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Senator Chuck Hagel (R-Neb.) talks to students in the Marvin Center Tuesday. See story, p. 19.

Liquor-related arrests decrease

■ UPD crime stats show thefts up, sexual assaults down

by Rachel Zavala  
Hatchet Reporter

Liquor law violations dropped by 38 percent and alcohol arrests fell by 78 percent in 2002, according to crime statistics released last week by University Police.

Brian Hamluk, director of the Center for Alcohol and other Drug Education, attributed the substantial decline to the parental notification system and promotion of alcohol awareness in campus programs.

Beginning in spring 2002, GW sends letters home when a student received an alcohol violation. Previously, parents were only informed if their child was hospitalized for excessive alcohol consumption.

"It's a good law," said Rodney Johnson, special assistant to the vice president for Student and Academic Support Services. "Students don't think it is a good law, but when they are parents they will understand. I feel much more comfortable with parents being notified."

The University gave CADE grants totaling \$95,000 for alcohol education programs such as

freshman awareness at Colonial Inauguration.

"I think students have a heightened awareness of (Metropolitan Police's) crackdown on alcohol," Hamluk said. "They have been aggressive in bars, clubs and other public places."

In 2002, students received 361 liquor law violations, down from 583 in 2001. Alcohol-related arrests decreased from 31 in 2001 to seven in 2002.

UPD took nine months to review and classify the 2002 crime statistics and released the numbers last week on its Web site, <http://gwired.gwu.edu/upd>. Statistics include crimes committed on the Foggy Bottom campus and public property on and off campus. Mount Vernon Campus statistics are compiled separately.

Thefts rose 26 percent from 2001 to 2002. UPD Chief Dolores Stafford attributed the increase to students leaving property unattended.

"We need to keep this on the forefront of students' minds. You can walk into J Street at any given time in the week and see belongings unattended," she said.

Wallets and purses were the most common items stolen, with approximately 200 reports filed in 2002, while laptops were the third most frequently stolen

CRIME Statistics		
	2002	2001
Liquor Law Violations	361	583
Liquor Law Arrests	7	31
Sexual Assaults	11	15
Drug Law Violations	86	89

source: University Police Department

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Frats receive violations

■ Sigma Phi Epsilon, Kappa Sigma on probation until May

by Elizabeth Chernow  
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Two of GW's largest fraternities will be unable to host parties this year after incidents with alcohol led the University to put them on social probation. Officials decided earlier this month to strictly sanction Sigma Phi Epsilon after the fraternity held an unregistered keg party and to extend Kappa Sigma's social probation until May for non-compliance with its probation.

Both fraternities must refrain

from holding events with alcohol until they comply with GW's probation consequences.

Sigma Phi Epsilon held an unregistered party where alcohol was served in September, fraternity leaders said. All organizations distributing alcohol at events must register with the University's Center for Alcohol and other Drug Education.

Rob Ward, president of Sigma Phi Epsilon, said the fraternity held its party at an off-campus location, not at the chapter's house on Townhouse Row. Neither University Police nor Metropolitan Police broke up the party, Ward said.

He said he did not know how the University discovered the organization held an unregis-

tered party.

Student Judicial Services sanctioned the fraternity, said Courtney Barry, coordinator for student involvement in Greek Affairs.

SJS officials declined to comment on the specific case but did say that "anyone may file a complaint or report" and that "the involvement of the University or Metropolitan Police departments is not necessary to initiate judicial action."

"The University evaluates for judicial action any information received regarding student organizations that may have violated GW policy," Andrew Holland, SJS executive associate, wrote in an e-mail.

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University preps for Colonials Weekend

by Brandon Butler  
Hatchet Reporter

University officials are busily preparing for about 4,000 outside guests to arrive on campus for this year's second annual Colonials Weekend. Last year about 3,000 people attended.

Weekend events include a Beach Boys concert Saturday, a Whoopi Goldberg comedy routine Friday and several student organization and departmental reunions and activities.

"Colonials Weekend is a time when parents and families come together and spend time with their students," said Rodney Johnson, coordinator for this year's Colonials Weekend.

The entertainers cost the University a combined \$300,000, officials said.

The sold-out Beach Boys concert will feature a dance floor along a beach party theme. Goldberg will do an hour-long comedy act then interact with the audience at the end of the show, said Peter Konwerski, special assistant to the senior vice president for Student and Academic Support Services.

This is the Beach Boys' second time at GW - the band appeared at Parents Weekend in fall 2000.

"We got really lucky with getting the Beach Boys again," Konwerski said. "They fit that intergenerational feel that we're looking for."

About 100 more tickets remain for the Goldberg show, which Konwerski said is likely to sell out. The Smith Center, where both events are being held, can accommodate about 5,000 patrons.

Colonials Weekend started last year when the University combined its Parents and Alumni weekends.

Officials said they sent 20,000 invitations to alumni but only expect 300 to 500 to attend this year's Colonials Weekend.

Separate Alumni Weekends would draw more than 1,000 alumni each year, said Scott Mory, executive director of advancement and alumni programs.

He said the decline in attendance is a result of the increased number of class reunions last year because of postponed events. The University canceled the 2001 Alumni Weekend because of the September 11 attacks and held more reunions in 2002 to make up for it.

"We had 84 different (class) reunions happening last year, plus 150 student group reunions, while this year we have less than 100 student group reunions and only one set of class reunions," Mory said.

The Alumni Office will be asking alumni in attendance to complete a survey in an effort to improve future Colonials Weekends. The surveys will be reviewed in the proceeding weeks.

"Colonials Weekend is a developing process," Mory said, "We're trying to develop a tradition, but it doesn't just happen overnight."

In addition to the Goldberg and Beach Boys performances, University President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg will host a welcome event with CNN "Crossfire" host Tucker Carlson Saturday morning. The Mount Vernon Campus will host an Octoberfest activity Saturday afternoon with hayrides and music. A complete schedule of events is posted on the Office of Parent Services Web site at [gwired.gwu.edu/parents](http://gwired.gwu.edu/parents).

Area businesses are also preparing for Colonials Weekend, one of Foggy Bottom's busiest times. The George Washington University Inn, Washington Circle Inn and the Ritz Carlton are booked for the weekend.

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Jon Malis/Hatchet photographer  
The Beach Boys perform in fall 2000 at the Smith Center during Parents Weekend. The band will return to the Smith Center Saturday night at 8 p.m. for a sold out show.