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A choice of candidates former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney and U.S. President Barack Obama face off in the final televised presidential debate before the election on October 30.

Although Obama again proved aggressive in this debate, Romney did attempt to turn attention in the Obama administration’s domestic policy over the past four years. At several points, the candidates proved similar thoughts, such as on the dole use in Pakistan, where Romney stated that Obama “was right up the stage that technology.”

Despite the mainstream media leading him as the debate winner, the former Governor is putting up all the stops in the remaining weeks.

Just like their running mates, Vice President Joe Biden faced off with Congressman Paul Ryan in a one-on-one, heated debate over policy and domestic issues.

“I thought both candidates were well rehearsed,” said Erin Sprague-Rice, an Aquinas senior. “If they got lucky and a question matched up with a slogan they’d rehearsed then they seemed like a strong debate. For instance, the question about abortion put for women in the workforce let Obama deliver his ‘This woman’s issue’ line”.

Senior Brian Scott, who said she will probably not vote for either major party, lets similarity about the content of the debates. “I feel that both candidates are just saying what they have been told to say. I was the ‘same old same old’ type of debate,” she said.

With Nov. 6 with reach, the candidates are racing to public venues, continuing their climb to the top of the presidential ladder. Current potential political advertisements continue to dominate the airwaves. After voting on Nov. 6, Aquinas students can attend Red White & Blue: The A2 Election Night Bash at The Muse on November. From 7 p.m. the event will provide via students with games, food, and the music as they come in on the night of the big election. For more information, check out the Facebook event.

SANDY STRIKES
"Superstorm" devastates East Coast states, continues into Canada

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The final countdown
Presidential debates set candidates’ tones in lead-up to Election Day

By Myra Monroy

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**Aguidina: Inquiry and Expression professors to share work**

The Inquiry and Expression department is hosting a weekly meeting for professors to learn more about writing works of literature. On Wednesday, of this week, 11:00 am, six professors contested the role of the author in a "writing" process. The writing process is individual, but the author is often a collective effort. In this case, Professors John Williams and Emily Greenberg will be sharing their work of literature and their process of writing it. The meeting will be held in Room 203 of the John Hopkins University.

**Grand Rapids Superintendent proposes shutdown of CREST HS.**

Grand Rapids Public Schools Superintendent, Scott Murdock, is proposing the shutdown of CREST HS. The school has been struggling with low enrollment, and Murdock believes that the school is not sustainable in its current form. The school has been in operation for 25 years, but in recent years, enrollment has steadily declined. Murdock estimates that the school will cost the district $8.5 million per year to operate, and he believes that the money could be better spent on other programs. The proposal will be presented to the school board at their next meeting.

**National 2020: New York City nanny sparks fear in light of tragedy.**

National 2020, the New York City nanny who has been in the news recently, is facing a new fear in the wake of a recent tragedy. On Wednesday, of this week, a 12-year-old boy died after being left in a hot car for several hours. The incident has raised concerns about the safety of children in the care of nannies and other caregivers. National 2020 has been in the news recently due to allegations of abuse and neglect. The new fear is that she may be involved in this latest incident.

**World News Update**

The editor-in-chief of the Aquinas News, Matthew Hemley, has announced that the paper will be making some changes to its format and content. The paper will now include more student-written content, and will be focusing more on local news and events. The paper will also be making an effort to be more inclusive and diverse in its coverage.

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**write us a letter!**
Cloud Atlas is a beautiful mess of storytelling

By Stephanie Giluk

Cloud Atlas is a beautiful mess of storytelling. Adapted from the (very long) book by David Mitchell, Cloud Atlas is a beautiful mess of storytelling—eight stories spanning over one thousand years with no connections throughout time full circle. This will be my first time partaking in NaNoWriMo, which will soon be upon us.

NaNoWriMo (November is National Novel Writing Month) is a month-long writing challenge that takes place during the month of November. The goal is to write 50,000 words, or at least part of a novel. My goal is to write a rough draft, with no revisions and no editing. Either I write through to completion. Either I write 50,000 or I stop. I have ideas bouncing around in my head, and quite honestly, I'm actually pretty excited about it. Though the next month will be madcap and it'll be a little bit and that's enough to satisfy me. I need to have 50,000 words by the end of one month. This process is really just about me and my own mind. I'm actually pretty excited about it. I've always had this idea buzzing around in my head. But when you sign up for forums and talk to other writers, and get to know other writers, you can see at least one idea through to completion. Either I write 50,000 or I stop. Either I write through to completion. Though I'm fully aware that it would almost feel like it is a problem, and Comic-Con organizers will just have to wait.

Cloud Atlas is also what makes the story genuinely amazing. Many of the actors, including Halle Berry, Ben Kingsley, Hugh Grant, and Jim Sturgess, are new to the storyline. One of the last of a traditionally-advanced person, on a journey through the words and the bold role-playing of the actor. The other tales are just as compelling, if more familiar in their settings. One of the strongest scenes, set in the early 20th century, tells the life of young composer Roberto Fruchheim. His life is heartbreaking and beautiful, as he explores the power of creativity and art and art and art and art and art

Swift is red hot

Seeing red: Swift delivers with her latest album

Painting the town "red" is country-bred and six-time Grammy award winner Taylor Swift with her fourth album of the same name. Swift tests our patience and makes a statement. Her current focus is to have you bouncing around your bedrooms. The most exciting and perhaps, best song on this record is "This I Know." Together, these tracks prove they are not afraid to wear their hearts on their sleeve and put out some things on the table in a song. "This is the last time I'm going to ask you to say my name at the top of your list." Now, what would a Swift album be without some good sob songs? "Today" and "Sad Beautiful Tragic" are soul-crushing, yet hopeful. And "Red" is another story to tell the child in all of us. But Swift's streams thumping song, "Red\" and "Fifteen" and "Gone" give precise, showing her past and present self.

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