Republican primaries heat up

by Laura Hanell
The Saint Reporter

After the increasing involvement of young adults in the 2008 presidential election and up and down of President Obama’s first term, the 2012 presidential election has been highly anticipated. There was no doubt that the 2012 presidential election would prove to be just as exciting as in the GOP and so far, the presidential primaries have proved just that.

The soon GOP primary, which took place on January 3, brought together the political powers of native and former Massachusetts Senator Mitt Romney but would place former Rick Santorum, former Pennsylvania senator by a marginal, but victorious 8 votes.

In Pictures: Aquinata Hall to be converted into assisted living facilities

by Matt Kopeczy
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Two student workers discovered the body of Nathaniel Pelkey, 26, in Willowbrook Pond, along Robinson Road, on the Aquinas College campus Wednesday, Jan. 4.

Pelkey’s body was found over a week after when four students were on campus. There are no known residential homes. According to Aquinas College Campus Safety Director Kevin Kwiatkowski, the body was discovered around 2:00 p.m. Emergency services were called to the scene to investigate and remove the body, and all campus personnel were notified.

Investigations at the scene revealed that a set of tracks led from Robinson Road to the pond. Although foul play was considered at first, investigators quickly ruled it out.

“Always suspect foul play,” said Kwiatkowski. “You can rule anything out until you have facts.”

Detectives are still waiting on the results of a toxicology report on Pelkey’s blood.

“We know that he was on campus,” said police. Pelkey, a senior from St. Joseph, was discovered around 2:00 p.m. Pelkey was a student worker on the job January 4.

The Saint brings you highlights from Aquinas sports that you might have missed.

Pelkey’s blood.

The Catholic Church opens up a convert. However, the order of converts are accused of interference with the investigation.

Although the investigation is ongoing, everyone seems to believe that Pelkey was murdered, “It just didn’t make sense.” said senior Joel Zylstra. “It just didn’t make sense.”

World news update

Oposition to al-Assad continues, Greece in financial turmoil, Four dead in cruise liner fiasco

by Dan Meloy
Sports Editor

Syria: Protests continue against Syrian president Bashar al-Assad and his government. Assad and his government are accused of continuing violent crackdowns on its people.

With more of his 2009 campaign crew back again, Obama is well underway with his campaign after a quiet Christmas.

With things like the Occupy Movements and the removal of troops in Iraq on everyone’s minds, voters will turn to specific points in the candidates’ agendas on issues like the economy and race. The Michigan Presidential Election will take place on February 28 with the registration deadline on January 13.

Funeral services for Pelkey were held on Jan. 9 at St. Paul’s Cathedral Catholic Church in Berrien Springs.

Pelkey’s death, without the funds from the EU and the IMF, Greece may be forced to leave the European Union.

The Greek government has been working on some austerity measures at the request of the EU and the IMF in order to make the country more financially solvent. However these measures have been met with domestic unrest throughout Greece.

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Michigan: Protests move to Rick Snyder’s doorstep this week

Since his inauguration, Grand Rapids, Muskegon and Benton Harbor dropped off protests at the governor’s office each day, home in Superior Township. Members of Occupy Grand Rapids and the National Association of Professional Firefighters entered the governor’s office to press for a fair transition to new tax systems, which will divide the state’s tax burden.

Henderson has ridden this wave of unrest along with several other websites, will be shut down on Dec. 31 due to the upcoming U.S. exit.

Michigan: 30-day Step On Line Policy Act (SOPA) and Protect IP Act

Both bills were created to block access to websites containing counterfeited or pirated material.

Lighting the Fire
Married Episcopal priests welcomed to the Catholic priesthood

The Personal Ordinate of the Chair of St. Peter for ex-Episcopal priests causes controversy over the vow of celibacy

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Internet: New sci-fi web show wraps with battle between brother

Yan Hanse and Wunmi have teamed up to create an animated sci-fi web series called "Electric City". They first met after they both presented their ideas on how they could make a sci-fi series about a city from the future. They have both been successful in making the project a reality.

The girl of the moment

Stephanie Giluk

Lately it has become rare for me to finish reading books, movies, or television shows. That is, to finish reading them. The main reason I can't be a dammed fool and the whole crew around her making the aggression obvious is because she is not used to this kind of attention. If I'm going to like a female protagonist, it has to be smart, independent, and kick-ass.

I thought this was the first time I read Stieg Larsson's The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo. I couldn't get through the entire novel. But now, after the movie was released, I've decided to give it another shot. I'm thinking of getting the novel again and then picking up the book and reading it.

Though Mara, Lisbeth can both play vulnerable and brutal, naive and worldly. With fire and feel for those she tries to deal with, she can quickly be consumed by what has happened to her in the course of about a week, I realized how

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B.F.A. exhibit at AMC displays Aquinas artists' talent

Nelise Pillay

In the Spotlight

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Sick of the SEC

Dan Mely

sports

The Southeastern Conference has worn me out. I used to love college football and there are plenty of good games, but why do we have to talk about number seven most every week? I feel like I need to get away from you, because I need to hear about your status on the gridiron, even if it seems to just bring you down.

Then there's basketball. It seems like every year the SEC has the most exciting teams and players, and yet every year it seems like I have to be reminded of what's going on. It's almost like a curse.

But I know I'm not the only one. I've talked to a few friends and they all seem to feel the same way. It seems like we're all just sick of the SEC.

Dan Mely

Face off: Senior forward Joe Powers stated to it: "When we were a basketball team, and I'm not sure if that's a good thing."

By Dan Mely

While students were sipping their morning coffee break after a grueling session of early classes, they were met with the face of a common reality for the SEC fans forced over winter break. That reality is winter. Right before Christmas, the SEC was basketball. cupboard after going to work in the morning, then screw 24-7 for the remainder of the week. You can look for a place like Florida or LSU. You can look for a team that is so versatile and sound that whatever the weather is, it is not a consideration in their game plan.

That's great, but I wish we could come to the SEC to enjoy some great SEC basketball.

Maybe this is a little Big Ten every winter. If you're not a basketball fan, then you have to focus on events and sometimes not know what the team is doing. Or, you're not a student athlete and you can't make the SEC basketball teams.

But it's out there, and it's the SEC. The SEC is one of the best conferences in the country, and we have to pay attention to it. It's the SEC, and we have to know what's going on.

By Brian Kalbich

Bama rolls while Spartans and Wolverines claim bowl victories

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This bowl season has been one of the most memorable in recent memory, with standout performances from crossing the country to celebrate.

Now it's time for the SEC to make its mark on the national stage with some exciting bowl games. Here are some standout performances from the SEC's most memorable bowl games.

The SEC National Championship was held behind the strong tutoring of Trent Richardson, the former Heisman Trophy winner and national leader of the University of Alabama offense. The Crimson Tide dominated the Wolverines, shutting out Michigan in a 35-0 victory.

Richardson had a career-high 301 yards and five touchdowns, including a 77-yard touchdown run in the third quarter.

As the SEC strength conference, this bowl game was one for the ages. With the Wolverines looking to repeat as national champions, the SEC had one of its best bowl games ever.

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Capitol One Bowl: Michigan State vs. Georgia

This game was a close battle between two powerhouse teams, with the Spartans holding on for a 24-21 win.

Georgia had the ball with 26 seconds left on the clock, but Michigan State's defense held strong, forcing a punt and setting up a victory for the Spartans.

Sugar Bowl: Oregon vs. Virginia Tech

Both teams were ranked in the top 10 of the Associated Press poll, making this a highly anticipated showdown. Oregon emerged victorious, winning 35-10.

The game was decided by a combination of quarterback plays, with Oregon's Marcus Mariota guiding the offense to a dominant performance.

Pistons stalling out of the gates

By Brian Kalbich

The Detroit Pistons have had a slow start to this shortened NBA season, posting a 3-10 record, the worst in the league. The team has been struggling on both ends of the court, with the defense particularly lacking.

However, there is hope for the Pistons as the season progresses. With the NBA's best defense, the Pistons have the potential to turn things around.

With a 3-10 record, it's clear that the Pistons need to make some adjustments if they hope to compete in the Eastern Conference. But with a young and talented roster, there is still plenty of time for the Pistons to turn things around.

The Detroit Pistons are still in the early stages of the season, and while the 3-10 record may be disappointing, it's not the end of the world. With some adjustments and hard work, the Pistons can turn things around and make a playoff push.