

The Claremont Colleges

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January 2009 Crime and Incident Report

Trends and Analysis

Thankfully, the exceptionally high numbers of bicycle thefts that have plagued the campuses this year have started to return to more normal levels. As frequently happens during the breaks, it is difficult to determine if this decrease in reports is attributable to fewer bicycle thefts, or if students simply have not gotten a chance to report missing items yet. As February progresses, the frequency of reports seems to have decreased from the frenetic pace of last semester, which is promising. As tends to be the case, the majority of the reported stolen bicycles—fully half—were locked with cable locks, while two other cycles were left unlocked. One of the unlocked cycles was, in fact, a unicycle, while the unlocked bike was actually stolen from a dorm hallway, showing yet again that even our residential areas are not immune to theft and other crimes.

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Selective Incident Summary, January 1—31

- A student reported that his cell phone was stolen from a dorm lounge.
- A Campus Safety officer reported political graffiti on a college sign.
- A dean reported that a mural was vandalized with paint.
- A student reported that her wallet, containing several hundred dollars in cash, was stolen from an unsecured backpack in a locker room.
- A student reported that his bicycle was stolen from near an academic building. The cable lock that was securing it was cut and left at the scene.
- A staff member reported that a laptop was stolen from a secured office.
- A Campus Safety officer reported a subject with marijuana on an athletic field. The on-call dean responded.
- A dean reported that a student's vehicle was vandalized while parked in a campus lot during break. Both windshields were broken and three tires were slashed.
- A student reported that his cell phone was stolen by a male subject, 5'10", 160/170 lbs, wearing dark blue jeans, a white a-shirt and a blue bandana on his head. The subject was with 4-5 other males, and asked to borrow the student's phone. He then punched the student in the head and fled with the phone.

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- A student reported that his bicycle, which was secured with a cable lock, was stolen from near his dorm during the break.
- An R.A. reported that a student's boyfriend refused to leave the vicinity of her apartment. Campus Safety officers responded and the subject left the area.
- A Campus Safety officer reported a belligerent and hostile subject filming near a dining hall. The subject was eventually determined to be a student from one of the other Claremont Colleges, and was escorted back to his own campus.
- A student reported that an intoxicated male student struck a female student. Campus Safety officers and the deans responded, as did Claremont Police officers and the Los Angeles County Fire Department. The two students had a physical confrontation, after which another male student struck the first male repeatedly. The first male was transported to the hospital, but all subjects refused to press charges.
- An employee reported that a check issued from the college to a contractor was stolen, altered to a new payee, and fraudulently cashed. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, and the police department for the bank jurisdiction was notified.
- A student reported that his unsecured unicycle was stolen from near a dorm.
- A student reported that his bike and the cable lock that was securing it were stolen from near a dorm.
- A student reported that his vehicle was damaged over winter break, possibly while parked in a campus lot.
- An R.A. reported that three male subjects put a cart and construction cones into a fountain.
- An employee reported finding a purse on a quad area. The purse was returned to the owner, a student, who reported that cash and a cell phone were stolen from the purse.
- A student reported that his wallet was stolen from inside his backpack, which was left in a dining hall. Several fraudulent charges were made to his debit and credit cards. The cards and wallet were later recovered by the Chino Police Department.
- A student reported that her unlocked bicycle was stolen from the interior hallway of her dorm.
- A student reported that her ID and camera with case were stolen from a booth at a campus eatery. She had covered the items with her jacket.
- A student reported that his bicycle and the U-lock he used to secure the bike were stolen from near a dining hall.
- An employee reported a group of students starting a bonfire in a restricted area. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, along with the Los Angeles County Fire Department, who extinguished the fire.
- An R.A. reported an altercation between two groups of students, possibly involving racial slurs. One student was possibly assaulted, but refused medical attention and declined to press charges. Campus Safety officers and the on-call deans responded.
- An employee reported that an exact replica stage weapon was lost or stolen in between performances. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded.

- Claremont Police officers reported several subjects jumping a fence. Campus Safety officers responded and identified several students. The on-call dean responded and counseled the students.
- A Campus Safety officer reported that a student was assaulted by another student. The on-call R.A. and dean responded.

- Campus Safety provides an anonymous “Silent Witness” program available through the website at http://www.cuc.claremont.edu/cs/silent_witness_program.htm. The Silent Witness reporting form is not traced or tracked.

Crime Prevention Strategies and Tips

- Get familiar with paths that you frequently traverse. Learn where the emergency phones are, what areas are potentially hazardous, and stay alert to problems.
- Do not be afraid to file a police report or press charges if you are the victim of a crime. No one has the right to tell you that you cannot exert your rights, and it is never pointless or a waste of time to file a report. Even in long-shot situations, there is still a chance of recovering property or locating a perpetrator.
- Record the make, model, and serial number of all important belongings, including cell phones, game systems, laptops, iPods, etc. Keep copies of these records in multiple locations, including one in your email so it is easily accessible at all times.
- Frequently monitor your bank account and immediately report any fraudulent transactions. Credit and debit cards can be fraudulently charged even if you still have the physical card in your possession. Likewise, verify that any checks you write are cashed by the appropriate person.

January 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	0
Crimes Against Property	
Arson	0
Burglary	2
Theft (from vehicle)	0
Theft (Bike)	6**
Theft (from building)	3
Theft (Other)	1
Grand Theft Auto	0
Trespass	0
Vandalism	4
Other	1
Arrests	0

* 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 theft of a unicycle

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