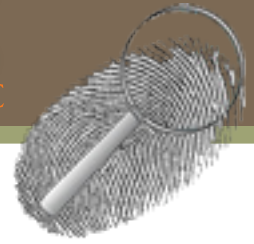


Campus Beat

UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC



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From Public Safety

Life on a college campus can be a very self-contained environment. Students generally live in residential halls and spend the majority of their time within the campus. While this provides for a higher level of education and a unique society, living in such close proximity to so many other people does have its disadvantages and dangers.

Campus crime is one of the biggest issues that affect every higher education facility. Crimes such as theft, robbery or sexual assault are sometimes very prevalent at any school. Date rape is an ongoing problem that many college students are forced to deal with. The possibility of any student becoming a victim of a crime makes it essential that every person learns how to stay safe on

campus and off the campus.

People who live in residential hall should follow a few basic safety tips such as walking to class in groups, especially at night, always keeping their doors locked and knowing exactly where the blue light phones are located and have the Department of Public Safety's phone number listed on your cell phone. Ipods and text messaging while your walking impact your ability to be aware of your surroundings while walking alone at night. Students may find it worthwhile to invest in a self defense class. It keeps you in shape and gives self confidence in the big city.

Another type of crime that's on the rise doesn't involve physical confrontation, but can be devastating nonetheless.

Identity theft is another serious issue on campuses all across the nation. Every student must learn how to protect their identity from computer hackers and even predators who may take personal mail directly out of a garbage can. Every year thousands of people have their identities stolen, and correcting the problem is a long and costly tribulation. It is not something anyone just starting out building a credit history wants to deal with.

Going to college is all about learning and developing your education. While you are here on campus, take some time to educate yourself about campus crime and how to prevent it.

New Text Messaging Laws Enacted

California has now joined seven other states in banning text messaging while driving. This law fills a loophole left in the cell phone ban that became law on July 1, 2008. The new law takes effect on January 1, 2009. A recent poll revealed that 28% of the respondents admitted to text messaging while driving.

Despite these laws, we continue to be surprised by the number of motorists

that continue to utilize their hand held cell phones while driving. Last month's feature addressed the new law prohibiting talking on your cell while driving. Several tragic accidents in Northern California that have resulted directly from texting and cell phone use. Last year five graduates from Fairport High School in New York never

made it to their weekend getaway when their vehicle burst into flames after hitting a parked semi truck. The investigation revealed the driver was text messaging while driving.



Dumb Crooks

Last week thief took several of computers from an office in Vancouver, BC. One of those computers was a shared iMac with Flickrbooth, which is an application that automatically uploads photo booth shots to our flickr account, installed

on it. The morning after the theft, the owners discovered photographs of the thief on the flickr stream! Obviously the thief didn't know he was uploading images of himself and his

awesome tattoos. Police identified the suspect and arrested him, the computers were recovered.

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Public Safety Statistics

Incidents	Aug 08	Aug 07
Alarm, non-fire	47	25
Alarm, fire	6	12
Alarm, tampering	0	0
Arrests	13	38
Assault, Aggravated	0	0
Alcohol violation	2	6
Annoying telephone calls	0	0
Arson	0	0
Battery, physical fight	0	0
Burglary, resident	0	2
Burglary, auto	3	5
Call for services	418	385
Disturbances	6	10
Escorts	26	59
Forcible sex - Rape	0	0
Forcible sex - Date Rape	0	0
Forcible sex - Forcible Fondling	1	0
Indecent exposure	0	0
Motor vehicle theft	0	0
Narcotic possession	1	4
Report taken	45	68
Felony	10	15
Misdemeanor	23	29
Incident	22	24
Robbery, weapon	0	0
Theft, grand over \$400.00	4	5
Theft, petty under \$400.00	5	4
Traffic stop, citation	50	45
Traffic stop, warning	76	83
Trespass violation	2	2
University regulation viol.	0	0
Lockups	36	45
Vandalism report	3	10
Warrant arrest	6	1
Weapon violation	1	1

Campus Fuzz



Catch the buzz from you very own fuzz

Come Join the FUN!!!

Campus Fuzz radio show on KPAC 89.7 FM. Every Wednesday from 1pm to 2pm. Hosted by Public Safety's own Officer Kosta Panos. Officer Panos provides information on a variety of subjects, but this show is for your questions, comments and concerns. So call in at 946-2808 and bring on your questions.

You can also hear Campus Fuzz on Tiger TV channel 2 and live stream on your computer: address for Windows Media Player: <http://kpacradio.pacific.edu:8000>. For Mac users, download VLC Media Player.



Comings and Goings

Welcome Aboard

I would like to welcome the newest member of the department of Public Safety, Officers Michael Park. Michael comes to us from the Stockton Police Department. Michael started with our department on September 1, 2008. Michael and his family reside here in the City of Stockton.



Where Did She Go

Officer Kim Pinto left the university in the spring and is now a member of the Stockton Unified School District Police Department. Kim left us after putting in over six years with the department.

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TRICK OR DRINK!

Halloween parties can be fun. It is also a high risk time for some dangerous behaviors including sexual assaults, hospitalizations, drunk driving and alcohol poisoning. Don't let Halloween turn into a nightmare!!! The Department of Public Safety encourages you to **PARTY SAFE!!!**



No Boo's about it: Alcohol Poisoning is a very **real and serious medical emergency** caused by ingesting too much alcohol too quickly.

Signs of life-threatening levels of intoxication

- ☀ Vomiting
 - ☀ Breathing – 8 seconds or more between breaths
 - ☀ A person has passed out, or is asleep, and cannot be aroused, or can only be slightly aroused for a few moments
 - ☀ A person's hands or feet are cold and clammy, or skin is pale or bluish
- These are some signs for a medical emergency!! Call 946-3911 immediately!!

What to do:

- ☀ Call 946-3911 or 911 immediately!!
- ☀ Do Not leave the person alone.
- ☀ Turn the person on his/her side to prevent choking or suffocating in case of vomiting.

**A Standard Drink is:
12 oz of beer or 5 oz of wine or 1.5 oz of 80 Proof**



BLACKOUTS

Blacking out is not the same as passing out. Passing out involves a loss of consciousness. When you blackout you are still conscious, but there is no memory during a blackout. You are awake and functioning but later can't remember what you did.

Blackouts are related to the quantity of alcohol consumed.

- ☀ A blackout is not associated with normal or healthy alcohol use.
- ☀ It is a chemically induced period of amnesia that can last for seconds, minutes, hours and/or days.
- ☀ Blacking out involves the inability to transfer short-term memory into long-term memory.
- ☀ Blackouts occur with: gulping drinks, extended drinking over long periods of time, fatigue, no food, and old age.
- ☀ Being in a blackout increases the likelihood for other high risk behaviors such as unwanted sexual experiences, drinking and driving, alcohol poisoning, etc.

Blackouts are common among alcohol abusers and are a warning sign to drinkers and their friends that alcohol related problems exist. Frequent blackout's are considered an early high-risk indicator of alcoholism.