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## Dutchman Ale returns to LVC Homecoming

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STAFF WRITER

Nine LVC students partnered with Snitz Creek Brewery for this year's brew of the Flying Dutchmen Ale.

LVC chemistry, biology, biochemistry and molecular majors make up the team responsible for the creation of this year's Flying Dutchmen Ale. These students formulated their own recipes and brewed their own ale.

Bruno Mochi, a senior chemistry student, is part of the Brew Crew this

year. His favorite part was easy to point out.

"Hands down my favorite part was getting to grind up the malt during the milling process," Mochi said.

The milling process is an important part of the brewing process because the outer layers of the grains are crushed to mash the liquor and access the inner parts of the grain. The Brew Crew has worked months on crafting a special beer for this year's event. This year's recipe used Arian hop, which is a new German variety.

"They are what give our ale the fresh citrus aroma," Mochi said.

LVC has created a strong partnership with Snitz Creek. Working with LVC has given students new opportunities, while also increasing brand awareness of Snitz Creek Brewery.

"It was nice to have the Snitz Creek Brew Master [Ryan Moncarz] explain every step of the brewing process," Mochi said. "For anyone who joins the Brew Crew I can see it would be very easy to start homebrewing of our

own in the future."

Dr. Elizabeth S. Sterner, assistant professor of chemistry, has headed this project for several years.

"The real challenge each year is making a beer that everyone will love but also have fun details for beer fans," Sterner said. "This year, I think we've done that extremely well."

If students missed out tasting the Dutchmen Ale at Homecoming, it's available at both Snitz Creek locations and at local businesses owned by Funck's.

## Behind the curtain of Wig & Buckle's "Spelling Bee"

BELLA GETZ '24  
STAFF WRITER

The Wig and Buckle Theater Company is performing "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee."

Insight from the director suggests that this production will create laughter and capture hearts.

The cast and crew of the production have been working hard the past month to prepare.

Director Victoria Frederickson, a sophomore English education major, gave some insight on the production.

One unique aspect of the musical is the random audience participation. Each show will be different with different audience members participating.

"It has been very interesting, trying to find a balance between comedy and making sure the volunteers are comfortable," Frederickson said.

Frederickson decided to allow the actors to improv for many songs.

"I really just put the trust into the actors, and they have made it incredible," she said.

The show follows the story of six students as they compete in the county spelling bee. The audience will discover each character's unique story which creates an overarching theme of belonging.

Frederickson believes that the pressures of belonging in the show directly relate to the pressures that LVC students may feel. She hopes that students can make the connection to their current experience and know that they belong.

"Every night is going to be different, and each character is so unique yet they mesh together perfectly, and every person in the cast is incredibly talented," she said.

There are shows this upcoming weekend. Tickets are free for students and can be reserved online through BookTix.



Photo by: LVC Office of Marketing & Communications

ABOVE: Congratulations to Dain Vallie and Bella Calderone for being named Homecoming king and queen.

## Football falls to Delaware Valley

JULIA CRAIG '24  
STAFF WRITER

The Dutchmen football team played a big homecoming conference game on Saturday, Oct. 15.

The team played against Delaware Valley University, with a lead in the MAC on the line. Before the game began, the Class of 2022 Athletic Hall of Fame was honored on Arnold Field.

Tailgate tents, Homecoming festivities and plenty of fans surrounded the field to support the team.

Delaware Valley got the ball first and scored on the second play. This did not shake the Dutchmen, as they came back on the next drive to score a field goal with a kick by senior kicker, Devin Krone.

The next Dutchmen scoring drive

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## Praise for Pet the Pooch

**MEREDITH HAAS '24**  
EDITOR

Growing up in the area and later going on to raise her children in Annville, Kathy Wingert is no stranger to the LVC campus. Yet, it's who she brings on campus that gets students to smile. She's the leash holder to her family's golden retrievers, Bailey and Henry.

In 2010, when Wingert's son, who was responsible for the bulk of Bailey's exercise, left for college, it became clear that Bailey needed an alternative form of exercise. The solution: walking him on LVC's campus.

"It wasn't until 2011 that we were walking here consistently," Wingert said.

Bailey took to these evening walks rather quickly, and soon enough, he guided his leash holder to where he wanted to be.

"My goal was just to tire him out," Wingert said. "He knew he didn't want to go to the far-out field to run. He wanted to stay right where the people were."

Sometime in 2014, a name was jokingly attached to what Wingert



Photo by: Kathy Wingert  
ABOVE: Students gathered around Henry last fall.

and Bailey did together every night—Pet the Pooch. Together for years to come, the pair continued to walk the campus, greeting all of Bailey's friends and continuing to make more.

In July of 2020, Bailey passed away, leaving a huge hole in the hearts of not only his family, but also leaving holes in the hearts of the LVC community. Despite such a tragic loss,

the Wingerts insisted the tradition of Pet the Pooch must continue and the emptiness in the household must be filled, prompting them to search for another golden retriever that could only attempt to fill Bailey's pawprints.

In 2021, she made the trek to Georgia to pick up the newest member of their family. Cue the introduction of Henry, a first cousin of Bailey.

It was clear that Henry lacked the boisterous personality that Bailey boasted.

"Henry was extremely timid," Wingert said. "I was devastated. We really had to work with him to get over his anxiety. I like to say that he is shy by nature, but people-loving by nurture."

Wingert wasted no time getting Henry to campus, and Henry has grown more and more accustomed to his time here.

"It may sound silly, but this is his favorite place," Wingert said. "These are his favorite people."

When asked if she ever expected her dogs to become such household names on campus, the answer was a definitive no.

"It still makes me so embarrassed," Wingert said. "It just tickles me."

Wingert does, however, cite how special LVC is and how this would not be possible without such a unique campus community.

"You guys are very authentic," Wingert said. "There's just a spirit of gratitude. It's what keeps us coming back."

Ultimately, both Bailey and Henry have served as a bridge between an empty-nester and a group of college students who could use a ray of sunshine in their lives. What started as a simple walk has become so much more.

"To be able to share the blessing of a dog with those who are homesick, missing their dog, going through hard things, the ability to show the simple sweetness of a dog is just what I want to share," Wingert said.

A few words from an LVC student once said to Wingert summarize the impact of Pet the Pooch best: to her, it is a simple thing; to college students, it is a big thing.

To follow Henry's journey, look for him making his evening stroll on campus between 5-6:30 p.m. or follow him on Instagram @petthepoochlvc.

## Exploring in college

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STAFF WRITER

Many students graduating high school face a tough question — what career should one pursue?

At 18, most people do not know what they want to do careerwise. However, LVC has a program to help those who are unsure.

"There is a lot of pressure for 17 and 18-year-olds to magically know what they want to do in life, and that's not realistic," Elizabeth Julian, assistant dean of student success and retention, said.

Samantha Miller declared her major this semester after going through LVC's exploratory program. Now, she's a sociology major, and feels she's found her passion.

"I chose LVC because they have number one job placement after college in the state and a good study abroad program," the sophomore said.

The exploratory program offers students the opportunity to research interests they are considering pursuing without committing.



Photo by: Alexis McCarney  
ABOVE: The Center for Academic Success and Exploratory Majors is housed in the basement of Mund.

This program may be a good fit for students who are unsure about what they want to do.

"I was considering teaching and got to observe a classroom even though I was not declared as an early childhood education major," Miller said. "LVC allowed me to have that experience which helped me rule that out as a possible major."

Since the exploratory program at LVC launched in 2020, it has more

than doubled in size from 14 to 43 for the incoming class in 2021. The current number of first-year exploratory students is 33 for 2022.

"We try to make students comfortable with the fact that they don't have it all figured out — they don't have to," Julian said.

Nationally, about 75 percent of students who enter college with a major change it at least once. At LVC, it is ok to be unsure. Choosing

a career path is a big decision, but many resources are available to help.

In the exploratory first-year experience class, students are connected with the Breen Center for Career and Professional Development to make connections, research and access many resources to help them advance in their academic careers.

Guest speakers from different departments also visit the class to introduce students to what majors this campus has to offer.

In addition, exploratory majors also have advisors they can rely on to help them through the process of scheduling and choosing classes that they think they will enjoy.

"My advisor is easy to contact and willing to help me explore different possible careers and classes," Miller said. "I could test the waters."

Currently, 62 students on campus are in the program. LVC's exploratory program has helped many people, including Miller, find a path. This program allows students access to many resources to help them succeed.



## New service project starts

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STAFF WRITER

A sewing service project has begun at LVC to provide necessary supplies for underprivileged people around the world.

In many parts of the world, people do not have the supplies they need which so many others take for granted. Whether it be a backpack or blanket, many people do not have access to these important resources. This project hopes to be a source for those necessary supplies.

"We're going to be making reusable feminine hygiene kits, which is huge for underserved parts of the world," Jennifer Liedtka, coordinator of service and volunteerism, said. "In certain underdeveloped areas girls just won't go to school when they get their period, so when you think about supporting education of women in certain countries, it's huge."

The project will also include making school bags for kids in underprivileged communities, bags with coloring books and other items for kids in hospitals and fidget blankets for older adults with dementia or people rebuilding fine motor skills.

Anyone who is interested can get involved in this project. Volunteers will use sewing machines, cut fabric or help in other ways regardless

of sewing skills. This project also includes older members of the community to get students connected with people outside the campus bubble.

"We're going to invite some folks from the community with the hope of this being an intergenerational experience," Liedtka said.

This project provides a great opportunity to serve those in need while also learning sewing, a great life skill, and gaining wisdom from other generations.

In addition to the sewing service project, there will be opportunities to serve for breast cancer awareness on Oct. 24 and Oct. 25. The Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition's traveling photo exhibit, representing the stories of 67 women from 67 counties impacted by breast cancer, is also on display in the Bishop Library until Oct. 31.

Throughout the whole month of November, LVC service projects will be focused on hunger and homelessness for hunger and homelessness awareness week from Nov. 12-20.

Anyone interested in getting more information about the sewing service project or other upcoming service events can email Jennifer Liedtka at [liedtka@lvc.edu](mailto:liedtka@lvc.edu). Students can get involved by signing up for the next meeting or other service projects on Redbook.

## What the progressive pride flag means to LVC

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STAFF WRITER

LVC raised the progressive pride flag in late September to celebrate and represent the diversity of the community's sexuality, attraction and gender.

The progressive pride flag was created by Daniel Quasar in 2018. The trans flag stripes and marginalized community stripes were moved to the flag's hoist, where they formed a new arrow shape. The arrow points to the right to indicate forward movement while remaining on the left edge to emphasize the fact that much progress remains to be made.

"To me, pride itself means to be free in your identity and self," Cashana Cooper, a junior business

administration major, said.

One student who attended the flag ceremony was Ariana Genna, a senior political science and social justice major. She's glad LVC held this ceremony to acknowledge and support the LGBTQ+ community on campus.

"This flag shows that hatred will not be tolerated at LVC," Genna said.

The creation of the progressive pride flag specifically focuses on problems facing queer trans people of color in the community. The shift towards the more inclusive Pride Progress symbol is one that everyone at LVC should fully support and encourage.

## Statue spotlight: Cuwe-Pehelle

ANDREW SPAAN '25  
STAFF WRITER

Where the Cuwe-Pehelle statue currently stands near Neidig-Garber and Bishop Library, there once was a piece of abstract architecture aptly nicknamed "the bike rack."

However, former LVC President John Synodino had a keen interest in adding more works of art to a campus that had an otherwise disjointed visual aesthetic. Multiple buildings on campus were built in different decades and the architectural styles from those periods would collide with each other, creating a lack of visual unity.

Synodino insisted that upgrading the visual aesthetic of the campus would attract new students and help enrich those who were already there.

"It was a part of LVC president John Synodino's interest in adding works of art to the public areas of the campus," Dan Massad, artist-in-residence emeritus, said.

However, with any large-scale artwork, it requires funding. Drs. Edna and Clarke Carmean commissioned the statue as a gift for the College. Edna and Clarke Carmean were long time supporters of LVC with Clarke serving as the instructor of music education, dean of men and as the director of admissions during his tenure at LVC.

Even in the couple's later years, they could be found in the admissions office writing encouraging notes to prospective students. Edna would pass away in 2001 and Clarke would follow in 2005 at the age of 101.

The Carmeans chose the New York artist, Aubrey Flack, to make the sculpture. Flack, who has a reputation for creating large goddess figures, was

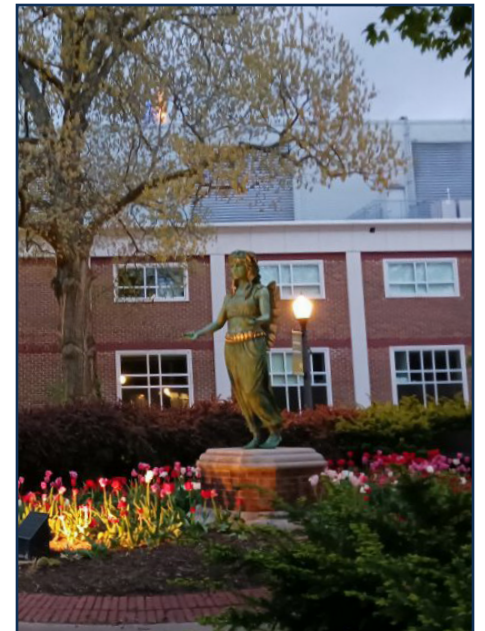


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ABOVE: The statue is located in the academic quad.

introduced to LVC when her work was shown at an art gallery on campus.

Flack created a 7'2" cast bronze sculpture of a Native American woman with outstretched arms. She named the piece Cuwe-Pehelle, which is another form of the Native American word "Quittaphilla" which conveys the idea of a stream that flows among the pines.

The statue is meant to represent the welcoming spirit of LVC and the agricultural focus of the surrounding region.

At the dedication ceremony in 1997, the plaza surrounding the statue was renamed for the Carmeans. Today, the Cuwe-Pehelle statue still stands outside of the Bishop Library and serves as a reminder of LVC's commitment to embodying a welcoming a spirit.

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## Dutchmen sports embrace next year's challenges, reminisce on special memories

JEVON GRIFFIN '23  
STAFF WRITER

As of the fall 2023-2024 season, all LVC athletic teams will switch from the Commonwealth to the Freedom side of the MAC.

Coaches recall specific memories that will last a lifetime while student-athletes comment on what they expect next year.

"Winning the conference in 2018 was one of the best feelings ever," Brad McAllister, head coach of men's basketball, said. "It felt like all the little things you do as a coach finally paid off."

McAllister isn't the only one with fond memories.

"It was overwhelming winning the MAC Championship last year, a feeling I wish everyone could experience," Jonas Fester, head coach of baseball, said.

Across the board, coaches' and players' responses vary regarding their excitement for next season. Coaches worry more about travel, while student-athletes are already scouting the competition.

"We've already looked at the teams we have to play for next season, and nothing will come easy," Jared Copeland, junior baseball player, said.

"Traveling," Scott Reynolds, head coach of women's volleyball, said. "That will be the growing pain for next year. No doubt, everyone will have issues, but we must work through them with a positive attitude."

The location of teams on the Freedom side of the conference will increase the distance Dutchmen must travel for in-conference away games by an average of almost a full hour. With one season left, all sports at the Valley are focused on winning a MAC Commonwealth championship.

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would come in the third quarter with an eight-yard rush by first-year running back, Dion Bryant, to the end zone. The extra point by sophomore kicker, Kevin Roberts, was good.

The Dutchmen were unable to hold off Delaware Valley, losing 34-10.

"I think we need to look at the mistakes we made this week and correct them to make sure we play our best football against King's," Rylee Stahl, junior wide receiver, said.

The Dutchmen return home to Arnold Field against Widener on Saturday, Oct. 29.



Photo by: Julia Craig

ABOVE: Fans and alumni surround the field to support the team.

## VALE artist releases single

CARTER KUCIER '23  
STAFF WRITER

VALE Record's current artist, Jake!, released a new single, "Crash Into Me," in mid-October.

Jake Nguyen has been working with VALE, LVC's student-run record label, after being selected through VALE's yearly artist auditions last spring.

"So far, the process with VALE has gone smoother than I thought it would," the sophomore music education major said. "There were still a few bumps in the road, but I was still satisfied with the product."

Nguyen also discussed how his time with VALE has influenced him as an artist and opened his eyes to new possibilities.

"A lot of the music I write is more often than not, written for voice and guitar only," Nguyen said. "So, it was really cool to see how the song can evolve and incorporate other instruments as well."

Nguyen expressed being very pleased with how VALE's production team handled the mixing and mastering for this new single. He also shared a bit about his

inspiration behind the song, stating that it discusses how everyone will experience difficult times.

"The important part is that we learn and grow from the experience," Nguyen said. "Then, in my instance, I was trying to prove to someone what I was learning to be better and, with time, was trying to earn back their trust. Hence the lyric, 'Darling don't you worry just crash into me.'"

After his time as VALE artist comes to an end, Jake does plan to continue to make music for his own enjoyment. He is unsure if he will continue to share those future works.

"I'd like to keep creating because it's really cool to have something that'll be around longer than I will," Nguyen said. "I will always be thankful for the opportunities that VALE has given me, but for the time being, my desire for performing is not as great as it was in years past."

Nguyen's single, as well as his full EP, "Catawissa," is available on BandCamp. This single can be downloaded for free. For a limited time, the full EP can be downloaded for free. Donations are encouraged but not required for purchase.

## LVC's standout QB having stellar season

JEVON GRIFFIN '23  
STAFF WRITER

Dutchmen football is off to a winning season, even after a Homecoming game loss to Delaware Valley University. One reason for the team's success—sophomore quarterback Braden Bohannon.

"We have really turned our season around once conference play has started," Bohannon said. "We are playing very well as a team."

Bohannon has thrown for close to 1000 yards this season.

"This offseason, I was able to throw and workout with some of the receivers, which have significantly helped with our team chemistry," Bohannon said.

His coaches are excited about what the future holds for the talented quarterback.

"Football is a team sport, but when you have a guy like Bohannon who is a leader on and off the field, it's a great foundation for a winning program." Joe Buehler, LVC's head football coach, said.

Bohannon currently holds a 3.5 GPA, handling business off the field too. Not only is he a football player,

but he has also committed himself to play basketball in the off-season.

"Football and basketball have helped me a lot with my academics because the coaches care a lot about the academic success of their players," Bohannon said.

When asked which sport he liked more, he seemed to hesitate somewhat, gave it great thought and returned with a definitive answer.

"I have never been able to decide which sport is my favorite," he said. "I guess whichever sport is in season is what I enjoy the most."

Bohannon is a humble, faithful and family-loving individual. Success is nothing new to him, as he was a star in high school as well. He keeps his family close, and they support him through everything.

"It is nice that my family can come to my games and support me," he added. "I am very thankful for them."

Bohannon spoke very confidently about what he expects from his career at LVC.

"I hope we can continue our successful football season and win a MAC championship. Then, I hope to do the same thing this winter in basketball."

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