

Homecoming 2021: a sign of normalcy

David Collins, Staff Writer



Equestrian Club leads horseback rides for visitors at the Fall Festival Carnival. (SOURCE: SVC FLICKER)

COVID-19 and its effects have been pervading the Saint Vincent Community. Due to coronavirus safety concerns, Saint Vincent College's 2020 homecoming celebration was held virtually. Almost three hundred alumni participated in live virtual events in place of the traditional festivities. But the campus took a stride towards normalcy this past weekend when Saint Vincent hosted its 2021 in-person Homecoming and Fall Family weekend.

The homecoming festivities kicked off Friday, Oct. 1, with a reunion luncheon for the classes of '57 through '63 at Denun-

zio's Restaurant, jump-starting a weekend of various alumni-centered activities.

The headlining events of the weekend occurred on Saturday, Oct. 2, and included the homecoming parade, tailgates, food trucks, the Fall Fest Carnival and Petting Zoo, the football game against Case Western, and a performance by The Filharmonic a cappella group.

Homecoming attendees included graduates from classes ranging from 1951 to 2021, who joined the current student body in their own journey through college at SVC.

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Dr. Bennet appointed new dean of arts, humanities and social sciences

Erin Brody, Staff Writer

In July, Saint Vincent College announced that Dr. Elaine Bennet—formerly serving as associate professor of anthropology and currently director of the public health minor—would be appointed as the new dean for the School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (AHSS) starting this academic year.

Previous dean of AHSS, Dr. Margaret Watkins, accepted a position as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Seattle Pacific University in the spring of 2021. SVC then opened applications for the dean of AHSS position to faculty.

Fr. Phillip Kanfush, O.S.B., the interim vice president of academic affairs and academic dean, helped form a search committee to review applicants for the position.

There was a rigorous interview process which included a letter of application, a presentation, and an interview. By late summer, Bennet was accepted, and Kanfush presented the committee's decision to Fr. Paul Taylor, O.S.B., the president of the college.

According to Bennet, a deanship at Saint Vincent College is a unique position.

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Molly Creenan, class of '93, has been involved in alumni events ever since her graduation nearly thirty years ago. She has been to over ten homecomings throughout the years and was thrilled to be back again this year.

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contact with today."

These celebrations of community were housed outdoors to lower the risk of COVID-19, a decision which Creenan said made her feel safe throughout the day. Saint Vincent also required visitors to wear masks indoors regardless

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– Molly Creenan, class of '93

nice. I really enjoyed watching some of the football because when I was there, they didn't even have football," said Creenan. "I had a lot of family up there as well. It was like a family gathering."

Creenan reported that continuing to connect with the Saint Vincent community is her favorite homecoming tradition.

"I would say family legacy [was my favorite part of revisiting SVC] because my sisters all went there," said Creenan. "The best thing about Saint Vincent is the lifelong friendships. The people I met when I was eighteen, I am still in

of vaccination status and encouraged physical distancing both indoors and out.

While holding homecoming events in person was a step towards normalcy in terms of the COVID-19 pandemic, the virus is not forgotten. Cases still arise sporadically on campus, and many safety regulations remain in place. But having an event like homecoming where so many generations of SVC students can gather in-person signifies a return to convention as we move forward after more than a year fighting the coronavirus pandemic.

Fr. Phillip delighted in Dr. Bennet's work

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is that the college has a strong commitment to having academic administrators keep a foot in the classroom," said Bennet. "Deans are expected to teach one course a semester, so I still get to do some teaching!"

As dean, Bennet's main responsibility is to ensure that administrative processes, like budgeting, hiring and scheduling, function smoothly so that professors can focus on their teaching.

Kanfush is one of the many professors whose job is made easier by Bennet's appointment to dean of AHSS.

"Dr. Bennett has hit the ground running – literally," said Kanfush. "She is so amazingly talented that I have not had to be concerned at all about the operations of AHSS."

Kanfush reported that his workload is lighter because of Bennet's and her fellow deans' competence, allowing him to devote his time to "more global issues of academic affairs."

Overall, Kanfush reported that he is extremely pleased with his deans' performance.

"I could not be more pleased with the solid start that we have had to the school year and am most grateful to each of the deans for their leadership, guidance, and administrative support," said Kanfush.

Spirit Week at Saint Vincent

Delaney Fox, Staff Writer



Pod 5E celebrated winning Pod Wars with Vinny the Bearcat. (SOURCE: SVC FLICKER)

After a year of cancellations and delays due to the coronavirus pandemic, many in-person campus events and activities are returning during the 2021-2022 academic year. One of the latest campus-wide events to be reinstated was Spirit Week.

The Activities Programming Board and Orientation Committee planned two events every weekday from Sep. 27 to Homecoming weekend on Oct. 2 and Oct. 3.

Sep. 27 kicked off Spirit Week with a performance by Saint Vincent alumnus and musician Mike Medved in the Community Center Dining Hall from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

In addition to Medved's performance, there was also an SVC Craft Night in the Carey Lounge at 9:30 p.m. Students were given materi-

als and instructions for Saint Vincent-themed crafts.

On Sep. 28, Pod Wars, a competition begun during the first couple weeks of the fall semester among freshmen living in Saint Benedict Hall, continued with a food drive collection in the Carey Lounge.

Later that night, at 9:30 p.m., teams of students competed in SVC Jeopardy in the Carey Lounge. The individuals of the winning team then played Final Jeopardy, wagering points on one final trivia question. The prize for the highest final score won a television.

Spirit Week continued on Sep. 29 with Outdoor Bingo in Melvin Platz from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Students who won a round of bingo received prizes from Saint Vincent gear to roller skates. Students were

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Students come together at pep rally

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also able to vote on the candidates for Homecoming Court during the event, and free ice cream novelties were available from a food truck.

Leah Weimerskirch, a sophomore biology major, was one of the many students who participated in Out-



Students enjoyed hot dogs and tea at the bonfire. (SOURCE: SVC FLICKER)

door Bingo.

“It was a really nice day outside. I liked seeing people able to get together and play,” said Weimerskirch. “The only way it would have been more fun is if I would have won.”

On Sep. 30, there was a pep rally and a bonfire at the Saint Benedict Hall fire pit from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The marching band performed, and hot dogs and tea were provided.

Sophia Livelsberger, a sophomore biochemistry major, reported that participating in the bonfire in-person made it possible for students to get to know each other and feel a sense of community.

“There were different groups surrounding the fire, and it seemed like people were making new friends there... Everything just seemed uplifting,” said Livelsberger.

Immediately after the bonfire, there was an SVC Game Night on Fields 1 and 2. Students played kickball, corn hole, and spike ball.

On Oct. 1, Spirit Week wrapped up with free cupcakes in the Carey Lounge at 7:00 p.m. for Vinny the Bearcat’s Birthday Party.

Combined with Vinny’s birthday celebration was the announcement of the Pod Wars victors at the Pod Wars Finale. The champions of the 2021 Pod Wars came from Pod 5E.

Residents of the winning pod, Aiden Jackson-- a freshman business management major-- Jeffrey Raynor-- a freshman economics and mathematics major-- and Matthew Wilkinson-- a data science major-- were happy to see their efforts rewarded.

“We went to every single Pod Wars event... We ended up coming out on top, but it was a lot of hard work,” said Jackson.

The conclusion of Pod Wars wrapped up Spirit Week for 2021. Fall Family Weekend followed on Oct. 2 and Oct. 3, featuring the Homecoming football game between the SVC Bearcats and the Case Western Reserve University Spartans.

In addition to Spirit Week, the Activities Programming Board also hosts weekly events such as movie viewings, bingo, and crafts on Wednesday nights. Updates about events by the Activities Programming Board can be found on their Instagram page (@svc_apb) and on the MySV Portal.

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2021 Homecoming king and queen announced

Jackie Moon, *Part-Time Staff Writer*



The ten seniors comprising the homecoming court pose for a picture on the Chuck Noll Field. (SOURCE: SVC FLICKR)

As part of the annual homecoming traditions, two Saint Vincent College seniors were elected homecoming king and queen. On Saturday, Oct. 2, during halftime of the homecoming football game, the chosen students were announced and received their crowns.

The ten seniors nominated to the homecoming court were part of the first fully in-person fall homecoming ceremony since 2019. While the 2020 homecoming court were recognized in-person, many of the other homecoming festivities were carried out virtually due to coronavirus safety regulations.

Court nominee John Crocetti, a corporate finance and music performance major, described this first homecoming since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic as a “memorable and wonderful experience”.

The nominees for homecoming queen

included Emma Andrasko, accounting major; Lauren Hartner, art education major; Kendra Smithbauer, marketing major; Annie Trader, communications major; and Abigail Uhrinek, biology major. The nominees for homecoming king included Crocetti; Rob Gigliotti, biology major; Peter Hirst, accounting major; Tyler Overmier, international business major; and Wade Rashilla, finance and mathematics major.

“Being nominated for Homecoming Court was an incredible honor. To be acknowledged by my peers as someone worthy of recognition for their efforts at SVC is truly humbling and I couldn’t be more grateful for those who nominated and supported me,” said Trader.

Voting for the homecoming king and queen took place on Wednesday, Sep. 29 in the Carey Center Lounge. The votes were counted, and on Oct. 2, students and alumni alike filled the stands and

watched as Hirst and Hartner received their crowns.

“Winning king for me meant the world,” said Hirst. “It feels like I have made a positive impact in the Saint Vincent community. I never thought about trying to win homecoming king; I just wanted to be the best person I could be.”

Hirst and Hartner reported that they were overjoyed and honored by the opportunity to continue the tradition of homecoming king and queen in a typical in-person homecoming.



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Coronavirus fallout creates labor shortage

David Collins, Staff Writer



The Shack offers students a to-go or on-the-go option for meals and snacks. (SOURCE: SVC TWITTER)

The Shack's inconsistent hours during the fall 2021 semester have been a source of vast confusion on campus. Because of a COVID-19 case among the staff, the Shack faced a temporary closure. A staffing shortage, unrelated to employee coronavirus cases, followed shortly thereafter, resulting in an adjustment to the Shack's hours, and the Community Center dinner hours were briefly extended to compensate for the Shack's earlier closing time.

Understaffing is the primary cause of the Shack's changing hours. According to Jamie Ballew, the senior general manager of Parkhurst for SVC Dining, this employee shortage—exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic—is not unique to the Shack, nor to Saint Vincent College, but has plagued general establishments everywhere.

Deven Libengood, Shack supervisor, discussed the effects of understaffing on the Shack's operations.

"There's nobody here to work, orders

are late, people get mad, and it looks bad for me as the supervisor.," said Libengood.

Libengood reported that he is doing his best to ensure that the Shack runs efficiently.

On Oct. 7—two weeks after the Shack's brief hours adjustment—Ballew said all Parkhurst dining locations on campus are "adequately staffed and operating with normal business hours." Ballew expressed his gratitude for the Parkhurst team at Saint Vincent.

"We are grateful for your team members, including our student associates, for all they do for this community every day," said Ballew.

Parkhurst dining services on campus are sufficiently staffed, but they still have opportunities for students to work in part-time and full-time positions. Interested students may apply at the Dining Services Office for positions in the Community Center, the Shack and Catering.



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SPORTS

Bearcats celebrate Homecoming win

Luke Mich, *Sports Editor*



The football team celebrates on the field with students after the win. (SOURCE: ATHLETICS.STVINCENT.EDU, JULIE WATKINS)

On Oct. 2, at 1:00 p.m., the Saint Vincent College Bearcats football team held its annual Homecoming game at Chuck Noll Field. That day, the team put on one of its most memorable performances.

Facing Case Western Reserve University, the Saint Vincent Bearcats overcame a first-half deficit to win an offensive shootout with a score of 42-40.

“It’s an enormous win. Not just for the season, but for our program. It’s one of the biggest wins for our program,” Head Coach Aaron Smetanka stated.

Smetanka and the team pointed out several key plays from the game. However, coach and players all identified one

play as the key that switched the momentum from the Case Western Spartans to the Saint Vincent Bearcats

“The biggest moment of the game was when Joanes Polynice got a pick 6 [interception returned for a touchdown]. It was the ignition of the fire. The rest was history,” said Dwight Collins Jr., a junior defensive lineman majoring in communication.

The Bearcats had a slow start to the game, entering the second quarter down 14-0. However, late in the second quarter, Molayo Ireffin, a sophomore biology major on the special team—the team fielded for kicking plays—executed a punt return which gave the Bearcats a

short field, setting the stage for a touchdown by freshman running back Anthony Zambrano that cut Case Western’s lead in half.

“The touchdown by Anthony Zambrano late in the first half [gave] us a confidence boost going into halftime,” Billy Beck, a freshman running back majoring in communication, reported.

Even though the Bearcats entered halftime down 14-7, there were no drastic changes in the gameplan in the second half, according to Smetanka. The team’s focus during halftime was gaining perspective of the situation that the team was in.

“[The gameplan] changed a little bit; we tweaked offense and defense,” Smetanka said. “Honestly, I was making sure that we were still focusing on us right now. ‘Let’s get better on this next drive, let’s continue to stay on top of what we can control on our end.’”

One of the slight changes the team made during halftime was adjusting rushing plays. Beck revealed that in the first half, the team’s run game was struggling, but swiftly began improving after halftime.

The team’s opening second-half drive resulted in a touchdown that tied the game. Then, during Case Western’s first drive of the second half, Polynice’s interception returned for a touchdown giving the Bearcats their first lead at 21-14.

From then on, the game became a shootout. Case Western tied on its following possession, and the teams headed

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SVC football is now in fourth place

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into the fourth quarter deadlocked at 21-21.

That's when the Bearcats run performance took over. After Case Western's tying touchdown, Saint Vincent's next three drives all ended with rushing touchdowns.

"It was great to see our three running backs succeed," Smetanka said. "All three running backs scored, with the Zambrano reception touchdown, a touchdown for Julian Howard and two for Billy Beck."

35-27. Case Western responded with a touchdown, but their two-point conversion try failed due to a critical interception by linebacker Nate Sullivan, a sophomore psychology major.

After Beck's second touchdown, the Bearcats held a crucial two-score lead at 42-33. Case got another touchdown immediately after that play, but wide receiver Jeffrey Downs II, freshman finance major, recovered the ensuing onside kick to ensure the Bearcats' win. Right after the clock hit 0:00, students sitting on the

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Howard, a sophomore business major, scored early in the fourth to make the score 28-21, in favor of Saint Vincent. The next drive, Case Western scored a touchdown but missed a crucial extra point.

Beck starred in the fourth quarter, scoring on the next two drives and ending the day with 93 rushing yards and two touchdowns on 11 carries. He ended up winning Presidents' Athletic Conference Rookie of the Week for his performance.

After Beck's first touchdown, Case Western was down eight due to their missed point attempt, the score being

hill behind the left end zone ran onto the field to celebrate with the team.

"Everyone including the team was jumping up, hugging, and celebrating. The support was great," Beck said.

With the win against Case Western, the team sits at third place in the conference with a 3-1 record.

The Bearcats played their next opponent, Washington and Jefferson College, on Oct. 9. SVC lost 22-63, placing the Bearcats fourth in the conference with a 3-2 record.

The team's next home game is Oct. 16 at 1:00 p.m., when they will be playing against Grove City College.



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ARTS & CULTURE

Homecoming club displays return

Sean Callahan, Arts & Culture Editor



Visitors to the Uniting All People (UAP) and History clubs' stand were allowed to throw a pie in a club member's face if they answered a trivia question correctly. (SOURCE: CALLAHAN)

Saint Vincent College's 2020 homecoming weekend missed not only the crowds of alumni who cheered on the morning parade by the Robert S. Carrey Student Center, but also club stands and activities at the Fall Fest Carnival due to COVID-19 safety guidelines.

But for the Homecoming of 2021, on Oct. 2, SVC clubs and alumni visitors made their in-person return. At 3:00 p.m., dozens of club stands in red-and-white striped

tents formed two lines down the softball field to host the Fall Fest Carnival. The carnival began prior to the end of SVC's home football game and ran until 6:00 p.m.

After the game, alumni spectators, along with their friends and family, went to the carnival to participate in the club activities, which ranged from throwing frisbees and rugby balls into goals to answering trivia questions and partaking in Mad Libs-styled games.

Some clubs, such as the Envi-

ronmental Club, Ultimate Frisbee Club, and Respect Life Club, ran booths individually, while other clubs collaborated to host their activities.

The Uniting All People Club (UAP) partnered with the History Club to host a trivia game booth. Sarah Boyle, a senior integrated science major and the vice president of UAP, explained UAP's decision to collaborate with History Club.

"UAP and History Club have partnered for events in the past and it seemed like a natural pairing for both clubs. Our focus is on human rights and inclusion," Boyle said. "It is important for us to learn from history so we can better serve people today."

UAP and History Club hosted a trivia game to educate participants on the history of equality and human rights. Participants would attempt to answer a question from a category of their choosing; categories included women's rights, Martin Luther King, minority breakthrough achievements throughout history and gay rights. The twist: if the participant got the question correct, they would be allowed to pie the face of a club member.

Boyle reported that the carnival was a refreshing return to normalcy

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after more than a year with few in-person club activities.

"It was hard last year to be physically separated from each other, even though we did our best through the online forums we had access to," Boyle said. "I think this year's homecoming made up for lost time and missed fun."

Caitlin Machuta, a senior math-

ident of the SVC Writers' Club, collaborated on an activity booth for the carnival. They made two poster-sized Mad-Libs boards, one with a paragraph from *The Wizard of Oz*, and one with a paragraph from *Moby Dick*. Some words were replaced with blanks, which participants would replace with their own words—written on sticky notes—to

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ematics and physics major and the president of Reading Club, agreed with Boyle's observation.

"This year we can definitely tell there are clubs on campus. Last year, for online homecoming, we only made a float and had a minute to talk about our club," Machuta said. "It was not long enough or interactive enough."

Machuta and Olivia Grogan, a junior English major and pres-

edit the stories to their liking.

These interactive games at the Fall Fest Carnival allowed families and friends, alumni and current students to engage in campus culture once again in person. Saint Vincent's 2021 Homecoming celebrated not only the return of alumni and friends of SVC but also the gradual return to normalcy after more than a year fighting the coronavirus pandemic.

Generation prepares for another year of creative voices

David Collins, Staff Writer



The annual literary and artistic magazine is accepting submissions until Oct. 22. (SOURCE: SAINT VINCENT GENERATION MAGAZINE FACEBOOK)

The process of cultivating Generation—Saint Vincent College’s annual literary and artistic magazine-- is in full swing. Generation offers a chance for the creative voices of students and alumni alike to be heard as they are currently accepting submissions for the next edition.

Sarah DelMaramo, senior English major, is the current editor-in-chief of Generation. She described the unique organization of the literary and arts magazine.

“It’s both student-run and student-supplied in that all of the submissions and pieces in the magazine were made by current students or alumni,” said DelMaramo. “The magazine is open to submissions from students of all disciplines.”

From English majors to biology majors, all are invited and encouraged to participate. Generation accommodates and endorses all means and modes of creation. DelMaramo listed the various formats and styles accepted: fiction pieces, creative nonfiction pieces, poetry, photography, drawings, painting, and sketches.

Interested students and alumni can submit up to five pieces of writing or art/photography for consideration. Generation staff members then assess the submissions in an anonymous review process.

“None of [the staff members] know who wrote the pieces when we look at them and discuss them, so we can be as objective as possible
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Saint Vincent’s literary and arts magazine accepting submissions

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in deciding what pieces are in the magazine, so no one has to worry about any personal bias,” said DelMaramo. DelMaramo advised and encouraged

be accepted and considered.” Submissions are being accepted until Oct. 22. Writing pieces and art can be sent to generation@stvincent.edu. Generation

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students and alumni to focus on creative content for submission.

“We try to be as inclusive as possible in terms of subject matter,” said DelMaramo. “As long as everything is expressed in a way that is creative and done well, it will

distributed its 2019-2020 edition through email while the 2020-2021 edition was produced in the typical physical fashion. This year, *Generation* hopes to be published both electronically and physically during the spring semester.

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