



# Campus Watch



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## Dear Friends,

SOC hit the Millennium year in full stride!

Such an accomplishment! By means of endless effort and support, The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act went into full force in October of 2000. Because of its stiff penalties and the U.S. Department of Education's public embarrassment over failure to regulate and enforce our body of law, Colleges and Universities finally began to tell the truth. Preliminary crime statistics reveal major increases in "student-on-student" sexual assaults, violations of underage drinking laws and arrests for narcotics use. At many institutions the above-reported crimes tripled.

SOC sponsored the creation of two hard-hitting videos relating actual tragedies concerning the consequences of campus binge drinking. Rowan University and Michigan State University created and produced these videos. To date, we have sent over 4,000 of these videos Free of Charge to High School Guidance Departments, College Health Centers, Residential Life Counselors, Security Departments, Deans, Parent-Teacher Organizations, and State and Local Police Departments. The videos are highly regarded.

We are currently working to develop a series of videos on sexual assault.

SOC is also distributing a flyer for parents and guardians to formally request "Prompt Parental Notification" by colleges of report cards, probations, academic warnings, dropped



**Raheem Bath,**  
*a Duke University junior,  
died on November 27, 1999  
from aspiration pneumonia  
brought on by heavy drinking.*

## Duke University Alcohol Policies

Just days after a report decrying Duke University's drinking culture, 11 students were examined for alcohol poisoning, eight of whom were taken to Duke's emergency room. The two students' blood levels hit 0.39, and 0.38. This far surpasses the levels Duke students had earlier last semester.

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courses, plus conduct warnings and suspensions. At least 55 colleges are using Parental Notification to get parents involved in the academic and conduct lives of their students. Where it is being done, the institutions have seen a 20%-30% drop in alcohol and drug violations. We are currently developing a Campus Security Brochure to be used by parents and students visiting college campuses. This brochure will help record and determine the relative security and safety of each campus visited. (Do you know that thousands of dorm rooms still do not have fire sprinkler systems?) Your contribution will help us develop and distribute the new videos and brochures, and it will help us provide them free of charge.

Our Website ([campussafety.org](http://campussafety.org)) is widely regarded as a unique source of information for parents, students, the media, scholars, administrators and lawyers. It has become an essential part of our organization and is updated on a regular basis by our staff. However, our highly acclaimed Website needs funding to keep it up to date.

Sadly, we continue to provide support to the families and students who are campus crime victims. For example, last year we provided funds to a single mother to have her student son's body exhumed for autopsy because of a suspicious alcohol-related death in a fraternity at the University of Indiana (supposedly a dry campus).

Connie and I thank you for your continued support. We have overcome many obstacles that could not have been accomplished without your support.

Have a safe and calm New Year.

Sincerely,

**Connie & Howard Clery**  
Founders

## Duke University

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At 0.35 blood alcohol content, coma is possible. At 0.40 BAC and up, coma is likely, and a person risks death due to respiratory arrest.

The eight students transported by emergency medical workers were underage. Of those, six were freshmen, one a sophomore, and one a junior.

Jim Clack, interim vice provost for student affairs, asked the faculty to schedule more Friday and Monday classes to keep drinking down on the weekends, and to give quizzes on those days. He asked to identify students in their classes who are sleeping or smell of alcohol. He thought Raheem's death might help to stop the students from dangerous drinking. He thought Duke will begin to notify parents. To date, Emergency Medical Services transported 43 students. During the entire fall semester last year, EMS transported 26 students. Clack believes that letters to parents, pamphlets on safe drinking, and events planned by student groups had helped make students more aware of drinking dangers. He said, "Raheem might not be the last student they will lose."

**Source: *The Herald-Sun*,  
11/22/00**

## Campus Crime Policy & Reporting News

### Nearly 400,000 Serious Crimes Reported On & Around Campuses In 1999

**Washington, DC** - There were 381,972 serious crimes, including 754 homicides, reported on and around American college and university campuses in 1999 according to a U.S. Department of Education (DOE) report released in January. The single largest amount of offenses were alcohol related. There were 25,933 arrests and 108,846 student disciplinary referrals for liquor law violations in 1999, as well as 28,948 drug and 2,687 weapons law violations.

There was an overall one percent increase in reported on-campus crime in 1999 over 1998, not including categories added in 1999. The amount of murders and aggravated assaults dropped, while reports of sex-offenses, robbery, burglary, and motor vehicle theft all increased (see table).

In addition to the 208,081 crimes reported on campus, 17,085 were reported for campus related properties such as remote classrooms and fraternity houses, and 156,806 crimes were reported as occurring on "public property" near campuses.

Statistics for specific schools can be looked up on a DOE web site <http://ope.ed.gov/security/>. A 1998 amendment to the "Jeanne Clery Act" developed by Security On Campus, Inc. provided for the one-time report and requires the DOE to collect and make public crime statistics for approximately 6,300 institutions of higher education each year.

### College Pays Price For Hiding Campus Crime

**Clinton, IA** - The first school ever fined for failing to properly report campus crime statistics under the federal Campus Security Act has settled with

### On-Campus Crime Statistics

	1997	1998	1999
Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter	18	24	11
Negligent manslaughter	n/a	n/a	10
Forcible sex offenses	1,668	1,772	1,842
Non forcible sex offenses	472	565	627
Robbery	1,810	1,862	1,997
Aggravated Assault	3,754	3,856	3,777
Burglary	26,757	25,685	26,035
Motor vehicle theft	6,732	6,050	6,201
Arson	n/a	n/a	1,167
Liquor law violations*	20,781	25,818	134,779
Drug abuse violations*	9,185	9,906	28,948
Weapons possessions*	1,392	1,343	2,687
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>72,569</b>	<b>76,881</b>	<b>208,081</b>

\*only 1999 data includes disciplinary referrals

the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) for \$15,000. Mount St. Clare College, a small private school, was originally fined \$25,000 last April, but appealed and reached the settlement in October. The school failed to report 15 crimes, 10 of them involving violence, between 1993 and 1999 according to a DOE investigation.

### DOE Launches Unprecedented Review Of California Campus Crime Reporting

**Davis, CA** - The U.S. Department of Education announced last October that they were launching an unprecedented review of campus crime reporting at nine University of California and twenty-three California State University campuses. The probe

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was prompted by published reports in the "Sacramento Bee" as well as complaints filed by Security On Campus, Inc. and a Cal. State student alleging among other things that UC schools were improperly excluding from their annual "Jeanne Clery Act" security reports crimes reported to non-police officials on campus.

### New Law Requires Tracking Of Sex Offenders On Campus

**Washington, DC** - Beginning in 2002 states will be required to ask registered sex offenders if they are enrolled in or employed at an institution of higher education and then pass that information along to either campus or local police. "We should complete the work we began with Megan's Law. The right to know about the threat of sexual predators must apply on campus as well as off," said the legislation's sponsor U.S. Senator Jon Kyl (R-AZ).

Under the "Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act" states that don't collect this information will lose a portion of federal criminal justice grant funding. Security On Campus, Inc. worked with Senator Kyl and Congressman Matt Salmon (R-AZ) to develop this legislation which was adopted as part of the reauthorization of the "Violence Against Women Act."

Beginning in 2003, the law will also require institutions of higher education to notify students and employees where information about registered sex offenders may be obtained. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, a federal law providing for the confidentiality of education records, was also amended to specifically permit an institution of higher education to disclose information about registered sex offenders.

For more information about the "Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act" please see the SOC web site (<http://campussafety.org/publicpolicy/laws/cscpa/>).

### Creation Of Clery Act Office Sought

**Washington, DC** - Connie and Howard Clery, co-founders of Security On Campus, Inc., asked Congress to establish a "Campus Security Policy" office within the U.S. Department of Education to properly implement the "Jeanne Clery Act" by providing technical assistance, collecting annual campus crime statistics, and enforcing the law. The Clerys asked random audits be conducted by the new office. Congress is expected to consider "Clery Act" implementation issues this spring.

## Mortality Statistics

	Accidents	Auto Accidents	Alcohol &/or Drugs	Assaults	Fires	Murders	Suicides
1998	--	10	18	--	1	41	17
1999	28	69	11	--	5	49	23
2000	19	58	12	2	11	46	24

## Campus Incident Reports

### ALCOHOL

#### Univ. of Michigan

**Death:** Sophomore Byung Soo Kim died of alcohol poisoning on Nov. 13 while celebrating his 21st birthday at an off-campus party. He had downed about 20 shots of Scotch whisky in 90 minutes before passing out. Since 1998, there have been 4 students at Michigan colleges who have died from excessive alcohol consumption, including MSU student Bradley McCue, 21, who died after drinking 24 shots in November 1998.

*The Detroit News (11/14/00)*  
*The Michigan Daily (11/16/00)*

#### Duke University

**Binge Drinking:** Eleven students were examined for alcohol poisoning during homecoming weekend, just days after a report decrying the university's drinking culture. Eight of the 11 students had to be taken to the emergency room. Duke had been averaging about 4 incidents a weekend—by the end of November Emergency Medical Services had transported 35 students during the fall semester. One woman was found by her roommate, gagging and unable to vomit. A breathing tube was placed down her throat at the hospital and she remained unconscious for eight hours.

*The Herald-Sun (11/22/00)*

### ASSAULT

#### Univ. of Minnesota

Luke Albers was assaulted by 3 men outside his dorm room. He sustained multiple facial fractures which required reconstructive surgery and metal plates to repair his face. Eric Cox, 19, was charged with third-degree assault.

*The Minnesota Daily (11/20/00), (12/6/00)*

#### Hamilton College

Student Anthony Diamond assaulted a female student in the Little Pub, striking her on the head with a glass mug in response to being slapped for spilling beer on the victim. Diamond was arrested and charged with assault and criminal mischief. He pled guilty, was sentenced to 60 days in jail, and voluntarily withdrew from school before having to appear before the judicial board. Diamond's previous judicial record includes several incidents of female harassment in residence halls.

*The Spectator (10/12/00)*

#### Univ. of Utah

**Athletes:** Sean Patrick O'Keefe was arrested and charged with attempted murder and aggravated assault. The freshman football player struck 17-year-old Nathan Pherson over the head with a baseball bat at a party. Pherson was hit with such force that the bat broke, and he was hospitalized with skull fractures and internal bleeding. Coach Ron McBride suspended O'Keefe from the team.

*The Daily Utah Chronicle (9/21/00)*

### DRUGS

#### Univ. of Central FL

**Fraternity:** Justin Clauser, 20, faces charges of distribution, sale and delivery of GHB to three fraternity brothers who overdosed on the drug. One of the victims picked Clauser from a photo lineup, and after a brief run from the law, Clauser turned himself in to Orange County booking.

*Central Florida Future (10/19/00)*

#### Univ. of Florida

**Death:** Matthew Kaminer, 19, died after a fraternity party from a lethal dose of oxycodone, also known as Percodan. The narcotic painkiller came from a fraternity brother, who stole a prescription for 126 tablets at his part-time job at Eckerd Drugs. Campus police recommended criminal charges against the two fraternity roommates responsible for supplying the drug to Kaminer.

*The Press Journal (6/10/00)*

#### Kent State Univ.

**Death:** Jared Chrzanowski, a 19-year-old freshman from John Carroll Univ., died during a Kent State Univ. fraternity party. Toxicology tests revealed that cardiac arrest was induced by a lethal dose of ecstasy, or MDMA.

*The Plain Dealer (7/19/00)*

## Campus Incident Reports

### HATE CRIMES

#### State Univ. of New York-Binghamton

Nicholas W. Richetti, 19, a student wrestler, pleaded guilty to attempted second-degree assault on four Korean-American students. The incident began as a verbal confrontation involving racial slurs, but escalated into a full-fledged attack. One of the Asian victims suffered a fractured skull during the melee. Richetti was expelled from the university. Chad Scott, 20, the second accused wrestler, was charged with third-degree assault and suspended from the university for 2 years. The third wrestler involved, Christopher Taylor, 20, pled guilty to disorderly conduct and was cleared of university conduct violations. The Asian-American Legal Defense and Education Fund called the incident a hate crime against Asians, and has demanded a federal investigation into the attack.

*Press & Sun-Bulletin (6/2/00)*

### HAZING

#### Massachusetts Institute of Tech.

**Death:** MIT accepted partial responsibility for the death of Scott Krueger and agreed to publicly apologize and pay \$6 million as compensation—\$4.75 million will be paid to the Kruegers and \$1.25 million will be contributed by MIT to a scholarship fund established in memory of their son. Scott Krueger, 18, died at his off-campus fraternity

house in 1997. He had lapsed into an alcohol-induced coma during a night of hazing, just five weeks after arriving at MIT.

*The Boston Globe (9/13/00)*

#### Sam Houston State Univ.

**Sexual Assault:** University officials shut down Chi Omega sorority in the wake of a former student's charges that her sisters had drugged her and arranged for her to be sexually assaulted.

*Chronicle of Higher Education (10/3/00)*

#### Villanova Univ.

Alpha Tau Omega faces possible termination by the university as a result of several hazing allegations made by a former pledge. Daniel Valles, 20, claims that he experienced rectal bleeding and vomited blood during a series of dehumanizing pledge activities. He was hospitalized for internal bleeding after being forced to ingest 32-64 ounces of pure vinegar. Valles said he started receiving threats, and has since withdrawn from the university and moved from his parents' house for their own safety. "I lost everything for standing up for what's right," he said. "I didn't die, but the next one might."

*The Villanovan (11/16/00)*

#### Northern IL Univ.

The university judicial board suspended between 10 and 20 people involved in a fraternity hazing incident. Todd Mattran, a Kappa Epsilon Gamma fraternity member, was found in front of his girlfriend's sorority house and had been bound naked to a tree and covered in human waste. He had apparently

agreed to participate in the greek tradition of lavaliering, in which a male professes his love for a sorority member. The action usually involves giving a woman letters from a fraternity.

*The Northern Star (10/27/00)*

### MURDER

#### Gallaudet Univ.

Within four months, two students have been found murdered in the same dormitory at the nation's only university for the deaf and hearing-impaired. Eric Plunkett, 19, was found dead in his locked dorm room on Sept. 28, and police said a chair was probably the murder weapon. On Feb. 3, 2001, freshman Benjamin Varner, 19, was found stabbed to death in his room. Joseph Mesa, 20 a freshman at Gallaudet, was charged on Feb. 14 with killing both students during robbery attempts.

*Associated Press (10/4/00);*

*The Washington Post (10/6/00), (2/15/01)*

#### Univ. of Dayton

Junior Paul Morgan, 20, was charged with involuntary manslaughter and arson in the fire that killed his housemate, senior Austin "AJ" Cohen, 21. The fire broke out on the second floor where Cohen slept. The alarm system had been disconnected in the wood-frame house. Investigators were still trying to determine whether there was a motive.

*Dayton Daily News (12/14/00)*

## Campus Incident Reports

### MURDER (continued)

#### Univ. of Pittsburgh

Senior Matthew Kaguyutan, 23, was arrested and charged with homicide for setting a fire that killed senior Joseph Marcinek. City police believe Kaguyutan set the blaze at the off-campus apartment building because of his obsession with a woman who lived there.

*The Pitt News (10/9/00)*

### RAPE/SEXUAL ASSAULT

#### Virginia Tech.

**Athletes:** Two basketball players were found guilty of assault and placed on suspension by the university's judicial board. A female student said she was raped by Rolan Roberts, 22, and Dennis Mims at an off-campus apartment on Jan. 29. Neither men faced criminal sexual charges, although Roberts pleaded no contest to a marijuana possession charge. He was suspended until fall of 2001 and has transferred to Southern Illinois. Mims was placed on deferred suspension (probation) until 2002 and ordered to attend a class dealing with sexual assault. He plans to stay at Virginia Tech.

*The Associated Press (7/6/00);*

*The Roanoke Times (11/16/00)*

#### Penn State Univ.

Hung Truong, 21, was charged with sexually assaulting several women at a coed dorm at Penn State Univ. The part-time Millersville student was ordered to stand trial after 15 women testified that on Sept. 11 he walked into their closed rooms – 5 of the 15 women awoke while he was groping them. Since Truong's arrest, there have been 4 more incidents of an unknown male entering female rooms in another dormitory. Police have not yet found the perpetrator.

*Intelligencer Journal (9/22/00);*

*The Collegian (10/24/00)*

#### Western KY Univ.

**Fraternity:** A female student was raped during a party at a Sigma Chi fraternity house. The woman said she knew the man who raped her, but he was not a fraternity member and there were no witnesses. She has not decided if she will press charges. This is the second alleged rape on or near campus this semester.

*College Heights Herald (11/21/00)*

#### Bryant College

**Athletes:** A quarterback on the football team was arrested for allegedly sexually assaulting three female students. Police said Stewart Winston, 19, assaulted two of the students in their dorm rooms.

*The Providence Journal-Bulletin*

*(12/8/00)*

## RIOTS

#### Ohio State Univ.

Ten OSU students were arrested on Nov. 19 by Columbus police during off-campus rioting that followed a football game with the Univ. of Michigan. Three students have been suspended and 4 placed on probation following university review. The melee attracted about 400 people, as rioters overturned cars, set dumpsters ablaze, smashed car windows and threw bottles at police officers. One sophomore student was stabbed in the abdomen trying to escort people from his apartment.

*The Columbus Dispatch (11/20/00);*

*The Lantern (1/17/01)*

#### Southern IL Univ.

University police reported a total of 29 arrests in connection with Halloween riots. Fourteen of the 29 arrested were identified as SIUC students. This year was the first time Carbondale bars were left open for the holiday in 5 years. The restrictions, coupled with the university's fall break, were intended to end the city's almost annual Halloween riots.

*The Daily Egyptian (11/1/00),*

*(11/2/00)*

## Unholy Alliance Perpetuates Campus Binge Drinking

An "unholy alliance" of cowardly college administrators, and greedy alcohol distributors perpetuates binge drinking on campus. Administrators fearful of the "soft costs" of bad press, as confirmed by a report written by U.S. Senator Joseph Biden (D-Delaware), hide the true extent of campus binge drinking. North Carolina Central University has even asked students to not say anything to the press that might result in a "negative" story.

College lobby group, the American Council on Education, recommends that schools only adopt minimal standards to comply with federal requirements against binge drinking so as to limit their own liability if they fail to "enforce them effectively." As apologist for the schools the U.S. Department of Education doesn't even bother to see if these programs are working and prefers to focus on "social norming."

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