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Sewanee is high, but TBI stats are hazy

by Ramsey Moss
News Editor

Last week's release of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation's *Crime on Campus - 1995* booklet and the resulting article in *The Tennessean* (reproduced below left) have shifted the Sewanee rumor mill into high gear (see "Truth or fiction," below left). Why? Taken at face value, the Bureau's report implies that Sewanee has the worst drug problem of all colleges and universities in the state, with 11.12 offenses per 1,000 people on campus, up from 2.85 per 1,000 in 1994. Compare this number with those from Vanderbilt, Rhodes and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville: 0.25, 0.55 and 0.84 drug offenses per 1,000 people, respectively (see charts on the back of this sheet).

Sewanee reported 20 misdemeanor drug offenses in 1995, compared to 5 in 1994. The rise in drug offenses can be attributed to "better enforcement and training" on the part of the Sewanee Police Department, according to Chief Wayne McBee, and not to a rise in drug use on campus.

However, McBee also says that most of the crimes tallied in the TBI's

report were committed by non-students. Most minor violations by students are dealt with by the Deans of Students and thus are not included in the report (see box containing pertinent misdemeanors to the left).

The reason for this apparent discrepancy lies in the unique dual identity of the Sewanee Police Department. As SPD Deputy Chief Ernie Butner describes it, "We wear two hats." When dealing with a felony or with any crime committed by a non-student on campus, officers assume the role of a Franklin County Sheriff's Deputy and must therefore report the crime to the county sheriff's department. It is these offenses which appear in the TBI's campus crime report. When dealing with misdemeanors committed by students, officers can use their discretion to act either as sheriff's deputies or as campus security officers, in which case they report the infraction to the Deans of Students' office and keep it a secret from the TBI. For example, Sewanee reported zero sex offenses, which includes charges for indecent exposure, in 1995, but several students were caught streaking by the SPD last year.

Vice-Chancellor's Response

On campus 11.12 persons out of a thousand were busted for drugs. Any insight on why Sewanee's stats are so high?

"We take the responsibility of enforcing our drug policies seriously. We will do what is necessary to make it clear that drug use on campus is not acceptable behavior. If that means that we will have higher rates of reporting these incidents than other colleges and universities in the state, so be it."

In the TBI report there were 18 combined alcohol-related violations and 19 drug-related violations. Does this accurately reflect substance use on campus in your opinion and, if not, how would you account for the discrepancy?

"In the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation document, we reported those drug incidents and alcohol-related incidents that were referred to the county judicial system for action. This is consistent with our University policies which are defined in the Student Handbook.

DUI cases that involve damage of property, harm to individuals or uncooperative behavior are all taken to the county judicial system. We handle alcohol-related cases that don't meet these criteria internally."

Which fraternity houses did you visit over spring break? What inspired the visit?

"I walked by two fraternity houses over the break after I heard that there were some problems at the houses, the Delta Tau Delta fraternity and the Kappa Alpha fraternity. I personally wanted to check out the situation. I didn't go inside the houses, but looked at the exterior of the houses.

What's so bad about the KA house's condition?



Sam Williamson, Vice-Chancellor

"I have seen pictures of the interior and exterior of the KA house. There were broken windows, trash in the house and the grounds had plenty of beer cans.

How do you respond to the student opinion that the visits and shut-down reflect the currently perceived anti-Greek sentiment of the administration?

"Neither I nor other members of the administration are anti-Greek. The University has standards for how buildings on campus should be maintained. When fraternity houses are in deplorable condition, that is in conflict with our standards and must be addressed. Because the houses were in such poor condition and were unsafe, we shut the houses down. I feel that was a reasonable act.

I have dedicated \$50,000 to improve fraternity houses on campus. We want the Greek system to be a vital, positive presence on campus, and we are committed to that goal."



Gives a whole new definition to Green's View.

Truth or fiction

Rumor: There are FBI and/or TBI agents currently on campus working on a major bust in Sewanee.

Truth: One TBI agent, Larry Davis, has had an office in the Sewanee Police station for approximately seven years.

Rumor: The SPD has acquired a K-9 unit for the purpose of sniffing out drugs in students' rooms.

Truth: The Sewanee Police do not have any drug dogs. The canines seen around campus belong to the TBI, which trains dogs in Sewanee annually. According to SPD Chief Wayne McBee, the dogs are trained in a van in the garage at the police station and will not be nosing around your rooms.

Rumor: Undercover narcotics officers are to be enrolled in the University.

Truth: Doubtful. "I don't ever see that happening," says SPD Deputy Chief Ernest Butner.

Classification of offenses

excerpted from *Crime on Campus—1995*

13. **Vandalism**—The willful or malicious destruction, injury, disfigurement, or defacement of any public or private property, real or personal, without consent of the owner or person having custody or control by cutting, tearing, breaking, marking, painting, drawing, covering with filth, or any other such means as may be specified by local law. This offense covers a wide range of malicious behavior directed at property.

16. **Sex Offenses**—(Except forcible rape, prostitution, and emmentalized vice.) Included are offenses against chastity, common decency, morals, and the like, such as Adultery and fornication, buggery, incest, indecent exposure, indecent liberties, seduction, sodomy or crime against nature, statutory rape (no force) and all attempts to commit any of the above.

17 & 18. **Drug Abuse Violations**—Drug abuse violations data is reported on the basis of the parent's need. Included are all arrests for violations of state and local laws, specifically those relating to the unlawful possession, sale, use, growing, manufacturing, and making of narcotic drugs. Violation arrests are categorized based on drug types with differentiation being made between Sale/Manufacturing and Possession.

Drug categories are as follows:

- a. Opium or cocaine and their derivatives (morphine, heroin, codeine)
- b. Marijuana
- c. Synthetic narcotics—manufactured narcotics which can cause true addiction (Heroin, methadone)
- d. Dangerous non-narcotic drugs (barbiturates, Benzdrine)

21. **Driving Under the Influence**—Driving or operating any vehicle or common carrier while drunk or under the influence of liquor or narcotics.

22. **Liquor Laws**—All liquor law violations, with the exception of "Drunkness" (# 23) and "Driving Under the Influence" (# 21).

23. **Drunkness**—Drunkness or intoxication with the exception of "Driving Under the Influence" (# 21).

Campus drug reports double

But colleges say enforcement up, overall crime rate down

Lisa Benevides
Tennessee Staff Writer

Drug possession reports nearly doubled in Tennessee campuses last year, the highest increase in five years.

Raw numbers, the increase was from 56 incidents to 107. But rather than reflecting a changing culture of drug abuse, some school officials attribute the rise in increased enforcement and more conscientious reporting to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

This was the fourth year in a row that overall campus crime dropped, according to the TBI report released yesterday, which is based on information reported for 1995 by the state's 81 public and private colleges. The University of the South in Sewanee had the highest rate of drug possession incidents in the state last year, at 11.12 offenses per 1,000 students. But school officials cautioned that the numbers should be viewed in perspective.

"First of all, we're talking about just 20 incidents, so this is not an epidemic," said Joe Romano, spokesman for the 1,799-student school. "We are very serious about enforcing these rules and regulations."

"There are campuses way bigger than ours that are reporting no offenses," he continued. "I wonder if they are doing the same kind of job we are in terms of enforcing and reporting."

Since 1992, colleges have been required by federal law to issue annual safety reports to prospective and current students and employees. Tennessee schools are mandated to report these statistics in detail to the TBI by a 1989 state statute.

But most college officials feel reports such as these offer an incomplete picture of campus crime, and are an ineffective means of comparison.

"It's not fair to compare a school with 500 students to one with 15,000," said Jackie Vandorenak, TBI's statistics assistant director. "For the smaller school, one

incident will make a huge difference in the crime rate."

The schools with the two highest serious crime rates in the state, for example, both have small enrollments. Knoxville College, with 521 students, had a crime rate of 50 incidents per 1,000 students. Memphis College of Art, with 298 students, had a rate of 67 crimes per 1,000.

Urban schools, such as Vanderbilt University and Meharry Medical College, are more likely to have higher crime rates than rural schools, said Malene Hall, a detective in Vanderbilt's Crime Prevention Unit.

"Since we don't have fences, you're going to have things going back and forth between the Vanderbilt community and the Nashville community," Hall said. "We have a lot of special events that draw thousands of people on campus, and there's a tradeoff. There's a lot of benefits from the sharing, but some of the bad stuff comes along as well."

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Houses closed till further notice

by Mark Kalinec
The administration has been cracking down on fraternities throughout the semester. Although no fraternities have been shut down, several have been placed on probation for minor infractions.

The Alpha Tau Omega house was shut down for two weeks and received a \$300 fine during February for noise violations. After three violations in one week for playing music past legal hours, the administration placed the fraternity on probation for two weeks. During the probation, no organized gatherings were allowed at the fraternity house. The fraternity was permitted to conduct the weekly meeting in each Monday. Upon completing the two-week probation period with no infractions, the fraternity was allowed to resume normal activities at the house. If more noise violations occur, the fraternity will be placed on probation for two weeks and receive another \$300 fine.

The Kappa Alpha house was shut down at the end of spring break for an indefinite amount of time. The Vice-Chancellor received a collection of photographs of the KA house which highlighted broken windows and trash in front of the

building over spring break. He contacted Lisa Manley and requested that the house be

closed until the emulsion of the house is improved. According to the VC the house will be closed "indefinitely."



Broken windows are a common sight at several of Sewanee's fraternity houses.

The Delta Tau Delta House is also closed indefinitely. On the night of Thursday, March 7 two members of the Sewanee Police Department entered the house, looking for a keg. A keg was located and, during the search for the keg, drug paraphernalia were discovered (before the keg was found). Traces of THC were found on the pipes and bong seized that night. No drugs were found at the fraternity house. Dean Peangen was called and arrived at the house later that night. He commented on the condition of the house at that time. The Deltas have been reprimanded for the "general disarray" of their house as well.

Two separate honor code violations were charged in conjunction with the incident at the Delta house. One student was acquitted; one student was suspended for two semesters. The Deltas have been instructed to "stay out of their house," and there is a note up in the Police department by the switchboard which reads, "Delta House closed till further notice. No one is to be there. Dean Peangen."

Dogs, drugs and fairy dust

Editorial by Jennie Sutton

"Unthinking acceptance of the current drug policy is unreasonable." - Federal Judge Jack B. Weinstein

Drugs or dogs, some policies cannot be enforced well. The recent, much-touted crackdown on the dog policy is a good example of such a policy. This morning, Tom Kepple's dog Jack trotted by the VC's office without a leash. Clara and Pablo were in front of Gailor. And things are back to normal with a poorly enforced policy.

The crackdown on glass bottles is a farce as well: the night after Buckwheel Zydeco a student swigged his swill from a glass bottle, swaying to the music at the Fiji house, next to a police officer. Strict enforcement. Crackdown.

Students don't want strict enforcement. We don't like crackdowns. And, like it or not, the customer is always right. That's right, "customer." Customer is an administrative code word for students. Extending the customer metaphor, the administration serves as customer service. We go to the Deans of Students while we are students and to then the VC as alumnus.

Consider the following story: Customer service can please us with lax enforcement by sprinkling the magic Dean's Dust of Discipline. The Dean's Dust only works on "Sewanee rules;" it has no jurisdiction over "real world rules," like felonies. If customer service wants to fudge a "Sewanee rule," like parking violations, so that the customer is happy, all it takes is a little Dust.

The Mischievous Fairies of Entropy burgle the customer service office sometimes, and they steal the magic Dean's Dust of Discipline. The fairies only use the dust on rules which are impossible to enforce. However, the fairies have poor vision, and they cannot discriminate between "Sewanee rules" and "real world rules."

So, sometimes, crimes which are not under the Deans' jurisdiction seem to be ignored, much to the delight of students. For in-

stance: not every person who smoked pot a dorm room last month was busted by campus security. Fewer complaints were raised at the customer service counter because of it. Sometimes, the mischievous fairies work to customer service's advantage.

The fairies' poor eyes are so poor that they even have difficulty determining the Domain's boundaries. In fact, the fairies sprinkle their contraband Dust indiscriminately across Tennessee and the United States. One of the results of the fairies' poor eyes is that not all drug violations are busted anywhere. The drug users and dealers who benefit from the bad eyes of the Fairies of Entropy and who are not in prison are like the Sewanee dogs which roam our streets.

It's obvious how well the dog policy can be enforced. How can we expect a drug policy to be enforced at Sewanee or, for that matter, in the nation any better?

The accuracy of crime reports reflects the quality of the enforcement of policies. It is unrealistic to expect crime reports such as the recent TBI's Crime on Campus - 1995 portray accurately drug violations on any campus. However, it is realistic to expect the Fairies of Entropy to dump the Dust unevenly. In other words, some schools might get a heavier dusting than others, as it looks like the fairies gave Sewanee an unusually light dusting in 1995.

Fairies aside, the dog policy and the drug policy are unenforceable and unrealistic. There are too many dogs and too much dust to enforce these policies consistently ("Pst—don't let your dogs out on deal days on Monday, but you can rest the rest of the week because the police will be too busy to enforce the rule."). Unenforceable policies are poorly thought-out policies. Unrealistic policies are poorly thought-out as well. If the dogs and drugs were busted, what would be done with the offenders? Pounds and prisons are limited resources. Eventually, both would overflow with doggies and druggies, respectively. Poorly thought-out

Preventing frat house damage

by John Hagby

Probably nothing is better than getting drunk and just punching out a window or ripping a door off its hinges. And fraternity houses present a fantastic arena for such destructive behavior. Damage to houses is a problem for members of fraternities, as the damage that accompanies throwing a party costs the frats extra money. Assistant Dean Lisa Manley recently discussed the options that accompany party planning and what can be done in the case of destruction of fraternity property.

The easiest way to prevent damage is simply not to host a party in the house. Lake Chestnut is always an option. It's free, but is, of course, subject to bad weather.

Cravens is a less attractive alternative, since it costs \$500 to rent for one night. And fraternities can have parties outside on a party weekend. If none of these preventative measures is available and the fraternity hosts a party in its house, then the fraternity simply assumes most of the risk for what occurs.

Once the party ends and a fraternity is left to make repairs, it is left with one option to recover expenses incurred through damages to find out the delinquent and go through the administration, Discipline Committee and the IFC. Because of the time and effort required of the fraternities by this process, it is often a last resort.

"In the case of random destruction that was particularly expensive, we would consider using money from the account to help out a fraternity, if the individual responsible was not able to be found," Manley said in reference to the "fraternity trophy account." The account is the pool of money which accumulates during the year as the Sewanee Police Department and the administration levy fines for kegs, trash and other forms of fraternity misconduct. Manley said that this money goes to paying about half of the lawn maintenance that is performed by Physical Plant Services during the summer. This year's fraternity trophy account will be used to install fire alarms in the various fraternity houses over the summer.

Sewanee stats

1995 Fall Term Campus Population: Undergraduate Enrollment 1,242; Graduate Enrollment 80; Staff Personnel 332; Faculty Personnel 153; Security Personnel 12; Total Campus Population 1,799.

Part I Offenses	Actual Offenses Reported	Rate Per 1000	Offenses Falsely Reported	Offenses Cleared	% of Offenses Cleared	Clearance Involving Ages < 18
Homicide						
Man/laughter						
Rape						
Robbery						
Assault						
Burglary						
Larceny	37	20.57	0	7	18.92%	0
Vehicle Theft	2	1.11	0	1	50.00%	0
Part II Offenses						
Arson						
Forgery						
Fraud						
Embezzlement						
Stolen Property						
Vandalism	1	0.56	0	0	0.00%	0
Weapons						
Prostitution						
Sex Offenses						
Drugs (Sale / Mfg)						
Drugs (Possession)	20	11.12	0	20	100.00%	0
Gambling						
Family Offenses						
DUI	10	5.56	0	10	100.00%	0
Liquor Laws	4	2.22	0	4	100.00%	0
Drunkenness	4	2.22	0	4	100.00%	0
Disorderly Conduct						
Vagrancy						
All Other Offenses	1	0.56	0	1	100.00%	0
Suspension						

1994 Fall Term Campus Population: Undergraduate Enrollment 1,199; Graduate Enrollment 1,199; Staff Personnel 1,199; Faculty Personnel 1,199; Security Personnel 1,199; Total Campus Population 1,199.

Part I Offenses	Actual Offenses Reported	Rate Per 1000	Offenses Falsely Reported	Offenses Cleared	Percent of Offenses Cleared	Clearances Involving Ages < 18
Homicide						
Man/laughter						
Rape						
Robbery						
Assault						
Burglary	3	1.71	0	3	100.00%	0
Larceny	71	40.50	0	13	18.31%	0
Vehicle Theft	1	1.71	0	1	100.00%	0
Part II Offenses						
Arson						
Forgery						
Fraud						
Embezzlement						
Stolen Property	2	1.14	0	0	0.00%	0
Weapons						
Prostitution						
Sex Offenses						
Drugs (Sale / Mfg)						
Drugs (Possession)	5	2.85	0	5	100.00%	0
Gambling						
Family Offenses						
DUI	1	0.57	0	1	100.00%	0
Liquor Laws	25	14.26	0	25	100.00%	0
Drunkenness	4	2.28	0	4	100.00%	0
Disorderly Conduct	9	5.13	0	9	100.00%	0
Vagrancy	1	0.57	0	1	100.00%	0
All Other Offenses	5	2.85	0	5	100.00%	0
Suspension						

Reproduced from TBI's Crime on Campus booklets are the 1995 statistics for Sewanee, Rhodes, Vanderbilt, UTK and UTC. For comparison Sewanee's 1994 stats are reproduced above.

1995 Fall Term Campus Population: Undergraduate Enrollment 1,199; Graduate Enrollment 1,199; Staff Personnel 1,199; Faculty Personnel 1,199; Security Personnel 1,199; Total Campus Population 1,199.

Part I Offenses	Actual Offenses Reported	Rate Per 1000	Offenses Falsely Reported	Offenses Cleared	% of Offenses Cleared	Clearance Involving Ages < 18
Homicide						
Man/laughter						
Rape	1	0.11	0	0	0.00%	0
Robbery						
Assault	2	1.06	0	0	0.00%	0
Burglary	1	0.55	0	0	0.00%	0
Larceny	42	20.85	0	0	0.00%	0
Vehicle Theft	5	2.31	0	0	0.00%	0
Part II Offenses						
Arson						
Forgery						
Fraud						
Embezzlement						
Stolen Property						
Vandalism	8	0.82	0	0	0.00%	0
Weapons						
Prostitution						
Sex Offenses						
Drugs (Sale / Mfg)						
Drugs (Possession)	1	0.51	0	1	100.00%	0
Gambling						
Family Offenses						
DUI						
Liquor Laws						
Drunkenness	1	0.51	0	0	0.00%	0
Disorderly Conduct						
Vagrancy						
All Other Offenses	2	1.04	0	0	0.00%	0
Suspension						

1994 Fall Term Campus Population: Undergraduate Enrollment 1,199; Graduate Enrollment 1,199; Staff Personnel 1,199; Faculty Personnel 1,199; Security Personnel 1,199; Total Campus Population 1,199.

Part I Offenses	Actual Offenses Reported	Rate Per 1000	Offenses Falsely Reported	Offenses Cleared	% of Offenses Cleared	Clearance Involving Ages < 18
Homicide						
Man/laughter						
Rape	2	2.01	0	1	50.00%	0
Robbery	1	0.11	0	1	100.00%	0
Assault	43	14.47	0	20	46.51%	0
Burglary	30	10.00	0	3	10.00%	0
Larceny	116	19.11	0	32	27.59%	0
Vehicle Theft	25	8.94	0	1	4.00%	0
Part II Offenses						
Arson						
Forgery	5	0.74	0	5	100.00%	0
Fraud	3	0.11	1	2	66.67%	0
Embezzlement	19	0.51	1	1	5.26%	0
Stolen Property						
Vandalism	128	8.0	2	11	8.59%	0
Weapons	9	0.15	2	1	11.11%	0
Prostitution	1	0.04	2	1	33.33%	0
Sex Offenses	51	1.11	2	1	2.0%	0
Drugs (Sale / Mfg)	3	2.51	0	1	33.33%	0
Drugs (Possession)	15	5.54	0	7	46.67%	0
Gambling						
Family Offenses						
DUI	102	7.71	0	1	1.0%	0
Liquor Laws	58	2.74	1	10	17.24%	0
Drunkenness	111	0.94	0	111	100.00%	0
Disorderly Conduct	1	0.11	0	0	0.00%	0
Vagrancy						
All Other Offenses	29	8.3	0	0	0.00%	0
Suspension						

1995 Fall Term Campus Population: Undergraduate Enrollment 1,199; Graduate Enrollment 1,199; Staff Personnel 1,199; Faculty Personnel 1,199; Security Personnel 1,199; Total Campus Population 1,199.

Part I Offenses	Actual Offenses Reported	Rate Per 1000	Offenses Falsely Reported	Offenses Cleared	% of Offenses Cleared	Clearance Involving Ages < 18
Homicide						
Man/laughter						
Rape	2	0.56	0	2	100.00%	0
Robbery	1	0.16	0	2	200.00%	0
Assault	20	0.87	1	18	23.89%	0
Burglary	21	0.80	1	6	28.57%	0
Larceny	75a	30.81	1a	135	17.90%	1
Vehicle Theft	1a	0.80	1	1	9.1%	0
Part II Offenses						
Arson						
Forgery	1	0.34	0	0	0.00%	0
Fraud						
Embezzlement						
Stolen Property	31	3.72	0	3	9.6%	0
Vandalism	5	0.2	0	5	100.00%	0
Weapons						
Prostitution						
Sex Offenses						
Drugs (Sale / Mfg)						
Drugs (Possession)	8	4.7	0	1	12.50%	0
Gambling						
Family Offenses						
DUI	10	1.7	0	14	140.00%	0
Liquor Laws	4	0.8	0	4	100.00%	0
Drunkenness	21	1.17	0	25	119.05%	0
Disorderly Conduct	4a	0.8	0	4	100.00%	0
Vagrancy						
All Other Offenses	4a	1.17	0	42a	112.5%	0
Suspension						

1994 Fall Term Campus Population: Undergraduate Enrollment 1,199; Graduate Enrollment 1,199; Staff Personnel 1,199; Faculty Personnel 1,199; Security Personnel 1,199; Total Campus Population 1,199.

Part I Offenses	Actual Offenses Reported	Rate Per 1000	Offenses Falsely Reported	Offenses Cleared	% of Offenses Cleared	Clearance Involving Ages < 18
Homicide						
Man/laughter						
Rape						
Robbery						
Assault	1	2.7	0	14	518.52%	0
Burglary	1	1.17	0	0	0.00%	0
Larceny	112	1.17	0	12	11.61%	0
Vehicle Theft	1	1.7	0	1	100.00%	0
Part II Offenses						
Arson						
Forgery	1	0.13	7	1	100.00%	0
Fraud						
Embezzlement						
Stolen Property	24	7.11	3	0	0.00%	0
Vandalism						
Weapons						
Prostitution						
Sex Offenses						
Drugs (Sale / Mfg)						
Drugs (Possession)	1	1.17	0	7	600.00%	0
Gambling						
Family Offenses						
DUI						
Liquor Laws						
Drunkenness	1	2	0	1	100.00%	0
Disorderly Conduct	1	1.58	0	1	100.00%	0
Vagrancy						
All Other Offenses	1	0.1	0	1	100.00%	0
Suspension						