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Reports surface of 'sex competition' in Patrick Hall

SJU Residential Life and other campus officials are investigating sophomores involved with the creation and distribution of a list that details sex acts with different Bennies and how many 'points' each is worth. So far, little progress has been made to find the creators of the list.

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SJU Residential Life, Faculty Residents, Resident Assistants and Title IX officers are investigating allegations that St. John's students on the first and second floors of St. Patrick Hall started a competition over who can have the most sexual

interactions with Bennies. On Wednesday, the administration sent an e-mail saying they were aware of the allegations and were conducting an investigation. Anyone with information is encouraged to come forward and contact Jeff Glover, the assistant director for student support. So far, the school has been unable to track which students are behind the

competition, so instead a mandatory floor meeting for all residents was held in recent weeks to discuss the issue and start a larger conversation.

Liam Miller, the RA on Pat 1, and Glover first learned of the allegations a few weeks ago.

"When I saw the email, I was disgusted," Miller said. "I knew that something had to be done immediately."

Glover said he first learned of the issue from the father of a current SJU student. The student became aware that his girlfriend's name was on the list of names part of this alleged competition, and his father expressed concern to Glover. It is unclear whether this list exists in a physical form or is purely digital.

"Immediately we went into our protocols to collect as much

information as we can," Glover said. "At that time we were not able to get any information."

In particular, Glover said he was seeking information on any students who may have circulated this list or anyone who may have been on the list so he could reach out and notify them.

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SJU senior Fabian Venegas-Ramos speaks at the BBQUEER event on Oct. 11. (LEFT). Students play yard games outside of the Multicultural Center (TOP). Approximately 100 students attended the BBQUEER event (BOTTOM). MOLLY PULTS • MPULTS001@csbsju.edu

Weeklong Festival of Cultures kicks off

After officially opening two weeks ago, the Multicultural Center hosted their first big event. This year, the Festival of Cultures is a week long instead of just one day.

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Oct. 11 marked a busy and important day for CSB/SJU students for many reasons—it was the kick-off of the Festival of Cultures, National Coming Out Day and Indigenous Peoples' Day.

The Festival of Cultures is an

annual week-long celebration that features student-planned events, ending Oct. 16. Many events continue to take place, including a panel on Green Card Voices, a fashion show and performance during the Student Showcase and a Spanish Mass followed by traditional refreshments. A full list of events can be found under Multicultural Student Services

on the CSB/SJU webpage. All events are open to students.

Many student clubs and organizations were involved in designing programming for the week.

"We wanted to make sure it was a campus-wide effort, which is why you'll see events that aren't even run

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Viral 'devious licks' Tik Tok trend results in widespread vandalism of campus property

The trend involves stealing random objects such as soap dispensers and signs and displaying them in rooms or showing them off on social media. Administration and custodial staff hope that the trend will be put to rest as a display of respect for persons and community.

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Berries and cream. Couch guy. Now, devious licks.

Chances are you have seen these or similar trends from the app Tik Tok. One of the most popular Tik Tok trends of 2021 is the devious licks trend that consists of individuals making videos of themselves stealing,

vandalizing or showing off items that they have stolen, primarily from school bathrooms.

This trend has been affecting schools across the nation, specifically, colleges and high schools.

CSB has not been an exception. "St. John's and St. Ben's has always been known as such a great community, which is why when asked why someone came here, they

will say it just felt right," said Jody Terhaar, CSB dean of students.

When one walks around CSB, you see nice small talk, people holding doors for each other and more random acts of kindness.

"Students in general have been very respectful," Terhaar said.

Vandalism started to take place immediately after students returned to campus, and the bathrooms were a

prime place for these acts to happen.

The range of vandalism has had different levels of destruction, from toilet paper being scattered throughout the bathrooms to more extreme instances of taking soap and towel dispensers off the wall.

According to CSB first-year and security officer Alyssa Leavey, CSB security takes stealing and vandalism quite seriously.

Terhaar indicated that the acts are taking place after midnight. While the administration knows these events are happening, the extent of the vandalism is unclear. The timing of the incidents makes it hard to catch the perpetrators.

"I have not seen this trend

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Orientation reflects greater campus-wide problems

After the departure of former orientation director Lacey Solheid, this year's experience dealt with disorganization and unequal expectations for CSB leaders.

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First-year and transfer student orientation made its shift back to being completely in-person this August, but it wasn't without its hiccups.

Lacey Solheid, the former associate director of programming, left CSB/SJU in late January of this year. This absence left remaining staff and four student orientation coordinators to plan and execute the orientation schedule without her usual help. This position was filled by Andrew Kroska in early September.

"It was overwhelming because Lacey's shoes were very big to fill and orientation was definitely different without her," said Antiniqua Burrows, one of two Bennie orientation coordinators. "Overall, I felt like

the position should have been filled before [orientation], not afterwards, just because orientation is such an intensive program."

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First-years and orientation leaders wait for the bus during orientation programming in late August. PHOTO COURTESY OF ELIZABETH ROSEMARK

Mask off: campus policy revised

With the help of rising vaccination rates, requirements ease up to include only large gatherings and classes.

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After nearly a year and half of a mask mandate, the masking requirement at CSB/SJU will be rolled back to its lowest levels since fall 2020.

The change began on Oct. 2, and, while masks are still strongly encouraged, they will be optional starting Oct. 16.

Students were notified of the changes in an email from the Office of the Presidents, which reported that the reason for the recent change was because the vaccination rate on

both campuses had almost reached 90%. The policy change that went into effect on Oct. 2 ended masking requirements for students in all parts of campus except classrooms, buses and performance venues. As transmission rates remain low, mask requirements in the classroom will be up to each academic department. Unvaccinated campus visitors to campus will still be required to wear a mask indoors.

Many students are embracing the policy. Not being restrained by the mask is a welcomed introduction to

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