Students gather over cancelled guest speaker

A president answers questions, speaker policy handed out

By George Van Den Dreissche

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By Elizabeth Ficken & Jesse Panza

On December 3, 2010, four members from the Conductive Learning (CL) in Grand Rapids traveled to Hong Kong for the seventh World Congress on Conductive Education (CE). This conference brought together 2000 attendees from around the world. CL, from the Western Michigan University, is an independent functioning. CL has been internationally accepted by CE has been working in various educational settings throughout the United States. The Auckland College of骊ghs a unique combination of educational experiences - providing graduates with an elementary teaching certificate from the State of Michigan with a POHI Endorsement (working with students Visually Impaired or Children with Hearing Impaired), as well as a certification from the International Institute for Conductive Education in Budapest, Hungary. Auckland College is currently in North America that students can receive this internationally recognized credential. Conductive Education, which was developed in Hungary in the 1940s, is an educational system to help children with motor disorders achieve more independent functioning. CE has been widely accepted throughout Europe and Asia, and is represented in the mainstream medical and educational systems. Conductive Education has grown exponentially popular in the U.S. and Canada over the past two decades. Currently, over 40 CE programs operate in North America. The big changes in Hong Kong in North America is the shortage of highly professionally trained Conductive Education teachers needed to satisfy the schooling needs of the expanding number of programs domestically. Full graduates of the Auckland POHI program have been quickly employed and bringing conductors from Auckland to Hong Kong will be difficult due to visa issues. It was clear that the seventh World Congress that programs throughout North America and the world, one seeking the expression of this social service program for teachers at Auckland. The CLCC staff created a poster presentation on the Auckland POHI program for the World Congress. On February 16th, the CLC Conductive Learning Center will be hosting an open house from 9-11 to include Nation Conductive Education Directors. For more information regarding Conductive Education in Auckland the Conductive Learning Center can be reached at www.conductivelearning.org.
Celebrating Black History Month: Events and off-campus programs for cultural experiences for all

By Patricia Vander Jagt
The Saint Reporter

Since 1976, February is the month to celebrate Black History, a time to educate youth about the value of African American contributions to society, and achievements of African Americans. The festival begins with a month-long celebration that began February 20, 2011 to promote a focus on African American culture and celebrate the achievements of African Americans.

The program has over 20 events occurring on campus and around the community.

The goal of the program is to provide students and alumni with the opportunity to learn about African American culture and celebrate the achievements of African Americans.

To participate, you need to log your workout miles and help the money raised from walking go towards building schools, digging wells, and providing new school supplies.

For college students who have lived in their home to move out, it is often a daunting task, and thusly, Chandonnet (as most people call her) prepared, he prepares the chosen.

Abandon: Student-led praise and worship

By Rachel Foxton
The Saint Reporter

For those interested in more about the praise and worship of high school youth groups, and wanting to know about youth culture (as the currents are changing at such a rapid pace), then this series is for you.

Abandon is a new worship and praise group on campus. Originally, the group was formed in Fall of 2009 and currently has 13 members. Abandon is made up of a mix of college students and their allies.

According to Hope President James Mulhinen, "Blacklist" did not have the educational "intended" to speak about those topics, but was dead on about film making. Black ultimately strained his movie attacks at the Park Theatre in Holland, Michigan.

Abandon is one of the great success stories of a group of students and their allies who, through hard work and dedication, have been able to bring new life to an organization that was once considered defunct.

"If you are out of your living wages, you want to stick with 10-20 minutes," Bright said."

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Off-Campus Housing Tips

By Stephanie O'Keeffe
The Saint Reporter

Moving away from home for the first time and living alone was probably more nerve-racking for most AQ students. Even if you did not think you would miss your parents (or their rules) at all, probably you at some point missed home cooking, your pets, or your own very own yard.

There is another side to that narrative, one that requires even more planning and preparation, is moving off campus this time for the first time. There are plenty of things to consider when you are choosing housing.

If you are not ready to own a home, be sure to know your rights and responsibilities, as well as the regulations and technical side here, but there are some things you should know about abandons before such discussions. And you should always know about the other side of the coin when you are considering the pros and cons of living on campus.

Read on to get the very best of both worlds.

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Dr. Balg for being characteristically open and honest with the students. Please, please, just a little bit longer...

The tropical heat wave that is remaking us grass exists and is beautiful.

Charlie Brown and Charlie Meeker, for still sticking in there.

Non-Traditional Aged Students, the real world experience you bring to the classroom gives the rest of us a truly unique education.

This year's AO Idol finalists, you're voices make our knees wobble.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

All the single ladies

Four possible answers for those who do not have a girlfriend, and are not being asked out. But for guys the expectation is to ask. For girls, they should be on an equal playing field.

I was ecstatic to see the outpouring of passion students on the Catholicity of Aquinas College is a liberal arts education. I can honestly say I have learned more in discussions with others who do not have a girlfriend, and are not being asked out. But for guys the expectation is to ask. For girls, they should be on an equal playing field.

I don't believe anyone was acting too out of line. Some individuals...
Aquinas College, a liberal arts institution in the Dominican tradition, recognizes that given its mission as a Catholic college, co-curricular activities can provide a forum for dialogue and allow the sharing of ideas. It is important to recognize that our college desires to foster a dynamic climate in which students and faculty can share their knowledge and express their ideas. However, given the mission of the Dominican Sisters of Grand Rapids, it is important that this sharing of ideas is done in a way that respects the values of the Dominican tradition. This means that we must be careful to ensure that any discussion that takes place is respectful and that all participants are heard.

I should note that while I have had discussions with the student leaders, I have not met with the Ad Hoc Committee. However, I am aware that the committee has been working on this issue for some time and that they have made recommendations to the college administration. It is important that we continue to have open and respectful discussions about these issues. We must work together to ensure that all voices are heard and that we are able to find a way to move forward.

Letter to the Editor

I am a senior student and was on the Aquinas College community council last year. I was involved in the decision to remove Stacey Ann from the campus last year. I want to let you know that I believe the decision was the right one. Aquinas college students have decided to do this by attacking people's morals, ways of life, and intelligence.

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THIRD PARTY NOTICE OF ACCREDITATION REVIEW

Aquinas College is seeking comments from the public about the College in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. The College will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit March 28-30, 2011, by a team representing The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Aquinas College has been accredited by the Commission since 1946. The team will review the institution’s ongoing ability to meet the Commission’s Criteria for Accreditation.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the college online at http://ncahl-corg/information-for-the-public/third-party-comment.html or by mail:

Public Comment on Aquinas College
The Higher Learning Commission
30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400
Chicago, IL 60602

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Comments must be in writing and signed; comments cannot be treated as confidential.

All comments must be received by February 28, 2011. Information on how you can submit feedback can be found at http://www.aquinas.edu/selfstudy/thirdparty.html

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**Does Diddy sing in the shower?**

**John Wofford | A&E Editor**

If you've never heard the song "Work" by Diddy, you might have been surprised to hear him sing in the shower on his hit album "The Last Train to Paris." His voice is quite smooth and he has a great range, making it possible for him to sing in the shower. It's a good idea to have a good song playing in the shower if you want to have your mind off your worries.

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**'Opus' surprises and satisfies**

By Miriam Pranschke

In a fast-paced world, where technolog- 
ical advances pop up on almost any 
medium we see, simplicity can be 
considered somewhat key. folk band The 
Civil Wars prove that with their debut album, 
**Barton Hollow.**

The two are unique; one male and 
an acoustic guitarist; that's all it 
takes for The Civil Wars to be able to 
put together 14 albums of engaging, 
beautiful folk-pop.

The soft melodies and insightful 
lyrics of the first song, "On Server 
Tides," sets the tone for the ex-
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feministly, beautify any adjective that 
have been thrown at them. It 

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**The Civil Wars craft beautiful folk**

By Nikki Robberski

The band's debut

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NASCAR garages are gearing up for the biggest race of the
season. With seven drivers on the grid, the race will
feature a mix of young and experienced drivers, each
with their own set of strategies. Among the key drivers
expected to perform well are Jimmie Johnson, Matt
Kenseth, and Denny Hamlin.

On the track, the action will be intense as drivers
battle for position and attempt to stay out of the
collision zone. With the race covering nearly 500
miles, the drivers will need to manage their fuel
capacity and tire wear to maintain optimal
performance.

In addition to the on-track action, the
crowd will be entertained by the pre-race show,
which will feature a variety of music and
costume changes. The halftime show will
feature a special guest performance by
top music artists, adding to the excitement
of the event.

Overall, the Super Bowl XLVII race promises to
be an exciting and unforgettable experience for
fans of NASCAR and auto racing in general.
Gentlemen, start your engines! 
NASCAR season to kick off at Daytona

By Dan Moeley 
Staff Writer

The NASCAR season is beginning to rev up now that teams are preparing for the Daytona 500 this Sunday. All drivers will be trying to keep up with James Johnson, driver of the number 48 Chevrolet and winner of the last five Sprint Cup Championship titles.

Johnson, who has become the ma­nor of the National Association of Stock Car Auto Racing Cup Series, will lead the Hendrick Motorsports team and the rest of the Chevrolet as they look to continue their dominance of the series winning the last six manufact­urers championships.

How on Johnson’s heels will be the fel­low Championship contender and w rattled Jeff Gordon in the number 24 Chevrolet, and last year’s runner-up Jeremy Haasen in number 11 Toyota. Kevin Harvick of the once dominant Richard Childress Motorsports looks to return his team back to championship glory in the No. 29 Chevrolet. Harvick will be creating in all black impres­sion this year, backing back to the days of his predecessor, the great Dale Earnhardt, who was a seven-time champion.

Red Wings back in action after All-Star break

By Hilary Major 
Sports Editor

The Detroit Red Wings have been having a lot of success coming back from the All-Star break posting a 6-1 record over their last two games. The Wings are back in the race and that means another title is possible.

Detroit is leading the Central Divi­sion and are third in the Western Con­ference behind Vancouver. Their success this season has been consistent and is not going to continue to witnessing.

Even though Detroit defeated the Rangers 3-1 in the following games, they still #1 in the list. This is because of how strong they are against the pressure on Jeremy Howard. The Wings have been the best team against the Royal blue and white. With the playoffs coming up, the Wings are going to have a strong push in the first round, as a whole, has scored less than 10 goals.

While these rules and conditions for the crown is promising a be­autifying NASCAR season.

Who’s hot and who’s not in college hoops

By Wes Raynal

Sports Editor

The Timberwolves are on a streak, the team is on the winn­ing track in the major things. They have played against over 10 teams this year and have a winning percentage of 70%.

Although Rivals.com has them not as high as they should be, this year may already be a wash, but with a significant decrease in production they see now, they’ll have to pick up the pace on the right side of the bubble. The oppor­tunity is there, though, and all they need to do is continue to play with their final four players against and keep an eye on them come March.

Golden Gophers – After going 6-4 through their first 10 games this season, the Minnesota Golden Gophers have fallen into a rut. Below this our win-loss record, this team is far from being a traditional power. Minnesota has lost four straight including one at home to the University of North Dakota this season. The team will get a chance to right the ship when it will get a chance to pull back in the right direction for the season.

La Salle will get a chance to see what they can do against the La Salle team. The team is struggling and will give the Vikings a tough time. They will need to find themselves back in the POY talks this season.

Suggest stories.
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Back in action: After missing 19 games due to a hand injury, Pavel Datsyuk is ready to return to the ice for the Red Wings. Datsyuk should add even more Family Legacy: On the seventh anniversary of his father’s death, Dale Earnhardt Jr. fired up the Daytona 500 pole for this Sunday and tried to fire up his car to victory lane.

SEC dominates college football’s national signing day

By Rich Signore

Sports Editor

February 7 marked National Sign­ing Day when high school football stars announced where they were plan­ ning on playing football next fall. Many large schools, National Signing Day is the Christmas, when school administrators anxiously wait to see which players commit to their school for the next four years.

The SEC dominated the recruit­ing wars again this year, with four schools finishing in the top five. Alabama signed the top player in the country for four years in a row. The Crimson Tide had already recruited, committing from 11 recruits, including 954(rf), a five-star offensive lineman that initially committed to Auburn in last years Signing Day before switching his commit­ment and ultimately losing his call to that of interest in Alabama.

The Florida State Seminoles pulled in the #2 recruiting class in the country, including 23 recruits, with one of the most high-profile signees being five-star quarterback Justin Blacklock.

The ACC was not far behind with Los Angeles. Stanford, the exception is this year the top ten in CAR’s version of the playoffs. The only conference to make theauld, the hottest team in the na­tion. Winners of seven straight i...