Safety in the Residence Halls

An Issue for Students or the University?
My Interest

• Came from my experience as an RA
• I focused on residence halls after looking at the Campus Crime Report
Campus Crime Report

• Information on the Campus Crime Report

• Rape
  – Dorms ’99 5; ’00 9; ’01 4; ’02 7; ’03 1; ’04 3; ’05 3; ’06 6
  – Campus ’99 2; ’00 0; ’01 0; ’02 1; ’03 0; ’04 1; ’05 2; ’06 3
  – Campus Includes Residence Hall Areas Walker Mini-Quad and Outside Waterson. This is an issues because of the number of incidents occurring in the halls versus the rest of campus and where there is perceived danger and actual danger.

• Burglary
  – Dorms ’99 11; ’00 19; ’01 23; ’02 23; ’03 13; ’04 16; ’05 12; ’06 15
  – Campus ’99 31; ’00 21; ’01 41; ’02 39; ’03 15; ’04 19; ’05 10; ’06 16

• Theft *new category beginning in 2007 police report
  – Dorms ’04 43; ’05 51; ’06 51
  – Campus ’04 128; ’05 165; ’06 157

• Hate Crimes *Between 1999-2006 there are only cases in the dorms and not on Campus

• Dorms 2001 Anti-Male Homosexual 1 case
• Dorms 2002 Anti-“Other” Nationality 1 case
• Dorms 2004 Anti-Homosexual 1 case

• Times of Reported Crimes
• The majority of incidents occur between 10pm-12am and 12am-2am
Suggested Reasons for Safety Issues

• Information not being passed to those that need it
• The residents not doing what they are asked
• The layout of the buildings
The Line of Defense

- Night Operations
Conclusions and Recommendations

• Improve the layout of floors through simple solutions
• Improve the availability of the information