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Students register for halls

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Students looking to return next year to the same room in the residence halls registered last night to keep their spots.

Though Residence Life officials did not tally how many students signed up, associate director Pam Obando said at the beginning of the night she expected about 500 students to apply.

Under a policy enacted last year, only 1,000 students are allowed to return to the dorms for a second year, and no students are allowed to live there for more than four semesters.

About 1,150 people have expressed interest in returning to the dorms next year by filling out a form online, said Pam Obando, associate director of Residence Life. That could mean that as many as 150 people who want to live in the dorms will be left to find other housing, but Obando expects some people will not actually sign up for a space.

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DRUNKEN DRIVING

DUI arrests up near UA

By Devin Simmons
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It started out as a simple evening at Bradley Johnston's apartment last year — a night of friends, drinking and having fun.

But the fun came to an end when his car flipped over and rolled into a wash, critically injuring one of the occupants.

That night Johnston received his second DUI.

"I was in shock," Johnston said. "My whole life flashed before my eyes. I knew I wasn't dead, but thinking about all the consequences I would face, it felt like I was."

Johnston, 20, had plans to go to college but instead spent eight months in prison. He was released last week and is now on parole.

Arrests for driving under the influence rose 24 percent last year, from 2,574 reports in 2001 to 3,180 in 2002, according to Tucson Police Department statistics.

Twenty-two percent of the 2002 reports came from the area surrounding the university, on roads like East Sixth Street, North Fourth Avenue, East Fifth Street and North Euclid Avenue. Fifty-one reports in 2002, including one fatality, came from North



Tucson police charge a driver with driving under the influence on Jan. 31. The number of Tucson Police Department arrests for drunken driving around the university have increased during the past year.

Fourth Avenue, a popular nightspot for UA students because it's populated by bars and clubs.

The UA Police Department does not have a designated DUI officer, but did make 41 DUI

arrests last year, said Commander Kevin Haywood.

"The department has always been attentive to (drunken) driving issues. UAPD officers regularly take part in the Southern Arizona DUI Task

Force," Haywood said. The task force is a collaboration between regional departments that catch drunken drivers during most holidays.

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Student-parents juggle home life with kids, busy class schedules

By Tessa Hill
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Nearly two decades ago, Colleen Keefe sat in class in the Franklin building, staring at her typewriter and daydreaming about the upcoming weekend.

Now, 18 years later, Keefe sits in the same classroom and stares at her computer screen, wondering about her three children and the tasks she must complete for the day.

Keefe, a 37-year-old journalism junior, attended UA from 1982 through 1985, but left as an undergraduate when she became sidetracked by a promising job opportunity. She returned 15 years later with a family of her own, a new perspective on college and a whole new set of hardships.

Almost 10 percent of UA undergraduates are over the age of 28, according to the 2002-2003 UA Fact

Book, and many of these students are student-parents like Keefe.

"My schedule never stays the same for any given day," said Keefe, who, as a single parent, juggles schoolwork, daycare for her 2-year-old, and after school activities for her 9- and 6-year-olds on a daily basis.

Keefe said the key to prioritizing family time with study time is to set aside a few hours after dinner for everyone in the family to do their homework.

"I want to teach them by example that it's important to set priorities and get their work done," she said.

The problem most student-parents have is realizing there are only so many hours in a day and not everything can be done everyday, said Gary Mahon, director of Executive Education.

"It's difficult because, generally, children of single parent-students

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African-American Greeks focus on unity, community

By Cara O'Connor
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Larissa Smith never had any sisters — until she came to the UA.

Smith, an anthropology sophomore, joined Sigma Gamma Rho sorority not only because her mother was a member but because of the strong bonds she witnessed among the members.

"Being an only child I didn't have a sister. But being in a sorority I have learned a lot about sisterhood and what it is like having someone you can truly depend on and truly count on," the Sigma Gamma Rho vice president said.

Sigma Gamma Rho is one of four sororities and two fraternities on campus that are traditionally African-American.

"The intent behind (African-American chapters) is to try to unify," Smith said.

"They have a strong tradition of doing service in the

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Student-parent Colleen Keefe sits at the dinner table with her daughter Kiley. Keefe says she doesn't usually go to bed until at least 11 p.m.

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