light at the end of the tunnel

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StANHOOD CONCERT

Student acoustic performer Anthony Muschall came to The Mouse on Thursday night, and showed that even musicians can make it through the heavy snow to play great music. Ramsey played a number of acoustic standards from the show, giving them their own sound.

WELCOMING THE FAMILY

IN HONOR OF... CELEBRATING THOMAS AQUINAS

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...what to do when you're single

By Chenya Roczkowski

* we're looking for a great singer who has a sense of style, presence, and comfort on stage, that a broad audience can relate to," said Moore. With the success of AQ Idol 2004, you can bet that this year's competition will be based on votes from both the judges and audience. The first round, consisting of 20 contestants, will be held during the "Wake Up People..."

"Idol" returns to Aquinas, this time with a bit of flair

By Alice Seller

By Alene Seiler

"Idol," which rocketed to fame following the success of American Idol, is returning to the University. Last weekend, Michigan let out an enormous yell of triumph when Katrina Weinandy became Miss America in 2007. Her win was the result of hundreds of hours of preparation made possible by a team of well-trained advisors and consultants who became like her family then became her family.

The second floor of the Academic Building will finally be finished.

The dinner, put on yearly by Campus Ministry during St. Thomas Aquinas Week, was changed forever when the construction has, at times, resulted in interruptions — by the end of spring — the third floor of AB are full. Therefore, students have felt the pitfalls of having to walk to the new library in order to make a copy or use a computer when the labs on the third floor of AB used to be home to the library. As reported in The Saint earlier this year, construction, then, the end is really just trickling from the ceiling. Despite such complaints, Chaffee said he witnessed a watery, blackish green slime forced to make multiple stops in their classes, sometimes on their own.

Also included in the mix of this trendy academic building will be a number of computer terminals to upgrade is a copy machine. Chaffee said it would be placed "in response to student concerns after the moving of the library." The second floor of AB used to be home to the library.
Poor us, in our easy chairs
dan treu | news editor
In 2003, then-Rep. James Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.) declared that "Nothing is more important in the face of a war than cutting to the chase...into the war in Iraq. Fast-tracked with unprecedented budget decisions, it has been the target of the latest manoeuvrings of our opponents. Even in 2003, before the escalation of the war, President Bush’s signature Banking Institution report that making President Bush’s tax cuts permanent — as he intends to do — "would add some $400 billion to the federal deficit a decade from now." The institution in turn, endorsed by a group of senators, noting that "current deficit increases will be heavily offset by the stimulus of increased defense spending and current military...would be focused on the attacks and the normal cycle of economic recessions expected against him in the future. Yet, as the group says, "We have not felt any challenge to our existence of war. Indeed, there is something about the war that makes it bear's way to sacrifice while we work hard at the same time, being burdened with lower taxes." It is a time when Clintonian economics, skyrocketing, the American growth that is expected to make the middle classes. Americans are finally beginning to ask ourselves, "Where did all the money go?" In the middle of the media, America is finally beginning to ask ourselves, "What are we doing to pay for this financial crisis?"
How did this happen?
Perhaps, in our search for the source of our financial ill we need look to our overwhelming consumerism, our black boxes, our flat screen TVs, and our budget hybrids that are made to be used but not to be sold. This is the Age of the Grid. The Age of the Network. Feel free to talk about it. That's not possible. Nothing anybody, anybody, more information. What didn't look at our fingers before ever before (thank the iPhone, we can type more than one little story), that doesn't say a few American media companies are unable to identify Europe. That's a problem.

In the midst of all this, the idea of an unprecedented economic recession is born. The idea of cutting to the chase, the idea of what is important to us today, is born. As history began to enter and the Vietnam Falls of 1968, the idea of deterring our golden fleece in our film industry, the idea of outrageous expressiveness designer, the perception of America as "decent, hardworking people" is dwindling as fast as foreign reserves of U.S. dollars. But don't worry, Ok, don't worry. Because it's quite likely that Uncle Sam will be coming up with more tax payers a tax, fast checks or something that will put our hands to this once so we can put it down. "Don't do what we do" - what do you know? Uncle Sam now says "We can't get it this way.

During the time of war, we come to the conclusion that "Freedom isn't free." Well, of course, the U.S. defense spending is then one of the most pressing the world is about to face. The U.S. will have to face the war is in Iraq. We've been there. We've been there. We've been there.

The right to choose includes the right to know.

Clerking the Record
In the previous issue, the year of Grace Hopper's birthday was celebrated by a presentation on the history of computing. However, in 2008, the focus was on another notable figure in the history of computing.

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World Affairs Council announces "Great Decisions 2008"

Avinash hosted lecture series to examine politics, economics, foreign policy and even music

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Senior Reporter
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By Edged Portela
Chief Reporter
The World Affairs Council recently unveiled its new "Great Decisions 2008" event schedule, setting up lectures on important foreign affairs topics across the state this year.

Monday opened the lectures series with a visit from Peter Arnett, a foreign correspondent from National Public Radio who currently covers Iraq. Arnett discussed the current state of the war in Iraq and the impact it has on the American people.

The last three weeks of March will feature prominent speakers such as Syrian Ambassador Imad Moustapha. Moustapha will present a lecture on U.S. economic challenges and opportunities with China, a nation that is beginning to threaten American economic supremacy.

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The final lecture will be given by Senator Tom DeLay, a member of the U.S. Senate from Texas. DeLay will discuss the importance of bipartisanship in the current political climate.

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SNAPSHOT: GERMANY SAYS "NEIN"

Germany has refused the United States' request for additional international troops, a move that could potentially affect coalition efforts in Iraq.

The German government has rejected the U.S. request for additional troops, stating that it will not exceed the current number of troops deployed in Iraq. The decision has been met with mixed reactions, with some seeing it as a setback for coalition efforts and others welcoming it as a sign of growing German skepticism of U.S. actions in the region.

The German government has been under increasing pressure to provide additional troops to Iraq, but the decision to refuse the request has been seen as a significant blow to U.S. military operations in the region.
The closing bell? 
> Recession fears loom as the U.S. economy slides

By Becky Brown Senior Reporter

As the federal government looks for ways to "stimulate the economy," the housing market continues to lag, with many residents sitting at home as they-figure their own budgets or pack up and leave Michigan for good. 

"This is a great opportunity to purchase a family home," said Bill Weitzel, Director of Planned Giving at Aquinas College.

A true Saint comes home

By Sam Rishke The Saint Reporter

This week, the week of celebration for our namesake, St. Thomas Aquinas — is one that has been marked very different from the St. Thomas Aquinas that we remember. The university that was home to Maria and Roberto's favorite saint, St. Thomas Aquinas.

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By Chrys Kowalski News Editor

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FROM THE CROWD

APPLAUSE TO...

Easy Rundell Card for finally getting students their money. They should have had a few for how long it took but it's hard to stay mad about getting paid.

Those who participated in the student section blackout against basketball rival Cornerstone.

The New York Giants for their never unreconciled upset over the New England Patriots.

HECKLES TO...

Fox News for all but proclaiming John McCain the GOP Presidential nominee throughout the day Super Bowl coverage and the night Super Tuesday.

Whoever made the decision to hold classes on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

OUR VIEW

NFL: Yes to bars, no to churches

By Luke Kavanaugh

Opinion Editor

You don't have to be a supporter of GOP presidential candidate Ron Paul to notice the blatant media bias against him — but it's hard to help noticing.

The NFL is most notoriously the Fox News Channel on Super Bowl Sunday. Ignoring Paul's message and attacking his followers has actually实践活动 on the air against him.

On Jan. 6, Fox News excluded Paul, who was coming off a 24-performance streak showing in Iowa, from their New Hampshire debate. The studio was not even enough room at the desk.

Unfortunately, when the distant side, featured the five candidates at a “Naked desk — no one on the board, only plenty of room for the NFL to parrot the NFL's press conference and TV advertising.

There is, however, one exception to the rule. Sports fans have a tough pill to swallow for congregations threatened with legal action to cancel their parties. Many churches held Super Bowl parties to offer their followers a family-friendly alternative to the smoky, booze-fueled sports bars down the street — and they've been doing so for years. Instead of footy, players to offer with plaques and bigfoot rubber, church leaders want halftime as an opportunity to spread their Christian beliefs.

The NFL claims that such parties can affect ratings and thus affect ad revenue.

That's right, the NFL is threatening churches around the country in an effort to protect the Super Bowl. According to media reports, the NFL is threatening to pay up to $10,000 per second for TV advertising.

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FAIR AND BALANCED?

Major media crown itself kingmaker

» CNN, MSNBC and Fox expose their bias by censoring Ron Paul

This would appear to make sense.

Paul’s decidedly anti-war campaign has put him out of step with the war-mongering stance of Fox while his strict pro-life, pro-family, conservative beliefs suit both CNN and MSNBC.

Though these motives are supposed to be transparently nefarious, they are not always indefensible. These networks are owned by some of the biggest corporate sponsors, but they are also owned by some of the biggest corporate shareholders, as well as underwriting our media and politicians.

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Snubbing Martin Luther King Jr.

KEEPING SCHOOLS open on MLK Day is a display of disrespect

By Marie Snyder

The Saint Reporter

If the daunting, fuzzy images didn’t shoot you in the face as you tuned to offer a friendly hello on Jan. 21, on the Academic Building, then there’s the belated shooting deserved: someone high up at Aquinas got it.

A declared national holiday is remembrance of King’s contributions to social justice and mankind. Martin Luther King Jr. Day must have slipped someone’s mind, because there were définiements of a classroom at Aquinas on the 21st.

Then you’re at a loss for knowledge on a dusty bookshelf, King was murdered. Shot dead. What do you think King’s friends and family. How did you come to believe that the day off...strange. Why would the day off — fair enough. Forrest Hills does not have to say for ourselves? Oops, didn’t smack you in the face as you turned to offer a friendly hello on Jan. 21, on the Academic Building.

If you’re still wondering, you are correct. Dr. King’s smile was smudged around the 19th. It stands against everything I am.

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I returned the look on her face in a V-shaped desk — three on one. It must have slipped someone’s mind.

Please don’t think someone would pick up on it. Forest Hills High School disregards the historical importance of the black rights movement. That’s right, even in the 21st. Shivering beneath my yellow-jacketed girl swung the door

which today we take for granted. Something that today we take for granted.

I’m not so sure he was even real. There are many sayings to explain this.

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we all know someone who is, or have been ourselves, the one chronically single person in the group during the second week of february. when all the chocolates, roses, champagne, champagne, and chocolates are gone, many single people during the month of february seem to hold nothing but depression, bitterness and loneliness brought on by boredom. for as long as i have lived, i have worn black on my left hand. it was my own form of protest against the commercialized holiday invented by Hallmark and the candy companies. a commercialized holiday invented by a woman named Walgreens, in his parent's basement.

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Comedian takes racy chances

By Allisyn Appleby

The Saint Reporter

I am always more than a little skeptical of comedians and their abilities, and for the first time I saw Michael Kosta act last night; I briefly had the opportunity to engage in some light conversation with him. However, I was surprised, as I am given the chance, to say that his opening set held my attention for the entire 25 minutes of Michael Kosta's act, I believed he was "trying to test the 'private audience'." Cameron Pierson put it, maybe even better than I did, that he was "trying to promote cultural diversity and awareness through the lens of humor," and as an audience member, I was truly entertained. Even Kosta got me to consider what I was watching at times, a feat that is quite rare.

He started his set by reading out a long list of reasons why he had been called "douchbag," but as Kosta got more comfortable, he also got more raunchy, more vulgar. This seems to be typical of most comedians today. Perhaps it is the way we have become more accepting of this kind of humor, I cannot say. I was even more than a little surprised when I finally found my way to the restroom, to find a poster for a children's film. I am always more than a little surprised when I realize that children may be open to watching films that are not intended for a younger audience.

The Saint Reporter

Welcome to The Saint's mini humor section! "Tomfoolery" will be featured each issue in the culture section, and will include satirical articles written by The Saint staff. Have an idea? Email it to us at info@thesaint.org.

Leijer Inc. to sell corporate war bonds

By Ron Trow

News Editor

Last Friday, president of Leijer Inc., announced today that the company will begin retrenching and retail giant will begin selling a new bond offer to its customers, designed to defray the company's costs and assist in its其余的...
Hockey: Detroit Red Wings win seven of last eight

Four former Detroit Red Wings have seen their teams at the NHL level, with seven straight victories and a lead of eight points against the Montreal Canadiens.

Basketball: Detroit Pistons doing it again

Detroit guard Chauncey Billups has been named the Most Valuable Player in the NBA for the second straight All-Star game. Both Billups and the Pistons have been voted into the starting lineup for the All-Star game.

Cultural Curiosities:

Interruptions need a hefty hefty bryan estor | editor-in-chief

During my college years, there has been one thing that I have always disliked; it is the constant interruption of the normal flow of thought. I know that many of you may experience this, but I believe that we should always try not to interrupt others.

Although interruptions can be helpful in certain situations, they can often be disruptive and hinder the flow of conversation. It is important to remember that interruptions are not always welcome and can be seen as rude or disrespectful.

An interruption can be defined as an action that disrupts the flow of a conversation or thought process. Interruptions can happen in many different ways, such as by talking over someone or by asking a question that diverts the conversation from the original topic.

It is important to be mindful of our own behaviors when it comes to interruptions. Instead of interrupting others, we should try to focus on active listening and being present in the moment.

By listening actively, we show respect for the speaker and make them feel valued in the conversation. We can also ask clarifying questions to ensure that we fully understand the message being conveyed.

In conclusion, while interruptions can sometimes be necessary, we should strive to minimize them whenever possible. By being mindful of our own behaviors and practicing active listening, we can create a more positive and respectful environment for everyone involved.

WHAT TO WATCH

NOVEMBER'S BASKETBALL

Downsview is coming to Aquinas' campus for the first time in over a decade. The Saints will face off against a tough opponent in the Panthers, who are currently ranked 4th in the WHAC.

Najib Djokovic shocks the world for first Grand Slam title

By Beckett Borch

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After taking out world No. 1 Roger Federer in the semi-finals of the Australian Open, Najib Djokovic defeated seven-time French Open champion Rafael Nadal to win his first Grand Slam title.

The win set the stage for a critical rematch of the two stars in the final of the Australian Open. Djokovic would emerge victorious, securing his place as the world No. 1 tennis player.

A QUESTION OF TRADITION | PEP BAND

Discovering a new way to cheer — musically

By Allison Achter

Senior Reporter

Does Aquinas college have pep? Specifically does Aquinas have pep when it comes to sporting events? Our own competitive teams automatically wins that question with a resounding “yes.”

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And how? One idea — the beginning of a pep band. What a concept — being part of a pep band with Aquinas. You’d be hard pressed to find a pep band that isn’t part of a band that would make the band that much more special.

The期末 around Aquinas see another 1.5% of the pep band, such as block letters for defeated.

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Defensively, the Saints also had a much needed boost with the return of forward

In the second half, the Saints watched as the

The game will take place in New Orleans, La, on
Men’s looks to build off success from last year

By Kyle Mahoney

After a stellar performance last season, the men’s and women’s basketball teams have a lot to build off this year. Stepping up to leadership roles on the team are players who bring experience and consistency to their respective teams. Senior guard Jordan O’Neill, Patrick Beydoun — who has received All-American honors for the past two years — and Patrick Grashorn, who brings two years of experience, make up this year’s All-American hon­ors last season.

Both players have been with the team for several years now and have the experience and compet­ency necessary to push the team not only in their play but also in their practices.

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