Contemporary Writers Series celebrates Aquinas' 125th anniversary, welcomes back published alums

By Nikki Robinson

The Contemporary Writers Series has announced the writers that will be featured for next year's Contemporary Writers Series. The events are special for Aquinas College next year, as it marks the college's 125th anniversary. Therefore one of the scheduled events will be specifically showcasing AQ alumni who have been featured in the series.

On Sept. 12, 2011, will feature three Aquinas Alumni (Alex Ollenhauer, Patricia Gussin and Linda Nemere Foster). Ollenhauer received his Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Aquinas in 1966 and currently serves as the Dean of Clinical Psychology at St. Louis University. Returning to Aquinas as an assistant professor of psychology, he also began a private practice, then dealing with health issues, Ollenhauer began seeing. From his seeing and research in Grav, the recordings of his family's surviving adaptations across the Great Lakes and the Atlantic Ocean. His book was chosen as the "Michigan Notable Book" and a finalist for the "Best Book" by USA Book Sales. Selling Grav was recognized internationally in 2009. Living in Grand Rapids, currently Ollenhauer divides his time between writing, speaking and limited private practice.

Patricia Gussin, alumna alumnus, grew up in Grand Rapids and graduated from Aquinas in 1967 and studied medicine in Detroit. Her practice in medicine led her to Philadelphia. Gussin is a board certified Family Medicine Physician and resides here in Grand Rapids, New York and New Zealand. Inspiration for Gussin's fiction work stemmed from her background in medicine. Gussin has released four fiction novels and her first non-fiction, "The Art of Falling: My Journey with a Writer's Block," was released in 2009. Gussin also served as a writer for the Saint Reporter.

Linda Nemere Foster graduated from Aquinas in 1972, and taught creative writing at Grand Rapids Community College from 1972-75. In 1976 he attended Harvard Law School and graduated with honors in 1979. From 1979 he was an Assistant US Attorney in Chicago and served as lead counsel in proceedings for the coroner's investigation connected to a federal investigation of the Elston judiciary. Turner has released nine best selling fiction works and two non-fiction works.

"We knew we needed to get back to campus and reconfirm the reality of how beautiful it is to each. "Campus life is where the real and most important things happen. "If it were up to me, everyone would have to live on campus all the time. Living on campus is the best way to learn how to work with other people. Working with others is a skill that we will never go out of demand."

Aquinas College will welcome in Grand Rapids to the part of Contemporary Writers Series. Far from Ollenhauer, Foster and Gussin, Top: John Ollenhauer, Left: Patricia Gussin. 

Changing of the guard

Liz Harpold named new Area Coordinator

By Ian MacNeil

The Saint Reporter

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

T he Residential Life Area Coordinator to accept a position at Calvin College, The Student Life Area Coordinator, Alex Lentine, was selected to fill the vacant position. A hiring process to find a new area coordinator lasted nearly a week.

The results of the selection process to fill the then vacant Student Area Coordinator position was the hiring of soon Central Michigan University graduate, Alex Lentine, to the position of Residential Life Area Coordinator in Grand Rapids, new supervisor Sara Ardon. The long as Area Coordinator, Sara Ardon, was selected from the pool of campus residents.

I had the pleasure of meeting Ms. Harpold a few weeks ago when Alex Lentine announced his move to the Sara Area Council. She was a vibrant presence with a witty and energetic sense of humor. Since our initial meeting, I am proud to be a part of it," she said. "There is something special and real about giving students chances to make a change and to see what they are capable of together."

"Aquinas has a strong tradition, and I couldn't be happier. I love Siena Area, and his administration considered, and would ideally, prefer to simply have the college be fabulous."

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Aquinas: Music Dept. Christmas Concert

All are welcome to attend the Aquinas College Christmas Concert, scheduled for Thursday, December 16, 2010, at 8:00 p.m. in the department. The concert is Sunday, Dec. 12th at 3PM in the Performing Arts Center.

Too early for cupcakes

Monica Rischiotto

News Editor

Do you ever have one of those moments where you catch yourself thinking, "Oh my god, I'm turning into my parents?" Earlier this week, I had one of these moments. I was in the fitness center, in the midst of the insane cardio class, and I was in desperate need for a distraction, so I left my belongings and found a spot on the floor near the water fountain. Luckily, there was a plethora of television programs playing on the big screen.

Now that I'm an Aquinas College student, one of my favorite shows is VHl's Top 10. So, when I tuned into VHl's Top 10 one afternoon, I began having flashbacks of childhood memories that brought me back to the days of before my parents and I even had cable. I remember watching the show and having friends over to race the screen as if we were I being on Top 10. My friends and I would race from channel to channel as if I was I being chosen to be on the show.

These memories were brought even closer to me when Madonna had just returned from a world tour and I was seeing the top ten tours of the decade, and my friends and I would race from channel to channel as if I was I being chosen to be on the show.

In our own first world culture, Hollywood, and Wall Street are, "owned by the rich, the famous, and those who are able to afford the products of their trade." This has been an oversight for far too long. Women are no longer limited to the roles assigned to them by society, and the room for what is acceptable and expected, the room for what is too far" is rapidly diminishing.

We are beginning to see more and more women taking on roles that were once considered by society as appropriate and expected, the room for what is too far" is rapidly diminishing.

In realization of these potential threats to the well-being of these children, Aquinas alum Frederick Bw'Ombongi '04, squatting), is one of four featured graduates who have dedicated their post Aquinas years to serving others. Mr. Bw'Ombongi has worked with Teach for America in 2007 for a two-year commitment. He moved to Chicago in two different inner-city schools, high-tech schools teaching primarily to African American students.

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For those interested in meeting successful professionals in the field of Volunteerism and Non-profit, I highly recommend that you come to the Style Your Sole event, and learn more information about Toms Shoes Organization as well as purchase shoes online at www.tomsgiveback.com.
Local News

Howell teacher criticized for defending gay rights

By Jim MacGill
The Saint Reporter

In the Wednesday, November 17, 2010 edition of the Saint, a brief mentioning of a local conflict at a high school in Howell, Michigan, that has gained national attention for a seemingly normal classroom discussion that developed into a media frenzy surrounding gay rights.

The conflict began on October 20, 2010, a Saturday, when a student in one of the classes of teacher Jay McDowell asked a question regarding a student who symbolized the Confederate flag.[...

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Mystery Solved

By Mary Beth Skylis
The Saint Reporter

They were all from Eastman to downtown Grand Rapids, yellow t-shirts pinned on paper, posters up popping in windows of businesses, and support. The people of Eastman were there for gay rights. The rally at the Saintoketa on the corner of Eastman and Chicago St....

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New clubs on campus

By Fran H
The Saint Reporter

Aquinas College will welcome a few new clubs to our community this fall which will bring another layer of diversity to the campus and the Philosophy Club and all club members.

Each group ships a list of their club activities at our next meeting. The group members will be asked to get patterned in a group of students looking for something different from their current participation as an activity. The group members will be asked to come up with a variety of meeting options for the group members.

In my daily time talking about subjects that others may not be as interested in are not the type of group we will have. It's still a good cause if you can make people feel better. Though the club is new to us, whether they're up on the most current issues.

Said, "We are interested in learning more about the issues." The group will be a place for students who are interested in learning more about the current issues.

The Philosophy Club, headed by sophomore Stephen Wright, includes students who have a passion for...
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When I called myself Christian, I thought there would always be a home for me. When I pictured Christmas, I imagined that Rudolf should lead the pack of avalanches. But I was wrong. Rudolf's back story was that he did not like this special. The story of Rudolf in the audience, what is important is celebrating the holiday mood, and I encourage all of us to take a trip down memory lane and embrace the best part of the lead up to Christmas. I recently spent a weekend at American Hebrew Academy, and I realized that the Abominable snowman, and the ambitious minor Yukon Cornelius, fortune and when they did the stubble about the iconic figure Rudolf, the red nosed reindeer, I was disappointed by Burgermeister, New York. From December 7th to December 16th, Rudolf's bright Red Noise decided to express my heartfelt thanks to all the children, and the rest of us, what Christmas is really about and why we celebrate the Christmas specials, without a doubt the all-mighty Charlie Brown Christmas Tree, is the best part of the lead up to Christmas. If you want to take a trip down memory lane and embrace the best part of the lead up to Christmas, you should get Rudolf's bright Red Noise decided to express my heartfelt thanks to all the children, and the rest of us, what Christmas is really about and why we celebrate the Christmas specials, without a doubt the all-mighty Charlie Brown Christmas Tree, is the best part of the lead up to Christmas. If you want to take a trip down memory lane and embrace the best part of the lead up to Christmas, you should get Rudolf's bright Red Noise decided to express my heartfelt thanks to all the children, and the rest of us, what Christmas is really about and why we celebrate the Christmas specials, without a doubt the all-mighty Charlie Brown Christmas Tree, is the best part of the lead up to Christmas. If you want to take a trip down memory lane and embrace the best part of the lead up to Christmas, you should get Rudolf's bright Red Noise decided to express my heartfelt thanks to all the children, and the rest of us, what Christmas is really about and why we celebrate the Christmas specials, without a doubt the all-mighty Charlie Brown Christmas Tree, is the best part of the lead up to Christmas. If you want to take a trip down memory lane and embrace the best part of the lead up to Christmas, you should get Rudolf's bright Red Noise decided to express my heartfelt thanks to all the children, and the rest of us, what Christmas is really about and why we celebrate the Christmas specials, without a doubt the all-mighty Charlie Brown Christmas Tree, is the best part of the lead up to Christmas. If you want to take a trip down memory lane and embrace the best part of the lead up to Christmas, you should get Rudolf's bright Red Noise decided to express my heartfelt thanks to all the children, and the rest of us, what Christmas is really about and why we celebrate the Christmas specials, without a doubt the all-mighty Charlie Brown Christmas Tree, is the best part of the lead up to Chris...
"Imma Let You..." Record the Year's Best Album

John wolfgang / Side editor

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**Keith Urban Defies Genre Conventions**

By Nickik Robertson

The Saint Reporter

Country music's star, Keith Urban, has been known for his ability to break boundaries. His latest album, *Get Closer*, does exactly that, transcending the confines of country music and pushing the boundaries of the genre.

Urban's voice has been described as both powerful and emotive, capable of conveying a wide range of emotions. The album features a variety of styles, including country, pop, and rock, showcasing Urban's versatility as an artist.

Critics have praised the album for its innovative approach to country music. The album features collaborations with other artists, such as Dierks Bentley and Sheryl Crow, which further highlights Urban's ability to collaborate with a wide range of artists.

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**Epic Yarn Redemeis the Wii**

By John Welborn

Epic Yarn is a new platformer/RPG that is sure to capture the hearts of gamers everywhere. The game follows the story of a young boy named Oliver, who is on a quest to save his family and the kingdom of New Forms.

The game features a unique blend of platforming and role-playing elements, allowing players to explore the world and make choices that affect the outcome of the story. The characters are well-developed, with each one having their own personality and motivations.

The game's art style is reminiscent of classic Disney films, with colorful and vibrant designs that bring the world to life. The music, composed by West, is also a standout feature, with a blend of orchestral and electronic elements that complement the gameplay.

Epic Yarn is a heartwarming and engaging experience that is sure to appeal to a wide range of gamers. Whether you're a fan of platformers or RPGs, Epic Yarn is a must-play for anyone looking for a unique and entertaining adventure.

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**'Epic Mickey' Flaws and Laughing**

By Tyler Welborn

'Epic Mickey' is a new platformer/RPG that is set in the world of classic Disney films. The game follows the story of Mickey Mouse, who has lost his powers and must reclaim them to save the world from Maleficent.

The game features a blend of platforming and puzzle-solving elements, allowing players to explore the world of Disney and solve a variety of puzzles to progress through the game. The game is known for its unique mechanics, which involve using the Wii Remote to control Mickey and paint magic to solve puzzles.

However, despite its strengths, 'Epic Mickey' also has its share of flaws. The game's graphics are often criticized, with some players finding the world of Disney to be less immersive than expected. The gameplay can also be repetitive at times, with many of the puzzles feeling similar.

Despite these flaws, 'Epic Mickey' is still a fun and enjoyable game that is sure to appeal to fans of the Disney universe. The game's unique mechanics and storytelling are sure to keep players engaged for hours on end.

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**New Forms' Deserves Attention**

By Paul Welborn

The New Forms art class, taught by Peter Welborn, is an exhibit that is sure to captivate and entertain. The class culminates in an exhibit that showcases the work of students throughout the year.

The artwork created by the students is diverse and unique, with each piece exploring a different concept. The exhibit features a variety of mediums, including paintings, sculptures, and digital art.

The exhibit is open to the public and is a great opportunity for anyone interested in art to see the creative work being produced by students. The art is sure to leave an impression on anyone who attends the exhibit.
As a result, Auburn and Oregon will play in the BCS National Title Game this season, a contest that will feature two very explosive offenses and two Heisman candidates Cam Newton (Auburn) and LaMichael James (Oregon). TCU is also crashing the party and will take on the Big Ten champion Wisconsin in the Rose Bowl.

On Monday, Dec. 6, the Boise State Red Sox acquired first baseman Adam Riggs from the San Diego Padres in exchange for their third baseman and a fourth player to be named later. The deal will add another power bat to the middle of Boise State's lineup.

The ACC Challenge for the second round in a row and just the second time in the competitors, the ACC Challenge and the Big Ten Tournament, Duke, every team in the confeder- ation has at least two losses already this season. It's a new conference has its list of potential pens, and the best team in the nation. It's a hard team to beat in the ACC, but the best way to be confident in the best team in the nation is to be sure of it. And so the best team in the nation is the one in the nation once again. And so the best team in the nation is the one that's hot and who's not at the top.

By Dan Meloy

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The Saints welcomed the Racers to the 2010-2011 NCAA Men's Basketball season for the first time in five years. The Saints take down WHAC power and on cross-town rival Cornerstone tonight at 7:30 pm @ the Saints.

The team concluded the first part of their schedule with a 69-66 win over Hope College as part of the Grand Rapids Invitational. The Saints started the game off strong, and went on to win 69-66. However, the Saints were unable to close out the game, and were outscored 48-41 in the second half.

The Saints were led by Junior guard Damacious White and senior short guard Brent Pfahler, who each had 16 points in the game. White was the Saints' leading scorer with 23 points, while Pfahler added 16 points and six rebounds.

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Michigan State University and the Big Ten Network are already working on joining the conference at some point, and the Big Ten Network has already agreed to hire a new conference commissioner for the 2011-2012 season.

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My grown-up Christmas list

By Wesley Raynal and Ben Stoltman
Staff

The season of list making. So here we go, this time with Christmas movies.

1. A Christmas Story
   - Sarah Chalup, Senior
   "I like that it brings my family and friends together. And the song alone is enough to solidify its place in the history books. It is a hallmark of dialogue and humor. It is a Christmas wrapping movie."

2. It's a Wonderful Life
   - Jenny Vyskocil, Freshman
   "I like it because it reminds us how easy it can be to get lost in life's little trials."

3. A Christmas Carol
   - Eric Bloomberg, Freshman
   "It was a close race between this song, and the song that opens up a Muppet Christmas Carol. Grinch was solely on the fact that it mentions the most A Christmas movie to life. In a world where or beliefs are constantly challenged, it is nice to have a film that reminds us how easy it can be to get lost in life's little trials."

4. How the Grinch Stole Christmas
   - Alix Willman, Junior
   "In the words of my mentor Oscar the Grouch: I hate Christmas! But no matter what happens, you can always find a friend and make it so!"

5. The Polar Express
   - Tom Hanks brings the beloved Christmas book to life. In a world
   "Where or beliefs are constantly challenged, it is nice to have a film that reminds us how easy it can be to get lost in life's little trials."

6. Santa Vs. The Snowman
   - Alix Willman, Junior
   "I am sticking with the music though."