

## Cabaret Honors The Company's Legacy

By: Sean Callahan, News Editor



The Company ensemble does their final pose of the spring semester. (SOURCE: CALLAHAN)

Cabarets are far from being new to the Company, but for their last show of the spring semester, they decided to put a unique spin on it. The cabaret, "An Homage to the Company: How Far We've Come", could be seen in the Performing Arts Center (PAC) on Saturday, April 1, at 7:30 p.m., and on Sunday, April 2, at 2 p.m.

The show included various songs from shows performed by

the Company in the past. In between multiple songs, a cast member narrated parts of the Company's story, including before, during, and after the COVID-19 pandemic. The show was split into two acts.

Admission was free for all, including for those outside the SVC community.

Margaret Sullivan, junior music

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## An SVC Tradition Brought Back

By: Erin Brody, Arts & Culture Editor

After a few years of waiting, Saint Vincent College's Activities Programming Board (APB) was able to host its first school-wide spring Cotillion since 2019 on Friday, March 31, at Stratis-Banquet Centre in North Huntingdon, Pa.

Cotillion was one of the biggest events hosted by APB, but the COVID-19 pandemic soon brought that tradition to an abrupt halt. There was a dance in the spring semester of 2022, but it was only open to juniors and seniors. This year, the tradition of a school-wide Cotillion came back, and students seemed to have a blast.

"Cotillion was a great experience, and I was super glad I was able to go," Braden Rankin, sophomore math and engineering major, said. "It was a

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## Company Members Pleased with Result of the Show

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performance major, did not expect to become director of the show, which she said was one of the biggest leadership positions she'd ever held. While it was stressful getting everything in order for the show, she said she was blessed to receive the opportunity and enjoyed the outcome of the show.

"The rehearsal room was one of the best parts. We had a lot of fun backstage, putting everything together, blocking, and learning the songs and dances," Sullivan said.

Sullivan explained that the cast had begun work on "Homage" during the SVC Players' work on "Once Upon a Mattress", the spring musical that debuted in February. However, because the majority of the cast of "Homage" was also in "Mattress", she kept the rehearsals to a minimum to avoid overworking them.

Once SVC students returned from spring break, the momentum for the show picked up.

"We really hit the ground running after the break. It was two weeks of hard rehearsals and then tech week," Sullivan said.

Josie Rodell, senior history major and President of the Company, assisted with the cabaret, which is the last show of her undergraduate career.

Rodell described the ending of "Homage" as bittersweet for her, an upcoming graduate. She explained that as President, she knew the Company wanted to do something big for the group's revival. She recalled being cast in a cabaret her freshman year, which she then did not get to perform in due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Company rising from the onset of the pandemic has pleased Rodell.

"I'm happy that we are able to put on two shows a year once again, and I'm proud of the work the production team did to put 'Homage' on," Rodell said.

Rodell looks forward to seeing where the Company goes next year, into what will hopefully be another full year of Saint Vincent College theater productions.

# ARTS & CULTURE

## APB Hosts First School-wide Dance Since COVID Pandemic

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well-appreciated way to escape the monotony of everyday life at school and participate in such a fun event with my friends.”

Azzia Berestecki, a sophomore middle grade education major, also attended the dance and echoed Rankin’s thoughts, though she was originally unsure if she should go to Cotillion.

“I, honestly, was hesitant to go this year because I wasn’t sure how much I would enjoy myself, but (the) APB exceeded my expectations [of it],” Berestecki said.

Neither Rankin nor Berestecki had any complaints about how the night went, but Rankin, while he “had a great time putting on [his] boogie shoes,” wished there were some more slow songs throughout the dance.

“I had to leave early — about halfway through the dance — and there were not any slow songs played in that whole first half,” Rankin said. “I would have liked to have seen more [slow-paced songs] because they also give you a break from dancing to all the faster paced, higher energy songs.”

Even if this was the case, Rankin said that he looks forward to next year’s Cotillion.



(From left to right) Sophomore communications major Julia Runk, sophomore nursing major Tristan Moss, sophomore biochemistry major Angelina Bucci, sophomore accounting major Abby Donnelly, middle grade education major Azzia Berestecki, sophomore digital art and media majors Caitlin Hopkins and Sarah Hartner, and sophomore chemistry major Lauren Poullet. (SOURCE: AZZIA BERESTECKI)

Berestecki recalled her favorite memory from the night: “My roommate and I got [airbrush] tattoos with each other’s names on them as a joke and laughed about it all night!”

All in all, the night was one that will be remembered by those who attended, and no doubt everyone shares Berestecki’s sentiment: “I and all my friends would love to attend the Cotillion next year!”

# SPORTS

## Bearcats Show Strength in Split Series

By: Jacob Rzepoluch, *Sports Editor*

Heading into their conference opener, Saint Vincent men's lacrosse team knew that playing against Grove City would be a true test of their strength.

"I think from day one this year, not that we really circle Grove City on the schedule, but we understand it's a big game," Head Coach Zach Wilfong explained. "And if we want to get to where we want to get to... a lot of times we do know, historically speaking, that that road does go through Grove City."

The Bearcats came close to conquering one of their largest targets in a 15-12 loss to the Wolverines that only slipped out of their grasp in the final quarter.

The March 29th home game started slow before exploding in the second quarter. The Bearcats held a 5-2 lead, punctuated by two goals in less than a minute scored by senior computer science major Jacob Visalli. The Wolverines fought back with five unanswered goals to take the lead into halftime. SVC scored three more goals to lead 8-7, before a real battle for the lead began. A series of ties and lead changes ensued until Grove City managed a 13-11 lead. Freshman psychology major Jonathan Nagy would score one final goal for the Bearcats, his second of the game, before the Wolverines closed out the game.



Head Coach Zach Wilfong has high hopes for the Bearcat lacrosse squad. (SOURCE: JULIE WATKINS)

"I thought we played pretty close to a full game, but we played 50 minutes of lacrosse, and we were ten minutes short of getting the result that we wanted," Wilfong said. He pointed to grabbing ground balls and winning face-offs as things the Bearcats could work on after the game.

Jordan Billet, senior criminology and law and society major, agreed, stating that turnovers are "important in any game".

"The way I kind of look at it was maybe like it was like a midterm, where it won't determine our final result, but it shows us where we are and where we need to be," Visalli said.

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# Bearcats Record Close Loss to Wolverines, Win Against Presidents

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The Bearcats would further show that they are not a joke a few days later on April 1 in a victory over Washington & Jefferson. SVC opened the game with 10 straight goals and took a 15-1 lead into the locker room at half-time. The Bearcat battering continued into the final two quarters. Visalli and Billet led the Bearcats with five and four goals respectively, and 18 Bearcats recorded at least one point in the 28-3 game.

Billet was recognized as Bearcat of the Week for his performance over the two games, but he took the award humbly.

“Being Bearcat of the Week felt great, but in the long run it will not mean much if we do not accomplish our long-term goals,” Billet said. “We have a saying that ‘individual awards are won by team success.’”

“It’s been hard for us to find that game where both the offense and the defense, and our special teams, are just clicking on all cylinders. Certainly, that game against W&J, everybody was on par,” Wilfong said.

While the game was not an official conference match, SVC certainly sent a message to the rest of the Presidents’ Athletic Conference.. As of April 12, they have an average scoring margin of +5.0, the largest in the PAC. The Bearcats have also recorded less turnovers than the eight other teams in the conference.

“If there was any doubt in the past, there shouldn’t be,” Wilfong said in regard to how well the Bearcats can play.

The SVC head coach communicated a final message of thanks to Bearcat fans.

“To our administration and our students and our fans, you guys have been awesome this year,” Wilfong said. “As we continue to head down the road of conference play, we’re not looking ahead, but we know everybody here at Saint Vincent as well as everybody that’s repping Saint Vincent, whether they’re family or friends, you guys mean a lot to us.”

The Bearcats will face a talented, senior-heavy Westminster in their next conference matchup, but absolutely have what it takes to bring home another win.



The Bearcats faced wind and a threat of rain in a tough battle against Grove City (SOURCE: JACOB RZEMPOLUCH)



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## A Few Swings Away

By: John Syms, *Part-Time Staff Writer*

The Saint Vincent Men's Golf Team is two tournaments away from the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) championship. On March 27, the Bearcats placed first out of four teams at the Geneva College Golf Invitational at the Connoquenessing Country Club, and on March 30, they placed fifth out of eleven teams at the Grove City College Invitational. One week later, on April 5, the Bearcats would place third of twelve teams at the Moravian College Golf Classic in Bethlehem, Pa. Before the PAC Championship, they will compete at the Peter C. Rossin Memorial tournament on April 17 at Washington and Jefferson College.

Unlike other sports, men's golf in the PAC takes place both in the fall and in the spring. Over the fall of 2022, the Bearcats would finish fifth of eight teams in the first two rounds of the PAC championship. As of now, the team will play the conference championship's final two rounds on April 21 and 22. Saint Vincent College still has a chance to win the tournament, but they would have to overcome both Alleghany College and Westminster.

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Junior mechanical engineering major Brevin Urso swings a golf ball at Marietta College. (SOURCE: JULIE WATKINS)

# Bearcats Golf Season Almost Complete

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Golfer Brevin Urso, junior mechanical engineering major, says he is excited for the conference showdown.

“I had a pretty good season last year, but in the two rounds in the fall I didn’t play all that great, so I am definitely hoping to turn things around and post a little bit better of a score in the spring,” Urso said, as the team currently has 332 points scored from the fall.

“The season going on for me is pretty well. I placed top ten in our first two tournaments in the spring, and this previous one I think I was tied for twenty-first, which was a little bigger of a tournament because at Grove City they bring a lot more schools there,” Urso said.

Urso was in the top ten in birdies scored. On March 20, Urso was voted Bearcat of the Week for his performance at the Marietta College Pioneer Classic, as he placed seventh overall and scored a team best score of 78. Back in the fall of 2022, Urso and the team placed first overall at the Bearcat Golf Invitational as they defeated Grove City and Waynesburg, and Urso had the best score in the competition with 76 points.

The team is currently two weeks away from the two-day PAC championship held at Mill Creek in Boardman, Ohio. For more information about the Bearcats golf team, visit <https://athletics.stvincent.edu/sports/mens-golf>.

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# Team Standings

## Men's Lacrosse

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

Schedule: @Bethany 4/18 4 p.m., Thiel 4/23 1 p.m., Franciscan 4/26 4 p.m.

## Women's Lacrosse

Team	W	L	Streak
Chatham	7	2	L1
Allegheny	9	3	W2
W&J	8	3	W7
Saint Vincent	7	4	W2
Franciscan	5	3	W4
Grove City	5	7	W1
Thiel	4	7	L5
Bethany	4	8	L6
Waynesburg	2	8	L5
Westminster	2	9	L4

Schedule: @Bethany 4/18 7 p.m., Thiel 4/21 4 p.m., LaRoche 4/23 3 p.m.

## Men's Volleyball

Team	W	L	Streak
PSU-Behrend	17	7	W1
Thiel	15	12	W3
Saint Vincent	11	9	W2
Geneva	17	14	W2
Hilbert	9	16	L3
Hiram	8	15	W1
Medaille	9	17	L1
PSU-Altoona	5	19	W1
Mount Aloysius	4	19	L10
Wells	4	19	L12

Schedule: End of Season

## Baseball

Team	W	L	Streak
Grove City	19	7	W3
W&J	18	9	W4
Bethany	14	12	L3
Saint Vincent	13	13	W6
Westminster	12	12	L1
Allegheny	12	12	W2
Chatham	11	13	L4
Geneva	12	16	L2
Waynesburg	10	18	W1
Thiel	9	17	W2
Franciscan	4	12	W2

Schedule: Grove City 4/18 1 p.m., @Marietta 4/23 3 p.m., Geneva 4/25 1 p.m.

## Softball

Team	W	L	Streak
Waynesburg	21	3	W15
Westminster	20	6	W4
Allegheny	20	6	W8
Saint Vincent	19	7	W3
Grove City	14	10	L2
Geneva	13	13	W3
W&J	7	15	L6
Chatham	6	20	W2
Thiel	5	17	L7
Bethany	2	19	L7
Franciscan	0	22	L22

Schedule: @Allegheny 4/19 3:30 p.m., Waynesburg 4/22 2 p.m., Geneva 4/25 3:30 p.m.

## Men's Tennis

Team	W	L	Streak
Grove City	9	3	W5
Allegheny	11	4	W1
Saint Vincent	5	5	L1
Geneva	4	5	L1
Franciscan	4	9	W3
Westminster	3	7	W1
W&J	1	7	L3
Thiel	0	7	L7
Waynesburg	0	7	L7

Schedule: Westminster 4/17 4 p.m., Franciscan 4/19 4 p.m., @Geneva 4/21 6 p.m.

## Men's Track & Field

Past Result: 3rd at Bethany Invitational

Schedule: @Slippery Rock 4/20 12 p.m., @Ohio State University 4/21 1 p.m., @PAC Championships (Morgantown, WV) 4/27-4/28 2 p.m.

## Women's Track & Field

Past Result: 9th at Bethany Invitational

Schedule: @Slippery Rock 4/20 12 p.m., @Ohio State University 4/21 1 p.m., @PAC Championships (Morgantown, WV) 4/27-4/28 2 p.m.

## Men's Golf

Past Results: 5th at Grove City, 3rd at Moravian, 4th at Westminster

Schedule: @W&J 4/17 12 p.m., PAC Championships (Boardman, Ohio) 4/21-4/22 11:30 a.m.

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