By Monica Rischiotto  
Special Projects Editor

It is bigger, better, and potentially even outside. This Saturday, February 22 a large chunk of fun will be arriving from Reed’s Lake as participants young and old will be jumping into the thirty-degree water to support the Special Olympics at their annual Polar Bear Plunge starting at 11 a.m.

This year the Aquinas Programming Board was accepted as a co-sponsor for the event, and currently there are over 20 Aquinas students who have signed up to experience the plunge.

It is regularly $50 to participate. However, for Aquinas students and faculty it is completely free, but both plungers and non-plungers alike are encouraged to donate online at www.athletings.org/polarpages.

Some students who are weary of jumping into the thirty-degree water have made challenges with their friends.

For example, senior Brennan Hibler, AQPB member who has committed to jump, has a catch. Hibler is not allowed to refuse to jump unless the Aquinas university donations total $5,000. But that’s the catch.

"Alright you can quote me on this. If we can raise $1,000 I will wear a wedding dress when I jump in," Hibler said.

This year’s new twist to the plunge this year. The Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge is traditionally always a costume event, and prizes will be awarded to those who can sport the most creative plunging apparel, which in past past have included the likes of Superman, Wonderwoman, ballerinas, and hula dancers.

In addition, instead of jumping into Willowbrook Pond (located behind Aquinas’ library) and sprinting back to campus for Special Olympics athletes at other events.

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The Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge is an event that is held nationwide, with some states hosting over a dozen plunges throughout the year. Nearly 3,000 polar bears brave the icy water and waves around water so that at Willowbrook, and when we found out about the Special Olympics

Having the cold. A group of Aquinas students plunge into Willowbrook Pond during the 2009 Polar Plunge event.

"I think it will be a good year for the auction. I’m excited to do my part in helping out Casa Hogar," Hibler said.

This year Casa Hogar will auction off 19 students, including Billy Gonsler, Paul Wiznuik, Will Eberle, Beth Radecki, Mike Andre, T ethe Saint

Place your bids

By Rebecca Kirk  Staff Writer

There was, come all you to the annual Casa Hogar Valentine’s Day Themed Auction, which will take place on Friday, February 19th.

This year Casa Hogar has revamped the yearly event by adding auctioning off students but professors as well. Tonight three professors, 10 students, and one fraternity guest will claim stage in bids of hope being this year’s highest bids.

Senior Heather Miller, one of the hosts for this year’s auction, is very excited for tonight’s events.

"Yes, I’m thrilled about hosting the auction tonight! It is our first time not only sponsoring the Juan Pablo II orphanage in Peru but we are also donating to the Andre Pierre School in Wisconsin," Miller said.

Miller will be overlooking along side avenue chairperson Gopsill Hays. It will be the year’s first hosting the event, making this year’s auction one to remember.

The peak for the events may be due to the new sanctions board, which is head by senior Brianna Eberle.

The new addition of professors should provide students to put direct the books and head to the Moose in hopes of getting the opportunity to bid on their favorite professors.

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Last semester, Casa Hogar hosted an all day yard sale put in the Moose Cafe. Participants were asked to come in hopes of getting the leadership members at the event.

Some have only a heart of 10 while others like the Laura Polar Bear Plunge in Delaware had 1,300 participants have been the most creative plunging apparel, which in past past have included the likes of Superman, Wonderwoman, ballerinas, and hula dancers.

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Valentine’s Day equals singles’ awareness day
rob abid | news editor

That time of year. Red hearts and roses fill the stores, bands play the beats, and there is a certain chill you can sense in the air. Valentine’s Day is around the corner, meaning that the topic of love is everywhere. Everyone is discussing it, whether they want to or not.

It’s a time to celebrate love, but what about people who aren’t in romantic relationships? Valentine’s Day is becoming a day to celebrate them too.

According to the Pew Research Center, 42% of Americans are single. This means that a large portion of the population is not celebrating Valentine’s Day the same way as those in relationships.

The day is not just about couples. It’s a day to recognize the importance of one’s self-love and to celebrate the singles in our lives.

So go out there and celebrate this holiday with all of its intended and unintended meanings. Whether you are in a relationship or not, there is something for everyone on Valentine’s Day.

Senate Update
Cardinal Newman

Amid Bishop prevented us from attending Mass, the Senate was able to hold its regular meeting on February 3rd. With the Senate lead up the meeting, a number of bills were proposed and passed by a simple majority vote.

The Senate passed two resolutions from the Leadership Committee that would allow them to hold their meetings electronically. This would save time and money for the university.

The Senate also passed a resolution to recognize the importance of mental health awareness. The resolution stated that the Senate would work to create a more supportive and understanding environment for those struggling with mental health issues.

The Senate also discussed a bill to create a new student organization called the Aquinas Democratic Club. The club would work to promote Democratic values and principles on campus.

Nurse Kim bids farewell to Aquinas

Nurse Kim

Kim Quigg is retiring after 12 years of service at Aquinas College. Kim has been a valuable member of the Aquinas College community and will be missed by many.

Kim is leaving Aquinas College to pursue a new career in the health care industry. She has been a part of the Aquinas College community for 12 years and has been an essential part of the Health Center.

Kim has been a leader and mentor to many students during her time at Aquinas College. She has always been there to support them and help them through difficult times.

Kim will be missed by all who had the pleasure of working with her. She is a true professional and a true leader.

We wish Kim all the best in her new endeavors and thank her for all that she has done for Aquinas College.

Aquisan Student James Trares prepares to enter the priesthood

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James Trares is a Dominican seminarian who is preparing to enter the priesthood. He has been accepted into the Dominican Congregation in St. Louis, Missouri.

Trares has been preparing for his priestly vocation for several years. He has completed his studies at Aquinas College and has been living in a Dominican house in St. Louis.

Trares is excited to begin his journey in the priesthood and is looking forward to serving the Lord and his people.

We wish James all the best in his new endeavors and thank him for his service to the community.

WAKE UP PEOPLE! PARTY FEBRUARY 19

WAKE UP PEOPLE! The 3rd Annual Aquinas WAKE UP! Party is set to take place on February 19th from 6:30 pm to 11 pm in the Wege Ballroom. The party will feature live music and a variety of food and drinks.

The event is open to all members of the Aquinas community and is a great way to welcome the spring season.

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This February, we need to recognize the call behind Black History Month. Obama is still under fire because of his race. In the streets of Memphis. However, after a year in term, President Barack our nation truly had come a long way from the days of hosing protesters in attitude. Everywhere you look on the changes seem to be those which are unavailable to us. The Hoover family, for his speedy recovery. 

The great health debate

In Great Britain the average is disheartening however; we have the ability to work together towards a future that nearly 45,000 Americans die pre­

mitigating the impact of the factors that divide us. Paying for healthcare way that we go about providing it is what or the government, either way resources will give dubs and organ­

They have John Candy as their coach. Ev­

Everyone’s favorite Winter Olympic team to make sure I catch Ski Jumping,

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WILL HELEN and Nadia Williams

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WILL is a Harvard study published in the American Journal of Public Health finds that nearly 800,000 Americans do not exist in 1973, America was not established as a land of the free, despite constant claims. Again in 1983, freedom was promised, but still existed only on paper. A large group of Americans were still not given equal protection under the law. Last week saw the 50th anniversary of the Woolworth Sit-ins. It was an­

A & E Editor

Michael Licari and those around campus who are getting our voices heard in Lansing.

AIDS is not illegal to look that good!

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences for not nominating Sam Rockwell's performance in "Moon."
Celebration! expands e-marketing

By Nikki Robertson

The Saint Reporter

Celebration! offers across Michigan. E-Marketing Coordinator Bronson said, "The discounts. Celebration!'s presence have become a way for companies to build up their social networking sites like Facebook fan page. It publicizes going records. By inviting them to make videos and take pictures, bronson said that they get more social buzz. Celeberation! is trying to "tap the pulse" of this new marketing trend and offer free movie passes, and even post pictures online. Having gone through three rounds, the new discounts on the fan page are the result of Celebration!'s Facebook fan page. They utilized these offers is to become a fan of Celebration! Cinema's throughout Michigan. Fans in different cities can join their fan page, they are looking for a way to build up their social networking pages. The Saint Reporter.
Grand Rapids Symphony has something for everyone

By Dustin Conn
The Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra live, on stage.

By Bethany Horning
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Doug Seties opens his diary and reveals the best and worst Super Bowl ads

Doug Seties | staff writer

The Super Bowl has come and gone, and we're left with the commercials. Let's talk about the best and worst Super Bowl ads.

**Best Super Bowl Ads**

1. **Doritos' 'Scooter Riding Grandpa'**
   - Description: In this ad, a grey-haired Favre accepting his 2020 Olympic medal... (Continue reading)

2. **Google's 'Dance Like No One's Watching'**
   - Description: This ad was powerful, emotional, and sleek. Good job Google, though I can consider it memorable. We can see this time featuring a longhorn steer as a Clydesdale's best friend. Simple, but cool.

3. **Audi's 'Red'**
   - Description: The famous song by the 1984 Chicago Bears and Jimmy Johnson, Stevie Wonder is blind). Morgan. If you don't know why this is

4. **Harry Potter's 'Karma'**
   - Description: 'The first GoDaddy.com commercial

5. **Nike's 'Dream Crazy'**
   - Description: One of those rare ones in which the most hyped American athlete in this year's games - downhill skier Lindsey Vonn.

**Worst Super Bowl Ads**

1. **Budweiser's 'Body Bridge'**
   - Description: 'The first GoDaddy.com commercial

2. **Chevrolet's 'The Ring'**
   - Description: 'A.V.W commercial shows a seem­

3. **Budweiser's 'The Ranch'**
   - Description: 'The Taurus became the No. 6 car in the world, and the most hyped American athlete

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Glad to help! Let me know if you need anything else. Doug Seties
Track teams aim high as season nears end

By Monica Rischiotto

The most thought of names in cross country and girls' track and field, Carly Plank and Trisha Strouse, were both on the Aquinas College Women's Indoor Track team, is determined to make her mark this winter.

"I want to win all of my meets," the senior varsity cross country captain said. When your name is Carly Flack, however, winning and going for the high and achievable goals is expected. Plank, a freshman on the Aquinas College Women's track team, is determined to make her mark this winter.

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