Happy Homecoming 2015

This year celebrates the achievements of the present, past, and future.

September 24th
Aquinas College Awards Gala @ 5:30PM
Hypnotist Tom Deluca @ 9PM

September 25th
Alumni Basketball Games @ 7PM
All Reunion Class Party @ 6PM

Contemporary Writers Series: Liza Lenzo

By Yohannan Gosh
Staff Writer

Essayist and fiction writer Liza Lenzo read two of her short stories at the Wege Ballroom on Tuesday, September 13.

Lenzo, a graduate of the 2013 Iowa Prize for Literature, received the 2013 first prize winner for the Iowa Prize in 1997. The story, "Shed," written in Taylor, Michigan, is narrated by a white male teenager, and Lenzo, already standing at the podium, put on a cap backward in order to get into character before she started reading.

The other piece on the program was a short story from Lenzo's latest collection, "Strange Love," which was published in 2014 by the Press at the University of Georgia.

"The remainder of the current season of the Contemporary Writers Series will feature the following: memoirist Carlos Rene on Tuesday, November 10 memoirist Mardi Jo Link on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, and poet Edward Hirsh on Thursday, April 14, 2016.

The Saint Reporter

By Adrianna Triche

Aquinas's homecoming will be a salute to their distinctively Catholic and Dominican roots at Aquinas. It encourages community, fellowship and school spirit between current students as a part of the Aquinas family. Ms. Bivens will receive the outstanding Alumna award at the Aquinas College Awards Gala. Her work will be an inspiration to all grand redhead homecoming court candidates.

There will be something for everyone. There will be events for all, ranging from elections for our homecoming court candidates to our Aquinas prize.

staff writer Haley Brink fills you in on the West Michigan Whirlwinds.

homecoming weekend is quickly approaching and along with that comes the rush of Homecoming. The weekend of September 24 and 25 promises to be a memorable event among Aquinas students. This year, we expect to be able to experience the Homecoming week activities and enjoy the festivities.

At the same time, Aquinas strives to make campus a safe and inclusive atmosphere for all. Federal and state laws still apply, and minors will not be allowed to drink alcohol in the tent (or anywhere else). Security systems (both internal and external) will be in place to ensure the safety of the students under 21 will be allowed to enter the tent in order to provide a model of good citizenship of Grand Rapids. There have been complaints from our Eastown and Fulton Heights neighbors in the past regarding Homecoming related activities which may spill over the property boundary. There is a great need to thank all the hard working people that have a hand in making the reports demand that the tent have to be constructed, and our in-house process, where all the different components of the Homecoming planning is in action.

In addition, there are events for all, ranging from alumni Homecoming court candidates, to an all-inclusive class of Aquinas.

Aquinas College students join together in remembering sophomore Matt Richardson.

In Memory of Matt Richardson

Wednesday, September 23, 2015
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Sincerely,
Andrea Wiraun
Dean of Student Development
In the middle of the room, Isabella sat cross-legged on the floor, her black laptop open in front of her. Her eyes were glued to the screen, as if she was watching something intently. Behind her, the room was filled with the sound of distant traffic, and occasional whispers from the other students who were working on their own laptops. Despite the noise, Isabella remained focused, her fingers flying over the keyboard as she typed away. She was working on her third draft of her final paper, due the next week.

"I'm so close to finishing this," she thought to herself. "I just need to double-check my sources and make sure my arguments are solid." With a sigh, she leaned back in her chair and stretched her arms over her head. "I can't believe it's almost over," she said aloud. "I never thought I'd actually enjoy doing research."
In Memory of Matt Richardson

Words from close friends express how much Matt had of an impact on the AQ community.

Dr. Brent Chesley

In Our Memories: Aquinas Sophomore Matt Richardson will never be forgotten, and will always be loved by his family and friends. Marcus Aurelius, a Roman Emperor once said, "If you are addressed by anything, the past is not to the fault of the thing itself; but it is to your estimate of it, and this you have the power to revoke at any moment."

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APPLAUSE TO...

Krispy Kreme, for handing out free doughnuts during Talk Like a Pirate Day; Monty Python star Terry Gilliam, for taking his falsely reported death with a sense of humor; The Alumni Association, for bringing back familiar faces to campus; Andy Samberg, for giving out his HBO GO login information during the Emmys; Sweater Weather, for finally arriving and allowing us to bust our favorite fleece; Residence Life, for giving us free music, food, and swing dancing at Rock the Block; Fall, for ushering in a variety of fall sport seasons.

HECKLES TO...

AQ skunks, for inciting fear in the hearts of CNN; for asking all of the wrong questions during their debate; Fulton Street construction, for wreaking havoc on our driving routes; Spiders, for invading most of the dorms on campus; BuzzFeed, for spamming us with too many Disney Princess news stories; Ben Carson, for making Islamophobic remarks; The View, for belittling nurses’ careers; Tourists, for clogging up Grand Rapids during ArtPrize.

FROM THE CROWD

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The Moose in the Moose, the Wolves in the U.P.

by Natalie Przybyla
Staff Writer

Ah–Aquinas! Where are the people who have ever lived? Where is the racetrack–a non–racing track–or the Moose? Aquinas does not have a Moose. Aquinas does not have wolves. Aquinas does not have a town–what town is that? A demoralized town? Aquinas is what is wrong with you?

Many people have been arguing as to whether or not the non–existent Moose in The Moose is in the University. On the “take it down” side, we have the ethical vegans, the hunting ethics, and others arguing whether or not the moose should exist. On the “leave it up” side, we have the biological hunters, the environmentalists, and others arguing whether or not the moose should stay. Unfortunately, the controversy surrounding the existence of the Moose is a complex mess of hippies versus preservationists–and, although there is the usual kick back on this one as a moderate–has an objective.

Quick background on me: I was raised in Northern Michigan by a hunter and trapper. I hunted and trapped with my father starting at the early age of nine. I discontinued my yearly hunting and trapping order in order to focus more on school and sports later in high school. I came across a vegetation of wolves at the age of 17 and have been ever since. Despite my passion for eating meat, I always let my father know I still support the ethics in hunting and trapping.

Quick background on moose in Michigan: According to the DNR, “Michigan’s population of moose has been low—like really low—mainly due to overhunting and hunting restrictions.” Because of a few reasons including, but not limited to, humans, the growing wolf population, and disease, Michigan has a very limited moose population in the 1950’s and since then, disease has kept the numbers low due to the moose.

The issue of the deal with the wolves and what do they have to do with the dead moose hunting experience? The wolves are not endangered. That being said, the wolves are not endangered. The wolves are not endangered. The wolves are not endangered. The wolves are not endangered. The wolves are not endangered. The wolves are not endangered. The wolves are not endangered. The wolves are not endangered. The wolves are not endangered.

The wolves have an exuberant amount of fur that is truly stunning and full of color. The fur is not only stunning, but the entire wolf is full of color. The 1.55 poundsat school in ArtPrize this year. It is the largest piece in ArtPrize history. This piece has the most, if not the only, money in ArtPrize history. It has responded to the invitation to evoke the viewer to engage with the piece. ArtPrize 2014, with 40,000 registered voters, has seen a variety of interests of interest, novelties, and designs. The money for the ability to say that!

Numerous pieces from ArtPrize winners on our main campus in the Grand Rapids area, allowing the art to be part of the city’s identity, to revitalize it. This year, it has attracted controversy as a result of the public vote.

Therefore, ArtPrize work is essential to the community. The Saint assists in the cooperation of the community. The Saint assists in the cooperation of the community.

A Vote Against the Vote

By Lukas Isenga
The Saint Reporter

The fall semester has certainly arrived, and with the changing of the season comes the promise of Grand Rapids ArtPrize. A 19 day competition for emerging and established artists has finally arrived. It is time to engage the prize money for their respective artists. This year promises a change in the competition. The introduction of subcategories for more than one hundred nominees being added for the first time. It is also time to equal the rewards reaped by winning the popular vote. Why not? Why this is the case? Recalling ArtPrize 2014, Artist Anila Quayyum Agha walked away with more than $150,000, the competition was high, the judges were equal, and the prize money was equal. Unfortunately, the popularity of the competition is far from being equal. This year the art community is divided. The former version of ArtPrize is the one that has a jury. The jury version of ArtPrize is the one that is in our responsibility to Earth to help the moose thrive. Eventually the moose will make a comeback, and be the human’s duty to hunt both the moose and wolves. Eventually, the moose and wolves will be the human’s duty to hunt both the moose and wolves. Eventually, the moose and wolves help the moose thrive. Eventually the moose and wolves.
VELCROBIFS SHOW POTENTIAL WITH NEW ALBUM

Catch Me If You Can musical a hit at Circle Theatre

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

COURTESY OF MCGEE

Jurassic opens the show with the

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The Saint Reporter

Catch Me if You Can

“Catch Me If You Can” was also full of
costume changes that reflected the
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to the world.

Four Seasons Are All That

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Artistic Spotlight
New Band, Familiar Faces
The Arcs

By Natalie Jo Poynter

There's something atypical about the Arcs. Their sound is reminiscent of The Black Keys' debut album, yet they transcend the genre.

The Arcs, formed by seven members of The Shins, have been compared to The Black Keys. The Shins' lead singer, James Mercer, and The Arcs' lead vocalist, Alex Spotswood, are both known for their soulful, bluesy vocals.

The Arcs' debut album, "The Lost Art of Innovation," was released in 2008 and received critical acclaim. The album features a mix of rock and R&B, with tracks that emphasize the band's dynamic energy and harmonies.

Spotswood, who also plays guitar, bass, and keyboards, has a clear, commanding voice that stands out in the band's sound. His vocals are supported by the group's tight harmonies and catchy melodies.

The Arcs' sound is a blend of classic rock and soul, with a modern twist that sets them apart from their contemporaries. Their music is perfect for a night out on the town, with its upbeat tempo and catchy hooks.

The Arcs' success can be attributed to their ability to draw from a variety of musical influences, from The Black Keys to The Beatles. Their sound is at once familiar and fresh, with elements of rock, soul, and R&B seamlessly woven together.

With their rise to popularity, The Arcs have gained a growing following, especially among fans of The Black Keys and other alternative rock bands. Their music has a timeless quality that transcends trends and fads.

The Arcs are a band to watch, with a sound that is both retro and modern. Their music is a testament to the power of collaboration and the enduring appeal of well-crafted, well-produced music.

So the next time you're looking for something new to listen to, give The Arcs a try. You won't be disappointed.
Football is finally back and with that comes another football season. An American Co-Editor is sure to help the Oakland Raiders by kicking things off for them. The Raiders look to be go to go for the Miami Dolphins.

**NFL: Football is back**

Oleks Klaban

U.S. Open: Djokovic Takes It by Charlie Crowley

Women's Soccer: Strong As Ever by Carlos Hernandez

Sports and Rap

taylor hodges, popular editor

"Keep your eye on the ball" This is easier said than done. But then again, how many of us can say that we know what it is really like to be an athlete, in life and on the field?

By Joyce Hernandez

Boston Red Sox narrow the gap with a win over the Kansas City Royals

By Carlos Hernandez

Men's Soccer team will open conference play with match against Spring Arbor

"The main thing we need to work on is just teamwork and playing skills, practicing more (including on and off the field)." - Ace Veal, head coach of the Aquinas Women's Soccer team

"I have been practicing hard over the last month in preparation for the upcoming season, but that doesn't mean that I am not ready to entertain the fans." - Marcus Williams, head coach of the Aquinas Men's Soccer team

AFC Central

"They played for their own individual glory, but for each other," said coach Scott Green. "They played not for their own individual glory, but for each other."

"Being a part of a sport so long, you get used to playing under pressure and after being in that situation for most of your life, you become pretty good at it."

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One exciting name popped up
on the minor recently—Jon Lester's
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Josh Lester is 22 years old, and
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What's up turf? My name is Tay-
lor Hodges and I'm a senior majoring
in Sport Management/Business
Administration. You probably won-
ding what that has to do with the
newspaper. I'm returning to The Saint
to learn more about journalism, so
you won't hear a word.

I have been finished with The Saint
since my freshman year, starting
off as an reporter and somehow
working my way up to Sports Editor.
Crazy right? Sometimes I still have to
pinch myself to believe it too.

Anyway, my passion lies in the game of ice hockey.
I started off playing when I was five years old
and was fortunate enough to play at Aquinas College
my freshman year. That all changed when I decided to
step away from it to focus more on school and open my
self up to internship opportunities.

I currently intern with the public relations department
for the Grand Rapids Griffins and love every
second of it. On top of attending all home games, I get to
play with the coaching staff, visiting members from other NHL
organizations, and get a better understanding of the Detroit Red Wings.

The Aquinas Women's Volleyball

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