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February 2009 Crime and Incident Report

Trends and Analysis

Predictions from January appear to be substantiated, as bicycle thefts in February have continued to be reported in reduced numbers when compared to the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year, and in line with average statistics of bike thefts in February of past years. While most of the bike thefts, as usual, involved bikes left unlocked or locked with cable locks, at least one bicycle was stolen while locked with a U-lock. It is important to always remain conscious of proper locking techniques (the frame and *at least* one wheel locked to the bike rack) lest the effort of using a more reliable lock go to waste for want of technique.

Unfortunately, there has been a slight increase in thefts from locked areas, both residential and office buildings. Mostly smaller, concealable items such as laptops and cameras have been stolen, although a few incidents involved large, difficult to move pieces of equipment.

Departments are encouraged to maintain frequent inventories of their property, limit key access, and utilize campus-authorized surveillance equipment where possible.

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Selective Incident Summary, February 1—28

- A student reported that she was spat on and punched by another student after she commented on his sports shirt.
- A student reported that her unsecured bicycle was stolen from near a dorm.
- A student reported that her bicycle, which was locked with a cable lock, was stolen from near her dorm.
- A student reported that her backpack, containing textbooks and a cell phone, was stolen from an open area at a campus store. Surveillance cameras were reviewed, and images of a male subject were sent to the Claremont Police Department.
- An employee reported various tools and video cameras stolen from an unsecured academic studio.
- An employee reported that a chain link fence to a secured area was cut, and several pieces of large equipment were stolen from secured sheds.
- A student reported that taken a backpack containing a laptop, cell phone, and medication was stolen from an unsecured vehicle. The subject later reported that he located his items.

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- A Campus Safety officer reported two off-campus subjects with marijuana on an athletic field. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded. One subject was cited for possession, and they were escorted off campus.
- A student reported that his possibly unsecured bicycle and U-lock were stolen from near a dorm.
- A student reported that her unsecured bicycle was stolen from near a dorm.
- A student reported that her vehicle was hit by another student while parked in a student parking lot. The student who caused the damage is now refusing to communicate with her.
- An R.A. reported that he confiscated marijuana.
- A student reported that his unsecured bicycle was stolen from near his dorm.
- A student reported that three male subject were loitering inside the entrance to a dorm. One of the subjects told the student that one of the other subjects was looking for a particular girl that he “needs to kill.” Campus Safety officers responded, but were unable to locate any subjects fitting the description. Subjects were described as 2 white male adults, one with curly hair, wearing a brown jacket, and the other wearing a red jacket and light colored jeans, and one Asian male adult, wearing black jacket and jeans.
- An employee reported that a secured area was burglarized. An equipment trailer and contents were stolen. Claremont Police and Campus Safety officers responded.
- A student reported that her bicycle was stolen from near a dorm. The cable lock that was securing the bike was also stolen.
- A student reported that a transient refused to leave an academic building. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, and the subject was escorted off campus.
- A Campus Safety officer reported that a door handle to a restroom in a social room was damaged, possibly during a social event.
- A staff member reported two male subjects approached him and threatened violence while he was attempting to secure an area. They then left campus.
- A student reported that a pair of RayBan sunglasses was stolen from her unlocked dorm room.
- An employee reported that a hole was cut in a chain link fence, granting access to a secured area.
- An R.A. reported that two students were assaulted by two unknown male subjects. One student was punched in the shoulder and the other was kicked. Both students declined to file a police report.
- A professor reported that various tools, a computer, and various accessories were stolen from an unsecured studio.
- A student reported that, while she was showering in her dorm, an unknown subject entered the bathroom, put a camera over the shower stall door, and possibly took a picture of her.
- A student reported a large group of streaking subjects running through a campus. He also advised that he had to prevent one of the subjects from stealing a bicycle.

- A student reported that a dining hall was vandalized with an image of a man shooting another man in the head, and the word “Capitalism.”
- A faculty member reported that a video camera was stolen from a secured office area.
- A student reported that his unsecured laptop was stolen from a table in a study room. It was left unattended for about ten minutes.
- A student reported that his unsecured skateboard was stolen from a dorm courtyard.
- A student reported that his unsecured laptop was stolen from a dorm lounge.
- A student reported that an older male with whom she had a brief conversation while off campus tracked down her home contact information and email. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded. The Claremont Police officer counseled the student and determined that no crime had been committed.
- An employee reported that two cameras and a laptop were stolen from a secured office in an administrative building.
- A faculty member reported that a string bass was stolen from a locker, along with the lock that was on the locker.
- A residential life staff member reported a group of males smoking marijuana in a dorm parking lot. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded and located six off-campus subjects. One subject was arrested for drug warrants, and the other subjects were advised of private property rights and escorted off campus.
- A student reported a solicitor in a dorm. A Campus Safety officer responded and escorted the subject off campus.
- A student reported a banned subject near a dorm. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, but the reported subject was a student, not the banned person.
- A student reported the odor of marijuana in a dorm. Campus Safety officers and an R.A. responded, but the residents of the reported room had already left the area.
- A student reported solicitors in a dorm. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded and the subjects were warned of private property rights.
- A Campus Safety officer reported a subject “car surfing” on a van. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, and the driver was arrested for DUI.
- A student reported a male subject in a campus eatery making homophobic comments directed at another male. Responding Campus Safety officers were unable to locate the reported subject, but did speak with three students who had engaged in an altercation with him.
- An employee reported subjects stunting on skateboards near a pool area. A Campus Safety officer responded, and the four juvenile subjects fled. They caused damage to the embedded tiling and concrete bench where they were stunting.
- A student reported that he was approached by a middle-aged woman who told him there was a possibly violent male subject “going crazy” in his car. Campus Safety officers responded, but were unable to locate anyone fitting the description.

- A student reported a suspicious male loitering inside a dorm courtyard. Campus Safety officers made contact with the reported subject, who claimed to be waiting for his cousin. The name he gave for his cousin did not match any of the student rosters, and the subject was escorted off campus.
- An R.A. reported that he was assaulted by off-campus subjects stunting on skateboards. Campus Safety officers responded and made contact with the subjects. The R.A. recovered the subjects' keys and cell phones, which had been left on a bench while they skated, and the subjects confronted him and became verbally aggressive. No physical confrontation occurred. The subjects were warned of private property rights and escorted off campus.
- A Campus Safety officer reported several students playing with bottle rockets and firecrackers near a dorm. The officer responded, and four male subjects fled into a dorm. Two bottle rockets and over 100 firecrackers were confiscated.
- Buy a U-lock and familiarize yourself with the proper way to use the lock. Always lock the frame and at least one wheel to the bike rack or another fixed, stable area. If your bike has a quick release front wheel, release the wheel and lock it with the frame and rear wheel. Do not lock your bike by a single wheel or by the handlebars only. Likewise, don't lock your bike to itself or to a moveable or breakable object, or one over which the bike can be lifted.
- Do not leave valuable possessions such as laptops, cell phones, or video cameras in common areas such as dorm lounges, break rooms, or shared classrooms. If you have such an item with you and you need to leave the room, even briefly, either carry it with you or secure it in your own room or office before leaving. Do not rely on room monitors, the honor system, or anything else that is outside your direct control to keep your property safe.
- 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.

Crime Prevention Strategies and Tips

- Do not use or possess firecrackers on campus. They are illegal in California, and you can be arrested if you are caught with them (even if you haven't set them off.) Most common fireworks, such as M-80s, are felonies to possess. Additionally, they present a serious fire hazard to the campus community when used in wilderness areas.

February 2009 Statistics*

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

Crimes Against Property	
Arson	0
Burglary	5
Theft (from vehicle)	0
Theft (Bike)	6
Theft (from building)	5
Theft (Other)	2
Grand Theft Auto	0
Trespass	2
Vandalism	1
Other	0
 Arrests	 2

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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 California Penal Code 647(j) (1): Invasion of Privacy by Peeping in a Bathroom