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February and March Crime and Incident Report

Trends and Analysis

Not all crimes can sensibly be analyzed for any useful (general information) purpose. Rapes, robberies, domestic violence and other very serious crimes usually occur so infrequently on our campuses that no pattern can be detected. Other incidents, however, show many traits which can be correlated and sifted to the degree that a high predictability of type and projection of numbers can be done. For the purposes of this community, however, these incidents are probably not even perceived as “crimes”, although they may well be such. The obvious broad incident category is that of “alcohol related offenses”. These could be crimes of: illegal consumption, providing alcohol to a minor, public intoxication, vandalism, sexual battery, disturbing the peace, disorderly conduct, joyriding, tampering with fire equipment, indecent exposure, public urination, arson, assault, etc. Then, of course, we also have numerous “medical” calls provoked by alcohol

abuse. All of those things occur here regularly, although most do not result in a “crime” report. We have a lot of work to do. Call it what you will — this is what’s happening:

Selective Incident Summary, Feb. 1 – March 31, 2000

- A 32" dorm lounge TV was stolen sometime between midnight and 1000 hrs. on the last Thursday of January.
- Someone stole a student’s purse from her unlocked dorm room and used her credit cards at gas stations and other merchants in Claremont, Montclair and Upland before she knew the purse was missing. Someone (else?) found the purse and mailed it with most of the contents (minus credit cards, cash, sunglasses, gift certificates and a flashlight) to her parents.
- A student reported persons attempting to sell speakers to him out of a Chrysler minivan.
- A student reported that a basketball (possibly) had been thrown through a dorm room window.
- An irate, intoxicated, quarrelsome student berated a Campus Safety dispatcher and watch commander over a fire lane parking citation received , leading, ultimately, to involvement of the on-call dean at 0330 hrs.
- A staff person reported the theft of gift-wrapped personal property from an unlocked office file cabinet during a work project in the building. CPD wrote a report and is investigating with some solid leads.
- A male student received a phone inquiry from an impertinent male caller with an insulting, personal question. When the student broke the

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connection the caller called back and threatened to kill him.

- Officers responding to an anonymous caller's complaint about loud music found 10 intoxicated students in a dorm room and, also, a stolen campus sign from another campus on display. The deans were advised.
- Officers responding to a fire alarm at 0019 hrs. found broken smoke detectors and a former student, banned from campus, in a room where one of the broken detectors was found. An intoxicated student befriended the banned subject and interfered with officers. Both subjects then left the campus.
- At 0130 hrs. students reported a group of people outside of a dorm throwing and breaking things. Officers found 6 or 7 intoxicated students, broken bottles and a dented sign. One subject was riding a unicycle which didn't belong to him.
- Campus Safety received 5 noise complaints from 0200 hrs. on, about music from an apartment which has a history of generating similar complaints. Officers found obdurate students refusing to reduce the music level or to take their alcohol inside. They later tried to set a table afire with lighter fluid and fled when spotted. The on-call dean was called and responded to the area to assist.
- A female student received an annoying e-mail message with a sender's name. She contacted the person, who denied having sent the message.
- A student reported a group of juvenile bikers cruising the campus. One of them urinated on the rear door of a performance auditorium. They fled into the "Village" when approached by Safety Officers.
- A student reported bottles being thrown in a dorm courtyard. Officers found broken bottles and questioned students in the area who denied seeing anything.
- An RA reported a female student going into and out of a state of consciousness and vomiting, from having imbibed 7 shots of vodka. She was transported to PVHMC.
- An anonymous caller said an intoxicated male subject was running around on two campuses hitting parked cars and urinating in public. Officers were UTL.
- Officers reported that at least five walkway light standards had been broken. Students averred that other students not invited to a party committed the vandalism.
- A large potted plant container at an academic building was broken/vandalized.
- At 0147 an intoxicated, vomiting male student, reported by an RA, was checked by LACFD and transported to the hospital.
- At 0301 hrs. students reported a group of students near a dorm breaking beer bottles and yelling. The RA handled the situation.
- Two female students reported receiving annoying e-mail.
- Two female students received sexually oriented, annoying e-mail messages. Reports were written.
- Dining hall staff reported the theft of four Handy Talkie radios, a food processor and alcohol from a dining hall.
- Staff reported the theft of a sweater, used as an artistic decoration, from a coffee shop wall.
- Staff reported persons milling about in the shrubbery on a campus border, then a projectile was fired at a light fixture along the street. Safety officers UTL.
- At 0140 hrs. a female student received a disturbing message from an unknown male telling her to look out of her window.
- A Discman, headphones and CD were stolen from a locked dorm room over the Christmas break.
- Numerous checks and money orders were stolen from an administrative office desk.
- A group of 60 students marched through the campuses gaining recruits as they marched. The assemblage of, ultimately, 150, then marched to City Hall for a protest meeting.
- A student reported that her snake crawled away in the dorm, possibly into a maintenance closet. Safety officers checked the closet but were unable to locate the snake.
- Staff reported finding a folded postcard over the lock of a library entrance door, preventing the lock from securing the door. Nothing else was discovered amiss.
- A student reported the theft of a bike locked outside of a dorm and the theft of clothing from an unlocked dorm room.
- A student reported the theft of an unlocked unicycle from a dorm.

- A student reported that someone stole his desk chair by switching a broken desk chair for his good chair in his dorm room.
- Two male students who tried to bring a bottle of whiskey into a party later became verbally abusive to Safety officers who interceded in an altercation between them.
- A Safety officer observed and identified two students who had pulled up plants from a building planter.
- At 0128 hrs. students were reportedly throwing furniture around and making a lot of noise outside of student housing. Safety officers found the thrown furniture and saw the students with bottles of alcohol before they fled inside and locked the door.
- A student reported that a fire extinguisher in a dorm hallway had been discharged. Officers replaced the pin and scheduled the extinguisher for recharging. No suspects.
- Major elements of a dorm lounge sound system were stolen by someone who broke the glass cabinet doors to gain access to the equipment.
- Students found a homeless male wandering on campus. He was checked through Campus Safety and CPD. Students then took him to a shelter off campus.
- Nearby residents complained four times about excessive noise from a student apartment starting at 0012 hrs. Safety officers warned the residents to reduce the noise to no avail. Eventually, CPD officers responded and issued a "first response" warning.
- At 0101 hrs. off campus residents complained about loud music from another area of campus. Safety officers found about 25 students outside of student housing shouting in the street and playing loud music. An RA, the on-call dean and CPD responded. CPD issued a "first response" warning.
- At 0117 hrs., a student reported an unknown male passed out outside of a women's dorm. The subject recovered sufficiently to be escorted back to his dorm on another campus.
- A Safety officer working a party had her badge ripped off of her jacket and stolen.
- A RA reported an unconscious female in the women's bathroom in a dorm. She recovered somewhat and was watched by the RA who also disposed of the alcohol in the dorm room.
- An RA reported the theft of a 32" TV from a dorm lounge. The nearby entry door did not lock properly.
- A student reported the theft of his long skateboard from outside of his room.
- Several female students received mysterious packages with raw bread dough and puzzling Valentine's Day messages.
- Male subjects in a white Dodge Caravan accompanied by another subject in a blue Toyota truck, both with two-way radios, were trying to sell speakers to students in a parking lot.
- A student reported a possible fight in a parking lot. Officers found a pizza delivery man who said he discovered somebody reaching into his vehicle window when he returned from a delivery. He chased the subject and had a verbal confrontation with him and the subject left the campus.
- A student center building search was completed by staff, Campus Safety and the Claremont Police Dept. following a student's report of a male subject possibly carrying two guns in holsters. No guns nor suspicious persons were discovered and officers speculated that the subject may have been a craft worker with hand tools in holsters, from the description.
- Thirty CD's were stolen from a locked dorm room. The thief removed a screen and entered through the window.
- A female student, unconscious from alcohol poisoning, was transported to PVHMC for treatment.
- At 0253 hrs. a dorm fire alarm, resulting from an activated pull station, caused only a partial evacuation of the building. Officers also discovered vandalism to ceiling tiles while checking the building. No fire.
- Someone reported a group of students burning plants in a dorm courtyard. Officers found three plants damaged by fire and four uprooted potted plants. Witnesses identified the suspects and a deans report was written.
- A student reported the theft of an unlocked bike from a bike rack between 1500 – 1700 hrs.
- Safety officers separated male subjects at a party confrontation. One of two O/C subjects visiting one campus threatened to batter a student from another campus.

- An RA reported being battered by an off-campus male subject who approached him outside of a dorm, cursed him and hit him with fists until the assailant was pulled off by another male accompanying the subject. Safety officers stopped the subject who continued to be combative and uncooperative until responding CPD officers restrained and arrested him.
 - A student's stereo faceplate and CD's were taken from his parked vehicle after the rear passenger window was smashed. Safety officers believe that the activated electronic alarm caused the suspect(s) to flee.
 - Numerous complaints from residents about loud music and noise from student apartments caused repeated responses from Campus Safety and from phalanxes of RA's. After 3 hrs. of disturbing the peace the truculent students discontinued the disturbance. A deans report was written.
 - At 0239 hrs., a student reported two males running from a student center with a gun. Safety officers found 9 students playing laser tag and so informed the reporting party.
 - At 0314 hrs. a Safety officer heard the sound of a container breaking and saw a recycling bin broken in half. Approx. 20 students had walked past the area shortly before. Officers also found a traffic control sign uprooted and a trash can vandalized.
 - A student's vehicle was broken into via the passenger side rear window and the ignition showed signs of tampering. CPD wrote an "attempted grand theft auto" report.
 - A chemistry stock room was broken into and the message "Death among the chemicals" was inscribed in the dust on a shelf and someone tampered with the locked desk drawer.
 - A student's wallet was stolen from his jacket on the floor while he played basketball in a gym.
 - A group of approximately 150 gathered on campus and marched to City Hall for a protest.
 - Three student art studios were vandalized by sprayed/sloshed water and beer. Numerous works of art and art supplies were affected. The CPD took a crime report and is investigating.
 - A Safety officer discovered that an emergency phone face plate had been removed and damaged.
 - A student's vehicle was damaged when someone tried to pry off a wheel rim.
 - At 0234 hrs. an RA reported fireworks being ignited near a student center. Officers UTL
 - Someone over painted campus entrance identification signs with blue spray painted misogynous terms and comments. A crime report was written.
 - Safety officers discovered a blue light fixture designating an emergency phone location, ripped off of a light standard.
 - At 0208 hrs. a student reported that someone threw a bottle through a dorm hallway window.
 - An RA reported an unconscious, intoxicated male student in a student apartment at 0257 hrs. He was transported to the hospital via ambulance.
 - A student loading his parked vehicle stepped away for a few minutes and returned to find his stereo and CD's stolen.
 - Students reported a male and female in their 30's at a dorm, inquiring where they could buy "weed". Both were located and interviewed by Safety and CPD officers before leaving campus.
 - A Safety officer observed some students who wrapped a dorm hand rail with fabric soaked with a flammable liquid then ignited it when a song entitled "Burn Baby Burn" was played. The fire was extinguished and the dean was notified.
 - At 0250 hrs. a Safety officer saw a vehicle parked on a city street, impeding traffic, with 6 – 8 people dancing next to it in the street, trying to stop traffic. They left just before CPD arrived.
 - Staff reported a dining hall rest room door kicked in, damaging the frame and lock.
 - A female student reported receiving a score of "heavy breathing", and otherwise annoying phone calls which traced back to a student in the same dorm. The dean was informed of the situation.
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- [end of February entries]
- A student reported the theft of her purse from a dorm reading room "in a matter of seconds".
 - A mountain bike cable-locked to a dorm rack was stolen.
 - A \$1400 bike locked with a cable lock was stolen from an academic building rack between 1315 hrs. and 1600 hrs. on a Thursday.
 - A "Take Back the Night" march with about 150 marchers traversed the campuses uneventfully,

except for a group of approximately 12 who yelled obscenities from a dorm.

- At 0224 hrs. a student reported an unconscious female lying in a dorm stairwell. Officers found an intoxicated female who recovered somewhat and was put in the care of an RA.
- Custodians cleaned up graffiti in a dorm restroom and found more applied 90 minutes later. The messages were cryptic and irreverent but neither threatening nor territory-marking in style.
- A student reported the theft of a laptop computer from an unlocked student apartment. CPD is investigating and has suspect information.
- CPD reported that an intoxicated student with injuries showed up at the hospital reporting that his vehicle collided with a pole. Safety officers found the vehicle in a campus lot with damage.
- The candy vending machine glass in a dorm was broken and the candy was stolen.
- Staff reported that someone kicked in the main door of a dining hall, splintering it.
- A tan pit bull dog previously reported loose on campus at least 5 times was finally apprehended by Safety officers and turned over to the Humane Society.
- A printer was stolen from an academic building office.
- A student who overdosed on alcohol and pills was transported to care facilities for treatment.
- Two vehicles in different locations in the same parking lot were vandalized but in different time frames. Both suffered minor damage, not necessarily caused by another vehicle — possibly by a kick.
- The owner of a vehicle reported damage to the rear bumper, possibly in a hit-and-run accident. CPD took a report.
- Safety officers interviewed 2 high school age males who were posting fliers on campus buildings. They were uncooperative, insulting and refused, initially, to leave, but ultimately left after CPD officers arrived to assist.
- Dean's staff, assisted by Safety officers, removed martial arts swords and other martial arts devices, as well as a pellet pistol, from a student's dorm room. The student was advised to take the items home or off-campus.
- At 0129 hrs. Safety officers reported vandalism to freshly poured cement near two dorms. A variety of names, initials, and comments in two languages were inscribed.
- Campus Safety officers responded to a dorm for a report of a seriously inebriated student but were UTL. Two minutes later the subject was reported at a different dorm where he flipped off of a 2nd floor balcony into the bushes. Apparently, the original reporting person was also intoxicated and confused about the location. The subject who went off of the balcony had allegedly consumed 23 shots of gin and several beers. He was transported to a hospital for treatment.
- A student's cable-locked bike was stolen from a dorm rack.
- During a night of very strong winds a large tree limb broke off and smashed into a dorm room window knocking the window frame, blinds, glass and other debris onto the student in bed under the window. The broken off limb lodged on the window ledge above the student who was frightened but not injured.
- Numerous other fallen branches were reported and one large oak tree was blown down onto a sidewalk, all on the same night.
- A female student reported being peered at from under the dorm shower door by a (probable) short male who covered his head with a shirt and fled when she tried to confront him.
- Two hundred dollars in currency was stolen from a professor's desk top, where it had been concealed, in an unlocked office.
- A bike locked with a chain to a dorm rack was stolen.
- A female student reported being hit on the head by an unknown male subject with a bat. She made a police report the following day.
- An RA reported an intoxicated, semi-conscious male visitor. Officers did a field assessment and notified paramedics who had the subject transported to the hospital for treatment of a rum overdose.
- A female student reported the theft of her backpack from a gym. Later it, (and contents) was found in the men's bathroom by a custodian.
- Campus staff persons reported that subjects in a green Ford 4 X 4 truck dumped paint thinner

and household garbage in the corner of a parking lot. They left before they could be identified.

- A student's unlocked bike was stolen from an administrative building hallway.
- A student's unlocked bike was taken from an academic building exterior bike rack.
- A male student received several obscene, threatening phone calls and recorded the last one on his voice mail, including the on-campus number from which it originated. Campus Safety Dispatch identified the tenants of the room assigned to the phone, on another campus, and provided information to the dean.
- At 0032 hrs. loud noise complaints led officers to a student apt. with 20 - 30 students on a balcony with a full keg. RA's dealt with the problem over the next hour and a half before student yelling and screaming subsided.
- At 0046 hrs. a student reported the theft of a laptop computer from a locked dorm room. The room door had signs of forced entry and the responding officer found the dorm exterior door ajar.
- There were several reports of electric utility carts being stolen and recovered over a weekend.
- A Safety officer reported a fight between male subjects at a party. Responding officers assisted RA's in temporarily closing down alcohol serving until order was restored. The battery victim did not wish to make a crime report.
- Two outdoor fountains were infused with soap.
- At 0052 hrs. Officers found an intoxicated male guest of a student with a 3 inch gash on his wrist and called paramedics. The subject said he was verbally assaulted by a group of students behind a window and he put his fist through it. A student reported a broken dorm window in the area a short time later.
- A Safety officer saw a male student pull a fire alarm and later identified the subject. A report was written.
- A fight between two male students was broken up by Safety officers who identified one of the combatants but the other fled. No injuries.
- A Safety officer saw a male subject kick a hole in a door leading to a bathroom area near a party, then flee.
- An RA reported a group of off-campus subjects in a campus fountain who refused to leave. One uncooperative subject challenged the RA to call Campus Safety because "nothing would be done". The subjects left before Safety officers arrived, but the "challenger", a campus employee, was identified.
- A student reported the theft of his bicycle rear wheel from his locked bike.
- Officers found a discharged fire extinguisher outside of a dorm.
- At 0340 hrs. a surveillance operator observed two subjects in suspicious activity near a parked vehicle. Responding officers found the vehicle "keyed". A report was written and a description will be given to police.
- A student found an abandoned electric cart and returned it to a dining hall. However, the accelerator pedal stuck enroute, causing a loss of control and the "taking out" of a crepe myrtle.
- A student reported large spray painted graffiti on a campus street saying "slow down hoe". Maintenance was advised.
- A cable-locked bike was stolen from a dorm rack.
- A student reported his vehicle window shattered but not knocked out, while parked in a lot on campus.
- A student reported the theft of a skateboard from his room, and described three possible suspects whom he had seen in his room. A week later a Safety officer discovered an off-campus person attending an outdoor event who fit the description of one of the suspects and who was in possession of a similar skateboard. Identifying information was given to CPD for follow-up investigation.
- A Dept. of Campus Safety camera surveillance officer observed 2 individuals vandalizing a car with a light colored substance. Responding officers found 2 off-campus females applying french fries, syrup, cereal, flour, eggs, etc. to the vehicle owned by a male student. They said it was in retaliation for his mistreatment of a former girlfriend. The vehicle owner and CPD were notified and the women agreed to wash the victim's car in lieu of having charges filed against them.
- An unlocked ten-speed bike was stolen from outside of an administration building.

- A surveillance officer reported a subject who fell to the ground in a parking lot while in a large group. Officers found an intoxicated subject who also vomited. He was taken to a friend's room.
- Staff reported students on the roof of an administration building. Officers found a group of 100 students protesting in support of food service workers. Three of the group got on the roof to hang a related banner. They came down and were identified.
- A student reported the theft of a bike locked to a handrail. Several days later it was discovered that it had been removed by maintenance workers because it was blocking access.
- At 0025 a dorm fire alarm system activated. Responding officers found that a fire in a trash can, started by a discarded cigarette, had been extinguished by students with water.

sometimes do not close, latch and lock automatically, for a variety of reasons. Please ensure that the door to the secure building or office you just exited, has latched and locked behind you. Pull it or push it to make sure. Remember, the thieves look pretty much like everybody else. There is no time when thefts do NOT occur. Property is stolen at all times of day or night.

Crime Prevention Strategies / Tips

We are being victimized (individually) by thieves because we make it so easy for them.

Most of the thefts we experience are from unlocked rooms, unlocked offices and other unsecured areas. For the most part, the bike thefts are of those which are unlocked, locked incorrectly or locked with inadequate equipment. (for bikes, the only locks which are effective are good quality U-locks or other heavy tubular locks, such as The Club Bike Lock, which can capture frame, wheel and rack together. Cables and chains are cut routinely.)

All campuses maintain door and window hardware quite well. Nevertheless, doors

February 2000 Statistics

Annoying call	1
Assault	1
ADW (assault w/deadly weapon)	0
Disturbance	0
Hate Incident	0
Indecent Exposure	0
Prowling	0
Rape	0
Robbery	0
Sexual Assault	0
<i>Other</i>	0
Arson	0
Burglary	1
Theft (From Auto)	1
Theft (Bike)	4
Theft (Building)	5
Theft (Other)	4
Grand Theft Auto	0
Trespass	0
Vandalism	3
<i>Other</i>	0

March 2000 Statistics

Annoying call	0
Assault	0
ADW (assault w/deadly weapon)	1
Disturbance	0
Hate Incident	0
Indecent Exposure	0
Prowling	0
Rape	0
Robbery	0
Sexual Assault	0
<i>Other</i>	1
Arson	0
Burglary	0
Theft (From Auto)	0
Theft (Bike)	8
Theft (Building)	5
Theft (Other)	2
Grand Theft Auto	0
Trespass	0
Vandalism	5
<i>Other</i>	1

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