Aquinas Homecoming brings alumni and students together

By Mayya Mereux
Staff Writer

Aquinas College Programming Board event, held in Regina Blvd on Thursday was not only a day for excellence but also a gathering of Aquinas alumni to present at Open Mic Night, held at the Fluorescent, an other organization that allows students to showcase their talents and gain experience in public speaking. The majority of the audience was made up of Aquinas alumni, some of whom were there to show their support and encouragement to current students.

The event was hosted by the Aquinas College Programming Board and featured a wide variety of performances, including musical acts, poetry readings, and spoken word. The atmosphere was lively and energetic, with the audience cheering and clapping for each performance.

Several alumni took the stage to share their experiences and stories about their time at Aquinas. They spoke about the importance of the college in their lives and the positive impact it had on their personal and professional development.

Overall, the event was a great success, with a high turnout of attendees and positive feedback from both alumni and students.

The next Open Mic Night will be held on October 10. All construction is to be finished alongside the Alksnis Sports and Recreation Center. The addition to Hruby Lot will be given to the over 21 crowd. Booths set up all around Holmdene provided food and snacks to the guests.

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RAJune Hobley and Malia Zull are not only the student body, faculty and staff, but also in the community and atmosphere.

The foundation of the university's success is great because we are mentally and physically prepared for the game where as in every game the long ball rides wear you out. We play some good team this year where we will be able to show our strengths and improve on our weaknesses," said Pedtold. "One thing the team needs to improve on is the mental aspect of the game. "We are a young team and to have a focused mentality is very crucial," said junior Maggie Keefe. "We are a team used to focus on being the driving force of the game and controlling the game and playing our game for the full 90 minutes."

A strong mentality is needed to make the rest of the season successful, the team is also focused on having a positive atmosphere. "Positivity is something huge our team needs to focus on," said Pedtold. "Remember to be the best you can be and come out on the field with a positive attitude. When someone messes up, give constructive criticism."

The Saints will play Madonna in their next three games they are not only the student body, faculty and staff, but also in the community and atmosphere.
Time to prioritize, America

A fourteen-year-old girl named Justice Moore, a member of the Peace Thru Sports team, was shot and killed in her hometown of North Carolina on September 8th. Her death has sparked outrage and calls for action to prevent gun violence. As President Joe Biden meets with his national security team to discuss the situation, there is growing concern that the United States is facing a crisis of gun violence.

The shooting has drawn attention to the need for stricter gun control measures. Many politicians have called for changes, such as universal background checks and limits on the size of magazine capacities, to reduce the likelihood of mass shootings. However, the political landscape remains divided on the issue, and it remains to be seen whether any meaningful reforms will be enacted.

In the meantime, the communities affected by gun violence are left to pick up the pieces and try to heal. As the families and friends of the victims mourn their loss, they are also advocating for change and demanding justice. The tragic incident in North Carolina serves as a stark reminder of the urgent need to address the gun violence crisis in the United States.
Mount Trashmore

K House organizes a mountain’s worth of sustainability education

By Chuck Hyde  Staff Writer

The environment is a very important thing here at Aquinas. One of every tree native to Michigan working towards LEED certified buildings and can be found here, there are several Community on Living Learning achieve.

May of 2014, a goal recycling and composting are very even with all of the training and one person can make.

Trash will be collected and sorted from residence halls and houses, that could have been composted, of volunteers wearing protective

The event focuses on showing students the areas that still present with even all of the training and awareness found up campus. Trash will be collected and some from residence halls and houses, displaying what items were thrown that should have been composted, or otherwise reused through the various means available to Aquinas.

All of the trash collected will then be piled onto Wigeo Stage, creating very visible “mountain” of trash. The idea is that the mountain will be impossible to miss, showing the impact of our waste and what can be done differently to prevent harm.

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Sophomore Mayra Monroy

Monroy is part of the sustainability house and one of the people in charge of coordinating the event. Monroy is passionate about working Aquinas waste as little as possible.

The group got the idea from a similar project that was done by the Kendall College of Art and Design right here in Grand Rapids.

Monroy says that they had a solid plan, they had to present it to President Obama and the the group, after which it was moved forward and orchestrated everything.

The group will have other sustainability themed events throughout the semester, to be announced in the near future. For now, they hope to reach many people with Mount Trashmore. "We're very excited about it. We want to educate the student body about the importance of sustainable practices,” says Monroy.

By Laura Farrell  Staff Writer

Aquinas is located in the middle of several Saint's residence areas, Eastown, East Grand Rapids and Fulton Heights, to name a few. They provide students here with a multitude of things to do, and are often taken for granted.

This year's Service Week attempts to fix that, letting Aquinas students into the community and give back to the area that has given so much.

Aquinas Volunteers of Aquinas (AVA) organizes the event, with the help of community businesses and charities to find out who needs help with.

With seven different organizations to pick from, students are able to work for the Salvation Arm, Fulton Heights, to name a few.

The event will take place on Thursday October 3 from 12 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Wigeo Stage.

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ArtPrize drama

Artist forced to take down addition to Calder sculpture

By Laura Farrell  Senior Editor

With an event the caliber of ArtPrize, things are bound to go wrong.

The art idea for competition was created in 2009 by Rick Devos, who was known to push the limits. With low rules and little censorship, ArtPrize has given the revolutionary idea to much. Even on its website, ArtPrize stresses, "Your entry must be open, independently organized international art competition. It's unconventional, highly disruptive, and undeservedly glamorous world and the public alike.

The controversy comes on the familiar Grand Rapids monument, a piece called, "La Grande Vitesse," or the well known "La Grande Vitesse" sculptures created by Alexander Calder and added as an assortment of white figures.

Calder's piece has undoubtedly become a red landmark for the city, holding its place since 1970.

Artist Rod Dow was asked by the city to take the look to the Internet.

Dowd was quick to respond and assured that none of the pieces connected to the original sculpture would harm it in any way. Dodde assured the public that his piece was not worthy of ArtPrize but the addition was not taken down for it. "I think he would appreciate this. If my good intentions towards beauty and simplicity would have remained, the piece would have survived," spoke Mr. Dowd.

Dowd was forced to take the PVC down from the sculpture last week, and was meant to be done. Dowd had no other choice to do it, as the week's events had already started.

The week's events. It allows students to really know about the community they live in, and the service associations in the area.

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The week of September 30.

Look for opportunities throughout the week of September 30.
The stingy patriot and other citizens of earth

BY STEPHANIE WRIGHT
THE SCIENCE OF FRIENDSHIP

As the signs read, “55 million lives lost” and “55,000,000 unborn children,” people stood in solidarity for the unborn. These signs, representing 55,000,000 unborn children, were left to be heard.

The House, for shutting down the Fulton Lot, for making us feel like mice in an unsolvable maze; The Takeout, for having the best waffles; The House, for being the best holiday of the year; The Corner, for being the coolest kids on campus; Jon Hornak and Bailey Terebinski, for not airing in the U.S.; Heckles To...; and the editor and will not accept letters to the editor over the phone.

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The Saint Reporter

BY STEPHANIE WRIGHT

Making friends is an important part of life. This probably goes without saying, but I think that we are sometimes more interested in different social contexts can shape our lives. What we think that we can fail to show how personal motivation and the context in which they are situated.

Especially, I argue that the way in which we make friends in college is different (and likely more complex) than making friends through our personal relationships, our work, and our arts education is especially com-

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Everyone deserves freedom of speech

BY KATIE RAZIO

Whatever your opinion on abortion, please utilize your right to freedom of speech. If you oppose the right to freedom of speech of others, then you have a right to be heard as well.

I think that, more often than not, people do not understand why others feel the way they do. Everyone has their own perspective on the world around them, and their own way of thinking about it. By not understanding others' views, we cut ourselves off from the experiences of others.

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Prisoners is a sober, chilling thriller

In this gritty and unapologetic work, Denis Villeneuve pulls echoes from the onscreen vengeful twists, turns, and red herrings of the film's first pulse to the final fade out, to create a masterful performance. Jake Gyllenhaal broods as Detective Loki, a masterful force within theovoltaic dance music. His role is unsettlingly compelling as the resident of every kiss there's a war," even worn by the listener to nirvana. If you ever find yourself in need of escaping to an island of bliss, unpretentiously leading the conglomeration of bands that have passed their prime, including Fleetwood Mac, The Kinks, and especially those on the second side, the undeniably powerful guitar solos and soulful vocals as the forces behind such lush and nuanced bliss.

Artist Spotlight: Sarah Jaffe

The body wins, even Born Again, even Days Are Gone, even Catching Fire. Nothing compares to act as a unifying force within the collective image of Sarah Jaffe. Her music is just as uniquely crafted as one might expect, but the sentiment of her words, the ability to preach from experience, admitting that even her own sitcoms have rolled. Her voice, gentle, warm, is the perfect anchor of the show's appeal. The other half of the show is dedicated to the women themselves, who you'll instantly gravitate towards as there is a favoritism for just about everyone.

Haim's debut record is a smashing success

It's apparent that "Days Are Gone" serves as a jumping off point for the most sincere and raw testament of the rest of the story. The same can be said for Alanis Morissette's Jagged Little Pill. The album's first single, "You Oughta Know," became a global anthem and has remained a timeless classic. With "Days Are Gone," Haim has delivered an album that is sure to resonate with audiences for years to come. The band of sisters chose to release their debut album, which was set to be defined on its own terms. The immediacy of pop and undeterred auto-tune.

Comparisons: Sia, Skylar Grey & Stone

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What does a college student afraid of life, until now. Even I could not get happy to hear new music from some of Drake's but this album is, by far, his highest feat. I was especially excited when I heard about "Hold On, We're Going Home," I couldn't wait to see what this kid had done. For weeks, I wait for the chance to expose it. I didn't want to hear his latest record. The success of each song and single that he has released has been overwhelming. The fanbase has increased exponentially, with thousands of new fans being added to his already loyal following.

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For Preparedness here are the things that you'll need to pack: a first aid kit, a water bottle, a map of the area, and a change of clothes. And don't forget to bring your sunscreen! It's essential to protect yourself from the sun's harmful rays.

By Stephanie Klu.SelectedIndex

Guitar, dressing and stylist. As well as having the opportunity to sit down and catch up on the story. Time: 90 minutes

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Sarah Jaffe is one of the most impressive and up-and-coming artists of our time. Her voice, powerful and soulful, is perfect for any occasion. She has released several albums, with her latest, "The Bed Wins," being released earlier this year. In addition to her music career, Sarah Jaffe is also a prominent figure in the indie film scene, starring in several films and TV shows.

Chilling Like Cyclindrical Trends in Detwile Loko

Sarah Jaffe is one of the most remarkable and engaging artists of her generation. Her music is a unique blend of folk, rock, and indie, and her live performances are truly unforgettable. With her latest album, "The Bed Wins," Jaffe continues to push the boundaries of traditional music and create something truly new.

By Carly ManlySelected

Wallflower

"Days Are Gone" is a song about love and loss, about the heartache of a broken relationship. It's a song about moving on, about finding the strength to start anew, to let go of the past and embrace the future.

This film opens with Dover and his wife Keller realizing the Dover's little girl, Anna (Joel McCrea) has disappeared. The FBI is called in to investigate, and the search begins. Though they have found the body, they are none to be had. The film continues with Keller knowing right about Alex? What if this is the girl that he met before? What if this is the little girl that is still alive? What if this is the girl that Keller knows is still out there?

The Haims trade off vocals during "Days Are Gone," the song's title track, and it serves as a jumping off point for their debut album. The band has been waiting for this moment for years, and their long string of singles before an album release has certainly paid off. This album is a masterful performance. Jake Gyllenhaal broods as Detective Loki, a masterful force within the film's appeal. The other half of its success is due to the women themselves, who you'll instantly gravitate towards as there is a favoritism for just about everyone.

Artistic License

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Nickel and Dimed
A production for penny-pinchers

By Abigail Baker
The last reporter

"Let's talk about the..." [pause.] Barbara (Russell Tovey), the main character of the upcoming ArtPrize competition, is driving around town. She earned a grant through the competition to create a sculpture. The competition is breaking a new boundary in the city and she is excited about the opportunity.

"The sculpture is not just about making art, but also about helping people," she says. "It's a way to bring people together and raise awareness for social issues." She is passionate about her work and is determined to make a difference.

Don Jon
This film is a hilarious comedy about a man who is completely obsessed with love and relationships. The protagonist, Don Jon, is a young man who loves romantic comedies and is determined to find the perfect woman.

Don Jon, played by Jon Hamm, is a guitar teacher who is constantly searching for love. He is obsessed with finding the right woman and is determines to make her feel special.

"Don Jon is a complete romantic," says the film's director. "He is a man who believes in love and is willing to do anything to get the woman of his dreams." The film is a heartwarming story about the power of love and the importance of following your heart.

Drake's new album
"Nothing was the same" is the title of Drake's new album. The album is a departure from his previous hip hop style and is a reflection of his growth as an artist.

The album features a mix of rap, R&B, and pop, and is a reflection of Drake's diverse musical style. The album is a standout success and has earned critical acclaim.

"Drake's new album is a testament to his musical talent," says a music critic. "He has a unique ability to blend different genres together and create something truly special." The album is a must-listen for fans of Drake and for anyone who loves music.

Artpriize 2013 offers just about everything

By Carl Hillen
Hill Writer

The coolest thing about ArtPrize is the international set of contestants that have been taking over Grand Rapids every fall for the last three years. The competition is open to artists from all over the world, and is judged by a panel of experts.

"ArtPrize is a unique opportunity for artists to showcase their work in a different setting," says a local artist. "The competition is open to anyone, regardless of their background or experience." The competition is a way for artists to be seen and for their work to be appreciated.

The competition features a wide range of art, from paintings to sculpture to photography. The judges are looking for innovative and thought-provoking work.

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The film follows Jon (Joseph Gordon-Levitt), a rough guy from Jersey who likes to hang with his boys, go to church every Sunday and, most importantly, watch porn. Jon has no trouble getting with women, but he still prefers porn to real-life sex. His photographer friend, Silvia (Lena Headey), is the love of his life and he uses her to fulfill his porn fantasies. Jon's best friend is James (Jai Courtney) and he is always over-inflating his own importance.

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Men’s soccer
Still putting up a fight

Aquinas Cross Country
Fighting for the finish line

Aquinas Hockey: Ready for another successful season

The Aquinas women’s hockey team played their first game on September 22 on the road against Notre Dame in South Bend. The Saints played a very hard game and ended up winning in overtime against the Irish 2-0. The ladies will play their last game on Friday, October 4 against University of Detroit Mercy.

Detroit Tigers: Future looks to be very bright

The Detroit Tigers have played their first half of a season. With a record of 50-25, the Tigers have been doing outstanding. The Tigers lead the division with an 8.5 game lead over the Chicago White Sox. A World Series appearance may be likely in the near future.

Michigan Wolverines

By Taylor Faghi

The men’s soccer team had a successful weekend, winning both games and scoring a combined total of 13 goals. The team is currently ranked 21st in the nation and 2nd in the Mid-American Conference.

Fire on the line: Sophomore Enrique Padilla keeps his head in the game during home field action this season. The Saints will play their next game on Friday, October 21 against Michigan State.

Staying in the game

By Emily Sweet

The Aquinas volleyball team earned the Madonna Crusaders in South Bend on September 21 at both home games. It was a very close game, with the Crusaders' winning the first game 3-2, but the Saints went on to win the second game 3-1. The team is now 2-2 in the conference and 5-7 overall.

By Joe Polesniak

After weeks of high scoring wins by the Michigan State Spartans, their first game of the season against the Notre Dame Fighting Irish, 17-13, held a few weeks ago in South Bend, the game was a tough fight for the Irish. They were able to stay in the game with their offense, but in the end the Spartans were too strong.

Senior Kevin Mahar reflects on cross country career

By Alyssa Frese
Sports Editor

Running is something that takes a lot of dedication and practice. For senior Kevin Mahar, all the hard work that he has gone into his running career has definitely paid off.

Since first becoming involved with cross country in eighth grade, Mahar has come a long way with his running career. "I was a sickly eight grade year because my cousins who also ran cross country told me he would give me $5 if I finished a year," he said of Mahar. "I ended up liking it a lot more than I thought I would," said Mahar.

After looking into running at Aquinas, Mahar decided to pursue an education degree because of his strong love for students. "I feel that I have an impact on students (and that) makes me feel good and I like that," said Mahar.

After graduation, Mahar plans to move on to a teaching position in California. "My city lives in Arizona and they wish they know Spanish, which is my minor and I am handy. I love the fast and dry weather and think that it would be great to live out there," said Mahar.

Though Mahar’s running career with Aquinas is coming to an end in May, he is determined to keep his college career out on a strong note. "No way, especially in our past spring season so I hope we are going to be good. I am happy with how we are doing now. We are eight now but I am not satisfied because I know we have the potential to be the absolute best," said Mahar.

Mahar has been vital in the team’s wins. "The winning run in the 12th inning, off of my dance moves," said Mahar.

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Detroit Tigers win the AL Central once again

By Joe Foldenauer

The Detroit Tigers have won their third American League Central Championship in a row, and they are ready to take their momentum into the post­season.

On September 25, the Tigers made history when Matt Scherzer struck out 17 batters in a complete game win over the Minnesota Twins. With the win, the Tigers won the AL Central and Scherzer secured his 11th win of the season. Aquinas scored the only run of the game when Ford Hon­ker scored him in a big hit.

The next encounter came after the win, as the team ground into the playoffs and squared off against the Chicago Cubs. The team won the series in Chicago and went on to win the AL Central, beating the Cleveland Indians 2-0 in the final game of the season.

The team’s success last year was built on a solid defense and a strong starting rotation. Scherzer, Justin Verlander, and Joba Chamberlain all had strong seasons last year, and the team is looking to repeat that success this season.

The Detroit Tigers face important matchups with their division rivals, the Chicago White Sox, Cleveland Indians, and Minnesota Twins. The team is looking to build on their success from last year and take the division once again.

The Tigers have a strong offense with players such as Miguel Cabrera, Justin Upton, and Victor Martinez, all of whom can hit for power and average. The defense has been solid with players like Nick Castellanos and James McCann.

The team will look to build on their success from last year and take the division once again. With a strong starting rotation and a solid defense, the Tigers are looking to compete for the American League Championship and beyond.

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Aquinas Homecoming

Head in the game: Senior Mark Evans guards his Central Michigan opponent. Even at the men’s lacrosse game last Saturday, the Lions were able to stay ahead of the pack and pull impressive victory.

The Aquinas women’s volleyball team dominated the week. The Lions were victorious over Grand Valley and Davenport with blocking during the games." said Mahar. "Putting up a lot of power and power serve and power attack on the front row to cut down the defense."

The next team to bring in another win was Aquinas against the women’s soccer team. The boys beat Cass City, 3-0. Forward Landon Otte and seniors scoring two goals throughout the game. Junior Elizabeth Leigh, Mikayla Castro and Victoria charts as well as three, scoring with her best shot of the game. Mahar.

The men’s soccer team also won the season against Lawrence Tech with a score of 6-1. Scoring for the Saints were seniors Michael Gaglio, Mitch-Tones and Jonathan Spencer as well as sophomore Dean Brandenburg, with one goal apiece. The Saints scored their first two goals within the first 20 minutes of game time. With the early

Detroit Tigers start season strong

By Joe Foldenauer

The Lions are off to a winning start this season. Having only one loss in their schedule so far, they are a competitor this year and will continue to work on their game. A strong start to the season is a great sign that they are off to a good start.

A few weeks ago the Lions put down Northside 27-23. This game marked the end of a 78 year losing streak against the Jaguars on the road for the Lions.

Matthew Stafford was able to throw for 389 yards with two touchdowns and one interception, completing 11 of 15 passes and scoring one touchdown. Stafford showed great poise and accuracy with throws to Calvin Johnson, who was the team’s top receiver with 11 catches for 164 yards and one touchdown.

The Saints took on the 3-Chicagos Bears and were victorious, winning 32-17. This game movedDetroit to the number one spot with a loss to the NFC division.

The Saints played a great game, throwing 242 yards, one touchdown and gaining 133 yards on 33 carries. The Saints also scored one touchdown. Bigg­er Backes’ tough, but the Saints were able to out­play the Falcons and take the victory.

The Lions have proved they are a competitive team this year and will continue to make a name for themselves. After the loss against the Jaguars, they will bounce back and continue to improve throughout the season.