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Domestic Violence Awareness Month at Saint Vincent

Elizabeth Van Pilsum, Staff Writer



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. (SOURCE: FLICKR)

ccording to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, or NCADV, roughly 20 people per minute in the United States experience physical abuse from an intimate partner, which adds up to be over 10 million men and women per year. Approximately one in four women and one in seven men report experiencing severe domestic abuse in their lifetime with young women between the ages of 18 to 24 being the most reported victims of domestic violence. To help prevent domestic violence, Saint Vincent College is remembering October as Domestic

Violence Awareness Month.

The remembrance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, or DVAM, began in 1987 with the purpose of celebrating survivors of abuse, mourning those lost to it, and advocating for change. Saint Vincent Campus Ministry, the Wellness Center, the Office of Global and Community Engagement, and the Title IX Office are working together on a campaign to spread awareness about this critical issue.

The 2021 campaign theme is #EV-ERY1KNOWSSOME1. According to Continued on page 2

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Summer bomb threat at SVC

Erin Brody, Staff Writer

ost Saint Vincent College students were in their hometowns on June 28, when they received an Omnilert message around 7:30 p.m. ordering the evacuation of the Basilica and surrounding areas until further notice. About fifteen minutes later, the reason for the evacuation was announced: a bomb threat had been issued against the Basilica.

Allison Smith, a senior environmental science major, was living on campus when the threat was called in. She recalled sitting outside and watching law enforcement make their way to the Basilica and nearby residence halls.

"[A state trooper] came over and told me and a friend to move away from the Basilica but didn't give us many details," Smith said. "My first thoughts were really just to listen to the directions given in order to be safe."

In addition to the small student body, most of the monks of the Saint Vincent Archabbey were also on campus when the threat was made.

Fr. Brian Boosel, O.S.B., assistant professor of history and director of the Honors Program, heard the news from those monks on campus when the threat was reported, though he was out of town at the time.

"I was away doing research in Chicago, and I started to get some texts from people I knew at Saint Vincent," said Boosel. "So, I texted some of the monks, and they texted back, 'There's a bomb threat. We have to evacuate, and the Basilica is off limits." Continued on page 2

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Boosel added that the seminary and abbey were also off limits, and there were "dozens of police and fire trucks."

Around 9:30 p.m., two hours after the threat was announced, another Omnilert message reported that the emergency was over.

Despite the threat to campus, Smith reported that she never perceived SVC as more dangerous.

"Unfortunately," Smith said, "situations like this are becoming more common in the world, so I wouldn't say my perspective of Saint Vincent changed in any way."

Boosel remarked that bomb threats had been made against the school in the past.

"I had heard that there had been one or two times in the '70s that somebody called in a bomb threat. It was just a joke," he said. "Now that we're twenty-first-century people, that's no longer something that's humorous."

Campus was given permission to return to normal later that night. The authorities kept information about the perpetrator—identity and whether or not an arrest was made—confidential.

"I don't know what happened, if the state police got to the bottom of it," said Boosel, "but I hope whoever did it would not do that again."

There have been other crime reports on campus since the bomb threat in the summer. These current statistics can be found on the SVC website.

Most offenses were due to liquor law violations and drug violations. In 2020, the rates of violations went down significantly while other offenses, like sexual, assault had zero reports as compared to 2018 and 2019.

Raising awareness about healthy relationships

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Title IX Coordinator Eileen Flinn, the campaign "strives to highlight how common domestic violence is and that it is more than physical violence".

Throughout the month of October, the school has and continues to focus on a core way to prevent domestic violence: discussion about healthy relationships. According to Flinn, healthy relationships can be platonic or romantic, and while no relationship is perfect, they should still bring out the best in people and make both parties feel safe, both emotionally and physically.

To spread awareness about domestic violence, the school has planned multiple activities. Every Wednesday throughout October, Gretchen Flock, director of the Wellness Center, has hosted Wellness Wednesdays in the Carey Center Lounge.

Additionally, the Office of Global and Community Engagement is collecting items to donate to the Blackburn Center for Day 1 Survival Kits—kits given to survivors of abuse when they first arrive at a shelter. Items needed include toiletries, school supplies, diapers, pads and tampons, and masks. Donations may be dropped off during the month of October in the collection box in the Carey Lounge.

On Wednesday, Oct. 20, Alpha Lambda Delta was in the Carey Lounge from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. making Halloween treat bags that

the Blackburn Center will distribute to children who have been displaced due to domestic violence. Students were able to participate by contributing money towards the treats for these children.

On Thursday, Oct. 21, a Mass of remembrance was held at 7:00 p.m. in the Mary, Mother of Wisdom student chapel, followed by a candlelit vigil honoring those who lost their lives due to domestic violence and praying for those affected by it today.

Oct. 21 was also #PurpleThursday. The color purple has been utilized as a symbol by women seeking justice for over a century; now the color is used to raise awareness towards ending domestic violence. Students were encouraged to wear purple in a show of solidarity and support for victims of domestic violence.

Finally, on Wednesday, Oct. 27 at 8:00 p.m., there will be a showing of the movie Up in the Luparello Lecture Hall following a short discussion about unhealthy and healthy relationships.

Fostering healthy relationships, which is a focus of Saint Vincent's domestic violence awareness campaign, is an important step in preventing domestic abuse. During the month of October, students have had the opportunity to learn more about preventing domestic violence by participating in SVC's Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities.

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Joe Farrell, C'68

A Grave Injustice: America's Founders and Their Burial Sites

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Reservations by phone 724-805-2656 or email denise.heydorn@stvincent.edu by Oct. 18, 2021 oe Farrell was born in Brooklyn and raised on the mean streets of Queens, New York. He first came to Pennsylvania to attend Saint Vincent College and graduated in 1968, with a degree in psychology. He did outstanding graduate work at two prestigious Pennsylvania universities, Indiana and Shippensburg, studying clinical psychology and public administration.

Farrell has had a long and successful career in government and with two Fortune 500 companies as a high-level manager and advocate for consumers. He started as a staff psychologist at Pennsylvania's maximum security prison in Pittsburgh and after a few years was promoted to the Department of Corrections headquarters in Harrisburg. He later worked in the Governor's office and then moved on to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC), where he fought for consumers as the first director of the newly created Bureau of Consumer Services. In his final six years at the Pennsylvania PUC, Farrell served as deputy executive director before leaving to work in the private sector as manager of customer satisfaction for two large electric companies. Farrell returned to public service and formerly served as executive director of The Disciplinary Board of The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

Farrell co-authored the "Graves of our Founders" book series, which is based upon his travels to the graves of more than 200 founding fathers (and mothers) responsible for the birth of the United States of America. He also co-authored the "Keystone Tombstones" book series, which details his exploration and research on Pennsylvania cemeteries and stories about those interred there. Farrell is also author of the critically acclaimed "Confessions of a Catholic Schoolboy," which is a humorous memoir of growing up and attending Catholic schools in the tumultuous 1960s.



SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE

SPORTS

Men's rugby wins conference championships and advances to postseason

Luke Mich, Sports Editor



The men's rugby team poses for a photo after their win against Pitt-Johnstown. (SOURCE: SVC FLICKR, YARIANA PINO SANCHEZ)

n Saturday, Oct. 23, the men's rugby team beat Grove City 43-34 to become the 2021 Three Rivers Conference Champs. With the win, the team moves on to regionals after a hard-fought championship match.

Throughout the season, the goal was simple: win the conference. Tom Franey described how integral it was to not only get to the conference championships, but also to win it.

"To get [to the playoffs], we have to win the conference championship," Franey, second row player and senior criminology and forensic science major, said.

The current season began in early

September, a return to normal after the fall of 2020, when no Saint Vincent sports were held due to COVID-19 regulations.

Two out of the team's seven regular season matches were cancelled because the opposing teams forfeited.

Through the midpoint of the season, the team won two of its three matches. In fact, the Homecoming game on Oct. 1, against Pitt-Johnstown (UPJ), was a resounding 48-15 win. Head Coach Mike Murphy discussed the key factors that led to the win.

"Really, it came down to the leadership of the seniors and captains. The guys came together and understood the gameplan we set in motion, and made sure that we came out victorious," Murphy said.

It was also a huge bounce-back win, as their previous match was their first loss of the season, which was also at home.

Franey attributed the Bearcat's victory to preparation.

"UPJ was a good team, but we were much better prepared. We kept a steady pace on offense and maintained possession," said Francy.

With key games approaching, preparation is extremely important, especially to prevent injuries.

"We warm up as much as possible before matches to make sure our bodies are ready for a difficult 80 minutes of play. Obviously, injuries are going to happen, but we do our best to limit them as much as possible," said Franey.

Coach Murphy had his goals set high for this season for his team, and the team has now accomplished at least one goal of his.

"In our seven years as an official club [sport], we've made it to the [conference] championship match twice, so the bar has been set," said Murphy. "So, the goal is really to make it at least to regionals, if not all the way to the national championship, which is always the ultimate goal."

With the championship win, the men's team will next play in a regionals match against a TBD opponent.

Team Standings

Women's Soccer

Team	w	L	Streak
Westminster	13	1	W7
Grove City	8	7	W2
W&J	7	7	W2
Chatham	7	5	L2
Franciscan	8	7	W2
Waynesburg	6	7	W1
Saint Vincent	5	9	L2
Geneva	5	10	W2
Thiel	4	9	L2
Bethany	4	10	L8

Schedule: @Westminster 10/23 12 PM, @Grove City 10/27 4:30 PM

Men's Soccer

Team	W	L	Streak
Franciscan	9	4	L1
Westminster	10	6	L1
Grove City	8	7	W2
Chatham	7	6	W1
Geneva	6	7	W3
Bethany	5	7	L1
W&J	4	7	W1
Waynesburg	2	12	W1
Saint Vincent	2	13	L5
Thiel	1	12	L6

Schedule: @Westminster 10/23 2:30 PM, @Grove City 10/27 7 PM

Women's Volleyball

Team	w	L	Streak
Westminster	21	4	W9
Grove City	17	7	W5
Chatham	14	6	W1
Bethany	11	9	L1
Geneva	10	13	L1
Saint Vincent	7	13	L2
Waynesburg	9	16	L6
Thiel	8	16	W1
Franciscan	3	13	L1
W&J	2	18	L8

Schedule: @Chatham 10/26 7 PM, Bethany 10/28 7 PM

Football

Team	W	L	Streak
W&J	6	0	W6
Grove City	6	1	W3
Car. Mellon	4	2	W3
Westminster	4	2	W1
Saint Vincent	3	3	L2
Case Western	3	3	W1
Geneva	2	4	L2
Waynesburg	1	5	L3
Bethany	1	6	L1
Thiel	0	6	L6

Schedule: Carnegie Mellon 10/30 1 PM, @Westminster 11/6 1 PM

Women's Swimming

Team	w	L	Streak
Chatham	1	0	W1
Bethany	0	0	-
Franciscan	0	0	-
Grove City	0	0	-
Westminster	0	0	-
Saint Vincent	0	0	-
W&J	0	1	L1

Schedule: Franciscan 10/23 1 PM, @Allegheny 10/29 6 PM, @IUP 11/6 11 AM

Men's Swimming

Team	W	L	Streak
Bethany	1	0	W1
Grove City	1	0	W1
Westminster	1	0	W1
Saint Vincent	0	1	L1
Chatham	0	1	L1
W&J	0	1	L1

Schedule: @Allegheny 10/29 6 PM, @IUP 11/6 11 AM, @Grove City 11/13 1 PM

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Men's Cross Country

Schedule: @PAC Championships 10/30 11 AM

Results: 2nd at Westminster, 2nd at Saint Vincent Invitational, 8th at Lehigh, 18th at Oberlin

Women's Cross Country

Schedule: @PAC Championships 10/30 12 AM

Results: 3rd at Westminster, 1st at Saint Vincent Invitational, 15th at Lock Haven, 20th at Lehigh, 26th at Oberlin

ARTS & CULTURE

Spooky events at Saint Vincent

Delaney Fox, Staff Writer



Students played Halloween-themed bingo in the Carey Lounge. (SOURCE: FOX)

The month of October signals the beginning of the autumn season—leaves start to change color, the air feels cooler, and Halloween decorations pop up around campus. However, decorations are not the only indicator that Saint Vincent College students are getting into the spooky spirit. The Activities Programming Board (APB) has planned a series of Halloween-themed events throughout the month of October for students to enjoy.

The events kicked off with Spooky Paint 'n' Pop on Oct. 6, which took place in the Carey Lounge from 9:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. APB pro-

vided canvases, paint and brushes, to students who were given the option to follow along with a guided painting or to paint another subject of their choice.

Spooky Paint 'n' Pop filled to capacity; in fact, APB was short two to four canvases, and some students had to share materials.

The second event was a trip off campus for Kennywood Fright Night on Oct. 8. Students paid \$15 for a five-hour visit to the amusement park for its Halloween haunts after dark. Actors roamed around the park scaring visitors, and the park also opened some horror-based attractions like the Ken-

nyville Cemetery zombie walk.

The Fright Night also received a large turnout; all of the available spaces for the trip were filled by Oct. 7. However, the event did face a setback. According to Benjamin Tantalo, a freshman finance major who attended the event, Fright Night was rained out about an hour before students were scheduled to leave the amusement park.

On Oct. 13, Halloween-Go—Halloween-themed bingo—which took place in the Carey Lounge from 9:30 p.m. to 10:15 p.m. APB provided free candy for all students, and the prizes were Halloween-themed buckets filled with candy and stickers. The grand prize included a glow-in-the-dark blanket, mugs filled with candy, window clingers, and a movie.

On Oct. 20, students gathered in the Carey Lounge for a Haunted Hallways experience— a threefloor haunted house in the education and music hallways of Carey.

There are still several Halloween events for students to look forward to later this October.

On Oct. 23, students can pay \$5 to join APB in a Pumpkin Patch and Corn Maze trip at Schramm's Fall Festival in Jeanette from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The cost includes transportation, hayrides and the corn maze.

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Halloween events bring students together

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On Oct. 27, Grab 'n' Go Halloween Crafts will be available for students to pick up in the Carey Lounge from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be two craft options for students to choose from: mummy jars and spooky rock painting.

Two events will occur on Oct. 29, the first of which is a Costume Contest on Instagram. Students can post pictures in their Halloween costumes and tag APB for a chance to win a prize.

Lastly, at 7:00 p.m. on Oct. 29, the APB Halloween events will wrap up with a Spooky Movie Night. Students are invited to watch a classic Halloween film, the 1995 version of Casper, in the Carey Lounge.

Emily Fultz, junior accounting major, is the APB team leader organizing the movie night.

"There is no better way to end the month of October, which is full of both Halloween and midterm scares, than with the friendliest of ghosts," said Fultz.

The Activities Programming Board will be posting announcements and reminders about these upcoming events on their Instagram @svc_apb. Information about events is also posted on the MySV Portal.

Step into SVC

Sean Callahan, Arts & Culture and News Editor

n September, the Office of Multicultural Student Life (OMSL) sent an email out to students belonging to minority groups at Saint Vincent College. The message detailed a 'new minority mentoring program called Step into SVC.'

Keila Lobos-Hernandez, a Saint Vincent College alumnus and graduate assistant of the OMSL helps to direct Step into SVC. She described the program as a way to create an inclusive, safe space for minority students through student mentorship and minority-centered events.

Lobos-Hernandez credited the program idea to Kelly King, former director of service learning and outreach service learning, who helped line up 12 student mentors to lead and facilitate the program and serve as connections and friends to mentees.

Step into SVC was supposed to launch in the summer of 2021, but the program lacked an executor. Just before the start of the fall semester, Lobos-Hernandez was approached with the opportunity.

"When I came in two weeks before school started, Dr. Jeff Mallory—my boss—told me about Step into SVC and asked if I could make it happen," Lobos-Hernandez said. "I then talked with the mentors, and they were very interested in helping. So we are creating [the program] together."

William McClellan, a sophomore history major, discovered Step into SVC through a friend. He said he finds the program especially important because he did not have it as a freshman, nor did he find adequate connections in the Big-Little

program—an arrangement where freshmen are assigned an upperclassman, a "Big," to communicate with throughout the semester.

"For some minority students such as myself, our relationship with our Bigs doesn't work out because they can't really relate to us. And it's not a matter of being different races, it's a matter of different cultures," McClellan said.

Lobos-Hernandez recalled a similar feeling of isolation in her own freshman year at SVC and said she feels that her story of isolation is common for minority students.

To address this issue, Lobos-Hernandez said she plans to instate a matching profile for mentors and mentees, similar to the Big-Little program, to ensure that mentees are paired with like-minded and understanding mentors.

McClellan reported that he is passionate about Step into SVC because he wants to be a familiar face for other minority students—especially freshmen—if they feel they are being discriminated against or need someone to talk to.

So far, three Step into SVC events have occurred. On Sep. 19, at 4:15 p.m., Step into SVC hosted a family game night, and on Oct. 9, the program organized a trip to Pittsburgh to help students relax before midterms. Lobos-Hernandez explained that the Pittsburgh trip aimed to prioritize minority students by giving them first chance at sign-ups, and later, the trip was opened to the entire student body.

McClellan attended both events. He reported that the environment at Step into SVC events was more Continued on page 8

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comfortable than other campus events and said he enjoyed being able to relax and talk with his friends. McClellan explained he found most campus events stressful because of the number of students attending, but that events with the Multicultural Center were smaller, quieter and more personable.

On Oct. 22, the Step into SVC program hosted a talent show. Both McClellan and Lobos-Hernandez reported that they were



Keila Lobos Hernandez is the graduate assistant of the Office of Multicultural Student Life who helps coordinate Step into SVC.(SOURCE: LOBOS-HERNANDEZ)

excited for the community to gather, and McClellan said he feels this is a groundbreaking event on campus. The talent show was one of Step into SVC's campus-wide events; participation was open to the entire student body from the start.

An upcoming event is Hair Day-where students will be able to have their hair cut or braided for free in the Carey Centerslated for the end of October. Like the talent show, Hair Day will also be open to all students.

Lobos-Hernandez emphasized that in addition to the minority groups, the overall campus community is important for Step into SVC, which is why some events will be open to the entire campus from the beginning.

"We want campus to know that yes, [Step into SVC] events are geared towards engaging minority students, but we are having conversations that everyone can be a part of," Lobos-Hernandez said.

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