

September 25, 2008

Dear Students, Faculty, Staff, and other members of the Dominican University of California community,

Dominican University of California is required by law to publish a campus security report on an annual basis. That information is contained in this email. This information should be a reminder that each member of the campus community has a responsibility to keep Dominican a safe place to work and study. In addition, the University is providing important information about a variety of consumer topics in this letter and identifies a number of websites for you to consult.

HOW TO REPORT CRIMINAL ACTIONS OR EMERGENCIES

In the event of a violent crime, a crime in progress, or an incident involving personal injury or requiring medical attention, immediately contact the San Rafael Police Department (911, or 9-911 from a campus extension phone). *Your safety comes first.*

For events that are not life threatening, contact Security or cell phone 415-269-6070 or on pager 415-458-4772.

Policies regarding campus safety are included in Dominican's handbooks for students, faculty, and staff.

CRIME PREVENTION AT DOMINICAN

The Dominican security officer will escort any member of the campus community between buildings or from a building to a car at night. A pre-scheduled escort can be arranged by calling the officer on his cell phone at (415) 269-6070. The security guard's pager is (415) 458-4772.

Dominican security personnel do not carry weapons and do not have arrest authority.

Awareness is the most critical factor in the personal safety equation. If intoxication, fatigue, or preoccupation compromises your attention to surroundings, you operate at a disadvantage and have a greater potential for being victimized. The primary responsibility for avoiding victimization resides with you.

Resident Advisors (RAs) in the residence halls undergo specialized training to respond to housing emergencies including rape, suicide prevention, earthquake, or fire. In addition, they are familiar with the University's safety procedures for investigating and reporting any suspicious or criminal activities in the residence halls.

NOTIFICATION OF CURRENT CAMPUS CRIME PROBLEMS

Students should report crimes to the Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students at 415-485-3282. That person collects the data for the annual crime report. The Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students checks with the San Rafael Police Department for additional crime information on an on-going basis. Crimes also may be reported to the Facilities Services coordinator at 415-485-3210. Faculty and staff also should report crimes to the Director of Human Resources at 415-485-3203. The security staff reports to the Director of Facilities Services.

Any calls from the news media regarding the occurrence of criminal incidents on campus should be directed to the Director of Marketing and Public Relations at (415) 257-1309.

TIMELY WARNINGS

When a situation exists on campus or in the surrounding community that in the judgment of campus officials constitutes an ongoing or continuing threat, those officials will activate Dominican University's Emergency Response Plan. As part of that plan, a "timely warning" will be issued via appropriate channels, including text messages via Connect Ed; emails to faculty, staff, and students; utilization of the emergency

alert system; the University's website; and, as appropriate, local newspapers and the campus newspaper, The Habit. Included in the list of campus officials who confer on emergency responses are the Provost, Vice President for Finance and Enrollment, Vice President for Student Life, Vice President for Advancement, Director of Facilities, Director of Human Resources, and the Director of Public Relations. Dominican University notifies and cooperates with the San Rafael Police Department on situations that result in the issuance of a timely warning.

ACCESS TO CAMPUS FACILITIES

Classroom buildings on campus are generally open between 7am and 11pm; some buildings may close earlier. Library hours do change occasionally during the academic year to meet the demand for services and study space.

The staff of the residence halls locks all doors by 8:00pm. The security guard and a resident assistant check to be sure that all entrances remain locked and secured during their evening rounds. Individual student rooms lock with a deadbolt. Students should always take precautions when entering or leaving their residence halls and their rooms after dark. Students should travel in pairs after dark. **Students should never prop open the doors into the residence halls.**

Dominican University is moving to have all residence halls accessible only to resident students and appropriate persons. For the fall semester 2008, students entering two halls, Pennafort and Fanjeaux, must swipe their ID cards to access the facility. A valid ID is required to enter these buildings 24/7. Students must guard against giving access to an unknown person by holding the door open or by propping the door open. Meadowlands Hall is locked at 8:00pm. The security guard and resident assistants check to be sure that all entrances remain locked and secured during their evening rounds. Individual student rooms lock with a deadbolt. Residents of Edgehill Village are advised to keep the doors to their living quarters locked. Students should never prop open doors to their halls or living quarters.

EDUCATION ABOUT SAFETY

During the orientation program provided for new entering students prior to the beginning of the academic year, there are sessions about campus safety and security. The Residence Life Office (Housing) sends emails to students during the academic year about maintaining safety on campus and in the residence halls. Resident advisors talk with residents on their floors about safety. All students are encouraged to pick up a Campus Safety Pocket Guide, available in the Student Life Office in the Anne Hathaway cottage, close to Guzman Hall. The Student Handbook and Planner contains information about safety and security on campus; please refer to page 144 of the current handbook.

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please contact the Marin Sheriff's Office in the Civic Center, Room 145, between 9:30-11:30 am or between 1:30-3:30 pm. You will be able to use restricted software, aided by office staff, to find out who is a sexual offender. Bring a photo ID with you.

CRIMES IN SAN RAFAEL

If anyone wishes to see the number of crimes committed in the City of San Rafael, that person should contact the City of San Rafael Police Department. Information about these statistics and about crime in San Rafael and the University district is included on the University's Web site at www.dominican.edu/about/parking_policy.cfm. The data contained on the Web page and at the government's page on crime statistics for U. S. colleges and universities is more comprehensive.

COOPERATION WITH LOCAL POLICE AGENCIES

Dominican has involved and will continue to involve any local or state police agency whenever the situation calls for such action. Dominican security officers are not armed, so for any incident requiring enforcement, local police agencies are contacted. Local agencies should be contacted immediately by anyone on campus whenever there is an emergency or life-threatening incident on campus. Local agencies are also contacted when campus officials are informed of criminal activity. These agencies are contacted whether the event occurs on campus or during an off-campus activity sponsored by a student organization or by the University.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Students should always take precautions when entering or leaving their residence halls and their rooms after dark. Students should travel in pairs after dark. They should inform their roommates where they are going and when they plan to return. Keep someone informed of your whereabouts.

Security guards check buildings during their rounds. They make sure that all windows are locked and that lights are turned on or off as appropriate. The guards also check the parking lots around campus, including the lot near the Conlan Recreation Center.

If you are walking on campus after dark, walk with a friend or call campus security for an escort. Walk in well lit areas, near curbs, and remain sensitive to anyone walking behind you. Pick up a copy of the Campus Safety Pocket Guide in the Office of Student Life. This guide provides additional safety tips, identifies emergency assembly areas, and lists phone numbers to call in case of emergency.

THE GEOGRAPHICAL REPORTING AREA FOR DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY

Dominican University of California's campus is on eighty-six acres. The boundaries of the campus, roughly Belle Avenue on the parameter of Forest Meadows, to Palm, Olive, Locust, Magnolia, and Deer Park Avenues are the boundaries of the campus. That area includes approximately 223 acres of undeveloped, non-contiguous property east of Deer Park Avenue and Dominican's residence halls, Pennafort, Meadowlands, Fanjeaux, and Edgehill Village.

SEXUAL ASSAULT

Sexual assault can happen anywhere. Sexual assault is a widespread problem on college and university campuses. According to some statistics as many as one in five female students is a victim of such an assault during her undergraduate years.

If you are a victim of a sexual assault, go to a safe place immediately. Leave the scene of the crime as it is. DO NOT drink, eat, shower, douche, wash your hands, comb your hair, brush your teeth, or change your clothes. Such activities destroy physical evidence that could be used in the possible prosecution of the person who assaulted you. Contact someone who can help and support you, for example a resident advisor or a trusted friend. GET MEDICAL ATTENTION immediately. Do consider contacting the police. The police are willing to meet a victim at the hospital if you do not want them to come to campus. Also consider contacting an agency such as Community Violence Solutions (800-670-7273) to advocate on your behalf at the hospital. The importance of seeking immediate medical attention cannot be overstated. On campus, the University Counseling Center and the Health Center are available to provide support and be a resource for you. See the long section "Discrimination and Harassment Policy" online at the Dominican website student handbook for other resources. The Office of Student Life will work with students involved in sexual assaults to change academic and living arrangements.

The Office of Student Life encourages a student victim to contact the San Rafael Police Department. In addition, report the sexual assault to the Vice President for Student Life, the Associate Dean of Students, or the Director of Human Resources, who is also the Title IX Compliance Officer on campus.

Students who have committed sexual assault crimes have been reported to civic officials. In some instances those students have faced trial. Students who are referred to the Vice President of Student Life and Dean of Students, to the Associate Dean of Students, or to the Student Judicial Board for sexual harassment or assault issues may face expulsion.

Reporting sexual assaults may prevent future assaults.

When sexual assault or harassment incidents are reported, the University will make every effort to preserve the victim's privacy and protect the confidentiality of his or her information. However, the degree to which confidentiality can be protected will often depend upon the professional role of the person being consulted. Clergy or sexual assault victim counselors may keep the confidentiality of statements made to them in their

role as clergy or counselors. Physicians and psychotherapists may keep the confidentiality of statements made to them in their role as medical professionals, but are required by law to report (1) treatment of an injury sustained during a sexual assault, and (2) suspicion of a sexual assault committed against a person under 18 years of age.

No individual shall be penalized in any way for having reported or threatened to report sexual assault, harassment, or discrimination, nor for cooperating with or participating in an investigation of a complaint or at a hearing concerning them.

MAINTAINING A DRUG FREE CAMPUS

Dominican is committed to maintaining a drug-free campus. The full text of the University's policy on drugs and alcohol, including procedures governing disciplinary actions, can be found in the Staff, Faculty, and Student Handbooks. As a member of the Dominican community, you should be aware that you will jeopardize your status here if you use, buy, sell, or in any way help to make available to others any illegal drugs or alcohol. The University's Alcohol and Drug Policy is included in the 2008-09 Student Handbook and Planner, pages 134-139, and also is included in the online version of the Student Handbook available at the Dominican University of California website. Information about controlled substances, uses and effects and federal drug trafficking penalties are listed on pages 174-177 of the current handbook. State and federal laws pertaining to the abuse of alcohol and drugs are described in the handbook. Dominican University adheres to these laws.

Dominican University expects its students and other members of the campus community to take personal responsibility for their own conduct, to support those in the community who choose not to drink or take drugs, and to maintain standards of safety on campus.

DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA CAMPUS SECURITY REPORT 2005-2007

U. S. Public Law 101-542, the Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act of 1990, requires that colleges and universities report to current faculty, staff, and students on an annual basis certain categories of crimes on campus. The statistics also must be released to prospective faculty, staff, and students on request. Listed below are the statistics Dominican maintains for the past three calendar years for each of the reportable crimes. Information on calendar year 2008 will be published next year.

	On Campus			Residence Halls			Public Property		
	05	06	07	05	06	07	05	06	07
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Sex Offenses	2	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	0
Non-forcible Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Burglary	13	4	5	1	3	1	3	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arrests for Liquor Law Violations	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Arrests for Drug Abuse Violations	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Arrests for Illegal Weapons	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hate crime	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disciplinary Actions									
Illegal weapons possessions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug Law violations	2	3	6	2	3	6	0	0	0
Liquor law violations	122	104	133	122	104	130	0	0	1

Most of the burglaries involved laptops in unoccupied faculty and staff offices; some laptop thefts occurred in the residence halls. Burglaries increased by one in 2007. Students reported two incidents of sexual assault that occurred on campus in 2005, one in 2006, and one in 2007; all parties involved in these incidents were Dominican students.

Some of the liquor law violations involved students at parties where alcohol was served. In these situations each student attending the event was issued an incident report and disciplinary action was taken. The number of drug law violations in the residence halls increased in 2007. The arrest for a drug law violation involved someone on campus who had no association with the University.

In addition to the burglaries reported, there were 13 thefts that do not get reported to the federal government. The thefts included four laptops from the residence halls and five laptops from other campus buildings. Additionally, one car was broken into at the Forest Meadows lot, and one car was broken into at the Edgehill Village parking lot. There was an attempted break in of a car parked on Acacia Avenue.

There were 14 reports of suspicious persons around campus during calendar year 2007, down from 17 in 2006. Please do report any suspicious persons on campus.

The University considers all reports of crime be very serious.

GRADUATION RATES AT DOMINICAN

U. S. Public Law 101-542, the Student Right to Know and Campus Security Act, requires that colleges and universities make known to current and prospective students the graduation rates of their first-time, full-time freshmen. The government counts as graduated all students who complete the work for their degrees in 150% of the normal time for completion, thus the official graduation count for purposes of this report is the cumulative number who graduated in 12 semesters. Students are welcome to visit the Office of Institutional Research to view statistics about Dominican's graduation rates since 1994.

Of the 72 students who entered Dominican in fall 1998, 30 (42%) graduated within four years, 35 (49%) graduated within five years, and 37 (51%) graduated within six years.

In fall, 1999, Dominican enrolled 111 first year students. Forty-nine of them (44%) graduated in four years and 51 (46%) graduated in five years, and 57 (51%) graduated in six years.

Of the 113 students who entered in fall 2000, 48 (42%) graduated in four years, and 60 (53%) graduated in five years. Sixty-one (53%) graduated in six years.

In 2001, 127 students entered the University as first time first year students. Of that group 51 (40%) graduated in four years and 67 (53%) graduated in five years. Sixty-nine (54%) of them graduated within six years.

In 2002, 205 first year students entered the University. Of that group, 63 (31%) graduated in four years, 79 (39%) graduated in five years, and 94 (46%) graduated in a six year time frame.

In 2003, 245 first year students entered Dominican University of California and 92 (38%) graduated in four years. Within five years, 121 (49%) graduated.

In 2004, 276 first year students entered Dominican. Of that number, 114 (41%) graduated in four years (they graduated in May, 2008).

We look forward to having YOU as a Dominican graduate!

Consumer Information Summary

The Financial Aid Office has prepared this summary of federally-required disclosure information for Dominican University of California students. This information was last updated **September 2008**.

The following required disclosure information is available at the location indicated:

Costs of Attendance	http://www.dominican.edu/admissions/aid/costs2.html
Types of Aid Available	http://www.dominican.edu/admissions/aid.html
Process for Receiving Aid	http://www.dominican.edu/admissions/aid/general-financial-aid-information.html
How Eligibility is Determined	http://www.dominican.edu/admissions/aid/howapply.html
How Dominican Distributes Aid among its Students	http://www.dominican.edu/academics/resources/catalog/2008-2010/generalfront/fininfo/financialaid.html
How and when financial aid is disbursed	http://www.dominican.edu/admissions/aid/general-financial-aid-information.html
Satisfactory Progress Requirements	http://www.dominican.edu/academics/resources/catalog/2008-2010/generalfront/fininfo/financialaid.html
Requirements to Repay Loans	http://www.dominican.edu/admissions/aid/loans.html
Availability of Loan Deferments	http://www.dominican.edu/admissions/aid/loans.html
Entrance and Exit Counseling Requirements for Loans	http://www.dominican.edu/admissions/aid/loans.html
Federal Student Aid availability for Study Abroad Programs	http://www.dominican.edu/academics/specialprograms/studyabroad/policiesprocedures.html
Family Right to Privacy Act (FERPA)	http://www.dominican.edu/academics/resources/catalog/2008-2010/generalfront/policiesprocedures/ferpa1974.html
Requirements for Officially Withdrawing	http://www.dominican.edu/academics/resources/catalog/2008-2010/generalfront/policiesprocedures/withdrawal.html
Dominican Refund Policies	http://www.dominican.edu/academics/resources/catalog/2008-2010/generalfront/fininfo/financialinformationfall-spring2006-2007.html
Return of Federal Student Aid Funds due to withdrawal	http://www.dominican.edu/admissions/aid/general-financial-aid-information.html
Completion Rates	http://www.dominican.edu/about/current/files/crimestatsgradratesletternov07.pdf http://www.dominican.edu/about/facts/institutionalresearch/factbook0708/0708actbookretentionweb.pdf
Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention	http://www.dominican.edu/about/current/studentlife/studenthandbook.pdf (pages 20 -25)
Campus Crime Statistics	http://www.dominican.edu/about/current/files/crimestatsgradratesletternov07.pdf Updated version will be available online in November 2008
Accreditation	http://www.dominican.edu/academics/resources/catalog/2008-2010/generalfront/universitygov/accreditationsmembershipsandaffiliations.htm
Facilities and Services for Disabled Students	http://www.dominican.edu/academics/advising/disability.html
Facilities, labs, and libraries	http://www.dominican.edu/academics/resources/catalog/2008-2010/generalfront/generalinformation.html http://www.dominican.edu/academics/resources/library.html
List of Faculty and Instructional Personnel	http://www.dominican.edu/academics/facultypages.html http://www.dominican.edu/academics/resources/catalog/2008-2010/generalfront/facadmin.html

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Equity in Athletics Summary	http://www.dominican.edu/about/current/files/consumerinformationsummary.pdf Updated version will be available online in November 2008
Athlete Completion Rates	http://www.dominican.edu/about/current/files/consumerinformationsummary.pdf Updated version will be available online in November 2008

The following reports are available on request. Please contact the office or individual indicated:

Annual Equity in Athletics Report	Conlan Recreation Center Coordinator, (415) 482-3507
Campus Crime Report	Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students, (415) 485-3282

The Campus Crime Timely Warning Notification is disseminated via e-mail by the Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students to every student on an as-needed basis. The timely warning policy is included in this letter.

In addition to the federally-required information, students may find the following resources helpful:

Sexual Harassment and Assault Policy	http://www.dominican.edu/about/current/studentlife/sexualharass_policy.pdf (pages 26 -27)
Emergency Procedures	http://www.dominican.edu/about/current/studentlife/studenthandbook.pdf
Academic Support Services	http://www.dominican.edu/academics/resources/catalog/2008-2010/generalfront/academicadvising.html

Questions about the Consumer Information Summary? During normal business hours, please contact the Director of Financial Aid at (415)257-1302. Please address campus crime questions to the Vice President for Student Life. Questions about graduation rates should be directed to the Director of Institutional Research.

I hope you are enjoying your semester.

John Kennedy
Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students