

Campus assaults, thefts up last year

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More assaults and thefts were reported on campus last year than in any of the previous four years, but arrests for assault and theft fell. Arrests for drug use and alcohol violations, however, increased.

There were more reports of aggravated assault last year than there had been in the previous three years, with 20 cases reported,

according to an annual report from the University of Arizona Police Department.

Aggravated assault is defined as an attack by one person upon another with the intent of inflicting severe bodily injury. Four reports of sexual assault and two reports of attempted sexual assault were filed in 2001.

This is twice the number of reports made in 2000 for a crime that often goes unreported. UAPD did not make any arrests in relation to

the sexual assaults and attempted sexual assaults, the report stated.

"In some of those cases, the victim did not want to press charges, and in others there simply was not enough evidence to make an arrest," said UAPD Cmdr. Brian Seastone. "You need probable cause and a great deal of evidence to make an arrest."

Seastone also said that by the end of 2002 he expects another increase in sexual assaults, largely due to a

string of sexual assaults and rapes that took place late last semester.

Accused rapist James Allen Selby, arrested last week in Colorado, has been charged in some of the campus-area sexual assaults.

One student said she was not fearful for her safety but expressed the need to practice caution when being on campus, especially at night.

"I try to stay aware, but I'm not preoccupied," said Karli Uijtershout, a psychology junior.

There were also more reports of non-violent crimes like theft and criminal damage last year, far outpacing reports of violent crimes.

There were 786 reports of theft, the most frequently reported crime in 2001.

The last four years have revealed a steady increase in reports of theft, bicycle theft, theft from vehicles and criminal damage while arrests have

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Afghan journey shapes alumnus

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While working as a photographer at the *Arizona Daily Wildcat* just two years ago, Joshua Trujillo was put on assignment to cover the Fourth Avenue riots.

Having to watch for rubber pellets shot by the police and Tucsonans rioting was part of his job.

Compared to his job now, that was nothing.

A few months after graduating, Trujillo went to shoot photos in Afghanistan.

"I was shocked that they would send someone so green and fresh out

of school," said Trujillo, now a photographer for Hearst Newspapers.

He was working for the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, when his editor sent him to Afghanistan for 10 weeks.

His job was to photograph the people of the rural areas affected by the war so newspapers could funnel images to their readers.

He had attributes that made him the person for the job.

He had four years of military experience and his dark skin color and ability to grow a thick beard allowed him to blend in among the people, he said.

When locals would come up and

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Senate OKs campus party, Homecoming

BY NATE BUCHIK
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The student senate unanimously approved \$9,220.52 for three UA clubs yesterday.

Bobcats Senior Honorary will get \$8,455.52 for their Homecoming celebration.

The club requested \$5,493.98 for set up, clean up, rental equipment, labor, a parade and a bonfire. The other funds will pay for a façade, banner and polo shirts.

Homecoming events are scheduled from Nov. 4 to Nov. 9.

The senate of the Associated Students of the University of Arizona unanimously passed the funding

requests, which also included \$665 for engineering fraternity Theta Tau and \$100 for initial funding for Wildcat Habitat for Humanity.

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ASUA also approved of \$335 to buy chips, soda, fliers and to rent a water entertainment device like a Slip-N-Slide for the second annual Buffet By the Bay, an ASUA, sponsored campus-wide party.

The event will take place on Oct. 19 in front of the Arizona-Sonora Residence Hall.

There will be live music by bands that will work the concert for free to advertise their bands.

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Meet your future



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Optics instructor Michael Nofziger informs a group of students about the optical sciences field yesterday afternoon at the Meet Your Major Fair in Bear Down Gym. The fair was an opportunity for students to meet other students and faculty members within academic departments across campus.

\$11.8M National Cancer Center grant aims to wipe out gastrointestinal cancers

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Cancer patients may soon have new options for treating and preventing gastrointestinal cancers because of research being done at the Arizona Cancer Center at the Arizona Health Sciences Center.

"We want to be able to answer questions like: 'At what age should you have a colonoscopy? How often should you get one? And should you be on preventative treatment?'" said Dr. Eugene Gerner, principal investigator of the research.

The research focuses on three specific types of gastrointestinal cancers — colon cancer, pancreatic cancer and esophageal cancer — with the ultimate goal of taking laboratory findings and "translating"

them into treatments and applications.

One cancer cause that researchers are trying to address is proteins that do not function properly.

"In general, we are working to identify genes, and the proteins they encode, that are abnormally expressed in GI cancers, and then develop drugs that reverse this abnormal expression," Gerner said.

One specific example is thioredoxin-1, a protein expressed abnormally in GI cancers. Researchers have conducted extensive basic testing and have developed a drug to inhibit this undesired protein in cell and animal models.

If researchers can develop drugs like these and they can be used safely in humans, then the drugs can be evaluated for their effectiveness and used widely on

patients soon.

"With research, there are no guarantees," Gerner said.

He created the proposal for a recently announced \$11.8 million federal grant from the National Cancer Institute that will allow for a massive collaboration of 13 departments, 41 faculty members, six colleges and two advocates.

"(The proposal) was considered by the peer review committee as the most innovative and scientifically sound from the group of applicants. According to the reviewers, the SPORE application represents one of the best translational research groups in the country," said Dr. Jorge Gomez, Chief of the Organ Systems

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Professor of radiation oncology and cancer biology Eugene Gerner observes a student performing research yesterday in the UMC Cancer Center. The Arizona Cancer Center Gastrointestinal Cancer Program was just awarded a five-year \$11.8 million research grant, for which Gerner is the principal investigator.

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