

Dr. Urick becomes Dean of the McKenna School of Business

By: Sean Callahan, News Editor

Dr. Gary Quinlivan has been the Dean of the McKenna School of Business at Saint Vincent College since 2001. He has taught as a professor at SVC since 1981. However, upon the conclusion of the 2022 spring semester, Quinlivan announced his retirement from the position of Dean.

Dr. Michael Urick, Professor of Management and Operational Excellence, started as the new Dean of the McKenna School of Business at SVC on July 1. Urick has been teaching at SVC since 2012. Although the position change has been eventful and bumpy for Urick—in part due to more new faculty and staff



Dr. Michael Urick has become Dean of the Alex G. McKenna School of Business after ten years of teaching at SVC. (SOURCE: SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE)

members also learning their duties—he is grateful for Quinlivan's help in transitioning to Dean and is passionate about his new role.

“Over the summer I wondered if this was the right choice. But once the students came, I saw how my role as Dean could impact them, and it made my job feel worth it,” Urick said. “It made it clear to me that this is a service-oriented role, one that I’m glad to have accepted.”

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A Positive Future Ahead

By: Elizabeth Van Pilsum, Staff Writer

Saint Vincent College has been working to strike the perfect balance between preserving the distinction of the campus and adapting to all the needs the modern world presents. To best ensure the benefit of the community while incorporating these changes, a committee of representatives from all entities on campus, including the monastery, has been formed. It is spearheaded by Dr. Jeff Mallory, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. Together, the committee has created the Master Plan.

“A master plan provides an opportunity to fulfill a periodic assessment of the campus and its potential needs,” Dr. Mallory said. “It looks at multiple areas of the college community. It’s commonplace in higher education when you think of the needs that surround a college community, including facilities, the needs of the current students, and making sure we’re providing the best to those in the community.”

The aim of the Master Plan is to improve the physical layout

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Dr. Urick excited for future McKenna School opportunities

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Urick emphasized service over status for his outlook on his role as a dean. He wishes for students to be successful, heard, and to gain a good education. Additionally, he explained the importance of collaboration, and how he has consulted staff and faculty members in the McKenna School individually and listened to their needs. According to Urick, it is conversation that led to the successful implementation of new ideas.

“We have to respond to changes. We can’t just do things because they’ve worked before. We have to think about new ways of reaching students,” Urick said.

In regard to new ideas, Urick cited face-to-face and online course format changes, gaining employer insight on skills needed from students, and new program ideas that are responsive to student needs as examples.

When asked about new programs and opportunities, Urick revealed that a new Operational Excellence Lab will be opening in 2023, on the first floor of Aurelius Hall. Rather than just talking about operational excellence tools in the classroom, students now have the opportunity to engage in hands-on experience because of the lab.

He also expressed excitement for a search for new faculty members to add on to an “already phenomenal” employee list, and the increased social media presence of the McKenna school on different platforms such as Instagram. While he appreciates the recognition SVC as a whole receives due to icons such as Fred Rogers or the Pittsburgh Steelers, he is persistent in the belief that there is more to the college that should be highlighted.

“We are so much more. We have a phenomenal education here at SVC. I want to make sure we get word out about the quality we can provide to students,” Urick said.

Urick said that if he had to give one piece of advice to any student, it would be to never rule anything out. He recalled his own previous experiences, shifting from accounting to human resources, to academia, to returning to SVC as a professor, and now becoming a dean.

“You never know where life is going to lead you. It’s about being open to possibilities and being open to things you might be unsure of,” Urick said.

Saint Vincent College Begins to Implement Its Master Plan for Improvement

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here at SVC through landscaping and renovations, as well to increase environmental sustainability. The last time SVC implemented a master plan, it was concluded in 2012. Much has changed since then, and the college felt that now is the right time to create and enact another master plan.

“We’ve had between fifteen and twenty small group conversations here on this campus community,” Dr. Mallory said. “We’ve talked with everybody from students to faculty, to administration. They all give input into what we should consider for the Master Plan. We look at everything that’s been considered, and we start to narrow it down.”

Some elements of the Master Plan have already been put into effect: the Carey Fitness Center was renovated over the summer and the gymnasium has been freshly painted, with a plan to add more graphics soon. One of the most exciting changes ahead is the construction of the Dunlap Family Athletic and Recreation Center, which is expected to begin construction in the Spring 2023 semester.

Another potential outcome of the Master Plan is the demolition and replacement of certain older residential halls. “They’re very much dated,” Dr. Mallory said. “The architectural design is not what you’re used to seeing today. We also look at studies and patterns of residential use. We look at the usage percentage of those residential halls, so it’s very much a data-driven decision.”



One element of SVC’s Master Plan is the potential demolition of certain older buildings, including Saint Scholastica Hall. (SOURCE: ELIZABETH VAN PILSUM)

The time and attention that is required for upkeep of residential halls are also considered. As the buildings become older, it becomes less practical to continue putting in resources to maintain them, which is the case for Saint Scholastica Hall.

“Saint Scholastica, in our eyes, is a building that is close to the end of its life cycle,” Dr. Mallory said. “The college has put a lot of resources into that building, but quite frankly it’s expensive to upkeep, so that’s a building we’d consider potentially demolishing.”

The major findings of the master plan will be presented to the SVC community in November of this year, and the plan will be finalized at some point in the Spring 2023 semester. The plan does not have a specific end date in sight but will be a continuous implementation of what the college deems necessary for the next eight to ten years. While not everything in the master plan will come to fruition, many changes will occur.

Dr. Mallory is excited to see the community grow through the Master Plan. He said, “It’s refreshing to see all constituencies including our monastic community and seminary come together and not only identify things to focus on but to come to an agreement of how to move forward [...] It showcases Saint Vincent College in a good way and highlights the strength of our community when you have people that want to work together and that always strive to put their best effort forward.”

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¡Salud!

By: Erin Brody, Arts & Culture Editor

On Sept. 15, countries like Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Guatemala, and El Salvador celebrate their independence. In the United States, we commemorate this day as the start of Hispanic Heritage Month. The month-long celebration began around the late 1980's to early 1990's, and this year, Saint Vincent College is hosting many events both to celebrate and educate students.

Events such as a cardio dance class and Painting with Heritage have already occurred, and Keila Lobos-Hernandez, the graduate assistant of the Office of Multicultural Student Life (OMSL), assisted in those events and the ones to take place.

Lobos-Hernandez earned her bachelor's from SVC in 2021, and as far as she could remember, there has been little commemoration for Hispanic Heritage Month, which makes 2022 the first time Saint Vincent has celebrated at a scale as big as this. And, while exposing students to different cultures seems to be the aim of OMSL, they aim at bringing together a group of diverse people in order for each to share something – ranging from sexual orientations to religions – about themselves.

While OMSL is taking charge in this venture, Lobos-Hernandez says these events wouldn't be possible without the help from other clubs and departments. These clubs and departments Lobos-Hernandez speaks of include the Uniting All People club, the cooking club, Campus Life, and Kristina Mazzenga, Athletics Character Coach and Coordinator for Student Success. OMSL, however, is the one hosting these events.

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Saint Vincent College Celebrates Biggest Hispanic Heritage Month Yet

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Students giving toast with the popular Mexican drink Jarritos at Painting with Heritage night. (SOURCE: stepintosvc (Instagram)).



Students learned how to play the popular Mexican game lotería, which are the cards and board shown in this picture. (SOURCE: stepintosvc (Instagram)).

“I believe there has been a need for students to express themselves and feel welcomed doing so,” Lobos-Hernandez said. “Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month is just one way OMSL is completing those needs.”

Jessica Ventura, a sophomore sociology major, is one of those students Lobos-Hernandez is talking about. Ventura is Latinx and a first generation college student here at Saint Vincent College and, admittedly, feels disappointed this is the first time the school is celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month at this level.

“On the other hand,” Ventura said, “I do feel happy that this year we are able to teach and inform people about Latin American cultures and how significant the Latinx community is – not just in America, but around the world!”

Of course, Lobos-Hernandez says, Ventura’s sentiment is the goal of OMSL: “Part of OMSL’s goal is to provide assistance for minority students here at Saint Vincent College whether that is academically, professionally, and/or personally,” Lobos-Hernandez said. “In addition, it is part of our goal to educate others by curating events that promote educational experiences.”

Hispanic Heritage Month will continue until Oct. 15. Events include a trip to University of Pittsburgh for their Latin & Caribbean Festival, and more events are being added constantly! If you have any ideas or concerns about this or anything OMSL is involved with, contact Keila Lobos-Hernandez at keila.lobos@stvincent.edu.

SPORTS

Lady Bearcats Show Their Strength in Home Volleyball Victory

By: Jacob Rzepoluch, *Sports Editor*

On Sept. 22, the Saint Vincent College women's volleyball team defeated the Waynesburg Yellow Jackets in an electric match. The close battle featured many rallies and a tight second and third set, but was ultimately a successful showing for the Lady Bearcats. "[Waynesburg] are a very scrappy team... but I thought that we answered well to it," Carly Augustine remarked, a senior business major. "It's just progress every day that we're making."

Augustine led SVC in assists (16) in the match while junior Luciana Polk led the team in digs (28) and kills (10), the latter being a high mark for both teams. Polk would continue the momentum from her Lucky B's Player of the Game performance in this match, leading the Bearcats with 34 kills (tied with sophomore Kaelyn Staples) and 71 digs in a three-game stretch that also included a win against Washington & Jefferson and a loss against Chatham. She would also



Senior Carly Augustine, wearing number 1, has played an important role for the Lady Bearcats over her four years with the team (SOURCE: SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE).

be recognized as Bearcat of the Week, an honor earned by senior Lindsey Kocjancic earlier in the season. This honor is awarded to the top performing female athlete across all sports at SVC.

Sophomore libero Stacie Ramos would later be recognized as President's Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Week. Ramos recorded 24 digs against the Yellow Jackets and has averaged 4.9 digs a set this season, good for seventh in the conference. With several differ-

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High Hopes for SVC Women's Volleyball Team

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Lady Bearcats prepare for a serve during a 3-0 victory over Waynesburg (SOURCE: JACOB RZEMPOLUCH).

ent athletes being recognized for outstanding play, the Lady Bearcats have a very tough and competitive squad.

“No matter who Coach [Sue] Hozak puts out on the court, they play hard. We have a lot of cohesiveness... we have a great team this year,” Augustine explains. The strong team spirit is visible at home games, with a bench that constantly cheers for their teammates and always seems ready for when they’re called in for a substitution. A large, loud student section also helps feed into the energy of the match, creating an extremely exciting environment for a Thursday night on campus.

Hozak and Augustine both identified the PAC championship as a major goal for the season, with conference games that began on Oct. 1 playing a major role in qualifying for and succeeding in the tournament. Although SVC has played several games against conference opponents, none of these games have counted towards their conference record. Nevertheless, the Bearcats currently have the best record in the PAC, a strong sign for the conference season ahead. The Lady Bearcats will play a few more home games this season, all of which will certainly be worth watching.

Saint Vincent Intramurals

By: Devin Bonine, Staff Writer

Under the leadership of Women's Lacrosse coach Jym Walters, Zackary VonStein, a senior business data analytics major, and Reed Hipps, a senior mathematics education major, an intramural sports group was formed for students attending Saint Vincent College. Sports such as flag football, soccer, kickball, basketball and volleyball are held throughout both semesters on campus for students to compete in a friendly environment.

"It's a great experience because we help a lot of the students enjoy their time here at Saint Vincent during the weeknights. Instead of staying inside during the week, we provide them with opportunities to get out and compete against other students," Reed Hipps said.

Intramurals serve as an alternative to spend weekday nights by being active and making friends over sports. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights students can expect to see sports being played on UPMC Field or in the school gymnasium, depending on what sport is in session. "I want the players to enjoy their time here at Saint Vincent and understand that they will get out what they make of the experience," Hipps explained.

One of the main reasons why these sporting events are held at night is to give students something to do. "I wanted to play intramural sports because it allows me to play all sorts of sports that I enjoy playing with my friends in a fun environment," Zachary VonStein commented.

The idea to form an intramural league was centered around a fun environment where players can stay active and create friendships over sports they have a passion toward. Intramurals



Intramural players J'Shawn Taylor and Julian Santana posing after a big win in flag football. (SOURCE: SVC flag football team Skunks).

are also a great alternative to allow athletes who are not playing at a varsity level to keep up with a sport of their choice.

"The overall experience has been very good. It is fun meeting and playing against new students and faculty. It is also very fun to play with my friends in sports that we do not get to play in school anymore" VonStein concluded.

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A Community Built Around Sports

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Team Bomb Squad poses for a pic after a hard-fought victory in overtime during flag football. (SOURCE: SVC flag football team Bomb Squad).

Intramural sports at Saint Vincent College are built upon a friendly competitive environment. Those looking to get in on the action should reach out to either Zackary VonStein or Reed Hipps via Saint Vincent email.

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Visiting Writers Series returns to Saint Vincent

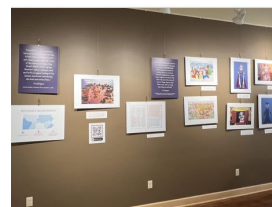
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Class of 2022 art majors display work in Verostko Center

By Erin Brody, Staff Writer The Verostko Center for the Arts recently greeted the SVC community and visitors with a blue sign displaying...



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Fred Rogers Scholars collaborate with Latrobe Art Center

By Jacob Rzemoluch, Part-Time Staff Writer Fred Rogers, known to millions of Americans as Mister Rogers, began every episode of his...



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Not throwing away their shot: Students surprised and satisfied with Hamilton trip

By Erin Brody, Arts and Culture Editor The Activities Programming Board (APB) planned a trip to Pittsburgh to see Hamilton on March 11...



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Grant paves way to humanities project

By Sean Callahan, Staff Writer A new financial opportunity was announced by Public Relations via a news release email on Feb. 9. The...



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Ready, Set, Dodgeball!

By: John Syms, Part Time Writer



Winning dodgeball team "God's Squad" poses for a picture after several close rounds. (SOURCE: Saint Vincent College APB).

Students across Saint Vincent College are having a blast with the Activities Programming Board (APB) events happening across campus. On September 23, APB hosted a dodgeball tournament in which students gathered in groups of five to seven to play dodgeball.

Despite COVID-19 concerns, the APB dodgeball tournament was full of enthusiastic spectators. Students watched from the stands as teams battled it out, throwing, catching, and hitting one another with dodgeballs. Although some players took rough

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Two teams battle to a final win

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hits, all teams were able to walk them off and there were no concussions.

There were a total of six teams in the dodgeball tournament. The tournament also had a loser's bracket. The championship round was close as well, as team "God's Squad" had to face and defeat "Women Respecters" twice in the finale in order to secure their dodgeball glory for the second year in a row.

The second game of the tournament was between the "Women Respecters" and "God's Squad". In a tight match "Women Respecters" would come on top in the tournament as "God's Squad" had to be sent to the loser's bracket. However, "God's Squad" would still make it to the finale against the "Women Respecters".

Dan Chirdon, junior finance major, a player for the "Women Respecters", thought the first game against "God's Squad" was difficult.

"They had us in the first half, I'm not going to lie, but we got some momentum on the catch. Brandon came up clutch at the end, and we took the W(in)," a pumped-up Dan Chirdon said.

However, that momentum did not last long, as "God's Squad" would win two games in the finale against "Women Respecters" to secure the tournament victory.

APB is utilizing and promoting Campus Life events across SVC. They hold multiple events every week, and the dodgeball tournament was one of the biggest events yet on campus. "Just Dance" and "Trivia Night" held similar major turnouts to dodgeball.

For SVC students looking to participate in an APB event, they can follow their Instagram page (SVC_APB) or find their website on the SVC portal. APB is planning on having more events and hopes students across SVC will participate in them.

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Team Standings

Women's Soccer

Team	W	L	T	Streak
Bethany	7	1	3	T1
Westminster	8	2	1	W4
Franciscan	7	3	1	T1
Chatham	5	3	2	L1
W&J	3	2	4	W1
Saint Vincent	4	3	2	T2
Waynesburg	3	4	3	W1
Geneva	3	5	2	L1
Allegheny	2	6	2	L1
Grove City	2	6	1	L2
Thiel	2	6	0	L4

Schedule: Bethany 10/8 Noon, @Thiel 10/12 5 p.m., @Franciscan 10/15 1 p.m.

Football

Team	W	L	Streak
Carnegie Mellon	4	0	W4
Grove City	3	1	W1
W&J	3	1	W1
Case Western Reserve	3	1	W3
Westminster	2	1	W2
Allegheny	2	2	W1
Waynesburg	2	2	L1
Saint Vincent	1	3	L1
Bethany	1	2	L2
Geneva	0	4	L4
Thiel	0	4	L4

Schedule: @Case Western 10/8 1 p.m., Geneva 10/15 1 p.m., @Allegheny 10/22 1 p.m.

Women's Volleyball

Team	W	L	Streak
Saint Vincent	9	4	W1
W&J	8	4	W2
Grove City	9	7	W2
Allegheny	10	8	W3
Thiel	7	7	L1
Franciscan	6	6	L1
Chatham	7	7	L1
Bethany	7	8	W1
Geneva	6	10	L2
Waynesburg	2	13	L7
Westminster	2	15	L7

Schedule: LaRoche 10/5 7 p.m., @Bethany 10/8 12 p.m., W&J 10/11 7 p.m.

Men's Soccer

Team	W	L	T	Streak
Franciscan	6	2	3	T1
W&J	6	4	0	W2
Saint Vincent	5	3	2	T1
Bethany	5	3	3	T1
Westminster	6	4	1	W1
Grove City	5	4	0	W3
Geneva	4	3	3	L1
Waynesburg	3	3	4	W1
Allegheny	2	6	1	L2
Chatham	1	7	2	L2
Thiel	0	9	2	L4

Schedule: Bethany 10/8 3 p.m., @Thiel 10/12 7:30 p.m., @Franciscan 10/15 3:30 p.m.

Women's Tennis

Team	W	L	Streak
Allegheny	9	0	W9
Grove City	7	2	L1
Westminster	7	2	L1
Franciscan	6	2	W3
Saint Vincent	4	4	L1
Geneva	4	4	L3
Thiel	2	6	L3
W&J	2	6	W1
Waynesburg	1	4	L1

Schedule: @Grove City 10/6 3:30 p.m., @Pitt-Greensburg 10/8 3:30 p.m., @Mount Aloysius 12 p.m.

Men's Cross Country

Schedule: @Oberlin 10/15 11:15 a.m., @PAC Championships 10/29 12 p.m.

Results: 3rd at Westminster, 1st at Saint Vincent Invitational, 8th at Lock Haven

Women's Cross Country

Schedule: @Oberlin 10/15 10 a.m., @PAC Championships 10/30 11 a.m.

Results: 2nd at Westminster, 2nd at Saint Vincent Invitational, 14th at Lock Haven

Men's Golf

Schedule: PAC Championships 10/12 and 10/13 10:30 a.m.

Results: 5th at Westminster, 13th at Allegheny, 1st at Saint Vincent Invitational

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