. A few bore animal masks, and some were Halloween themed. Gus himself made a grand appearance, greeting people as they walked up the steps in his formal suit and red mask.

Students were invited to dance, socialize, and eat pizza to celebrate the end of the school week and the beginning of Halloweekend.

Outside the hall were photo booths set up for students to use to capture memories of the night, and many students made comments that it was nice to have a formal dance again, especially because so many students’ junior or senior proms were cancelled due to COVID. “I’m just really glad we finally get to have events like these again. It’s so fun to see everyone all dressed up. Some of my friends here are in halloween masks, while others are finally getting a chance to wear their prom dresses they never got to wear. Honestly, I think this has been one of the best events so far this year.” commented a partygoer, who in the spirit of the masquerade asked to remain anonymous.

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Two people dancing at the Masquerade Ball

Luke Yang

A masked dance just in time for Halloween was the perfect touch to a quickly ending fall semester, though masquerades aren’t technically Halloween centered.

The word “masquerade” has its roots in the French word “mascarade” and the Italian word “maschera,” but masquerades likely originated on the West African coast. The African style of masquerades were used to honor ancestral spirits, celebrate important moments, and as a way to bond community members together. Similarities exist between the Nigerian Yoruba masked comedy and the Italian Commedia dell’Arte. Masquerade first became popular in Venice, Italy and the practice of masquerade balls quickly spread throughout Europe and England in the 18th century. During the same period, African ceremonial masquerades spread to the Caribbean and southeastern United States, where it evolved into carnivals.

The masquerade balls of 18th century England sometimes honored a member of royalty or celebrated a special event. For all their carnival-like traditions, however, masquerades balls and festivals had strict rules. Costumes had to make the wearer unidentifiable completely, often accompanied by lavish costumes and make-up. Masquerade celebrations allowed participants to leave social norms and standings behind.

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Men dressed as women, women as men, and there was much intermingling of social classes as the lower classes often could afford tickets

to the public masquerades.

This has been the first formal dance that has been held at Gustavus since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, and in a way it is only fitting that it was a masquerade. There are other formal and semi-formal dances traditionally held during the year, such as the Presidents Ball, or P-Ball as nicknamed by the student body, and the homecoming dance. The homecoming dance this year was rave themed, with students wearing glow sticks and neon lights shone everywhere. The Presidents Ball is a tradition put on during the spring semester by CAB, and “is a time for the student body to celebrate the accomplishments of the year and spend time with fellow gusties” according to the CAB website.

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*history of Gustavus events as a success.”*

The masquerade ball will go down in the history of Gustavus events as a success. Combining Cotton Eyed Joe, masks, fancy dresses, friends, and plenty of pizza is a true college recipe for happiness. Even with a few little hiccups here and there with the music, Gusties prevailed and just kept right on dancing and making long lasting memories with their friends.