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Lights appear around campus on the trees.

Luke Yang

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Campus Safety Report

December 1, 2021

- Campus Safety found traces of marijuana in an Interpretive Center trash can.

December 2, 2021

- Campus Safety responded to a report of damage to GAC property at College View Apartments.

December 3, 2021

- Campus Safety transported a student from Sohre Hall to Urgent Care.
- Campus Safety responded

to Uhler Hall to take a report of a stolen bicycle.

December 5, 2021

- Campus Safety responded to a call in Pittman Hall regarding overage consumption.

Note: Case dispositions are available online by viewing the daily crime log on the Campus Safety web page: <https://gustavus.edu/safety/incidents/index.php>

Tip of the Week:

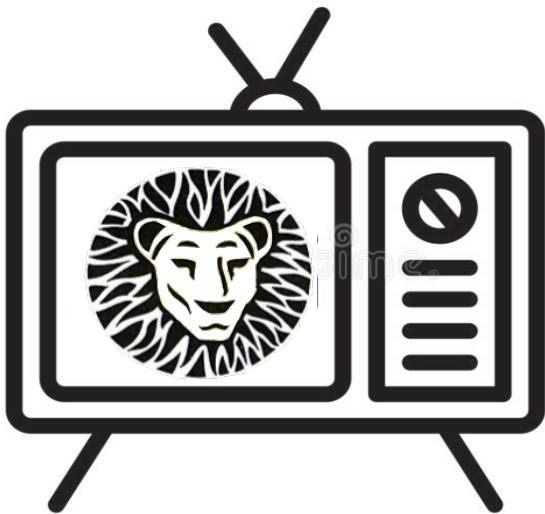
Run, Hide, Fight...Do you know what it means?

Run, Hide, Fight, is a national campaign that Gustavus uses in providing notification during an active threat situation on campus. Basically the run part is that your first option is to get away, get as far away from the threat as you can. Second, if

you can't, then you hide. You barricade yourself wherever you are. You often see the words shelter in place, when it comes to the hide element. You shelter in place to try and keep yourself away from that threat. The last is if you just have no other option, that you can use your mental and physical capacities to defend yourself. That as a last resort to save your life, there may be a need to fight. For more information about us-

ing 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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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)

December 2nd, 2021

- Holy Communion

December 3rd, 2021

- Handbell Ensemble Showcase

Winter Break closing guidelines for dummies



Students dorm room pictured.

Isabelle Taylor

Emily Seppelt
Staff Writer

The semester is drawing to a close and you all know what that means: we're getting kicked out. To avoid the \$50 fee that will sit on your student account for months and months, here's what to do before your risk your life driving home in the snow.

- Make sure you skedaddle by 9 AM on Tuesday,

- December 21.
- Take out all your trash and recycling to avoid coming back to moldy Caf food rotting in your room.
- Close and lock all your windows to prevent burglars from climbing in and stealing all the stuff you were too lazy to bring home.
- Leave your heat on two or 65 degrees, or else the pipes will freeze and

burst your entire dorm will come after you for flooding their rooms. Keep stuff away from the vents too to make sure nothing lights on fire.

- Clean your room for some reason? I guess the CFs don't see the pile of clothes your keep on your desk chair.
- Unplug all your stuff, including your mini-fridge and microwave.

- If you live on the first floor, close your blinds, so all the people who wander onto campus only in January can't peek in. Leave your blinds open if you live on the second floor or above.
 - Turn off all your lights, or you are personally responsible for climate change.
- Once you complete all these steps, sign that cute little slip of

paper on your door and attempt to be a human again for the holidays! The Weekly will be here waiting for you in February!

Goodbye and Hello from the Past and Future News Editor

I love you, Alma



Anna Edblad
News Editor

Unfortunately, dear readers, your trusted news editor must bid you farewell. Over the past four years at Gustavus I have learned some very important pieces of information: all of which I have forgotten and you don't care enough to read. However, the best tip and only tip that I'll leave you with is something I learned during my 3 years as the news editor for *THE GUSTAVIAN WEEKLY*; it pays to be a gossip.

So thank you Gustavus for paying me to talk smack PUBLICLY once a week for the last 3 years. money well spent if you ask me.

Not only has *THE WEEKLY* given me a public platform to make fun of ResLife, but it's also given me friends and pizza scented memories that will last a lifetime. Another thank you to *THE WEEKLY* staff for always being the high and low of my Wednesday nights.

Finally, before I leave you for the big bright world. I'd like to thank the fellow campus gossips, the people who read *THE WEEKLY*, and the people who always responded to my emails.

Also, thank you to The Fourth Crown for reporting all the jokes I can't make here. good luck being funny without me. Peace and love.

Fun Fact: I'll miss Clare. Have fun living my room.

Good luck!



Carter Brown
News Editor

Hello everyone! My name is Carter Brown and I will be the new News Editor here at the Weekly!

I am a Political Science major and I am really passionate about how things really are and finding out the truth of things, as well as learning more about things I didn't know previously. I want to help be a part of a group that seeks to inform and create a more knowledgeable community, and I know that sounds cheesy, but at the end of

the day it's just what I'm drawn to!. As for a little about me, I am a Sophomore here at Gustavus and I love food and everything surrounding it! This includes cooking, eating, and even just watching people make food. It's such a beautiful thing, I think. I also enjoy taking long naps, I love drama shows and I especially love my cat, Monti! I dabble in drawing here and there and if you could ever find me anywhere it would probably be at Little Szechuan Hot Pot in

Saint Paul; it's my favorite restaurant here and the great thing about Minnesota is that it's always cold enough for hot pot.

I'm looking forward to serving in this role as the News Editor, so I hope we can all continue to do great things.



The Weekly 2021 Fall Semester staff.

Luke Yang

Standing up for what's right (human rights!)

Emma Esteb
Staff Writer

The last Lyrical Café of the semester is an exciting opportunity to make some noise, speak out about injustices, and have your voice be heard. The Lyrical Café is happening at 6:30 PM on December 10 at the Dive. The Center for Inclusive Excellence (CIE) has been hosting this event monthly since February 2021.

The goal of the CIE is “to connect students with educational programming, campus events/activities, and resources that will help students dig deeper into the terms: culture, diversity, equity, inclusion, social justice, identity, and intersectionality” according to the Gustavus website. The Lyrical Café encompasses this motto and goal as it encourages students to use different forms of expression such as poetry, singing, dancing, hip-hop, and rap to tackle issues including social justice, diversity, and this month’s theme, human rights. Assistant Director of the CIE Kareem Watts said he “meets with the students in order to get a better understanding of what is going on in the community in order for him to pick a topic for the Lyrical Café.”

The theme for this month is “Human Rights,” in honor of Human Rights Day, which is observed by the international community every year on Dec 10. The date was chosen to “honor the United General Assembly’s adoption and proclamation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which happened on Dec 10, 1948,” Watts said. With all of the injustice in our world, the theme of human rights perfectly encompasses the inclusivity of all people and recognizes all marginalized identities.

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This Lyrical Café will have some special guests that will be performing at the event. Joe Davis (@joedavispoetry), a nationally-touring artist, educator, and speaker based in Minneapolis, MN will be at this event along with singer from MN, Imani Waters (@imaniwaters.music). Alongside them will be Gustavus’ own, Kareem Watts otherwise known as Kareem Elevated (@kareemelevated).

One of Watts’ favorite Lyrical Cafés was the Sept 24 event with the theme for this Lyrical Café being Hispanic Heritage Month: Celebrating the His-



Kareem Watts performing.

Luke Yang

tory & Culture of the Hispanic and Latinx Community. At this event Watts performed and dropped his new single, “Ride with Me.” Watts said his music encompasses his “experiences, faith, and his life growing up in Los Angeles, CA.”

Watts is proud of the conversations that have risen out of the Lyrical Cafés. He believes that they are a place for students to “heal, express themselves, and have an outlet.” These Lyrical Cafés provide an opportunity for Bipoc students to feel welcomed on campus and use their skills.

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He used the examples of Dante Wright and the murders in Ethiopia.

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Watts wants to emphasize that idea through this last Lyrical Café of the semester. These events have been a hit since last spring and Watts is hopeful that this one will be just as successful. These events are often described as a healing and therapeutic experience for marginalized students of Gustavus.

The Lyrical Cafés hosted by the CIE help provide unity, create relationships, and help students meet others that are like them. These events help strengthen the community and make all individuals feel welcomed, loved, and included. Students at these events feel appreciated and comfortable to share personal stories, struggles, and pain that they are experiencing.

The Oct 29 Lyrical Café focused on mental health resilience with Oct being the domes-

tic violence awareness month. This was one of Watts’ favorite Lyrical Cafés as he “felt honored that students were willing to share and express their experiences with mental and physical abuse.” The safe space that has been created by the CIE is empowering to the Gustavus community as students continue to come together and find their place here on campus.

The goals of the CIE have definitely been met this semester and can perfectly ring out the year with this last Lyrical Café of first semester. Make some noise, stand up, and empower others this Friday at the Lyrical Café.

GUSTIE of the WEEK

Peter Neuman

Korrie Wojack
Staff Writer

What defines a Gustie of the Week? It is hard to say, especially because all of our Gusties bring so much diversity and unique perspectives to our campus life. Some are leaders, some are builders. Some are creators, some are inventors, and some are researchers. Some see the fantastical hope with a glass always half full, while others bring level headed logic. No matter what their outlook, or what they bring to our community, every Gustie is important and needed to make the Hill our Home.

Our Gustie of the Week this week is Peter Neuman, a senior here on campus. Neuman grew up in Chaska, Minnesota, where his winding path eventually led him here to Gustavus. While some of us didn't discover Gustavus until a flyer or email wound up in our mailbox, Neuman grew up in a household where Gustavus Adolphus College was well known. Growing up he often attended Gustie athletic events, and even attended many Christmas in Christ Chapel events, not knowing that one day he would participate in the same event. Neuman followed in the Gustie footsteps of his father, aunts, and four of his cousins. "To summarize, Gustavus Adolphus College played a huge role in my upbringing and personal identity. It really seemed like the only school that

would fit me," Neuman said.

Neuman is a Vocal Music Education major, so it is only fitting that he is involved in not one, not two, but three choirs here on campus. Neuman spends much of his time at rehearsals, for the Gustavus Choir, the Justice Choir, and for G Sharp acappella. Once just an audience member of Christmas in Christ Chapel, Neuman is now a longstanding participant in the amazing production, as well as President of the Gustavus Choir. Here he helps do his part to guide Gustavus forward by helping choir director Dr. Dean, and assisting in working with the rest of his fellow ensemble members.

Anyone involved in some sort of team, ensemble, group, club, etc, can all agree that the memories and friendships made there last longer, and hold a deeper place in our hearts. When speaking about his time with the Gustavus Choir along with G sharp acappella, one could tell how much the two groups impacted Neuman for the better. "These two ensembles mean so much to me. My time with G choir and G sharp have shaped me into the person that I am today. I have learned important life lessons from Both Dr. Dean and Dr. Aune, as well as certain alumni of both ensembles. It has been an honor to be a part of two amazing musical ensembles during my time here at Gustavus," Neuman said.

Even Neuman's favorite place on campus, Christ Cha-

pel, reflects his passion for music and sharing that love with the world. "I have made such amazing memories in that building. It would not be right if I said any other place," Neuman said. This notion stands true for many Gusties, especially those involved in music. Walking through those double doors to our place of gathering, no matter what troubles you, Christ Chapel instills a sense of calm belonging that everyone can attest to.

In his free time, Neuman enjoys his life just like any other college student would. He loves watching sports, appreciating the outdoors, and spending quality time with his friends. Friends come from all over in a welcoming campus such as ours, which is actually Neuman's favorite thing about being a student here at dear old GAC. "I love the welcoming community Gustavus has. There seems to be a place for everyone here, no matter what walk of life you come from," Neuman said.



Korrie Wojack

GOW Peter Neuman.

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.



GOW Peter Neuman.

Korrie Wojack

PASO Hosts Kwanzaa Celebration for All

Kaitlin McCoskey
Staff Writer

As the holidays draw nearer, people everywhere are preparing to celebrate their own holidays with their own unique traditions. On Thursday, December 2, the Pan Afrikan Student Organization (PASO) hosted a Kwanzaa celebration for the Gustavus student body. Among the planners for this event were board members Vanessa Kiriago, Bella Nduwayezu, and Wendy Nyachwaya, and they shared their experiences in PASO and in planning Kwanzaa.

Senior Vanessa Kiriago is one of the co-presidents of PASO. She explained that “Kwanzaa is a holiday primarily celebrated by African-Americans. I believe it’s celebrated between December 25 and January 1. It’s a holiday where people come together, eat, just kind of spend time together as a family.”

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She continued to explain the seven principles of Kwanzaa and their meanings, jokingly adding after pulling up the Kwanzaa celebration powerpoint “I can’t lie to you, I don’t know all seven”. The seven principles include Umoja (unity), Kujichagulia (self-determination), Ujima (collective work and responsibility), Ujamaa (cooperative economics), Nia (purpose), Kuumba (creativity), and Imani (faith).

Kiriago explained that these principles, in Swahili, provide a guidance for life for those who celebrate Kwanzaa. She explained that Kwanzaa is a Swahili word as well, meaning “first” or “first foods”, adding “I speak Swahili, so that’s why it’s easier to see where the words are coming from.” Kiriago shared that during the Kwanzaa event, each student got a candle, and the seven candles of Kwanzaa were lit, each one symbolizing a principle of the holiday.

Kiriago said her favorite part of hosting Kwanzaa was seeing the performances and talent of the members of PASO and the guest performers, saying “that was beautiful to see. We had Kareem, who’s the assistant

Happy Kwanzaa.

director in the Center [for Inclusive Excellence], he performed one of his songs. We had one of our board members also sing.” Professor Phillip Bryant performed a poem at the event as well, along with other current Gustavus students and Alumni alike. Kiriago said “It was just very entertaining and cool to see people coming together and celebrating. It turned out really well, and I’m really proud of everyone.”

Juniors Bella Nduwayezu and Wendy Nyachwaya were the co-chairs in planning Kwanzaa. Both of them worked hard to bring the celebration to life, and Nduwayezu said “me and Wendy, what we did was to plan, ‘okay, the program is going to be like this, we need food, we need to invite people, give out tasks,’” while also adding that “as co-chairs it’s not like we were doing it alone. We have lots of people [in PASO] to brainstorm with and tell our ideas. We also have amazing co-presidents.” Nduwayezu said this was her first time organizing this event, and she couldn’t pick a favorite part; “It was all so beautiful, honestly!”. She also explained the purpose of hosting a Kwanzaa celebration at Gustavus, saying “Some people may be celebrating Kwanzaa at home. But now we’re at Gustavus, this is home. So we’re making all those things we do at home here. At the same time, it was not only for PASO people. We invited our friends, and for

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Nyachwaya also shared her experience planning Kwanzaa. “It’s refreshing to put effort into something and see it become something big. So that made me feel accomplished to put up an event and have it be successful” Nyachwaya said. She shared that it was a challenge to plan something so big for the first time, to find a location, to host it during the busyness of Christmas in Christ Chapel. “It is a

lot [of work], but I’m proud!” Nyachwaya said. “I’ve been in PASO since my freshman year. I’ve learned quite a lot from being an active member, and now being on the board I’ve learned a lot of leadership skills,” Nyachwaya said.

Overall, PASO’s Kwanzaa celebration was a success. But their events are far from over; co-president Kiriago shared that Africa night will be coming up in March, an event for all students at Gustavus to celebrate African culture. Nduwayezu says “That’s definitely a night to not miss!” The board members shared that PASO meetings are every Monday night, from 8 to 9 pm, and all three of them encouraged Gusties of all backgrounds to join. “PASO is welcoming to all. Our purpose is to share our culture and make people aware of our beliefs, and to form allyship between not only people of color, but everyone else included,” Nyachwaya said.



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12 Days of Finals

Count Down to the Inevitable Break Down

- 1 Brain Cell Left*
- 2 Skipped Classes*
- 3 Hours of Sleep*
- 4 Final Exams*
- 5 All Nighters*
- 6 "Adult Deverages" Drank on a Weekday*
- 7 Frantic Emails to Professors*
- 8 Mornings Checking Yik Yak and Losing Faith*
- 9 Final Essays*
- 10 Cups of Coffee*
- 11 Days of Crying*
- 12% on Your Final Exam*



Creating a positive college experience during a global pandemic



Alma Jorgenson
Opinion Editor

I can't even count the number of times that my parents told me that they wanted me to have a good college experience. Everytime that phrase was mentioned I was ready to pull my hair out. They gave me that advice with no tangible way to measure it, no outline of what a college experience should look like and very VERY different descriptions of what their personal college experience was. Even as I look back on my three and a half years here on the hill, I still can't say whether or not my college experience was a good one. There are too many things that have really interrupted it: bad roommates, pandemics, and the like. However, there are some things that I can identify that really would help to frame what a good college experience could look like. They are as follows: building relationships with three to four really good friends, getting out in the community, traveling when the opportunity arises, and taking learning outside of the classroom.

During the first few weeks of freshman year it feels like you are simply friends with EVERYONE. I had so many group chats with so many different people. Whenever I would walk in the Caf there was always someone I could sit with. Well that changed. I don't know if it was the pandemic or just the nature of a college campus, but I lost contact with a lot of the folks I hung out with during freshman year. Plan for that loss.

During my time in college I have really worked on building relationships with just a handful of key people. I know that these friends will be there for me outside of school. Working on building a few foundational friends will probably be more beneficial in the long run than having a large net of friends. My key friends have been some of the most supportive and adventurous people I have ever met, getting to explore the world outside of school with these people is almost worth the tuition itself.

The true highlight of my college years has been working on a dairy farm just outside of Saint Peter. In some ways I am upholding my dad's legacy of milking cows to get through college - only I got to



Alma with cows before leaving for freshman year.

feed calves. This is something I didn't expect from my college experience, but it is something that I couldn't imagine not having. I gained a bonus family. The love and support I got from them is something I will never forget or take for granted. My hope and prayer is that this is one of those relationships that can withstand the test of time.

My mom is always saying "you can't have too many adults that love you". This is what I found at the farm. Adults who love me. Cows that give my day a little more purpose. And good, strong coffee.

I cannot imagine my college career without feeding calves. Go out in the community and try to find something like that. Something that can give your life purpose that isn't tied to this institution or academia. Something that is real.

Last winter I was sitting with one of my close friends, Anna Edblad (also an editor) and I was overcome with a desire to travel across America. She, like many others, encouraged me to do just that. During my travels I had coffee with Native American elders, swam naked in hot springs, sipped fine wine with a good man, and drove through many of our country's greatest national parks. This is what I have come to understand is the true liberal arts education. We are told that a benefit of being a liberal arts student is that you get to explore a large variety of disciplines. The lessons I was taught in the classroom can't hold a candle to the lessons I was taught on the road. Liberal arts happen in real life.

While I know not everyone can find a summer job that allows them to travel, there are

little things that you can do. Traveling can just be exploring the places around you. I spent many Sundays sitting at the Coffee Hag in Mankato listening to live music, this counts. Camping at a park down by the Minnesota River also counts. Go outside and observe nature happening, take notes. Leave your comfort zone to try new and exotic foods. Even just getting off campus and talking to someone who isn't a college student can be an adventure in its own right. Living a life filled with adventure is one of the ways you can give your degree more meaning.

Learning should be a major part of the college experience, while some learning happens in class, I would argue that most of it happens outside. One way to do this is to seek out opinions different from

your peers and your professors. The act of taking time to actually listen to what someone else believes and supports makes you become more well rounded. It can help shape and solidify your own beliefs, while working to depolarize the world that we have found ourselves in. Through my travels, both in a physical sense and in an ideological sense, I have found that when someone feels fully listened to they are more willing to listen to what you have to say as well. This doesn't come naturally, I really found that organizations like the Heterodox Academy and Braver Angels create a space that can teach one how to listen.

Seeking out spaces that may introduce you to people who have fundamentally different beliefs can be insanely scary. I

have found that once you get to be in those spaces humanity comes out. In my experience people value people more than they value their beliefs. When people, REAL PEOPLE, come together to have real conversations there is space for listening, and space for being wrong. This is real learning. Not being lectured to by some bio prof at 8:00 AM on Monday, but the late night zoom calls with peers from all over the world, discussing the state of things and how we can fit in. Find something outside of school that scratches that itch. Look around and if it's not the right fit keep looking.

Gusties, I want to leave you with one last piece of advice before I head out to my next adventure; be good to the ones you love, eat good food and get outside.

I love you Anna

submitted

Welcoming the new Opinion Editor: Kyra Stepan

Hello! My name is Kyra Stepan, I will be taking over as the new Opinion Editor at The Weekly. I am an English major with a Geography minor. I am very excited to continue Alma's amazing work!

A little bit about me; I am a current Junior here at Gustavus and I love to travel. My dream job is to be a travel journalist and travel the world. My favorite place I have been so far is Cinque Terre, Italy. If you have a chance to go, take it! I also love spending time with my family, dogs (Maggie and Auggie) and being outside. Anything outdoorsy, count me in! I am very excited to start working and to be a part of The Weekly!

The unknown refugee crisis



David Eide

Opinion Columnist

There is a major refugee crisis going on in Europe and it's not the one you might be thinking of. While the Mediterranean Sea is still the most heavily traveled route for migrants fleeing embattled countries like Iraq and Afghanistan in the past year a new path has opened that has led to a humanitarian catastrophe on the European Union's eastern border. Migrants seeking a better life have found themselves weaponized by Alexander Lukashenko, the brutal dictator of Belarus who has sought to use them to destabilize the EU.

This whole crisis started with the 2020 Belarusian presidential election. In past elections, it was

likely that Lukashenko had won fairly in terms of votes cast despite large-scale fraud altering the reported vote totals. However, in 2020 Lukashenko faced his most major electoral challenge ever due to increasing economic woes and a feeling among many in Belarus that their country was growing too dependent on their larger neighbor Russia.

It is likely that Lukashenko actually lost the 2020 presidential election despite the official results from his government showing otherwise. As a result of this massive electoral fraud, Belarusians took to the streets and began protesting the dictatorial regime of Lukashenko, who met these protests with a brutal military crackdown which led to several deaths. This led to many western democracies such as the EU or the US which had previously tacitly supported Lukashenko to impose sanctions and call for his removal, which greatly offended the dictator.

This brings us to roughly the summer of 2021 when the crisis on the Belarussian-Polish border began in earnest. Lukashenko engineered a refugee crisis in order to sow instability among the European Union to get back

at them for their support for the protests against his rule, which is currently in effect. His regime went to many middle eastern countries that hosted large refugee populations and offered these refugees discount flights to Minsk, the capital of Belarus.

Once there, these desperate refugees were promptly rounded up by the Belarussian Police and forcibly taken to the Polish border where they were repeatedly forced to try and cross the border in hopes of eventually reaching Germany. The Belarussian government has also allegedly provided these migrants with wire cutters and axes to enable them to cut through existing border fortifications more easily.

The Polish government has long opposed allowing large groups of refugees into Poland and as a result, has kept the border closed to the refugees that Belarus is trying to force across. This has included such inhumane tactics as tear-gassing large groups of migrants as well as pushbacks involving blunt force trauma with riot shields. Of course, the Belarussian government is just as guilty of violating the human rights of the mi-

grants, with gunfire often being used to drive hesitating migrants across the border. Furthermore, the Polish government has attempted to provide humanitarian aid to the migrants camped out alongside the border which Belarus has flatly refused.

In effect, Lukashenko has weaponized the European Union's refusal to accept migrants to sow disorder among the bloc as revenge for them opposing his dictatorship. In doing so, he has exposed some of the most vulnerable populations to freezing temperatures, heavily militarized border guards, and immense psychological harm. Already at least 17 migrants have died since July with the actual number likely being far higher. This state of affairs cannot go on for much longer.

What then is to be done about his artificially created refugee crisis? By my estimation, the best option would be to call Lukashenko's bluff and begin accepting the migrants waiting on the Belarussian border. If, as I expect, Eastern European governments are unwilling to accept any large groups of refugees then the United States should step up and begin accepting the migrants

via flights to and from Poland. After all, many of the migrants are Iraqi Kurds fleeing the current instability in Iraq which ultimately stems from the United States 2003 invasion to topple Saddam Hussein, so in a sense, we do have some responsibility to these people. While some might say this is rewarding Lukashenko's efforts, I don't think that is quite right.

Ultimately, Lukashenko does not care whether the migrants successfully make it across the border, all he cares about is causing tensions within the European Union's member states over the issue of refugees. If the chaotic situation on the border is resolved peacefully via the migrants being moved to the US or other countries, then Lukashenko will have been unsuccessful in his efforts to undermine the EU's institutions. If the Biden administration really wants to support our allies as it has long promised, then it should take the lead on resolving this humanitarian nightmare and punishing Lukashenko for orchestrating it.

Is Santa Claus coming to town?



Jonas Doerr

Opinion Columnist

Snowflakes fall, Christmas trees twinkle, and everyone is smiling and happy. Right? Wrong. It's not the most wonderful time of the year, it's the most stressful. Exams are looming, projects are piling up, and when you step outside your ears feel like they were dipped in liquid nitrogen. Students have problems, and lots of them. Fortunately, as every child knows, there is someone who can fix those problems.

His name is Santa Claus. Now, common belief has it that college students are too old for Santa Claus. Some think he is past his prime and really only helps kids nowadays. Some even think Santa is not real (gasp).

Clearly those people who don't believe in Santa are mistaken - just go to a mall and see. Or perhaps, if a doubter is still cynical, let them go to the North Pole and see Santa's workshop for themselves! There's no airport at the North Pole, you say? Ludicrous! Santa's sleigh has to land somewhere! Just look harder for tickets.

But maybe there are some people who don't doubt Santa's existence, just that he will be able to do anything to help Gustavus students. We have no chimneys at Gustavus! How can he deliver any presents? Santa's white beard only reminds us of how our own hair is turning white from stress, and his belly only reminds us that we shouldn't have binge-eaten an entire box of Oreos! And do you really think students have been nice, not naughty?

These are all very legitimate concerns, but the fact of the matter is that Santa can go through doors like a normal person as well as chimneys, so that is not an issue. And maybe you did binge-eat that box of Oreos, but as long as you saved a couple for Santa you are automatically on the nice list. But of course, the appeal of having Santa on campus extends beyond receiving gifts, since most students will not be on-campus during Christmas.

Santa Claus represents a light at the end of the formidable tunnel named exam week. As homework is piling up and friendships are abandoned in a manic scramble to stay on top of all the work, it can be too easy to think it will never come to an end. Students begin to think maybe all there is to life is proofreading nine-page papers and memorizing vocab. And then WHAM! Out of nowhere, Santa is there, sitting in a chair and patting his knee welcoming students to come and forget their troubles for a moment. Being with Santa takes students away from their stress and tribulations and reminds them that after that final exam they

have two weeks to do something most have forgotten how to do: sleep. Santa reminds them that Christmas is coming.

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Santa also could lend students a listening ear. Santa listens to children talk about what they want for Christmas, because that is what is important to them. But students have more pressing issues, like why Joe left you on-read, or how the zucchini in the Caf just didn't hit the spot, or how can one possibly hide the enormous pimple that suddenly popped

up this morning. The problem is, everyone is too busy to listen to each other's problems this time of year, so those issues just fester inside of students. Enter Santa, the expert listener! Students could come and sit on his knee and regale him with all the stressful events in their lives, letting everything out to a kindly ear and smiling face. Although no student would say they don't like presents, sometimes they need a listening ear even more.

Surely Santa has some time to give Gustavus a visit? Maybe his schedule is already filled for December with mall visits and workshop management, but who could refuse a visit from him during the next couple of weeks? No one is too big to sit on Santa's knee!

However, it's possible that we will have to be Santa to other Gusties as Christmas nears. Gifts are nice, but sometimes it

can be hard to know what to get our friends and, to be honest, our college-student-sized wallets are too thin to get everyone a present. What everyone can do, however, is listen to what is going on in other students' lives. Having someone else listen to a problem and sympathize is almost as good for forgetting problems as walking under mistletoe with the right person.

Don't make them come to you, though. They probably will assume you're too busy to listen, like I already did earlier in this article. That will make it all the more meaningful, though, when you take some time to ask them how everything is going. Find some friends, ask them what's new with them, and help them sleigh some seasonal demons. Go to town on being the Santa Claus that comes to town!



My humble opinion on the SteaMery sandwiches



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Don't get me wrong. I am in no way an expert on the STEAMery, or sandwiches, or food for that matter. I haven't tried everything on the menu either. For that to be possible I'd have to stop getting the same three things, and I am a creature of habit. I've never had their vegetarian or breakfast sandwich options. There's even a few of their more popular sandwiches that I've never had. For the few things I've had though, my opinion is strong. So, I plan to take up this part of the Weekly to convince you what the best items are in the STEAMery. Based on my taste buds of course.

Let's start with the best sandwiches and go down. My number one choice is the chicken salad sandwich. I avoided this sandwich my first year because it has grapes in it, and I thought that sounded weird. Then I accidentally ate a roast beef sandwich with marmalade in it, and I never judged sweet things with meat again. The chicken salad sandwich is on a croissant bread with the chicken salad mixture, greens (lettuce), and grape halves. It's a simple sandwich but the grapes give a sweetness to the chicken and it's very good. The next best sandwich is the Tuscan Chicken. I obviously have a favorite type of meat. The Tuscan Chicken has grilled chicken chunks, with greens, and barbeque sauce in a flatbread. Flatbread is one of the best types of bread in my humble opinion. So, I'll try most



The SteaMery

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sandwiches just for having the right type of bread. It's not a complicated sandwich and the flavors are not overwhelming, so it's a good second choice.

The next best sandwich is the Cuban sandwich. It's not my favorite and I only get it when I don't want anything else, or I want pickles. Personally, I find it to be a bit of an overwhelming sandwich, but it's still quite good. It contains onions, pickles, a mayo mustard mixture, swiss cheese, pulled pork and ham on a flatbread. The pickles and flatbread really pull a fast one on me, causing me to get it more often than I want it. If you like a meat heavy sandwich this is a good one. We'll go on to my two least favorites now. The best of the two is the Smoked Turkey. It has smoked turkey, swiss cheese, and a jam on flatbread. I'm really not a

huge fan of turkey, but the jam made me try it. Without the jam the sandwich would be a big flop, honestly. Not even the flatbread could save it. Even with the jam it's still a pretty plain sandwich. I don't suggest it to someone unless the only other thing is my least favorite sandwich. The egg salad sandwich is egg salad and greens on croissant bread. Now, let's be 100 here: I don't hate the egg salad sandwich. I actually really like egg salad, but the blandness is astronomical. It has so little taste I can't say it's good. If it had a little bit of flavor maybe it'd be above the turkey, but it doesn't.

The STEAMery has more than sandwiches. They have amazing pastries every morning. The muffins are huge and soft, the turnovers are amazing, and so are the

danishes. If by some miracle you've never tried the pastries you need to do so during J-term or the spring. If you're looking for more of a small lunch then they have some decent salads. I personally really like their strawberry salad. It comes with the option of chicken or no chicken. Lettuce, strawberries, sunflower seeds, cheese, and a vinaigrette dressing. I get it anytime I don't like the sandwich options. The STEAMery also has my favorite soup on campus. Their chicken wild rice soup is so much better than what the Caf gives out. It's an actual creamy soup instead of a wild rice hotdish situation. I highly suggest trying it if you like chicken and wild rice.

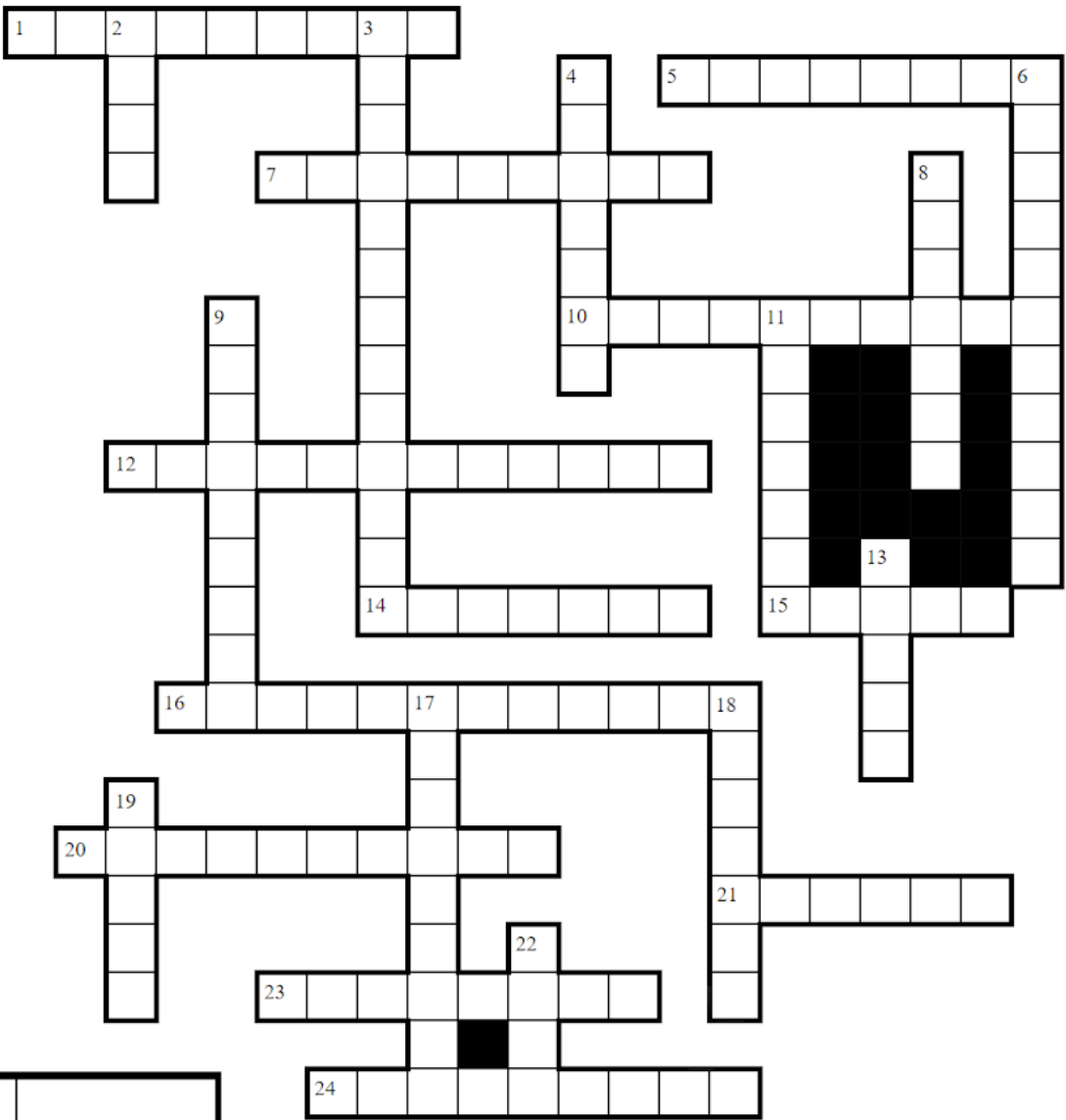
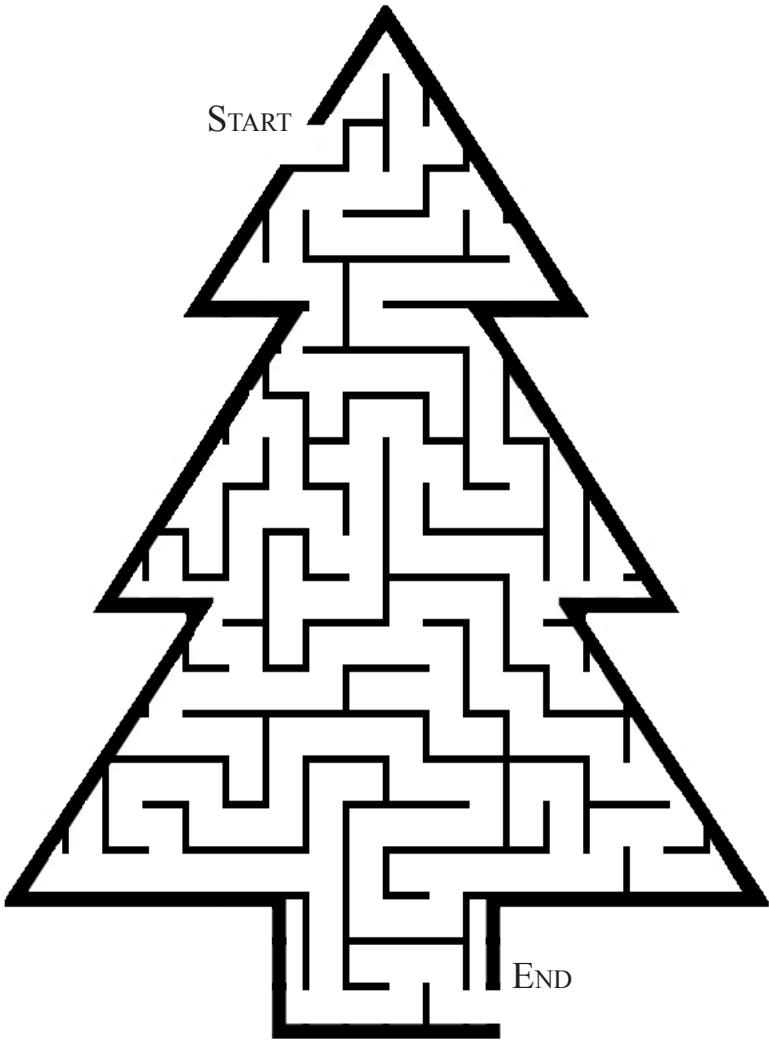
Of course the SteaMery is also known for their drinks. I mean, they are a cafe. The hot chocolate is very good. I like it

better than the courtyard and the Caf's hot chocolate. A little bit more than River Rock too. Their strawberry lemonade refreshers are also pretty good. Quite refreshing in fact...anyway. This is the ranking of the sandwiches I've had from the STEAMery. Should you base your thoughts off my analysis alone? Yes, that seems like an appropriate idea. If you're looking for a light lunch and you're not sure what to get. Try out the STEAMery. They're nice and their selection gives a little variation away from the Caf food. You can take my suggestions and go off that, or try whatever looks good to you. It's a very handy thing to have for STEM and dance/music students. So, take a lunch break and get a sandwich.



When you see this sign a sandwich is near

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Tell your profs your grandparents died... again	Caffiene after 11 PM	Watch 3 seasons of a Netflix show instead of studying	“I’ll do it tomorrow.”	Regret not getting an ESA
Procrastinate by any means necessary	Skip one class to study for another	Go traying	Pull an all- nighter	Realize you want food from the Caf... at 8:33 PM
Spin the ABCD statue	Impulsively cut or dye your hair	FREE SPACE: Cry	Consider dropping out and just marrying rich	Set up a reward system for yourself only to immediately throw it out the window
Sleep instead of studying	Forget to drink water	Motivation? I don’t know her	Order your coffee with an extra shot	Spend hours on YikYak
“Special” drinks	Do chores to avoid studying	Google synonyms to stretch word count	“Treat yourself” with money you don’t have	Give up

Christmas Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1. He nips at your nose
 - 5. Hang it up by the fire for Santa to fill
 - 7. Striped peppermint hook
 - 10. Popular Christmas ballet
 - 12. Warm drink perfect for curling up by the fire with
 - 14. One who says “bah, humbug!”
 - 15. _____ and the ivy
 - 16. “Merry Christmas” in Spanish
 - 20. Traditional Christmas flower
 - 21. Creamy drink often spiced with nutmeg and cinnamon
 - 23. Go out singing
 - 24. What you might find “roasting on an open fire”
- DOWN
- 2. Naughty kids may find this in their stocking rather than gifts
 - 3. Martyr who served as an origin for Santa Claus
 - 4. Gustavus tradition of sledding down the Hill
 - 6. Molasses-spiced cookie often baked in the shape of a man
 - 8. Laid out for Santa with a glass of milk
 - 9. Plant couples kiss under
 - 11. Reindeer with a glowing nose
 - 13. Santa’s helpers
 - 17. Location of Santa’s workshop
 - 18. Author who wrote “A Christmas Carol”
 - 19. Not even this creature was stirring on Christmas Eve
 - 22. Another word for “present”



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Women's basketball wins fifth straight

Team takes down Macalester in back and forth game

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The Gustavus women's basketball team won its fifth consecutive game Saturday afternoon, beating Macalester 71-63 to improve to 5-1 overall and 4-0 in the MIAC.

After three lead changes and five tie scores in the opening six minutes, Morgan Kelly hit a jumper to give the Gusties a 12-10 lead which they held the rest of the game. Gustavus led 16-14 at the end of the first quarter and rattled off eight unanswered points in the second for a 26-16 advantage with 4:49 on the clock. The Gusties outscored the Scots 23-10 in the second and led 39-24 at halftime. Despite the victory, the team feels they could have pushed themselves harder and it reflects in their post-game discussions.

"We expected to play better, I believe we have the talent to win the MIAC, we have the grit and talent to do it. But the way we played against Macalester; it was not championship. Everyone is gonna have a bad day once in a while, but we are always grinding and always learning. If you watch our first game with Simpson versus probably our best game with Carlson, we look like two totally different teams," Kelly said.

"Overall, it felt good to pull off the win over Macalester. There were some good moments in the game where things were flowing for us and we were accomplishing our goals on defense, however we did have a rough second half in terms of expectations from ourselves. Sometimes you win ugly and that was kind of how this game went," Sophomore Emma Kniefel said.



Rachel Kawiecki goes up for a tipoff.

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Macalester won the third quarter, cutting the deficit to single digits at 51-43 heading to the fourth, but the Gusties closed out the game by not allowing the Scots to come within seven points the rest of the way.

Macalester out-shot the Gusties 47.2-39.7 percent from the floor, but the Scots committed 20 turnovers compared to Gustavus's 12. The Gusties also played well in transition, outscoring the Scots 20-2 on fast break points. As a team,

the Gusties tallied 13 steals.

"We struggled shooting but were able to capitalize in transition and specifically the second quarter which allowed us to pull out the win. It's been great to get on a winning streak and see so many players on our team see success on the floor. Hopefully we can carry that momentum into our next game against Augsburg," Senior Sienna Wiebusch said.

"Practices can be very hard, but because everyone is around supporting you— we

call it "shared suffering," we make it through," Kelly said.

"Our mantra that are always talked about before games control the pace and energy of the game, our defense starts our offense, and play hard every minute you are on the court, our team has suffered some injuries at the beginning of the season so it's been impactful for all of us to realize that we all need to step out on the court playing your hardest every game because next game is never guaranteed," Junior

Madeline Rice, who added 12 points off the bench at the game, said.

The team is young this year, COVID having kept people from the court and others having graduated, there are 14 First-year and Sophomores to the total 6 upperclassmen.

"No one is bigger than the team, which has brought us closer together. We have reinvented ourselves this year, with new drills, new offense, but there has been a longstanding culture in Gustavus basketball of hard work and standard of play to build from. Really though, we are a team of best friends— and that means a lot, even in the moments you are down you have someone to lift you up," Kelly said.

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The women are determined this year to win the MIAC; everyone interviewed cited it as a team goal. With a winning streak of 4-0 in the MIAC league the team heads into Wednesday's game with Augsburg ready to prove they deserve the spot they occupy, and all of Gustavus is cheering them on as they do.



Morgan Kelly stands on the sidelines ready for a throw-in.

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Emma Kniefel drives to the basket.

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Swim steals the show at Grinnell Invite

Men and women both take first at inter-conference meet

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The men's and women's swim and dive team ventured down to Grinnell, Iowa for a two-day invitational running Friday through Saturday. The men competed against seven other schools while the women took on ten - both Gustie teams took first overall.

The Gusties blew their competition out of the water in every event. The women placed first with a score of 1667.5, far ahead from any of their competitors. Also making a splash in the scoreboard, the men's team racked up a total of 1507.5 points which put them in the lead.

"At the end we all got super excited especially during the relays. We were dancing and cheering and when they announced the scores we already knew what the results were but we were just happy to compete at our first travel away meet in a while," junior Ellen Hofstede said.

Point by point the Gusties swam and drove their way to victory. Both teams ended in the lead on Friday night giving them an edge over the competition going into the second half on Saturday. Together the team competed in 42 events.

"The first day was nice and chill but we had to drive all the way there, that was a four hour drive. It does take a lot out of you mentally and emotionally because you're also a student and you've got a lot of work to do especially when you're this close to finals week, but we all went out and raced as hard as we could with the time we had and it was draining but it was totally worth it," Hofstede said.

The swimmers were not only competing against the other schools but with them-



The Osgood Natatorium, the site of the Grinnell Invite.

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selves as well hoping to make national cuts. "Friday I did a 50 free- I got really excited because my coach was like "you can totally get the national cut, you just gotta do it," so I got it into my head and I actually got the 50 free cut so that was exciting," Hofstede said.

Hofstede also made the national cut in the 100-yard freestyle. The men's and women's team combined placed first in 23 events and kept close behind in every other event. Sophomore Andrew Jensen

also secured the men's team points by placing first in both of his diving events.

"This was our midseason meet and it was good to know where we sat for each individual swimmer, some definitely performed better than others, but we still have a lot of meets to go so this was just a checking in point," junior Abby Yartz said.

As much as the Gusties love to swim, the team was ready to get back home once they finished. "We kept our celebration pretty short, as far as the win of that meet it was more of a relief like let's get out of here type because it is such a long meet," Yartz said.

"It was our first two-day meet this season so it was new for a lot of us. It's definitely super exhausting because you finish up one day, have a couple of hours at the hotel, then early the next morning you have to go back and swim again. Normally this season so far it's been like once we finish then we get to be done," First-year Marit Isaacson said.

The Gusties had to build up their endurance meet by meet in order to excel at the two day affair.

"At the beginning of the season we definitely wouldn't have been able to even finish a meet like this. It's so much swimming one after the other. Over the course of the season we've had a lot of hard training and we've been focusing a



Ellen Hofstede's roster photo.

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lot on race specifics, which has really helped going into this meet," Isaacson said.

Gustavus had won enough events at the invitational to know they had secured a team win before the last event yet that didn't stop them from putting in their best efforts. In the final event, the Women's 400-Yard Freestyle Relay the Gusties took 1st place with a time of 3:40.08 breaking the meets record. Swimming in the relay was Isaacson, Hofstede, Sophomore Lucy Peterson, and

Yartz.

Even through their tiredness and exhaustion the Gustie's team spirit is apparent to every other team. "I actually talked to a few swimmers on other teams and they were like 'Oh you're that huge team, that really loud team' and they mean that in a good way, but it is nice to be known as that group that is the positive and loud area, rather than the quiet and secluded kind of team," Hofstede said.



Graphic made for second day of the Grinnell Invite, Gustavus Swim & Dive Instagram also known as the Pioneer Classic.

Women's hockey continues hot start

Undefeated season continues as Gusties sweep St. Ben's

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The No. 6 ranked Gustavus Women's Hockey team swept conference rival St. Ben's this past Friday and Saturday in a home and home series. The Gusties were in complete control throughout both games, winning 2-0 on Friday, and 5-0 on Saturday. The two wins pushed the Gusties record to a perfect 7-0 and a 6-0 record against MIAC opponents.

Game one of the series was at St. Ben's and the Gusties spent no time getting on the board as Junior forward Emily Olson scored her third goal of the season 2:02 into the game. First-year Kaitlyn Holland picked up her second assist of the season on the goal. In the second period, the Gusties stretched the lead to 2-0 as sophomore Brooke Power netted a power-play goal, her third of the season, at the 11:52 mark. Assisting was Junior Hailey Holland, her eighth, and Senior Kayla Vrieze, her fifth. The Gusties continued to pester the Bennies goal as they notched 35 shots, but 2-0 proved to be more than enough as Junior goaltender Katie McCoy stopped all 16 Bennie shots to earn her fifth straight shutout. "The defense has been playing great, not allowing many shots which has made my job really easy," McCoy said after the game.

With the win Friday and the momentum picking up, the Gusties returned home to Don Roberts Ice Rink Saturday looking for their seventh straight win. Once again they pounced early with Senior forward Steph Anderson scoring her second goal of the season on the power-play 1:14 into the first



Emily Howard skates between two Bennies on her way to the net.

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period. Emily Olson notched the helper and it was 1-0 Gusties early. Later in the first Anderson scored again to make it 2-0 at the first intermission. The Gusties continued their dominance in the second as Sophomore defender Sophia Coltvet notched an unassisted goal for her first of the season. That made the score 3-0 going into the final period of play. In the third Haily Holland found the back of the net for her third goal of the season. With the assist was Senior forward Tina Press who continued her strong start to the

season. Then at the 18:40 mark in the third, First-year Rachel Wieland scored with the help of Coltvet and First-year Hannah Gray on the power play. It was Wieland's first career collegiate goal. "It was so exciting to see Rachel get her first goal," Coltvet said after the game. All in all, the Gusties won in a 5-0 rout of the Bennies. McCoy had yet another shut-out, this time stopping all 13 shots the Bennies fired her way. With the shut-out, she pushed her streak to 6 shut-outs in a row.

Goals have certainly been

hard to come by as McCoy has allowed just one which was in the Gusties season opener. So far she has faced 87 shots this season while only allowing one to slip past for a goal. "Katie has been calm, cool, and collected back there," Coltvet said. McCoy has also been a consistent presence in the net for the Gusties as she has played all seven games thus far. Her 0.14 average goals against per game is on pace to shatter the current record of 0.69 set in 2008-2009 by Emily Klatt. Another thing to watch for with these Gusties is

their defense. With 6 shutouts in the first 7 games, the Gusties are also on pace to potentially break the single-season record which sits at 13. However, the goal is not to break records, but instead to just keep winning games.

"We just take it one game at a time. Focus on what we have coming up next and try not to think about the overall picture," McCoy said. With a big series against River Falls looming, the Gusties know what's ahead. "The goal is to keep on our winning streak, especially going into our big series this week with River Falls," Coltvet said. As for the rest of the season, the goals are simple, "The long term goal is to be MIAC champs and go to the NCAA tournament and then see how far we can go from there," said Coltvet. With the strong start, they have been on the Gusties look to be set for a strong run and hopefully will be able to skate to their goals as the season continues.

The Gusties will host River Falls in the first game of the series this Wednesday, December 8th at 7 p.m. They will then travel to River Falls this Saturday, December 11th for the second game of the series which will be at 2:05 p.m.



Katie McCoy keeps her eye on the puck as she gets ready to make a save.

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Emily Olson awaits the puck during a face-off.

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