

# Update: Ukraine and Russia



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The last time I wrote about the tensions between Ukraine and Russia, the possibility of a full-scale Russian invasion seemed like an insane proposition, a bluff designed purely to extract concessions from the Ukrainian government. Unfortunately, that possibility has rapidly transformed into a nightmarish reality, one that has seen residential areas targeted, millions of people fleeing their homes, and maternity hospitals being bombarded in cities under medieval sieges. The question that arises then is what is to be done about this gross violation of international law and human rights without also risking further escalation that could lead the world into a massively destructive nuclear war?

I admit that when I wrote my original article, I didn't expect the world to take much serious action if Russia were to actually invade Ukraine, as most countries had previously acquiesced to other instances of Russian aggression like the brutal bombing campaign in Syria or the initial annexation of Crimea. However, I have been surprised at the scale of the response by Western nations and their allies. Not only have they provided a great deal of weaponry such as Javelin anti-tank missiles to the Ukrainian military for the defense of their country, but they have also taken major steps to cut Russia off from international monetary support.

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Not only was the polluting Nord Stream 2 pipeline canceled, but Russia was also cut off from international banking programs like SWIFT and many Russian oligarchs have seen their properties in western countries confiscated. It seems clear that The West is utilizing almost every tool in its possession to inflict consequences on Russia for its criminal invasion of Ukraine.

Some people will argue that the imposition of such strict sanctions is unfair due to the harm they inflict upon average Russians- that any sanctions should only target the ruling elite who initiated the invasion. However, this criticism ignores that only targeting the oligarchs and other high-ranking officials will not truly inflict the necessary damage upon their interests. This is because much of the oligarch's wealth and power is based on robbing the overall economy of Russia and if that continues to function, they will have a source of income and power that will bolster them against any western action. The fact is that we have tried targeted sanctions against oligarchs for basically the past decade which hasn't stopped Putin from committing any of the numerous crimes his regime is guilty of. A new approach was needed,

one that genuinely pressured the broader Russian economy and reminded the rest of the world that there will be consequences towards launching unjustified wars of aggression.

On the other hand, I have seen some people argue that more action is needed. I have seen calling for a No-Fly-Zone to be imposed over Ukrainian skies to prevent Russian aircraft from bombing Ukrainian cities. This would be a terrible idea. Implementing a No-Fly-Zone over Ukraine would require NATO planes to actively pursue and shoot down Russian planes which would be an act of war.

While I stand by Ukraine and think the world should be doing more to assist them in fending off this imperialist venture, I do not believe sparking a war between two nuclear armed powers is in Ukraine's or indeed the world's best interest. A direct military confrontation between the US and Russia should be avoided at all costs as such a confrontation has the potential to escalate into nuclear war which would likely cost billions of lives. In short, the West must utilize other options besides directly intervening in Ukraine to prevent a catastrophic escalation.

I do understand why some people desperately want to do

more. Ukraine has been subjected to a gruesome assault over these last three weeks. It has seen its cities bombarded by artillery, it's hospitals and residential buildings reduced to rubble, and its citizens murdered in the pursuit of a deluded imperial dream founded upon a lie. Russian troops have looted shops and houses, kidnapped mayors who have refused to cooperate with their illegal opposition and killed numerous journalists.

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Taking all of this into account, it's easy to see why someone would be feeling powerless and want to do more- I have frequently felt this way watching events unfold. However, I have found that the best way to maintain a positive outlook is to actually look at the situation on the ground where Ukrainians continue to give a

spirited resistance to the Russian onslaught. Despite predictions that Kyiv would fall within the first 72 hours of the invasion, it continues to hold out despite intense bombardments. Even in cities that have come under Russian occupation, such as Kherson, there are daily protests by Ukrainians against the invasion.

Based on this, I would say that the best course of action is to continue arming the Ukrainian military to ensure they have the tools needed to fend off Putin's army. Whether it be army rations of the old soviet-era warplanes Poland recently offered, we must assist the Ukrainian people in defending their homeland. Their fight against tyranny and imperialism is ultimately the fight of us all.



Map of Ukraine.



# Adapt and add ads



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Cover Gustavus in ads. It is not preposterous. In fact, it would be ludicrously lucrative and could potentially help all Gustavus students.

Many successful businesses are turning to ads for revenue nowadays. Google's primary cash cow is selling ads. It rakes in moolah from selling out the top position of search results to the highest bidders, and makes a hefty amount more from its Google Ads service that places ads on nearly half of the websites on the web. Every time someone clicks the top search result or a banner ad on a website, Google lines its pockets a little more.

Influencers also make their money through ads. Instagram is not the one padding their bankrolls. The companies who want their goods or services promoted

pay influencers, which lets those select individuals make absurd piles of income.

It is not just online advertising, however. Major League Baseball, one of the most traditional sports in America just passed a new Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) between the players and owners. In it, they agreed to allow advertising on the uniforms and caps of players for the first time. Even pro baseball sees the money-making value of shoving ads onto everywhere possible.

Gustavus is clearly behind the times, then. The only ads students can see around campus are the piles of months-old posters wallpapering buildings and constant demands to "Make Your Life Count!" Yes, but how do I know how to make my life count if I don't know what to spend my money on?

Some may wonder why the total cost to attend Gustavus is over \$60,000. Here is the reason: Gustavus is not doing enough advertising. By that, I don't mean they should spam prospective students' inboxes with emails or recruit Charli D'Amelio to dance to the Gustie Rouser. The college needs to sell more advertising space.

There are certainly some drawbacks to this proposal. It might take away from the beauty of the campus, and it might distract from the academic atmosphere of the campus. The advertisements would have to

be tasteful and placed in appropriate locations. It would be a little too much if students had to wake up to a Wal-Mart poster taped to their dorm room door. That would be very manageable, however, if the college was upfront with the necessary advertising requirements.

Also, the Arb would be off-limits. Even though a Fam-Fresh billboard in the prairie would be a money making machine, that would be too far. Let nature be nature.

However, if the college did it right, an increase in on-campus advertising could bring around some fantastic benefits for students. Advertisers would likely be eager to snap up the market on college students who are dying to spend all the money they don't really have. Of course, students will have a lot more spending power now since they are being paid \$15/hour to work in the Caf, which will encourage advertisers even more.

This would result in a large cash influx for the college. There are so many options for what they could do with the money: they could lower tuition, they could lower Caf prices, or they could even turn Ring Road into a go-kart course.

Lowered tuition seems like the most obvious choice for using the extra revenue. Since students are going to be spending so much more because of the new ads, the ad revenue should put a little extra spending money

in students' pockets. This would definitely make students more supportive of the new policy.

Perhaps a more innovative way to use the increased revenue would be to remake Ring Road into a go-kart course. Students already enjoy going fast on campus, as shown by the vehicles that zoom past down the hill on weekends. Go-karts would give them a safer outlet for that need for speed. Since the college already has Ring Road as a built-in racetrack, all they would need to do is buy some go-karts. There would probably even be leftover

cash to go towards other projects.

Many other effective organizations are using ads to increase their revenues. It is a missed opportunity for Gustavus to go on neglecting this potential source of income. Companies and students would likely be supportive of measures to increase ads on campus, as this would have many benefits for both. As long as the college was careful to avoid advertising ad nauseum, it could be done tastefully. Gusties, advocate for ad hoc measures for more ads today!



Ad components.

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## Response to: The new Batman movie sucks already



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(\*If you want to read what this is a response to, check issue 16 of the Weekly)

As a fan of Robert Pattinson, I was a bit put off by him being cast as the Dark Knight, not because of his previous role as Edward from Twilight, but because he wouldn't be my first pick for Batman. Not because he doesn't have the acting chops, he's proven himself quite the accomplished actor

in his previous roles like: The Lighthouse, Devil All the Time, and Fear and Shame, etc. Many fans of Batman were also put off by the choice because of his role as Edward in Twilight. Mind you no one hates Twilight more than Robert Pattinson, he has stated numerous times that he thinks the main character, Edward, is a creep.

Twilight aside I believe that Robert Pattinson will absolutely kill the role of the Dark Knight, considering he has the ability to not only be a brooding asshole but also bring out the more human aspects of the famed caped crusader. If you have been following Batman long enough you'll know that he is more than a fearsome brute that seeks to uphold justice, he is also a man with a capacity to give a shit about his fellow man. Pigeonholing him as heartless would be an injustice to his overall character as throughout the comics, TV-show and movies he is shown to have a compassionate side which differentiates him from other comic book characters like the Punisher.

Though I haven't watched the new Batman movie, and I plan to judging by it's favorable reviews and the fact it was released in theaters instead of streaming (\*cough cough Matrix\*) it would seem like a movie worth risking catching Covid for (and spending money on overpriced popcorn). The score of The Batman movie is 92% from Google users, 85% on Rotten Tomatoes, and 8.5/10 on IMDB which is impressive considering the critiques from Batman fans due to Pattinson's casting. It is almost as if a multi-million dollar company wouldn't waste money on an actor who couldn't act. I was going to watch the movie regardless of its reviews because I like action movies, bad movies and Zoe Kravitz.

But considering that it seems to not be a bad movie by most accounts, I will probably watch it in theaters with some friends, spend too much money on snacks, and have a whale of a time when Zoe Kravitz appears on screen.

Mind you I'm not a huge fan of Batman. I wouldn't be able

to tell you every fact there is to know about the caped crusader, however I do have a basic understanding of the character. The most recent iterations of the Dark Knight have been as a darker hero, but I can't help but wish that they would revisit the version from the 60's. They depicted him as a sassy character who often made fun of an often equally campy joker. Compared to the modern day dark and gritty counterparts from Nolan and Snyder, it's like day and night. I'm a fan of the newer iterations, but I think it would be fun to revisit the campy Batman from years ago, especially because it would confuse so many fans who are unfamiliar with the characters' history.

Fans would be confused and pissed that "it doesn't represent the character well" and it would be wildly successful because people would flock to theaters to hate-watch it. I would personally cast Henry Cavill as the Batman and Jack McBrayer as Robin, only because seeing Jack McBrayer run around in a speedo after Henry Cavill would be a fun

break from all the depressing Batman movies.

Personally I am tired of depressing ass. Movies give me a dumb buddy cop film with Henry Cavill and Jack McBrayer and I will be good for another year.

In conclusion, wait to read reviews before seeing a movie in theaters, The Batman is good, and Zoe Kravitz is sculpted by the gods.



# Spring Break activities



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Spring break is right around the corner. We can almost touch it. I'm sure we're all ready to not have classes for a week and hopefully not have any homework over the break. I've been thinking about what things I want to do once I get my relaxing week off. While thinking about it I figured I'd share my ideas.

As students sometimes we get so stuck in the mindset of 'there's always something that I could be doing'. So thinking of fun or relaxing things to do becomes a chore in itself. Since we're so used to always running and always going from place to place, thing to thing, here are some fun ideas of things to do over the break to make sure we both actually let ourselves relax.

First are things to do alone. The first thing that came to mind was to color. Put on a You-

tube video or movie or maybe even just soft music if you want to tune out and snag a coloring book. Make sure to choose something you find fun, and color it bright and crazy. Don't pick something with structure or "rules," get something that won't feel like a task. Keep in mind that it's just something to do however you want. You can Google coloring pages and print off whatever pages you like. There are even coloring puzzle apps that can be easy to zone out and do. I personally stole a coloring book from my older sister during J-term. It has two page images made up of little characters and random things like waves and trees.

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My next suggestion is origami or easy games. I've been making miniature flower bouquets out of paper and some string for aesthetics, and it's been a lot of fun. Folding up some paper and watching a good movie has been a fun way to spend an afternoon.



Coloring books.

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## The Good, the Bad, and the Meh



### The Good

Spring break is coming!



### The Bad

More cold weather after spring break.



### The Meh

Warm weather in St. Peter while you go to the beach.

Or if you don't like origami type things, play a simple game. Pick one that doesn't frustrate you and you don't have to think too hard about. You can simply go around farming, or scavenging. Do a little exploring and collecting to rest your brain.

Now, I know some of us have family or friends we'll be seeing. I have some fun activities for those of you too. My first suggestion is something I did this last weekend. Get a canvas, paint, and brushes for everyone. The group will want to pick out some good nostalgic movies. My examples are: Shrek, Gnomeo and Juliet, or The Princess Bride. Put on whatever the group likes and wants to watch together but make sure to leave the volume low to allow for talking and jokes. Get your painting supplies set up, and then set a timer for about twenty minutes.

Each person starts their painting, and when the timer goes off you switch with the other people. You keep doing this and passing the paintings around the circle, or back and forth, until you get yours back and everybody has done something to your painting. You can then set up one last timer and everybody adds the finale touches to their paintings.

This activity is really fun, and brings out a lot of good jokes and

laughs. It's fun to see how they start and where they end up. You might paint a flower, and by the end the flower is in space and it's surrounded by small cats. You get to see everybody's creativity take over on each canvas. You also don't have to be good at painting or know how to do it. You can start with something simple and through building and changing, it becomes something totally different and creative.

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My last suggestion will be a show suggestion. It's an anime called Ghost Stories. It's kind of old, but pretty funny. You have to watch the dubbed version of it, though. When American voice actors did the dub they were allowed to say whatever they

wanted and make their own scripts for a lot of it. So it's basically a whole season of voice actors messing around and making stupid jokes. You don't have to finish it, but it's a really fun time. My sister and I watched it over J-term while we did a puzzle, very slowly I might add. If you don't like anime, grab a drink and watch something you do like. May I suggest the Bee Movie?

Over the next week just make sure to do something you enjoy. If that's laying in bed and watching TV the whole time, then do that. Whatever actually helps you relax and have fun, that's what you should do. If you get bored of that, then at least I've given you a few fun ideas.



Jumble

Unscramble the words and put the letters in the numbered boxes in their proper places in the answer to find the punchline

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Movies from Swank: *Pixels*

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Before Sony Pictures studio decided to make *Pixels* into an underwhelming, soulless, comedy about Adam Sandler shooting aliens that look like 80’s video game mascots, there was actually a very interesting origin story to the film. In 2010, Patrick Jean made a 3 minute short film entitled *Pixels*. It was very simplistic: a TV explodes and releases various 80’s video game characters into New York City, who then cause havoc and pixelate the entire city. It is clearly a passion project and the visual effects have a lot of personality and care put into them. The short is on YouTube and Vimeo for free right now and it is well worth the 3 minute watch time.

However, I think that this concept of 80’s video games attacking a city is only sustainable for a 3 minute short. Once it was given a 80 million dollar budget, the whole concept of the short seems to fall apart. The 2015 feature adaptation of *Pixels* is perhaps one of the most underwhelming films ever made. By 2015, Adam Sandler was far into his period where he stopped trying to be funny and this movie shows that off wonderfully. Sandler and a majority of his castmates are embarrassing to watch in this movie. They recite the awful dialogue as written and collect their paychecks, but I can’t blame them. Everything is boring and uninspired, from the visual effects, to the awful direction by *Home Alone* director Chris Columbus. This is a deeply cynical movie and to treat it like anything else is to be far more of an optimist than the average person. Which is why Peter Dinklage’s performance in this film is easily the best part.

Peter Dinklage plays the role of Eddie “The Fire Blaster” Plant. Dinklage plays this character with such confidence and fun that you cannot help but enjoy the movie for the brief moments he is on screen. He revels in the absurdity of playing a horrible man who holds the world record in “Donkey Kong” and also happens to be in jail for massive phone-bill fraud. He understands how utterly childish the movie is and decides to play that immaturity as seriously as possible. From trying to get into a polyamorous relationship with Martha Stewart and Serena Williams to giving himself his own nickname, Dinklage gives us a brief respite from the doldrums of the film in his delightful portrayal of “The Fire Blaster.” Without Dinklage, I think this movie would truly be unwatchable for me.

There are plenty of alternatives to seeing this movie. Look up the Dinklage scenes on Youtube. Watch the original short film. I would say you should even just check out the other Adam Sandler movies on Swank. I have not even seen all of them but I doubt any of them could be as bad as *Pixels*.

WHAT IS SWANK?

Swank is a free streaming service provided through the Campus Activities Board here at Gustavus. It contains a wide array of well over 100 movies, many of which are not found on Netflix or Hulu, and is completely legal to use. Access it by going to [www.gustavus.edu/moviestreaming](http://www.gustavus.edu/moviestreaming)

# Women's track makes history at nationals

## Poe, Donnelly, and Nelson each earn All-American status

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Three members of the Women's Track and Field team earned a spot at the NCAA Indoor Championships last Friday and Saturday. Junior Annika Poe competed in the shot put and finished in 8th place. Junior Birgen Nelson competed in the 60 M Hurdles and placed 7th and Senior Elizabeth Donnelly also finished in seventh place in the 800 M. With all three securing top eight finishes it meant they all earned All-American honors. That made Gustavus Track history as it was the first time that three teammates all earned All-American honors in the same NCAA Championship.

Annika Poe got the small group of Gusties rolling early as she placed eighth overall in the shot-put, giving the Gusties their first All-American. She advanced to the finals with a throw of 44-10.25. Although she wasn't able to top that in her three throws in the finals, getting to that point was a testament to the work she put in all season long.

"Overall it was a really great indoor season. I PR'd every meet of the season besides Nationals which is really exciting and doing that was my highlight for the indoor season," Poe said. Additionally she came into the meet seeds 13th out of the 20 competitors, so she had to overcome the lower seed to get into the top eight.

"My mindset going in was



Poe, Donnelly, and Nelson holding their All-American trophies.

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to do the best I could and since I was coming in on the lower end of the spectrum...I was just trying to do my best, trying to PR, and going in with that mindset helped with the nervousness and not putting too much pressure on yourself, so that definitely helped me throughout the weekend," Poe said. It sure did help, as she overcame the lower seed

and proved that she belonged in the same conversations as some of the best throwers in the country.

Birgen Nelson has begun to get used to competing in NCAA Championships as this was her third time, but she had never competed in the Indoor Nationals. She made the Indoor Championships her freshman year, but they were canceled

at the last minute due to the Covid-19 outbreak. She then made Nationals once again last spring as she competed in the NCAA Outdoor Championships where she earned two All-America honors. So last Friday and Saturday was her first crack at dominating the indoor track.

After battling injuries that nearly kept her out of the MIAAC conference event, Nelson ran the 60 M hurdles and finished with a time of 8.79 which was good for a seventh-place finish. Given the fact that she wasn't at 100 percent, it was an excellent showing of grit and determination. "I went out there and executed what I could, and I've been dealing with injuries so honestly just very happy to get to compete when a few weeks ago I wasn't even running," Nelson said.

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Elizabeth Donnelly finished off the weekend successfully as she became the third Gustie to capture the All-American honor. Running the 800 Meter, she finished with a time of 2:14.49 to place seventh in the finals. It marked the end of a season in which Donnelly completed many of her main goals. "I feel like I've had a lot of goals in the back of my head for a long time and this season I just started checking them off," Donnelly said.

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One of her goals was to get to Nationals and she did that with flying colors as she not only made it, but finished as one of the eight best runners in the country at the Division III level. "A lot of things came together this season and it makes me really excited for outdoor to see how far I can take it," Donnelly said when reflecting on the indoor season.

With that being said all three of the All-Americans are looking forward to finally getting outside and seeing if they can check off some of their lofty goals. "I do want our 4\*400 relay to break the school record and go to Nationals and I think we have a really good shot at that," Nelson said, when looking ahead. "I think it could be really good and I think it could be really fast. Maybe try and break some of the outdoor records too," Donnelly said.

Poe echoed those statements, "I am really looking forward to outdoor...and I'm really excited to do other events because I also do discus and am going to try hammer this year too as well as shot."

All in all, it should be an awesome spring and if it ends anything like the indoor season does, it will surely go down as one of the greatest women's track seasons in Gustavus history.



The competing athletes alongside coaches Aaron Lund, Becki Staley, and Nathan Harder.

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# Baseball shows off in home opener

## Offense was clicking in doubleheader wins over Wartburg

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Entering this past weekend the Gustavus baseball team was sitting at a record of 1-2 after a road trip to Topeka, Kansas. Facing off against Luther College in a double header, the Gusties dropped both high scoring games while picking up a 14-10 victory in a game against Simpson College.

Hoping to get back to a winning record and to start a win streak, the Gusties were feeling confident heading into their doubleheader against Wartburg Sunday. They started off strong in game one, winning 13-4 after strong performances at the plate and on the mound. The offensive outburst was led by Senior catcher Ethan Mocchi, Senior infielder Jack Hanson, and Senior outfielder Dalton Thelen.

In game two the offense kept humming as Gustavus collected another victory, 11-6. Once again led by Hanson they also received strong performances from Junior outfielder Bryce Novak, First-year outfielder Connor Wiberg, along with four, one run innings from Junior Andrew Gustafson who collected the win.

"Good energy. We have a couple of transfers that are really solid and are helping us out in a lot of ways. We have a lot of really talented First-years coming in and a lot of really talented returning seniors. We're all just happy to be back together, playing together in a somewhat normal year, playing the beautiful game of baseball," said Mocchi.

In game one, Senior right-hander Christian Johnson shut down the Wartburg offense with a clean opening inning, collecting a pair of strikeouts. Gustavus got off to a strong start in their first trip to the plate after Hanson ripped an



Seniors Ethan Mocchi and Nick Azar celebrate at the plate.

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RBI double to score Novak, putting the Gusties up 1-0. Mocchi would be credited with an RBI after reaching on a fielder's choice that knocked in Hanson, for the 2-0 lead after one inning.

The score would remain unchanged until the top of the third when Wartburg broke through scoring three runs, two earned. In the bottom half of the inning Gustavus answered right back with a lead off home run by Hanson over the right

field fence. Mocchi scored his second run of the game off an RBI single by Sophomore Drake Siens which reclaimed the lead at 4-3. Thelen drove in Siens with a double to cap off the three run inning.

In the fourth Gustavus scored two runs and then a single run in the fifth to push the lead to 8-3. Wartburg answered briefly in the sixth to cut the deficit to 8-4 before the Gusties unleashed their high powered offense in the bottom of the

sixth. Posting five runs in the inning Gustavus pushed it out of reach for Wartburg who was unable to make a comeback, resulting in a 13-4 victory for Gustavus.

Game two started off the opposite of game one as Wartburg pushed two runs across the plate in the opening frame. Undeterred the Gusties got one run back to finish the first down 2-1. Gustafson entered the second to take the mound and pitched a scoreless inning. "With the pace of runs per game we have so far this year it makes a pitcher's job very easy no matter what inning it is and what the score may be," Gustafson said.

In the bottom of the second Hanson erased the one run deficit with an RBI single to the left side. Before turning the ball back over to Gustafson, Gustavus knocked in two more runs to finish a three run second and take a 4-2 lead.

"Heading back out to the mound with a lead felt awesome. It's not irregular for our offense to explode and jump on teams and personally I love using that momentum the offense created and taking some fire out to the mound. As a pitcher I want to go get some quick innings for those guys working hard at the plate to get them out of the cold and back in the batter's box," Gustafson said.

Another shutdown inning from Gustafson was followed by two more runs in the bottom of the third to push the lead to 6-2. In the top of the next inning Wartburg scratched a run across, cutting the Gustavus lead from four to three. A quiet fifth from both sides led to more runs in the sixth from the Gusties including three stolen bases and Junior Luke Johnson stealing home.

Gustavus scored three more runs in the seventh inning, including a milestone home run for First-year Connor Wiberg, his first of his collegiate career. "It felt good, and was very exciting to see the ball go over the fence," Wiberg said.

Wartburg made a last attempt at a comeback in the eighth inning plating three runs, to wrap up the scoring for both sides. Gustavus successfully completed the sweep at home with the 11-6 victory.

The Gustavus baseball team will next head to Tucson, Arizona for a week long road trip before starting conference play. "Getting a sweep before we head to Arizona is an awesome confidence boost to remind us what we are capable of every time we show up to the field," Gustafson said.



Andrew Gustafson delivering some heat to a Wartburg batter.

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# Women's hockey continues historic season

## Gusties skate through quarterfinals, advance to Frozen Four

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After securing the MIAC championship less than a week ago, the Gustavus Golden Gusties continued their post-season run as a participant in the NCAA Women's Hockey Tournament. Their path to the Frozen Four and National Championship game began with a home match against the Eau Claire Blugolds. Much like the MIAC Championship game, the atmosphere at Don Roberts Ice Rink was electric.

"As a team, we were really happy that we had such a great atmosphere. We had a lot of fans who were very proud of our team," Head Coach Mike Carroll said.

The Gusties packed the stands with over 1400 fans and made their presence known often throughout the game. Unfortunately, the Gusties on the ice were unable to take advantage of this energy in the first period. Eau Claire's physical playing style limited their offensive opportunities, and the score remained knotted at zero at the sound of the first-period buzzer.

The score did not remain the same for much longer, however. Sophomore Sophia Coltvet won a face-off and slid the puck to junior teammate Emily Olson; Olson slammed the puck into the top right corner of the net, giving the Gusties a 1-0 lead three minutes into the second period. The Gusties held strong for the remainder of the period and were twenty minutes away from advancing further in the NCAA tournament.

Junior goaltender Katie McCoy made a number of clutch saves in the final period to pre-



Gusties line up on the ice prior to the matchup against UW-River Falls.

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serve a shutout. The Blugolds crumbled and surrendered two goals in the final two minutes of the game. The 3-0 Gustie victory set up a road date with the UW River Falls Falcons, a team that had gotten the best of the Gusties in two previous matches.

"They are a great hockey team. We played them twice in December. One game score-wise was really close and one was not so close... our twenty-three kids will be ready to go," Carroll said.

And despite Carroll's promise, it appeared that this was in fact not the case in the early goings of the game. The Falcons netted their first goal only a minute into regulation. However, the Gusties were determined to not let this game have the same outcome as their previous matchups.

"We just kept talking about how we needed to be all in. We needed to keep moving our feet and focus on the little things. We knew the game would eventually just take care of it-

self," Senior forward Madigan Goldsworthy said.

Goldsworthy's words rang true for the Gusties. Senior Jordyn Peterson tied the game up at the 12:09 mark in the first period. Goldsworthy closed the period with a goal of her own, and the Gusties took their first lead of the game.

However, the momentum swung back in the favor of the Falcons in the early minutes of the second period. The Falcons scored two goals in the first half of the period and gained a one-

goal advantage. The Gusties responded with a run of their own, as Junior Clara Billings evened the score off a power play and continued to pepper the Falcons with shots.

Later that period, the Gusties dialed up Goldsworthy's number again; she connected with the back of the net for the second time of the game. They took a commanding 4-3 lead heading into intermission. With one period to go, the Gusties focused on applying offensive pressure.

"We had to make sure that we kept the pressure on them. They are a fast team so we had to make sure to not let them get past us and just keep them in their D-Zone," Junior Hailey Holland said.

And apply pressure they did. The Gusties continued to attack the Falcon defense throughout the period and were rewarded with an insurance goal courtesy of a power play. Holland netted the final goal of the game with about five minutes to go, which secured a 5-3 win and a trip to the Frozen Four.

"I'm very proud of our team...we settled down and got a couple of timely goals towards the end of the period and gave ourselves a chance to win," Carroll said.

The Gusties face Plattsburg on Friday March 18 at 2:00 PM Central Time. If they are victorious, they will face the winner of Middlebury v. Elmira with the once-in-a-lifetime chance to bring a national championship back to St. Peter.



Hailey Holland prepares to take a shot on goal.

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Madi Goldsworthy sneaks a shot past the Falcon's goalie.

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