As we welcome new students, Dr. Wickering will spend some time here. From the faculty here, Pamela Dail Whiting, Senior AQ student Bailey Gulch can add ArtPrize artist to her resume after submitting her piece to the festival’s eighth annual event. Her “Luminous” piece is a photographic piece that first sprang in Grand Haven, MI, and she is looking forward to displaying it downtown GR for the public.

Gulch was at an AQ floor program where she and other on-campus residents visited Grand Haven when the photograph was taken.

It was a cold early spring day out on the pier behind Dave Hammer, Men’s Basketball coach, and people to take photos and support them in the classroom. They know the playfulness and excitement into their classmates and their children. They are respectful of one another and to the college. When Dr. Wickering introduced you to D’arris Boughouts, the newest business to hit Eastown.

Vicepresident | 2 Saint Reporter Carlos Hendricks sat down for the first time for an interview with Dr. Deborah Eberle, the department chair, on the 2017-2018 school year. There are two new additions to the science departments. Xin Diu, an evolutionist, and an expert jury. Seeing the entries in this competition can be a lot of fun, even for those unfamiliar with the competition, the public is important; winners are awarded a prize of $1,453.

Valentina Garcia News Intern

Art takes over Grand Rapids in the fall, and the city is certainly prepared for ArtPrize 8 to begin. The art competition, which showcases art made by international artists, will take place from September 21 to October 9. This year, the hope leading up to ArtPrize has been a must for everyone in the city. It is a must for everyone in Grand Rapids. For a list of venues and more ArtPrize information, visit www.artprize.org.

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Do-nut fear the upcoming school year

Move over Krispy Kreme: there’s a new donut shop in town that is perfect for every college student.

By Carlos Hernandez
Staff Writer

Every month, Staff Writer Carlos Hernandez brings us the latest updates from the world of Pokémon.

To-da! Victini is here! From an early event in Black and White to a fiery meteorite that’s... COMING RIGHT AT US! DUUUUUCCKKKK! Uh, I mean, Victini (#494) has arrived.

Welcome back, fellow Saints, to my year-long coverage of the twentieth anniversary of Pokémon. This month, as I previously mentioned, the downloadable Pokémon of the month is the Pokémon of VICTORY!

Of course, the internet is not the only place where you can find this information. If you’re a Pokémon Expert Specialist (please tell me if you’re not the only person who gets that reference). Anyway, according to the Pokémon website, the Psychic Fire superstar can also be found in the fourteenth movie on other Pokémon websites, app stores, or Amazon. Also, look for an adorable eight foot plush creature at Toys "R" Us as well as a small figurine this month.

What’s that, Victini? You want me to tell what? Well, okay, Folks, I am being contacted by the devilishly handsome Victory Pokémon via telepath because it wants me to tell you a little more about the V-whereeeecel expert.

First, let’s start off with the fact that this little critter is the first and so far only Pokémon to be listed as #000 in its respective region’s Pokedex. It is also the only Pokémon to appear after the starter Pokémon and the only starter to not to arrive in the regional Pokedex. In those who are new, let me set up the V-whereeeecel legend. It even does a little dance if you take it to Liberty Garden in Black 2/White 2 Version. The rabbit-like Pokémon of victory also makes appearances in Smash Brothers as an assist Porbeagle and trophy as well as PokéPark as an assist Pokémon.

Well, anyway, thank you for reading, and for your time, Victini. I will make opinion on, and with as much experience as I have in this particular field I can sometimes be a little harsh in my reviews to other people about themselves. So when I ran across this into this shop, I didn’t allow myself to have too high of expectations. But after ordering my first donut (which may have led to a second and... okay a third, but it was my cheat day, okay?) I found absolutely no flaws.

Every bite offered me a sweet and savory taste that is way too addicting, and I’m encouraging me to take more.

For those of us who like to take adventures when we eat, D’arts allows us to take any risk you can with every bite.

When I turned my donut from peach pistachio to peanut butter and jelly, all the way to a whiskey bacon flavor that will make your taste buds salivate just by looking at it—D’arts has it all. However, for people who are looking for safer, they also offer more classic flavors, like honey glazed, chocolate glazed, and so on.

There is also a variety of pastries baked fresh in case you aren’t in the donut mood. What really sets D’arts apart from other cafes are the ingredients that come in local, to help support small businesses. Not only will you feel full and satisfied from the taste of the food and coffee, but you also can feel good about supporting the local businesses in this city that we love.

Now, as college students, I know that one thing that is holding you back from running to this place before even reading this article down is the price. But that’s the best part about D’arts. It is 100 percent affordable.

Donuts range from $1 to $2 and comes in an array of flavors. So lace up your shoes and bring your wallet to D’arts to help you prepare for this upcoming year.

Satisfaction is guaranteed.
Meet the coach: Rich Schroeder

By Charlie Crowley Sports Editor

The summer of 2016 brought a fair amount of shake ups to the Aquinas athletic department. While most have highlighted the new athletic director after the retirement of Terry Bocian, there was another fresh face around campus with Rick Schroeder, the head volleyball coach. Schroeder, who is originally from California, moved out to Michigan in August of last year. “My fiancé and I met back in college back in California, we met at Ferris, it made more sense for her, or for us, to live out here than to live in California — a much cheaper college expense.”

“It’s been different, a little bit different than California, but it’s been great. People are nice, everyone at Aquinas has been welcoming.” Schroeder started playing volleyball in high school, and quickly turned his focus to it. He played collegiately for University of California - Santa Cruz before having his career shortened by injury. However, he had been coaching youth teams while playing, so he stuck with the coaching route. Schroeder spoke praise of the athletes he has coached and how they helped him out along the way. “Coaches were really father figures to me and big time mentors and volleyball was a huge part of my life because of that, so I felt like it was my responsibility and kind of my calling to give back what all those coaches gave to me,” he said.

Schroeder has aspirations for his program: win the conference, make the national tournament, or go a full season at 100% health. His short term goal is something everyone on campus can look for. “I think for this year, our goal is to just let people know who we are. He said. “I want people when they hear ‘AQ Volleyball’ or they see the Bernard head that I want them to know that this program is taken seriously. From just watching us warm up, teams are going to know that we’re the real deal.”

“We’re here to compete. We’re not here to just mess around and hope things go well. We’re here to make things go well.” Schroeder noted that he had been “warned” about the student section at home games, but he is looking forward to the fans.

“Something I enjoyed about playing college volleyball is that we were always there to support the women’s team and the women’s team was there to support us. I think it’s fantastic that AQ has that support and we look forward to going out to different events to support the other teams.”

As Coach Schroeder begins what is hoped to be a successful tenure at AQ, he is ready for his task at hand and is ready to reshape AQ Volleyball. “I think you’re gonna see a different product on the court,” he said. “I want people to understand that we’re here to fight for AQ and we want AQ to come out and support us as well.”

National Football League: your summer football recap

By Charlie Crowley Sports Editor

Thursday will mark the beginning of another NFL season, one that will look to be up to if not higher the seasons of the past. There has been plenty of conversation this offseason that has kept the pot stirring since February and has many looking forward to week one of the season. The biggest storyline of the offseason this year was the suspension of New England Patriots’ Quarterback Tom Brady. Widely regarded as one of if not the best in the league at his position, he will miss the first four games of the season in the seemingly never ending “DeflateGate” saga, where Brady was accused of using deflated balls in the 2015 AFC Championship game to throw better in the cold weather. There has been much debate over this and if the NFL and Brady have taken the case too far, but nonetheless Brady accepted the suspension.

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The World Cup on ice

After making a 12-year absence, the international tournament is returning to the world stage.

By Charlie Crowley
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When someone brings up the World Cup, most of the time people will think of soccer. However, after a 12 year hiatus, the World Cup of Hockey is returning this month.

Eight teams comprised of six countries and two combined teams will be competing for top prize, and the rosters feature prominent names from across the National Hockey League.

The teams are divided into two groups of four, and after round robin play the top teams from each group move on to the knockout round. Group A features Canada, Czech Republic, Team Europe, and the United States. Group B will showcase Finland, Russia, Sweden, and Team North America, which is comprised of the best players 23 and younger from the U.S. and Canada.

Right out of the gate, Canada appears to be the favorite to win Group A. They bolster a strong forward group with the likes of Sidney Crosby, Tyler Seguin, Jonathan Toews, and John Tavares. Seguin’s speed will play a major factor in their top six forward group, and it will be complimented by the all around game of Toews and Crosby, along with Tavares’ scoring prowess. They also boast a strong defense with Brett Burns and reigning Norris Trophy winner Drew Doughty. Team USA has MVP Patrick Kane as their go-to guy, and will have strong goaltending in Ben Bishop and Jonathan Quick. The Czechs have the up and coming David Pstrnak, and Team Europe has Aust Kopitar, considered by many one of if not the best two way player in the world.

The B side features the young guns of Team North America, led by Connor McDavid and Jack Eichel up front. The pair went first and second overall in the 2015 draft, and are looked at as the future of the NHL. Aaron Ekblad will lead the charge on the blue line, fresh off signing an eight year, $50 million extension in July. He’ll have help from Shayne Gostisbehere, who burst onto the scene this past season with an impressive 46 point rookie campaign. In the pipes is Matt Murray, who led the Pittsburgh Penguins to a Stanley Cup this year. They will face challenges from the other teams no doubt, including Sweden who is led by Nicklas Backstrom and the speedy Carl Hagelin and Henrik Lundqvist in goal. The Russians will bring an offensive juggernaut as always with Alex Ovechkin, Evgeni Malkin, and Vladimir Tarasenko. Finally, the Finns will feature a group that will have all eyes on Patrik Laine, the second overall pick from this year’s draft who is projected to be a big time scorer.

For the first time in a long time, ESPN will be airing the World Cup, which starts on September 17th. All games will take place at the Air Canada Centre in Toronto, Canada. Make sure to check out what is pegged to be an exciting primer to the NHL season.

Upcoming AQ games

Baseball: Sept. 17 vs. Trinity International University
Men’s / Women’s Cross Country: Sept. 10 in Kenosha, WI., Sept. 16 National Catholic Invitational, South Bend, Ind.
Men’s Golf: Sept. 9 @ Stonewater Country Club, Sept. 10 @ The Mines Golf Course
Women’s Golf: Sept. 20 in Ann Arbor

Men’s Soccer: Sept. 10 v. Grace College (Away), Sept. 14 v. Clevary University (Home)
Women’s Soccer: Sept. 9 v. Trinity College (Home), Sept. 10 v. Huntington College (Away), Sept. 14 v. Rochester College (Away), Sept. 17 v. Bethel College (Away)

Volleyball: Sept. 9 v. Lourdes University (away), Sept. 14 v. Cornerstone (away), Sept. 16 v. Indiana Institute of Technology (away), Sept. 17 v. University of Northwestern Ohio (away)

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