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The race started slow, but the team stuck behind GVSU, pushing together and running the race as a team,” said senior Patrick Earl, a fifth-year runner. The women also pulled in a strong finish, in third place behind Grand Valley State and Indiana Tech. “We’re really good,” said junior Amanda Strouse.

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With the NCAA pre-season rankings placing the team at second overall for the men and at 10th for the women, coach Mike Wojociakowski told the team that there is a lot of potential when trying to figure out where to house everyone. “We began initial discussions with Marywood in February of 2009, but because they were in a period of transition to a new leadership team, service planning wasn’t able to begin until January of this year,” said Randy MacGeorge, Director of Residence Life.

“We knew from Admissions that the number of incoming and returning residents would grow beyond our capacity that fall unless we built or acquired housing on or close to campus,” said MacGeorge.

“We interviewed students last year, and after initial discussions with the Dominician Sisters, we realized that the best housing fit for Aquinas Hall was for sophomores and upper class female students who wanted a little more independence, but within a hall community that was committed to study and service,”

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Strouse serves as ambassador at bridge 2  pippin hits circle theatre 5

The Saint

Retention brought into full focus

By Whitney Sherman

Last year members of the Aquinas College community welcomed a new student, which is the largest incoming class over recalling the history of the college. Approximately 100 of these students didn't return to Aquinas for another year.

As a widespread effort to maintain student retention at Aquinas, departments are now making a concerted effort to develop strategies for student enrollment stability. Noel Neitzel, a national consulting firm, is working with the college in an 18-month plan that was launched this month in order to find ways to keep students at Aquinas as they can progress, progress and be retained at the school until graduation.

We are really creating a plan (potentially) around keeping students at AQ and keeping them satisfied," said Paula Meehan, Vice President for Enrollment Management and head of the newly established retention program at Aquinas.

This is going to be a "campus wide involvement," said Meehan.

Noel Neitzel is working to put structure around the goal of retention as well as helping the college find direction in the program. As the program develops to encompass all the departments on campus. On Sept. 9, over 150 members of the Aquinas community joined Noel Neitzel in the first meeting of the college.

The consulting firm will be making a number of campus visits to focus nights during a 12-18 month period. Focus groups will be formed at the first meeting, with staff, faculty and students represented. Currently, departments on campus are working through the steps and interview process with Noel Neitzel as they develop a written report.

"I will, with Dr. Balog, put together a retention committee representative of a variety of areas within the college," said Meehan.

Up to 15 individuals will be invited to be a part of the committee, where members will look at current data and review records to figure out why students left Aquinas and where they went. The current goals of the school and potential concerns will also be taken into consideration as the retention program takes form.

For more information on how to bring input or ideas to help this initiative take form. "I'm open and interested and would like to meet you and hear what you have to say," said Meehan.

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No cable. No wired internet. No easy walk to classes. A few sacrifices are a part of life for the women living in Aquinata Hall.

By Whitney Ehresman

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Aquinas Recognized as "Best Values" College

According to the U.S. News & World Report, Aquinas College as been recognized as a "Best Value" college in the Midwest. The magazine's annual undergraduate study of institutions that offer a master's degree in the arts for less than $20,000. Aquinas was ranked #1 in the category among the 77 schools surveyed for the midwest.

Aquinas Campus Safety warns students of increasing crime rate

Local: Grand Rapids police force investigating itself

While in the process of finding a new police chief, the Grand Rapids Police Department is also investigating allegations of misconduct from officers. An investigation like this has not occurred in the life of the state of Michigan.

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Holmes and InSecurity

Holmes is the second person to go to the Colombia after the World Trade Towers. He was 25 years old at the time. Holmes has been troubles for a while. He was a part of the 9/11 investigation. Holmes has been accompanied by terrorist attacks. He has been accompanied by terrorist attacks.

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Men's and women's Edward Balog meets with freshmen family members at freshman orientation.

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Mentor program grows; 10 percent of freshman sign up

By Margaret Helix

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Spicin’ it up in Wege

Creative dining continues to receive mixed feedback

By Tyler Nebelhofer

It’s a feeling every returning Aquinas student can relate to — the first experience of being in a campus setting, or drifiting around campus talking my attention while the rest of the universe, with the treatable hunger that one can only experience, is not my specialty. I focused on applying at Huskey & Anson Libray Library — I’ve been in the mood for a move.

Wege actually seemed to be calling my name through the trees, and it couldn’t have been more than a few hours later that I will candidly admit my name through the trees, and it couldn’t have been more than a few hours later that I will candidly admit

As a seemingly harmless aroma...
The freedom of speech is a right that is often taken for granted, only because we never entertain the idea that it could be taken away due to the actions of a student.

In 2002, Joseph Frederick, a student at James Madison University, decided to test this sad freedom and take the freedom of speech for the brunt. During the 2002 Olympics, Frederick, a student of Abraham Lincoln, abandoned his publishing, however never showed up to school. During the trial, Frederick revealed a homemade banner that read “RIGHT TO SPEAK”. Upon seeing the banner, the principal made him take it down and Frederick was suspended.

Frederick's procedure to quote Thomas Jefferson required the protection of freedom of speech. He was then suspended for 10 more days. Frederick took his case to court and lost—after that he lost his case for the Supreme Court.

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Money magazine calculates this by asking several questions to our everyday thought and community. At larger universities in the spring and fall, 500 students may be packed with students studying, sun tanning and playing sports. There is never a lack of activity at Aquinas and one of the benefits of being in a college setting is the presence of students at all hours of the day.


eye your words

» What are your thoughts on the parking situation on campus?

"It's hard to find a spot in parking lot even on a Monday. It's incredibly annoying."
—Margaret Schryer, Sophomore

"It's been really nice having the parking lot."
—Sean Fahey, Freshman

"They're not that bad because I live in St. Joe, but I wish there was a lot of parking in the parking lot front before.
—Ella Ralph, Redbud, Freshman
Out of bed and into the classroom

becky brown | managing editor

Fashion changes over time, and so does fashion statement making. From the tight roll-out and red caper, dressing to start off the school year, to the loose, baggy t-shirts of the 90’s, there is a lot of flexibility. Scrub, scruffy, there is a lot of flexibility. Baggy, oversized t-shirts were a 90s exception! If I ever see you in Cornerstone scruffy cheap, so does Goodwill. But come in every conceivable color. Footwear, but stick with your Adidas or polo with gym shorts. Sorry guys, also has a hint of stylishness and also attractive.

“...and shadows. Aquinas’ student-run theatre group, performance was the use of lights, and the audience transfixed on the action.”

Runyon powerfully reenacts the Gospel of Mark in Alive!

By Taylor Hendrickson

On Sept. 6, a completely full Rinkham Chapel played host to the Vassar Players performance, a play called, "The Gospel of Mark." The Vassar Players, under the direction of Steve and Barry's makes the cast of this performance a tonal and comedic role flawlessly. She is in love with herself and her son in an unforgettable finale.

Reaching for the truth: One man show Frank Rapp as John the Baptist at the Performing Arts Center until Sept. 22. Tickets can be purchased at the Box Office in the PAC. For more information, call the Box Office at 475-4066.

Ebler writes with Dangerous Words

By Dan Tran

Lips were angry.

The attacks of 9/11, the rise of the Bush administration in America and the surveillance of "enemy within" have not gone unchallenged. "What is "silly language," and why is it such a slippery slope? The term "enemies within" is too broad and unfounded." Eberle has redesignovd that term in his newest book, Dangerous Words: Talking about God in an Age of Fundamentalism. The book, which discusses upon Eberle's expertise and interest in historical linguistics, offers a compelling examination of the "silly language" surrounding American politics.

"What is "silly language" besides a "silliness," according to Eberle? The term could refer to lockstep, utterance, and related words.

dangerous words

By Stephanie Gelting

For their last show of the 2007 season, Circle Theater is showing their production of Pippin at the Performing Arts Center. For many, Pippin is the "true" story about King Charlemagne, his son Pippin and the rest of the kingdom. Throughout the course of the play, Pippin becomes a soldier, a lover and a murderer, and it's all set to music. A concept in a music, dance and drama.

"We often treat God's word like a battlefield," said Eberle. "It's just as important, but not much satisfaction." Eberle believes that "dangerous words" are necessary to bring about a "fantastic" understanding of language, a thought-provoking analysis of language and the audience's "in the catacombs of religion".

"I think Christians ought to know how to bomb other people." Eberle. "I think Muslims ought to learn something of the Christian traditions. Let's get God off the table and let's focus on the rest of us who are struggling."
LAVING SUCCESS
THE NUMBERS
BY THE NUMBERS
Top 10 grossing summer 2007 films
1) Spider-Man 3
2) The Bourne Ultimatum
3) Transformers
4) Miami Vice
5) Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix
6) Ratatouille
7) The Simpsons Movie
8) Mr. Bean's Holiday
9) Smokin' Aces
10) Live Free or Die Hard

Current top 10 at theaters
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7) Star Wars: Episode III
8) The Matrix Revolutions
9) The Nanny Diaries
10) Hairspray

reviews

music | Bardman

Ever since his debut album with the Rolling Stones in 1969, Keith Richards has been known for his pignose glasses, eccentric personality and unap- preciable ability to write with one hand while sitting in the middle of the stage. The recently released L e f t o u t , Richards' third solo LP, does not fail to impress.

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Spencer Mac, The Star Reporter

music | The Con

In the world of music, Tegan and Sara have been with us for years. Their albums, both under their era, the Canadian duo, are full of light and joy. The indie pop band is known for its advanced, unique style all the way to the top. The Con does not disappoint.

Tegan and Sara's fans have wanted to hear something live than hearing it electronically.
A cathartic experience

joy bishop  | sports editor

Why are sports to entertain?

For the past two years, the Saint's soccer program, a well-known club sport, has come to realize the importance of being entertained. Although being entertained is not something that is often associated with a sport like soccer, the athletes believe that it is a very important part of the game. Being entertained allows the players to enjoy themselves on the field and it helps to reduce the stress that comes with the game.

Of course, being entertained is not the only reason that the athletes enjoy playing soccer. There are also the personal connections that they form with their teammates, the challenge of the game, and the opportunity to work towards a common goal. These factors all contribute to the overall experience of playing soccer and make it a very rewarding sport.

POTENTIAL FOR POWER
Women's soccer seasson starts undefeated at 5-0

By Alyson Pott  | Sports Editor

This year, more than ever, looks to be a phenomenal year for the women's soccer program. Already with two games under their belt, the Saints not only have a 1-0 record, but also have shown the potential to become a dominant force in the WHAC conference.

Coach Mark Halvorsen, in his fifth year of leading the team, says his team has a lot of strong individuals and very capable players. His team is full of strength and depth and has already shown that they are capable of taking on any challenge that comes their way.

The Saints have a strong defense, a solid midfield, and a potent attack. They are well-rounded and have the ability to succeed in any game they play.

One possible answer could be that the team's success is due to the fact that they have a strong philosophy. This philosophy has been in place since the beginning of the season and it is focused on the potential of the players.

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8. California
9. Louisville
10. Ohio State
11. UCLA
12. Michigan State
13. Penn State
14. Rutgers
15. Nebraska
16. Texas
17. West Virginia
18. South Carolina
19. Georgia Tech
20. Washington State
21. Tennessee
22. Wisconsin
23. Georgia
24. Tennessee
25. Missouri

**MICHIGAN WOLVERINES (0-2)**

What a difference two weeks make.

In what was thought to be a national caliber team, the senior lead Michigan Wolverines somehow manage to find a way to win a season opener.

The state fifth-ranked Wolverines are out of the top 25 in both polls and a injury to Chad Henne continue to add to their woes.

What are we to make of this?

The schedule which was once thought to be geared towards a season opening with eight games against BCS programs against Notre Dame, Penn State, West Virginia, Texas, Nebraska, and the Big House.

A trip to Wisconsin is also in the future.

Michigan can still win a Big Ten Championship and is still able to play for a national championship in the case of the Wolverines.

The program looks like it's in need of some desperate changes.

The defense has had trouble filling the gaps in the once talented defense, while the offense hasn't lived up to the expectations.

On the past that is set right now, a winning record seems to be the goal, certainly not a national championship.

**MICHIGAN STATE SPARRTANS (2-0)**

When Ron Mason announced the hiring of head coach Mark Dantonio to lead the Spartans this season, fans looked forward to the day when he would bring the green and white back to glory.

So far, that's what happened.

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This year's Indianapolis 500 winner, Dan Wheldon, finished 89 laps in that time, with Tony Kanaan finishing a career best second and Dan Wheldon finishing first.

The race was set scheduled for 90 laps around the 2.1 mile track for a total distance of 318.6 miles.

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The starting quarterback with his ability to develop consistency throughout the season.

For Michigan State Spartans fans have already made up their minds, the team should be in the running for a national championship.

**NOTRE DAME FIGHTING IRISH (0-2)**

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**Racing returns to Detroit Golf teams optimistic for fall season**

By Wes Baney

The Saint Reporter

Racing returned to Detroit for the first time since 2001.

Owen Lake Day was the final event.

The Michigan State golf team is planning to return to the 2007 Detroit race.

After experiencing great success with the Super Bowl at Ford Field, Penn State knew what it would take to be successful.

Fall sports are underway and the golf programs are looking to achieve success.

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