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January Crime and Incident Report

Trends and Analysis

While new factors and trends would be interesting in a monthly report, we are faced with a continuation of the same types of problems we have had. There has been much progress overall but we still have 1. High rates of bike theft. 2. Many trespassers and illicit uses of the campuses (skateboarders, rollerbladers, bikers, loiterers) 3. Significant negative impact of alcohol use by students. (Highlighted in this report by the inclusion of a reported rape involving alcohol use)

Many people are now using U-locks for bike security, but bikes which are unlocked or locked by front wheel only are still being stolen. If an easy acquisition opportunity exists, a thief will find it sooner or later.

Since the campuses are essentially "open", with city streets running through and no "NO TRESPASSING" signs, etc., we can expect, and in fact we encourage, responsible members of the community to share in the beauty of the campus.

Regrettably, not all persons who come to the campuses are responsible or benign. In the effort to protect ourselves and our property — personal and community — we need continued vigilance to determine which activities that we observe are "suspicious" and should be reported to Security.

From a Security perspective, there is nothing good to be said about alcohol use and, especially, abuse. (Except, it's job security, a guarantee that a large Security force will continue to be needed.) It's not getting any better.

For Your Information

As we mentioned in a previous newsletter, the Dept. of Campus Security will have a name change effective in July of this year. The new name will be: **The Department of Campus Safety**. The complete Dept. name will be: The Department of Campus Safety for The Claremont Colleges/Claremont University Center. As mentioned, Director Lena Robinson said, "The word 'Security' no longer describes the role and responsibilities of the department. Over the years, the transition of Campus Security from *night watchmen/security guards* to professional purveyors of services, both service and law enforcement related, has been constant and continuing. This process has sought not only to improve image and perception but also to increase the level and quality of service provided to the college community."

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Selective Incident Summary, Jan. 1 – Jan. 31, 1999

- Security officers stopped an “older” Hispanic male with a bag of aluminum cans, possibly taking them from recycling bins. The subject had been encountered many times, using different names. He was interviewed by CPD and Security and advised to leave.
- CPD did a missing persons report on a student reported missing by family during the “break” when the student failed to come home from the computer lab on campus. Two days later, the report was cancelled when the subject was found in the lab and returned to family.
- A staff female received an offensive, obscene message on her voice mail.
- A Security officer spotted 3 Hispanic males casing vehicles as they walked through campus during the “break”. They were stopped by Security and interviewed by CPD before exiting the campus. The eldest of the three, age 18, was arrested BY CPD for felony possession of a weapon on campus when he was found to have a 24" bolt cutter and a fixed blade knife with a 5 " blade on his person.
- Staff reported the theft of music equipment valued at \$600 taken from an academic building.
- Security interviewed a subject found by staff sleeping in an administrative building archway at 0545 hrs. He was escorted from campus after explaining that he was waiting for money to be “wired” to him via Western Union so he can buy a bus ticket back to New York.
- A food service worker fell and was knocked unconscious inside of a walk-in freezer. She was found by co-workers who went to find her and she was conscious, but shaking, when transported to the hospital for a check-up.
- A male campus visitor was checked by paramedics and transported to the hospital when reported by staff to have a breathing problem.
- Security officers stopped four local male subjects who exited a vehicle near a gym with basketballs at 0245 hrs. They were asked to leave & complied.
- Custodians reported a black male fleeing from a dorm area carrying something after casing bike racks. Security stopped the subject who was carrying a 6" power tool hacksaw blade, a length of wire and a wire cutter in his own backpack. He was interviewed by CPD and released.
- \$150 of damage was done to pole vault mats by someone who cut out pieces of cover and foam and appears to have attempted to ignite it.
- Non-students reported to be painting pictures on an expression wall were advised to leave.
- A resident reported two white males walking through a student apartment building asking for drugs or “weed”. The resident asked them to leave and they did. They fled eastbound on Foothill in a powder blue Thunderbird when they saw an approaching Security officer.
- Two white males selling magazines at a student apartment cursed at a resident who declined to buy. He slammed the door and they fled.
- A tool box and tools valued at \$230 belonging to a craftsman were stolen from a Physical Plant truck parked in a campus lot.
- A staff person’s vehicle suffered significant vandalism and offensive graffiti while parked in a campus lot.
- The same vehicle had a garage door opener stolen from it while parked, unlocked in a separate incident.
- A helicopter flying exceedingly low over the colleges with a camera, or something, showing from the door was reported by local airport authorities to be on a photo mission on the colleges, but that could not be verified by campus authorities.
- A male juvenile shoplifter was arrested after being stopped by bookstore staff with a stolen calculator.
- [Students returned from break at this approximate successive point in the incident log.]
- CPD and Security investigating a stolen bike report found that a student from one of the other campuses had taken the bike from an unlocked residence in the hope of pressuring the owner to settle some other issue. The deans were involved in the resolution and the suspect shipped the bike to its owner’s destination.

- A 5' tall gumball machine, valued at \$2,000 was stolen from a dorm lounge. It was later found by staff in a different dorm TV room with theft and damage losses estimated at \$460.00. A crime report was filed with CPD.
- A laptop computer was stolen from a locked dorm room near the beginning of the "break". There was prying damage on the window screen.
- Graffiti vandalism was applied to a building sign which was coated with a repellent surface and it wiped right off. No crime report.
- A male subject, locked in the Library, was released by Security.
- Two magazine solicitors in residence halls were interviewed by Security and escorted off campus.
- Two O/C females (off-campus) found by residence hall staff knocking on doors were escorted off campus. They said they were trying to encourage voter registration.
- A student's computer and power cables were stolen from his room over the "break". The room was secured but the window was found ajar upon his return.
- A student reported that someone threw a rock through his dorm window. A glass contractor was called to handle the required service.
- At 2319 hrs. someone reported that two huge wolves were seen on campus headed toward the baseball field.
- A student reported the theft of stereo, T.V. and other equipment taken from his locked room over the "break". He said both locks were locked when he left but he found the top lock unlocked upon his return.
- A cooking pizza activated a fire alarm in a dorm.
- At 0012 hrs. two females were stopped by two males in a van with a partition between the passenger and cargo areas. The males wanted directions to a campus location but the females became frightened and ran off. Security UTL.
- Staff reported a golf cart in the lobby of a dorm. Security and CPD were unable to identify the owner and had it towed away pending a report of theft. Later, a student reported his cart missing before he had a chance to register it.
- A female student walking to her residence at 2320 hrs. reported being watched from behind a tree by a black male with a goatee, wearing sweats. Security UTL.
- Security officers interviewed a black male subject in his 40's who had been spotted sleeping on a couch in a dorm lounge. He said he was just walking through campus.
- A staff person reported a white male wearing a sport coat looking into vehicles. Security UTL.
- A Security officer spotted 15 students carrying a male subject down the street and toward a fountain. They released the subject at the direction of the officer but the subject then entered the fountain voluntarily.
- A student heard a vehicle collision and saw a white, older model sedan drive away. Responding Security and CPD officers found a parked vehicle with minor damage and notified the owner. CPD did a hit-and-run report.
- Security was called, by staff, to a dining hall snack area at 2253 hrs. when students drinking alcohol in the area refused to leave or dispose of the alcohol and became argumentative and belligerent. They were gone when Security arrived.
- A student who jumped a fence to gain entry to a party was escorted out.
- A male student lacerated his own wrists and arms ritualistically and entered a party. The uncooperative subject declined medical attention and the dean was notified.
- An older male subject who didn't remember things found refuge near a dining hall for a couple of hours until someone reported him standing there. CPD already had a missing persons report from the family and escorted him home.
- At 2327 hrs. a Security officer found a male subject who appeared to be sleeping while leaning against a vehicle. When identified, the intoxicated subject was escorted to his residence by an RA and Security.
- When a Security officer left a social room he heard a male say "now we can really start trouble" and the fire alarm activated shortly thereafter. Officers found an extinguisher discharged into a room. RA's confiscated a keg and took the extinguisher for recharge service and the on-call dean was notified.

- A patrol bike parked next to a Security officer who was standing in a parking lot watching something else was accidentally struck by a vehicle driven backwards across the lot by a student. The fork and rear wheel were damaged. CPD took an accident report.
- Students and off-campus persons reported fighting at student apartments involving up to 200 persons. Security, RA's and eventually, the on-call dean and CPD responded. A series of fights and verbal confrontations ensued with as many as forty students fighting — seemingly along campus athletic division lines. CPD officers seemed reluctant to intervene until it was confirmed that someone wanted to “press charges”. Most of the students involved dispersed, refusing to show campus ID. Alcohol was involved in the incident which lasted over 45 minutes and no arrests were made.
- A vehicle belonging to a student's visitor was “keyed” while parked in a student lot overnight. A vandalism report was taken.
- At 2013 hrs. Security officers observed many students going in and out of residence halls, imbibing beer, then going into the basketball game. Officers also noticed 2 SUV vehicles parked in a lot nearby with about 20 students gathered around a keg and another “tailgate party” beginning in another location on the other side of the athletic facility where more students were distributing beer from a vehicle. Security began identifying the subjects involved and called RA's and the on-call dean. CPD responded and interviewed several people as well. The beer distribution was closed down.
- Security responded to the athletic event to handle a very intoxicated off-campus subject who was upset because someone called his mother some names. He was escorted outside by Security and CPD was called when he gathered a group and tried to initiate a confrontation. The crowd was dispersed and CPD arrested the subject, an alumnus of one of the colleges participating in the athletic event, for disorderly conduct.
- Security found two off-campus subjects painting an expression wall. They said a student had given them permission. They were advised that only Claremont Colleges students were entitled to write on it.
- Students in an apartment facility complained about a continuous banging noise coming from one of the apartments. Security checked with the residents of several apts. but were told in each case that the noise came from another apt. The source was never discovered. But it stopped.
- Staff reported the theft of tools from locked compartments of a work truck. It appeared as if someone had access to keys and the thief was very selective about which tools were taken.
- At 0434 Security found a student carrying a dorm phone without the cord. He said he found it in a nearby athletic field and was taking it back to the dorm.
- A staff female reported receiving an obscene message on her voice mail. She believes it may have been a random call.
- A Security officer also received an obscene message on voice mail.
- At 0214 hrs. a student reported that a Hispanic male just threw a bottle through his apt. window. Security responded to the area and saw the subject attempting to flee in a grey Dodge vehicle with four other subjects. He got the license plate and called CPD who stopped the vehicle on a nearby city street and arrested the bottle thrower for vandalism. There was no explanation given for the vandalism.
- A Security officer spotted two white males with three unleashed dogs on campus and called CPD to enforce the leash law. By the time CPD responded the male with a white dog had left the area. The other, with two Dobermans which had been unleashed, was identified and cited by CPD.
- At 0138 hrs. CPD advised Security of two subjects with a utility cart at the Chevron station. Security identified a male and female student, who had been drinking, who said the cart belonged to their college. The dean was advised; the cart was returned to the college and the students had an appointment with the dean in lieu of an arrest for grand theft-cart and driving under the influence.
- At 2252 hrs. Security was called to a dining hall where students were refusing to show I.D. and were causing problems for staff. Security interviewed the students who said they could not understand the staff person because of a

strong accent. They then presented their ID's for their snacks.

- At 0017 hrs. a Physical Plant worker reported an elderly male who appeared to be trying to open a truck. He left when approached by the staff person. Security UTL but the description fits that of a frequent trespasser.
- At 0115 hrs. the person suspected of trying to get into a truck was reported by a student further down the street as he was rummaging through recycle bins and looking into patios. Security caught the male as he fled, identified him and called CPD. The subject had wire cutters, and a hacksaw on his person but he was only arrested for a "drunk in public" charge. The wire cutters were later identified as being stolen from a Physical Plant truck about which a crime report had been written and CPD was notified of that.
- Staff reported the theft of several items of leather office supplies valued at \$400 from a locked office over a weekend. There was no sign of forced entry.
- A student reported receiving an obscene call from a male who gave his name as "Mike". He told her he called randomly.
- Two students reported hearing a whistle from a dorm. Security UTL anyone needing assistance.
- A Security officer found an Aramark mug and a cell phone on top of a parked vehicle. The student was notified and retrieved the items.
- CPD was called for a traffic collision on campus when one vehicle ran into another which had backed out of a parking slot on a dark and rainy night. (speed and hydroplaning were factors.)
- A student reported someone blowing a whistle at 0316 hrs. Security UTL.
- Staff reported that 60 or more students were camping out in a lounge in order to buy tickets to a performance the following morning. (Dave Mathews Band)
- Security officers found two subjects in a parked vehicle in a lot at 2217 hrs. and advised them to leave. When they were discovered still there 10 minutes later, they explained that they had been putting their clothes back on before leaving.
- A student reported a male subject who had been banned from campus attending a Grateful

Dead event. Security interviewed the subject and contacted the dean's office and affirmed the ban status on the individual and escorted him off campus.

- A washing machine in a dorm laundry room began smoking and activated the fire alarm. The machines were turned off and the system reset. Maintenance was advised.
- Security officers requested back-up for a potential confrontation at an open social event at 2342 hrs. The party was shut down and the contentious subjects were moved to a nearby parking lot and thence off-campus.
- After Security observed 15 -20 students running from a dining hall at 0032 hrs. they consulted with dining hall staff and secured the doors on the other end of the building.
- At 0114 students reported loud noise from subjects in a tent who were also running around, nude. Security found 2 males in 2 tents outside of a dorm who were running around in their shorts. They were advised to desist.
- A student reported the theft of his Ibanez electric guitar and black case from outside of his dorm room.
- A 24 speed bike valued at \$850 was stolen from a dorm rack. The front wheel and U-lock remained locked to the rack.
- Security provided location assistance to CPD who took a courtesy report for the PD in another city involving a student.
- Students reported a vehicle driving on the campus interior. Security found tire marks but were UTL the vehicle.
- A student reported the theft of the front wheel of her bike which had been locked to a dorm rack.
- Students reported an older male subject handing out flyers near a dorm. Security UTL.
- CPD issued a "first response" notice to the organizer of a social event in which the loud music was not controlled over a period of time.
- Two intoxicated students were found vandalizing a dorm men's room. They were identified and the dean was notified.
- At 0255 a student reported that a male student fell out of a tree and may be unconscious. Security had LACFD paramedics respond and they spoke to the conscious but intoxicated subject, diagnosed a broken foot and transported the subject to a medical facility.

After being discharged from the facility the subject was later discovered to have a brain concussion and was hospitalized.

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A Security officer on routine patrol found three females in a phone booth in an admin. building lobby. They explained that they were in a wedding party and were changing clothing.

- A Security officer discovered a staff person watching a rugby game, drinking beer. He was advised of campus policy and disposed of the beer.
- A dean's report was written about a student's vehicle which overheated at Mt. Baldy and had to be towed to a garage. The victim investigated and believes that another student maliciously drained the fluid from his radiator in the parking lot. A crime report may be filed if the vehicle was damaged.
- Dining hall staff reported students jumping over the wall into the dining hall. One cursed at the staff person. Security was unable to identify the cursing jumpers.
- A female reported receiving 3 annoying phone calls over the semester from 3 males singing an unknown song. She was able to identify the number from which the calls originated. Security called the number and left a message asking that the unwanted activity stop.
- A female student reported being raped by an acquaintance somewhere on campus. Alcohol was involved. CPD took a report.
- An unlocked bike was stolen from a dorm courtyard.
- Approximately 75 or more persons in 25 instances, were seen and/or stopped on campus for skateboarding, rollerblading or other illicit wandering around campus during this reporting period.

January 1999 Statistics

Annoying Call	2
Assault	0
ADW (assault w/deadly weapon)	0
Disturbance	0
Hate Incident	0
Indecent Exposure	0
Prowling	0
Rape	1
Robbery	0
Sexual Assault	0
<i>Other</i>	0
Arson	0
Burglary	0
Theft (From Auto)	2
Theft (Bike)	1
Theft (Building)	5
Theft (Other)	5
Grand Theft Auto	0
Trespass	0
Vandalism	4
<i>Other</i>	4

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