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Aquinas’ student government reforms ready for vote

By Staff Writer Alyssa Freese

Aquinas’ student government reforms are ready for vote. The Student Senate committee structure will also be changed if the new reforms pass. Under the new rules, Student Senate will be broken down into four committees that focus on specific issues that students may have with The Senate and the Executive Board.

The proposal will be voted on Wednesday, March 31 by Student Senate. Preliminary straw polls showed the measure passing.

Meet the new boss...
A quiet moment on the stage. Homesteaders, and their way of life, are being celebrated and recognized. It's a moment of reflection and appreciation for the sacrifices made by those who came before us.

By Laura Rico
Staff Writer

It is so silent now. The stage is empty, and only the audience is left. The applause that filled the air moments ago has faded away, leaving behind a sense of stillness.

The Outstanding Student Awards recognize the hard work and dedication of our students. It's a moment to celebrate their achievements and recognize their contributions to our community.

By Laura Farrell
Staff Writer

The Outstanding Student Awards are presented to freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors who have demonstrated excellence in their academic endeavors, extra-curricular activities, and leadership roles.

What kind of make-up do you use?

By Monica Rischiott

When it comes to cosmetics shopping, it's not just about the appearance. It's about the components of anything from lipstick to concealer to mascara. It's not just about the price, but the chemical ingredients.

Best-selling author and environmental advocate Stacy Malkan will be speaking to Aquinas about harmful, chemical toxins that can be found in beauty and self-care products.

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A night for the Saints

Student leaders and sophomores who have declared their majors will be honored during the first year awards ceremony. It's a night to celebrate their accomplishments and recognize their contributions to Aquinas University.

By Laura Rico
Staff Writer

He was an icon, an inspiration, a saint. On this night, we gathered to honor his legacy and remember the impact he had on our lives.

The Awardees

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Study charism lectures start discussion of Aquinas' Catholic identity

By George Van Den Driessche
Staff Writers

The Aquinas 125th Anniversary Lecture series showcased the Dominican charism of Study kicked off last Tuesday in Benedict 7 with a lecture from professor of English Professor Gary Eberle. The lecture was entitled, “Faith AND Reason: My 60 Years in Catholic Higher Education.”

The gay side of Catholicism: Professor Gary Eberle discusses the Catholic identity of Aquinas College, suggesting it is rooted in providing an education that goes beyond a world view Catholic Higher Education.

By Matt Kuczycki
Editor in Chief

Afghanistan: After operating a diplomatic office in Qara in January for talks with the U.S. and Afghan Taliban, closed it on Thursday. Talibans leaders cited frustration with the U.S. lack of carrying out promises to stop violence in the country, and offered to ignore the U.S. for Washington in the face of an alleged shaming of a U.S. soldier that resulted in 18 dead.

Kazakhstan also stated on Thursday that international troops should take a step back and allow Afghanistan to take over the security of their country. In 2013, a year ahead of current plans, the announcement came after Karzai’s meeting with U.S. President Barack Obama.

Morocco: Activists in Morocco are working to overturn the law that the U.S. has approved for Amina Flah, killed herself after being forced to marry her husband. Out dates sections of the penal code all

World News Update

Opportunity in Detroit for new leaders and entrepreneurs

Birmingham, Mich.-based non-profit group establishes 12-month paid program for college graduates interested in community building, programming, and collaborating with Detroit companies and non-profits.

By Monica Bunchett
News Editor

When the word "Detroit" enters the average person's consciousness, images of urban decay and non-profit strife, however, have created an entrepreneurial initiative that includes a 12-month paid program for college graduates interested in community building, programming, and collaborating with Detroit companies and non-profits.

The initiative is called Challenge Detroit and was launched by the College of Community Building Programming.

The program will be selecting 30 participants across seven cities across the United States who will live in Detroit and complete 12 months of working with local organizations to plan, organize, and execute the next generation of programming. The program states that this will consist of a 4-week orientation, 6-weeks of work and a 10-weeks of working. After each month, participants will receive a $500 stipend at the end of each month for housing, but they also receive a $10,000 salary.

Applications for the program are due by Sunday, March 25 and available online at www.challengedetroit.org. Accepted applicants will be notified in late May.

Center for Sustainability launches new online resources

Three new forum-based initiatives can be found on "The Moose"

By Monica Bunchett

Students may pass over every time they scroll through “The Moose” without knowing on the right hand side is a list of informative links under the word "Resources" that might be useful to a learner. One in particular that has added new information is Sustainability Initiatives.

Powered by the Aquinas College Center for Sustainability, this new link shows initiatives that were specifically designed to serve students and provide educational resources to build community and engagingly interact with the Real Initiatives. "Get Involved" and "Create Your Sustainability Initiatives," which is to develop critical thinkers and non-profits alike, however, have exchanged ideas and encouraged sustainable practices through the space requesters to view.

The idea behind "The Moose" is open to the campus and can access the link and submit a request for a new initiative to be displayed. Student artist can then check out the link and make contacts with the requests to showcase their work.

The second initiative, "One Saints Walk in Another Saints' Trenches," serves as an online petition for students and members of the AQ community can file with the litigation. They are being asked to get rid of the court or selling for a reasonable price. They would be expected to be able to see the appeal court or selling for a reasonable price for the future.

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"Our mission as student-athletes is to raise questions and ultimately embrace a population that consists of a significant number of both Catholic and non-Catholic followers," said Scott Turow, University Writing Professor. Speaker, served as the second speaker in the Churchology Study charism speakers series. Former speaker on March 8 was Sr. Barbara Reid who will be on April 30 and the final speaker will be on May 14.

Turow’s lecture, entitled, “The Village of the Future: Beyond the Wege Ballroom at 12:30 p.m., George W. Bush is the last presenter on April 21 at 7 p.m.

Wage’s lecture is titled, “John Paul II’s Ex Corde Ecclesiae, and the Future of Catholic Higher Education.” To conclude the Study charism events, a student panel discussion will take place on Thursday, April 5, 7:30 p.m. in the Wege Ballroom. Questions will be focused on what’s in store for Aquinas to be a Catholic school, and how the different faiths and religious traditions.

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ches, are back in it, and with a little help from Oregon and Kansas State, the team is finally healthy and ready to make a long run. But the team knows that because Creighton and Temple will be the two biggest obstacles. Oregon and Kansas State can also give the Mountaineers a run for their money.

The Rock Chalk Jayhawks could easily upset North Carolina in the Final Four, but I don't see them making it to the Final Four in New Orleans.

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cerned, Michigan State is the big story. With the loss of Draymond Green and his three-point shooting, the Spartans will need some serious assistance and adapt to Michigan State's new game plan. Several east coast teams may i

Shaky start to a challenging women's lacrosse season

By Laura Farrell

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Coaching for college, a big leap in a tennis career

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Great coaches and parents have had a strong impact on sophomore Nick Artaev's tennis career

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**New horror film Silent House delivers a spine-tingling experience**

By Ashton Finess

The movie Silent House, directed by Chris Kentis (Clerk Writer, Grand Theft Auto), stars Elizabeth Olsen, (yes, the Olsen twins). Olsen plays an art student who decides to paint a mural on the wall of her bedroom. The use of the camera adds a lot to the mood of the movie, but the presence of the camera becomes nauseating and a bit annoying at times.

The plot of the movie is brilliantly written by an unknown writer and her father through the right way, and the movie is a two experience. The creepy elements in the movie are mixed with the darkness and the lack of information added to the scene. It was very well shot, with the camera not moving for a long unbroken shot, the camera followed Olsen throughout the movie in a low angle, shooting above Olsen, who is sitting along a lake. Beginning its one hour and 30 minutes, actually cringed reading some of the finer points.

The film is very well written, as audiences follow Olsen as she discovers each part flawlessly. The first scene has the protagonist question of the house and plot line is applied to silent screen house. Olsen does a fantastic job in the film, and the writing of the movie is excellent.

I was not sure if I was going to like the story, but after watching the movie, I was definitely impressed. The characters were well-developed, and the plot was intriguing. Overall, it was a spine-tingling experience that I would recommend to anyone who enjoys a good horror movie.

**LaughFest's got the giggles**

By Meghan Gray

Last Monday night, LaughFest got the giggles in the Grand Ballroom of the Grand Hyatt. The headliners for the show were Jack Black, Will Ferrell, and Sarah Silverman.

The atmosphere was surprisingly light for a horror movie, and the lack of costumes added to the experience. The creepy elements in the movie are mixed with the darkness and the lack of information added to the scene. It was very well shot, with the camera not moving for a long unbroken shot, the camera followed Olsen throughout the movie in a low angle, shooting above Olsen, who is sitting along a lake. Beginning its one hour and 30 minutes, actually cringed reading some of the finer points.

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**Get lost in the Ting's NoWherehouse**

By Colleen Schmidt

After a lengthy wait, the Brit- ish duo Sam and Kevin have released their latest album, entitled Open Water: NoWherehouse. In their second studio album, entitled Open Water: NoWherehouse, they have added new tracks that showcase their unique sound.

"Open Water: NoWherehouse" is the most unique and innovative album on the entire chart. After a lengthy wait, the British duo Sam and Kevin have released their latest album, entitled Open Water: NoWherehouse. It has a retro feel due to its old-school background music. The singing in the song is very powerful and the rock bell build-up progresses to the end.

"Open Water: NoWherehouse" opens up with Sam's voice in White's, and both want their passengers re- membered some of their relationship ended in a very bad way.

"Open Water: NoWherehouse" ends on a low note, the song "Nowhere" is a bit of a disappointment, but it does add more depth to the overall album.

**In the spotlight**

As one of the most highly anticipated albums of the year, Open Water: NoWherehouse has been received with much acclaim. For more action, gaze, intrigue and "Open Water: NoWherehouse", the album is a must-listen for any fan of classic rock and roll.
**Johncarper a fun, high-flying sci-adventure**

By Matt Kuczynski

Editor-in-Chief

Springsteen's Wrecking Ball

not quite a wreck

Back in the day: Bye Bye Birdie, performed by the Grand Rapids Civic Theatre.

Sushi-Yama falls short of perfect, but still a great downtown value

By Matt Kuczynski

Sushi is a food that is always hit-and-miss. There simply is no comprehension when eating raw fish. Sushi-Yama is a poor example of this. It is the type of food that makes you cringe and your stomach turn a bit. It is not the type of food that you sit down and enjoy. It is something that you eat quickly and try not to think about.