

The Claremont Colleges

The Department of Campus Safety

March 2006

March 2006 Crime and Incident Report

Trends and Analysis

Burglaries are again on the rise, growing from 8 reported burglaries last month, to 14 this month. This number, however, also includes six separate dorm room burglaries that occurred on the same hallway at roughly the same time. It can be hypothesized that all six of these burglaries were connected, and likely were perpetrated by the same suspect. Nevertheless, the trend of unlocked dorm rooms being most susceptible to burglaries continues. Of the 14 burglaries, 9 involved unlocked dorm rooms, while only two locked dorm rooms were burglarized.

As in recent months, the southern campuses were more heavily targeted with regards to bike thefts, and as has been the trend, bicycles with cable locks were most likely to be stolen. All eight of the bike theft reports received this month involved bicycles that were locked with a cable lock. In some of the cases, the cable locks were taken along with the bikes, but most victims reported finding their cable locks cut and left at the scene.

This month has also shown the importance of timely reporting. In one instance, a student's laptop was stolen from her locked dorm room while she was away for Spring Break. After returning from the break, the student's next door neighbor told her that she had heard someone bang on her door around four o'clock in the morning, and then heard the victim's door close a short while later. When questioned about why she did not immediately report this suspicious activity, the neighbor said that she "didn't want to bother anyone." Similarly, a young lady called and reported that her purse had been stolen. After the officer arrived to take a report, he discovered that the crime had occurred only about five to ten minutes prior to the student's call. Claremont Police officers and Campus Safety officers immediately responded to check the area, but due to the delay in discovering the hot call, the suspects were not located. As always, call Campus Safety *IMMEDIATELY* if you observe any activity that you consider suspicious or unusual. The Campus Safety department is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, year round. If a suspicious person has legitimate business, Campus Safety officers will determine that after making contact.

In this issue: (Table of Contents)

Trends and Analysis.....	1
Selective Incident Summary, March 1-31.....	2
Crime Prevention Strategies and Tips.....	3
March 2006 Stats.....	4
Published By.....	5

March 2006 Selective Incident Summary, March 1—31

- A student reported that his bicycle, which had been locked with a cable lock, was stolen during Winter Break.
- A facilities director reported that several small sums of cash had been stolen from a campus mailroom over the course of several months.
- A staff member reported that her unlocked car had been rifled through and a bag of various possessions had been stolen from the trunk.
- An R.A. reported that five students and one guest had various amounts of cash stolen from their wallets, which were in various unlocked dorm rooms.
- A Campus Safety officer reported that an intoxicated student knocked an officer to the ground and was fighting with officers from an outside security agency. The student was subsequently arrested for battery.
- A Campus Safety officer reported a suspicious older male wandering through campus. Upon making contact with him, the officer identified him as a subject who had previously been arrested for trespassing. CPD officer responded, and the subject was again arrested for trespassing.
- A student reported that his roommate's bicycle was stolen while parked near a dorm. The cable lock that had been securing it was cut.
- A student reported that her purse and cell phone were stolen from an unsecured party area. She later reported that she found the purse.
- A student reported that her unlocked bicycle was stolen from near an academic building. She later reported having recovered the bicycle.
- A student reported that her bicycle was stolen from a bike rack near her dorm. The cable lock that had been securing the bicycle was cut and left at the scene.
- A student reported that his locked bicycle was stolen from the rack near his dorm. The cable lock was cut and left at the scene.
- A student reported that her purse, including credit cards, cash, and a cell phone, was stolen from her dorm room. She reported that she left her room locked, but when she returned, the room was unlocked and a housekeeper was inside cleaning.
- A student reported that his locked dorm room had been burglarized, and several expensive electronics were stolen. The victim reported finding signs of forced entry on his door.
- A dean reported an older white male with salt & pepper hair, and a goatee looking at bicycles in the bike racks near dorms. Campus Safety officers located the subject and attempted to speak with him, but he left the campuses. CPD was notified, and they stopped the subject off campus. He had been reported on campus previously for "casing" bike racks. He was warned of private property laws and released.

- A student reported that two teenaged males entered her room, asked for her roommate, and then left. About five minutes later, she discovered her purse was missing.
- A student reported that the rear license plate was stolen from its mounting on her vehicle.
- A staff member reported two laptops stolen from unlocked classrooms.
- A student reported that his bicycle was stolen from a rack near his dorm. The cable lock that had been securing the bicycle was also stolen.
- A student reported that her laptop was stolen from her locked dorm room during Spring Break. A student in the adjoining room reported hearing someone bang on her door at about 4 a.m., and then she heard the door to the victim's room close a short time later.
- A student reported that her bicycle, which was locked with a cable lock, was stolen from a rack outside her dorm.
- A facilities employee reported that two sets of window blinds, a toolbox, some cleaners, and assorted other equipment were stolen from a locked maintenance closet.
- A student reported that his bicycle was just stolen by a white male with dark hair, about 6'-6'1", 200 lbs, wearing a brown shirt. The student decided he did not want to file a crime report.
- A student reported that his digital camera was stolen from his unlocked dorm room.
- A student reported that her wallet was stolen. She did not know if it was stolen while she was on campus or during a trip to Los Angeles.
- A student reported that her purse was stolen from an open student restaurant after she forgot it there.
- A student reported that his wallet was stolen from the interior pocket of his jacket while he was at a student restaurant.
- Claremont Police Department reported that an attempted auto burglary was interrupted in an on-campus parking lot. Campus Safety officers checked the area, but were unable to locate anyone matching the description given.
- A student reported that his bicycle, which was locked with a cable lock, was stolen from a rack outside of an academic building.

Crime Prevention Strategies and Tips

- Immediately call Campus Safety if anyone who you do not recognize enters your dorm room or office. Even if the person presents a compelling cover story, or claims to be looking for someone, notify an officer without delay. Try to include as much description of the person as you can, including gender, race, hair color and length, and what clothing the subject was wearing. Also try to make note of which way the subject was last seen traveling, to give the responding officers a better chance of finding the subject and verifying the story.
- If your purse or wallet is stolen, immediately cancel your credit and debit cards, as well as your cell phone and any other items that could be used to accrue fraudulent charges. Some companies will allow you to file a claim against

fraudulent charges only if you report the theft within a specific time frame.

Likewise, notify your campus if your student or staff ID is stolen, since the cards are usually coded to allow access to specific buildings.

- Do not carry your keys and your school ID on the same key ring. While it is convenient, it is also a security risk. Anyone who finds your keys, in that situation, can then access both your building and your dorm room or office.
- Do not leave valuables such as cell phones or wallets lying out in common areas, even just for a few minutes. This includes sitting on a table or a tray in a dining hall, as well as in dorm or office building common areas.
- Make a list of all valuables in your room or office, including computers, cell phones, and electronics (PDAs, gaming consoles, iPods, digital cameras, etc.) Include the make, model, serial number, and value of each item, as well as any descriptive marks that could identify the item if it were ever stolen. Keep several hard copies of these in safe areas, and leave one at home (either with your parents, if you are a student, or at your residence, if you are staff or faculty.) This will greatly increase the likelihood of retrieving your items, if they are stolen.
- Never drink from the glass of an unknown person while at a party, and never leave your glass unattended. If, for some reason, you must leave your drink, throw it away and get a new one. Attend parties in groups, and agree to watch each other. If you come together, leave together! If a friend starts acting unusual, appears more intoxicated than normal for

the amount s/he has drank, or passes out, call Campus Safety IMMEDIATELY. It is possible that his or her drink has been spiked with drugs. Do not worry about getting your friend in trouble – their health is the most important thing, and most of the campuses have “Good Samaritan” policies that allow for administrative action against anyone who *does not* report a student in a potentially dangerous or life-threatening situation.

March 2006 Statistics

Crimes Against Persons

Annoying Call	0
Assault	0
Assault w/Deadly Weapon	0
Battery	1
Disturbance	0
Hate Crime	0
Indecent Exposure	0
Prowling	0
Rape	0
Robbery	0
Sexual Assault	0
Other	0

Crimes Against Property

Arson	0
Burglary	14
Theft (from vehicle)	2
Theft (Bike)	8
Theft (from building)	2
Theft (Other)	0
Grand Theft Auto	0
Trespass	1
Vandalism	0
Other	0

Arrests	2
---------	---

Published By:

The Dept. of Campus Safety
The Claremont Colleges
251 E. 11th St.
Claremont, Ca. 91711

On campus phone: 7-2000
From off campus: 909 621-8170
FAX: 909 621-8596
E-mail: mollyr@cuc.claremont.edu
web page:
www.cuc.claremont.edu/cs