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Dear Friends,

Sad news! We lost one of our original Board members, Patricia Nieswand. Back in the early days when Howard and I were testifying before state legislatures, Pat was one of many parents of victims who testified with us about the lack of safety conditions at their child's college campus. She was a tireless, courageous and convincing member of our team—always ready and willing to testify when asked. Pat's daughter, Kelly, remembers her mother in the following words:

On December 17th 1983, the life of my family changed forever. My only sister, Erin, was murdered in her dormitory room. She was shot, along with her roommate, by a stalker who took six hostages in Erin's dormitory at Cornell University. This tragedy impacted my mother, my father, and my life in different ways. My mother became active in a variety of arenas, including Security on Campus, Inc. My mother tried to protect me from the tragedy. She wanted me to live the life of a 14-year-old without the burden of my sister's murder. My mother spoke out courageously whenever asked by SOC, to help protect the lives of other students. She addressed the New Jersey State legislature several times and gave many interviews to the media, including an appearance on the Sally Jessy Raphael Show.

My mother was the type of person who took care of everyone else and she often put herself last. I know, however, that taking care of people is what made her life fulfilled. Her friends would tell you there was no one better to plan vacations, give advice, and provide a shoulder to cry on. I can tell you, as her daughter, that there was no better mother. She never missed any of my athletic events. In fact, she was always the mother that brought orange slices to basketball games and fried chicken to softball games. She always made sure my friends knew they were welcome in our home and many of those friends, although our friendships drifted apart, maintained contact with my mother up until her death.

My mother was selfless. She was diagnosed with lung cancer approximately 2 months before my wedding. She wanted my day to be perfect and chose to put off chemotherapy and telling anyone, including me, about her disease until after the wedding. This was the most beautiful gift she ever gave to me. The memory of her and my father walking me down the aisle will live forever in my mind.

As I grew up, my mother and I grew closer. We became friends. And like all her other friends would say, she was the first person I called for advice, support, and a calm perspective in the midst of a storm. My mother was on this earth for such a short period of time and yet she touched the lives of many. As one of her dear friends said at her memorial service, "We will never know a more caring and giving, kind and compassionate, loving and thoughtful and, through it all, courageous person than Patricia Ryan Nieswand."

She was an integral member in the early work of SOC! We deeply mourn her loss! She will live in our hearts and work forever. Thank you, Pat, for helping us to save lives on our college campuses.



Pat with Kelly on her wedding day

**As always,
our wishes for a safe and productive year!**

Connie and Howard Clery, Co-Founders

SOC Adds Clout to Effort Curtailing Beer Ads in College Sports

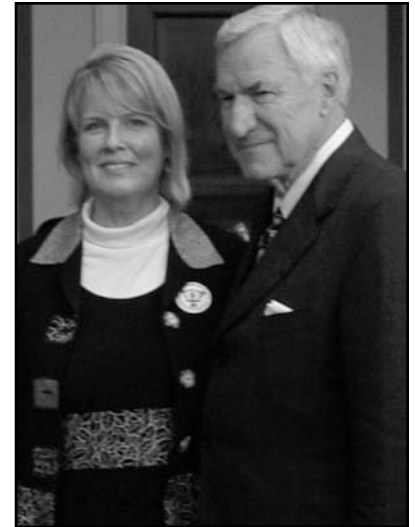
WASHINGTON - The Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI) kicked off a campaign in November aimed at getting colleges and universities, athletic conferences and the NCAA to stop taking money from alcohol advertisers.

"University officials are selling their students and other young fans to beer marketers, and at the same time their greatest concern on campus is alcohol problems," said George Hacker of CSPI. "They lose a great deal of credibility."

Helping kick off the campaign were former University of North Carolina head basketball coach Dean Smith, college basketball's all-time winningest coach, Rep. Tom Osborne, R-Neb., former University of Nebraska head football coach and Catherine Bath, program director of Security On Campus, Inc., whose son died of alcohol-related causes while at Duke University in November 1999.

The CSPI said alcohol producers spent nearly \$600 million on sports programming in 2002. Of that, nearly \$60 million was spent on college sports programs, funding more than 6,200 ads. Hacker said the NCAA basketball tournament in 2002 had 939 beer ads, more than the Super Bowl, World Series, college football bowl games and NFL Monday Night Football combined.

(Associated Press 11/12/03)



Catherine Bath and Dean Smith

Woman of Distinction Award



Connie Clery

What a great honor Connie received on December 9th when she was named one of Philadelphia Business Journal's "Women of Distinction" for 2003. A wonderful dinner and award ceremony was held at the Grand Ballroom in the new Convention Center in Philadelphia. We here at SOC feel that this honor should be shared with all of you who have so selflessly supported the efforts of SOC over the years. Here are some excerpts from the interview article that appeared in December's issue of the Philadelphia Business Journal:

"What I had learned more than anything is the power of the vote," said Clery. "If enough constituents write, legislators often really will turn and change their whole approach to a problem. We learned early in the game that it was important to get to the people, so the people could get to their representatives."

Observers who have seen Clery in action say that the blend of pragmatism and determination is typical of how she operates. "What makes her extraordinary is her ability to run this organization the way a not-for-profit should be run," said Guy Homer who, as the head of The Homer Group, has supported SOC's marketing efforts with graphic design and printing services. "A lot of people will throw around all this money and end up just spinning their wheels." In the case of SOC on the other hand, "they run it as a business. She has a budget, she has a business plan—the whole thing, right down the line." To date, that business plan has included not just legislative action (which is extensive and ongoing) but direct communications aimed at curbing campus violence. Under Clery's guidance, SOC had mailed more than 12,000 videos to colleges and high schools, warning of the dangers of binge drinking, drugs and acquaintance rape. The group has developed study guides, counseled victims and offered its expertise on radio and TV news shows.

Clery and her husband, Howard, have won widespread recognition for the impact of their work. In the words of U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige, "They have turned their grief into advocacy for a law that opens the book on the safety of our college campuses."

Clery has received the Justice Department Award, presented to her and Howard in the Rose Garden by the first President Bush, and more recently with the Victim Service Center's Leadership Award.

After a decade and a half on duty, Clery herself is somewhat amazed by her own achievements. "I am pretty much in awe of what we have done, starting out with so little," she said. "Look at what's happened. We know we have saved so many lives." To what does she attribute this success? "We've had such wonderful success because the people of this country care about their kids. They have cared enough to write to their legislators when we have asked them to." she said. "For myself, the secret to survival for me has been the three F's—faith, family and friends. None of this ever would have taken place without those three F's, for which I am eternally grateful. They helped to save my life, and have allowed me to save a lot of other lives."

Crime Against Students Down

Violent crime against college students dropped 40 percent between 1995 and 2000 according to a U.S. Department of Justice study released last December. The study estimates that of the approximately 7.7 million U.S. college students aged 18-24, an average of 526,000 experienced violent crimes (rape, robbery, aggravated assault, and simple assault) each year on and off campus.

Terry Hartle, senior vice president for the American Council on Education, responding to the study, told the Associated Press that investments in campus security made in the last decade have helped lead to this decrease in crime. SOC's work to make colleges report their crime has been the key impetus for this investment and it is good to know that our work is truly paying off!

Nearly 250,000 Serious Campus Crimes In 2001

Washington, DC - According to campus crime statistics disclosed by the U.S. Department of Education there were nearly 250,000 serious crimes reported on American college and university campuses in 2001. Under the federal Jeanne Clery Act about 6,000 institutions of postsecondary education must submit campus crime data each year.

The data includes reports of 36 homicides; 2,133 forcible sex offenses; 2,305 robberies; 3,472 aggravated assaults; 28,174 burglaries; and 159,160 liquor law violations on campuses across the country. The summary campus crime statistics for 2001 also include historical information for 1999 and 2000, as well as breakdowns by type of campus, and geographic area for campuses and the areas surrounding them.

Student Press Law Center Survey Finds Most Colleges Not Disclosing Campus Court Results

Most colleges and universities recently surveyed by the Student Press Law Center did not disclose the final results from student disciplinary proceedings dealing with crimes of violence; something that federal law has permitted since 1998. The SPLC found that "less than 20 percent of colleges and universities surveyed... this summer would provide information about students who commit serious crimes on campus that are dealt with in disciplinary proceedings."

"These findings clearly demonstrate the need for a law that makes colleges turn over these campus crime records," said S. Daniel Carter the Vice President of Security On Campus. "Leaving disclosure at their discretion means that most schools simply aren't going to disclose this information."

Vermont Supreme Court Orders Some "Campus Court" Records Open, Others Kept Confidential

Montpelier, VT - The Vermont Supreme Court issued a ruling September 5, 2003 ordering public colleges and universities to disclose the final results of student disciplinary cases involving alleged crimes of violence or non-forcible sex offenses when the school finds that the accused broke school rules. Vermont's public colleges also remain under court order to comply with the Clery Act, the only schools in the nation subject to such an order.

New Jersey's William Paterson University Illegally Withheld Report From Crime Log

Wayne, NJ - According to the U.S. Department of Education William Paterson University has been found in violation of the federal Jeanne Clery Act for failing to make their crime log readily available to the public, and for failing to include in it at least one crime reported to campus police.

"We have determined that William Paterson University has violated several provisions of the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act," wrote U.S. Department of Education official Robert J. McKiernan in an October 14th letter to WPU President Arnold Speert. The findings resulted from a complaint filed by David Rothman who in 2001 reported, by e-mail and verbally, to campus police that students soliciting money on campus for a scholarship established in memory of his son Jeffrey Rothman, who died while on Spring Break in March of 2001, had kept those funds rather than turning them over. The reported theft was never included in the crime log, or acted upon by campus authorities.

Campus Sexual Assault Title IX Court Rulings Added To SOC Web Site

Since the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1999 that schools could be held liable under "Title IX" for failing to properly respond to student-on-student sexual harassment this law has rapidly emerged as a tool that college and university campus rape victims have been able to use to sue their schools for failing to properly respond to their complaints. The precedent-setting court rulings that began this trend, as well as the most current rulings showing how federal courts across the country are interpreting these rulings are now available in the "Lawyers" section of the Security On Campus web site.

Penn State University corrects crime report

Penn State had to correct their reports of zero rapes on campus in 2002 after Security On Campus, Inc. found information that proved they knew of at least a dozen.

The scene on campus at the University of Miami...

By Christian Wilson, freshman at the University of Miami and greatly appreciated intern with SOC Spring 2003

College can be a stressful time. For the first time in many student lives, we are living (almost) independently from our parents, sometimes thousands of miles away from home. At Miami, these challenges and more abound. They don't call Miami "Sin City" for nothing.

However, I've found that it has been relatively easy to juggle all the curveballs of college, including party life. Greek Life is very big at UM. It seems that everyone, Black, White, Latino, Asian, and everyone in between is involved in some sort of Fraternity or Sorority. That doesn't mean that our campus turns into Animal House every Thursday night. In fact, one of the benefits of attending a medium-sized university near a big city is that there are plenty of options for social life. Miami has all the amenities for students, including movies, nightclubs, beaches, concerts, and malls. So if you aren't into the Greek Scene, there is still plenty to do. Most students under 21 head out to Coconut Grove, which is a haunt for artists, musicians, and actors in Miami. (Plus it has the most nightclubs for people under 21) It also has good outdoor shops and 24-hour entertainment and food. Students over 21 head out to South Beach, which is more or less a 24 hour play land complete with clubs, bars, and swanky shops. The vast majority of the clubs and bars require entrants to be 21 or over, but creative students always find ways to get around the age constraints. It can be a challenge to keep focused in such a busy environment! Unfortunately, I know quite a few people who got caught up in the 'life' and will not be back next semester. Balance is the key to having a successful college career.



Christian and Choo Choo Ling

Hooking up—Who Benefits?

A 2001 report commissioned by the Independent Women's Forum based on research by the Institute for American Values shows that college students today do not "date." A common scenario: A girl goes to a party and meets a boy. Twenty minutes and several plastic cupfuls of beer later, girl and boy decide they are soul mates and they become intimate. But the next morning, girl makes the "walk of shame" home knowing there is a good chance she'll never hear from boy. There were no dinner dates and no romantic walks with meaningful conversation—just a sick feeling of regret in the morning.

Popular culture often glamorizes women who "sleep around", calling them independent and empowered. But these concepts don't seem to take into consideration women's true feelings and emotions, as well as the health risks involved. The aftermath of "hooking up" can be traumatizing. Young women said that they found themselves waiting by the phone wondering if the guy was going to call. Seeing him on campus the following week was particularly mortifying. One student said, "a lot of people seem to cope with hooking up real well, but for me, when it happens, it means a lot. I mean, the next day I'm thinking about him. I go, 'What does this mean?' It's crazy. Is it too much to expect a phone call the next day? Or (gasp!) an invitation to go to the movies?" According to the "Hooking Up" report, "...hook-ups do not appear to help young people in a critical life task, which is learning how to form and sustain mature relationships. It is fortunate, therefore, that a minority of college women participate in them and that an even smaller minority have hooked up repeatedly. However, it would be a mistake to think that the hook-up culture does not affect college women who do not participate in it because it tends to lessen the overall quality of college dating for everybody." When students do go out, it is often in a group setting. They ignore the importance of quality one-on-one time and, more often than not, these group dates are centered on alcohol.

A return to the 1950's era of courtship isn't realistic, but what if a guy and a girl could simply go to a movie with the expectation of just getting to know each other better? What if Saturday night beer parties were replaced with dinner dates or meeting for coffee? Unwanted hook-ups could be avoided and friendships could be made. Relationships would form and sometimes fizzle. Hearts may still get broken, but many could find a match. And all the while, women and men would keep their self-confidence intact the next morning. More importantly, they would avoid putting their health and their futures in jeopardy.

Excerpted from **Long Live the "Date"** by Kristen Richardson in *Kappa Kappa Gamma's Kappa Magazine*, December 2003 issue

CAMPUS INCIDENT REPORTS

University of Portland - Oregon

Murder update: The man charged with killing a University of Portland student more than 2 1/2 years ago could have been arrested earlier if U.S. immigration officials had not turned him back to his native Turkey because of visa problems. Police arrested 30-year-old Deniz Aydiner on Friday as he stepped off a direct flight from Frankfurt, Germany, to Portland. He was arraigned on charges of kidnapping, rape and aggravated murder in the May 29, 2001, sexual assault and slaying of Catherine "Kate" Johnson. If convicted of aggravated murder, he could face the death penalty.

Police said Aydiner was an acquaintance of Johnson and a former student at the University of Portland who is married to a U.S. citizen. Police said he left Portland last March, one month after he submitted to an oral swab containing his DNA to detectives.

When a DNA match was found in early June 2003, police and the Multnomah County district attorney's office began tracking Aydiner abroad. Portland police became aware that Aydiner had booked a flight from Frankfurt as a result of information obtained from U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

The death of 21-year-old Johnson—a devout Catholic and music education major who had a passion for volunteer work—shook the tight community of the private Catholic university. Police revealed few details about the crime and University of Portland officials issued a gag order to students and faculty, threatening to expel or fire anyone who spoke with the media. Even Johnson's family was kept in the dark.

"After a year went by, I just got really, really angry at the police department dragging their feet and telling all of us to be quiet," Johnson's aunt Colette Thompson of California said Sunday. "(But) maybe they were right, because the guy came back in here."

Friday's announcement brought tears of joy to Johnson's mother, Edith Johnson, and the rest of her family. "Needless to say, the last two years, 18 months and seven days have been a hard, hard journey for me," she said. "I did not expect this case to be solved. I have learned to live with that."

Portland Tribune (1/20/04)

Colby College - Maine

Death: Dawn Rossignol, 21, was abducted and murdered shortly after leaving her dorm room. An Oakland police officer found Rossignol's body near the Messalonskee Stream on September 18th after she was reported missing by her mother. Her 1993 Mercury Sable sedan was parked near the spot where her body was found. She had been sexually assaulted.

Edward J. Hackett, 47, was arrested a few days later at his parents' home in Vassalboro, Maine, on a parole violation. He was released on parole from a Utah prison in March after being convicted in 1994 of kidnapping and robbery.

Associated Press (9/18/03), press release, Colby College (9/23/03)

Sam Houston State University

Death: Cameron Duffey, 22, died after drinking a tremendous amount of alcohol in a tavern while with fraternity brothers.

The Houston Chronicle (8/21/03)

Bradley University - Illinois

Death: A Bradley University senior who was found dead in his room last month after drinking alcohol for several hours had a high blood-alcohol level of between 0.33 and 0.41 percent. Students said Robert Schmalz, 22, and his Phi Kappa Tau fraternity brothers were celebrating the end of the fall pledging process, known as rush, with an ongoing party where alcohol flowed freely.

Associated Press (9/16/03)

University of Minnesota

Fire Deaths: As investigations continue at the charred Minneapolis duplex where three University of Minnesota students died of smoke inhalation in September, students, university officials and neighbors question whether substandard housing contributed to the fatal fire. Though officials have not yet determined the cause of the fire, they said they think the fire began on the porch at approximately 5 a.m. The students' house had a gas leak when they moved in on Sept. 1 and whether the house's fire alarms worked has been debated. Several occupants of the building escaped, but Elizabeth Wencil, 20, Brian R. Heiden, 19, and Amanda Speckien, 19, all died of smoke inhalation. They were all sophomores in the College of Liberal Arts.

KSPTV (9/23/03)

Dyersburg State Community College

Hostages: Two hostages, seriously wounded as police stormed a college classroom to end a standoff with a gunman, were shot by the hostage-taker, not by police. Harold Kilpatrick Jr., 26, was killed by a police SWAT team at the college on Sept. 17. Kilpatrick, who had left a suicide note at a sister's house, held as many as 14 hostages for up to nine hours after taking control of the classroom, but three hostages talked him into letting them leave.

The Associated Press (9/30/04)

University of Pittsburgh

Death: Teammates of a Pitt football player who fell to his death from the rafters of a church testified Wednesday that a Roman Catholic priest gave them alcohol and boasted that he could match them drink for drink. Billy Gaines, 19, a former high school football star from Ijamsville, Md., died of head injuries June 18th. The 50-year-old priest, who has resigned as pastor of the suburban Pittsburgh church, was charged with reckless endangerment and furnishing alcohol to minors.

The Associated Press (10/2/03)

University of Illinois - Chicago

Date Rape Drug Death: Twenty-two year-old UIC senior Tiffany Riddle died suddenly early Wednesday morning, on the way back to Chicago after a night of drinking in Milwaukee. Illinois State Police Sgt. Glenn DeVries was quoted in the Daily Herald as saying that Riddle complained of "being poisoned or having something put in her drink."

As the group was retuning to Chicago, she stopped breathing at about 2 a.m. Attempts on the part of her friends to resuscitate her were unsuccessful, and by the time paramedics arrived, she was in full cardiac arrest.

UIC Today (9/29/03)

University of Florida

Death: Kyle Schuemann's body was discovered outside his fraternity house on campus Tuesday morning. Alcohol was involved. He had celebrated his 22nd birthday the night before. A sports management major, he was Theta Chi's house chaplain.

Palm Beach Post (10/9/03)

Morgan State University - MD

Homicide: 19-year-old Christopher Ahmed Bacote, a freshman, was charged with first-degree murder in the fatal shooting of a fellow student outside a bowling alley on Saturday, October 4th. He is accused of shooting Lorenzo M. Hardy III, a senior, after an argument in the bowling alley.

Detectives said an off-duty state trooper—one of four working security at the bowling party—had escorted Bacote out of the AMF Timonium Lanes on York Road and told him not to return. Later, Bacote shot Hardy in the parking lot of the bowling alley.

The Sun (10/10/03)

Louisiana State University

Death: An autopsy confirmed that 19-year-old LSU student probably drank himself to death, and the university is warning students again about the dangers of high-risk drinking. Corey James Domingue, a chemical engineering sophomore, died October 10th after drinking a fifth of rum in his off-campus apartment in Baton Rouge. Coroner's spokesman Don Moreau said Domingue's blood alcohol level was .43 percent, a lethal level for most people.

The Associated Press (10/14/03)

University of Maryland

Stabbing: A male university student was stabbed in the back early Saturday morning, September 27th, after an argument among attendees at two parties in College Park Towers led to a bar room-style brawl. University student Nicholas Salem, 21, was stabbed in the back with an "unknown object," police said, although two kitchen knives were found at the scene. The victim and an unidentified 19-year-old also had beer bottles smashed over their heads.

The Diamondback (9/29/03)

University of Mary - ND

Death: Freshman Dusten Gailey, 19, a U-Mary football player, died early Sunday morning, October 12, after being discovered unconscious on the floor of his dormitory room on campus. Autopsy results indicate he died of alcohol poisoning.

Separately, another U-Mary football player remains in critical condition after a car crash that occurred at about the same time Gailey was pronounced dead. Anthony Lalum, 19, was driving a vehicle

that pulled in front of another car. His passenger, Ryan Ebach, 19, of Minnewaukan, has been cited with being a minor in possession of alcohol, according to Highway Patrol Sgt. Joe Knowski.

"There was alcohol at the scene," Knowski said.

Bismarck Tribune (10/20/03)

Plymouth State University - NH

Hazing Death: Blindfolded and crowded into an SUV, the six Sigma Kappa Omega pledges made it less than a mile from the sorority's off-campus headquarters Monday night, October 20th, before the worst happened: a swerve on the wet, winding road, a crash, and the sudden, stunning loss of one of their friends, 20-year-old Kelly Nester, a pledge who was thrown from the vehicle and killed. Police have not said that the overcrowded car trip was part of a sorority hazing ritual, but they opened a criminal investigation into the accident. Plymouth police Captain Steve Temperino said that the blindfolds, along with reports that the Jeep Grand Cherokee, packed with 10 people, was being jerked from side to side on purpose to scare the pledges, point to the possibility of hazing, outlawed in New Hampshire for a decade.

The Boston Globe (10/26/03)

Plattsburgh State University - NY

Hazing Death: Eleven fraternity brothers have been charged in the death of a pledge who police say was forced to drink pitchers of water through a funnel until he vomited.

The Psi Epsilon Chi members are accused of criminally negligent homicide and hazing for the March 12 death of Plattsburgh State University of New York student Walter Dean Jennings, 18.

Police said the freshman died of water intoxication because of the forced drinking, which fraternity members allegedly called the "water torture." An autopsy determined that the water in Jennings' body caused his brain to swell.

Michael West, 21, will spend three years on probation for hazing. He'll also perform community service and make an educational video. With West avoiding prison time, that means only one of the fraternity brothers involved has actually gone to jail. William Katz is behind bars because he was already on probation for an earlier offense.

Five other members of the fraternity were indicted on criminally negligent homicide and could have faced prison time if they had not agreed to plea bargains. The district attorney said he offered the reduced charges because he thought the students could do a lot of good by making the educational video about hazing.

The Associated Press (5/1/03), The Champlain Channel (11/5/03)

Southern Methodist University

Hazing: Braylon Curry, a 21-year-old finance major, was released from a Dallas hospital in November, more than a week after he was hospitalized after drinking an unknown amount of water at an off-campus Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity competition. Curry was forced to drink large amounts of water, was beaten during the initiation ritual, and went into a coma.

Curry, who was unresponsive hours after the water-drinking contest and was still listed in critical condition two days later, has recovered.

Two students at Southern Methodist University and six other men have been indicted on felony charges of aggravated assault in connection with the hazing.

The defendants face 2 to 20 years in prison if convicted. The university has indefinitely suspended the fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha.

The Associated Press (11/26/03, 1/19/04)

Ball State University - IN

Death: Officer Robert Duplain, 24, shot Michael McKinney, 21, Nov. 8 after responding to a report that a stranger was pounding on the door of a Muncie home, according to authorities. A woman who lives near campus called police to say someone was trying to get in the back door of her home.

Friends surmise McKinney, heading home after spending time at a bar, was trying to get into the wrong house. Investigators say Duplain fired after McKinney lunged at him. Duplain and a witness who lives at a neighboring house said McKinney lunged at the officer and did not follow commands to stop before the shots were fired.

Authorities said McKinney's blood-alcohol level was .343 percent.

A grand jury did not find probable cause to believe that any officer committed a crime in the shooting death of Michael McKinney. Officer Duplain

should not face criminal charges in the case, the grand jury ruled.

Tim McKinney, father of the slain Ball State University student said that his family would campaign for the disarming of university police officers.

The Star Press (1/7/04), Indy Star (11/20/03), The Associated Press (12/29/03)

University of Central Florida

Hazing: Sigma Alpha Epsilon is under investigation for possible hazing following a head-on collision between two pickups early Thursday morning, October 16th. Fraternity pledges who were in the back of one truck ran from the accident with their hands bound with tape, witnesses said.

According to UCF Police, the collision involved two trucks, a Ford F-150 that was carrying members of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, and a Toyota pickup carrying the same fraternity's pledges.

"I spoke with the driver of the Ford pickup, and he said that he swerved into the oncoming traffic just to play a trick on his pledge brothers", UCF Police Officer George Penvose wrote in his report of the accident.

"First and foremost, the members that were involved in the accident are all OK," Richard Frucci, the fraternity's UCF chapter president, wrote Friday in an e-mail. He said Dustin Brown sustained the most serious injury while riding in the back of the Toyota with three other pledges. His nose reportedly was almost severed in the accident.

One witness told police she saw one of the men in the truck's bed with his hands either taped or tied together. She said the men involved in the accident pulled off their shirts, saying that police would not know they were SAE members if they took off their shirts.

Another witness told police he saw a man limping away from the accident with his hands duct-taped in front of him. The man asked the witness if he had a way to cut the tape from his hands. The witness said there was a strong smell of alcohol coming from the man.

All the witnesses described the collision as "a hazing incident that happened to go wrong," according to the police report. After making their statements to officers, those witnesses led police to a dumpster where they found a piece of duct tape with human hair on it.

Central Florida Future (10/20/03)

University of Florida

Drugs: A University of Florida student was arrested early Tuesday October 28th for growing hallucinogenic mushrooms in his dormitory room. A resident of the dorm called police at 2:16 a.m. because his roommate was sick, police said.

The sick student, a junior in business administration, told police he had eaten mushrooms and used marijuana and nitrous oxide. Before bringing him to the hospital, authorities got the name of the student who gave him the mushrooms. Police went to that room and saw alcohol and numerous nitrous oxide cartridges in view. "The equipment required for mushroom cultivation basically took up half the room," according to police.

Dominic Leotti, 19, was charged with possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia for growing the mushrooms. His roommate, Jacob Robert Lorenz, 20, was charged with possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia.

Florida Alligator (10/29/03)

University of Florida

Death: A University of Florida student, Aaron Hadyn Arnett, 21, died in the early hours of Friday morning, December 29th, after slipping off the roof of his Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity House. Arnett was attempting to access the window to his room via a second story balcony when he slipped and fell two stories. Gainesville Police Department Spokesman Keith Kameg says alcohol was a factor.

WRUF (12/19/03)

U.S. Air Force Academy

Rape: Almost a quarter of the female cadets who graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy this year were sexually assaulted at the academy, and nearly 12 percent were victims of attempted rape, according to preliminary results of a survey conducted by the Department of Defense. Their answers indicate that far more incidents of sexual assault or harassment occur at the institution than have been reported to authorities. The numbers are staggering. Over the past 10 years there have been 142 formal allegations of sexual assault at the AFA. Three of the victims were men. As high as this figure may seem, it reflects only a fraction of the truth. The Defense Department survey revealed that 80%

of all sexual assaults at the AFA go unreported, meaning that the true 10-year casualty list could be as high as 700. Among graduating seniors, 24 percent said they had been sexually assaulted. The top reasons given by cadets for not reporting the incidents were fear of ostracism by peers and fear of being punished for other misconduct if they came forward. Indeed, the few who did report were treated with denial and resistance. The AFA scandal—which was made public in February 2003—is still being investigated. In September, the government appointed an investigative panel (the Fowler Panel), which issued a blistering report to Donald Rumsfeld and to the Senate and the House Armed Services Committees. The Panel concluded that a serious failure of leadership "helped create an environment in which sexual assault became a part of life at the Academy."

MSNBC (9/2/03), Vanity Fair (12/2003)

Harvard University

Rape: Harvard University sent an email to its undergraduate student body after two Harvard students were treated for rape-drug poisoning, reported the Boston Herald. In a related story published by The Harvard Crimson, a student's friends called Harvard Police on the night of the drugging after she returned from a party acting severely intoxicated. The EMTs who saw the student dismissed her behavior as the product of partying and gave her a medical waiver.

The following afternoon, her friends took her to University Health Services, where yet again her symptoms were misdiagnosed as by-products of excessive drinking. A toxicology test eventually detected the presence of Rohypnol—a date rape drug—in the student's system.

The Heights (11/04/03)

University of WI – Osh Kosh

Death: Toxicology reports confirmed that a University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh student, Jason Hert, 24, found dead in his bedroom at the Delta Chi Fraternity on September 11, died as a result of a drug/alcohol overdose.

The Northwestern (10/3/03)

Rollins College Death: Jennifer Kairis died March 31, 1998, in a Rollins College dormitory, her body marked with bruises. Now three pathologists say publicly for the first time that they think someone killed the 19-year-old sophomore, despite a nearly 5-year-old ruling of accidental death by Orange-Osceola Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Shashi Gore. Records show that Orange-Osceola State Attorney Lawson Lamar's chief homicide prosecutor at the time and three veteran Orange County investigators reviewed the case and agreed with Gore's staff that someone killed Kairis.

Questions have been raised about the Winter Park Police Department's death investigation and Gore's intervention in the case.

"It was a homicide," said Dr. Merle Reyes, who conducted Kairis' autopsy. "I never changed my mind."

Records show that Winter Park police conducted what amounted to a part-time investigation that took months to do what many agencies accomplish within days of a suspicious death.

And there were unexplained oversights. For example, police never tested hairs found in the dead student's mouth and on her body to see whether they belonged to someone else. Instead they kept the hairs in glass vials at headquarters until they were disposed of as trash, according to records and interviews.

All of the injuries were consistent with a struggle in which someone pinned the kicking victim on her belly and tried to pull apart her legs to have sex, Reyes said. The attacker likely thrust his right forearm around her neck, choking her, she added.

"I am still convinced that there is blunt force trauma reflecting a homicide—probably during sexual encounter—and death resulted from that neck compression," said Anderson, who is a board-certified forensic pathologist who has conducted 6,000 autopsies, including hundreds of homicide cases.

According to the then Sergeant of the Winter Park Police, Art King, the teenager's lifestyle—including a reported suicide attempt, heavy drinking and use of cocaine, Ecstasy and other illegal drugs—presented a much more likely scenario for her death. Autopsy tests detected traces of amphetamine and methamphetamine, both illegal street drugs. Prescription drugs in her blood included high levels of Inderal, a heart medication, and two anti-depressants, records show.

"I had always wondered if what had really happened would come out, but we had come to the acceptance that we may never know—unless someone comes forward some year in the future," John Kairis, the victim's father, said. "I guess that year is now."

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In Memory Jeanne Clery - 1966-1986

April 5, 2004 marks 18 years since our beloved Jeanne was so brutally raped and strangled to death by a fellow Lehigh University student, who initially intended to rob her dormitory room as she slept. The criminal trial determined her assailant to be an alcohol and drug addict with a history of sexual deviance. Our hearts still scream in pain; she was the joy of our lives...our gift from God.

We never would have survived this eternal nightmare without the love and support of our

family and friends, and our faith in God. You all have helped us in making our nation's campuses safer. Only if students are aware of the campus crimes will they take appropriate precautions to protect themselves. Give them timely crime information that they need. Thousands of lives will be saved over the years...maybe someone you know or love. Thank you for caring and helping to save lives on our college campuses.

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