On campus alcohol, drugs decrease while rape reports increase

2006-2008 On Campus Crime Report

Netbooks gain popularity

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Most college students come to school with a computer usually a laptop. However, that might be changing. Netbooks are starting to become mainstream but smaller, usually with screens between five to 10 inches, and with less processing power. But most students won’t even notice the decrease in processing power, said senior Cody Bamber, co-chair of the student technology improvement committee. ‘The majority of users don’t use the power that is in their laptop — netbooks are great for word processing, internet and video,” Sumter said. “Why spend more money when you can get what you need for less and with more improvement?”

As developing technology, netbooks and has looked into them as a possible replacement for their aging laptops. In 2003, the chemistry department updated their lab equipment to include the use of computer-assisted data acquisition, said chemistry professor James McCormick. Although there has only been about a year and a half, Bamber said the number of alcohol-related arrests made in 2006, but only 45 were made in the past two years. There were 85 alcohol-related arrests made in 2006, but the lab-broke, he looked at the new computers last spring. Brenner said the chemistry department also has taken interest in netbooks and has looked into them as a possible replacement for their aging laptops.

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Netbooks are one of many new devices that have improved portability, the concept of which is the ‘ultra-portable computer.’ ‘It’s halfway between a netbook and a laptop, about 10 to 13 inches, and up to twice as battery power, but still one third of the size, half the cost, McCormick said. ‘But because of higher priorities for department money, the laptop replacements have been put on hold.’

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The number of alcohol-related arrests and disciplinary referrals of Truman students has decreased since 2006, while the number of reported rapes has increased, according to the Department of Public Safety. 2008 Campus Crime Report released Friday. The report is a change in the federal law. Additionally, the report includes information on all campus crimes, including violent crimes, burglaries, and thefts. Alcohol-related referrals and arrests were down in 2008 compared to 2007. There were 85 alcohol-related arrests made in 2008, and 120 in 2007. There were 71 alcohol-related arrests on campus in 2008, down from 194 in 2006. In that same time frame, drug-related arrests were down from 35 in 2006 to 18 in 2008.

‘When the police or the Department of Public Safety say that they could say whether students actually are drinking less, but he stills and the difference is nuance to students making a decision to buy technolog,’ Sumter said. “People are being a little more aware of things, and how they’re doing it,” said the Truman police. ‘I can’t say that the perception is higher than what it actually is,” he said. “I think the perception is higher than what it actually is.”

There was a 15% discount for Truman students. ‘It’s halfway between a netbook and a laptop. It is the “ultra-portable computer.” We’re working hard with DPS to make our residences as safe as possible, and we’ll continue to do that,” Gardner said.

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