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• Campus Safety responded to a medical assist in Sohre Hall. The student was transported to River’s Edge Hospital.

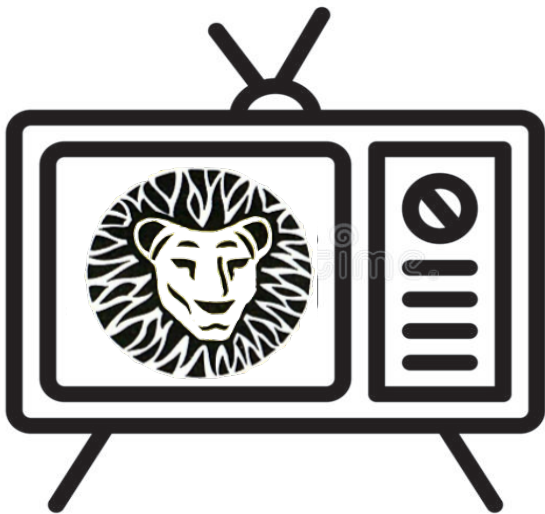
Tuesday, February 8, 2022
• Campus Safety responded to a call of damage to Gustavus property in Southwest Hall.
Tuesday, February 8, 2022
• Campus Safety received a theft report involving a student’s vehicle.

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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Daily Sabbath Calendar

Prayer around the Cross-Mondays (Christ Chapel)
Gather to pause for reflection, music, lighting candles, and prayer.
Chapel and Chill-Tuesdays (Christ Chapel)
Meet in Christ Chapel for a coffee bar and easy going conversation (or not).
Morning Praise-Wednesdays (Christ Chapel)
Join together with Gustavus Choirs to sing the Morning Praise liturgy.
Holy Communion-Thursdays (Christ Chapel)
A brief service of song, readings, and Holy Communion.
Musical Showcase-Fridays (Christ Chapel)
CAB Calendar
-ESports Tournament: February 19, 9 PM - 1 AM

Sustainability requirement debate heats up



Student Senate passes a resolution endorsing sustainability requirement.

Luke Yang

Lauren Ruth
Staff Writer

Chatter among students and faculty in the past few weeks has revolved around the possibility of an additional required credit in the general education curriculum. This is not a novel idea. There has been a large movement of students and faculty passionate about environmental sustainability and education behind this curriculum for several years.

"The sustainability credit was originally designed to be implemented into the challenge curriculum to have a tangible interaction with sustainability in the classroom," Katie Lillemon, Sophomore Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Major said. The credit requirement ultimately seeks to address the understanding of environmental sustainability through courses from across disciplines. Students will become more aware of sustainability and explore responses to the challenges that come with it, according to the Sustainability Education Information Sheet.

To begin, it is important to clear up some of the burning and frequently asked questions on the topic of the sustainability credit. Many students are worried how this requirement would affect them. If the resolution is passed to add this credit to the general education curriculum, it would not affect current

students. Students graduate based on the curriculum they had as they entered Gustavus. As such, the addition of a credit requirement would only apply to future students in the Challenge curriculum.

Students also worry how future Gusties would be able to fit this into their schedules. In fact, no new courses would need to be added as a result of this credit requirement going into effect. Out of 24 departments, 17 of them have courses that would fit this credit. Students also would have the ability to overlap their general education requirements in one class. For example, taking a science course would count for a GEO and SUS credit. "The credit is designed to be intersectional," Student Senate Environmental Sustainability Chair Juliet White said.

The groundwork for this movement began three years ago in March 2019. President Bergman urged Gusties to create a student-led movement focused on climate action, justice and sustainability. This movement was named Groundswell where students gathered in the Chapel, marched and engaged in a myriad of activities related to sustainability. The goals of this movement were centered on environmental sustainability on campus. "Students wrote a list of four demands, the first being sustainability education, then institutional investment, infrastructure and behavior and transparency on environmental issues," Kendra Held, Senior Geography and Environmental Major said. Faculty senate responded with a letter to the curriculum committee to urge them to add a sustainability

requirement to the general education curriculum.

Three years passed and with it the introduction of the Challenge curriculum. Missing from this curriculum was the proposed sustainability credit requirement. Two students, Kendra Held and Aviva Meyerhoff, Sustainability Interns for the Johnson Center for Environmental Innovation, have been staunch proponents of the addition of a sustainability credit since Groundswell. "Gustavus' core values of excellence, service, community, justice and faith compel us to act a certain way," Held said. The addition of a sustainability credit are these values being manifested by tangible means.

"Without the addition of the sustainability credit, Gustavus is not living up to their core values," Held said. According to students involved, by adding a sustainability credit Gustavus would be signaling to other schools around the country that they believe environmental sustainability is important for every student to be educated about.

In terms of the average student, their general education is virtually silent about environmental sustainability. "It is a huge detriment for themselves and their futures to not be able to address this on some grounded educational experience," Held said. By addressing this topic, students are challenged to think critically about sustainability and their role in it. Even if students think they aren't interested in this topic, this would be a chance to educate those who otherwise wouldn't be on the subject, according to Held

and Meyerhoff. "Students don't always want to learn things that are important," Meyerhoff said. However, that does not mean it isn't worth the time and consideration, according to Held and Meyerhoff.

While there have been committed supporters of the addition of the sustainability credit, there have also been many obstacles in the way of making it a reality. After the faculty responded to Groundswell with an urge for the Curriculum Committee to add the sustainability requirement, it never materialized into something tangible to vote on, in part due to how far in the curriculum process the committee was at the time of the student action. It took the determination and resilience of a handful of students and faculty to keep this on the radar and in discussion.

"This is our fight now, because it wasn't going in the direction it needed to," Meyerhoff said. Faculty have been working on top of their already busy schedules for three years to make this credit fit into their departments. Students involved feel frustration at the lack of communication and follow-through from the Provost's Office and Curriculum Committee. Frustration about the slow process is felt by those involved. "We as students have followed through to the best of our abilities, and I don't think the Curriculum Committee or the Provost's Office has done the same," Meyerhoff said.

Last month the Curriculum Committee took a look at the resolution after three years of promises and voted no. Students working on this project

have concerns with the points brought up by the Curriculum Committees rationale. "It is much more complex and nuanced than what is written in that rationale," Held said.

As a response faculty members Jeff Jeremiason, Professor in Environmental Studies and Co-Director Johnson Center for Environmental Sustainability in Chemistry, and Anna Versluis, Associate Professor in Geography, Environmental Studies, and LALACS led the charge with several Johnson Center interns to urge Student Senate to get involved. Junior Juliet White, Environmental Sustainability Chair, along with Senate Co-Presidents Ben Menke and Regina Olono, created a resolution to endorse the sustainability curriculum and to urge faculty to take a vote.

The Faculty Committee will vote on this resolution on Friday, February 18, 2022. The outcome of this vote will dictate whether the sustainability curriculum is rehashed among the Curriculum Committee or forgotten about. Students involved in this three-year process are worried that if it doesn't pass, it will be put aside for another decade. "These issues aren't going to disappear any time soon. If anything, they will continue to get worse as we grow older," Sophomore Anna Marie Riner said in a comment about the curriculum to the Senate.

The attitude of faculty and students involved is clear: it is now or never. "Listen to the cries of the students and think about how this will impact our campus for the better," Lillemon said.

Caf sees new raise in wages



Student worker serves onion rings in the Caf.

Ellie Gunderson

Zhipeng Li Staff Writer

Good news: if you are short of cash at this moment and you do not go through all the inconveniences of working off-campus, there is one good solution on campus at this moment. Due to the short staff situation at the Caf, “(they are) now hiring student employment for the wage of 15 dollars an hour, and 16 dollars an hour for student supervisors... there are plenty of positions still available,” said a staff member at the financial aid office. However, this is not a permanent decision, the wage increase will only be valid for this spring semester.

The Caf has been closing off some of the stations earlier as well as shortening the open hours of the Caf in order to cope with the short staff situation. According to Kevin Birr, The Assistant Director of the Dining Service, “Pre-COVID, Dining Service had around 300 student

employees, last semester, we had 157. Because of this, we had to limit hours in the STEAMery and Market Place. Even after cutting hours, and closing the Rotisserie and other stations as needed, we were not able to maintain consistent hours. In the fall semester, about 25% of the work shifts were not filled.”

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In regard to the situation update since the announcement of the wage raise, Birr provides some specific details: “In late January, we announced that we would be raising student pay from \$10.33 per hour to \$15.00 for Dining Service employees only, and only for the spring semester. This was intended to be able to fill enough of the open

shifts to be able to have more consistent expectations for the students. After announcing the increase in wages, I have added around 50 new staff, and am working with nearly 30 more.” Currently, there are two requirements for potential new student employees: “We are only adding students that are not currently working on campus, or can not possibly earn their complete award through their current employment on campus,” said Birr.

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If you happened to try to grab a late bite and found out

the Caf is either closed or only offering little food options, joining the Gustavus Cafeteria staff team would certainly help to improve the situation. And indeed it is going to be beneficial for the Gustavus community as a whole, especially considering students often have all-nighters in order to get the necessary school work done. With newly replenished crew members, the Caf can provide a better diversity of food with longer service hours that would better enable Gustavus students to work late at night.

For students who are wondering what the working experience is like as a member of student staff, here are a few student’s testimonies to improve your decision making. The students chose to remain anonymous. When talking about her experience working as a Sophomore student at the salad bar, the first interviewee said: “It is quite an easy job. Mostly the job involved replenishing food once a while and maintaining the general cleanliness around the salad bar,

However, if you happened to have the last shift of that day, you will be helping other staff members to clean up the station and preparing for the next day’s service, which usually only takes about half an hour.” Another student who had worked in the pasta station reported: “The pasta station job is even easier. There are two things you usually need to do besides serving food, the first is prep work for pasta, such as boiling pasta and blending some olive oil in, the second one, of course, is maintaining general cleanliness around the station.”

If you have only four classes this semester, joining the Gustavus cafeteria staff can be a very good add-on overall for your semester. Feel free to Contact Kevin Birr for more information in regard to this topic in general.

Blast from the past



Lyrical Cafe.

Luke Yang



Luke Yang

Other events pictured above: Swing Dance, Arb Scare, and Africa Dance Week.



Diversity Ball.

Luke Yang



Performance events:- LineUs and Play Practices.

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Celebration events pictured above: PASO Kwanza Celebration and Holi Event.

GUSTIE Quotes

*"Students always blow me away with their performances. **The plays** I have attended at Gustavus have been some of the **best I've seen.**" - Emily Seppelt*

*"Although I did not meet my soulmate at the **Square Dance**, it was one of the **best part of orientation weekend.**" - Emma Pufahl*

*"The **square dance** my freshman year was an experience. I'd never experienced Midwest humidity before, and quickly regretted wearing a long- sleeved flannel to the dance. I ended up dancing with a large group from my floor and **made some friends before going back to my dorm and turning on all my fans.**" Emily V.*

*"**LineUs** is always so funny. It's so **enter-taining to watch** my friends act ridiculous on stage!" - Grace Kearney*

*"I started going to see **LineUs performances** when I was a sophomore. Being able to go out with friends on the weekends and laugh at some improv was always a **great way to de-stress after a hard week.**" Emily V.*

*"**Lyrical Cafe** has the best environment and you get to experience some of the **amazing talent around GAC.**" - Britta Blanding*

*"By far, my all-time favorite event that I've attended at Gustavus was the **Diversity Ball** last year! Although it was incredibly chilly outside, getting to **celebrate the hard work and accomplishments** of so many amazing people and orgs put a smile on my face that lasted all day. Not to mention the **yummy food and beautiful outfits!**" - Cadence Paramore*

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 evangord@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.

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February events



• 16th •

Unleashing Your Inner Activist: Creating Change That Lasts
led by Donte Curtis, '15. 6-7:30pm (CT) over Zoom

• 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th •

The Last Days of Judas Iscariot, 17th 8pm, 18th 8pm, 19th 2 &
9pm, 20th 2pm, Rob and Judy Gardner Laboratory Theatre.

• 18th •

Musical Showcase: Pascal Kyoore, Gyl (African xylophone),
10am, Christ Chapel
Pie a Gustie to Help Fight Cancer, 10-10:30am, Evelyn
Young Dining Room

• 19th •

Late Night in Lund, 9pm- 1am, Lund second floor

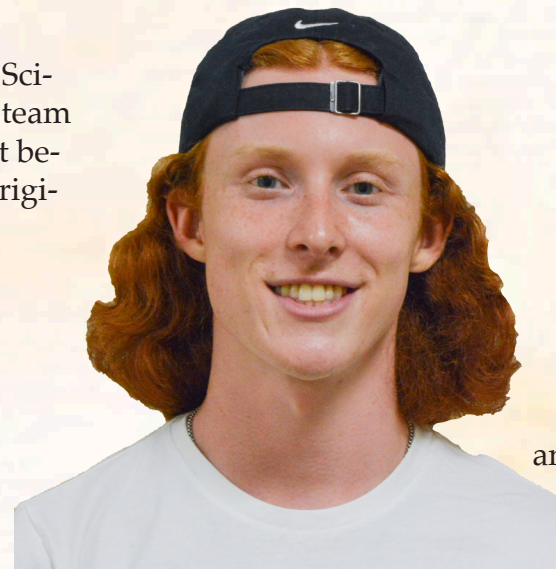
• 23rd •

African Storytelling with Professor Joseph Mbele, 7- 8pm on
Zoom

Meet The Editors



News Editor: Carter Brown (she/her/hers)
Carter is a Sophomore majoring in Political Science. Carter has recently switched from the writing team to the editing team as the news editor. She says that being a section editor is more complicated than she originally thought, but has been a lot of fun.



Sports Editor: Jack Weissenberger (he/him/his)
Jack is a Senior double Majoring in Biology and Psychology. He is a part of the Track and Field team on campus. Jack spoke about how important sports are on campus as such a high percentage of students participate in sports and how sports are such a big part of life on campus.



Opinions Editor: Kyra Stepan (she/her/hers)
Kyra is a Junior majoring in English and minoring in Geology. She is a transfer student from Drake University and is still new to campus.



Entertainment Editor: Grace Kearney (they/she)
Grace is a First-year majoring in Math Education. She enjoys making the entertainment section each week and welcomes everyone to send in their favorite jokes or comics. The cheesier the better.



Variety Editor: Maya Kallas (she/her/hers)
Maya is a Junior double majoring in Psychology and Communications. She's also involved on campus as a co-president for the Psychology Club and Ignite.



Features Editor: Jamie Woerpel (they/them/he/him)
Hi, I'm the Features Editor. I'm a Senior double majoring in English and Scandinavian Studies. I live in Swedish house on campus and am involved in the Viking Society.



Editor-in-Chief: Emily VanGorder (she/her/hers)
Emily is a senior Biology and English double major. She loves insane amounts of coffee and her home state of Colorado, as well as her two year old goldendoodle, Sage.



Copy Editor: Emma Pufahl (she/her/hers)
Emma is a senior Environmental Studies and Ancient Greek double major. One of her pupils is bigger than the other.



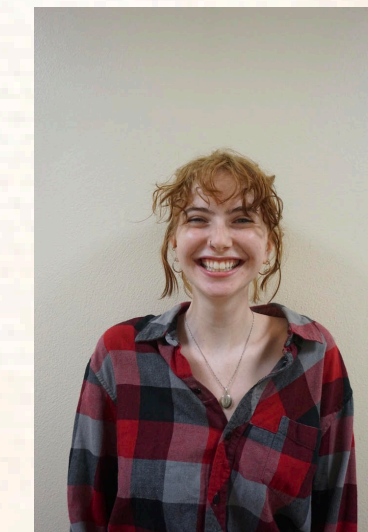
Copy Editor: Clare Greeman (she/her/hers)
Claire is a junior English and GWSS double major. This is her first year at the Weekly, where she is having fun as the former in-house toy expert.



Photography Editor: Britta Blanding(she/her/hers)
Britta is a Junior majoring in Communications. Britta's quote for herself is, "I am a transfer student from a community college in MN and I really like black beans".



Lead Copy Editor: Emily Seppelt (she/her/hers)
Emily is a Senior majoring in Political Science with a minor in religion. She is very social and loves squishmallows.



Editor-in-Chief: Cadence Paramore (she/they)
Cadence is a Junior majoring in English and minoring in Political Science and Studio Art. They are working on publishing their own poetry book and her favorite color is green.

Masks: the new beard



Jonas Doerr
Opinion Columnist

The new beards sprung themselves on us rather suddenly. With the help of some social upheaval, the new type of beards became cheaply and readily available. Even children could have beards! People soon came up with a name for the new beards: masks.

These “masks” had a lot of the same benefits as beards. They covered virtually the same area of space as an ordinary beard. They provided warmth to the lower portions

of the face. They had the potential to render traditional beards obsolete!

Masks certainly had a leg up on ordinary facial hair. Instead of partially covering the lower face, masks obscured it completely. Bad chin acne? Wear a mask. Long nose hairs? Wear a mask. Didn’t brush your teeth? Wear a mask!

Plus, they allowed for even greater self-expression than traditional beards. Instead of having to go through the arduous process of growing facial hair, people could just pop on a mask. Purple beard? Flower beard? A beard that looks like a piece of lettuce? Masks can do it all, and then some!

The benefits of these new beards were so obvious that people in charge decided everybody should have one. Beards have never been so popular! Everywhere one went, one would see people wearing these new-fangled beards. Make no mistake about it - the new and old beards did not co-exist well. The combination of the two was incredibly itchy. It seemed like the masks were determined to strangle the life out

of the original beards.

Of course, the new beards have one huge thing in their favor on top of everything else. They help prevent COVID. This is why they are so prevalent at Gustavus to this day (and, believe it or not, not because of their fashionability).

The new kind of beards have undeniably helped keep Gustavus’ coronavirus numbers at the respectable level they are now. Any number of cases is too many, but it would be much higher without masks.

The benefits of masks are obvious, but I still long for the old days. I long for the days before razors when beards were free to grow untamed, roaming wild like the American bison. Well, maybe I’m not quite old enough for that. It’s still clear traditional beards have been going through a rough patch recently. COVID complicates things, but maybe masks can share the fashion limelight with ordinary beards.

The pandemic means we clearly should stick with masks for the short term. There’s nothing wrong with people who

can’t grow their own beard using a mask as a substitute. Yet traditional beards have their merits too. Call it nostalgia, but I think they deserve to have a comeback.

Consider, for example, the numerous styles one can wear a beard in. There are really only three ways to wear a mask: over the nose, under the nose, and under the chin. Only one of those is stylish, though. Surely no fashionable person would wear their mask beneath their nose. On the other hand, beards are stylish when worn in a number of ways. There are long beards, short beards, thin beards, and wide beards. Heck, mustaches are even an option if you want to look like the Godfather. There’s so many more ways to wear a normal beard than a mask.

Plus, beards are very attractive. I sometimes have a beard, which obviously makes that statement more true. On a more objective basis, beards can fill out the angles in one’s face to make them look better.

Maybe instead of suppressing their growth, masks can enhance beard culture on campus.

People can have two beards at once! Normally, a beard grower has to go through an awkward stubble phase, where their face looks like a lawn in the Sahara. It can be so hard for onlookers that they sometimes call the Constubble (a.k.a. the beard police). Eventually the full glory of the beard comes into existence, but that first phase can scare off potential beard-growers. Masks, while they may be itchy, can cover up that uncomfortable first phase and allow people to experiment with beard styles. Coexistence might not be so bad.

Masks are here to stay for a while. Perhaps they will even remain more popular than beards, which is almost as crazy as saying soy milk will be more popular than dairy one day. It might still happen. Either way, we can agree to yearn for the day when the masks can come off and beards can once again flourish like daffodils flowering from fresh spring rains.



Man wearing mask.

Are you going to drink that?



Hailley Brune
Opinion Columnist

Water is an interesting thing. In 2019, I was a First-year in Gen Chem. I had to take a chemistry class for my first J-term. During that J-term we had a large focus on water. We each were put into groups to research water contamination. Following that, each group put together an experiment surrounding the topic of water and tested it. It was a very compelling January. I don't know about anybody else, but I find water to be intellectually absorbing. Let's give a little background to water in general, and then let's talk a little about the results of our research.

To give some background on water in the U.S., in general we have to understand the guidelines for water treatment. Now, let me preface that we definitely don't have the worst water guidelines in the world. We have water treatment plants and we test said water after it's treated. There are also more machines being invented to help us clean out the water in a more efficient and thorough ways. There are a lot of problems with the way the EPA controls water treatment though.

Dumping has been and probably will always be a problem. There have been many cases in the U.S. of factories dumping chemicals into unlined water systems and poisoning the groundwater. Hinkley, California is an example of this. PG&E was an electric company that dumped millions of gallons of tainted water into an unlined pound by their factory. The factory opened in the 50's and the town didn't figure out about the dumping until late 80's or early 90's. Hinkley, which was close to the factory, started looking into the water when they noticed some strange things, specifically with their animals. Animals were dying from refusing to drink water and from cancerous tumors throughout their whole body. The cancer cases in people in the town were astronomical as well.

While lawsuits happened once they found out, the town still drank the water for decades. It took until between 2006-2008 for the town to get a settlement, but it took until 2014 before the state of California started considering hexavalent chromium, which is what the company was putting into the water, possibly linking it to cancer. After learn-

ing and investigating the case in Hinkley, the EPA didn't put restrictions or label hexavalent chromium as a dangerous substance.

What I'm trying to get at, very slowly, is that for the EPA to change guidelines and maximum contaminant levels it takes a lot of time and a lot of research. The people in Hinkley were drinking contaminated water for decades before anybody noticed. The townspeople were the ones who had to hire someone to test the water to try and get help, because the EPA didn't see it as toxic. This isn't a once in a billion thing. Water in the U.S. being contaminated or unsafe to drink is very common. A lot of the time, people aren't even told about the issue and are allowed to continue drinking. I believe it was New York, or another larger city, that had a bad case of lead poisoning in the water a while back. We have guidelines, but we have to wonder how many possibly toxic things might be in water, but the EPA just doesn't see it as toxic yet. The amount of time it takes to process and make change, is enough to seriously damage those who are stuck

drinking it till then.

"What I'm trying to get at, very slowly, is that for the EPA to change guidelines and maximum contaminant levels it takes a lot of time and a lot of research."

Good news, generally Smart Water is clean, while Dasani isn't as clean.

"The amount of time it takes to process and make change, is enough to seriously damage those who are stuck drinking it till then."

Really big surprise there, I know. I took an art class my first semester and was told not to drink the water in the building by my professor. They have a Culligan upstairs to drink from instead of the tap. So, we tested the music building, the art building, and Nobel when we conducted our own experiments. Nobel does have pretty clean water with it's new pipes and that was used as a control of sorts. Our results, as well as other groups, were surprising. Almost everybody who did tests on the music/theater building's water received very odd results. At first we thought it was just because something went wrong, but then every group had weird results with the same building.

Now, this was a J-term project so it didn't get looked into further, and there are no real concrete results. We would have to retest and then do it again before we could have even an idea of what the water in the buildings is truly like. With that stated, we all found that the art and music/theater buildings had very hard water, and they were not as clean as the controls. Which makes sense considering

how long it's been since they've been updated. At the end of the day, if you want to get some water I would suggest going to Nobel or the caf. Always be curious and wonder what you're truly putting in your body.

"So, we tested the music building, the art building, and Nobel when we conducted our own experiments. Nobel does have pretty clean water with it's new pipes and that was used as a control of sorts."



Gustavus drinking fountain.

Ukraine and Russia



David Eide
Opinion Columnist

By the time this article is published, Russia may have launched an invasion of Ukraine, an act which would spark the largest war in Europe since World War II and throw the international order into absolute chaos. While I may not be able to do anything about this potential crime against peace, I still feel the need to speak out in any way that I can. I know I probably won't be able to make much of a difference but hopefully I can make it clear why the United States needs to stand by Ukraine in its desperate time of need.

I'm sure a lot of people aren't quite caught up with recent developments and so a brief refresher seems in order. In 2014, Ukrainians revolted against their pro-Russian president in favor of closer ties with the European Union. In response to this, Vladimir Putin ordered the occupation and annexation of the Crimean Peninsula in violation of the precepts on international law as well as providing military support to pro-Russian separatists in the far eastern Donbas region of Ukraine. This resulted in the first major war on European soil since the 1990s and spawned numerous atrocities such as the

shootdown of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 which was shot down by pro-Russian forces. Eventually this war settled into an uneasy ceasefire that has simmered until the present. This began to change when Russia initiated a massive military buildup in October of 2021 that has reached a fever pitch in the last few months. It appears increasingly likely that Russia will launch a massive military offensive upon Ukraine in the coming weeks that will inflict tens of thousands of needless military and civilian deaths.

Any Russian invasion would be an act of naked imperial aggression, the likes of which have not been seen in Europe for many decades. The United States and the European Union as well as any other country devoted to the ideals of liberal democracy and peaceful internationalism cannot let such an act go unpunished. Indeed, the United Nations Charter directly interdicts crimes against peace such as aggressive war. Furthermore, during the Nuremberg Trials many leading Nazis were directly prosecuted for committing crimes against peace. Thusly, if Russia goes forward with a full invasion of Ukraine, they will be committing a grave assault on the international order, graver than the United States unjustified invasion of Iraq in 2003. If Russia invades Ukraine and the world stands by then the world will be entering a dark new period where the rules and norms that have prevented much intra-state warfare fall by the wayside.

What exactly is to be done then? The most extreme option I have seen proposed, often by those arguing against any action at all, is for the US to intervene directly in the crisis. This option can be dismissed out of hand,

any military confrontation with Russia in Ukraine would be liable to start a broader war which would likely escalate into global thermonuclear war, which no one wants and makes this option impossible. However, there is a wide range of options available between direct military intervention and doing literally nothing as Vladimir Putin threatens to launch an unjustified and criminal assault on a sovereign nation.

There are two major approaches that should be taken simultaneously.

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The first approach involves building up deterrence against Russia should it take aggressive actions against Ukraine.

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Flags in the campus center.

Luke Yang

This would take the form of both providing military supplies such as anti-tank and anti-aircraft weapons as well as implementing major sanctions should Russia initiate military action. While these steps are unlikely to actually stop Russia if Putin truly wishes to conquer Ukraine, the idea is to raise the costs of intervention to such a point that Putin is dissuaded from taking action against Ukraine. The second approach involves providing aid directly to the Ukrainian people who will suffer immensely if their country is invaded. This can take the form of aiding Ukrainian refugees who will likely flood into Poland or Romania if an invasion occurs as it is highly unlikely that these countries will possess the resources to care for these refugees on their own. A more subtle approach that could be taken if Russia is in fact bluffing is to provide economic aid to Ukraine as the recent military buildup has dealt a major blow to the Ukrainian economy with tourism and foreign investment having essentially dried up. If Russia does not in fact invade, then the US and other western powers must provide support to the battered Ukrainian economy lest Ukraine suffer a financial meltdown.

It goes without saying that Ukraine does not deserve to be invaded by Russia. While it does struggle with corruption, many countries across the world face those same challenges without the threat of a much larger neighbor invading their country

and toppling their government. Ukraine is not within the Russian "sphere of influence" as I have seen claimed as such terms exist only to justify the hegemonic dominance of certain states. The people of Ukraine have the right to choose their own government and chart the path that they want their country to take, even if that path offends Vladimir Putin's fragile ego. Anyone who considers themselves a supporter of democracy should stand by Ukraine, to do otherwise is to abandon the key principles that have enabled the modern world.

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Flags in the campus center.

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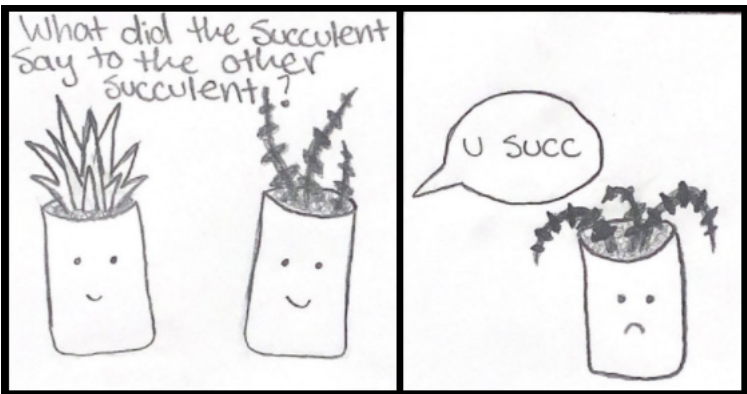
Movies from the Library: *Her*

Will Sorg

Her is my favorite movie and it's not even close. The distance between my second favorite movie and *Her* might as well be infinite because my love for this film transcends my appreciation for film itself. If I had to create a list of my favorite films in regards to various aspects of filmmaking: favorite screenplay, favorite acting, favorite cinematography, favorite musical score, I would say that ninety-five percent of those categories would be taken by *Her*. This film is a science fiction love story written and directed by Spike Jonze. It tells of the human experience through the eyes of a man named Theodore Twombly. Theodore is a lonely man, recently separated from his wife. He buys a fully sentient AI operating system, which calls herself Samantha, and as the film goes on we watch the two of them fall deeply in love. This is the set up of *Her*, but the film itself is far more complex.

I think this film holds the greatest human interpretation of what falling in love is like. Without a physical body, Samantha proves the film's entire thesis. Love is transcendent, it is more than the individual, it is beyond logic or science. In this film a human being and a formless AI share an intimate sex scene and it is one of the most beautiful representations of intimacy ever created. It plays out over a black screen as we hear only their voices and the beauty of Arcade Fire's soundtrack. Without presence of visuals in the scene it is no longer a typical Hollywood sex scene with no real point except to grab your attention. Instead, it becomes a beautiful moment of passion that seems to elevate the characters beyond themselves, becoming something more. This is even shown literally as the very next fade in is from a perspective high above the ground, looking down upon the skyscrapers that pierce the sky. That is just one scene that is able to bring the viewer to this wonderful feeling of love and humanity. There are countless others like it in the film, from adorable scenes of banter between the two main characters to some of the best montages ever put to film. By the end of the story, these characters are brought to life to the point where you may feel that you've known them for years.

Through all of this, the film is just emotionally perfect. There is not a single time that I have watched this film where I haven't had at least one tear fall from my eyes. *Her* evokes the same kaleidoscope of feelings that holding a loved one in your arms creates. Feelings of security and comfort in the love that you feel for them. Feelings of uncertainty, feelings of frustration. The feeling as you laugh at some dumb inside joke you've created with your loved one that you have told a million times but it still is funny. The feeling as you lay with them in your arms, knowing that it is the last time you will ever hold them. If you only ever watch one movie I recommend to you, please, let it be this one. If you've felt heartbreak, this movie can be a shoulder to cry on. If you've been searching for a film that captures the magic of human interaction, this film can give you what you're searching for. If you've experienced love, you will experience it again through the characters of this masterpiece. *Her* has done all of those things for me. I hope it can do the same for you.



Jayne Mapstone

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Logic Puzzle

We sent out a survey to some (fictional) Weekly writers last week and found out there were four who were all different majors, different years, and wrote for different sections! Unfortunately, the very clumsy Entertainment Editor dropped the surveys into a paper shredder. Can you figure out the year, major, and section of each writer?

- 1. The Education major will graduate 2 years before the News writer.
- 2. Dennis will graduate at some point after the Opinion writer.
- 3. Jackie will graduate at some point after the Variety writer.
- 4. Mary will graduate at some point before the Chemistry major.
- 5. Jackie is a Theater major.
- 6. Of Jackie and the Sports writer, one is a sophomore and one is a junior.
- 7. Cedric doesn't write for Sports.

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Women's basketball enters the final stretch

Team rallies for a home win against St. Scholastica

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In the midst of the densely packed final stretch of the season, the Gustavus Women's Basketball team managed to rally after a slow start to a convincing victory over St. Scholastica on Senior Day, setting the team up for another victory over Hamline within three days. Defeating St. Scholastica and Hamline back to back marks a five game winning streak for the Gusties and a solidified second seed in the MIAC playoffs. The Gusties hope to capitalize on their momentum as they face Saint Benedict on Feb. 16 and then head into the conference playoffs quarterfinal round, which the Gusties are set to host on Feb. 22.

The Gusties persisted through a relatively slow start in the game against St. Scholastica. After a few turnovers and missed shots from the Gusties in the first four minutes of the game, the home team trailed 4-5 heading into the second half of the first quarter. However, the team was able to turn the momentum around and regain the lead. Head Coach Laurie Kelly explained that the change in momentum was credited to "some stops on defense which allowed us to get some easy scores in transition." This early refocus set the Gusties up for success as they "shot the ball better in the 2nd half and were able to dominate on the glass," Kelly said. They regained the lead which was not lost for the duration of the game.

First-year Rachel Kawiecki reiterated the importance of refocusing early, explaining that, "we all knew what we had to do to get back playing Gustie basketball so... reiterating that in timeouts and on the floor really got us going." Coach Kelly explained that Gustie basket-



The Gustie starters huddle up moments before tipoff.

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ball is more than just the statistical success on the court. Rather, it encompasses the intangible and embodies how the Gusties carry themselves in every situation. "We are a very close team on and off the floor. We talk about what we control...our effort, our attitude, our energy. Those need to be constant, no matter if shots are dropping or not. We also emphasize having fun and enjoying the moments." Kelly said.

In the moments of shaken confidence early in the game, the team could also rely on its senior leadership to show up and demonstrate what Gustie basketball means. The upper-

classmen of the 2021-2022 season, while not being returning starters, have been critical to the team's success throughout the season. Coach Kelly explained that with such a young team, having influential senior leadership has been instrumental in developing the team chemistry necessary to make the dream of Gustie basketball an ongoing reality for the team.

Kawiecki reiterated that, as a First-year, having seniors that have been "nothing but supportive" have made the transition to college significantly easier. As an indicator of the team culture, the Gusties rallied together to represent their

team-first mentality and regain control on a day to honor the seniors that have contributed to Gustie basketball, on and off the court.

Control is something that the Gusties strive for in every aspect of their game. On top of controlling their effort, energy, and attitude, the team focuses on maintaining what Kawiecki calls a "quick tempo" as part of the team's usual game plan. As the team focuses on controlling the final stretch of their season, the athletes and coaching staff intend to take various preventive measures and fall back on their training as the team wraps up a stretch of densely

packed games and heads into postseason play.

The athletes themselves recognize the importance of early advocacy for their health and have been making an effort to eat properly and get enough sleep, Kawiecki stated. Coach Kelly expands on the immediate physical requirements of preparing for the postseason and looks into how the team has been mentally preparing for these moments for the entire season. "This is what you play for! Coming down to the wire, every game feels like a playoff game. We are staying focused on one game at a time, focusing on winning each 10 minute quarter. We are in a really good position in the MIAC, and we feel our best basketball is still ahead of us," Kelly said.

With some excellent performances against St. Scholastica, Sophomore Emma Kniefel who scored 14 points, First-year Morgan Kelly giving 13 points, and Senior Grace Benz showing out with 10 rebounds and eight points, and another victory over Hamline on Feb. 14, the Gusties seem more than prepared to show the MIAC playoffs what Gustie basketball looks like. The team wraps up the regular season by hosting Saint Benedict on Feb. 16 and then will have time to prepare from their recently rigorous game schedule before the playoffs are set to begin in St. Peter on Feb. 22.



Teammates sharing the love during warmups.

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Morgan Kelly follows through on her shot.

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Men's tennis starts off strong

Team pulls off wins against St. Olaf and Bethany Lutheran

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The Gustavus Men's Tennis team started their season off right with a MIAC win against St. Olaf and a win against Bethany Lutheran. As well as experiencing some good competition against the University of North Dakota, the Gusties also defeated both the Oles and the Vikings 9-0 yet lost 1-6 against the Fighting Hawks. The team had to split up to compete against the three different teams: a third traveled to North Dakota, and a third went to St. Olaf, while the others stayed home to play Bethany Lutheran.

"The matches were all important in different ways, UND they're a D1 school so that's always like a fun test to see where we are. St. Olaf was important too because they are a conference team," Junior Justin Sehlin said.

At home the team swept the Vikings off our courts winning 6-0 in singles and 3-0 in doubles.

"I think we did a good job. I mean we won all the matches there. There were a couple of spots where they pushed us early, I know Joel had a close match in the first set and then kinda figured it out while he was down early. But I think we just did a good job of playing tennis our way," Sehlin said.

"We did a good job... there were a couple of spots where they pushed us... but we just did a good job of playing tennis our way."



A Gustie goes up for the ball during the home match against Bethany Lutheran.

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In the singles round, Senior Joel Hug won 7-5, 6-1 at no. 1 singles. Then Sehlin 6-0, 6-2 Junior Sean Bochman 6-3, 6-0 Junior Federico Fiorda. Finally, Senior Luke Haddorf and Sophomore Geoffrey Youngs at five and six singles won 6-0, 6-0.

At doubles, Haddorf and Bochman won 8-3, Hug and Fiorda 8-1, then Sehlin and

Youngs 8-0.

The wins didn't stop there: the guys at St. Olaf also brought home a victory as well as winning the first MIAC match of the season. "[The match] went really well, I'd say the highlight of it was getting to see a bunch of freshmen in there, and that was their first conference match of their career for them so it was fun getting to

see them getting that first win under their belt," Junior Jack Bergmeyer said.

In singles, no. 1 singles Junior Oscar Wikstrom won 7-6, 6-2 followed by First-year Rafael Costa 6-1, 6-0 Sophomore Caleb Fridinger 6-3, 6-1 Bergmeyer 6-1, 6-0 First-year Taona Mhwandagara 6-0, 6-0 and then Senior Joseph Punnoose 6-0, 6-1.

In doubles, Fridinger and Wikstrom won 8-3 then Punnoose and Bergmeyer 8-1 and then Costa and Mhwandagara 8-5.

Unfortunately the team couldn't keep the winning streak up and lost 2-9 against UND. "We definitely wanted to win the match for sure and I definitely think we had the ability to but going in to it, this is a very doable match and one that we can pull out," Junior Alex Budde said.

"It was a bit more intense, we have seen some D3 teams that were pretty close to the level that they were but, it definitely was a different level of intensity that we needed to be prepared for," Budde said.

Budde at four singles won his match 7-5, 6-1 and doubles partners Senior Drew Elofson and First-year Josh Christensen won 7-6 but the rest of the Gusties weren't so lucky.

"It definitely went my way that day but it was one of those

where there were a couple close points and I was able to pull ahead. I was definitely able to put on the pressure where he kinda was, I don't want to say giving up at the end but he definitely looked a little defeated and it was one of those feel good matches because I was playing really well and really was able to take the racquet out of his hand," Budde said.

As much as tennis is an individual sport, the team always cheered one another on. Even while they were in completely different locations. "At the Bethany Lutheran match there were livestreams so a lot of us were watching those while we weren't playing. And then we have team group chats and we were all sending messages in there trying to keep up with scores," Sehlin said.

"Everyday we are just looking to be louder, be more supportive of each other and just bring more and more energy every time since it's the start of the season we have a long way to go but we are ready for it," Bergmeyer said. Gustavus will face off against Grinnell at home for their next match.



Doubles teammates exchange the ball prior to a serve.

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Men's hockey starts to heat up

Gusties snap losing streak

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The Gustavus Men's Hockey team has been through a lot this year. Over the last month, the Gusties had lost three straight games and have dropped five of their last six matches. As one would expect, the Gusties were plenty motivated to change that when they hosted Hamline on Friday. Despite putting consistent offensive pressure on the Pipers in the opening minutes, the Gusties were unable to find the back of the net. This pressure eventually waned and the Gusties surrendered a goal at the 8:33 mark, putting them down 1-0.

"It's always tough knowing that you are playing from behind early because you always want the first goal," Senior defender Mason Etter said.

Etter made it clear that allowing this early goal didn't phase him or the Gusties, as he was adamant that the Gusties had plenty of resilience.

"Honestly, you don't really change how you are feeling (or your mindset) because you are still in the game," Etter said.

This resilience would be tested as things got worse before they got better. Over the next fifteen minutes, the Gusties allowed two more goals and fell into a 3-0 deficit that felt insurmountable. Even the Gustie veterans felt as if the game was starting to slip away.

"It's hard not to get down on yourself and say 'here we go again,' but that was something we addressed as a group going into this game. In previous games, we would go down 2-0



Nick Klishko points to the camera after getting a shot past the Hamline goalie.

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early and you could just feel the energy of the bench go down. I think we did a good job of staying positive and focusing on continuing to work hard," Senior forward Nick Klishko said.

The Gusties dug in and started to chip away at their deficit. Senior Patrick Gazich found the back of the net halfway through the second period to make the score 3-1. Unfortunately for the Gusties, the Pipers quickly neutralized this

goal, scoring just minutes later off of a face-off. However, the Gusties immediately responded as Klishko netted a goal at the 16:09 mark of the second period on a power-play advantage. This goal gave the Gusties the necessary fuel to power their epic comeback; momentum began to swing in their favor and the change in demeanor was obvious. In the opening seconds of the third and final period, First-year Brandon McNamara

eluded four Piper defenders and scored a spectacular goal that cut the lead to one. With the game hanging in the balance, the Gusties showed their true mettle and grit. First-year Micah Gernander rose to the occasion and scored his first collegiate goal; this achievement tied the Pipers and the Gusties halfway through the third period.

Despite having momentum on their side, the Gusties were unable to find the net for the remainder of regulation. However, the defense held strong and did not allow another goal. This stalemate led the Gusties to overtime, where a three-on-three format is used to increase open space on the ice and to promote scoring.

"Overtime is very exciting. I enjoy three-on-three hockey. Especially with our team, I feel like we have guys that are very skilled and fast, so, in my opinion, we had the edge when it came to the extended period" Klishko said.

The Gusties were unable to capitalize on these advantages. Even with multiple opportunities to score goals, the men's team could not find the back of the net in overtime. Much like the third period, the Gustie defense stonewalled the Pipers. Sophomore goalie Jackson Hjelle had some excellent stops and ended up snagging twenty-one saves. These crucial saves preserved a tie game and took the Gusties and the Pipers to a shootout. With an extra point in the standings on the line, the

Gusties were unable to convert in the shootout. A Piper snuck a goal after four rounds of shootout to end the back-and-forth game.

"It's disappointing to tie, obviously, but I think it was motivating for our group to see that we can battle back. Shootout is an exciting time in the game too, but it sucks when you come out the loser," Klishko said.

The Gusties carried this motivation into the second game of the weekend against Hamline. They came out to a fast start, scoring four goals in the first half-hour and taking a 4-2 lead into the final period. Much like the previous night, the team with their backs against the wall retaliated, as the Pipers scored three goals in the last seven minutes to take the game to overtime. And just like the previous night, the team that forged a valiant comeback was unable to score in overtime and fell victim to a shootout defeat. Senior Connor Clemons scored the deciding goal, while Junior goaltender Justin Damon held down the fort for the Gusties in the high-stakes shootout. These kind of games are confidence boosters for the Gusties, who will enter the MIAC tournament as big underdogs.

"Despite what our record says, I think we have the potential to make some noise in the playoffs. As long as we can start on time and aren't chasing from behind right away, I think we'll be good," Damon said.



Mason Etter races down the ice with the puck.

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