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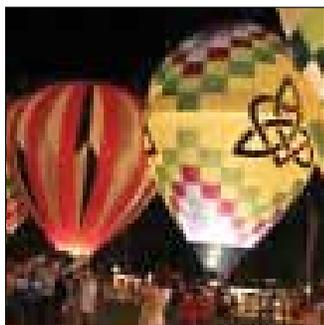
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SGA regrouping after rough start

By **LAUREN BEEMAN**
STAFF WRITER

Quincy University's Student Government Association is experiencing a rocky beginning under the term of President Gino Grivetti with challenges regarding an established meeting time topping the list of issues the new administration is facing.

Grivetti was elected by students last spring along with Vice-President Mary Argana and senators for each class.

At the end of the spring semester, the new officers distributed a campus-wide survey to students asking for their level of satisfaction with different departments around campus. A new constitution was said to be in the works, but since one has yet to be ratified, the previous constitution still stands.

Without a published schedule of meetings for Fall 2017, students and senators alike were scrambling to figure out exactly when SGA meetings were going to be held and how their voices could be heard.

SGA held a meeting Tuesday night after a last-minute date change from a previously scheduled Wednesday night meeting time.



SGA representatives attend the April meeting

Lack of a standard meeting time impacted senator attendance at the past few weekly-meetings. The constitution states that senators who miss more than four meetings lose their voting power.

According to the standing constitution, "Every full-time student attending Quincy University shall be a non-voting member of the Senate."

Without a publicly posted meeting time, student attendance at meetings also fallen behind this semester.

The constitution states that regular meeting times are to be posted around campus and on SGA's various social media pages.

SGA) are two completely different things," Fuehne said.

Fuehne's goal is to bring life back into campus, which she believes can be accomplished by creating enticing campus events while remaining a separate entity from SGA.

"We decided it would be best for us (SGA) to go to them (CAB) and inform them of what the students want because we are the voice," Argana said.

CAB meetings are being held Tuesday nights at 9:15 in the Student Center under the cafeteria.

According to the SGA constitution, open senator seats are subject to presidential appointment, meaning Grivetti has the authority to select individuals to fill the empty positions. If a position is not filled, officers and remaining senators must take up the duties of the vacant position.

"The students that have contacted me that have decided to resign have resigned because they didn't have time for SGA or because they wanted to give their time to the university in another form," Dean of Students and SGA Advisor Christine Tracy said.

Since the start of the semester four weeks ago, several elected senators have resigned from their positions including Grivetti's election-opponents Matt Anderson and Bridget Hunkins.

Campus Activities Board representative, Quincy Fuehne has also left her position as senator.

Last year, SGA absorbed CAB under its control in order to create a more cohesive hub for planning student events.

Fuehne, who serves as CAB's president, explained that is no longer in the case.

"I am no longer in SGA ... I have suggested that we both promote each other's events, but really they (CAB and

Cafeteria receives modern look

By **ROBERT WORD**
STAFF WRITER

For students the Quincy University main dining room is a place that replaces the home cooked meals and local restaurants that some were accustomed to back home and this sets the bar pretty high for cafeteria employees.

Those qualities include availability, convenience, atmosphere, and quality of food. This year the main dining room has undergone a few changes in hope for improvement in the 2017-2018 school year.

In past years students could only use their meal plans in the main dining for a couple hours at a time from 7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

This made it difficult to get food from the main dining room because most students do not eat at the same time everyday and if you missed those times or had class students had to find somewhere else to eat.

Now students can use their meal plans in the Main dining room from 7a.m.-7p.m. which makes it much easier for students to eat and gives them the freedom of eating when they feel like it and not feel forced to eat at a certain time. Quincy University student Grace Neema approves of this change and is taking full advantage of the now more available cafeteria.

"I visit the café three times a day for every meal. I like the all access because as a student that lives on campus it helps because I can get food whenever I want," Neema said.

In previous years the main dining room had not been a comfortable place for students to enjoy their food and socialize with friends. The dining room was had a strong odor and students say it wasn't clean. The main dining room has improved on atmosphere in the



A change in dining services now allows students to use their meal plans in the main dining room from 7a.m.-7p.m. which makes it much easier for students to eat and gives them the freedom of eating when they feel like it and not feel forced to eat at a certain time.

2017-2018 school year. There is plenty of space and different types of tables and seating arrangements for students to choose from.

"The main dining room has been better this year the only thing I would change is I would have some open door seats for those who enjoy the nice weather," Kadiatou Bah said.

The quality of food in the main din-

ing room has had its ups and downs in past years. Returning students often have more complaints than compliments for the food they were being offered in the main dining room. Now that has changed many students rave about how the main dining room has improved and they enjoy the quality of food that they are getting. James Calvin said the everyone who worked at the

main dining room knew it was time for a change and made a big one.

"The quality of the ingredients we use as well as the way we prepare meals has been almost completely revamped to reflect the fact that we're really the only dining option on campus and as such have to delivery excellent food every time," Calvin said.



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ON THE AIR

New studio gives broadcasting students glimpse of future

Lauren Beeman sits in an anchor chair on Quincy University's new television news set and sees what could be her future.

The QU senior wants to be a broadcast political analyst, and the opportunity to work with state-of-the-art equipment could help her get there.

It's just a short walk down a hallway from the old set to the new one, but it's a light-year's leap in technology — and a potential drawing card for the university's communication degree program.

In the old studio, "every day it was kind of a new project. Something wouldn't work right. It was always just a really big task. It was older equipment," Beeman said. "Being here is like Christmas morning for us. It's indescribable. When you walk into here, you would not in your wildest dreams expect a university to have this caliber of equipment."

The nearly-finished \$300,000 set and control room, modeled after the one used at WGEM-TV, was part of a \$450,000 gift to QU from Quincy Media Inc.

"It's really exciting for them to have the opportunity to work on industry standard software, which is what the professionals use," said Nora Baldner, assistant professor of communications.

"We can do everything except play back the video for the story. As soon as we have that, we can start turning this on and start doing shows," Baldner said. "The word is we're close."

In the meantime, students practice anchoring on the set in the Connie Niemann Center on QU's North Campus, make graphics and learn how to switch a show. "We're using the equipment and learning the equipment," Baldner said.

"This just changed everything, especially for new students coming in and getting to work with this," sophomore Abigail Moore said. "This is exactly what we're going to be going into. We get to work with this equipment, so we're going to be ahead of the game when it comes to getting jobs after graduation."

Work to convert the former cafeteria space into a news studio started in June. Fischer Builders built the studio, anchored by a set donated from a QMI property being renovated. Trainers from Canada-based Ross Corp. spent



Quincy University students look over the control room of the new television studio at the school's north campus. The nearly finished \$300,000 set and control room, modeled after the one used at WGEM-TV, was part of a \$450,000 gift to QU from Quincy Media Inc.

nearly a month during the summer training students and Baldner on the latest version of software equipment installed in the control room, and students continue to provide some sweat equity to the project.

"If they know this equipment and they graduate, they can walk into almost any broadcast station and hit the ground running," Baldner said. "The software we used last semester was like a VW bug. Now we're in here with a bunch of Cadillacs, and we haven't even scratched the surface quite yet of all of the potential of what we can do."

The control room boasts workstations for an audioboard operator, director, producer, teleprompter operator and a graphics producer — all vital jobs for a television newscast — and plenty of work space.

"We know in the industry that there's a demand for people who can do this work in the control room," Baldner said.

"Students who really like creating graphics or producing a show or direct-

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— **Sophomore Abigail Moore**

ing a show get that experience in here."

Students receive experience both on the set and in the control room, designed as a teaching lab. Bailey Greubel, a senior, said she prefers being on set, but senior Evan Powell, who originally thought he wanted to be an anchor, now prefers working behind the scenes.

"The equipment in the other studio was obsolete," graduate student Sarah Vahlkamp said. "Having this equipment will provide a lot more opportunities."

Once the studio is fully operational, plans call for doing a weekly news show focused on the QU campus, then to expand coverage next semester to the Quincy community.

"We distribute content on our website and social media as well, and we also have the Falcon newspaper. We're operating as a large media company with a lot of distribution platforms," Baldner said. "Ultimately I want to be one of the media entities in town that's competing with everyone else."

Now, Baldner said, it's up to the students to take advantage of the new opportunity.

"It's their turn to match this level of quality, say thanks so much for the great equipment, let us show you what we can do," she said. "I think that's probably what's got me the most excited to see their potential. You raise expectations, and people meet them or go over. We just raised the bar. Now it's their turn."

— **The Quincy Herald-Whig**

Conover named 23rd president

Phil Conover has been named the 23rd president of Quincy University, agreeing to serve in the position through the 2018-19 academic year.

The QU Board of Trustees unanimously approved the hiring of Conover on Sept. 9.

Conover, 73, has played an integral role in the university's ongoing financial recovery plan that began in late 2016. He first accepted an invitation to serve as interim chief operations officer (COO) in December. He has been acting president since May 15 after the resignation of Robert Gervasi, who left QU for the same position at Ohio Dominican University.

The Rev. Tom Nairn, chairman of the QU Board of Trustees, felt Conover was a logical choice.

"Phil has been a tremendous asset for QU since agreeing to come on board as chief operations officer," said Nairn, who lives in St. Louis and serves as the senior director of the Catholic Health Association of the United States. "The steering committee of the board approached Phil with the idea of staying on for a longer term to provide stability and continuity for our students, faculty and staff."

Conover was appreciative of the confidence shown in him.

"I am very honored, and I am also humbled," he said. "From the beginning, I have said I only want to do what is best for the university. It is a valuable commodity to this region, which I think the recent economic impact study illustrated."

Conover was referring to a report from the Rural Economic Technical Assistance Center with the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs in Macomb that showed QU has a \$53 million annual impact on a six-county region in Western Illinois.

Conover remaining in the president's position will also allow for continuity in the financial recovery process, which became critical to the university's future after a \$5 million budget shortfall was revealed last year.

"We have several levels of things in motion that will keep moving the university along," Conover said. "Our work is not done. We're just getting started."

Since Conover's arrival in December, he has been one of the key figures working to restore the university to financial equilibrium. He has been instrumental



Phil Conover, left, talks with Karl Warma, associate professor of art. Conover was named the university's 23rd president on Sept. 9

in establishing new agreements with community colleges within the region, launching a new strategic plan and working to set up multiple new student recruitment initiatives.

Conover has also assisted the university's financial recovery fundraising campaign that has generated \$4.2 million toward its five-year, \$7 million goal.

The search process for the person who will follow Conover as university's 24th president will continue under the leadership of board member Mike McClain. Another board member, vice chairman Del Mitchell, is excited about Conover accepting the president's position through 2019.

"The university should be in a lot better position at that time, making it much easier to attract a candidate with the best possible credentials to follow Phil," Mitchell said.

"We are simply thrilled that Phil has agreed to remain as president. There is no question he has done a wonderful job working with faculty, students, staff,

the board and the administration."

Mitchell said the respect Conover commands in the community has gone a long way in attracting input during the ongoing financial recovery. Mitchell said many key members of the community "have a lot of confidence" in Conover.

Conover's past duties have included being the interim president of the Great River Economic Development Foundation, vice president of instruction at John Wood Community College, teaching and coaching at several local high schools, dean of students and assistant principal at Quincy Notre Dame, and financial adviser at Blunt Ellis & Loewi and Wachovia Securities.

"We are blessed that Phil has agreed to serve in this role," Mitchell said. "His relationships with area businesses and civic leaders, along with those relationships he has formed with our faculty, staff and students, will serve us well as we continue to move QU forward."

ADMINISTRATION CHANGES

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Mike McCabe: Director of IT Services

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Feven Girmay: Admissions

Paige Owsley: Admissions

For a complete listing of events, go to www.quincy.edu

| Start Time | End Time | Event | Where | Description |
|---------------------------------|----------|--|--|---|
| FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH | | | | |
| 11:00 AM | 7:00 PM | Open House/Registration | Student Union Lounge/ Francis Hall | Meet with fellow alumni and pick up your complimentary gift as the weekend kicks off at the Student Center Lounge from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. Retired faculty and staff will be greeting alumni at this time. |
| 12:15 PM | 1:00 PM | Daily Mass | QU Chapel | |
| 4:00 PM | 7:00 PM | Happy Hour | Hawks' Nest | After a long drive to campus, come out to enjoy a couple of drinks with your fellow Hawks at the Hawks' Nest from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Help us make this event even bigger: Share, Facebook and Tweet this event to your QU friends! |
| 5:00 PM | | Women's Soccer | Legends Stadium | Come watch our own QU Hawks as they take on University of Missouri - St. Louis at Legends Stadium starting at 5:00 pm. |
| 6:00 PM | 7:00 PM | Alumni College 1 | North Campus B Building - Lower level | Interactive Tour of QU's New Digital TV Studio |
| 6:00 PM | 9:00 PM | Homecoming BBQ | North Campus Lawn | Join us for what has quickly become one of the weekend's biggest highlights! Gather at the QU tent at the North Campus Lawn for dinner with friends and family as the Hawks take on GLVC rivals Missouri S&T starting at 6:00 pm. |
| 7:00 PM | 8:00 PM | Alumni College 2 | North Campus A Building - Room A323 | Dr. Andy Jorgensen - "Global Climate Disruption: What Do We Know? What Can We Do?" |
| 7:00 PM | | Women's Volleyball | Pepsi Arena | Watch our Hawks take on the University of Indianapolis at Pepsi Arena. |
| 7:30 PM | | Men's Soccer | Legends Stadium | Come watch our own QU Hawks as they take on University of Missouri - St. Louis at Legends Stadium. |
| SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH | | | | |
| 8:00 AM | 10:00 AM | National Alumni Board Meeting | Francis Hall Board Room | Quincy University alumni are invited to attend the National Alumni Board meeting and to learn more about what is going on at your alma mater. Find out how to be more involved at QU. |
| 9:00 AM | 1:00 PM | QU Hawk Tailgating | QU Stadium | Prior to kick-off, we invite our guests to join us for our annual Pre-Game Celebration (aka tailgating). Food and alcohol will be available for purchase. |
| 10:00 AM | 10:30 AM | Open Forum with President Phil Conover | MacHugh Theater | All alumni are invited to learn more about their alma mater through a presentation by President Phil Conover at MacHugh Theater at 10:00 am. Continental breakfast will be served right before the meeting. |
| 11:00 AM | 12:00 PM | Campus Tour | Francis Hall | QU Students will be on hand to take alumni on a tour of campus. Meet at the fountain across from Brenner Library. |
| 1:00 PM | | Homecoming Football game | QU Stadium | Come watch our own QU Hawks as they take on Robert Morris at the Homecoming game at QU Stadium. |
| 2:30 PM | 3:15 PM | Alumni College "A" | J. Kenneth Nesbit Student Success Center | Dr. Bill Postiglione - "The History of the Electoral College" |
| 3:00 PM | | Women's Volleyball | Pepsi Arena | Watch our Hawks as they take on Lewis University at Pepsi Arena. |
| 3:00 PM | 4:30 PM | Alumni Art Exhibit | Gray Gallery | Check out the works of artist Frederick Milton Powell '82 from Crimson Graphics in Sarasota, FL. |
| 3:00 PM | 4:30 PM | Alumni & Faculty Book Signing | Brenner Library | Alumni will be on hand to sign their published works. |
| 3:30 PM | 4:15 PM | Alumni College "B" | J. Kenneth Nesbit Student Success Center | Michael Huck, OFS '82 - "Living Franciscan Values in Everyday Life" |
| 4:00 PM | 5:30 PM | Faculty Open House | J. Kenneth Nesbit Student Success Center | |
| 5:00 PM | 6:30 PM | President's Reception | President's House | |
| 6:00 PM | 9:00 PM | Alumni Dinner | Hall of Fame Room | Celebrate with fellow alumni at this year's alumni dinner where the anniversary classes of 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002 and 2007 will be honored |

Residence life undergoes restructuring

By **ABIGAIL MOORE**
STAFF WRITER

Last May, the Quincy University residence life directors informed students of a dream and were determined to make that happen. Abbey Carpenter, undergraduate residence director, said that dream has sparked a change in energy and positivity within the students on campus.

The residence life structure changed drastically after the resident assistants saw a greater need to provide more support for students around campus and in dorms.

Cooper Harrison, undergraduate residence director, outlined the changes residence life staff wanted to implement.

“Dr. Christine (Tracy) came to us when we were RA’s last year and said, ‘I want to have 30 RA’s and six RD’s’. We looked at each other and thought, ‘Is this really going to happen?’ We only had about 20 last year. The change was huge,” Harrison said.

The new residence life structure has made things easier and more efficient for everyone involved. Carpenter believes the new structure will help security be more present elsewhere instead of being an extra hand to the RA’s in the dorms. She also said the residence directors were chosen based on experience, leadership, and having the ability to make a difference on campus. The residence directors for the 2017-2018 school year are Abbey Carpenter, Genesis Torrens, Derek Lambert, Anthony Winter, Cooper Harrison, and EJ Baker.

The addition of residence directors have impacted the position and duty of the new residence assistants. RA’s now are required to pair up when going on duty, which has brought an element of comfort to the dorms.

“There is an RA on duty in every single building every single night, as opposed to having one RA on duty per two dorms. Which I feel really helps provide a presence of residence life in each dorm,” Carpenter said.

Thirty new and returning residence assistants work in Francis Hall, Padua, Helien, Garner, Willer, and the SLC.

Kay Bettendorf, first year resident assistant, lives in and supervises students



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in Willer Hall. The experience has been eye-opening.

“Behind the scenes of what an RA has to do is a lot more than what I thought. For example, we have to do one on ones with our residents to build a sense of community. One of the necessary jobs of being an RA is making sure everyone feels at home in their building,” Bettendorf said.

RA’s are also in charge of filling out work orders and being a helping hand to the residence directors.

Harrison describes the RD position as supervising a designated building and guiding the RA’s with their jobs. Each RD has possession of the “duty phone” one out of every six weeks.

“There’s not an RD for we can’t go to. The reasons for having them, one, is so they can help us with whatever we need and two, they’re also kind of there for our guidance and showing us what we need to do,” Bettendorf said.

Although the RD and RA positions differ in duties, one thing that brings the undergraduates together is the comfort and energy that each person brings to the meetings and campus atmosphere. Carpenter relates the energy directly to the positive new staff and their personality depicted in the theme of each residence hall.

Honors program benefits members

By **LAUREN BEEMAN**
STAFF WRITER

Quincy University’s honor program presents student members with the opportunity to go above and beyond academically.

During his sophomore year, Dylan Handlin was granted the opportunity to take his developmental biology class as an Honors’ course, and conducted assigned research over the course of an entire semester.

“Myself along with another Honors student conducted research analyzing the development of zebra fish embryos. We concluded the experiment by sharing our results and findings with the remainder of the class,” Handlin explained.

Quincy University’s Honors Program began in 2006 with only 26 student-members.

Now entering its eleventh year, the program boasts 206 active members, and intends to welcome 17 new freshmen students this semester.

“QU’s Honors Program is unique and encourages students to strive to do their best inside the classroom,” Erin Flaherty said.

To qualify, an incoming student must have achieved a cumulative 3.5 or higher grade point average throughout his or her entire high school career. The student must also have an ACT score of 27 or greater.

Students who qualify for or receive the Presidential Scholarship are automatically admitted into the program.

However, this is not the only way an interested student may become a member. At the start of the spring semester, any freshman who achieves a 3.5 or higher grade point average during the fall semester receives an invitation.

Simon Bruckner, believes the perks associated with being a part of program make it worthwhile.

“Before I came to Quincy, I was the type of person who just skated by on natural talent and intelligence alone. I could have continued that when I got to college, but instead I decided to try and push myself to become better. The Honors Program has helped me do that,” Bruckner said.

With the perks, however, comes hard

work.

In order to remain an active member, a student must meet a certain amount of additional criteria in order to graduate with Honors at the end of his collegiate career.

The stipulations require a student to maintain a 3.4 or higher grade point average as well as complete six “honors” courses spread across eight semesters.

An Honors student may take a class already designated as “honors” in the course catalog or may choose to make a required class “honors” via a contract with the professor.

In the contractual case, the student and professor establish an extra project, presentation, or reading assignment for the student to complete that is not available to other students in the class.

For junior member Bridget Hunkins, this is what makes the Honors Program the most attractive.

“Taking an honors class allows me to explore the subject matter in greater depth and in a direction of my liking. I want to go to graduate school for research, so this instilling a habit of looking deeper into the information given to me leads to a deeper understanding,” Hunkins said.

The purpose intended by the six courses is to heighten the level of difficulty required by a class and make it more challenging for the student.

Benefits for Honors’ members stretch far beyond the walls of the classroom.

Students involved in the Honors Program are granted preferred registration for all classes, and are allowed to sign up for classes before other students.

In addition, Honors students also receive preferred registration for study abroad programs.

Typically, students who take over 18 credit hours are charged additional prices, but members of QU’s Honors Program may take up to 21 credit hours a semester at no additional charge.

Bruckner also notes another benefit of being a member of the program includes the chance to be surrounded by other Honors students.

Additional information about the Honors Program can be found here or by contacting t Daniel Strudwic, director of the Honors Program.

Annual fund goal: \$1 million

By **ABILGAIL MOORE**
STAFF WRITER

Quincy University hosted its annual Fund Drive Sept. 13 in the University's private dining room.

With a \$1 million goal in mind, many university faculty, administration and staff gathered to discuss how Quincy University can surpass the goal as it had for eight years previous. The University is focusing on its \$7 Million dollar recovery goal.

Last year, Quincy University's Fund Drive raised \$1,010,943. The funding goes to support students directly; aiding in campus improvements, enhancing technology, and providing student scholarships.

Fund Drive Co-Chairman, Kevin and Sheri Reller, both QU alumni, are key contributors to initiating the Fund Drive this year. The Rellers showed enthusiasm and hope in the alumni and community's ability to exceed the goal once again.

The Fund Drive kicked off its event with a light luncheon starting at noon and proceeding with commentary. Julie Bell was the first to welcome attendees to the event, with an organized collaboration of speakers to follow.

"While we are grateful for the generosity of our alumni, friends and businesses last fiscal year, it is very important that we do not get to comfortable," Bell said.

Kevin and Sheri Reller took over and shared their eagerness and anticipation for the further growth of the university.

"Sheri and I are excited to chair the QU Fund this year. We are both graduates, were married in the QU Chapel, and our oldest daughter Logan is a 2011 QU graduate. We are grateful that the University has enriched our lives through its educational and spiritual contributions to the Quincy area," Kevin Reller said.

Kevin and Sheri are passionate about supporting the University in such an impactful way. As alumni, they see the importance of fostering close relationships with others and are willing to contribute to a university that has benefited them in that way.

"Everybody was so supportive of us and went way above and beyond for us and our families. It is just so great to give back to someone who's given us so



Kevin and Sheri Reller, Quincy University alumni and Fund Drive chairmen, talk about their time at QU during the 2017-18 Campaign Kick Off on Wednesday in the private dining room of the QU cafeteria.

much," Kevin Reller said.

Fund Drive pamphlets were organized neatly on each table in the private dining room. Alumni were encouraged to 'invest in tomorrows leaders' and recognize the future of the students. Alumni and supporters were able to choose among three different amounts of monthly donations. These donations are used directly to benefit the university as a whole.

"I hope the students feel it's all about family. I hope the alumni reach out back to their family and help support and continue our growth of this family, and how strong it is," Sheri Reller said.

Ray Heilman, faculty and staff chairman, followed Kevin and Sheri Reller in

speaking.

"It's not about us, it's about our students. Our students are the most important entity that we have at this institution," Heilman said.

The University's new president, Phil Conover, shared his thoughts and gratitude. Conover commented on being "pleased with the numbers" when referencing the increase percentage of enrollment at Quincy University. Conover also referred to Illinois state schools decreasing in numbers and because of state numbers dropping, being proud of the direction Quincy University is headed.

"We need this annual fund," Conover said.

Father John ended the event with a prayer.

Kevin and Sheri Reller complimented the growth they've already witnessed on campus and claimed that anyone could plainly see the changes already made on campus due to the success of the annual Fund Drive. The Rellers bring their gratitude back to the alumni, who have contributed for years.

"When there are so many different organizations that people contribute to and that we can we can continually hit that mark is amazing. That we have such great supporters and such dedicated supporters that come back time and time again to not only donate their money but their efforts is amazing," Sheri Reller said.



After spending the last couple of seasons as an assistant coach at Quincy University, Gary Bass was named interim head coach for the 2017 season.

Bass looks to remove interim tag from title

By BRAYDEN NUESSEN
STAFF WRITER

Gary Bass is preparing for his first season as an interim head coach at Quincy University. His journey started in North Carolina.

He was born and raised in Marion, North Carolina and went to McDowell High School.

Bass then went to Catawba College located in Salisbury, N.C., where he played a huge part on the football team.

He was one of the offensive linemen and helped Catawba College win multiple conference championships. He also helped make three trips to the Division II playoffs while going 47-15

during his time there.

He got his degree in marketing and went on to coach at East Rowan High School in Salisbury N.C.

He had multiple roles in the three years he was there as an assistant head coach, offensive coordinator, offensive line coach, and strength and conditioning coordinator.

He helped them make the high school playoffs two times.

Bass went on to Missouri Southern State University in Joplin, Mo., where he spent two seasons.

While he was there, he was an offensive line coach and helped the strength and conditioning program where he guided the offense to break multiple records.

Bass then got hired at Quincy University in 2011 where he started as an offensive line coach, run game coordinator, and strength and conditioning coach.

In 2014, Chris Harris broke multiple records in Quincy University history, after getting almost 1,000 yards with 17 touchdowns. Bass coached the offense to one of the top in the conference.

The next year, Bass was promoted to offensive coordinator. He held that position until January of 2017, when he was named assistant head coach and recruiting coordinator.

Last May, he was named interim head coach for 2017 season.

Coaching staff changes come to fall teams

By BRAYDEN NUESSEN
STAFF WRITER

During the past several months, there have been many coaches and staff changes to fall sports teams at Quincy University.

Athletic director Marty Bell, who retired from his duties as men's basketball coach to focus on being a full-time administrator, announced the following changes:

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL: Abby Moser will take over as head coach after Bob Crank stepped down and took a head coaching position at Southeast Missouri State.



FOOTBALL: Tom Moser Pajic left the head coaching position earlier this year and accepted a player development role with Temple University.

Gary Bass was named interim head football coach after being an associate head coach and offensive coordinator last year.

Khanis Hubbard was promoted to interim associate head coach and will switch from being a defensive coordinator to offensive coordinator.

Sean Kelly was promoted to the defensive coordinator after being a linebacker's coach the last six years for the Hawks. He will also be the recruiting coordinator as well.

Ben Clark and Phil Schron were hired as first time coaches. Clark will be tight end coach as well as social media and video coordinator.

Schron will be the linebacker coach as well as academic coordinator.

MEN'S SOCCER: Head coach, Mike Carpenter, announced this past summer that Ben Clarvis was been hired to be an assistant coach.

In other head coaching moves, Bell announced in August that Ryan Helenthal is the new men's basketball head coach after a year as an assistant coach at Quincy University.

Also, Bell announced that Gavin Mueller will be the new head coach for men's volleyball.