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October 2006 Crime and Incident Report

Trends and Analysis

Activity has remained steady throughout October. Reports, particularly bike thefts and burglaries, have remained steady when compared both to this time of year in previous years and to other months in this school year. One irregularity from years past is the increase in auto burglaries. Two vehicles had windows broken and items stolen from inside.

Traditionally, vehicle thefts involve unlocked vehicles or those with open windows. This increase in forcible entries underlines the importance of keeping expensive or valuable items with you, rather than leaving them in an unattended vehicle. Additionally, vehicles with car covers are less likely to be involved in an impulsive theft, because thieves cannot see what valuables may be in the vehicle.

Another unusual development this month has been the increase in bicycle thefts where the bike was locked with a U-lock. Of the ten bike thefts reported this month, three were locked with U-locks. One of those reports involved a bicycle locked by the front wheel with a U-lock. The

thief removed the front wheel from the bicycle, leaving the wheel locked with the U-lock to the bike rack. In the other two cases, however, the bicycles and the U-locks were both stolen. While U-locks are still significantly more difficult to defeat than cable or combination locks, this increase indicates that some defect or exploit of U-locks may have been discovered. As always, it is necessary to be aware and to take all precautions possible, including properly locking bicycles to sturdy bike racks. Additionally, a number of stolen items, including bicycles, have been recovered this month. It is important to record vital information such as serial or license numbers, in order to be able to verify ownership if a stolen item is located. Engraving your last name or driver's license number—NOT your Social Security number—can also help identify your belongings in the event that they are stolen.

October 2006 Selective Incident Summary, October 1—31

- A Campus Safety officer reported finding a bag of marijuana near a dorm. A Claremont Police officer responded and took possession of the marijuana.

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- A staff member reported that a Hispanic male, 5'6", stocky build, with short dark hair and a moustache, tried to rape a female student in a bathroom. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, but the subject was seen fleeing off-campus. Officers met with the victim, who reported that the male had waited for the student outside the bathroom door and grabbed her arms when she exited. She screamed, broke free, and fled. The subject then ran off-campus.
- A student reported that her bicycle, which was locked with a U-lock, was stolen from a rack near her dorm.
- A student reported that her bike and the combination chain lock that was securing it were stolen from a student center.
- A Campus Safety officer reported stopping four intoxicated off-campus juveniles. One had in his possession a unicycle that he admitted to having stolen from the campuses. The unicycle, which belonged to a club, was identified by a student, who did not want to press charges. The juveniles were issued a warning and were escorted off campus.
- An employee reported that a white male, 6'-6'6", tall, slender, pale, wearing jeans and a light colored shirt with collar, carrying an open dark beige backpack with a greenish outline, entered a campus store and stole a binder and two books.
- A student reported that a Hispanic male with a bald head and tattoos on both arms, wearing a yellow T-shirt and blue jeans, asked her for a cigarette. The subject then tried to touch the subject inappropriately, and the student fled. Campus Safety officers responded, but were unable to locate the subject.
- An R.A. reported a group of twenty students smoking marijuana outside near the dorm. Campus Safety officers responded, but did not find anyone in the area.
- A student worker reported that a subject who has been banned from campus was seen in the area of a library. A Campus Safety officer responded, but the subject left campus prior to arrival.
- A facilities director reported that a bulletin board on the exterior of a dorm was partially burned.
- A student reported that a window to his vehicle was broken and a friend's purse was stolen from the back seat.
- A staff member reported that, during an admissions tour, two men drove up, forced a female from the group into the trunk of a car, and drove away. A second female, who had been with the group and filming the tour, announced that the "scene" had been for a class. She then left the area. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded. A student later was identified, and deans are following up.
- An employee reported that a Hispanic or Middle Eastern male, approximately 5'10", wearing a yellow T-shirt, entered the dining hall after it had closed and filled a plate with food. When he was confronted by an employee, he called her a "Nazi", dropped the plate on the ground, and left.
- A student reported that two subjects have marijuana in a dorm. A Campus Safety officer responded, and made contact with a student. He claimed that the marijuana had belonged to an off-campus friend who had already left.

- A student reported that her bicycle was stolen from the second floor balcony of her dorm. The cable lock that was securing the bike was severed and left in the bushes. Surveillance footage later located four males in light colored tee-shirts perpetrating the theft.
- A staff member reported a suspicious male loitering around an office area. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded and the subject was given a warning.
- A student reported that his bicycle was stolen from a rack near his dorm. The cable lock that was securing the bicycle was cut and left at the scene.
- A Campus Safety officer reported finding a baggie with an unknown white powder in a parking lot. The dean and Claremont Police officers responded, but were not able to identify the substance. The baggie was turned over to the Chemistry department for disposal as hazardous materials.
- A student reported that a bag containing makeup, jewelry, and a cell phone was stolen from his sister while she was asleep in his room. The door to the room had been left cracked open. Surveillance cameras were unable to detect anything.
- An R.A. reported that she confiscated a bong. The bong was turned over to the Dean's Office.
- A student reported three males and a female, all off-campus, arguing near an athletic center. Campus Safety and CPD officers responded, and determined that the situation was a domestic dispute. All parties were counseled and escorted off-campus.
- A student reported that a laptop, cell phone, and cameras with accessories were stolen from her unlocked dorm room.
- A student reported that her bicycle, which was locked with a U-lock, was stolen from an apartment bike rack. The student later cancelled the report. Her roommate had used the bicycle and left it at an academic building.
- An employee reported that three chairs had been stolen from an open area where an event was held.
- A student reported that her backpack, including student ID and a cell phone, was stolen from outside a dining hall.
- A Campus Safety officer reported a subject carrying a bottle of alcohol wandering through a student center. The subject refused to identify himself, and Claremont Police officers responded. Claremont Police officers stopped the off-campus subject after he had left campus, and he was identified and escorted home.
- A student reported that her bicycle was stolen from an exterior bike rack on the third floor of her dorm. The cable lock that was securing the bicycle was severed and left at the scene.
- A student reported that his bicycle was stolen from a rack near his dorm. The combination lock that was securing the bike was broken and left at the scene.
- An R.A. reported having confiscated a bong and marijuana.
- An employee reported that a purse, containing cash, a cell phone, and credit cards, was stolen from her unlocked office.

- A Campus Safety officer reported that a section of fence surrounding a construction storage area was cut and fresh tire tracks were visible in the area. The construction foreman responded, and confirmed that lumber had been stolen from an area that had been previously tampered with.
- A Campus Safety officer reported that his golf cart was stolen. The cart was later located off-campus by Claremont Police officers. The student driving the cart was arrested for possession of stolen property, and a student passenger was arrested for fleeing from the officers.
- A contractor reported a vehicle with a broken windshield. A Campus Safety officer responded and took a vandalism report for the victim.
- A student reported that her vehicle was hit while parked in a dorm parking lot. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded and took a report.
- A contractor reported that twelve air conditioning units were stolen from a construction site. Surveillance cameras showed three males with a white pickup truck loading the equipment.
- A student reported that his “men’s purse” was stolen from a cubby inside an unlocked dance studio.
- A student reported that a makeup bag and contents was stolen from her locked dorm room. The bathroom and the room adjoining hers through the bathroom were both unlocked.
- A student reported that the rear window to his vehicle was broken, the interior ransacked, the dash disassembled, and the radio/CD player stolen.
- A student manager reported that the Department of Health grade sign was stolen from an eatery approximately two years ago.
- A staff member reported that his golf cart was stolen from near an auditorium. The cart was later found in a dorm courtyard.
- A student reported that a bowl filled with jewelry was stolen from her unlocked dorm room.
- A professor reported that his iPod was stolen from his locked office. He did not file a report.
- A student reported two off-campus subjects arguing in a dorm lobby. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, and escorted the subjects off campus. One subject then jumped a fence and returned to campus. Officers checked the area, and located the subjects on a city street near campus, still arguing. Claremont Police officers made contact with them and handled the situation.
- A student reported that his backpack was stolen while he was at lunch. It was later found in a women’s restroom by a building attendant.
- A student reported that his unlocked bicycle was stolen from near a campus center. The bicycle was later returned.
- A student reported that his bicycle and the U-lock that was securing it were stolen from a rack near his dorm.
- A student reported that two backpacks, containing clothes, camping gear, and first aid supplies, were stolen from the backseat of her unlocked vehicle.

- A student reported that her ex-boyfriend forced his way into her room and verbally threatened her. Campus Safety officers and the on-call dean responded. The off-campus male was warned about private property boundaries, and was escorted off campus.
- Two students reported that, while at an on-campus party, they were approached by an unknown subject offering to sell them drugs. After turning down the offer, the subject began arguing with them. The argument turned into a physical altercation, and the students were attacked by several other students.
- A student reported that her bicycle was stolen from a rack near her dorm.
- A student reported that her cell phone was stolen from a campus party. It has been used since the theft. She declined to file a report at the time.
- The Claremont Police Department reported that a student saw a male steal her unlocked bicycle from the dorm patio. She attempted to follow the male in her vehicle, but was unable to locate him. A Campus Safety officer responded and took a report.
- A student reported that her ex-roommates have been harassing her and posting disparaging comments via online profiles. A Campus Safety officer and a dean met with the student, and took a report.
- A staff member reported that a backpack, containing an iPod, wallet, and digital camera, was stolen from a prospective student. The credit cards were fraudulently used prior to the report. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, and took a report. The backpack was later recovered.

Crime Prevention Strategies and Tips

- Report crimes immediately. Likewise, if a negative situation arises that does not necessarily qualify as a crime but which adversely affects you, notify Campus Safety or your dean immediately. Campus policies are in place for a reason, and there are frequently helpful resources available.
- Never bring a weapon on campus, even for martial arts or other recreation. Notify Campus Safety immediately if another student has a weapon on campus. Frequently students who possess weapons on campus do not pose any threat, but there is no way of knowing when something may set off an outwardly stable student. Many serious situations can be averted by removing the weapon before a dangerous situation arises. All weapons, from decorative swords to air soft guns to brass knuckles, are prohibited from being on campus by state law.
- Report any threats or harassment immediately, even if you do not anticipate that the threat will be carried out. Campus Safety provides an anonymous “Silent Witness” program available through the website at http://www.cuc.claremont.edu/cs/silent_witness_program.htm.
- Do not leave items in the “cubbies” available at dining halls and classrooms. These areas offer a false sense of security, but actually are easy targets for thieves who are looking for a quick gain.

October 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	7
Theft (from vehicle)	3
Theft (Bike)	10
Theft (from building)	2
Theft (Other)	3
Grand Theft Auto	1
Trespass	0
Vandalism	1
Other	1*

Arrests	0
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* Includes hit-and-runs

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