

The Claremont Colleges

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April 2008 Crime and Incident Report

Trends and Analysis

April has seen an astonishing number of vandalisms. Most of these reports have been for graffiti of various sorts, and in most of these cases, the campuses have been the victims. Several of the reports were for vandalisms of walls and bathroom stalls at the libraries, indicating that members of the college community may be the perpetrators. Additionally, one vandalism included racially hateful language, and appeared to be intentionally situated in an ethnic studies area. These excessive cases of graffiti, some of which have been linked to student activities, put an added strain on custodial and grounds employees who must take time out of already full schedules to file reports and clean up the defaced areas. As with any crime, it shows a lack of respect for those affected, which is more disappointing when members of the campuses are perpetrating these acts.

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Selective Incident Summary, April 1—30

- A student reported that his bicycle was stolen from near an academic building. He declined to file a report.
- A student reported receiving a disturbing phone call. He declined to file a report.
- A student reported that several items, including a laptop, iPod, and a wallet containing cash, IDs, and gift and credit cards, were stolen from a dorm common area.
- An employee reported that a tractor tire, several wooden pallets, and two small refrigerators were stolen from a storage area.
- An employee reported that a laptop was stolen from a locked classroom.
- A student reported that a television was stolen from a dorm common area. Students later returned the television, claiming it was a prank.
- A student reported that an unattended laptop was stolen from a common reading room.
- A student reported that an athletic area was vandalized with spray paint.
- Claremont Police officers reported locating tractor tires, which were previously reported stolen from a local farmer, on campus. Six students were arrested in connection to the theft.

- A student reported that she was sexually assaulted while off campus. Campus Safety officers and professional staff responded. The victim was advised to respond to the police department that had jurisdiction over the area where the assault took place. That police department later reported that no report would be taken due to victim's unwillingness to cooperate.
- An employee reported that a golf cart was stolen from a dining hall. The cart was located at a different campus.
- An employee reported two broken windows at an athletic center. A rock was found in one of the office.
- A Campus Safety officer reported that a retaining wall was vandalized with spray paint.
- A community member reported several light fixtures were knocked down and damaged near an athletic facility.
- An employee reported that several handicapped parking signs were bent or broken near an administrative building.
- An employee reported that several expensive plants were uprooted inside an office.
- A student reported receiving several harassing phone calls from a restricted number over the course of two months. The caller appeared to have personal information about the victim.
- An employee reported that a computer was stolen from an unlocked classroom. The cable lock securing the computer was cut. The employee later reported that a second computer was taken from another classroom in the area.
- A student reported that his long board, which was left in an unlocked academic building hallway, was stolen.
- A student reported that her credit card was fraudulently used, possibly by a dorm mate. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded.
- An employee reported graffiti in several bathrooms of a library.
- A student reported that her bicycle, which was locked with a cable lock, was stolen from near a dorm.
- A student reported that an intoxicated male was creating a disturbance in her dorm. Campus Safety officers responded, and determined that two students were having a heated discussion about a romantic entanglement. The R.A.s handled the situation. A female student later filed a complaint of threats and harassment from one of the subjects. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, and the issue was referred to the deans.
- A student reported that his ID card was stolen from a cubby at an athletic center.
- A student reported that his bicycle, which was locked with a U-lock to itself, was stolen from outside a dining hall. An employee claimed to have witnessed the theft, but said she did not know the phone number for Campus Safety.
- An employee reported that an unsecured bicycle belonging to an alumnus was stolen from the lobby of a library.
- A student reported that his catalytic converter was stolen from his vehicle.
- A student reported that her laptop was stolen from her unlocked dorm room.
- A student reported that her backpack was stolen from the coatroom of an unlocked meeting facility. The credit cards from her wallet were later fraudulently used.

- A student reported a fight near a dorm. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, and determined that football players from rival teams began arguing, and one threw beer on another. The students declined to press charges.
- A Campus Safety officer reported a group of students who admitted to smoking marijuana. Professional staff responded and escorted the students back to their dorms.
- A student reported that her bicycle, which was locked with a U-lock, was stolen from near an academic building.
- An employee reported that his digital camera was stolen from a locked office.
- A student reported that her purse and iPod were stolen from a dining hall patio.
- A student reported that her bicycle, which was locked with a cable lock, was stolen from near her dorm.
- An employee reported graffiti in the elevator and a bathroom of a library. Both vandalisms were written in permanent marker and appeared to have the same handwriting.
- A dean reported that a fire extinguisher was expended in a dorm basement.
- A student reported that his car stereo was stolen.
- An employee reported racially biased graffiti in the Asian Studies section of a library.
- A student reported that her vehicle's windshield was broken.
- A student reported that her vehicle was either vandalized or struck while parked in a campus lot. The bumper has a 3' black mark.
- A student reported that his bicycle, which was locked with a cable lock, was stolen from near a dorm.
- A student reported that her purse was stolen from near an entry to a dorm lounge during a party.
- A student reported that her bicycle, which was locked with a cable lock, was stolen from near a student support center. The cable lock was found on the ground, uncut.
- A faculty member reported that her laptop was stolen from her locked office. There were pry marks on the door.
- A student reported that her backpack was stolen from a hallway in an athletic center.
- A student reported that two dorm rooms were burglarized, and several thousand dollars worth of items were stolen. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded. One dorm room's window was shattered.
- An R.A. reported a group of off-campus subjects trying to force their way into a dorm party. The subjects assaulted the R.A. and at least one other student. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded and located two subjects fitting descriptions given. One victim and witnesses responded, but could not positively identify the assailant.
- A student and her off-campus guest reported a college-aged white male yelled an offensive racial slur, which targets blacks, at them as they crossed from a dorm to a parking lot.
- An employee reported a male walking around naked. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officer responded, and the intoxicated subject was taken into custody.
- A community member reported that his unlocked bicycle was taken from near a garden area.

- An employee reported that the tires to two vehicles were slashed while parked in a lot near an administrative building.
- A student reported that the windows to her student apartment were egged.
- A student reported that the license plate on her vehicle was bent.
- A professor reported that her laptop was stolen from an unlocked desk drawer in a locked office.
- A dean reported that \$1800.00, intended for student group funds, was stolen from an unlocked desk drawer in an unlocked office.
- A Campus Safety officer reported graffiti on a wall near a dorm.
- A student reported that her backpack was stolen from a lawn area.
- A student reported an intoxicated student in the bushes near a student center. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, and the off-campus subject was arrested for public intoxication.
- An R.A. reported several off-campus subjects in a dorm, being belligerent with another R.A. Campus Safety officers responded and escorted the subjects off campus.
- A student reported that she was sexually assaulted by another student. The perpetrator reached down her shirt and groped her breast. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, along with the on-call dean. The student declined to press charges at this time.
- A student reported that his dorm room door was smeared with feces. A Campus Safety officer responded, and maintenance cleaned up the area.
- An employee reported that a dining hall window was broken by an unknown object.
- An employee reported that her laptop was stolen from the desk drawer in her unlocked office.
- An employee reported that her wallet was stolen from inside her purse, which she left in her unlocked office. She later reported that her credit cards had been fraudulently used.
- A student reported several subjects yelling threats at each other. A student reported that he was assaulted by other students, and requested an officer respond. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, but the student continually changed his story, and was too intoxicated and incoherent to file a report. An R.A. and the on-call dean responded, and the subject was escorted back to his dorm.
- A grounds employee reported that a wall was vandalized with graffiti.
- A student reported that the driver's and passenger's side mirrors on his vehicle were removed.
- An employee reported an older male near a dorm, soliciting money for alcohol. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, and the intoxicated subject was escorted off campus.

Crime Prevention Strategies and Tips For During End of Semester Move-Out

- Do not leave boxes or items that you are packing outside of your room, even if you live in a dorm with enclosed hallways. This is one of the highest times of year for dorm burglaries. Additionally, fellow students may misinterpret your intentions, and think you are abandoning the items.
- Report dumpster divers. Not only is dumpster diving against school policy, often times people who are on campus looking for free items do not limit their searches to dumpsters and items marked as discarded.
- Do not prop doors to dorms, rooms, or other buildings during move-out. While it is inconvenient to have to carry your keys, it is inconsiderate to allow off-campus thieves, who are well aware that items are largely unattended at this time of year, into living spaces. If you have to turn in your keys, and your belongings are not totally packed and secured, be sure to leave someone trustworthy (a family member is best) with your property at all times.
- Likewise, make sure to lock your car whenever it is unattended. Even if you are loading the car, and just going back inside for another box, lock the doors. Thieves have been known to monitor areas, and can move quickly on unattended property. Similarly, don't leave boxes sitting on the curb unattended.
- Check with your campus before deciding to leave your bicycle or vehicle on campus over the summer. Many campuses will confiscate bicycles left unattended during the break, and bicycles can easily be stolen during the summer. Likewise, if you plan to leave your car on campus, check with your campus to determine where to park it—preferably in a well-lit lot with a surveillance camera. If your car will be on campus, but you will not be, leave keys with a reliable on-campus contact, and notify Campus Safety and your Dean's office, in case the vehicle needs to be moved during the summer.
- Campus Safety provides an anonymous "Silent Witness" program available through the website at http://www.cuc.claremont.edu/cs/silent_witness_program.htm. If you have seen or have information about any sort of criminal or inappropriate behavior, please contact Campus Safety. If for whatever reason you are uncomfortable reporting the situation in person, use the Silent Witness reporting form, which is not traced or tracked. For those who have utilized this program, we appreciate your assistance. The information provided is being investigated, and the department is working in conjunction with school administrators to resolve the issues brought to our attention.

April 2008 Statistics*

Crimes Against Persons

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

Crimes Against Property

Arson	0
Burglary	11
Theft (from vehicle)	2
Theft (Bike)	8
Theft (from building)	4
Theft (Other)	2
Grand Theft Auto	0
Trespass	0
Vandalism	15
Other	1

Arrests	7
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* These numbers reflect crime reports filed by the victims. In some cases, crimes reported in the above incident blotter will not be reflected in these statistics due to the victim's decision to not file a crime report.

** Includes bias related incidents.