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Students get their Bennie Day shirts on Oct. 6 (LEFT). CSB Senators hand out T-shirts to students in Gorecki Fireside on Bennie Day (MIDDLE). T-shirts were available for students from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (RIGHT).

Bennie Day celebrates CSB community

Bennie Day is a celebration for all generations of Bennies to come together and appreciate the campus community that CSB has brought them. Free T-shirts, Bennie bars and golf cart rides to class are some of the usual celebratory activities that the CSB Senate plans every year. This year, Bennie Day was one of the first on-campus events to return without masks, as restrictions were eased earlier in the week.

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around our campus, but it is definitely a possibility that it has happened here,” Leavey said.

The vandalism has been occurring consistently throughout

the year. Administration is now trying to figure out the best way to handle this situation.

A big question for administrators is who should be held accountable when no one is being caught or coming forward with evidence, especially as the problem continues to grow.

“I have seen several videos of items being taken from bathrooms and a few signs being stolen, but I was not aware that this has grown to be an actual problem at CSB/SJU” said Madison Prickett, CSB first-year.

Possible restrictions have been considered to limit acts of vandalism, but nothing has been set in stone.

Some potential restrictions included limiting guest hours and key card access to non-resident guests.

Many of the acts of vandalism take place in residential areas.

According to Terhaar, Lottie, Margretta and Brian have the most recorded instances of vandalism this year.

It is not clear why there is more vandalism in one place.

However, Terhaar believes that the idea of community is not being reflected in the best way possible at CSB.

“I want to plead with students to make better decisions,” Terhaar said.

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“With the numbers of people who know about it, it surprises me that we haven’t been able to get a copy of anything,” Glover said.

Students have reached out to express concern and dissatisfaction with how the situation is being handled, but so far nobody has provided Glover with any names of students involved.

According to Miller, there were point values assigned to various factors, but the alleged competition’s details are currently unclear. According to two St. Ben’s students familiar with the situation who wished to remain anonymous, they believe the competition is run through a group chat, but it is unknown how many students are involved. The Record does not generally grant anonymity to sources but will do so for this case due to the sensitivity of the situation.

Due to a lack of actionable evidence, Glover turned towards education efforts. Miller coordinated with Glover, SJU Director of Residential Life Dan Morgan, professor Kari-Shane Davis Zimmerman and Faculty Resident Greg Miller to develop a plan of action, involving a mandatory floor meeting for all residents to discuss the issue and start a larger conversation. They organized four sessions across

two days, and residents could choose which session to attend.

“[The meetings were] a way to start a conversation about rape culture and the implications of toxic masculinity on our campus,” Miller said. “You can’t just say ‘boys will be boys,’ there has to be acknowledgement and there has to be accountability.”

Glover hoped students would come forward after the meetings. There was also an opportunity to discuss how these issues could be dealt with as a community and what else could be done. No students came forward with information after the meetings.

“Worse than trying to empathize with people who are outraged about it is not being able to give them the direct justice that they want and that I want,” Glover said.

Without information, Glover cannot take action to deal with potential perpetrators. “At times there are people who I think feel like we don’t care about these issues, or that we think boys will be boys and we try to sweep things under the rug,” Glover said. “And that’s always really hard to hear, because I don’t, I don’t know sometimes how to better, I guess, to express how serious we take this.”

The two St. Ben’s students expressed concern that the conversations might not have been harsh enough on perpetrators.

“We’ve had conversations with a

lot of our guy friends about it and a lot of it is... [implying] girls are making [a] big deal about it and then we get told that we’re being overdramatic and that we’re trying to ruin people’s lives,” one of the Bennies said. “That’s just been a consistent thing, that they don’t think that these comments or games are wrong. They just think of it as part of their lives.”

The other Bennie said similar things about interactions with Johnnie friends.

“I feel like a lot of people that we know, guys that we associate with are like ‘oh, well, we would never do that, that’s just their problem,’ but then they will say comments and do other things, maybe on [a] lesser scale, but that still are all part of that same cycle of things,” she said. “I feel like they don’t really understand that they play a small role in a lot of this stuff too.”

“They made that choice; we’re not trying to ruin their lives; they chose to do their actions, and now they’re not owning up to them,” one of the Bennies said. “I’m not ruining their lives, they ruined their own lives.”

The Bennies also voiced concerns that Johnnies might not come forward with information about the competition or other concerning allegations on campus. They said they were aware of several concerning allegations towards various students and were concerned that Johnnies might not be taking the issue seriously.



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Students on floors one and two of Patrick Hall are thought to be involved with the group chat

“I think a lot of guys don’t want to come to terms with the fact that their friends or themselves would do that,” one of the Bennies said.

This issue speaks to a larger culture on campus.

“It’s raising the awareness of bystander intervention,” Glover said. “Where are the Johnnies who hear this? There are Johnnies who know this. There are Johnnies who know something, and they’re not saying anything. Which is a... culture of silence.”

Glover is concerned about the attitudes that led to any competition forming.

“It’s more just the fact that this isn’t healthy to be having this list at all or to be having any sort of competition and that could lead to

sombody pushing boundaries and could lead to an assault,” Glover said. “Sexual assault stems from this inability to see somebody as a person.”

Preventing future situations and changing the campus culture involves more than single sessions.

“What more can be done? Can these sessions happen on a bi-monthly or monthly basis?” Miller said. “These sessions can go a long way in furthering those continuing dialogues.”

The Bennies agreed that proactive work is better than reaction.

“Be proactive opposition,” one of the Bennies said. “Don’t just wait to do damage control.”

► Environmental Column

Goats are one of the most beneficial hobby farm animals



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People love to talk about their futures and what kind of pets they’ll end up getting. Dogs, cats, parrots; you name it, people want it.

In recent times, there’s been an increase in “hobby farms,” smaller scale farms that are run by families for personal contentment rather than

profit.

Often, the animals found on hobby farms can have dual purposes. My personal favorite animal to focus on at hobby farms is goats!

Goats have many environmental and health benefits as well as many uses on a hobby farm.

According to “What You Need to Know to Start Keeping Goats” by Chris McLaughlin, goats can provide essential needs such as food and clothing fabric; they can also keep your land clean and tidy.

Goats are one of many animals that can produce milk, specifically milk that is better for lactose-intolerant people.

According to Prevention.com, goat’s milk still contains lactose, the sugar that lactose-intolerant people cannot digest. However, it contains lower levels

of lactose, meaning it may be easier for people with an intolerance to digest.

They are also producers of textile fibers. Goats, specifically Angora goats, produce a special fiber called mohair. Mohair is referred to as “the diamond fiber” and is used for many different weaving and textile products.

The coolest part about goats is how they serve as wonderful replacement weed whackers.

Goats are known as “browsers,” meaning that they eat plants that are higher off the ground than general grasses.

This includes weeds, bushes, low-hanging tree branches and more. Thus, goats are fantastic to keep on properties because they will forage and eat any weedy areas in sight. Why does this matter to our

environment? With the increase in devastating wildfires across the Pacific Northwest and even the Central U.S., a large factor in how these fires spread is the unkempt underbrush that forms.

As piles of old branches, weeds, dry grass and more build up, it increases the chances of a rapidly-spreading fire.

McLaughlin, who was writing about hobby farms specifically in California, says goats serve as a natural defense to this by eating the underbrush that feeds these fires.

Considering their voracious appetites and love of underbrush, goats are fantastic at cleaning up land and assisting in the defense against natural disasters such as wildfires.

Hobby farms are wonderful, but many of the animals and practices should hold dual purposes, like with

goats.

They are more than just cute additions to your family. They produce nutritious milk, make fantastic fibers and can keep your land clean of unnecessary weeds and underbrush.

Goats can be a vital part of our fight to slow climate change and the natural disasters that result from it.

They are a wonderful, multi-functional addition to any land, farm or not (plus, I mentioned that they’re cute, right?).

As always, if you want more information, I recommend starting with small, hobby farm blogs such as hobbyfarms.com. These authors tend to write from personal experience and can guide you in the right direction.