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Campus Spotlight

HARVARD

Rape: Harvard sophomore Joshua M. Elster, 19, of Tucson, was arrested in February on charges of raping and assaulting a woman that he knew. The campus police failed to include the arrest in their public log, as required under state law, until two days after the arrest was made. *Source-The Boston Globe (2/4/98)*

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

Rape & Assault: Two assaults and one rape were reported on the U. Md. campus in late March, during the week preceding Spring Break. *Source-The Washington Post (3/19/98)*

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Battle for Campus Crime Records Continues

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The battle for access to campus crime information and records continues in both the legislative and judicial arenas in 1998. Students, parents, victims' rights activists, the media and others continue to fight image-conscious colleges and argue that timely access to truthful and honest campus crime information is necessary for students to make informed decisions about what safety precautions they may choose to take.



Connie Clery, Congressman Bill McCollum (R-FL), Howard Clery; SOC's founders met with ACCRA co-sponsor Rep. McCollum on Capitol Hill.

The Congress is currently considering H.R. 715; the "Accuracy in Campus Crime Reporting Act" (ACCRA) introduced last year by Congressman John J. Duncan, Jr. (R-TN) and supported by Security On Campus, Inc.; as well as several other bills, including the Violence Against Women Prevention Act of 1998, which contain provisions to improve the disclosure of campus crime information. Courts in Ohio and North Carolina are engaged in ongoing cases that will determine what type of access there will be to campus disciplinary cases involving criminal misconduct.

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Alcohol Tragedies Strike Campuses Across Country

Scores Of Students Die Every Semester

Benjamin D. Wynne- (8/26/97) a 20 year old Louisiana State University student died after a night of drinking at a Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity celebration. The cause of death was "excessive alcohol consumption."
Source-The Chronicle of Higher Education (8/27/97)

Scott Krueger- (9/30/97) an 18 year old Massachusetts Institute of Technology student died after lapsing into an alcohol induced coma following a night of drinking at the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house. His blood alcohol was .410, more than five times the legal driving limit in Massachusetts. *Source-The Boston Globe (9/30/97)*

Melinda Marie Somers- (11/1/97) an 18 year old sophomore fell from the eighth floor of Slusher Tower residence hall on the Virginia Tech campus and died. Apparently she had been drinking earlier in the evening and "rolled over off her bed...hit the glass (window), slipped and went right out the window." The window is 44 inches wide, 16 inches tall and open at about a 45 degree angle. Somers fell approximately 90 feet. *Source-Collegiate Times (11/4/97)*

Leslie Anne Baltz- (11/30/97) Baltz, a 21 year old senior, died after falling down stairs at a friend's residence off-campus in the University of Virginia community. She had been left by herself apparently after drinking with friends before a football game and sustained severe head wounds in the fall. Indications were that she had an unusually high blood alcohol level. *Source-Cavalier Daily (12/2/97)*

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Campus Security Act Program Violations Summary

The following five schools have been found in non-compliance with the Federal Campus Security Act of 1990:

MOORHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY (MINNESOTA) [FOUND IN VIOLATION 9/13/96]

- Crime Statistics Not Accurately Disclosed in annual security reports
- Timely Warnings were not issued
- Security Report Information Not Made Available to Students & Employees
- Deficiencies in information contained in the annual campus security reports (statements of policy omitted or incomplete; statements of policy inaccurate)

The Chicago Regional Office of the DOE issued the "Final Program Review" letter on June 30, 1997 referring this case to the Washington, DC office for administrative (ie. possible fine) action. Further information can be found on our Web Site. The original complaint was filed by Margaret Jakobson in 1995.

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY [FOUND IN VIOLATION 6/19/97]

- Crime Statistics Not Accurately Compiled for annual security reports
- Crime Statistics Not Accurately Disclosed in annual security reports
- Statements of Policy Omitted or Incomplete (procedures to follow if a sex offense occurs; procedures for campus disciplinary actions in alleged sex offense cases; sanctions the institution may impose following a disciplinary hearing)

This report was issued by the Philadelphia Regional Office of the DOE following complaints filed by Eileen Wagner and SOC in August of 1996 on the behalf of campus rape survivor Christy Brzonkala. Her rapes by two football players were not properly included in the statistics. No further action is expected based on this complaint.

MIAMI UNIVERSITY OF OHIO [FOUND IN VIOLATION 9/11/97]

- Crime incidents from all sources not reported
- Crime statistics not calculated correctly from Miami University police records
- All university properties not included
- Inconsistent data
- Crime statistics from branch campuses misreported
- Failure to follow Campus Security Act Regulations Regarding Notification of Disciplinary Action

Ohio Supreme Court ordered the school to grant access to UDB records; DOE says ruling that FERPA does not cover these records is wrong "as a matter of law."

This investigation resulted from a formal complaint filed in January of 1997 by S. Daniel Carter and MUOH graduate Jennifer Markiewicz who uncovered inaccuracies in reporting while editor of the student newspaper. The Program Review Report was issued on September 11, 1997.

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY [FOUND IN VIOLATION 7/18/97]

- Crime Statistics Not/Improperly Reported (sex offenses improperly reported; hate crimes not reported; only reported 2 and 1/2 years worth of data not 3 years; statistics inconsistently reported; statistics do not match institutional records)
- Drug/Alcohol Policy Not Included in the Campus Security Report
- Timely Warning Procedure Inadequately Developed
- Sexual Assault Policy Inadequate/ Underdeveloped
- Missing Campus Security Reports for other Campuses/Locations
- Crime Statistics Not/Inaccurately Gathered (statistics are gathered from police reports only)

This case was brought about through the initial complaint filed with the Atlanta office in February of 1997 by the survivor of a campus "gang-rape." The "Equal Rights Alliance" filed an amicus complaint on May 4th.

THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA [FOUND IN VIOLATION 2/98]

- Hate Crime Statistics Not Included In Campus Security Report
- Failure To Report Specific Incidents (1994 rape; 1996 liquor law violations)
- Failure To Complete Separate Statistics For Separate Campuses
- Failure To Include Statistics For All Campus Locations (campus hospital)
- Failure to notify all prospective students of the availability of the campus security report
- Failure to provide campus security report to all current students

This case was initiated in December, 1996 by the Philadelphia Office of U.S. Dept. of Education based on a November 25, 1996 article in The Philadelphia Inquirer regarding crime reporting. An in-depth complaint was filed on June 11, 1997 by the Equal Rights Alliance and Security On Campus, Inc.



**In Memory of Jeanne Clery
1966-1986**



April 5, 1996 marks 12 years since our beloved Jeanne was so brutally raped and strangled to death by a fellow Lehigh University student, who initially intended to rob her dormitory room as she slept. The criminal trial determined her assailant to be an alcohol and drug addict with a history of sexual deviance. Our hearts still scream in pain; she was the joy of our lives...our gift from God.

We never would have survived this eternal nightmare without the love and support of our family and friends, and our faith in God. You all have helped us in making our nation's campuses safer. Please continue to help by writing your Congressmen and Senators urging them to co-sponsor the "Accuracy in Campus Crime Reporting Act", H.R. 715 (see article on page 1).

Only if students are aware of the campus crimes will they take appropriate precautions to protect themselves. HR 715 would give them timely crime information that they need. Thousands of lives will be saved over the years...maybe someone you know or love. Don't delay, write today.

Thank you for caring and helping to save lives on our college campuses.

- Connie & Howard Clery

Schools Change How Campus Crime Is Dealt With and Reported

While the higher education industry, along with the U.S. Department of Education, continues to battle against reforms in how colleges and universities deal with and report campus crimes, several schools are conceding that at least some changes are necessary. Two of these schools are in Ohio where the issue of access to records and information about campus crimes dealt with through disciplinary boards has been heavily debated in recent years and is still the subject of an ongoing legal battle. Other schools which have begun to address this include the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Niagara University.

Officials at Kent State University have conceded that the public doesn't trust colleges and universities and how they deal with campus crime internally. "They don't believe that we act in the

best interest of the students and taxpayers and various other constituents. I tell you that we do. But us telling you that we do isn't good enough. People need to see that we do," said R.P. Flynn the coordinator of the judicial affairs office.

In February the KSU Board of Trustees voted to have open campus judicial hearings unless it was specifically requested by either the victim or the alleged perpetrator to have them closed. Officials hope that this step will make it more clear to students that there are consequences for misbehavior and will assure the public that cases are fairly administered.

Ohio University, under pressure from student groups and the community, decided in 1996 to begin disclosing to their students the "real story about rape

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CONGRESS

Weakened language based on the ACCRA bill was incorporated into both the House and Senate versions of legislation reauthorizing current federal student aid programs. Both versions provide for a public campus police log and expanded categories of crime reporting, but neither contains provisions to open campus courts or provide for stronger enforcement. These bills are expected to be voted on later this spring.

The House version also provides for an expanded list of campus officials who have to report statistics and an annual national compilation of statistics by the U.S. Department of Education. The Senate version, however, provides for a one time report on how campuses deal with sexual assault and contains weak language exempting student criminal activity from the confidentiality protections of the federal Family Educational

Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) which covers student education records.

This action follows hearings in both House and Senate subcommittees both last summer and winter. The House hearing, chaired by Congressman Bill Goodling (R-PA), focused on H.R. 715 and dealt with violent student athletes, while the Senate hearing, chaired by Sen. Arlen Specter (R-PA), dealt with how the D.O.E. has implemented the current Campus Security Act of 1990 and how schools exclude crimes reported on public streets and sidewalks and other places on campus due to the D.O.E.'s interpretation of the definition of "campus."

Testimony at the July 17, 1997 House hearing dealt heavily with the issue of campus courts. "The U.S. Department of Education continues to allow schools to use the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and its Buckley Amendment to deny access to criminal information within the campus disciplinary system," said Crystal Paulk, who was one of the first student reporters to cover disciplinary hearings opened by a 1993 state Supreme Court order at the

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LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE

Pittsburg, CA

Rapes

Tension is high on this campus in the wake of a second rape on campus since January. Both assaults occurred at the south end of Los Medanos Lake, which is circled by a wooded path. Campus officials have since erected signs, stepped up police patrols, circulated flyers and held a rape awareness workshop.

San Francisco Chronicle 3/14/98

BATES COLLEGE

Rape: Campus officials announced in March new policies on notifying students when a student is accused of rape. This action follows a march on the President's house by more than 300 angry students after the school had not informed them about reports of one male student who had "been accused of sexually assaulting three female students and raping a fourth." *Maine Sunday Telegram (3/27/98)*

TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

Nashville, TN

Shooting Death: Former TSU student Ryan Keith Anderson, 21, was shot to death in a campus dormitory October 20th by Antoine Hester, 22, who was wounded by Anderson in an apparent bogus drug deal turned robbery gone wrong. Anderson and Gregory Williams, Jr. are alleged to have lured Hester and another man to a friend's residence hall room to complete the sale of \$10 worth of marijuana. When Anderson pulled a gun, so did Hester. A gunfight broke out resulting in Anderson's death. Murder charges against Hester have been dropped although he still faces charges of carrying a weapon on school property. Williams faces attempted homicide and especially aggravated robbery charges. *Nashville Banner (10/21/97; 10/22/97; 10/23/97)*

U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

Kingspoint, NY

Sexual Assault: Francis Crowley, a senior at the Merchant Marine Academy, has been charged with two counts of felony sexual assault stemming from an incident in late September in which he is alleged to have assaulted Stephanie Vincent, a junior midshipman, who went public after concerns that the school was "more concerned with protecting the reputation of the...academy...than with get-

ting to the bottom of the situation." Crowley, who remained on campus, is alleged to have gone to Vincent's room to see her roommate with whom they "had been out partying earlier." The roommate was "incapacitated" so Crowley and another student turned their attention to Vincent and asked her to have sex. She repeatedly said "no" but was attacked in her bed.

The New York Times (10/23/97)

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

Shooting, Suicide: Andrew Willis, 20, went to a West Virginia University residence hall late on the evening of October 23rd and shot his former girlfriend's new boyfriend. He then shot himself and died at the hospital. Nicholas Thompson, 19, was shot three times with a .22-caliber revolver, but is expected to survive. Willis, who wasn't a student, came on campus to track down his ex-girlfriend. When he found out she was with her new boyfriend in his room he went there and shot him. The female student witnessed the incident but was unhurt. *The Chronicle of Higher Education On-line (10/27/97)*

UNIV. OF MICHIGAN

Domestic Murder: Ann Arbor, MI-

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Call to the Field

Assisting Victims of Campus Crime

The National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA), with support from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), is conducting a national search for university or college programs that assist campus crime victims.

The search is part of a project to identify promising policies and practices, as well as gaps, in serving campus crime victims. The project's advisory panel will include victims' advocates, representatives of student organizations, student services, campus law enforcement and public safety agencies, local law enforcement and prosecutors, college or university administration, and researchers in the field. These experts in the field will review the information gathered as a result of this call to the field, which will be synthesized in a report that will discuss major issues, gaps in services, and promising practices and will provide recommendations for victim assistance and public safety practitioners.

Contact the NCJA if you know of a program, policy, or prac-

tice that effectively addresses the needs of campus crime victims or can provide other insights or information, including printed materials such as brochures, policy statements, or program guides, relevant to this project.

Contribute to this important project by:

contacting Staff Associate Brenner Brown by e-mail at dbbncja@sso.org, by Fax at (202) 508-3859, or by mail at The National Criminal Justice Association, 444 N. Capitol St., N.W. Suite 618, Washington, DC 20001.

This project is supported under grant number 98-VF-GX-0004 from the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), U.S. Department of Justice. The OVC is a component of the Office of Justice Programs, which also includes the Bureau of Justice Assistance, the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the National Institute of Justice, and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

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Tamara Williams, 20, a University of Michigan senior was brutally stabbed to death by her live-in boyfriend, Kevin Nelson, a non-student, outside their on-campus apartment on Sept. 23rd. Nelson, who continued to stab Williams, was shot to death by a campus police officer responding to multiple 911 calls. *The Michigan Daily* (9/25/97)

UNIV. OF NEVADA-RENO

Murder: Campus police Sgt. George Sullivan, 43, and a 19 year veteran of the force, was found murdered in his police cruiser on campus on January 13th. Siasos Vanisi, who apparently was not associated with the campus, was arrested the next day on charges that he had "hacked" the officer to death with a hatchet. *Las Vegas Review-Journal* (1/14/98; 1/15/98)

SOUTH TEXAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

McAllen, TX

Murder: A campus security guard was killed by two masked and armed robbers during registration for courses on January 13th. Three others were wounded. The suspects were not apprehended. *The Monitor* (1/14/98)

UNIV. OF TEXAS-AUSTIN

Austin, TX

Kidnapping/Robbery: A female student was kidnapped and robbed at gun-point shortly after 1 a.m. on the morning of September 26th. She was forced into the trunk of her car while the man drove around eventually forcing her to withdraw about \$500 from an ATM. He then fled on foot. *The Daily Texan* (9/29/97)

STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Sexual Assault: An unidentified assailant entered a Stanford residence hall on September 21st and attacked a female student in her bathroom. She was struck and slightly injured, but after a struggle the assailant fled. *The Stanford Daily* (9/19/97)

CITADEL

Sex Assault: A female cadet reported that she was sexually assaulted in the barracks by a fellow cadet. The accused male student resigned from the corps of cadets. The South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division was investigating. *Source-UPI* (11/25/97)

PLYMOUTH STATE COLLEGE

Rapes: Four assaults, including one rape and it is believed several attempted rapes, were reported against female PSC students in late December over a six day period. The state police were asked to assist in the investigation so it could proceed prior to the holiday break. *The Union Leader* (12/17/97, 12/20/97)

CONCORD COLLEGE

Athens, W V

Assault: An assistant basketball coach, Randy Jennings, was arrested in October for allegedly using a baseball bat to hit a student, Shawn Cook, and firing gunshots into the floor of his room. *The Chronicle of Higher Education* (10/24/97)

LOUISIANA STATE U.

Armed Robbery: Two female students were the victims of an armed robbery on campus in September. Two subjects used a handgun and took the students' purses from a campus parking lot. *The Reveille* (9/22/97)

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Shooting: Aaron Patterson, 25, an EMU sophomore, was shot twice in the chest in front of Wise Hall on the Ypsilanti campus. He was in fair condition at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital after the incident. *Michigan Daily* (10/7/97)

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY

Weapons Violations: Chad Jeremy Van Cleve, a former Army ranger and paratrooper, was charged with the possession of dangerous devices in June after an inspection of his campus apartment turned up a supply of dynamite, hand grenades, a grenade launcher, and other weapons. *The Chronicle of Higher*

Education (6/12/97)

STATE UNIVERSITY COL- LEGE AT ONEONTA

Christopher D. Palmer, 23, a student at State University College at Oneonta died on March 19, 1998 from cardiac arrhythmia. According to the coroner, his death could have been caused by cocaine or a combination of cocaine and alcohol, as both substances were found in his system. *The Daily Star, Oneonta, NY* 3/21/98

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Robert Albrecht, 22 a freshman at the University of South Dakota died March 1 in a dorm room of suspected alcohol poisoning. Albrecht recently enrolled at the university after serving in the military. It was not known if he was a member of a fraternity or attended any parties Saturday night. Jean Morrow, the dean of students, said the school has a pretty good alcohol awareness program, but admits it may not be reaching everyone. In January police cited 62 underage drinkers at a fraternity party, prompting the school to ban Sigma Alpha Epsilon from serving alcohol for a year. *Sioux Empire, 3/2/98*

UNIVERSITY OF MARY- LAND

Fraternity Hazing: Maryland State Police report five pledges from the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity at the University of Maryland (Eastern Shore) campus in Princess Anne were treated in a hospital in April for hazing-related injuries. The students were regularly beaten on their buttocks with wooden paddles and canes over a two-month period. One student said he needed surgery to remove the gangrenous flesh from the area. The mother of one student said she was furious at the silence from all fraternity members and for the failure of the hospital and school to notify the parents. *Baltimore Sun* 4/16/98

UNIV. OF FLORIDA

Murder: Ten people, most of them Univ. of Florida or Santa Fe Community

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What Really Happened To Adam Prentice at the University of Massachusetts?

Adam G. Prentice (9/27/97), a 21 year old junior at the University of Massachusetts, (Amherst) died in the early morning hours of September 27 at Baystate Medical Center as a result of injuries sustained when he fell through the glass of a greenhouse near the Morrill Science Center on campus. University police were called to the greenhouse at about 1:30 a.m. when a door alarm was sounded. Upon arriving, they discovered Prentice. He was transported by ambulance to Cooley Dickenson Hospital, then to Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, where he was pronounced dead.

Adam was a 4.0 Honors Engineering Major, highly recruited by the Engineering Department, who had a gift for working with children. He was a top fund-raiser in his community. He was a non-risk taker, afraid of heights, and was not intoxicated to impairment at the time of the tragic incident. The cause of death was "loss of blood," NOT alcohol.

The family, friends and citizens of towns throughout Massachusetts and New England, KNOW that Adam was NOT alone, and ask that anyone who has any information, or who was witness to his fall, contact us immediately by any of the means listed below.

You can remain ANONYMOUS to the public. A substantial reward will be given to anyone who has information that leads to the arrest, prosecution/conviction of any person involved.

To share any information please call Barbara or Dennis, you can leave a message and we will call you back or email us. Phone: 508.362.4804 or Fax: 508.362.7978 email: barpren@capecod.net.

Campus Crime a Growing Scandal, Campus Administrators Asleep at the Switch

by *Howard & Connie Clery, Co-Founders, Security On Campus, Inc. soc@soconline.org*

Every organization is a mirror of the people who are an integral part of it. Our universities are no exception. Many parents and legislators do not know that 80% of campus crimes are committed by students on students. Campus crime is being fueled by student binge drinking, use of illegal drugs, unlawful fraternity hazing and the increasing presence of firearms and gang activity, i.e., gambling, drugs, prostitution.

University Admissions' and Deans' offices are well aware of the National Studies revealing.

- 50-60% of male students indulge in binge drinking.
- 30-40% of female students indulge in binge drinking.
- 15-20% of students are recent users of illegal drugs.
- Sexual Assault and Rape are major campus problems.
- Student physical violence is growing.
- Student illegal gambling is "a new campus business."

All of the above aberrations are also present in our High Schools. But, university admission officers ignore the world around them. They rarely inquire or require the following from prospective students:

- Have you been arrested and convicted of a crime?
- Have you been registered as a gang member by your local police?
- Do you own a firearm? Where will it be housed?
- Have you included a drug test as part of your required medical exam prior to admission?

Dean and student affairs personnel too often believe student crimes are educational opportunities instead of punishment opportunities. This mind set can lead to increased campus crime and student victims. It also tends to obscure their inherent institutional responsibility to ensure a safe campus environment and, therefore, reduced civil suits by victims. Campus safety is enhanced by sus-

pension and separation of students found guilty of campus judicial hearings for violators of State and Federal laws. Sadly, many student crime victims transfer to other campuses because the student perpetrators remain on campus with minimal punishment and their names and violations held "Confidential" by false interpretations of Federal Law by the U.S. Department of Education.

Deans and student affairs personnel must take proactive security measures to ensure student safety in dormitories, fraternities and sororities. This would require regular campus police and security patrols of campus student housing to reduce:

- Binge and underage drinking.
- Sale and use of illegal drugs.
- Possession of illegal firearms and gambling.
- The number of unauthorized persons. (A number of campus police departments are now using undercover personnel as a supplement to regular patrols and the results are encouraging.)

The above recommendations may shock some people, but they are normal procedures used in our towns and cities, our hospitals and public institutions, our businesses and military services. It should be remembered that our University Campuses are high-crime communities. This reality is obscured by massive falsifications of annual crime statistics required by Federal Law!

This current academic year has seen an alarming increase in student deaths from alcohol poisoning due to binge drinking. (In November 1997 alone, 5 students have died of alcohol poisoning in the state of Virginia.) A few years ago, Police Chief Reuben Greenberg of Charleston, South Carolina wrote: "With few exceptions other than the drug traffickers themselves, administrators of our nation's universities are the most hostile elements to the enforcement of our nation's drug laws". Most local police departments continue to hold the same views about the campuses located in their communities.

Many protected members of academia will mindlessly shout "Police State". Many students, faculty and staff will exclaim "It's about Time". — Most parents will say "Thank God"!

1997 Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Award Recipients

TUFTS UNIVERSITY

Tufts University has exhibited a continuing commitment to excellence and honesty about its campus crime rate. Their annual campus security report, compiled pursuant to the Campus Security Act of 1990, appears to be one of the few that actually meets every requirement of that law both in letter and spirit. We were especially pleased to see that cases of "date rape reported to and adjudicated by the office of the dean of students" were included in the report.

CRYSTAL PAULK

Crystal Paulk was one of the first "campus courts" reporters and later an editor of that beat for the Red & Black student newspaper at the University of Georgia. She played a significant role in establishing the professional coverage of those newly opened proceedings that was necessary to accurately inform her fellow



Crystal Paulk wins Safe Campus Award

students about what criminal activity was occurring on campus and what kind of "justice" they were receiving. Her work has continued after her graduation with the Society of Professional Journalists and she represented the nation's student journalists at this past July's Congressional hearings on campus crime reporting.

Alcohol Tragedies Strike Campuses Across Country

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Johnathan Thomas- (10/19/97) The Oakland University swim team allegedly had a "keg party" in a residence hall and later one of the group was driving under the influence and hit and killed Thomas.

Baron Godwin- (1/11/98) Godwin, a 19 year old student at Washington State, was found unconscious in a residence hall hallway and later died. Alcohol is suspected.

Lorraine Hanna- (1/1/98) An 18-year-old student at Indiana University of Pennsylvania attended a New Year's Eve party with her twin sister, Lynette, but left about 1 a.m. with a man who took her to his nearby apartment because she said she wanted to sleep. He left her in a bedroom and went back out. She was later found dead by her sister. Authorities said the party's hosts may be charged with involuntary manslaughter.

Source-Washington Post (1/4/98)

OMISSIONS FROM CAMPUS BLOTTERS CAUSE CONCERN AMONG CAMPUSES

Campus police logs at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard University have come under scrutiny for failing to record relevant data. Two alleged rapes one in January, 1998 and August 1997 were omitted from Harvard's police blotter. The death of MIT freshman Scott Krueger from binge drinking at an MIT fraternity in September, 1997 was never recorded in the logs. The schools have attributed such oversights to "human errors".

Boston Globe 2/8/98

DEATHS UNSETTLE UMASS CAMPUS

There have been an unusually high number of student deaths at the University of

Massachusetts (Amherst) over the past two academic years. During the 1996-97 year, 11 students died of various causes. During the 1997-98 year, there have been 8 deaths. *Boston Globe 3/16/98*

UMASS DEATH UNDER INVESTIGATION

Andrew Sala, 20, a sophomore at the University of Massachusetts (Amherst) died on March 10 after falling from his fifth floor window in Cashin Residence Hall. The medical Examiner's office has not released the cause of death, but according to university officials foul play and suicide have been ruled out as a contributing factor. *University of Massachusetts Daily Collegian 4/16/98*

MURDERER ARRESTED

Andrew Uridales confessed to Chicago Illinois police that he killed eight

women. Among his victims was Robbin Brandley a student at Saddleback College in Mission Viejo, CA. Robbin was stabbed to death in the college parking lot in January, 1986 after ushering at a student musical event. Uridales was stationed at Camp Pendleton, about 20 miles from the college. He did not know Miss Brandley. *Campus Safety Journal May/June 1997*

MISSING COED UPDATE

Kristin Smart vanished from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA on May 25, 1996. Authorities have identified a fellow student, Paul Flores, as a suspect in her disappearance, but have found no body and say they lack sufficient evidence to file charges. During depositions, Flores has

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College students, have been charged in the murder of Ralph Alphonso Vasquez, 22, who was beaten and shot in the early morning hours of December 14th. UF senior Fernando Aquiles Capablanca pled not guilty along with seven of the other defendants in February. Prosecutors believe that the murder was the result of a drug deal gone bad. *Independent Florida Alligator (2/4/98)*

UNIV. OF COLORADO

Boulder, CO

Murder: Susannah Chase was beaten and left to die in an alley on December 21, 1997. The Whittie Neighborhood Association, the Boulder Crime Stoppers and others are offering a \$20,000 reward for any information that leads to the arrest and filing of criminal charges against the responsible parties.

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

Rape: Campus police arrested a freshman on charges that he raped a 19-year old woman in a fraternity house bedroom. Erik Ruda, 19, of Fort Lauderdale, was released on bond. The victim is not a UCF student, but had attended a party at another fraternity house before visiting the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. *Source: The Orlando Sentinel, March 17, 1998*

ROWAN UNIVERSITY

Murder: Lynne Darren, 22, a student was found brutally beaten and murdered in her off-campus apartment on January 25th, 1998. *Philadelphia Daily News (1/26/98)*

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

Stabbing: GMU student Brett A. Mervis was stabbed at the University Park Townhouses parking lot early on the morning of September 21st. Several parties in the area had been broken up by police earlier but about 175 people had returned and were "all arguing and screaming at one another." The situation

escalated until Mervis was stabbed. Mervis was transported to the hospital in stable condition. *GMU Broadside (9/22/97)*

U. OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Durham, NH

Riots: Riots involving in excess of 600 students broke out twice during September near the University campus. The first riot occurred on Sept. 7 and the second on Sept. 20 less than two weeks later. The conflicts began when local police attempted to bring order to parties that were spreading onto local streets. These incidents required the attention of 17 police agencies including the Durham and campus police. *The New Hampshire (9/23/97)*

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia, PA

Armed Robbery: Two students were robbed at gunpoint near the Penn campus on the evening of Friday, Sept. 19th, 1997. The two male students were walking across a bridge when three men gathered around a car with its hood up, blocked their way, aimed a gun at them and demanded their belongings.

AUGUSTANA COLLEGE

Rock Island, IL

Multiple Assaults: Three assaults against students were reported in the early morning hours of Saturday, October 11, 1997 in a residential area adjacent to campus. One of the altercations, where a female student was assaulted by another woman reportedly "settling a score," resulted in a six person "melee." *The Chronicle of Higher Education (10/15/97)*

KNOX COLLEGE

Murder: A bloody brick allegedly used to bludgeon a freshman student to death was found in the car of another Knox student, who is now charged with the killing. Knox student Clyde A. Best, of Las Vegas, is accused of killing Andrea Racibozynski, 19, of Naperville and

leaving her body in a stairwell of the student union and main cafeteria building.

Source: Chicago Sun Times, March 31, 1998.

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Trespassing: Joseph Y. Maberry was arrested after three female students at Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT. spotted him wandering the hall of a dormitory. Maberry served time for raping a student at knifepoint in 1989 and was recently released from prison. He was living with his mother one block from the university. University officials embarked on a campaign to alert students and faculty after being advised by police he was out of prison and living in close proximity to the school. *Associated Press, New York Times 4/20/98*

VARIOUS COLLEGES

Rioting: During the fall 1997 semester, five college towns experienced rioting when parties grew beyond control and conflicted with campus and local police. Two riots took place in Eugene, Oregon, home to the University of Oregon. Other riots also happened at the University of New Hampshire, Colorado State University, Michigan State University and Penn State. These incidents resulted in thousands of dollars in damage to private and public property, multiple arrests and police injuries in each incident. *Student.Net (11/24/97)*

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

Rape: An 18-year-old freshman reported being raped at an off-campus apartment by two students, one of whom belonged to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity according to police reports. The woman reported that she had been drinking earlier with several SAE pledges, later at a party at the fraternity house and then also at the apartment. *Daily Wildcat (10/14/97)*

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Robbery/Shooting: A student was shot in the leg during an armed robbery near campus in May. *Oregon Daily Emerald (5/27/97)*

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RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

Rape: A 26 year old student was raped in her off-campus apartment in August. She was nearly choked to death with an electric cord. Lorenzo Ross, 35, was arrested three days later and charged with the crime. *The Star-Ledger* (8/21/97)

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Assault: Three football players were

under investigation by the Office of Student Conduct for "an unprovoked, alcohol-related attack" against another student. Allegedly, the victim was pulled out of his off-campus room and was repeatedly kicked in the face. OSC Director Michelle Goldfarb "cited confidentiality requirements in refusing to confirm or comment" on the incident.

Daily Pennsylvanian (10/7/97)

U. OF ALABAMA

Rape: A female student was kidnapped and raped off-campus on September 10th

of last year. The suspect was described as a white male between 25 and 35 years of age. *The Crimson White* (9/12/97)

VIRGINIA TECH

Sexual battery: Two former Tech football players, James Crawford, who had also been accused in the 1994 rape of Christy Brzonkala, and Brian Edmonds, pled "no contest" to charges of aggravated sexual battery last Fall. They had been charged with rape after allegedly having taken a 19 year old female student into a room after a party and raping her. *Collegiate Times* (9/9/97)

SAN DIEGO STATE UNIV.

Murder: A former graduate student was sentenced in July to three consecutive life terms in the shooting deaths of three engineering professors at an August, 1996 meeting where the student was scheduled to defend his master's thesis. Frederick Martin Davidson had pled guilty in May in a deal that spared him from the death penalty.

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

Murder: JHU announced last fall that they would not issue a diploma to Robert Harwood who had pled guilty to the shooting death of fellow student Rex Chao in 1996. Harwood had completed all of the requirements necessary to graduate in 1995 but had not yet received his diploma at the time of the murder in April 1996. *The Chronicle of Higher Education* (9/2/97)

BROWN UNIVERSITY

Sexual Misconduct (Update): Brown announced on December 31, 1997 that Adam Lack and a female student who had accused him of rape had "resolved their differences" and that Lack had been removed from probation and is a student in good standing. A member of the Delta Tau fraternity at Brown University, Lack was found guilty and had received a six-month suspension for "non-consensual physical contact of a sexual nature" in 1996. Lack appealed the University Disciplinary Council

LEGAL NOTES

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Murder: The United States Supreme Court in November declined to hear an appeal by Danny Rolling, who in 1990 killed five college students at the University of Florida (Gainesville.) *Reuters* (11/18/97)

VIRGINIA TECH

Rape (Update): A Federal appellate Court ruled in December that Christy Brzonkala's suit against Virginia Tech and two football players could go forward. Brzonkala was repeatedly raped allegedly by two football players in September 1994 and reported the assault to school officials early the next year. On-campus disciplinary proceedings originally found one of the accused guilty, but that ruling was overturned and both were allowed to play during the 1995 season, prompting Brzonkala to go public and to file a suit under the Violence Against Women Act and the Title IX gender-discrimination law.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Murder-Suicide: The family of Trang Phuong Ho filed suit in February against Harvard nearly three years after she was stabbed 45 times by her roommate Sinedu Tadesse on the morning of May 28, 1995. Tadessee then hung her-

self in the shower. The suit charges the University, along with several officials at their residence hall, with negligence. Court papers state that Tadesse had demonstrated "desperate and antisocial behavior" about which University officials "knew or should have known." *Harvard Crimson* (2/19/98)

UNIV. OF FLORIDA

Rape: Two students who had been sexually assaulted in their residence hall in 1992 settled their lawsuit against the Board of Regents, with one student receiving \$45,000 and the other \$75,000. They claimed that the school provided insufficient safety precautions and did not provide enough warning about campus crime activity. Elbert Jones, now 39, was caught four days after the crime and sentenced to six consecutive life sentences. *Ind. Florida Alligator* (10/21/97)

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

Hazing: A former student was awarded \$375,000 in a suit stemming from a severe beating received during a fraternity hazing ritual in 1993. Omega Psi Phi was sued by Joseph J. Snell in 1995 after only half of the members who had agreed to pay his medical bills did so. He had been beaten over a four-week period

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University of Georgia for "The Red & Black" student newspaper. Paulk, who was representing the Society of Professional Journalists, also received the 1997 Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Award for her work in covering campus courts at UGA. The Postsecondary Education subcommittee also heard from Ben Clery, the president of S.O.C.; Dolores Stafford, the George Washington University Police Director; Professor Carol Bohmer of Ohio State University; and Don McPherson from the Center for the Study of Sport in Society.

Senator Specter's March 5, 1998 oversight hearing on the enforcement of the current law was significantly more heated. "I think you have to be a lot tougher," Specter told Dr. David Longanecker, the D.O.E.'s assistant secretary for postsecondary education. "I think the underreporting [by universities of campus crimes] is very substantial." The Pennsylvania Senator also questioned how his alma mater, the University of Pennsylvania, was allowed to omit incidents from public sidewalks and streets running through campus. At press time Senator Specter was planning to introduce legislation adding these public areas and other areas used by students to the definition of "campus."

"Students are not getting the information they need to make the right decision," said Senator Robert G. Torricelli (D-NJ), the sponsor of legislation expanding the reporting of campus hate crimes. The subcommittee also heard testimony from Howard Clery, co-founder of S.O.C.; Jacob McKee, a student brutally assaulted at Lehigh University; Barbara Prentice whose son Adam died mysteriously at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst; Michele Goldfarb, Director, Office of Student Conduct, Univ. of Pennsylvania; Stanley Ikenberry, President, American Council on Education; and Delores Stafford, Director, University Police Department, George Washington University.

COURTS-

Two court battles dealing with access to information about student criminals dealt with in secret campus disciplinary hearings are currently ongoing, one in state court in North Carolina involving the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, and the other in federal court in Ohio involving both Miami University of Ohio and Ohio State University. The UNC case began in 1996 after the "Daily Tar Heel" attempted to get access to the



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disciplinary records of student government members accused of stealing the distribution of an alternative student newspaper. The Ohio case began in 1995 when Jennifer Markiewicz, then the editor of the "Miami Student" at Miami University, sought access to disciplinary records, with the names redacted, to create a database on campus crime and justice.

The Ohio Supreme Court ruled last July that the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a federal privacy law, did not protect university disci-

plinary board records at Miami University and that the state's public records law permitted access to those records with the names, included. The "Miami Student," however, had never requested the names so the Court did not order the release of this information despite ruling that it was legally releasable. Miami University appealed this ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court, which declined to hear the appeal in December of last year.

This opened an opportunity for the U.S. Department of Education to claim that an exception to FERPA that allows for the release of otherwise confidential records pursuant to a "judicial order" did not apply in this case, as it had at the University of Georgia; and that a request for the records with names included from "The Chronicle of Higher Education" could not legally be fulfilled. In January of this year the D.O.E. sought an injunction in federal court to prevent the further release of judicial records with names included to the "Chronicle." A preliminary injunction was issued and this case is still pending. The "Chronicle" has filed a formal request with the Court to become a party to the case to protect their interests in these records.

In February a North Carolina appeals court ruled that UNC could invoke FERPA to block access to campus disciplinary hearings. The student newspaper has indicated that it will appeal this ruling to the state Supreme Court.

CONCLUSION-

Despite efforts by student safety activists, parents, student and professional journalists, courts and the Congress, the higher education industry aided by the U.S. Department of Education is continuing to fight allowing the truth about crime on our nation's college and university campuses to be told. Battles are being won, however, if not yet the war.



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(UDC) decision, claiming the sex was consensual, and the Provost James Pomerantz reduced Lack's sentence to a two semester probation for "flagrant disrespect for the well-being of others" in September. These decisions polarized the campus community regarding how sexual assaults and allegations of sex crimes are dealt with on campus. *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, 1/9/98

PASADENA CITY COLLEGE

Serial Rape: Omaha, Neb.-Vinson Horace Champ, 36, a Los Angeles comedian working the college circuit, was arrested in May on rape charges stemming from an assault at Pasadena City College. Various law enforcement agencies believe the suspect may have been involved in a string of campus rapes across the Midwest according to published reports. Champ pleaded "no contest" in February to raping an instructor at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He is also scheduled to stand trial on charges of raping a woman at Union College. *USA Today* (5/14/97); *San Francisco Examiner* (2/19/98)

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Serial Rape: John Alexander Scieszka, 46, was convicted in January of raping 5 female students in the Athens, GA community. According to press reports he has also admitted to police that he committed eight to ten rapes in the Univ. of Florida community in Gainesville. *Athens Daily News* (1/20/98)

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Shooting: A hail of gunfire bordering the University of Pennsylvania campus left one man dead and three people wounded- including a John Lombard, a 22 year old Penn student working inside a campus art studio opposite the scene of the shooting. Lombard was treated for a gunshot wound to the leg and released from the hospital. *The Philadelphia Inquirer* 3/2/98

FRATERNITY ROW

DUKE UNIVERSITY

Rape: A 16 year old girl who was visiting a female student alleged that she was raped on March 7th at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity section of student housing during a "mixer" between the SAE's and the Pi Beta Phi sorority. Reportedly the victim consumed about five cans of beer and some

vodka. *The Chronicle* (3/16/98)

JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY

Rape: An alumni member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity was accused of raping a non-student acquaintance at the house. *The Breeze* (9/11/97)

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Rape: The president of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity was arrested on sexual misconduct charges in October and the fraternity was suspended. Carlos Pineiro, 21, was charged with one count each of battery, indecent exposure, and providing alcohol to a minor. *Florida Flambeau* (10/23/97)

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA

Hazing Injury: University of Central Oklahoma is investigating Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, after a hazing incident that has left a freshman hospitalized. Stacy Aldridge, 19, of Oklahoma City was hospitalized with a crushed pelvis, internal bleeding and other injuries. Kevin Crowder, 19 was released from Carter County jail and ordered to appear before a judge. *The Daily Oklahoman* 4/16/98

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY

Assault: Jake Mckee, a freshman, left the porch of a fraternity house after a miscommunication about being invited. McKee and his friend were walking down the road when a Jason McNutt, a member of the the fraternity, came after them while they were walking. McNutt assaulted Mckee. McKee suffered a fractured orbital bone and has required several ophthalmic surgeries. McNutt pled guilty to simple assault on November 20. *SOC files*

UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON

A student convicted of forcible sodomy and rape at a university review board in December 1997 appealed the decision of his expulsion from the campus for one year. James T. Bryan, vice president of student affairs, reduced the sanctions and permitted the student to return to classes but was limited to participation in academic activities only. Students and members of the campus community protested to the administration his appearance at a college basketball game. Campus outcry about the terms of the student's punishment forced the university to expel him, citing he violated the sanctions.

Compilations of articles from the Aquinas and SOC files

ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY

Bristol, Rhode Island. Bryan Nisenfeld, an 18-year-old freshman, disappeared from the campus of Roger Williams University on February 6, 1997. Bryan's roommate reported him missing the next day; however, school administrators did not notify his parents until six days after his disappearance. Prior to his disappearance, his father notified campus security that his son was receiving threatening phone calls from a former student. Roger Williams University and the Bristol Police have been under scrutiny as to how they handled Bryan's disappearance. A leg, believed to be Bryan's

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on campus." In 1995 there were no rapes reported at the 19,000 student campus, but in 1996 they reported 33 and 27 for 1997. This increase did not result from a change in the crime rate, but in the sources of the statistics. No longer were the statistics coming solely from the campus police, but also from other sources on campus including the rape crisis counseling centers.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology has pledged to provide "better" information after it was discovered that incidents reported at off-campus student facilities and housing (such as fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups) were illegally omitted from crime statistics disclosed from 1992-1997 under the Campus Security Act. Niagara University has made it clear that they have a "low tolerance for those who break laws," according to Sheila Hausrath a campus official. Instead of dealing with crimes secretly, "we bring in the authorities... We do not adjudicate the matter ourselves," said spokesman Limus L. Ornsby, Jr.

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invoked his Fifth Amendment rights and refused to testify. Kristin's family claims campus police mishandled the case by not taking her disappearance seriously. The Smart family has filed a wrongful death suit against Flores. Recent stories about Kristin's disappearance have aired on "America's Most Wanted" and "20/20". Her family hopes attention from the national media will encourage people to come forward with information. *The Sacramento Bee*, 4/18/98

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