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“Last semester I took an online class, and there were a few times when I started a quiz and couldn’t finish it because the Wi-Fi was out.”

“While it has been an ongoing issue at Aquinas College, it seems that over the past two months, many students have experienced slower internet reception. "It [the Wi-Fi] would shut down, while I was in the middle of typing an essay, so I was forced to leave an outline until I could do it later," Kelly said.

Without a reliable internet connection, the frustrations of college life are amplified by the added stress of going over on a due date. "Aquinas’s Wi-Fi needs a significant update," said Student Senate Mitch Regan. "We have been using a series of smaller fixes or ‘Band-Aids’ to keep it going over the past couple years."

“It [the Wi-Fi] will be fixed,” Regan said that President Quinn wants students to know “their voices are heard and that he is doing everything he can to try and fix this issue.”

Economicology forum to discuss Rapids Restoration on Feb. 15

The project holds the potential to change tourism, recreation, river health, fishermen’s quality of life, city planning and businesses along the riverfront...

Economicology:
Theory created by Peter Wege. Reasoned, respectful, engaged stewardship of the Earth in service of both realms. Defined as the pursuit of sustainable solutions to complex problems that consider the needs of both realms.

By Elizabeth Walztoni

Economicology is a new field of study that seeks to integrate the social, economic, and environmental dimensions of human activity into a single, holistic framework. The term was coined by Peter Wege, a noted environmentalist and businessman, who believed that the three dimensions of sustainability—economic, social, and environmental—must be treated as interdependent and interrelated.

Purpose:
The purpose of economicology is to provide a comprehensive framework for understanding and addressing the complex issues facing our planet.

By Bella Bark

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Professor spotlight: Dr. Shelli Rottschafer

Literature adventurer extraordinaire

By Pam Connolly

A sudden storyline that the author cites as a "true child," Shelli Rottschafer, Ph.D., is a Grand Rapids native who attended Grand Rapids Christian School before she entered college, where she first began her coursework with the Spanish language and culture. She remembers finally on one of her courses, she read a story in Spanish and found it so intriguing she decided to visit Spain for further exploration.

Rottschafer said that she resides in Salamanca, Spain during her time as an undergraduate student at Hope College where she lived in a house with a family and formed lasting friendships. But one semester, however, did not last as long as she had hoped to learn and experience more.

Rottschafer attended Latin American literature, Romance languages, in the Dominican Republic, Peru and Brazil and traveled to Mexico and Cuba while working on her masters at Miami University of Ohio. Rottschafer used these opportunities to expand her knowledge of and appreciation for the language, history, culture and literature which she had so closely studied.

When Rottschafer began her college career, she was unsure about enrolling in Spanish but she determined to become fluent. She ultimately decided to major in Spanish and history as a way to enter the fields of anthropology and archaeology.

"I wanted to be the next female Indiana Jones. That was my thing. I wanted to be in a dig excavating down in South America, that way I would use my Spanish." Rottschafer said.

This dream has not yet come true, she has not yet attended to Spanish in various capacities; from teaching high school in New Mexico to her dissertation in Latin American literature focusing on Cuba and Argentina. Nonetheless, she began an adjunct professor at Aquinas College and in time followed the same tracks. In addition to her Spanish courses, she teaches English and Spanish 1 which she feels is a great challenge.

"It's not so different in that my focus is literature, but this time, I'm focusing on sustainability and environmentalism," Rottschafer said.

Rottschafer certainly has taken her love of the outdoors to many places but it has been done learning about rather than with her roots. Currently, Rottschafer is busy for the novel, poetry, personal essays and memoir she has written in addition to her already published academic writings. Through this process, Rottschafer has noted that there is definitely a difference between academic writing in what my field is versus what I'm trying to do back at Aquinas. For many of our alum, commencement is a great opportunity to catch up with old friends. But this year it will also be a chance to come home. Planning for commencement is already underway, and because this will be the first time in a year that the event is on campus, the administration has issued the disclaimer to seniors that "there will be no family and friends on campus, some of them for the very first time, to see where they have lived, developed and flourished for the duration of their college careers.

In an email addressing the student body, Dr. Keith G. Quinn, newly inaugurated President of Aquinas College, states that "we lost something significantly by not inviting our family and friends to come to this important ritual. It is time for us to bring it back." For many students, this opportunity to share their last moments at Aquinas College with family, friends and loved ones is key to completing the college experience. Rottschafer said.

"I'm really looking forward to coming to graduation and the thought of having family there. But it'll be nice to catch up with professors, and most of all to just be back at Aquinas."
The Saint goes paperless

Today's journalists need to know the skills of tomorrow.

By Elizabeth Walztoni

A parent of Wege Cafeteria, one can say we forgot the many people involved in preparing the food on an everyday. From how likely it for us to notice that these individuals are growing small. Wege has bad problems with maintaining staff for years, according to many students who asked to remain anonymous. By the end of the academic year, one worker shared, employees usually number around 30—down from upwards of 40 at the start. The Corner and the Moose do not share this problem, however. So why weren’t people work at Wege? Part of the problem to the workers is the nature of doing jobs themselves. Corner and Moose workers cook to order, rather than preparing food in bulk. Clearing and dishwashing is also much easier on a smaller scale. Neither do they have hundreds of students to deal with at once. One Wege employee described doing being treated poorly by students at times—dismissed at best, or harassed and disrespected. Furthermore, patrons frequently neglect clearing up after themselves, leaving plates, food and other mess in the area to be taken care of by workers. Clearing responsibilities are more significant than in other dining areas on campus, both in size and wage.

Word

The Saint has long dreamed of going paperless for years.

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"It is what you make of it."

By Mackenzie Murphy, Editor in Chief

As we finalize this change and publish the last print edition of The Saint, 4,000 copies would be taken care of by the next change. Wege Cafeteria faces employee shortages

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Positive:
- Flexible schedule
- Easy get to work between classes
- Valuable resume addition
- Free food
- Familiarity with the environment and coworkers helps with the transition.

The Paperless Project notes that the U.S. will save millions of trees and hundreds of millions of pounds of paper products. Of the paper that is produced, only about half of it is recycled, and the other half amounts to 40% of solid waste occupying landfills. Above all else, the paper industry uses more water per ton of product than any other industry, and is the third largest industrial polluter— it releases 100 million kg of toxic pollution into our land, water and air each year.

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The argument about access to a big and important audience. As one editor asked me to note, how will the salaries at Hayward be there? Part of our strategic planning for the 2018/2019 school year is to assess how we will effectively impact and interact with our audience. We plan to upgrade our website to become a comprehensive news forum, where users can interact with what our reporters have written. We hope to someday create a mobile application where readers can access The Saint anytime, anywhere. Members of our staff have already taken proactive steps to make those goals happen, from enrolling in web design classes, to overhauling our advertising plan. Our dedicated faculty advisor Dr. Dan Brooks is working to revamp Aquinas' journalism program. All in all, we're on the path to improvement. The mission of The Student for over the last 50 years has been to produce an informative, entertaining and journalism-oriented student publication. We want to expand that mission so that we are functioning truly and entirely as a student publication: writing for students, by students, teaching and inspiring students. We can do so while mitigating the negative impact that paper production has on the planet, and, I hope we'll have accomplished something great. We hope that you'll visit us online at www.thesaintaq.com for more great, local, Aquinas-centric journalism.
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Television: "Murphy Brown"

Films: The Oscars

Music: The Grammy's

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The 60th Annual Grammy Awards aired on Jan. 28. Grammy News was excited for the Year's (I'll Call My Name), Atlantic Records for Best New Artist, and Carole King for the prestigious Best Spoken Word Album Award (The Princes Diaries).

After particular GRAMMY's "This is Telluride" talked about the film, "The greatest Showman" that was released this past year, involving a talented Crock-Pot, the slow-cooker company gave an interview saying that "the safety and health of our product must always be of great concern to us."
The Fast Fashion Illusion

By Elizabeth Walztoni

With the speed at which our modern world turns, it can be difficult to keep up with trends. Each day we are shown the dilemma apparel would appear to be the world of fast fashion. Chain stores like Forever 21, H&M, and T.J. Maxx provide current clothing styles at manageable prices. The two-dollar leggings, the six-dollar dresses we have all purchased at least once.

However, the true cost of these products does not lie in dollars and cents. The entire system supporting production of cheap clothing undermines both human and environmental health worldwide.

One of the most clearly visible consequences of the fast fashion business model is its treatment of workers. Many manufacturers rely on young, cheap labor, where workers, many of whom are young children, are-wage inhumane hours in unsafe conditions. Consequences can be deadly, such as the collapse of an H&M factory in Bangladesh in 2013. Several factories fire in 2017 alone. Employers may also be exposed to toxic chemicals in the dying of garments and handling of synthetic fibers.

Beyond immediate production, the fast fashion business model of fast fashion is even less sustainable. In search of the cheapest wages, corporate conglomerates move their operations from underdeveloped country to underdeveloped country. Workers will no longer accept below a living wage—be it due to unionization, a rising local economy, or governmental regulation—their will move to a new area, leaving thousands of jobs behind.

The social effects of this model are compounded in the environment. Immense resources such as water and pesticides, are required to grow natural fibers such as cotton. Manufacturing of synthetic fibers such as plastic leather uses a enormous amount of power, drawing from extraction of required chemicals to toxic leftovers.

On the manufacturers' end, toxic emissions and byproducts are largely dispensed without regulation from fabrication to production. Transporting hundreds of tons of clothing overseas results in significant energy usage and carbon dioxide emissions.

The damage does not stop with the producer, however. The very nature of "fast fashion" clothing makes it will be undeniably unless. Sometimes, even after years of fashion; the materials and production processes are impacted by each decision people don't like him and neither do they. We are shunning them by holding elections to prove a point, yet needs help. We are turning our back on a country that will move their operations from developed country to underdeveloped country. Workers can be troops sent over, however, the fact that this was even considered is scary. As if going nuclear on a potential to blow things up. I feel like I'm watching a real life. Since we do not like the way their negative impacts has the political to blow things up.

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By Elizabeth Schoof

Staff Writer

For me, my love for coffee goes even more than the semester progresses. Whether it is with my mom, my brother, my boyfriend, or my friends, it is safe to say I can find an excuse to go to coffee nearly every day. From Lyon Street Cafe, to The Square in, to Halfway Coffee, to Common Ground Coffee House and even Starbucks, it is safe to say that I have tried nearly every local coffee shop close to campus.

While the coffee shops and coffee for the area hold a warm place in my coffeeling heart, one that never fails to disappoint is PaLatte Coffee & Art, which is right off of Fulton Street.

This is also a great finale for Carrie Fisher. I am glad that they did not take out any of her scenes and kept all her scenes real. It does make me wonder what they are going to do in Episode IX, but I hope those who do it are as talented as those who did her for the Star Wars theme. But "Epigyle" was also a reference to a person (or planet) who was self-references, had just had his love, and Luke just had his hand while finding out that he is not the man he thought that he was. Not that hopeful. That is

showing that failure does happen, but out of it, hope can come.

I also absolutely adore the new characters in the show and was glad to see such a great hand-off from the older generation to the newer generation. The new characters were such a breath of fresh air and they were set up much better than the popular characters. Rey has become my favorite character, even after years of long film's. I have seen every movie and I am honestly so excited that all girls have another powerful woman to look up to. It has been a joy seeing little girls at the movie theatre dressed as Rey.

It is hard to talk about my favorite moment of this movie because it was a big spoiler, so I have to be a little vague. I have been a fan of John Williams since I first watched "Harry Potter," and he now again improved my music experience in the new movie. She made me fall in love with music again. The scores that were added to the scenes made the scenes more emotional and added to the scenes. Are some times I would start crying because Luke's theme would overlap her theme and especially at one point when Leia's and Luke's theme combined.

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Aquinas. Following that with a couple of ten seconds in, it was not a strong start for their away record is not as sparkling (7-8). One to be reckoned with. Unfortunately, at home, this women's basketball team is season. With seven wins and only one loss ended with a layup by IIT pushing them able to take the first basket. Katie Theut missed three pointers, the Warriors were in Aquinas did not make another for the Saints to only follow the Warriors by quarter, Momo Neal sunk a three pointer in made a dent in the score by making a free pointer. The score at 31-43, Aquinas was not end well for the Aquinas Saints. For that very same week, senior Ryan Lovett took home the WHAC Bowler of the Week award, having the best local pins and averaged a 290 for the month. His pins total for this event was on an astounding high 87 pins more than the closest competitor. The men’s and women’s teams do not have any matches scheduled until returning from Christmas Break, but will return to action Jan. 12 in the Muskegon Community College Tournament. The teams hope to keep their current hot streaks sizzling once they return to action. Both the men and women warrior. That very same week, senior Ryan Lovett took home the WHAC Bowler of the Week award, having the best scoring wins at the Grand Valley State Laker Classic. For the fourth and Final WHAC Jamboree of the season, East, South, and North teams locked to wrap up their season on a high note in the Hoosier Classic down in Indianapolis.

Michigan State University

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debuts to the basket. Bottom: Junior Michelle Feller looks to pass to a teammate.

By Sam Kaser
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AO women's hockey looks to finish strong

Tags: Freshman Avery Martin fields the puck. Bottom: Sapphoor Gabbby Fourier brings the puck up the ice for the Saints.

By Jon Kaser
Sports Editor

The Aquinas women's hockey team looks to continue their winning ways as the regular season begins to wrap up. The Saints have played just two games since coming back from Christmas Break, but will return to action Jan. 12 in the Muskegon Community College Tournament. The teams hope to keep their current hot streaks sizzling once they return to action. Both the men and women basketball teams have had a bowler honored at the WHAC Bowler of the Week. Senior Jacqueline DuCharme was honored with the award the past 33 after winning the Lawrence Classic as a team. In this event DuCharme knocked down 75 pins total for the event, averaging a 291.25.

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**Super Bowl LII Preview**

By Sam Bell  
Sports Editor

The stage is set, and Super Bowl LII is less than a week away from originating the majority of America. The New England Patriots will be taking on the Philadelphia Eagles for the chance to claim the ultimate prize: the Vince Lombardi Trophy.

The prosperity thus far has been anything but ordinary.

This season featured a plethora of unusual teams, including the Buffalo Bills, Tennessee Titans, Minnesota Vikings, Los Angeles Rams and Jacksonville Jaguars. The New Orleans Saints, Carolina Panthers, Atlanta Falcons, Kansas City Chiefs, New England Patriots, Philadelphia Eagles and Pittsburgh Steelers round out the playoff picture.

Both the Patriots and Eagles came in as second round seed, which means both had a first round bye. The Philadelphia Eagles ended up playing the Atlanta Falcons in the second round after the Falcons took down the Rams in round one. After a hard-fought game, the Eagles were able to pull through and take a 15-10 victory and advance to play the Vikings in the Conference Championship. What was considered to be a big upset of the season thus far was the New England Patriots taking on the Philadelphia Eagles in the AFC Championship. Although the first half was all Eagles, the Patriots pulled together some of their favorite comebacks in order to take a 24-20 victory and punch their ticket to yet another Super Bowl.

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Kaser is already excited for a new season and looks forward to continuing his experience on the team and help show the young players exactly what it takes to get back and win another National Title.

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Romas Malkov, a freshman on the men’s hockey team from Russia, said that the season went extremely well in his opinion. "This season is about to end, so every practice we are preparing for National’s Day. We will have to compete really hard to win, and I believe in my team. "And I believe in my team, I believe we can do it," Malkov said."

and became really good friends. I would even say a big family where everyone supports each other. Overall, Aquinas College is proud to be home for so many talented athletes not only from the United States, but from all over the world. If you still haven’t been to a hockey game, don’t miss a chance and mark your calendar for Feb. 10 to come and support our hockey team against Grand Valley State University.

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