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## The hills are alive with the SVC Players!

By: Lauren Campbell, Staff Writer



Director Greggory Brandt, Anna Doelling (Maria), and Reilly McKay (Captain von Trapp) (SOURCE: SVC FLICKR)

Did you know Saint Vincent College (SVC) is celebrating 40 years of being a coeducational college in 2024? In 1983, SVC officially allowed women to attend the college. Now, 40 years later, SVC's own theater group, The Players, celebrates the anniversary by putting on Rodgers and Hammerstein's final play, The Sound of Music.

Greggory Brandt, director of Theater Operations, said he chose The Sound of Music for this year's spring musical to honor the 40th anniversary because of the musical's strong female characters. The Players performed four shows from Feb. 22 to 25, and Brandt had high praise for the performances and the outcome

"The Sound of Music was my most attended production in my ten-year history directing the students at SVC!" Brandt said. "Was it the best? I'd say if not, it's pretty close. This

was a very special senior class and cast of students, who performed their roles with strong conviction and grasped the passionate material very well."

"The show peaked at exactly the right time," Brandt said. "Once the students are comfortable and have memorized their lines and staging, a natural progression takes place. It also doesn't hurt to have large audiences in attendance to perform for. We experienced the largest crowds in 10 years over a fourshow weekend since I started directing the Players in 2015. I'd say the performing arts are needed now more than ever in the development of today's students. The art of 'doing' is extremely powerful and its benefits are endless."

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# A criminally good education

By: Brianna Saylor, News Editor

Are you or someone you know interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement or legal relations? Well, look no further! The Master of Science in Criminology program at Saint Vincent College (SVC) has recently been ranked in the top ten best Criminology Master's Degree Programs in the country and number four in the mid-Atlantic region by College Factual. It offers a challenging curriculum that prepares candidates to become leaders and innovators in the system dedicated to the just enforcement of criminal law.

The Master of Science in Criminology program at SVC has been in existence for over five years and the department is excited to report that graduates are finding tremendous success upon completion of the program, including federal and state law enforcement, law school, PhD programs, and more. There are many career options in criminology, law and society including public and private interest lawyers, intelligence analysts, police officers, federal agents, private investigators and so much more.

The primary instructors for the core classes include Dr. Kayla Jachimowski and Dr. Eric Kocian, who are both known throughout the state and the country for their individual research interests and professional experiences. Additionally, Dr. Bruce Antkowiak, legal counsel and a professor of law at SVC, who has over 30 years of experience in the criminal justice system, has also played a critical role in the development and expansion of the Criminology department and other related areas of study such as politics and political science at the college.

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# The Sound of Music celebrates 40 years of coeducational SVC

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The cast of The Sound of Music (SOURCE: SVC FLICKR)

Speaking of strong female characters, lead actress Anna Doelling, senior biology major, played Maria and has nothing but gratitude for the Players and her time performing here at SVC. She has always loved The Sound of Music, and "My Favorite Things" was the first song she ever performed on a stage. Because Doelling is a senior, The Sound of Music is her last performance with the Players.

"Getting this role and just being in The Sound of Music meant so, so much to me," Doelling said. "And the final 'Climb Ev'ry Mountain' idea of going forward to have your own life after college, after theater, after everything, was really, really emotional for me. Even when I stepped on the stage Sunday to sing the opening song the last time, I got a little choked up."

Doelling wanted to thank everyone in the theater department, especially director Brandt and her fellow actors and actresses she shared the stage with.

"You can't have the stage all to yourself. You're sharing the stage with everyone from the leading man to ensemble, everyone makes a part of it and makes the experience so great. So I'd just say, the biggest thank you to everyone for just making my college theater experience go out on such an amazing thing," Doelling said. "I'm really blessed for what I'm able to experience."

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## SVC's Graduate Criminology Program ranked top-10 nationally

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SVC's MS Criminology program has had much praise and recognition in the news throughout the years.(SOURCE: SVC)

Delaney Fox, a senior political science major, reflected on her experience at SVC and how her coursework in the Criminology department had an immense impact on both her decision to pursue law school and to prepare her to begin her continued studies next fall.

"In the process of applying to law schools, I've found that moot court is an option, if not a requirement, at nearly every school. Having the opportunity to gain some experience with a mock appellate argument in Advanced Constitutional Litigation at SVC has solidified my decision to pursue law," Fox said. "It also encouraged me to take additional courses offered by the Criminology Department. The Criminology of Sexual Assault course was especially enlightening, tackling a difficult topic with great care and accessibility to all."

In addition to advanced coursework, the Criminology Department also has several other opportunities they encourage students to participate in. In addition to the SVC Mock Trial team, which students of all areas of studies are encouraged to join, SVC has also formed a new team for the American Moot Court Association (AMCA), which has participated in scrimmages throughout the Fall 2023 and current Spring semesters. SVC's teams scored equal to or exceeded the other schools' teams who had been established for longer.

Ultimately, the goal of the Master of Science in Criminology program at SVC is to provide advanced and interactive grounds for study so that students can obtain the best education possible for a future career in the criminal justice area on a variety of levels. The program is designed to provide tools for all students to find their passion, profession, profession and an opportunity to grow.

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# Contemporary to Kennedy By: Tanner Adomaitis, Staff Writer



Dr. Stephen Knott visited Saint Vincent College to discuss the Kennedy Administration. (SOURCE: ADOMAITIS)

n Feb. 21, Dr. Stephen Knott, a retired Professor of National Security Affairs at the United States Naval War College visited Saint Vincent College (SVC) on behalf of the Center for Political and Economic Thought (CPET) to discuss his most recent book, Coming to Terms with John. F. Kennedy. To begin his talk, Knott shared his two earliest memories—the Cuban Missile Crisis and the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

"My parents watched President Kennedy announce that the Soviet Union placed missiles in Cuba, 90 miles from Florida, and I can remember that speech. Not that I necessarily knew who the man on the screen was, but I could see the fear in my parents' faces," Knott said. "Not long after that, my father, who was an architect, came back with blueprints for a bomb shelter.

Knott discussed the fear brought by the crisis, explaining how he believed it was the closest the world had come to nuclear warfare in history. Knott also discussed how when the assassination of President Kennedy was televised, it was the first time he had seen his mother cry. When he worked at the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston and noted how he would often see people leaving with tears in their eyes after visiting the museum, noting the emotional ties of the public to Kennedy.

Knott shifted his discussion to Kennedy and civil rights, and how Kennedy had to politically outmaneuver the southern, segregationist Democrats of Congress at the time to show he wasn't a threat to them to secure the Democratic Presidential nomination.

"He was more active as a junior member of Congress on civil rights issues, but by 1960, he is less inclined to take on that issue," Knott said. "Dr. King and his followers believed initially that they had a friend in Kennedy. That he was going to support their civil rights agenda. They were quickly disappointed when Kennedy moderated his position."

Knott noted that for Kennedy, it made sense politically to moderate his view. However, when James Meredith, an African American veteran, was denied enrollment at the University of Mississippi, Kennedy was shocked by the violence and the treatment of a veteran. Kennedy nationalized the Mississippi National Guard and mobilized the 82nd Airborne to enforce the court order to allow Meredith to enroll.

This and other incidents, such as denied enrollment of two African American students at the University of Alabama and the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, led to Kennedy's approach to civil rights becoming more assertive. He gave a televised address on civil rights in 1963. Through the speech, Kennedy put his administration at the forefront of the civil rights effort, and from that point on, Kennedy was viewed as an ally by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and civil rights activists.

Knott then shifted the discussion to Kennedy's assassination, noting the reason Kennedy was in Dallas, Texas, the place of his murder, was because he was losing support in the south after taking a more radical approach to civil rights. Kennedy made this risky political move in hopes of regaining the support of a crucial southern state to secure his reelection after his approval rating dropped from 70 percent to the high 50s following his civil rights speech.

Knott explained that Kennedy blamed the Eisenhower-Nixon Administration for allowing Cuba to become communist, for Sputnik, for being behind the Soviet Union in the space race, and for being behind in missile technology. Kennedy promised to do something about Cuba, which resulted in the catastrophic Bay of Pigs invasion, a failed attempt to overthrow the communist leader of Cuba, Fidel Castro. Kennedy took complete responsibility for the event and refused to escalate the situation after its failure.

"It could not have gone more poorly than it did, but this does not stop his efforts to remove Castro," Knott said. "In fact, it intensifies them, and he puts his brother, the Attorney General, in charge of a renewed effort to eliminate Castro. We know now today that there were eight separate attempts sponsored by the Central Intelligence Agency to kill Fidel Castro while both Eisenhower and Kennedy were president. This built up to the Cuban Missile Crisis."

Knott noted that while Kennedy had many reasons for wanting the missiles removed from Cuba, one of the largest was his determination to avoid nuclear exchange and World War III.

While the missiles were eventually removed from Cuba, Kennedy agreed to remove some missiles from Turkey and promised not to invade Cuba. Knott noted Kennedy's hatred of war and how nothing was worth World War III. Kennedy also refused to escalate efforts in Vietnam further than he had. Knott speculated that the Vietnam War would never have escalated to what it had under President Lyndon B. Johnson if Kennedy had been President.

Knott concluded his speech by discussing Kennedy's and President Ronald Reagan's Cold War efforts, comments on Kennedy's private versus public life, and ended with questions from the audience.

## ARTS AND CULTURE

## Dinner with Beyoncé

By: Elizabeth Van Pilsum, Arts and Culture Editor



Dr. Anthony Kane hosted the final February dinner in the series run by the Title IX Office and Student Affairs. (SOURCE: SVCWELL-NESS INSTAGRAM)



Attendees listened to Beyoncé as they ate dinner and discussed nuances of relationships.

(SOURCE: SVCWELLNESS INSTAGRAM)

February is Dating Violence Awareness Month, and to raise awareness about this issue that affects approximately 41% of women and 26% of men (Center for Disease Control), the Office of Student Affairs and the Title IX Office have coordinated weekly dinners. Each dinner centers on a different aspect of relationships as well as a different musical artist, with the attendees discussing what it means to be in a relationship based on what different artists represent in their music.

The first dinner discussed healthy versus unhealthy relationships as portrayed in Taylor Swift's music, the second covered boundaries through AJR's music, and the third focused on the overall relationship journey through the music of Darius Rucker and Hootie and the Blowfish. The final dinner occurred on Monday, Feb. 26 and discussed stages of love in relationships through Beyoncé.

Dr. Anthony Kane, Assistance Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, lead the dinner discussion on Beyoncé. Dinner was catered by Parkhurst Dining and included some of Beyoncé's favorite food, including fried catfish, dirty rice, beignets, and popcorn, as well as lemonade to drink. As attendees ate their dinner, seven Beyoncé songs played, and Kane discussed with the students how they represented different stages of relationships.

The first stage of relationships Kane talked about is the initial attraction phase, when people begin to get to know each other; Beyoncé's song "Check on It," represented this phase.

The second phase is moving from attraction to attachment, which occurs when both partners begin to put more work into

building the relationship and get to know one another deeper. The beginning of this phase was represented with "Crazy in Love," and "Halo" was used to discuss becoming more vulnerable with one's partner as things become more serious.

The third phase Kane discussed was getting ready to commit to one another, where individuals clarify what they want in a relationship. "Countdown" helped discuss discerning the commitment. "1+1" and "Dangerously in Love" demonstrated phase four, which is the nurturing love phase that represents mutual commitment.

Finally, the last phase is lasting stability, a knowledge that you will spend the rest of your life with this person. "Love on Top" was the concluding song, used to discuss putting one's partner and love for them as a priority and knowing that any struggles to get to this point were worth it.

Lindsey Benjamin, junior biology major, attended the dinner and appreciated Kane's humor and knowledge of Beyoncé.

"It was a fun and relaxed time to listen to music and learn about the nuances of relationships," Benjamin said.

Erin Brody, junior theology and English double major, also attended the dinner.

"I enjoyed listening to Dr. Kane's insights and the food was good," Brody said. "I appreciated going in depth about the complexities of relationships."

Both Benjamin and Brody hope that the Title IX Office and the Office of Student Affairs will continue this dinner series next year, although that has not been confirmed.





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**Latrobe Art Center** 

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## **SPORTS**

# Bearcat runners gain personal record success

By: Sean Callahan, Editor-in-Chief



The Bearcat Men's Track and Field Team poses for a photo after Indoor PAC Championship. (SOURCE: SVC)

Track and Field recently concluded its Indoor season, after competing in several meets mainly throughout January and February, where individual Bearcats, ranging from freshmen to seniors, had career performances. These occurred at the PAC Championships, on Saturday, Feb. 22, in Youngstown, Ohio, and at the AARTFC Indoor Championships, on Saturday, March 2, in Rochester, New York.

While both teams did not place high at PACs, with the Men taking eighth place out of 11 teams, and the Women gaining seventh place out of 11, individual bearcats broke many personal and SVC Track and Field program records.

Caroline Kozera, freshman, placed sixth in the 60-meter hurdles PAC contest, with a time of 9.85 seconds, which is the best finish for a Bearcat hurdler at PACs. Additionally, she assisted with gaining the fifth fastest four-person 400-meter (4x400) relay mark in team history, with a time of 4:36.03 minutes.

Kozera originally joined Track and Field in high school to stay active after the soccer season, but she fell in love with the sport. She also loves her current team at SVC and is excited to continue with them during the outdoor season.

"The team is like a family that works very well with each other. My teammates and coaches are always supportive and encouraging during competition, as well as practice," Kozera said.

Kozera wants to break a personal record in the 100-meter dash and hopes to continue the progress she has made in the outdoor season. She has similar hopes for her teammates.

Many other women Bearcat runners also broke personal records during the PAC. The arguably prominent win for the team came during the distance medley race, when students Casey Lanza, Miranda Gutherie, Lily Murphy, and Miranda Cincotta placed third with a time of 13:00.20. The previous SVC Women's team record was set in 2018. This year's quad broke that record by 23 seconds.

The Men's team also recorded an overwhelming number of personal records broken, with two team members qualifying for the regional championship.

One of those individuals was Timothy Patterson, senior criminology major, who won the 5000-meter run at the PAC, with a time of 15:04.63, and won the 3000-meter run with a time of 9:03.23. He qualified for regionals and gained 8th place out of 30 runners in the one mile race, with a time of 4:17.48. He felt the indoor season was a success, despite feeling as if he could have done better individually.

"The team has been growing together more and more on the men's and women's sides. There were a ton of personal records broken at PACs, and I think we will ride that into outdoors," Patterson said.

For the outdoor season, Patterson would like to run the 5K in 14:20, and run the 1500-meter in 3:47. He would also like to qualify for a national race in the 1500-meter, and see his team place top 5 for the Outdoor PAC Championship.

Overall, while the Bearcat track and field runners did not have large success at the team scoring level, they gained many small individual victories during the Indoor season. The Bearcat runners will aim for a stronger team performance when they return to action for the Outdoor Track and Field season, beginning Friday, March 15, when they will travel to Lexington, Virginia, to Washington and Lee University.

## **Team Standings**

### **WOMEN'S SOFTBALL**

Team	W	L	Streak	
Bethany	9	0	W9	
Thiel	1	0	W1	
Allegheny	9	1	L1	
Geneva	5	5	L2	
Westminster	5	5	W1	
W&J	1	1	L1	
Grove City	4	6	L2	
Waynesburg	2	3	L2	
Saint Vincent	3	5	L2	
Chatam	2	8	L7	
Franciscan	0	0	-	

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### **MEN'S BASEBALL**

Team	W	L	Streak	
Grove City	8	5	W2	
Geneva	4	3	W2	
Waynesburg	4	3	L3	
Allegheny	4	5	L2	
Westminster	4	5	L2	
W&J	2	3	W2	
Chatham	2	4	L1	
Bethany	2	7	W1	
Saint Vincent	1	6	L1	
Franciscan	0	1	L1	
Thiel	6	1	L1	

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#### **WOMEN'S LACROSSE**

Team	W	L	Streak
Thiel	3	0	W3
Bethany	2	1	W2
Grove City	3	2	L1
Chatham	1	2	L2
Westminster	1	2	W1
Waynesburg	1	4	W1
Saint Vincent	0	2	L2
Allegheny	0	3	L3
Franciscan	0	3	L3
W&J	0	4	L4

SCHEDULE: @WILSON 3/13 4 PM, URSULINE 3/17 1 PM, MUSKINGUM 3/20 4 PM

## **MEN'S LACROSSE**

Team	W	L	Streak
Grove City	4	4	W1
Franciscan	4	2	W2
Chatham	3	2	W1
Allegheny	2	2	W1
Westminster	2	2	L1
W&J	1	2	L2
Bethany	2	4	W1
Thiel	1	4	W1
Saint Vincent	0	4	L4

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