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The search for a new president of Aquinas College is over. Ed Balog, former provost, is selected as the sixth president of Aquinas College.

The chosen one: President C. Edward Balog addresses the audience during a press conference to announce he is the next president of Aquinas College. The announcement was made by Board of Trustees chair Patrick Miles, Jr., on May 3.

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By Bryan Esler

The door is ajar... After nearly a year without a permanent president, Aquinas College announced on May 3 that interim president C. Edward Balog would become the sixth president of the college.

The search process began last summer, after former provost Harry Knapke announced he would retire from his position in January 2006. Balog was chosen to be the interim president after Knapke retired the college on July 1, 2006, while continuing his duties as provost and dean of faculty.

The presidential search process was marked by controversy by the Aquinas community, as many felt the need to know more about the search process and the candidates.

The Aquinas Board of Trustees chose R. H. Perry and Associates to lead the process in June 2006 and disrupt looking outside of the college for its permanent leader. A total of 17 candidates out of 168 other top individuals applied. Among the process, the individual one to the top was the most qualified candidate and the most capable person to handle the presidential duties, said Patrick Miles, Jr., chairman of the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees is confident that we found the best person and that person was already sitting in the interim president's chair," said Balog.

Balog assumed the presidential duties on July 1, 2006. "We were so impressed with Patrick Miles, Jr., chairman of the Board of Trustees," said Balog.

"The best thing that I can do at this point in my life is to be a part of the progress we're certain to make," Balog said.

Wireless access expanded on campus

By Whitney Bloomer

Editorial Board of The Saint

As part of a plan to incorporate new technological advances into campus, members of the Aquinas community will be able to utilize the campus Wi-Fi system in Wege Center, Aquinata Hall and East Area starting this year.

"We expect that wireless will allow students to become more mobile on campus and provide them with convenient access," said Brad Vedders, Network Systems Administrator at Aquinas.

"We will be able to read your e-mail while walking in Wege, do research in the Cook Carriage House and read the newspaper while relaxing in the living room of your residence," Vedders said.

"The technology will have evolved enough by spring to allow access," said Vedders.

The wireless project has been working together to devise a three-year plan to bring wireless to more places on campus.

"We felt it was important to roll out technology across campus," said Vedders. "We also felt that East Area would allow us to cover a large geographic area to jump start the project."

"We are sure that this technology will have evolved enough by spring to allow access," said Vedders.

THE WIRELESS PROJECT

Summer '09: East Area completed.

Summer '10: Proposed installation of wireless across campus.

Spring '11: Deployment of wireless access.

YOUR NEW SAINT!

Dear reader,

For the past several months, the editorial board of the Saint has been busy designing ways to make the way we work even better. We have had several changes, which often results in many problems for readers. The best way you can help is just by e-mailing us the changes you see here, which is the least we can do to make sure you will enjoy the Saint.

In the meantime, we encourage you to check out our new website or by e-mailing us at the.sahtusty@aquinas.edu. We also welcome any suggestions about our new designs. We are happy to read your comments in our online edition, or by e-mailing us at 2800 Chanute Rd.

We hope you enjoy the hard work we've put into this first issue of the new Saint.

By Bryan Esler, Editor-in-Chief


**New apartment complex in the works**

By Tiffany Hagar

Students who wish to smoke on campus will have to find other places to do so. This was the conclusion reached by university administrators during a recent committee meeting. The decision was based on evidence that the right to alter the consequences of second-hand smoke. We are trying to create a smoke-free environment for all students. The apartment complex, the only one of its kind in the United States, is expected to be completed in 2012.

**Campus-wide smoking ban goes into effect**

By Emily Denoche

Grand Rapids Mayor George Heartwell announced at a recent city council meeting that the city will implement a smoke-free policy on all public properties, including the university campus. The policy will take effect on September 1, 2011.

**Heartwell narrows Tormay in major primary win to election**

By Whitney Renz

In addition to the major primary win to election, Heartwell also announced that he will continue to run for re-election in the November general election. The mayor, who currently holds the position of City Commissioner, said that he is looking forward to working with the new council members to improve the quality of life for all Grand Rapids residents.

**State Sak proposes sending of texts while driving to be illegal**

State Sen. John Chidsey, D-Grand Rapids, plans to push legislation to make the sending of text messages while driving a violation of law. This move follows a national trend, as more and more states are considering similar laws to ban texting while driving.

**State Unemployment rates hike in 14 of 17 Michigan regions**

By Whitney Renz

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THERE is nothing more picturesque than Aquinas College in the spring and summer — and nothing better than enjoying the sunshine and cool breeze blowing inland from Lake Michigan at the end of summer. Luckily for Aquinas, it finds itself situated in Grand Rapids, one of the prettiest cities in the Midwest. From the beauty of the best restaurants this side of the state has to offer — and all are within walking distance. The members of the Editorial Board have picked their favorite restaurants within walking distance of Aquinas and hope you will enjoy the end of summer so it should be — enjoying the sunshine with friends, fair weather and fine food.

Food: The Melting Pot invites all to join "Fun in the Sun" The Melting Pot offers discounted fondue and draw a conclusion to a hectic summer. Fondue is delicious in every way, especially with specials, including specialty main courses and wines. The Melting Pot will have fresh chocolate fondues with the purchase of an entrée for two on Sundays in July.

In the Spotlight: Whitney Ehresman

A 25-year-old California girl has found that as an artist and writer, she can combine the worlds of the arts and commerce. Whitney Ehresman, who is originally from Los Angeles, has used her art to deliver a personal message to the world. Whitney Ehresman paints with a literary "scream."
Football: Lions outlast Bengals in preseason opener, 26-24

The Lions had a chance to put two of the three touchdowns in the fourth quarter to help lead their second game in Cincinnati Wednesday. The Lions won the game with 45 yards in the win. The Lions will travel to Cleveland to take on the Browns on Sunday.

Golf: Tiger ties record during PGA Championship, wins tournament

Woods has won the lowest tournament score for a major on Friday. Woods won the second round of the PGA Championship. He tied a 62 when he was 18 holes on the 18th hole, nearly going 63. Woods also won the tournament Sunday, finishing two strokes ahead of Anthony. The American holds the 27-year-old for 165 yards and six strokes.

What to Watch: Men's & Women's Soccer

The men's and women's soccer teams begin their quest for a winning season on August 22 by hosting the Wilkes University Bears. The men and women both open the season with two home games against Wilkes.

The West Michigan Whippets kept their grip on the top slot in the GLIAC League on Monday with a 3-1 victory by beating the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers on Sunday. The Timber Rattlers are the Class A affiliate of the Milwaukee Brewers. The Whippets' only loss was the seventh game of the series, 5-4 on Tuesday.

Carson Barber won the third game held on Monday for West Morris, allowed five hits and two runs in seven innings. Nolan Gallagher earned the loss for Wisconsin.

Both Brennan Rosen and Ryan Streby hit home runs for the Whippets in the win. The Whippets entered the contest with a 2-0-1 record in the Midwest League.

Two Tuesday's game went to extra innings with the Whippets coming out on top, 6-5 in the 12th inning. Johnny Amendola had a two-run home run in the sixth inning. Faller led on base for the Whippets with two hits.

Wisconsin quickly came back to file for a second round of the WHAC manch. "It was an important win for us," said Amiel. "This game is a great way to start the season.

The win gives on his entire crew, and the team a new goal for the season.

New Editor Whitney Diemont, contributed to this article.