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New sex ed standards start at a young age

Scientists have been fighting for years to introduce sex education to students at a younger age. A new proposal for sex education at Grand Rapids Public Schools aims to do just that by introducing this curriculum beginning in second grade, and would progress through high school. Each year a new aspect of sex education would be introduced.

In the younger age group, they would simply be taught the male and female anatomy. They would be expected to be able to name both male and female reproductive organs.

This would mean showing second graders photos of male and female organs.

"I am not sure I would want my younger brother to be exposed to that sort of information at such a young age. I think second grade is just too young for that kind of learning," said Aquinas College senior Andrew Kilkenny., management major.

By fifth grade, the students would need to be able to define, recognize and respect sexual behaviors.

"We are also much more aware of the amount of sexual abuse that occurs in our culture, and upbringing children in elementary school to understand what is appropriate and inappropriate behavior by adults and older kids is a positive thing," said associate sociology professor at Aquinas, Dr. Kathy Kremmer.

In the high school grades, students would be expected to describe symptoms and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases.

"Giving students the information to make an informed decision about their sex lives is good. Keeping information from them does not help them, just isn’t right," said Aquinas junior Rene Ravelle, Spanish major.

The issue of contraception would be introduced between sixth and seventh grade, depending on the district. Abstinence would also be taught as well as several aspects of how to express love to significant others.

Because every school does not have the same sex education requirements, it makes it difficult for every student to have the same knowledge.

This is the major thrust of the new proposal to help students begin conversations about abstinence, premarital sex and living in relationship.

The final stage of the curriculum occurs in our culture, and equipping students with the tools to make an informed decision about sexual content at a younger age today than they would have in previous decades. So equipping them with formal knowledge will help them interpret media and cultural representations, and perhaps improve reproductive decision making,” said Dr. Kathy Kremmer.

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An Aquinas Wake-Up: People tickets now available in Campus Life

You can now purchase an Aquinas Wake-Up: People ticket online or in Campus Life. The Aquinas Wake-Up: People, which is held every two years, is of particular significance to Aquinas students and the local area. It is the university's way of celebrating the students and the last days of the academic year. Aquinas will host a 100% student-run event that features entertainment and networking opportunities with alumni and local professionals.

Grand Rapids: Poverty rate for children in Kent County is growing

According to the latest report from the U.S. Census Bureau, the poverty rate for children in Kent County has increased by 18% since 2011. The report highlights the need for continued support and resources for children in the area.

Michigan: Same sex couple fighting for legal adoption rights

A couple from Michigan has been fighting for adoption rights for several years. The couple hopes that this case will set a precedent for same sex couples across the country.

Buddhism kicks off second semester Interfaith series

Dr. Eleonore Stump, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Notre Dame, will be speaking on the topic of human suffering. The lecture will be held in the Wege Ballroom at 12:15 p.m.

21st Annual St. Thomas Aquinas Lecture

Dr. Eleonore Stump visits Aquinas College to discuss the college's patron saint's thoughts on human suffering

The lecture, titled "Suffering: A Thomistic Approach," will be held in Wege Ballroom at 12:15 p.m.
By Laura Russell

The Saint Reporter

After weeks of twists and turns in the 2012 presidential race, the South Carolina GOP primaries on January 21 proved technically as complex as its outcome.

After both John Huntsman and Rick Perry pulled out of the race last week, tensions began to rise between the other candidates. There was much speculation about what a Gingrich victory might mean for Mike Huckabee and Newt Gingrich’s presidential hopes, as Rick Santorum and Mitt Romney were likely to enter the battle for the nomination.

After closer look at the New Hampshire primaries, only one thing was clear: it was Gingrich who had come out with 40 percent of the vote, and Santorum’s claims that Romney had won by over thirty votes. Romney admitted that Rick Santorum had not lost by eight mere votes after all but finishing third at 16.9% and 6th at 1.5% of the votes, respectively. And then these four: GOP candidates Jon Huntsman and Rick Perry called it quits shortly after the New Hampshire primaries. With three different GOP candidates to win, it seems to be anyone’s game.

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The best Republicans of all time

New Orleans, Louisiana

By Monica Rischiotto

New Editor

Even once I was little, the women’s national soccer team has been on the mind of my own, in my mother of ours, Ms. Horrie, Yolanda, Shannon O’Grady, and of course, St. Thomas Aquinas. And what a great game, it was our first game ever and everyone was excited. They didn’t talk much about it, they were in sport form, but they were important. It was fantastic.

I am so glad I was a part of this. I have never seen such a celebration. I am so happy for the women’s team. And I am so excited for the rest of the tournament. We need to keep going and make it to the finals. I am so proud of all of them.

When a win is in bad taste

By Monica Rischiotto

New Editor

Say what you need to say!

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Matt Kuczynski
edit-in-chief

As Editor of the Saint, I want to say that I am here, bearing this burden, and the burden is this: I want to know what we publish. It is a legitimate concern that comes from the voice of the students and the college in general.

However, lately, for some reason, I have been poured with a great deal of comments and opinions that I am forced to interact with. I am not willing to have their opinions be instantly deleted from a newspaper. Either way, people are not talking.

This happened to me yesterday. A friend of mine who is also an Aquinas student walked up to me, and she was really upset with what they had written about the editor of the entire issue. No one had even, tried to make sense of their class was about about what they could build and what they can expect.

The Saint, too, is on Facebook, and you can even discuss in terms of the editor about a certain issue. No one had even, tried to make sense of their class was about about what they could build and what they can expect.

It goes beyond the Saint. Too, new students and student clubs, and even advisor meetings and class sessions, are opportunities for communication that can actually make changes.

If you have a view, or a concern, or a perspective you want to get excited about, don’t limit your sights to a Facebook status or a sloppy blog post. Send a letter in to the editor of the editor in chief.

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Rock out with the new and improved Grammys

By Sam Swartout

The Saint Reporter

Do awards matter? The Latest square off on Hollywood and avoid noise

Let's celebrate celebrity

By Stephanie Gibb

The Oscar Race of 2012 is on, and I love it. Some people don't care. Some people feel a bit of nostalgia as they remember the Oscar races of the past. I feel a bit of nostalgia as I think about the award shows that I've seen over the years. I feel a bit of nostalgia as I think about the award shows that I've seen over the years.

The reason I love the Oscar race is that it gives me something to look forward to. I love the idea of watching a movie that I've never seen before. I love the idea of watching a movie that I've never seen before. I love the idea of watching a movie that I've never seen before.

There are also some incredible nominees and performances. The movie "The Artist" is a great example of this. It's a beautiful, moving film that has been nominated for several awards. It has been nominated for Best Director, Best Actor, and Best Performance by an Actress. It's a film that makes you think and feel.

Red Tails sputters and stalls out

By Nick Signore

The Saint Reporter

Red Tails

Artistry at its best and brightest

By Monica Richardson

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Senior Saints Weekend packed with events

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New Grammys

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High Notes Who will win big at the Grammy this year?

By Brian Swartout

The Saint Reporter

For the past seven years, the Grammys have been a national treasure. The last few years have been difficult for the awards ceremony, but now that they have a new host and a new format, there is hope that they will be able to return to the glory days of the past. It's a shame that they haven't been able to do this in the past, but now that they have a new host and a new format, there is hope that they will be able to return to the glory days of the past.
**Sports**

**Skiing: Four Time X Game Champi- on Dead Suddenly**

Canadian freestyle skier Sarah Burke died in a fall at the Whistler Olympic Park on Wednesday Jan. 31 after being crippled by a jump during a training run (Jan. 30). Burke was a four time X Games gold medalist in skiing and snowboarding.

**Saints in search of consistency**

AQ men’s basketball team is caught in the middle of WHAC

By Clare Conroy

The Aquinas College men’s basketball team was 10-13 this season with a tough loss in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Championship.

Coming on the heels of an uncharacteristic 10-3 start, the team’s performance has been up and down, making it difficult for the coaches to predict what they could do from game to game.

"It’s a little bit frustrating," said one member of the coaching staff. "It’s like, if you want to do well in basketball, you need to play consistently." The team did show some signs of promise early in the season, but struggled as the season progressed.

"We had a lot of young talent," said another member of the coaching staff. "But we didn’t really have the experience to go with it." The team’s lack of experience was evident in its games against more experienced teams, but they also showed resilience in their games against weaker opponents.

**Michigan schools victorious while rest of Big Ten struggle**

The men’s team did very well in the Big Ten, finishing 6-2 in conference play.

By Jarrett Ardell

Stand out teams in the Big Ten

The Michigan State University football team, under the leadership of coach Mark Dantonio, had a fantastic season, finishing 11-1 and winning the Big Ten Championship.

The team’s strong defense was its key to success, allowing only 267 points in 12 games. The offense was also strong, scoring 417 points.

Other top performers included quarterback Brian Lewerke, who completed 251 of 416 passes for 3,131 yards and 26 touchdowns, and running back Connor Heyward, who rushed for 1,211 yards and 11 touchdowns.

**Putting focus on Nationals**

Men’s and women’s indoor track and field compete at Central Michigan and Allendale

By Jeremy Grady

It is only the third week of classes and indoor track and field season is already underway.

The meet was held on Feb. 10th at the University of Michigan. In the event that many athletes compete in multiple events, they have to make the best use of their time in order to make the most of their performance.

The team’s leader, coach Jeff Jones, said, "We have a lot of young talent, but we also have a lot of experience. We need to make sure we make the most of both." The team’s focus will be on consistency, rather than just single events.

**Granville campus football program**

By Jarrett Ardell

The Granville Campus Community Col- lege football team had an impressive 1-0-1 conference record for the 2011 Fall season. They finished in the top 10 of the National Ju- nior College Athletic Association and won their Midwest Football Conference championship.

Team members described the season as challenging but rewarding.

"We had our ups and downs," said wide receiver John Schreck. "But we never gave up and we worked hard to get to where we are now." The team is looking forward to a successful season in the 2012 Fall season.

**What to watch in the WNBA**

The Atlanta Dream women’s basketball team will face city-rival Connecticut Sun on Saturday Jan. 14 at 7:30 p.m. After defeating Connecticut Sun on Jan. 11 by 30 points, the Dream will be looking to continue their win streak.

**Wings soar as Pistons sputter**

By Dan Meloy

The Detroit Pistons have been struggling as of late, but the Detroit Wings are finding their groove.

The Wings defeated the Cleveland Cavaliers on Friday night, 97-90, and will face the Chicago Bulls tomorrow night.

"They’re playing well right now," said Pistons center Andre Drummond. "I’m happy to be part of it." The Wings have been playing well all season, with a 15-11 record.

**GRCC cancels football program**

By Jarrett Ardell

The Grand Rapids Community Col- lege (GRCC) football team has announced its 2012 season will be its last.

"It was a difficult decision," said GRCC athletic director Mike Annese. "But we have to focus on the future and our students and community." The team will be dissolved as of the end of this season.

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From alternative to mainstream

The Detroit Mechanix are Michigan's new professional ultimate team

By George Van Den Driessche

"Most players are good, many players are great, but few players are one of a kind player. MJ is the greatest player of all time. From defense to scoring, he was a master of his craft, always one step ahead of the rest. From defense to scoring, he was a master of his craft, always one step ahead of the rest. The team goal for the season is to get better at defense and to grow as a team. From defense to scoring, he was a master of his craft, always one step ahead of the rest.

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Senior Anne Marie Shumaker is a natural leader both on and off the court

By Joanne Heinichen

Senior Anne Marie Shumaker is the starting guard for the women's basketball team. Shumaker is a natural leader on and off the court. She is the only senior on the team and has been a leader all four years. Shumaker is a natural leader both on and off the court. She is the only senior on the team and has been a leader all four years.