

Shelter-in-place

Samantha Hilyer, News Editor



The empty library on the morning of May 3. Saint Vincent students are to remain in their dorms until COVID-19 tests determine if the shelter-in-place mandate will continue. (SOURCE: JONATHAN MEILAENDER)

On April 29, the normally buzzing campus of Saint Vincent College ground to a halt. President Fr. Paul Taylor, O.S.B., sent an email to the Saint Vincent community in which he detailed the enactment of a shelter-in-place mandate which would extend from 3 p.m. on April 29 through at least May 4.

COVID-19 cases on campus increased suddenly with 14 new cases among students confirmed within 24 hours before the mandate was issued. PCR testing of students revealed that one of the more contagious variants of COVID-19 were apparent among

the student cases, according to an email sent from Dr. John Smetanka, vice president of Academic Affairs and academic dean. (The email was sent to the "Bearcat Connection" list, which does not include current students.) Contact tracing also revealed several areas of COVID-19 transmission. Because of these concentrated areas of new cases, thorough COVID-19

testing will commence in those areas along with a representative amount of testing in other areas of campus as well. Fully vaccinated students are exempt from testing and quarantine
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Faculty Fencing Match

Sean Callahan, Arts & Culture Editor

In-person club events aren't as common during the pandemic, but that hasn't stopped Fencing Club from thinking of new ideas to draw in potential members.

On April 20, Fencing Club members and about a dozen other students watched as Dr. Christopher McMahon, professor of theology, and Dr. Elaine Bennett, associate professor of sociology and anthropology, dueled in Melvin Platts.

Students—several of whom ate lunch while they observed—sat on benches or stood at a safe distance as the two professors began their duel on the sunny and breezy day, at 2:30 p.m. The duel went on until almost 3 p.m.

The aim was simple: land a hit each round before the opponent does. Each first hit on any part of the body—which was covered in protective white gear and helmets—would result in 1 point. The goal was to reach 11 points.

Bennett scored the first hit, and the two professors kept the score competitive, despite McMahon capturing a one-point lead quickly. But by McMahon's sixth point, his lead on Bennett began to increase. The duel ended with McMahon as the winner with 11 points and Bennett with 8 points.

But after the main event concluded Bennett and McMahon went at it again, this time, with lightsabers.
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Sports


Bearcat sports and those relating to SVC




Basketball and Swimming Teams Prepare for Early Return
By Luke Mich With health concerns a priority, Vincent basketball and swimming teams will b




Spikeball Club Hosts An Tournament
By Luke Mich On Oct. 25, Spikeball Club held fall tournament on the intramural field behind




European soccer sparks interest at SVC
By Luke Mich Soccer is known as not just "the game," but also for being the most popular sp



Frisbee Still Occurring D Limitations
By Luke Mich Most recently, attention to SVC been given towards football practicing in the a



PAC Releases Spring Schedules
By Luke Mich On Sept. 17, at roughly 3 p.m., Presidents' Athletic Conference announced the



Football practice resumes new guidelines
By Luke Mich You may have noticed recently football team has been practicing on the variou

Mitigation plans to continue

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after being off campus.

The results of these tests will inform the decision as to whether the shelter-in-place mandate will continue and, if so, how long the mandate will extend.

While sheltering in place, students are permitted to pick up their meals from the cafeteria at scheduled times. Students are also permitted to walk outside individually for exercise but are not permitted to gather with friends in any way. All social events and gatherings on campus during this time have been cancelled or postponed, and only essential travel is allowed, though fully vaccinated students are permitted to work.

On April 30, six new cases were confirmed amongst students and five were under investigation. There were 39 students with active COVID cases on campus. Thirty-four of those cases were confirmed within the week leading up to the shelter-in-place order.

Students who have already had COVID-19 or who have been fully vaccinated, though exempt from testing and permitted to attend work-studies, must otherwise follow all the rules indicated in the shelter-in-place mandate. Students with clinicals, student-teaching and internships are obliged to confer with their supervising faculty, according to an FAQ sheet sent to all students on April 30. According to an email obtained by The Review dated April 29, the education department is currently permitting student teaching to

continue, regardless of vaccination status.

If mitigation attempts are successful and positive cases level, in-person events, such as commencement, may return.

While the current outbreak represents a rapid rise in cases, case numbers on campus have been higher than they were last semester for some time.

An increased state police presence near the Saint Vincent campus over the past several days is not related to the shelter-in-place order. Instead, it stems from the search for a possibly ill or endangered 72-year-old male, according to reporting by WTAE Pittsburgh and the message broadcast via the college's Omnilert emergency communication system.

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ARTS & CULTURE

Generation: written art

Review Staff



The 2020-21 issue of Generation features cover art by Olivia Grogan, a sophomore physics education major. (SOURCE: JULIA SNYDER)

Saint Vincent's student-run literary magazine, *Generation*, will launch on May 13, according to a press release by the magazine's editors. A virtual open-mic reading and launch party, scheduled for 7 p.m., will mark the new issue's debut.

Irina Rusanova, who graduated from Saint Vincent in December of 2020 with an English degree served as co-editor alongside senior English major Julia Snyder. The magazine received over 100 submissions, she explained, which were reviewed blind.

"Our dedicated managing editors,

Isabel Sicree and Amanda Moyher, recorded them in a spreadsheet before removing writer/artist information and pasting text/images submitted into a general submission document," Rusanova said.

The editorial team would meet, read the submissions, and then hold a vote on each. Those with the most votes made it into the final issue.

While some past issues of *Generation* have included only the work of current students, this one also accepted alumni submissions, as did last year's. Rusanova thinks that broadening the submission base helped find top-quality work.

"The past couple of years reading submissions from both past and present students has been great fun, so I hope that the tradition of including alums' work in the magazine will live on," she said.

This issue's cover features art by sophomore physics education major Olivia Grogan. It's a grasshopper in a field, surrounded by deep red flowers. It wasn't meant to be symbolic, she said, only beautiful.

"I just saw a grasshopper and thought it looked geometric. It gave me the impression of clear, defined lines and shapes, and I wanted to draw that. Maybe it's kind of like collecting things: you see something pretty, interesting, different, and you take it with you and save it," Grogan explained.

The launch event marks not merely a new issue. *Generation* is also starting a website to feature some of its work online. It is becoming

increasingly common among similar magazines, Rusanova explained, and it seemed especially helpful for interested alumni who might not be able to obtain a physical copy.

"Our team initially brainstormed setting up a website for the magazine to archive all of the wonderful work that we will be printing. A multitude of literary magazines display accepted works online, and not everyone is able to receive a print copy of the magazine (particularly alums), so it seemed like a good idea to set up a website," Rusanova said.

Since Snyder is a senior, and Rusanova already a graduate, the two won't be editing next year's issue of *Generation*. But Rusanova is confident that their work has left *Generation* in a strong place.

"I believe that the future of *Generation* will be bright. We have an amazing team, currently, and we are always looking for new members who enjoy discussing artwork and written pieces, organizing chosen works for maximum flow, and formatting a magazine and its cover," Rusanova said.

And, who knows, said Rusanova—perhaps they will stick around to help with the new website.

"It's getting too fun to simply leave now!"

To RSVP for the launch or receive a physical copy of *Generation*, visit <https://bit.ly/3sTyANN>.

Full disclosure: Julia Snyder serves as The Review's copy editor.

McMahon bests Bennett with foil; Bennett comes back with lightsaber

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Dr. McMahon and Dr. Bennett fight it out in a fencing match that went on for 19 rounds. (SOURCE: CALLAHAN)

They only fought three rounds, with Bennett emerging as the victor.

McMahon claimed afterwards that he had very little experience with fencing. He mentioned a club fair he attended recently in which a student had challenged him to a friendly fencing duel in front of the Carey Center.

"That was the only other time I've ever picked up a sword. It was fun, it was hilarious. She killed me!" McMahon said. "I had zero hand strength."

In comparison, Bennett said she hadn't worked with fencing before, but she did have experience with longswords. She maintained it was a very different experience because of the two-handed technique of the longsword compared to the foil, which is held in one hand.

Furthermore, she agreed with McMahon that the fight was lots of fun. She also believes in supporting student initiatives when she can.

According to junior accounting major and Fencing Club member Chad Packe, Fencing Club meets on Tuesdays and

Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30 p.m., and the club takes anyone as a member regardless of lack of fencing gear or experience. However, only five or six members come to most meetings. This event, Packe said, was a good way to create more activity for the club.

"We just thought it would be a fun idea. And Dr. McMahon and Dr. Bennett seemed like they would be the most interested, especially Dr. Bennett since she has used the longsword," Packe said.

Jonas Wudkwyck, a senior mechanical engineering major and Fencing Club member, said the club has attempted to hold events like the April 20 duel before. However, having to navigate prior commitments and classes throughout the semester has made it difficult for club members and two professors to commit to a time for a duel.

"We lucked out that everybody was able to come together and that we could actually have an event," Wudkwyck said.



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SPORTS

Golf season comes to a close

Luke Mich, Sports Editor



A men's golfer in competition at the Saint Vincent Invitational, held on April 6. The team finished third overall that day. (SOURCE: ATHLETICS.STVINCENT.EDU)

The Saint Vincent golf teams recently completed their seasons with PAC Conference Championships occurring a few weeks ago for both. Emily Kraisinger and Brandon Silvis explained how the season went.

"The training started when we returned to school in the fall. We had conditioning for two weeks then we started playing again until the fall season got cancelled," Kraisinger, a junior mathematics and engineering major, said.

Originally, the plan was to have

golf occur in the fall, along with other low-contact sports such as track & field and tennis, but the PAC ultimately decided to move all sports to the spring.

"We began resuming practice as soon as the weather allowed for spring play, [which was] beginning to middle of March," Silvis, a senior biochemistry major, said. "We have a formal practice once a week on Fridays."

According to Head Coach Samm Firestone, all practices took place at Latrobe Country Club. She said

that practices this year changed very little for golf, despite the pandemic.

"In terms of structure, practices have been the same. There have been a few additional COVID screening protocols that the team members have had to follow," Firestone noted.

"There were not too many differences as it is easy to social distance on a golf course," Kraisinger added.

Both the men's and women's teams started their regular season on March 27, with the men travelling to Thiel and the women to Westminster. Even with both teams concluding their seasons just four weeks later, Firestone said that the teams competed in about the same number of events as in prior seasons.

"The only restriction we had was to only compete with schools within our conference," she stated.

The men's team competed in seven events, including conference championships. The women's team competed in six events.

For conference championships, scoring occurred differently this year.

"Typically, there are 54 holes, but this year an adjustment was made and scoring was determined by 36 holes, cumulative score,"

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Firestone explained. "Top 4 scores for each course are counted towards the team totals."

For each team, PAC Championships took place on two non-successive days at two separate golf courses.

The teams also experienced a significant change in their mode of transportation to events.

"We used to be able to get an 8-passenger van for the team to take to events, but [now] we have been taking large coach busses, larger than we would ever need for 6-12 individuals," Silvis explained.

As with other SVC sports teams, the golf teams regularly got tested on the days of their events before

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**– Brandon Silvis, senior
biochemistry major**

they departed to ensure health and safety for all the athletes.

Reflecting on the season as a whole, Silvis was happy for the opportunity to compete this year and represent the school.

"We gave it our all, everyone had a great time, and we were happy to be representing Saint Vincent College," Silvis concluded.

Both the men's and women's teams finished in fifth place at PAC Championships.

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Team Standings

Baseball

Team	W	L	Streak
W&J	29	1	W7
Grove City	23	8	W1
Saint Vincent	13	13	L4
Franciscan	14	15	L1
Bethany	14	18	W1
Thiel	12	16	L2
Westminster	11	17	L2
Waynesburg	11	18	L1
Geneva	11	20	W1
Chatham	9	21	L1

Schedule: W&J 5/8 1 and 3 PM,
@W&J 5/9 1 and 4 PM

Softball

Team	W	L	Streak
Westminster	30	2	W12
Geneva	33	5	W5
Bethany	19	15	L2
W&J	17	14	L2
Saint Vincent	12	15	L1
Grove City	14	18	W3
Chatham	13	19	L2
Waynesburg	12	24	L7
Franciscan	10	20	W2
Thiel	1	29	L9

Schedule: End of Season

Men's Soccer

Team	W	L	Streak
Geneva	7	1	W1
Grove City	7	1	W5
W&J	6	1	L2
Westminster	4	3	W3
Saint Vincent	4	4	W1
Franciscan	3	4	L2
Bethany	3	4	W1
Waynesburg	3	4	L1
Chatham	1	7	W1
Thiel	0	9	L9

Schedule: End of Season

Women's Soccer

Team	W	L	Streak
Grove City	8	0	W6
Chatham	6	1	W2
Westminster	5	1	T1
Franciscan	3	5	L1
Waynesburg	3	5	W1
W&J	2	2	W1
Saint Vincent	2	5	T1
Thiel	2	5	T1
Geneva	2	6	L3
Bethany	1	6	L3

Schedule: End of Season

Men's Lacrosse

Team	W	L	Streak
Grove City	9	1	W8
Saint Vincent	9	3	W2
Westminster	8	4	L2
Chatham	6	4	W4
W&J	3	5	L2
Thiel	4	6	W1
Bethany	3	7	L1
Franciscan	0	11	L11

Schedule: End of Season

Women's Lacrosse

Team	W	L	Streak
W&J	8	0	W8
Chatham	7	2	W2
Thiel	5	2	L1
Franciscan	4	3	W1
Saint Vincent	5	5	L2
Westminster	1	7	L3
Bethany	1	3	L1
Waynesburg	0	9	L9

Schedule: End of Season

Men's Tennis

Team	W	L	Streak
Grove City	8	2	W8
Saint Vincent	6	2	W3
Westminster	5	4	L1
Franciscan	5	4	L1
Geneva	3	6	L1
W&J	1	6	L1
Waynesburg	0	7	L7

Schedule: End of Season

Men's Track & Field

Schedule: @Grove City 5/12, @Westminster 5/13

Results: 2nd at Bethany, 5th at Thiel, 4th at Grove City

Women's Track & Field

Schedule: @Grove City 5/12, @Westminster 5/13

Results: 8th at Bethany, 9th at Thiel, 10th at Grove City

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Unexpected beauty

Jonathan Meilaender, *Editor-in-Chief*

During my four years at Saint Vincent, I have been struck numerous times by its beautiful campus. I'm no photographer, but always enjoy trying to capture this beauty, whether in the buildings, the animals, the plants, or even the light. Remember: when the mundane looks ugly, look twice.

