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Campus Safety Report

Friday, September 16, 2022

- On Friday September 16, 2022, Campus Safety responded to a welfare check in the International Center.

Sunday, September 18, 2022

- On Sunday, September 18, 2022, Campus Safety responded to a fire alarm in Southwest Hall. No

smoke, no fire, no damage.

Monday, September 19, 2022

- On Monday, September 19, 2022, Campus Safety discovered some damage to the Golf Facility wind turbine.

Tip of the Week:
Common parking errors:

- Three-flags circle is no parking any time, even with flashers on (\$50 citation).
- Green permit parking is no parking 2am-7am, 7 days a week (\$30 citation).
- All parking in the Stadium/Beck parking lot is marked No Parking 2am-7am, 7 days a week (\$30 citation).
- There are 14 red parking lots, you may have to search more than one lot to find an open parking space.
- Visitor parking is closed to students and staff at all times (\$30 citation).
- A vehicle is not registered until the permit is

- properly displayed on the vehicle (\$30 citation).
 - Temporary Permits: hanging from the rear view mirror, with vehicle information outside
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- ready to have fun
- will respond to emails

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Daily Sabbath Calendar

Academic Convocation: Tuesdays (Christ Chapel)
10 - 10:20

Morning Praise:
Wednesdays (Christ Chapel)
10 - 10:20

Holy Communion:
Thursdays (Christ Chapel)
10 - 10:20

Musical Showcase:
Fridays (Christ Chapel)
10 - 10:20

Sunday Worship Community:
Fridays (Christ Chapel)
6:30

CAB Calendar

Popcorn Friday
September 23rd, 12 PM - 2 PM

50th Mahkato Wacipi powwow held to honor the Dakota

Leah Thompson
Staff Writer

More than 50 Gustavus students and faculty attended the 50th Annual Mahkato Wacipi on Friday, Sept 16 at Dakota Wokiksuye Makoce (Land of Memories Park) in Mankato. Tickets and busing were provided by Gustavus for the first day of the Wacipi. However, the ticket, which was a button, was good for the entire weekend if students wanted to return on their own.

The Mahkato Wacipi is an annual powwow that memorializes the Dakota 38 + 2 who were executed after the US-Dakota War of 1862. To this day, the massacre of the Dakota 38 + 2 remains the largest mass execution in United States history. The execution of the Dakota 38 + 2 was an order signed by President Abraham Lincoln. The + 2 is significant because it represents the two Sioux leaders who escaped the massacre in December 1862, but were later captured and hanged in 1865.

Despite the horrific past surrounding the massacre of 1862, the Mahkato Wacipi is an annual event that celebrates and

honors the traditions of the Dakota people through the gathering of nations. Its mission is to “reconcile and build bridges between all nations through education, storytelling, and sharing Dakota culture” according to the event page on MankatoLIFE.

The Mahkato Mdewakanton Association runs the Mahkato Wacipi and encourages people of all backgrounds to attend, allowing for a weekend of healing and reconciliation among the various communities.

During the first night of the Wacipi, the MC invited attendees to dance with the Dakota dancers. A few Gustavus students joined, including

Sophomore Lukas Lennartson, who had taken a world dance class their first-year that had a unit on various indigenous dances from around the world.

Lennartson grew up in the Mankato area and has attended the Mahkato Wacipi in the past. Although Lennartson had attended the Wacipi as a kid, they felt that they saw things differently now that they’ve attended it as an adult.

Lennartson enjoyed their time at the Wacipi with one of their favorite parts being the regalia, especially a rainbow-themed set that one of the dancers was wearing.

Emily Fletcher is another

Gustavus student who attended the annual Mahkato Wacipi. This was her first time going to a powwow and she said that she thoroughly enjoyed her time there. She spent her time watching the dances, looking at the different vendors, and trying frybread.

“The Wacipi was beautiful. It was filled with so much emotion and love. The regalia was beautiful; you could tell how much time, effort, and care goes into making them,” Fletcher said.

The President’s Council on Indigenous Relations (PCIR) sponsored the trip with the help of an NEH grant. NEH grants are given out to institutions that



An image of the festive grounds at the 50th Mahkato Wacipi powwow.

Izabela Taylor



A Native man in traditional clothing, with children all around.

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50th Mahkato Wacipi powwow (cont.)



A woman in traditional Native dress.



Shot of the festivities and dancers in action.

Izabela Taylor

have humanities-based projects, with the intention of strengthening teaching and learning.

"My students said afterward that there was such a spirit of openness and welcoming to outsiders," Ursula Lindqvist, Professor of Scandinavian Studies and Co-Chair of the PCIR said.

Senior E-con Management major Maddy Rice is a member of the PCIR and her family comes from Bad River Wisconsin. Her family has been attending and taking part in the Bad River Manomin Celebration for as long as she can remember.

"The experience [of go-

ing to a Powwow] is always a learning experience. From learning how to make my own regalia by hand to learning how to dance my style as a little girl. I learn something new everytime I go," Rice said.

As a member of the PCIR, Rice wants the Gustavus community to recognize that the college is on stolen land and to get the community involved by learning more about Indigenous ways of life, values, and traditions.

Another goal of Rice's is to have a land acknowledgment read before every on-campus sporting event. This would fur-

ther show that Gustavus is recognizing its past and is working to change its relationship with the Indigenous community.

"To have a land acknowledgment read at every on-campus sporting event would be amazing...it would be a powerful way of showing respect for the land we work and live on," Rice said.

While the PCIR has many long-term goals, Lindqvist explained that the PCIR's goal for the fall semester is to have at least one major event per month.

These events will bring Indigenous guests to Gustavus for specially tailored events, allow-

ing for open and honest conversations between the Gustavus and Indigenous communities. The events will also open a dialogue about Gustavus' settler history and how to move forward by acknowledging the past.

"One goal of the PCIR is to develop an Indigenous history and culture curricular module for professors and supervisors at Gustavus that can be incorporated into syllabi, training sessions, orientation, etc. that would provide a balanced and nuanced history of this area and this land (Dakota land) upon which our college stands,"

Professor Lindqvist said.

As September begins to wind down, one of the upcoming events that students can be on the lookout for will be on Indigenous Peoples Day. For this year's Indigenous Peoples Day, Maddy Rice and Professor Katie Boone will speak during chapel break at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, Oct 10, sharing their own stories and connections that they have to Indigenous communities.

"[We need to work] towards honoring and inviting in the truth of our own history," Rice said.

A new grassroots campus community

Michaela Woodward
Staff Writer

Gustavus Junior Andrew Mendez and Sophomore Elizabeth Klebs have started an initiative to create a campus community geared toward sexual assault prevention and education.

Flyers distributed during the involvement fair last Tuesday call it "A new grassroots campus community initiative to prevent sexual assault". The flyer goes on to describe the intent of the group: "We want to cultivate a culture of safety, healing, and belonging on campus from within the student body by promoting collaborative discussions and innovative solutions surrounding sexual assault."

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The concept for this community-based organization began with a conversation in the Pittman basement about the work Mendez was doing in the Title IX office. "Last year I was hired as a Statistician Consultant, which was kind of an internship with the Title IX department, to look over their climate data from 2015 and 2019... my main focus was looking at the 2019 data, and basically analyzing and figuring out the issues on campus and how we can have targeted prevention," Mendez said.

"One night I was in the basement of Pittman working on the stats. I came out, I saw Elizabeth and I kind of talked to her about the stats. And it all just kind of took off from there," Mendez said.

However, the idea of a campus-led community was not initially on the table, or potentially feasible.

"I was really interested in the work that he was doing but I did not intend to be involved with it at the beginning," Klebs said.

"I didn't really know where to go. I didn't really have anything set in stone. [It was] just kind of a dream," Mendez said.

Over the summer, the idea took shape as a response to the lack of resources currently available that meet the needs of students. "It's a topic that has been talked about quite a bit, but there hasn't been a sustainable solution that we've



Andrew Mendez and Elizabeth Klebs.

Hailey Brune

personally found has been presented yet," Klebs said.

"A huge focus of our goal is having an extra bridge to admin, because currently there really isn't much of a bridge on this topic. The only bridge is Title IX, and with Title IX there's kind of a reputation around it that has been built just because of the systemic issues that it's had throughout the years, so we believe that this is a new bridge that allows us to have a direct communication between the student body and admin about any of these issues," Mendez said.

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"We also hope to kind of almost be like the DLC of the sexual assault initiatives on campus in the different groups that are already doing stuff around this topic. We hope to collaborate with them and just really unite the student body together in creating a supportive group effort towards this," Klebs said.

Additionally, the community hopes to provide workshops such as weekly self-defense classes and other preventative and educational events.

Students with ideas, suggestions, or who are interested in joining can email Klebs (eklebs@gustavus.edu) or Mendez (amendez@gustavus.edu). In particular, the community is looking for someone with strengths in graphic design, as well as advocates.

"More than anything we need advocates. One of the other main goals is that we'll

have a student-led advocacy group, which will be very similar to SART, but it will be run by students. That is our main focus right now," Mendez said.

While this new community is currently in the process of being recognized as an official student organization, they are welcoming anyone to take part in the initial steps of spreading the word and offering suggestions to meet needs on campus.

"This is something that we hope to be just like an all-around community effort. Anyone who has ideas or just wants to join in any capacity would be awesome," Klebs said.

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ideas or just wants to join in any capacity would be awesome."

"Trying to get as many people in and trying to get this as big of a group effort as possible, because it is a huge issue on campus, it is something that we all have to take part in," Mendez said.

A new grassroots campus community (cont.)

A new grassroots campus community initiative to prevent sexual assault

We need your help!

As students of GAC, we want to cultivate a culture of safety, healing, and belonging on campus from within the student body by promoting collaborative discussions and innovative solutions surrounding sexual assault.

There are many roles to fill!

Interested?

Contact: eklebs@gustavus.edu or
amendez@gustavus.edu

One of multiple flyers handed out during the Involvement Fair. If you're interested, make sure to contact either email listed above.

OLAS celebrates national Hispanic Heritage Month

Emma Kelsey
Staff Writer

OLAS (the Organization for Latin American and Spanish cultures) is a meaningful organization here at Gustavus for many Gusties. OLAS members host many events throughout the year.

Senior Ana Martinez Magana is Co-President of OLAS and she shared how the org will be celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month, which takes place every year from Sept 15 to Oct 15. They kicked off the series of weekly events last week with an open mic night, which was labeled as a success by Magana.

This week on Thursday, Sept 22nd, OLAS had a pick-up soccer event called El Campeonato ("the little championship") held on the Gustavus football field. Magana explained how soccer is very important to Latin American countries, and is ex-

cited to finally be implementing it into an OLAS event.

"We're all big soccer fans," Magana said.

Junior Andrea Cruz Bracamontes, who is on the board of OLAS, describes El Campeonato with great enthusiasm.

"I have high hopes for this event and hope to see this become an annual tradition. The idea for this event came from the Latin American pick-up soccer leagues in the Twin Cities; we wanted to foster a similar environment here at Gustavus," Bracamontes said.

She added that OLAS members noticed a large demand for pick-up soccer games around campus, which pushed them to make El Campeonato a reality.

The org and its events are evidently very important to its members, who hope to bring many aspects of Latinx culture to campus, and share with those who would like to learn more.

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for people who want to know about the culture," Magana said.

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"Mainly, OLAS [exists] to bring the Latino community to campus so people get familiarized with it, and learn more about it," Magana said.

She explained how their events incorporate many different areas of Latinx culture: singing, dancing, film, and different aspects of the culture which allow students to explore a variety of experiences. Magana hopes that this month's events can serve as a great jumping off point for the rest of the year for OLAS. She expresses hopes that people learn about the org and

come to join in on the fun.

"We have a lot of great surprises this year," Magana said.

As an international student from Mexico City, Magana has a special place in her heart for OLAS.

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She describes how she has watched the organization grow and flourish during her time here at Gustavus, and expresses an eager hope to grow the OLAS community and share what it has to offer with many more Gusties.

"I love seeing people learn

and experience the culture. The opportunity to share my culture... I really love that." Magana said.

Junior Itzell Martinez shares a similar viewpoint on OLAS and what it means to her personally.

"OLAS means a lot to me, it is a way to connect with others that had a similar upbringing. It is not just for Latin American students on campus, it is for everyone. OLAS loves to share our cultural traditions with everyone and in every event we do," Martinez said.

Bracamontes also expresses enthusiasm and personal connections with this organization.

"It is quite literally my favorite thing about Gustavus. OLAS to me is a community of anyone who is open to learning about Latin American culture; we strive to have a good time and make it as inclusive as possible." Bracamontes said.

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Both Bracamontes and Martinez agree that the most memorable OLAS event for them was Latinx night, a big event which took place last spring. Martinez described her experience with Latinx Night as a "rollercoaster" since she had no previous experience helping plan such a large event, but reflects on how great of an experience it was to go through with fellow OLAS members.

"Latinx Night means more to us than just a large event that we hosted last year. It was the physical manifestation of months of hard work, defying criticism, and proving how strong the Gustavus and local Latin American communities are," Bracamontes said.

Gustavus students can follow OLAS' instagram account to stay updated on future events: @gustavus_olas.



OLAS Board 2021-22 at Latin X night.

Submitted