A fresh start for soccer

With 19 new freshmen members, Aquinas' women's soccer team has high hopes for the season.

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TRiO program, helping specifically on campus. When asked about her position at Aquinas, Gates was new semester, and this year is change and expand with every climate, Gates remarked that "every her thoughts on Aquinas' cultural on campus. When asked about the diversity office during her diversity issues for other reasons. A month ago, but she is no stranger to navigate other cultures," Gates Gates feels that the center hasmembers have joined Aquinas' team, Restructured senate | 2

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**Michigan:** Gas prices continue to see gains


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**Stay Thirsty, My Friends**

On September 13, a town hall meeting convened by a local police officer was held in the park. The officer expressed his concern that the town is facing a serious issue with water shortages. He explained that due to the recent drought conditions and the increase in population, the town is facing difficulties in meeting the demand for water.

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**A zero-waste campus**

Students Striving for Sustainability set high expectations for a zero-waste school year

**By Emily Elias**

The Saint Editor

Students Striving for Sustainability has a goal for the Appalachian campus to be a zero-waste school by May of 2014. Originally, the date was set for 2020, but last year, the committee found that this goal could be achieved sooner.

The committee aims to reduce waste by promoting recycling and composting, reducing food waste, and encouraging students to bring reusable containers and bags to campus.

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**World News Update**

**By Jerod Irwin**

The Saint Editor

**Mitt Romney becomes a nominee**

Mitt Romney, the Republican nominee for president, accepted his party's nomination on Tuesday night at the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Florida. Romney's speech was met with a standing ovation from the convention hall.

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**Convention recap**

Democratic and Republican conventions full of hot topics and surprises

**By Brenda Hillman**

The Saint Editor

Both the Democratic and Republican national conventions are over, and it's now time to look ahead to the choices that voters will make when they head to the polls.

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**Fall Service Learning trips**

**By Lauren Ledia**

The Saint Editor

From October 21-27 many students will be on a trip to Ecuador. However, service learning provides different forms of experiences.

Aquinas' Service Learning Trips enable any student to travel either within the country or abroad to commit to community service and be connected in a new environment and culture. A great way to gain experience and cross cultural lines, and gain a perspective that looks to make a person feel a sense of relativity. Former President Clinton gave a speech that looked to calm any worry that his administration was without a sense of direction.

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**Servandoing the Saints**

**By Brendan Hoffman**

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**Philippines**

Aquinas students will work with the Vietnamese community on urban issues. In working with their school, they will be receiving training, mentoring, and conducting fieldwork, such as working with a doctor and Aquinas alumna with Addiction Services.

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**Dominican Republic**

A trip to the only international country during fall break, Aquinas students will work with the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to learn about maintaining sustainability and one of the ways is through urban agriculture.

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**Algeria, Melissa**

Aquinas students who travel to Algeria will work with the people of the Algerian community. Activities include construction tasks around the farms as students reflect on social issues.

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Gender in the tattoo community
Margo DeMello enlightens students on the links between gender and body modification

By Bridget Berns
The Saint Reporter
By Tyler Fleser
The Saint Reporter

Margo DeMello delivered her keynote speech prior to the Rock the Block event this weekend. DeMello's presentation focused on the history of tattoos and the meaning behind them.

DeMello explained that every body modification, depending upon the gender, can have a different meaning. For the female gender, especially in earlier centuries, it was strongly taboo for a female to modify her body. Tattoos still make a spectacle and serves as a form of body decoration. While women do modify their body in many ways, men have not been allowed to modify their body as much as women. DeMello went into detail about the use of tattooed ladies and the fascination behind the women who broke gender barriers.

For the male gender, his modification to his body symbolized masculinity, usually his transition from boy into manhood. DeMello also explained that tattoos are symbolic of a complex process of self-definition and increasing self-identity for both genders. DeMello also discussed how tattooing makes a spectacle of oneself and serves as a form of body decoration.

DeMello emphasized that each gender represents their body in a different way, including modifications such as tattoos and piercings.

DeMello presented facts that proved that the gender and modification has not only been seen in our modern world today, but has been a part of culture for a long time. While modifications have been going on for centuries, they are still a part of the world. "The earliest findings of tattooing or body modification have been found on mummies." DeMello said.

DeMello elaborated upon the different kinds of modifications of the body. These included tooth modifications such as cutting, teeth shaping, stretching, piercings, and tattoos. The Saint Reporter

The Rock the Block Pleases the Crowd

By Brian Koldkich
The Saint Reporter

Rock the Block is known throughout the college with the fresh new student event that is also taking place in the city. Rock the Block this year brought a new structure to this year's festivities with a patriotic theme. The student senate was led by Alex Andrew and Michael Alford, who was the special committee-designated to address issues with the activity andwent over the plans for the year.

This year's Student Senate enacted the current system and is now replacing the old Student Senate with a more powerful Tara Jackson. Tara Jackson said that the system will be improved with new changes and that I am expecting that this year's Student Senate will work great.

The new Senate is made up of five representatives from each of the five groups, rather than one large group. The representatives meet with senate and work with boundaries, each group is concerned with the other. The representatives are made up of five elected representatives from each group (freshmen to seniors) who will represent each class in senate meeting and be the voice of their respective classes.

The senate is not full of capacity yet but the freshmen candidates can currently campaigning for the five at-large positions. The freshman president-elect, Taylor Clark, and one member of the sophomore class, Renee Brandt, are the only candidates for the new position. Tara Jackson said that "the candidates are the new system. We are converting from the old system, but in the new system, students will have to adapt themselves to their class representatives, who will then be called the attention of seniors. The executive board of Seniors includes Tucker and Clark as President and Parliamentarian, respectively, as well as Richard Coffey, Secretary. Tucker and Clark also have the responsibility to inform students on senate and class meetings time and locations.

The Soda Debate
Closing a five year contract, students wait to hear what pop provider Aquinas will choose

By Joseph Podmolar
The Saint Reporter

Rock and Pepsi will fight a mighty duel on Aquinas turf. After a five year run, Aquinas College's contract with Pepsi-Cola is up renewed and a change in soda could be coming soon. Recent rumors have mentioned that Pepsi will be switching to Coca-Cola products next year, but the school has yet to announce a decision. For instance, Aquinas is aware that the company has to offer Aquinas students loves Mountain Dew, which is a large population of the school's student body. Aquinas's own values and how the company stacks up to sustainability, fair labor laws, social justice and diversity. The school will discuss which kind of benefits can come from the companies, since the vendors, the students, and student advocates, the Wake Up People, are sponsored by these companies.

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FROM THE CROWD

APPLAUSE TO...

A fall TV season starting up next week to help us procrastinate;
The Places campus escorts;
The Women's Studies Center, for bringing a phenomenal speaker to campus;
NASA, for bringing us one step closer to light-speed flight and making the Kessel run in 18 parsecs (or less, if that's your thing).

HECKLES TO...

People who excessively post smug pregnancy photos to Facebook;
People who cannot communicate on the phone;
Sprinklers and fire alarms that go off at the wrong time;
Tabloids, for exploiting royal bits;

RNC and DNC political madness.

>> FROM our view

Sexual assault is a magic number, no matter where it happens. However, within the past weeks, Aquinas has been devastated by reports of sexual and physical assault that have affected our students. This is something that no one should ever experience. We condemn the actions of all perpetrators completely, and hope that as the Aquinas community, we can work to foster healing and to make sure nothing like this ever happens again.

The shock from such events also spreads through our tight-knit campus. Our community is absolutely devastated by what has been reported and is determined to be doing this by letting everyone know. Such events can shatter our sense of security, and make us paranoid about what lies ahead every time. It is important to us to let these murders seriously—students should be aware of what happens, and stand together in support of one another, and in support of our society.

Unfortunately, there are some who do not approach these situations with the gravity they deserve. Jokes about watching someone's shoulder at night might have become commonplace around campus. “Raye Alley” has become a new nickname for East Fulton Street.

People need to be aware of what they are communicating in these situations. The assaults happened to our friends and neighbors. These crimes are serious. These labels are serious. The consequences of these actions are grave, and not to be taken lightly.

Placing this sort of label and inherent association of social assu­al with our areas and homes is not the way to build our commu­nity. Constantly heaping fear with sophomoric statements is not the way to show support to our fellow students. While we should stay aware of our surroundings, we should not let these tragedies define our neighborhood. Whether we are living in the same area should make you feel safe knowing that everyone around you is working together to make the Aquinas community a place where everyone feels safe.

As a member of the continuing education student population here at Aquinas, I have certainly seen the need for a discourse between the two adult learners and traditional students. I went to a social incident that spilled into a conversation about a grad­uate who had been directed at me and it’s possible others have had similar experiences. I find it unacceptable to be raised in an institution as a student being respected because someone feels their opinion or perspec­tive is more valid due to the perceived underling issue. Gratitude, I don’t look like someone who has had less meaningful life experi­ences than any other person has had in their, possibly, shorter life.

But the concern can quickly take on the flavor of a parent pushing a child, or the sensation of a hen pecking at a cock. The latter, demonstrating that the aggressive parent has been denied some sort. The former has been directed at me and it’s possible others have had similar experiences. It seems reasonable to expect the same respect and treatment.

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We can promote healing and security in the face of tragedy. When we respect the fear and concerns of the Aquinas community, we can work to foster healing and to make sure nothing like this ever happens again.

In two other presidential elections where I can remember, we were never so closely focused on, nor so finally decided upon, an election result that causes the state at least. But from a lot of the action on social issues, the difference of personality and gender issues to the de­cision is more apparent. It is an excellent model for both the parties and citizens to ease into these issues.

First off, these issues are a hot­ten this attitude is unintentional; the level of any first-world large-population country, an insurance system that keeps people from getting the help they need, a public education system that’s crumbling, an economy that can’t sup­port itself, a few wars (oh, sorry, “on­going military engagements”) across the planet, the highest infant mortality rate of any first-world large-population country, an insurance system that keeps people from getting the help they need, an immigration system that needs to be addressed, an undocumented drug market that fuels violence both in the U.S. and abroad, and international terrorism that we have not yet been able to stop. Oh, and environ­mental destruction.

The earth, the very one we live on, is practically disappeared, nature is disappearing, species are extin­gent itself, a few wars, lots of war, sorry, “war,” “war,” “war.”

There are areas that neither party has had concrete solutions for in recent years, and when they have had ideas, congregational tenets have key solu­tions from coming through. While Bu­ckingham is ranting about “invading” Democrats for pushing gender and bio issues to the forefront, they’re doing the same by focusing Republican attention on what the Democrats are promoting.

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**Lawless is not for the faint of heart.**

The story revolves around a group of youth in the face of a violent past. 

It's directed by John Hillcoat, who previously directed the critically acclaimed "Lawless." The film centers on the Bondurant brothers, who run a moonshine business in the 1930s.

The film is set in the Depression-era South, and the main characters are caught up in a web of crime, violence, and corruption. The Bondurant brothers are played by Shia LaBeouf and Tom Hardy, while the supporting cast includes all the main actors from the first film.

The movie is rated R for violence, strong language, and some sexuality.

**Books:**

Bob Dylan is coming to a Kiosk near you.

- **Designated Motel**
  - "Bob Dylan, prolific and beloved children's author, will be on hand to sign copies of his latest book, "The Zookeeper's Wife." He will be at the signed copies of his latest book, "The Zookeeper's Wife." He will be at the book signing event at the Designated Motel from 10am to 5pm on September 15th.

**Artpize 2012 will feature plenty of fun from the Aquinas College community.**

The Saint Reporter

**By Natalie West**

Aquinas Art professor Rev. Pad- more is looking forward to viewing the works of art that are being submitted for this year's Artpize. "I am excited to see what our students have come up with," he said.

Artpize is an annual art competition held by the Diocese of Grand Rapids. Students are encouraged to submit their works of art, whether it be paintings, sculptures, or any other form of art, to be considered for inclusion in the competition.

"We have a few artists who have been involved in the competition for many years," Padmore said. "I think it's great when someone new comes into the competition and starts showcasing their work in front of a larger audience."
Martha McLeish AMC exhibit offers a visual experience

By Kylee Berg

The Saint Reporter

Great American Trailer Park is the best kind of white trash

By Austen Van Avermaet

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Men's soccer off to a solid start

By John Lunn
The Saint Reporter

An 8-0 shutout victory over Calumet College last Wednesday signals that the Saints have been hard at work for seven straight weeks.

The Saints, now 3-4 overall, 0-1 in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and fifth out of 21 for non-Division One schools. The team of Gunneson, Foley, Geoff Albaugh and junior Kevin Magoon were key contributors. In practice between classes and tournaments.

They have had great success so far. "We have a lot of depth this year and already some freshmen are stepping into the top spots," said head coach Mike Wojciakowski.

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The Saints can confirm in the conference tournament, they will qualify for Nationals. The Saints are starting strong and taking their season one game at a time. "We have an experienced improvement this season," said senior Anne Couturier.

The Saints are looking for a home to host a game and a good chance to get a great deal of experience on the field. "We have a lot of depth this year and already some freshmen are stepping into the top spots," said head coach Mike Wojciakowski.
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