Budgerts cut for G.R. schools

Reducions to address $75 million shortfall

Hack and Slash: Students and faculty start a new day at Grand Rapids Central High Tuesday morning. Even after a $70 million reduction in operating costs over 10 years, Grand Rapids schools are being asked by the state to cut back even more.

By Abby Wills

The Saint Reporter

Grand Rapids Public Schools have strived to improve in the last five years even while facing budget cuts, layoffs and school closures. Currently, however, there is a $45 million budget shortfall over the district, while state academic standards have risen tenfold in this time.

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The GRPS also boast numerous and award winning athletics, academics, and fine arts programs, which have earned high ranks and made reference to a group desire to see a diversity of job opportunities and extracurricular activities available to GRPS students. The Saint Reporter

Over the last 10 years GRPS has cut over $70 million out of their operating budget. "We closed or consolidated more than 20 schools and programs," said Taylor. "We've eliminated hundreds of jobs to balance our annual State of the Schools address.

The committee's search will be open for a minimum of 60 days. The committee has decided to "weigh each application against a search profile developed by the Board's executive committee and refined by our own committee," said Taylor. "The Board's executive committee and refined by our own committee," said Taylor.

The board has also decided that if a president is not found within the two-year window, the GRPS will continue to work on finding a replacement for the current president. The board feels that the search process will help to ensure that the district will have a qualified candidate ready for a new position.

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The board's decision to extend the search process is a response to the recent resignation of the district's previous president, Mr. Thomas Ferratt. The board feels that by extending the search process, they will be able to find a candidate who is best suited to lead the district in the future.

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Aquinas looking to sponsor Habitat for Humanity house

By George Von Ditmar

A new spring break service trip to Kenya is just one of many things that have Aquinas College students talking these days. Students are excited about the possibility of Habitat for Humanity through the college. It is possible that students could become involved in building a home in Kenya.

Aquinas could be the first college sponsor for the Habitat for Humanity in 2011-12. So far Habitat for Humanity has had 51,000 people who have volunteered in 1,000 communities. Habitat for Humanity builds homes around the world, one community at a time. It is their goal to have 100 percent of their homes have homes with electricity, indoor plumbing and hot water.

The college is planning to meet with representatives from Habitat for Humanity. If the college decides to become involved, the construction would be sponsored in the spring of 2011.

“Students are becoming more aware of social issues,” said Matt Kucynski, editor in chief. “Our mission involves community involvement. We are excited to see the students more involved in the community.”

Project Director Avery said that Habitat for Humanity is needed for students who cut against the grain of society in a certain circles for months now, and we need to make sure that does not happen and that they have a better opportunity. It is their goal to help students who have a hard time finding a place to live.

Avery said that if Aquinas is able to become a sponsor, the students will have the opportunity to serve at Habitat for Humanity in Kenya in the spring of 2011.

If students are interested in building a house, they can contact Matt Kucynski at (734) 993-1512 or e-mail him at matt.kucynski@aquinas.edu.

Saints in Action II: Christian Appalachian Project

By Pamela Vander Jagt

There is a new service-learning trip on the horizon for Aquinas College students. This spring students have the opportunity to participate in the Christian Appalachian Project.

The Christian Appalachian Project is a nonprofit organization that serves in Appalachia. The project is run by the Catholic Archdiocese of Washington. The Christian Appalachian Project is dedicated to the needs of the people living in the Appalachian Mountains.

The Christian Appalachian Project has been helping families in need renovate their homes. The homes are located outside in these small shacks that are primitive. The homes are built with wood and have had electrical wiring and plumbing. The homes are built with wooden shingles and have a stove in the kitchen.

The homes are built to help families who cannot afford to build or maintain a home of their own. The homes are built with the help of college students who volunteer their time.

The Christian Appalachian Project is seeking students who are interested in helping to build homes. The students will be working on homes in the Appalachian Mountains.

Students are encouraged to sign up for the Christian Appalachian Project. The students will be helping to build homes in the Appalachian Mountains.

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AQT Art Prize update

By Adam Hill
The Saint Reporter
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Budget proposal forms are to be submitted by student clubs and organizations. The Student Senate will vote on these allocations next year. A new executive board Josh Theil as president, Terry Marshall is doing the primary work and is focusing on the Senate’s mission to engage, involve, and empower students.

By Caitlin Bailey
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Medical Marijuana set up for vote in Fenton

By George Von Den Breech
The Saint Reporter
Medical Marijuana makes another entrance and this time with an ordinance. The Grand Rapids Planning Commission on April 12 heard several speakers at a meeting held by the City Council. The ordinance, which is to be voted on at a city council meeting in the near future, would allow medical marijuana dispensaries and growing facilities to operate in the city of Fenton.

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FROM THE CROWD

APPLAUD TO...

Institutional Life for finally getting off the ground and onto the field;

The sun, you're getting better at this "shining" thing; All the students who are surviving such term paper season;

Everybody who helped put on LAExpress/spring fest;

Consumers Energy for restoring power in under four hours;

Matt Skie for shepherding mobs of terrified patrons safely out of the Library;

The 13 students graduating with Summa Cum Laude;

Tress not in blossom for giving us so much to look forward to;

HECKLES TO...

People who talk on their cell phones while other people are talking;

Cutting budgets with a wood chipper, Michigan style;

Tress, for cutting power to Aquinas and leading to chaos;

All of you who didn't get your java at 76 Coffee, where are we going to hang out now?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Please note that the views expressed on this page are those of their respective authors, and do not necessarily represent the views of the Saint in Aquinas College at a whole.

MISSION

The Saint has worked diligently for the past year to produce an informative, entertaining and professionally correct student publication. The Saint is distributed by students at Aquinas College and the surrounding community that it is committed to producing a quality free press for the ideas, views and concerns of the Aquinas community.

Meltdown about Nuclear Fear

By George Van Den Driessche

The Saint Reporter

When nuclear energy becomes headline news, everyone seems to re-

member the forgotten victims of Chernobyl and Three Mile Island. The unfor-

tunate prospects on the Republican side, as this current state of feed-up.

I could keep listing examples thereof, as this current state of
dare to heed the warning, especially if Republicans only passed one right-to-

I have a confession to make; I am eagerly waiting for the campaigning
to become reality. This simple narration of his concert experience reflects a less-

My opinion in all of this is to reiter-

Bring of the Campaigns

By Adam Hill

the Saint Reporter

I have a confession to make: I am eagerly waiting for the campaigning to become reality. This simple narration of his concert experience reflects a less-than-hopeful state of mind for the candidates. I am not one of those with a "Don't ever give up."

"Don't ever give up."
Here's what's going on in the next two weeks:

**Sunday**
- **Apr. 17**
  - Got something to add?
    - Send any campus or local event info to msk002@aquinas.edu.

**Monday**
- **Apr. 18**
  - Abandon Putin and Worship led by Aquinas students at Rockefeller Chapel, 8:00 pm. Open to people of all faiths.
- **Apr. 19**
  - AQ baseball at Kibbe, 4 pm.
- **Apr. 20**
  - Habitat for Humanity Bake Sale is in the lobby of AQ from 7:00-9:00 pm. Branch with your favorite food provider - tickets will be sold by Cara.Hofer from 9:30 am to 9:00 pm in the Loutit Room.
- **Apr. 21**
  - Literary Life Bookstore hosts their third annual poetry contest readings.

**Tuesday**
- **Apr. 19**
  - AQ softball at Fuller Park, 4 pm.
  - Get Wiggles With Wiggles at Kibbe bar 206, 7:00 pm in Regina lounge.

**Wednesday**
- **Apr. 20**
  - Rosary Making for 7:00 pm at Fulton House.
- **Apr. 21**
  - Senate Outstanding Student Awards presented to day from 2:00-3:00 pm.
  - Walk of the Cross from 9:00 to 10:00 pm. Meet at the Mary Shrine.

**Thursday**
- **Apr. 21**
  - Jane Doe Project presentation of The Saint, upper Moose at 9:00 pm. More tea. Proper attire is required.

**Friday**
- **Apr. 15**
  - Drive-in Movie Night with Programming Board at 9:00 pm. Check The Moose for movie selection.
- **Apr. 22**
  - Walk of the Cross from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon.

**Saturday**
- **Apr. 16**
  - Abandoned Putin and Worship led by Aquinas students at Rockefeller Chapel, 8:00 pm. Open to people of all faiths.

**EASTER**
- **Apr. 28**
  - Easter Monday / End of Easter Break. Classes resume at 4:00 pm. Dining services resume with dinner. Brunch? Stop by the Moose today for “Manzanar” and feed all your worries until away. The Moose for exact times.

**Cross your mind? | Artfully entertained**

There’s a different one. All of the answers in this issue’s crossword appear somewhere in the A&E section. This time around, Spanx don’t count as spaces on the crossword (“clump” which would become “dumpling”), and answers can be names, both first and last. Those answers are your clues, besides the ones below.

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**Across:**
1. This new album should remind you of the music "7up.
2. The city with the azure code.
3. Liquid crystal diodes, amplifiers, and microphones.
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**Hideout:**
2. Harry in the dungeon.
3. Every jazz band can use.
4. The Strokes are an "________", according to our reviewer.
5. My grandpa has this.
6. You know...
Snapshot: Filling the void

THE SAINT | WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2011

Owen Fifield / The Saint

The Presidential Office: President Balog's desk and chair will look like this with the coming of summer. It is now up to the presidential search committee to find a new president that will fit the Aquinas community. See page 1 for details on the search process and progress.

Special Release:

AQ SIFE engages Aquinas, East Grand Rapids community

By Matthew Gardner

Aquinas College SIFE

The Aquinas College Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team has initiated help for a local elementary school to become more energy savvy. The team partnered with Congress Elementary School through the Consumers Energy SmartStreet™ project. SmartStreet™ demonstrates smart energy solutions for the community, and is centered in the East Hills neighborhood with Congress Elementary School the team has been active on campus. For the Spring Fest celebration at Aquinas College SIFE Smarter Community for Energy team set up booths to demonstrate to students daily energy conservation ideas. Interactive displays from the SmartStreet™ project showed how small energy saving changes can quickly add up. Through energy efficiency practices and awareness the team strives to build a more sustainable community.

Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) clubs across the country are helping to improve the environment, improve the economy, and improve communities. The goal is to help individuals and communities save money and live better lives by living within their means, and to achieve the three E’s of sustainability: Environmentally, Economically, and Ethically.

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Community engagement is a vital part of the SmartStreet™ program. "Consumers Energy is very pleased to welcome the Aquinas College SIFE team to this project. SmartStreet™ demonstrates the ways energy will be delivered and monitored in the future, so the participation and insights of these students is particularly valuable," said Kristy van Bennekom, SmartStreet™ Project Manager.

In addition to working with Consumers Energy, the team has also dedicated significant energy efficiency efforts to the Aquinas College campus. The Smarter Campus for Energy initiative has led to the installation of smart meters on campus buildings, a computerized energy management system, and the development of a student energy management club. The team is working hard to promote environmental awareness and sustainable practices throughout the campus community.

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As enriching a listen as any, it is to listen to the entire masterful album once in a lifetime. What we would not give to have spoken with The Saint Reporter...
**Wise Man’s Fear** is lengthy, epic

By Sarah Parlette

The Saint Reporter

If you, like me, were so in love with Patrick Rothfuss’s debut novel *The Name of the Wind* that you couldn’t stop quoting the inimitable Kvothe, consider yourself a fortunate creature. In his second installment in the Kingkiller Chronicle series, *Wise Man’s Fear*, Kvothe, otherwise known as the greatest monster fighter the world has ever known, continues his journey to prove himself a master of his craft. With the pressing need to earn a steady income, it’s clear that Kvothe’s days as a street lawyer are numbered. He must find a home where his musical talent can be appreciated, and a companion to aid him in his quest to discover the secrets of magic.

**The Festival of Faith and Music**

By John Wofford

The festival kicked off on Thursday, April 7th at 4pm. The concert was held at Calvin College in the Cramton Forensics Center. Opening night featured two artists, My Brightest Diamond and来福．

**Get ready for ‘The Weeknd’**

By Stephanie Glib Kanto Reporter

The Weeknd’s latest album, *baby blue*, is free but not worth the download. With a feel reminiscent to old R&B, the album is a decent start for The Weeknd. However, it will take more than seductive lyrics to reel in a larger crowd. With a quick addition of a background cho­

**Calvin’s ‘Festival’ 2011 a success**

By George Van Den Dromkirk

The Saint Reporter

The album is a bit uneven, with a few songs that are noticeably weaker than others. The second installment in the Kingkiller Chronicle.

**New Britney music... actually good?**

By Mikki Robertson

The Saint Reporter

The Saint Ron was completely crazy she was actually a pretty popular pop artist. Her album is mostly electronic and synthesizers, but is a dance and electronic album in every respect. Don’t expect anything of lyrical quality. But, as a catchy pop album, this album definitely offers that.

**The Saint | WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2011**

By Sarah Parlette

**‘Wise Man’s Fear’ returns in the second installment in the Kingkiller Chronicle.**

**Krista Williams**

Kris and I have been close friends for over three years, we met in college and have been inseparable ever since. We are both into music, and have a passion for sharing our experiences with others. We are always looking for new and exciting places to go and things to do, and we love nothing more than spending time with each other exploring the world. In our free time, we enjoy reading, writing, and listening to music. We are both avid readers and library goers, and we enjoy nothing more than spending time with a good book. We are both very outgoing and have a love for adventure, and we enjoy nothing more than exploring new places and trying new things. We are both very adventurous and have a love for adventure, and we enjoy nothing more than exploring new places and trying new things.

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Records fall, Track and Field begin outdoor seasons

Dan Meloy | Staff Writer

The story of this year’s Aquinas College Baseball season thus far can be summed up in one word:compe titi on. After struggling through their first 11 games of the season, Aquinas Saints have seen their team begin to turn the corner.

The team has played a total of 17 games and has compiled a 6-11 record. The Saints have faced some stiff competition throughout the season. By far the most notable win was against Hope College in a double header on April 9th, an 11-3 win.

Freshman Nolan Smith sees Aquinas as a competitive club baseball team. “I think that Aquinas can be a hockey power house,” says Smith. “The bottom line is that we have a lot of talent and we have a lot of depth.”

Aquinas head coach Jay Palmieri has been nothing but impressed with the team’s talent. “The biggest surprise has been the pitching,” said Palmieri. “We have had some really good performances from our pitchers this year.”

The team’s pitching has been led by Andy Hall, who has a 4.00 ERA and 11 strikeouts. Hall has been a dominant force on the mound, striking out 17 batters in eight innings pitched.

The Saints have also been successful at the plate. Senior Davis Misiewicz leads the team in batting average at .328, with 17 hits and 12 runs batted in (RBIs). Misiewicz also leads the team in home runs with three.

The Saints have high hopes for the remainder of the season and are looking to make a push for a conference championship. "We need to win some games and get some momentum going," said Palmieri. "The rest of the season is going to be tough, but we have some good talent and we are going to give it our best effort."
College football - Spring breakdown

Brian Rashkind
The Sports Editor

Now that March Madness is over, the attention shifts back to football where 100+ divi-
sions of coaching and recruiting experience begins. Only 11 weeks into the off-season, the 2011 spring practices are coming to a close and 120 divisions of football are preparing to take the field in the fall. Now is the time to be looking backwards for what happened last season, and forwards for what to expect this fall.

Michigan Wolverines

Key Returns: Rich Rodriguez (HC), Greg Ravizza (DC), Don Brown (DC), Brady Hoke (HC), Greg Mattison (DC) and the 42 recruiting class.

Brady Hoke, former coach of the San Diego St. Aztecs and Michigan assistant, must usher Michigan’s image, after NCAA sanctions under Rodriguez and making the Wolverines a powerhouse once again. In order to do so, Hoke is installing a pro-style offense similar to what Rodriguez did in Ann Arbor.

The player to watch is Denard Robinson (QB), a dynamic quarterback who will make the transition from the spread offense to the pro-style offense a bit easier. Another thing to look for is Hoke and defensive coordinator Greg Mattison can rebuild Michigan’s porous defense and turn it into a strength rather than a weakness.

Michigan State Spartans

Key Returns: Greg Jones (LB), Eric Gordon (DB), Max Bullough (LB), Joséy Jewell (LB), Dantonio. To do this, Michigan State assistant, tries to rebuild Michigan’s team out of these 4 that has been in the most of the players from last year’s conference title, the Spartans defeated Cal-

Conference Finals the past 2 years. In both years, they once won the Big 10 Championship. With both Kevin Damour and Russell Waterworth, two of the key offensive players for the Spartans, are returning for the 2011 season. With Damour and waterworth, the Spartans are expected to improve with veterans like Scott Gomez, Brian Boucher and the strong defense that they have to replace Heisman Trophy winner, Le’Veon Bell.

With vets like Mason, who is a key piece of the puzzle, and big guy with big upside, the Michigan State Spartans are expected to improve in 2011. The Spartans will have to replace Mason’s production this fall, as Mason is out for the season due to a knee injury.

NBA and NHL seasons near end, playoff picture heats up

By Brian Rashkind

In a couple of weeks, both the NBA and NHL playoffs will be starting and both teams have a lot on the line as the season comes to a close and their playoff pictures heat up.

NBA

1. Can the Lakers pull off the three-peat? The Lakers are currently 11-5 in the West, but do they have what it takes to pull out another championship? With Kobe, Pau Gasol and Lamar Odom on the roster, the Lakers have a well-rounded team and are a favorite in the West.

The player to watch in the Western Conference is Kobe Bryant. With Bryant, the Lakers have a chance to make a run at the title. However, the Lakers have to replace the scoring punch of Lamar Odom,ᴬ who is now in Dallas.

2. Who is the player to watch in each conference? The player to watch in the Eastern Conference is Kevin Garnett. With Garnett, the Celtics have a chance to make a run at the title. However, the Celtics have to replace the scoring punch of Paul Pierce, who is now in Brooklyn.

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