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Speaking of
Student Affairs

Health services establishes student advisory group to maintain quality care

In an effort to provide Holy Cross students with convenient, quality care and the most up to date information from health services, a student advisory group has been established. According to Janice Allen, director of health services, the primary goals of this group are to increase student awareness of the services available on-campus and within the Worcester community and to better identify and meet the needs of students. “We are always interested in student input and want to provide both positive and negative feedback. Students may feel more comfortable providing feedback to a member of the group rather than to a staff member.”

During the first meeting, advisory group members were updated on the services available through health services. Most were not aware of the health services web page that includes a newsletter, health and referral information, and links to quality health related sites. Members of the student advisory group include: Imran Ali ’02, Meaghan Doyle ’02, Francisco Carlos ’03, Erica Tibeatts ’04, Noah McPike ’05 and Matthew Flanagan ’05.

Currently, input from students is obtained primarily through satisfaction surveys that are e-mailed to a sampling of students that have visited Health Services. The survey is also available on the Health Services web site for students who wish to comment on care they have received. Survey results have consistently shown that the majority of students are pleased with the quality of care received at Health Services. The most frequent complaint received from students is the lack of an antibiotic prescription for upper respiratory infections. As the majority of upper respiratory infections are viral in nature, antibiotics are not indicated. The inappropriate prescription of antibiotics, estimated by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) to be 50 million per year, contributes to the growing problem of antibiotic resistance. Students with viral upper respiratory infections are offered “cold care kits” containing over the counter medications, thermometers and instructions for self care and follow-up.

Health Services is located in Loyola Hall and maintains staffing by registered nurses seven days a week during the academic year. Physician and nurse practitioner appointments are available Monday through Friday, with a physician available on call after hours for consultation.

HC alumnae host symposium on effects of rape and sexual assault on the Hill

BY TASHA BUZELL AND LAUREN SCHINAR
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Monday, April 8
Public Safety: Ring turned in by library employee. Fieldhouse: Two non-students asked to leave.

Sunday, April 7
Linden Lane: Non-students on bikes and skateboards twice escorted off campus.

Saturday, April 6
Mulderry: Active fire alarm on first floor west. Vandalism found on detector outside room 158.

Kimball Quad: All trash cans tipped over.

Lehy: South side door has spider web crack in the window.

Friday, April 5
Hart: Building supervisor reports faculty member’s money has been taken.

Lehy: Student reports disruption on first floor hallway, students yelling and breaking things.

Alumni: Noise complaint for fourth floor.

Thursday, April 4
Hogan: Student worker cut himself while working at Crossroads; brought to UMass Memorial Hospital.

Wednesday, April 3
Hogan Lot 1: Infiniti with Connecticut plates towed to Boulevard Towing.

Tuesday, April 2
Clark: Student reports vehicle damaged while parked outside of Clark Dorm.

Thursday, March 28
Physical Plant: Officer notices window of staff vehicle smashed and radio gone.

Football Stadium: Anonymous caller reports people on football field.

Wednesday, March 27
Hogan Lot 1: Student requests jump start.

Hogan: Student reports missing microphone from radio station.

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