

Fall Family Weekend Perseveres Through The Rain

By: Sean Callahan, News Editor



Rock Band Club performs one of several songs in Dupre for Fall Family Weekend visitors. (SOURCE: ROCK BAND CLUB INSTAGRAM)

Constant rain throughout the weekend of Sept. 30 kept Melvin Platz empty without the usual club tables and crowds of off-campus visitors, but that did not stop Fall Family Weekend fun from continuing indoors. The clubs of SVC made use of the library, Dupre, and Carey Center on Saturday and Sunday to maintain the same quality experience for visitors. This weekend also held a number of new activities, in part due to its separation from Homecoming this year.

On Friday, Vinnie the Bearcat's birthday party was held inside the Carey Lounge, alongside the pod wars finale. The winner was Pod 1C, followed by Pod 3E in second place and 1B in third place.

Beginning at 7:30 p.m., both the Men and Women's Rugby clubs helped run a workshop, an event in which they showed others how to play their sport.

Giana Georgina, junior biology major and President of Women's Rugby

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Saint Vincent College Welcomes Dr. Anthony Kane

By: Elizabeth Van Pilsum, Staff Writer

This semester, Saint Vincent College welcomes Anthony Kane Jr., Ed.D. as the new Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students. As Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Kane's job is to provide strategic management and overall direction of programs in student services and campus life. He works to ensure the needs of students are met with regards to programs such as residence life, wellness, orientation, clubs, student publications, campus recreation, and more. As Dean of Students, Dr. Kane works to promote the Catholic and Benedictine mission and identity of Saint Vincent, as well as an environment where all students are respected and welcomed.

Dr. Kane is a Pennsylvania native, having grown up in the

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New Clubs Make Fall Family Weekend Debuts

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Club, was the main organizer of the workshop. She says that the event occurred due to a realization that both the Men and Women's Rugby clubs would be in Pittsburgh for games on Saturday.

"We had never done it before, but we thought it would be a fun way to teach the SVC Community about Rugby," Georgiana said. Participants then held a "light-hearted match against each other" after learning basic mechanics and elements of Rugby.

Friday's events concluded at 8 p.m., on the baseball field, with a showing of the movie *Hocus Pocus*. The rain did not begin until after the movie had concluded.

The majority of Fall Family Weekend events occurred on Saturday, Oct. 1, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the library. Many clubs set up tables for activities throughout the upper floors of the library, while comedian Adam Ace hosted a trivia game show in the atrium level. Crowds of visitors and current students lingered on the atrium level, enjoying lots of food and engaging with Ace's show. Visitors also streamed upstairs to observe and engage with the activities offered at each club's table.

This semester is the first Fall Family Weekend for two clubs created last spring: Rock Band Club and American Sign Language (ASL) Club. ASL Club hosted an activity in which participants had to guess the meanings of different signs, while Rock Band Club performed several songs for visitors in Dupre.

Mason Gage, sophomore communications major and President of Rock Band Club, conceived of the club concept both from verbal inspiration from Father Maximilian Maxwell, Director of Campus Ministry, and from his own observations of campus.

"I noticed there were a lot of musicians on campus that didn't have anywhere to play. When I hung out with a couple guys who played, I realized we all had the same idea of starting a band," Gage said.

The Rock Band Club performed a thirty minute set in the Dupre atrium for a small crowd, during a portion of the time slot provided for the faculty band, Phineas Gage. However, they performed another set of songs in the Carey Center that night, which Gage felt was received even better.

"We did our second set that night in Carey, and that was when we got a pretty good crowd," Gage said.

The group plans to use meetings as practices, both informal and in-public, to prepare themselves for performances with a live audience. They mostly focus on Indie-Rock but are testing the waters with other forms of Rock, such as punk and classical.

More new events on Saturday included an event called "Hoedown Throwdown", which featured western photos and square dancing sessions for all who attended. From 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Strategic Gaming Society reserved an area in the Carey Center Lounge for participants to play board games of their choice with one another. At 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center, there was a boy band performance, followed by a reception and meet and greet with the band.

On Sunday, Oct. 2, at 1 p.m. in the Carey Center Lounge, The SVC marching band performed *March of the Bearcats*. This was then followed by several final club workshops and activities, concluding Fall Family Weekend.

Dr. Kane passionate about furthering his connection to the SVC community

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Hill District neighborhood in Pittsburgh, and he attended California University of Pennsylvania for his undergraduate studies. It was there that he earned his bachelor's and master's in social work. Dr. Kane then attended graduate school at Duquesne University, where he received a doctorate in educational leadership.

Dr. Kane initially planned on being either a school social worker or a victim advocate upon finishing his master's, but he decided to first take what he thought would be a temporary job at Duquesne University. This job was a turning point in his life that would influence the rest of his career. "Through this role, I realized how transferrable my social work skills were to Student Affairs/Life, but most importantly I appreciated the impact I could have within a community," Dr. Kane said.

This led to Dr. Kane taking a more permanent position at Duquesne, where he worked in Residence Life for seven years. In 2020, he accepted the title of Duquesne's Director for Diversity and Inclusion. "In this role I was able to take my understanding of student experience, to create and sustain outreach initiatives and programs for diverse students across campus," Dr. Kane said. "More importantly, I was able to advocate for resources and opportunities for students that had never been considered but would improve student experience."

Dr. Kane was then drawn to work at Saint Vincent. He had heard several positive things from a good friend who worked in Student Affairs and from his own wife, who is a proud Saint Vincent alum, and he wanted to be a part of this college community. He said, "I was excited for the opportunity to be a part of a campus environment grounded in the Benedictine hallmarks and motivated by the Spirit."



Saint Vincent College has a new member of its community this semester, Dr. Anthony Kane. (SOURCE: ADAM MICHAELS)

Now that he is officially working at Saint Vincent, Dr. Kane is thrilled for many reasons. "I am excited to find out who Vinny is," Dr. Kane joked, before continuing, "In all seriousness, I am excited to work closely with the amazing folks in Student Affairs, Campus Ministry, and across administration to create greater opportunities for student success, leadership, and development."

"I have many goals for working at Saint Vincent, but my top priority is understanding the culture and the people who make the community great," Dr. Kane said. He plans to actively pursue opportunities to engage with the community of Saint Vincent. One such way Dr. Kane hopes to do this is through a program he is planning for after Fall Break called "Donuts with the Dean." This will give him and the students a chance to get to know each other while enjoying donuts.

"I look forward to having conversations and attending programs where students are present to see what the greatest needs are," Dr. Kane said. "I believe as a leader, you should never enter a new space looking to make changes but instead enter the space looking to make a difference."

ARTS & CULTURE

Bearcat Buddies invites SVC students to Halloween dance:

Be prepared for a fang-tastic time!

By: Erin Brody, Arts & Culture Editor

From ordering a pumpkin spice latte at the Barista to watching horror movies in the Carey Lounge, Saint Vincent students have an array of events to attend this month. One event in particular is being hosted by Bearcat Buddies, and they would like to invite you to this year's Halloween Dance.

Bearcat Buddies is a club that creates events for the Bearcat B.E.S.T. students on campus, which is a program that helps students with intellectual and developmental disabilities transition into a post-secondary education. Traditionally, Bearcat Buddies hosts a variety of events like spring formals, Christmas parties, Easter egg hunts, or bingo tournaments, but this year, they are reaching out to other clubs to create even more activities for Bearcat B.E.S.T. students.

Gina Beneccio, a sophomore early childhood education major and secretary for Bearcat Buddies, said the mission of the



A group photo of everyone who attended the 2021 Bearcat Buddies Halloween dance (SOURCE: bearcatbuddies (Instagram))

club is to spread disability awareness, which is typically done through Bearcat B.E.S.T. and Bearcat Buddies interacting with each other during events. But, the club is hoping for some changes in attendance.

“A goal for the club that we are hoping to achieve this year is broadening our roster,” Beneccio said. “Right now, the Bearcat Buddies Club has the majority of the education majors in it, but we do not have other departments in our club.”

Beneccio acknowledges that “these interactions can seem difficult,” but the only way to spread awareness is through interaction. At the end of the day, the similarities outweigh the differences.

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“[T]hey just do things a little different than we might,” Beneccio said.

As for the dance itself, it will take place Oct. 29 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Saint Scholastica Hall. There will be many activities from dancing to spooky songs to the chance of winning a prize in a costume contest!

“Our Club is for all students, no matter the major,” Beneccio said, “because that is how we are going to spread awareness.”

If you are interested in attending this year’s Halloween Dance, Bearcat Buddies requests that you sign up beforehand with this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8O5OB4Ba9AF2CA3FE3-halloween>. Be sure to follow the club on Instagram (@bearcatbuddies) for updates about this event and more!

March of the Bearcats closes out Fall Family Weekend

By: Suki Rowden, Staff Writer

After an event-packed Fall Family Weekend, the rainy weekend was enhanced by a special performance by the Saint Vincent College’s March of the Bearcats. The performance, which was supposed to occur in front of the Dale P. Latimer Library on Oct. 2, was rerouted to the Carey Center Lounge after the cold rain began. Despite the location change, families and students alike turned out to cheer our band on.

Dr. Sean Durkin, director of athletic bands, explained how a great deal of preparation went into this performance, as the extra set required a host of new song selections. Leslie Soriano, a sophomore biology major and the band’s drum major, noted “Thriller” by Michael Jackson was the band’s favorite song to perform, as the members get to do a Jackson-esque shout

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The Bearcats play in the lounge of the Carey Center to a captivated audience of students, staff, and family. (SOURCE: ROWDEN)

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Visiting Writers Series returns to Saint Vincent

By Delaney Fox, Staff Writer The Visiting Writers Series made its return to Saint Vincent College on Apr. 6 in the Verostko Center for...



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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 Rzempoluch, 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...

SVC Marching Band marches in a bonus performance

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into the crowd. When asked what Dr. Durkin's favorite song performed was, he chose "Beat It", "Because...who doesn't love Michael Jackson?" he said.

The audience seemed to agree as Dr. Durkin entertained many audience members who approached him to commend the band on their performance. One woman joked they were playing Name That Tune due to the band playing classics by Neil Diamond, Queen, and Led Zeppelin. An audience favorite was Diamond's "Sweet Caroline," where many heads could be seen nodding along and even more feet tapping to the tempo.

A mother attending family weekend was passing through the Carey Lounge and was drawn in by the performance. "I love the song selection. It was nostalgic and upbeat! I was impressed with how they exuded positive energy. I also loved the growl they did. It was so good," she said.

The performance had something for everyone to enjoy with classics from the King of Pop, Queen, and Led Zeppelin, the modern pop hit by Lil Nas X and a gospel hymn to honor the Catholic Benedictine spirit of Saint Vincent College.

SPORTS

Bearcats Defend Home Green

By: Jacob Rzempoluch, *Sports Editor*

The history of golf in Latrobe needs little introduction. Latrobe Country Club, the old stomping grounds of golf legend Arnold Palmer, hosted Saint Vincent College, Waynesburg University, Grove City College, and Geneva College for the SVC Fall Invitational on Sept. 29. While the Bearcats have only called the course their home for a few years, they successfully defended the 18-hole course with a score of 323, 16 strokes less than the second place team from Grove City.

“It is always nice to win, let alone defend your home course,” Brevin Urso said. The junior mechanical engineering major led the Bearcats to victory with a score of 76, which was more than enough to place first individually. This Bearcat of the Week winning performance was a satisfying victory alone, but made even more rewarding with a team victory. “With a new group of guys the team has been a lot more competitive at practices and that has helped us perform better at tournaments” Urso explained. Scoring for SVC behind Urso were junior Colten McCutcheon (81), freshman Colt Easterling (83), freshman Brendan Cooley (83), and junior Anthony Rendulich (88). McCutcheon, Easterling, and Cooley all placed inside the top ten alongside Urso.

The Bearcats impressed Coach Samantha Firestone with their play on their home course. “Winning on a course that you are very familiar with, like your home course, is not an easy task.” The former Bearcat all-PAC golfer emphasized that “winning our home invite has been a goal of our veteran players for years. Securing a team title has made them more determined to strengthen their game and stay competitive in all events.”



A plaque fit for a pack of victorious Bearcats. (SOURCE: JULIE WATKINS)

Both Urso and Firestone noted that the Latrobe Country Club provided a challenging course. “Golfers can get away with more mis-hits at other courses but Latrobe Country Club demands focus from start to finish” Firestone stated. Urso added that the course is “more narrow off the tee, but if you can keep it straight with the driver it is easy to score.”

“Brevin stayed in his lane, didn’t get rattled, and put together a solid round,” Firestone said when asked about Urso’s Individual win. Composure seems to be a key to success for the Bearcats in a sport where precision is extremely important.

The SVC Invitational was the last competition for the Bearcats before the PAC Fall Championships. The 36-hole tournament, held on Oct. 12 and 13, is hosted by Avalon Lakes Golf Club. Firestone explained that for team success at the conference championships, “each team member needs to play the course and not against their opponents. If all of them take each shot, one at a time, and execute to the best of their ability, we will be competitive with every team for the lead going into the spring rounds.” The Bearcats hope to keep the momentum from a victory at home going into the PAC championships and through the winter into the spring season. Some major performances are certainly in reach for the strong Bearcat squad.

Team Standings

Women's Soccer

Team	W	L	T	Streak
Bethany	7	2	3	L1
Westminster	8	3	1	L1
Franciscan	8	3	1	W1
Chatham	6	3	2	W1
Saint Vincent	3	2	4	W1
W&J	3	2	5	T1
Waynesburg	3	4	4	T1
Grove City	4	6	1	W2
Allegheny	3	6	2	W1
Geneva	3	7	2	L3
Thiel	2	7	0	L5

Schedule: @Thiel 10/12 5 p.m., @Franciscan 10/15 1 p.m., Allegheny 10/19 3:30 p.m.

Men's Soccer

Team	W	L	T	Streak
Franciscan	7	2	3	W1
Bethany	6	3	3	W1
W&J	6	4	1	T1
Geneva	5	3	4	T1
Grove City	6	5	0	W1
Saint Vincent	5	4	3	T1
Westminster	6	5	1	L1
Waynesburg	3	3	5	T1
Allegheny	2	6	2	T1
Chatham	1	8	2	L3
Thiel	0	10	2	L5

Schedule: @Thiel 10/12 7:30 p.m., @Franciscan 10/15 3:30 p.m., Allegheny 10/18 3:30 p.m.

Football

Team	W	L	Streak
Carnegie Mellon	5	0	W5
Grove City	4	1	W2
W&J	4	1	W2
Case Western Reserve	3	2	L1
Westminster	2	2	L1
Waynesburg	2	2	L1
Allegheny	2	3	L1
Saint Vincent	1	3	L1
Bethany	1	3	L3
Thiel	1	4	W1
Geneva	0	4	L4

Schedule: Geneva 10/15 1 p.m., @Allegheny 10/22 1 p.m., @Carnegie Mellon 10/29 1 p.m.

Women's Volleyball

Team	W	L	Streak
Saint Vincent	11	4	W3
Thiel	11	7	W4
Grove City	12	8	W2
Allegheny	12	8	W5
W&J	8	6	L2
Chatham	9	8	L1
Bethany	8	8	W2
Franciscan	7	8	L1
Geneva	6	11	W1
Waynesburg	2	16	L10
Westminster	2	17	L9

Schedule: @Waynesburg 10/13 7 p.m., @Grove City 10/15 1 p.m., Chatham 10/19 1 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 10/13 10:30 a.m.

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

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