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A picture of the Chapel with flowers in full bloom.

Jayne Mapstone

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Campus Safety Report

Wednesday, May 4, 2022
• On Wednesday, May 4, 2022, Campus Safety took a report from a faculty member about a missing picnic table.
Thursday, May 5, 2022
• On Sunday, May 1, 2022, Campus Safety responded to a medical assist at the Evelyn Young Dining

Room.
Friday, May 6, 2022
• On Friday, May 6, 2022, Campus Safety took a report of vandalism done to the Swanson tennis center bubble.
Sunday, May 8, 2022
• On Sunday, May 8, 2022, Campus Safety responded to a medical assist in Pitt-

man Hall. Student left with an ambulance.
Monday, May 9, 2022
• On Monday, May 9, 2022, Campus Safety responded to a carbon monoxide alert in the Sjostrom House.

Tip of the Week:
Please remember you must fill out a Campfire Application, also found on the Campus Safety website, in order to have a campfire on campus. The application must be completed 2 business days prior to a campfire. If you want to have a fire on a weekend, the form must be in

by noon on Thursday. Once the application is complete, Campus Safety will send out an email to the applicant on whether or not the campfire is approved or not. If approved, Facilities will deliver the materials needed. Per college policy, student events will not be approved, including campfires, after the last day of classes.

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A candid photo of Old Main. Jayne Mapstone

**The Weekly Staff
With Love <3**
As we near the end of the year and the cherry blossoms are just beginning to bloom, campus is abuzz with events and final assignments. And although COVID cases are on the rise, this spring concludes one of the first more “normal” years that Gustavus has seen since the beginning of the pandemic.
Many departments, student organizations, and offices have increased the number and scale of their events, especially this spring semester. Events not held for two years, such as the George Hall dinner hosted by the Religion Department, have made a return. As graduation nears, honors society inductions which were meant to take place last spring have popped up across campus. It would seem just as the flowers bloom, Gustavus is blooming too.

The Weekly has also been busy as ever, as our hiring process is now nearly complete. We as a staff are excited to announce that our very own Cadence Paramore has been named Editor-in-Chief for the 2022-2023 school year. Previously, Paramore has been our Assistant Editor-in-Chief, Photography Editor, Photographer and Opinion Writer.
“Having moved up through the Weekly, beginning as an opinion writer and photographer, I’m enthusiastic to step into this new role. It will be exciting to witness how our new and returning editors and writers will contribute their own flair and style to make our paper different from the years before,” Paramore said.
Paramore has also shared how one of their number one goals as Editor-in-Chief will be to add DEI training for their staff, as well as promote the inclusion of more diverse writers and articles that uplift voices from all different backgrounds.

Daily Sabbath
Calendar

See you next year!

CAB Calendar

See you next year!

“Since COVID cut my first year at the Weekly short, I’ve watched how our campus has struggled with figuring out our ‘new normal,’ and this has been reflected in the decreased circulation of our very own campus newspaper. I want the Weekly to be welcoming, and assist in bringing our campus back together as a community again,” Paramore said.
This issue will be the last from the Weekly for the year, but we will return for orientation come September. With love we say goodbye to our graduating seniors, and we look forward to welcoming new and returning staff in the fall! Have a great summer Gusties!

ASU celebration feature



To wrap up their weeklong celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, the Asian Students Union hosted an Asian night market on Saturday, May 5th, in the Johnson Courtyard. Students were invited to join the celebrating Asian heritage by taking part in DIY activities, contests, and enjoying food. A performance by ASU org members (above) ended the Night Market. The ASU then hosted a Dive Dance from 10 p.m. to midnight.

Izabella Taylor

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Are you opinionated? Want to get more involved on campus? Make some extra money? Have you ever been told you have a gift for writing or photography?

If so, consider applying to THE GUSTAVIAN WEEKLY! We are accepting applications for the 2022- 2023 school year.

Apply today! Contact Cadence Paramore at cparamor@gustavus.edu.

The Gustavian Weekly Senior's Goodbye!



Emily Seppelt

For most of my time at Gustavus, my biggest personality trait has been the fact that I worked at the Weekly. Fun fact in class? I work at the Weekly! Looking for important things to share? The Weekly is hiring! (We are, by the way). Somebody invites me to go out? Sorry, I have an article to write.

Working at the Weekly has absolutely been the best experience of my undergraduate career. Throughout my four years here, I have held a position at every level of the paper and written for every section. Every Wednesday without a doubt, you could find me in the basement of Coed, and now Uhler, late into the night. When trying to write this goodbye, I realized just how many memories have been made in the little Weekly office— not only in my time on campus, but for the last 150 years. When you work at the Weekly you become a part of a long line of very stressed and very funny people who are committed to journalism at Gustavus.

I'll always remember walking into the office in my PJ's eating a pack of instant oatmeal, being offered a job by the (very scary and intimidating) Editor-in-Chief. Laughing until we cried at quotes we added to our quote board. Screaming in frustration together at crappy technology and writers who flaked. Frantically writing last minute articles. My experience at the Weekly has given me everything I could've needed and more to leave Gustavus and succeed in the real world.

I'd like to give a shout out to our staff, especially this year. Reviving a print newspaper "post-covid" in a time of dying print media was by no means an easy task, and through all the stress I am proud of the great work that we have done this year. Despite the fact that I edit the whole paper, it's our writers, photographers, and editors who provide you with great content each week. It's a bittersweet goodbye to depart from this newspaper that I have poured my everything into these last four years, but I can't wait to see what the next generation of Weekly staff can do with our little newspaper here on the hill.

Jack Wiessenberger

Jack Wiessenberger has been our superb Sports Editor and resident straight male co-worker who's added color to our chaotic and queer she/they and they/them staff. We've loved his Dad Energy in the office and fantastic chicken and spinach pizza recommendations. Every week, he ensures that we take a break to eat dinner, and he will be dearly missed.



Jamie Woerpel

My time at The Weekly started as an opinion writer my Sophomore year which I thought would be the end of it till a couple weeks into fall semester this year. The position of the features editor opened up and a regular to Swedish House Fika, Emily Seppelt, quickly recruited me after finding out that I had previously worked for the Weekly and am an English major. For the rest of this year I have been the editor behind writing and designing the features section. I've had more fun here than I ever anticipated and made a lot of friends here in the office. The Weekly has come a long way over the last four years, not only did we survive COVID we even managed to expand the Weekly. In addition to missing my housemates in Swedish house, my band mates in GWS and my classmates in both the English department and everyone in the Scandinavian Studies department, I'll also miss making this section with all it's pretty pictures-which only sometimes takes hours to find and edit-, writing fun articles, and hanging out with the rest of the Weekly staff.

Emily VanGorder

I went into my senior year with high hopes. I was excited to start as Editor-in-Chief of the Weekly, and I was determined to fill my last year at Gustavus with new experiences and joy.

A month later at the end of September, my mom called me one Tuesday afternoon to tell me that my dad had suffered a stroke. For the next three months, my life revolved around daily updates and FaceTime calls with my mom from the hospital as we learned more about my dad's condition.

During this time I truly learned what it meant to be a Gustie. While I was over 700 miles away from home, alone, and worried, I also experienced such a strong outpouring of support as professors, administrators, and friends reached out to let me know that they were there for me and my family. I came to appreciate Gustavus's dedication to community more than ever, and I am beyond fortunate to have had the support of such a wonderful group of individuals.

I have worked for the Weekly for four years as a writer for our news and variety sections and as Editor-in-Chief. It has been a constant in my life and an integral part of my Gustavus experience. Coming into the office to work, eat, and laugh with the editorial staff this year was something I could always look forward to. While this year has been unconventional, it has also been the best year of my time at Gustavus.

I am beyond proud of the community we helped create and the Weekly that we will be passing on to next year's writers, photographers, and editors. Bonding over Caf runs, cramming quotes onto the office whiteboard, and last minute technology fixes made the Weekly such a close knit and incredible group of people I am lucky to call friends.

Congrats to the Weekly's graduating seniors, the absolute best of luck to next year's editorial staff and team!



The Caf raccoon



Jonas Doerr
Opinion Columnist

Something hungry prowls the Caf, looking for leftover morsels. It lurks in corners, waiting to pounce on those with leftovers. The tiniest tater tot or smallest spinach leaf cannot escape its careful eye. Most students are not even aware of this lurker. Its behaviors are entirely inconceivable to most members of the Gustavus community. What on earth would lead someone to take food off the dishline? Most students have leftover money on their Caf account at the end of the semester, anyways. Still, there is someone or something on campus doing

it. Who or what could possibly be doing these things? It is the Caf Raccoon. The Caf Raccoon scrounges around the area and gobbles up any appetizing leftovers. Nothing is safe, especially if it is still wrapped.

But the Caf Raccoon is no raccoon. It is one of us, a real Gustavus student. This student has committed himself particularly to the art of human composting. Why wait for food to go through the laborious process of composting in our machines when a digestive system works so much faster? Wrapped food in a compost bin might easily be snatched away by the Caf Raccoon to be eaten, saving the weeks it would normally take to compost it.

The Caf Raccoon finds many leftovers to be treats. They say, "The most appealing food is untouched food, obviously, although you cannot be completely sure. But food without fork-marks, food that is not made into a soup on your plate. Untouched fruit that has not been contaminated by pasta sauce on your plate, for instance. And the expensive food: salmon is always a 'good catch.'"

The Caf Raccoon uses extremely stealthy arts to avoid being detected. Since most

people would disapprove of such wanton pilfering, it is necessary for people not to notice as the leftovers are snagged. The Caf Raccoon says, "Before you go in for the snatch, you gotta know who is around you, and where unexpected people might come. Sometimes, you gotta take a few passes by the compost bins before the coast is clear. Then, you just gotta sell it. Nobody questions a person who looks like they know what they are doing."

It is probably confusing to many why the Caf Raccoon would resort to such behavior. Why not just eat fresh food? However, this is not the only inexplicable behavior. It is nearly as confusing to think about why so much food is being thrown out in the first place. Yes, it is usually composted, which is amazing.

However, many resources are used to create the food in the first place. Vegetables and fruit take plenty of water to grow, and they also require gas to transport them to the Caf. Meat products require even more water. Just because the leftovers are composted does not mean there was no waste.

This makes it important to consider how much food one takes when going to the Caf. It can be easy to fill up one's plate when there are so many

good options, but it might be harder to finish all that food. When that food sits on one's plate as it spins around the dish carousel, someone eventually grabs that plate and dumps the food into a compost receptacle. That extra food was wasted.

The servers will also give people smaller portions if they ask. It can be really hard to muster up the courage to talk to someone you do not know, but this is a good time to try it. Plus, this skill comes in handy if you want a bigger portion, too.

Food waste is also a problem in the Caf, however. Unsold food cannot usually be used the next day, of course, so something has to be done with it. Oftentimes, that means the food is tossed to be composted. The Caf Raccoon does not even get a chance to snag any of it.

One way to solve this problem would be to eat so much food that there would be none left at the end of the day. However, some less-hungry students and those with tight Caf budgets might object to this strategy. Besides, it is likely that the workers would make more food to keep up with demand, so there would still be extras.

Perhaps a better strategy would be to offer the leftovers

to people who would eat them. Why let food go to waste? Many hungry athletes would wholeheartedly support this plan. It might lower the rates of theft from the Caf. And most of all, it would lower our food waste levels.

The biggest issues with this solution would be logistics. Who would distribute the food, especially if it was after Caf hours? Would anyone come that late at night? The obstacles seem to be surmountable, however. It would be possible to make it happen.

The Caf Raccoon is a big advocate for avoiding food waste, especially by scavenging food. They say, "Food waste is ridiculous and there is more than enough food to go around. This is a cheap, efficient way to save money and save the planet in the process. And the variety of food you get to eat is just absolutely amazing!! What's life without a little risk!?"

The Caf Raccoon can teach us all some lessons about how we eat our food. Perhaps we would rather not eat off the dishline, but we can take other steps to throw out less food. Don't waste this opportunity.

Supporting local libraries



David Eide
Opinion Columnist

I have a great love for books as some of my previous articles this year might have indicated. Ever since I realized that reading could speak to the higher truths present in the world, I've had a voracious appetite for books. Books have shaped my life in a number of different ways, and I think exploring some of those ways might be a worthwhile way to close out this year where the topic of book banning grew to become a national issue. I hope that as you read this article you may find yourself relating to some of these anecdotes as I would bet than anyone who is passionate about reading and books has experienced at least one of them at some point.

It's difficult for me to recall the book that really kicked off my love affair with the written word. I know for sure that I haven't always enjoyed reading, in fact back when I was in elementary school, I used to hate reading assignments and I would always receive bad marks. I think eventually something just clicked in my brain and I quickly took to voracious reading. One series that I can still vividly recall are the Magic Tree House books which detail the adventures of a sibling duo who utilize the titular magic tree house to travel to various historical and fantastical locales.

I loved these books and I think they were a major reason that I developed such a strong attachment to books. Of course, I also experienced the major wave of YA books like Harry Potter, The Hunger Games, and Percy Jackson that basically everyone else I know experienced. I think I might have gone a little deeper into this genre than most however, I recall reading a ton of YA dystopia books like the Matched series or the Enclave series that I really don't see a lot of people talking about these days, probably because most of them weren't very good.

Another critical institution that played a role in nurturing my love of literature was my

local library, Rum River Library. I remember visiting almost every weekend with my parents to return the books I had rented out previously and rent out new books. It's thanks to the library that I was exposed to such a wide range of content which I think was a key component of my growing love of books. Once I got my driver's license, I would frequently visit the library just to have a quiet space where I could read my own books to my heart's content. Eventually I decided I wanted to give back to the library which had done so much for me, and I began to volunteer there every Wednesday. I would say that my time volunteering at the library was a valuable preparation for actually entering the work world and helped me develop my interpersonal skills in a way that other efforts had not been able to accomplish. Eventually however, as my personal income began to increase, I stopped visiting the library so much and wound up spending more time at bookstores where I could buy books that I would then permanently own which was quite the appealing concept to me at the time. Despite this fact, I still hold a great deal of affection for libraries, and I will gladly do anything to support a library in need.

As I said above, bookstores quickly became my new favorite place to visit for my literature needs. At first, I went to my local branch of Borders, a now defunct bookstore that basically functioned the same ways Barnes and Noble does now, until they sadly closed down and I was forced elsewhere. From there I went to Half-Priced Books where I stayed until I realized that their prices weren't actually that half-priced and I began to be interested in newer books that Half-Priced Books didn't often carry. Ultimately, I settled upon Barnes and Noble as it was the only chain of bookstores left on the block, carrying a decent selection of new and older books and having that wonderful bookstore smell that makes every trip worth it. The one downside at Barnes and Noble is that it is much more expensive than Half-Priced Books which has proven to be quite unfortunate for my wallet as I happen to buy a lot of books.

As a matter of fact, I buy so many books that my backlog could probably fill the pages of a small book. When I was a high schooler, I had the naïve idea that I could finish every book I owned at the time before I graduated high school. This did not end up happening and in fact I am still working my way

through the initial list that I came up with all those years ago. This wouldn't be worth commenting upon if I had stopped buying books as I worked my way through my backlog but of course I did not and just in this semester I've managed to procure some 30 odd books from stores around St. Peter. Personally, speaking I don't really have a problem buying books that I know I won't be able to read for some time, the mere fact that I own the book is enough to bring me some sense of happiness. This makes a lot of sense; people collect all kinds of different things solely for the sake of collecting them and books just happen to serve that purpose for me. It does mean I need a lot of bookshelves though.

All in all, I just really like every aspect of books. I like new books, I like old books, I like fiction books, I like non-fiction books. There's just something about the format of a book that speaks to me on an almost spiritual level. While I do enjoy movies or music and other forms of media books will always be my favorite way to experience a story. So if you like books I hope you've been able to relate to my experiences and if you don't I hope I've managed to convey just a little bit of why they are so important to me.

A Summer Watchlist
by Will Sorg

Good Movies That Got Nominated for Oscars but I Didn't Talk About Because I Didn't Like My Oscars Review Article And Scrapped It Because Half of It Was About Will Smith:

- *Spencer*
- *The Mitchells Vs. The Machines*
- *The Power of The Dog*
- *The Hand of God*
- *Flee*
- *Nightmare Alley*
- *The Lost Daughter*
- *West Side Story*
- *Tick Tick... BOOM!*
- *CODA*

This year had a wide range of films nominated and for the most part I would say there were a lot of truly incredible films. There were some clear Oscar-bait films (*cough* *King Richard* *cough*) but all in all for a year to have this many great films nominated, along with several other films that made my top 10 of 2021 list, I would say that the Oscars at least had some good nomination decisions.

Movies That Will Make You Smile:

- *Paddington* (both 1 and 2)
- *The Lion King*
- *Everything Everywhere All at Once*
- *Up*
- *My Neighbor Totoro*
- *Spongebob Squarepants: the Movie*
- *The Big Lebowski*

Although this is fairly up to personal preference, I think that there are a lot of films that can get a little smile out of even the most stoic of people.

Movies That Will Make You Frown:

- *Oldboy*
- *Funny Games*
- *Paths Of Glory*
- *Synecdoche New York*
- *The Father*
- *We Need To Talk About Kevin*
- *Incendies*
- *Audition*

If you really just want to feel sad, upset, disturbed, hopeless or otherwise existential try watching these.

Movies That Are So Bad That They're Good:

- *Assassin 33 A.D.*
- *Emo The Musical*
- *Jack and Jill*
- *Leprechaun 3*
- *Boss Baby 2: Family Business*
- *Saw 6*
- *Jupiter Ascending*

One of my favorite movie types are the films that fail so badly at being good that they unintentionally become hilarious and incredible. They hold some of the most truly baffling filmmaking decisions known to man and are endlessly entertaining because of it.

Short Films:

- *Genius Loci*
- *Swimmer*
- *The Girl From The Other Side*
- *Next Floor*
- *The Dover Boys at Pimento University*
- *Fear and Shame*
- *David Lynch Cooks Quinoa*
- *Coming Out.*

These are perfect if you have no time and want something interesting to see. Most of these shorts are free or easily accessible.

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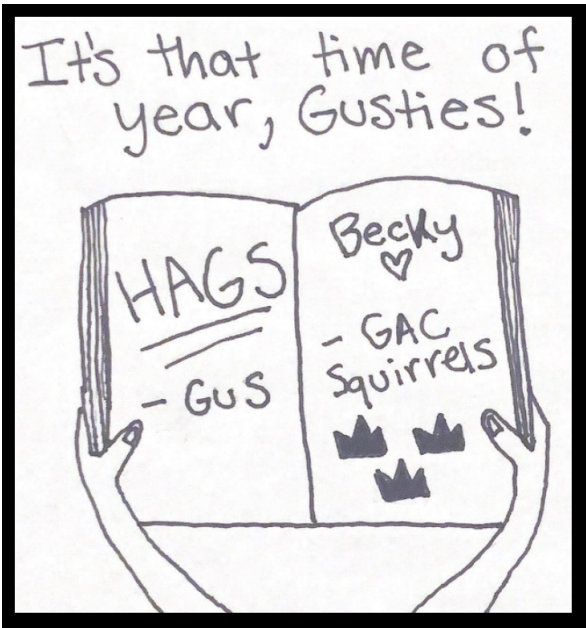
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- 1. the act of swallowing
- 2. an uproar
- 3. able to move
- 4. to throw someone out of a window
- 5. second-to-last
- 6. foolish or silly
- 7. taking joy in someone else's misfortune
- 8. someone who steals books
- 9. a combination of an exclamation point and question mark
- 10. someone who dislikes people in general
- 11. fizzy
- 12. to lie basking in the sun
- 13. sensitive to cold
- 14. occuring every fourth day
- 15. a gender-neutral word for niece or nephew
- 16. easily persuaded



Jayne Mapstone

WANT TO SUGGEST A MOVIE FOR WILL TO REVIEW?
Email willsorg@gustavus.edu with film suggestions for over the summer. Anything you suggest could be reviewed in this very column!

Year-in-review: Gustie sports return

Volleyball, Swimming, and Women's Hockey highlight superb seasons

Brady Boie

Sports & Fitness Writer

After having almost two years effectively nullified due to the ongoing pandemic, the Gustavus Adolphus Athletics rebounded in an impressive fashion. Despite dealing with extra guidelines, altered practice environments, and unexpected cancellations, the Gustie athletes who competed in the 2021-2022 seasons unlocked their fullest potential and became a point of pride for students and alumni alike.

"Our athletes have played full seasons, for the most part, this year, and have taken advantage of it. A lot of our teams have captured conference titles and moved on to national tournament play, with some even making it to the national championship," Sports Information Director CJ Siewert said.

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With sports finally returning to some normality in the fall, the Gusties were determined to take advantage. Early highlights of the fall included a come-from-behind homecoming day victory for the Gustavus football team. This victory was emblematic of their stellar season, as the Gusties finished with their best record in over two decades. Seniors Dalton Thielen and Zachary Jakes starred on offense and defense while Junior Andrew Abegglen shone through on special teams. Not to be outdone, the men's and women's cross-country teams had equally successful seasons.



Volleyball team celebrating.

Submitted

The women's team placed third in the MIAC, while the men finished fourth.

Senior Andrew Stumbo completed his hall-of-fame cross-country career by running strong at a star-studded NCAAAs. Men's and women's soccer both reached their respective quarterfinals, as women advanced through to the semis while the men fell in an overtime heartbreaker. However, none of the aforementioned teams had the most impressive fall sport.

"Volleyball missed out on a lot. They had their Fall 2020 and most of the Spring 2021 season canceled... they had a lot of seniors who had experienced MIAC championships and na-

tional tournaments, and they were eager to get a chance to get back to that kind of competition," Siewert said.

After a dominant regular season, the Gustie volleyball team rallied from an early deficit and defeated Bethel in the MIAC championship game. They advanced to the NCAA tournament and defeated highly-touted Chicago before falling to UW-Eau Claire in the semifinals. This sensational squad was led by Senior Kate Holtan, who earned All-American honors.

"Losing to the eventual national champion UWEC speaks to the leadership of seniors like Kate Holtan and Hailey Embacher, who led the charge all year long," Siewert said.

As impressive as the fall sports were, the winter sports were even better. Women's hockey stood above them all, as they blitzed through the MIAC and had a Cinderella run in the NCAA tournament. The Gusties reached the national championship game before the clock struck twelve, as they lost an overtime heartbreaker and were national runner-ups. This game completed the greatest season in Gustavus Hockey's history, and the team earned school-wide recognition for their impressive performances.

"I'm so proud of our ladies and how hard they battled... this is a special team... a really close-knit, hard-working group... I couldn't be happier for our school," Head Coach Mike Carroll said.

Both the men's and women's swim teams followed hockey's lead, as both had team members

reach nationals. The women sent a relay team to nationals after a second-place finish in the MIAC; the men broke the MIAC points record and claimed the conference for the third consecutive year. This effort was led by MIAC Most Outstanding Swimmer Matthew Strom (Sophomore) and nationals-qualifying Junior Andrew Becker.

"On the men's side, it is almost becoming an expectation to win the conference meet, and they have done that the last three years... Coach Carlson has done an excellent job recruiting top-level student athletes," Siewert said.

The winter season of winning didn't stop there; the Gustie women's basketball team also claimed a MIAC title, as Sophomore Emma Kniefel and Junior Anna Sanders earned All-Conference nods. The men's team also had two All-Conference players, as Seniors Kaleb Feahn and Nolan Malo guided the Gusties through coach Mark Hanson's final season as head coach.

"To have the success that the women had this year was a pleasant surprise... for them to upset Augsburg was really cool to see," Siewert said.

When spring sports rolled around, the winning momentum continued for the Gusties. The men's tennis team just claimed the MIAC title, vanquishing the Carleton Knights in the final match. The women's team followed suit, blitzing through the competition before losing to Carleton in the final. Track standout Junior Birgen Nelson has been nearly un-

stoppable and guided a relay team to a historic victory at the Drake Relays just a few weeks ago. Meanwhile, the men's relay teams are rounding into form as the championship draws near.

Out on the diamond, the Gusties continue to shine. The softball team is led by Sophomore Piper Otto, whose strong pitching has helped the team remain competitive. On the other hand, the Gustie baseball team just broke the home-run school record and is ripe for a deep playoff run. Finally, the men's golf team is set to compete at nationals this upcoming week and has established itself as a top-20 program in the nation.

"Men's golf has been close to reaching the national meet for the last few years and they were able to accomplish that this season for the first time since 2013. Jacob Pedersen is leading that group as the MIAC Player of the Year and a returning All-American," Siewert said.

With the majority of spring sports conference play on the horizon, the Gusties look to be in a good position to end the year on a high note. Gustie Athletic programs have battled through one of the most difficult years in recent memory and come out the other side shining brighter than ever. Highlighted by dominant performances on the court, in the pool, and on the ice rink, the Gusties ended the 2021-2022 season with multiple MIAC titles, dozens of All-American Honors, and countless victories on and off the field. All of these accolades bode well for a 2022-2023 year in sports that cannot come soon enough.



Women's Hockey team poses together.

Submitted