Campus Safety Department Crime Alert:

Bicycle Larcenies March, 2016

Incident Information: The Campus Safety Department is investigating the theft of several bikes on campus that have occurred since the start of Spring Break. The larcenies have occurred in the area of the Knollcrest East Apartments and around the academic buildings on campus. Some of the bikes were locked to bike racks using cable lock systems. Thieves cut the cables and take the bikes and the locks. At least one bike was taken during the week day while classes were in session.

Suspect Information: The Campus Safety Department has been patrolling the impacted areas and monitoring the campus video system but at this time there is no suspect information available.

Recommendations:

- Always lock your bicycle, securing the lock through the frame as well as the wheels. Do not merely lock your bicycle to itself, but to something solid. Also, make sure that your lock is adequate for the task. It is recommended that if you are storing a bike in a bike rack, that you use a “U lock” system. **Cable lock systems are not strong enough to deter theft.** It is also recommended if you store your bike in Knollcrest East that you store your bike inside a bike storage room if you are able to do so.
- Register your bicycle with Campus Safety. All bikes parked on campus must be registered and must display a bike registration sticker. By registering your bicycle, Campus Safety and the police will be able to determine you are the owner if your bike is stolen and recovered.
- Record the make, model and serial number of your bicycle. If your bicycle is stolen, report the theft to the Campus Safety Department and the police, giving them all the information for your bike. If the bicycle is recovered it can then be returned to you.

If you see any suspicious activity, please contact Campus Safety at 526-6452 immediately. If you wish to report suspicious activity and want to remain anonymous, you can contact Silent Observer at 774-2345 or by e-mail at [http://www.silentobserver.org](http://www.silentobserver.org).