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. Arsons 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.

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“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.

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So, do more assaults and thefts mean more trouble on campus?

True, said UAPD Capt. Edward Seastone.

But the increase in reported cases, Seastone said, is not due to a crime wave, but rather due to a large increase in reporting.

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

Senate OKs campus party, Homecoming

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Students of the University of Arizona Senate unanimously passed the funding requests, which also included $665 for engineering fraternity Theta Tau and $100 for initial funding for Wildcat Habitat for Humanity.

The student senate unanimously approved $8,220.52 for three UA clubs yesterday.

Build Vote Senior Honorary will get $8,495.52 for their Homecoming celebration.

The club requested $5,490.98 for student passes, food, rental equipment, labor, a parade and a bonfire. The other funds will pay for a facade, rental and kegs.

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

He was working for the Spokes-Foot-InfoSignor, when his editor sent him to Afghanistan for 10 weeks.

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

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