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March 2008 Crime and Incident Report

Trends and Analysis

Unfortunately, March has brought a return to the high incidents of property crimes that is all too common on these campuses. The surprisingly low report numbers were previously thought to be attributable to better security consciousness on the campuses, but the reports of March suggest perhaps otherwise. In the ten thefts and burglaries from dorm rooms, and the four from offices, all but one involved areas that had been left unlocked and unattended, and that one had left the windows open. Likewise, of the five bicycle thefts reported, only one was locked, and it was locked with a cable lock. The thieves that operate on the campuses are opportunistic, and open or unlocked windows are just as inviting as open or unlocked doors.

On a more somber note, there were two bias related incidents on campus this month, one of which was determined to be a hate crime and was recorded by the Claremont Police Department. Both incidents involved racial slurs, and one also involved homophobic and anti-Semitic slurs.

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Selective Incident Summary, March 1—31

- A student reported five off-campus subjects possibly casing bicycles near a dorm. Campus Safety officers responded, but the subjects fled off campus. The Claremont Police Department was notified.
- An employee reported that the door to a dining hall was vandalized.
- An employee reported that someone tried to steal an overhead projector in a lecture hall and damaged the mount.
- A professor reported that his office was vandalized with flammable chemicals. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded. A nearby restroom was also found vandalized with discharged fire extinguisher liquid.
- A student reported that another student tried to steal tickets to an on-campus event. Bystanders recognized and identified the would-be thief, and he returned the tickets.
- A Campus Safety officer reported that six male subjects assaulted an outside security guard who was working a social detail. They attempted to gain access to the party via an unauthorized entrance, and when the guard challenged them, they slammed him against a wall, injuring his forearm. The subjects fled prior to Campus Safety's arrival.

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- A student reported that his laptop was stolen from an unlocked classroom.
- A Campus Safety officer reported that two students were throwing bottles at an outside security guard. The students fled upon Campus Safety's arrival.
- A Campus Safety officer reported two subjects arguing with a student security guard at a social detail. The subjects fled upon Campus Safety's arrival.
- A student reported that her wristlet, containing a cell phone, digital camera, and ID card, was stolen from an unsecured student apartment.
- A student called Campus Safety requesting an officer respond to a student apartment. She then screamed and hung up. Upon arrival, Campus Safety officers located a student who was struck on the side of the head. He did not see his assailant.
- An anonymous subject reported that a DJ was attacked. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded. The victim was assisting a student who lost her cell phone when two males challenged him, punched him in the nose, and fled.
- An employee reported that two digital photographs in frames and two mobile phone hangers were stolen from an academic building. The two photographs were later returned.
- A student reported that his cable-locked bicycle was stolen from near a dorm.
- An employee reported a stolen cart. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, and the vehicle was located on a nearby city street. The campus declined to press charges, and the driver and his friends, who were students, were let go with a warning.
- A student reported that his unlocked bicycle was stolen from near a library.
- A contractor reported that several power cords and other pieces of construction equipment were stolen on two separate occasions.
- A student reported that her vehicle was involved in a hit-and-run while parked in a dorm lot.
- A Campus Safety officer reported five male subjects casing bicycles. Campus Safety officers responded, and Claremont Police officers responded when the subjects refused to show ID. Two subjects were identified and warned of private property rights. Three subjects fled.
- A Campus Safety officer reported that a subject who was starting fights at a party has fled. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, and the student was located and arrested for public intoxication and obstruction of justice.
- An employee reported a group of several males daring each other to urinate on a service building. A Campus Safety officer located the students, who were advised of policy and were compliant.
- A Campus Safety officer reported an off-campus female subject utilizing a campus apartment laundry room. Claremont Police officers responded, and the subject was arrested for trespassing and drug charges.
- A student reported that her cable-locked bike was stolen from near a dorm. The report was later cancelled when the bike was found.
- An employee reported that several window screens were bent and damaged in a possible attempt to access an office. Nothing was stolen.

- A student reported that her clothing was stolen from an unlocked laundry room. The Claremont Police Department was notified, due to a possible connection to the earlier arrest.
- A Campus Safety officer reported an off-campus subject shouting in front of a dorm. Campus Safety officers and a dean responded. The subject claimed to be looking for the admissions office.
- A dean reported that a student received an obscene letter and portions of pornographic magazines in her mailbox.
- A student reported that \$100 in cash was stolen from an unlocked shoebox in an unlocked apartment.
- A student reported that cash was stolen from his dorm room, as well as the adjacent dorm room. The student declined to file a report.
- A student reported that a male subject asked her for directions and then tried to grab her from behind. She declined to file a report. Campus Safety officers responded, but did not find anyone fitting the description given.
- A student reported that his iPod, Xbox, and laptop were stolen from his unsecured dorm room.
- A student reported that two laptops were stolen from his dorm room. The door was locked, but the window was left open and the window screen was cut.
- An employee reported that two laptops were stolen from an academic building. The windows to the building were closed but not locked, and the cable locks on the computers were defeated.
- A student reported that her laptop and purse, containing \$100, were stolen from her unlocked dorm room.
- A student reported that a wallet containing credit cards and approximately \$60 was stolen from an unlocked dorm room. The credit cards were later fraudulently used in a nearby town.
- A student reported that his laptop and \$200 cash was stolen from his dorm room. The door was locked but the window was open; the screen was removed and there was a footprint on the windowsill.
- A community member reported suspicious activity in a campus parking lot bordering her house, including subjects getting in and out of the backseat of a vehicle together.
- A student reported that she woke up and a suspicious subject in a hooded sweatshirt was crouched down in her room. She fell back asleep, but awoke when her door closed. Her door had been closed but not locked.
- An off-campus subject reported receiving suspicious laptops, possibly belonging to the campuses, for a memory wipe. The employee responsible for the laptops responded and verified that they belonged to the campus. Claremont Police officers responded, took the name of the subject who had brought the computers for maintenance, and recovered the two computers.
- An R.A. reported a suspicious male subject wandering inside a dorm, refused to identify himself or answer her questions. Campus Safety officers responded and located the subject on another campus. Claremont Police officers responded. Due to previous on-campus contacts with the subject, he was arrested for trespassing.

- A student reported that her catalytic converter was stolen from her vehicle.
- A student reported that his iPod was stolen from an academic building.
- A student reported that his iPhone was stolen from his unlocked dorm room.
- A dean reported that students stole a traffic sign on a campus road.
- A student reported that two skateboards were stolen from near an athletic center.
- A student reported that she was involved in a verbal confrontation with an off-campus subject regarding a parking space. The off-campus subject used a racial slur against her.
- A student reported that someone accessed her email account, possibly via her computer in her unlocked dorm room. The subject then sent fraudulent emails via her email account and possibly accessed personal information.
- A student reported that his unsecured bicycle was stolen from near a dorm.
- A student reported that her locked bicycle was stolen from near a dorm. Maintenance was contacted, and it was determined that they had confiscated the bicycle for being locked to someone else's bike.
- A student reported seeing a male subject steal a rear bike wheel off of a bicycle near a dorm. Campus Safety officers responded and located a student who fit the description. The on-call dean responded, and the student admitted to having taken the wheel, which he returned to the bicycle.
- A student reported that dog feces were left inside his unlocked vehicle.
- A student reported that his laptop was stolen from inside his backpack, which was left in a student eatery.
- A Campus Safety officer reported large amounts of graffiti on a wall near a maintenance facility.
- A student reported that surfing equipment and ratchet straps were stolen from his unlocked vehicle.
- A coach reported that several athletes' belongings were stolen from a locker room.
- A student reported that his vehicle was vandalized. Campus Safety officers responded, and located three vehicles with anti-Semitic, homophobic, and racist writings on them, written in the dust on the cars. A Claremont Police officer responded and, due to targeting issues, determined that a hate crime had been committed.
- A professor reported that a laptop was stolen from an unlocked office.
- A student reported that \$60 was stolen from a locked locker in an athletic center.
- A student reported an older male staring at women in a library. Campus Safety officers responded, but the subject had already fled. Library administrators later decided to ban the subject.
- A student reported that an iPod, iPod charger, Nintendo Wii console with peripherals, and assorted video games were stolen from his unlocked dorm room.
- A student reported that an unlocked unicycle was stolen from near a dorm.
- An employee reported two male subjects possibly soliciting students for drugs. Campus Safety officers located the subjects, who claimed that they were visiting their brother, a campus employee. The employee confirmed this, and the subjects left campus.

- A student reported that two unsecured bicycles were stolen from a dorm courtyard. One bike was later recovered, still unlocked, at a different campus.

Crime Prevention Strategies and Tips

- Be sure to close and lock all doors and windows whenever you leave your room or office unattended. Screens can easily be cut, particularly on the first floor or in areas where there are balconies.
 - Record your serial numbers for important items such as laptops, bicycles, and expensive electronics. If the items are recovered, they need to be verifiable as yours in order to return them to you. Engraving identifying marks such as your last name or driver's license number is also an effective identification tool.
 - Always park your vehicle in a well-lit lot with surveillance cameras, and be sure that the cameras cover the part of the lot where you are parked. If you have questions on where the cameras are located, contact your maintenance department for assistance.
 - Do not leave your personal belongings out when roommates or suitemates are having social events where you do not know or trust the guests. Common sense frequently is passed over in exchange for courtesy, and it is rarely rewarded.
 - Never agree to host an off-campus person that you do not know well and trust. Agreeing to host someone makes you responsible for their activities while on campus, for good or bad.
- Do not hesitate to report suspicious persons or activity. Any delay in contacting Campus Safety could potentially prevent officers from locating the subject and determining the validity of his or her business on campus.
 - If you are the victim of a crime, be willing to file a report, particularly if you know the perpetrator.
 - Do not try to stop suspicious persons by yourself. There is always the possibility that they are dangerous, and you could be putting yourself in harm's way. The best way to help is to get a thorough description of the person, along with a direction and mode of travel, and notify Campus Safety immediately.
 - If you are planning on going away for the weekend or any extended period of time, notify a close friend who is remaining on campus so they can check on your vehicle and your room.
 - 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.

March 2008 Statistics*

Crimes Against Persons	
Annoying Call	0
Assault	0
Assault w/Deadly Weapon	0
Battery	0
Disturbance	1
Hate Crime	2**
Indecent Exposure	0
Prowling	0
Rape	0
Robbery	0
Sexual Battery	0
Other	0
Crimes Against Property	
Arson	0
Burglary	16
Theft (from vehicle)	2
Theft (Bike)	5
Theft (from building)	4
Theft (Other)	3
Grand Theft Auto	0
Trespass	2
Vandalism	5
Other	0
Arrests	3

* 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.

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