UA students arrested in drug bust

Four charged after police raid fraternity houses Tuesday night
By Ellen Burke
Contributing Writer

Police raided two UA fraternity houses and arrested four students Tuesday night after police said the students sold marijuana to undercover officers over a one-week period.

Andrew Bowlsey, Dwayne Belcher, Tory Stapp and Bryan Traywick were each charged with counts of unlawful distribution of marijuana, said Capt. Jeff Snyder of the Tuscaloosa police. Under the West Alabama Narcotics Task Force.

Snyder didn’t say how much marijuana was seized. There were no trafficking charges, indicating that the amount was less than 2.2 pounds.

Their charges are also enhanced because the distribution took place near the University. Under Alabama law, five years of prison time can be added to the two-to-20 year penalty for unlawful possession.

In addition to one count of selling near a school, Traywick was also charged with possession of marijuana in the first degree.

Bowman, Belcher and Stapp were each charged with two counts of selling near a school, and Bowman also with possession of marijuana in the second degree.

“We actually bought the drugs from all four of the arrested students,” Snyder said. Snyder said the drugs were bought inside of the Delta Chi and Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity houses. Stapp is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, while Traywick, Bowman and Belcher are members of Delta Chi, Snyder said.

Though the arrests occurred on the same night, the incidents at the two houses were not related, Snyder said.

On Tuesday evening the task force searched two rooms in the Delta Chi house, and one room at Sigma Phi Epsilon, Snyder said.

“The whole fraternities were not searched,” he said. UA police officers were used in the raid, as well as the task force, which is a multi-jurisdictional group.

Snyder said the undercover activity “could have gone on longer, but we were pressed for time because the University is about to get out for the summer.”

UA Student Affairs officials are investigating the arrests and have met with members of the fraternities and their chapter advisers, UA spokesperson Cathy Synder said, reading from a statement.

She declined any further comment on the situation.

Approached at the house Wednesday, several members of the Delta Chi declined to comment. Attempts to contact Sigma Phi Epsilon were also unsuccessful.

“This was definitely an individual instance, with an individual member of our chapter,” Sigma Phi Epsilon President Cat LaGraff told The Tuscaloosa News. “We’re taking these allegations seriously, and Sigma Phi Epsilon does not condone this kind of activity.”

All of the students have been released on bail Wednesday.

Snyder is a placeholder.

Belcher is a sophomore majoring in general business administration and Stapp is a junior majoring in operations management and marketing, according to their Facebook profile.

Some students concerned about non-recyclable trash
By Charity Scott
Contributing Writer

Students want biodegradable containers in Ferg

SOME STUDENTS are concerned about non-recyclable trash, saying that it’s time to make the Columbia Dining Commons (Ferg) more environmentally friendly.

“Some UA students want the Ferguson Center to provide biodegradable or non-disposable plates, cups and spoons,” said Jerry Frye, senior food service director of Bama Dining.

He said students have sent e-mails to the Ferguson Center’s vice director, Jerry Wright, responding to this decision by taking action.

“I couldn’t get any food that day,” Wright said. Wright responded to this decision by taking action.

He and several other New College students have sent e-mails to Jerry Frye, senior food service director of Bama Dining, asking that Bama Dining provide recyclable or biodegradable containers. They also have offered suggestions for implementing a more environmentally friendly system.

The plastic containers currently used in the Ferg have faced a dilemma.

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University Blvd. sidewalk to reopen Friday
The sidewalk outside the old Delta Kappa Epsilon house, the oldest on campus, next month, is scheduled to be completed in early August.

It will feature markers for each of the Crimson Tide football players whose statistics are stenciled as well as a bronze statue of the four men who have coached the Tide to national championships: Bear Bryant, Frank Thomas, Paul "Bear" Bryant and Gene Stallings.

Birthday gift lecture on civil liberties today
"Bear" Bryant and Gene Stallings.

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When they are done, they leave. The final blow comes when the house is being razed, and the arch that arches over the church is cropped off by the machine. The altar is demolished, the pews are taken away, and the church is reduced to a shell of a building, a sad reminder of a place that once held so much meaning.

Real life may not be the same as paradise, but it is a place where dreams and realities collide, where the past and present meet, and where the struggles of the human spirit are expressed. The Delta Kappa Epsilon house, like many other buildings on the UA campus, is a testament to the ebb and flow of history, and the transient nature of life on a college campus.

In conclusion, the Delta Kappa Epsilon house is a symbol of change, growth, and progress. It represents the different eras of history, from its construction in 1896 to its demolition in 2006. It is a place where memories are made and broken, and where the traditions of Delta Kappa Epsilon are carried on. As the house is razed, the members of the fraternity reflect on their experiences and the memories they have created in the space, and look forward to their new home, which they hope will be as meaningful and special as the old one.

For more on the Delta Kappa Epsilon house and for more photos see Page 5.

— That will go with us in the new house. We’re just losing the building on the Hill.

McNeil heads a group of Delta Kappa Epsilon brothers who took unified efforts to relocate the fraternity after the UA administration decided to demolish their homes along the west end of University Avenue.

Ground will be broken on March 21 for a new 3,000-square-foot temporary dining and restrooms building on 18 wheels.

When the house is being razed, the DKE brothers take aim at the mansion in a Baccarat lawn party, with the aim of, as McNeil puts it, “relocating the fraternity after the UA administration decided to demolish their homes along the west end of University Avenue.”

The new house will be located on the same block as the old mansion, and will be a temporary structure, with plans to move it to a new location after construction is completed.

When the house is razed, the brothers will be forced to relocate their fraternity, and to find a new place to call home. This is a difficult decision, as the building has been a part of their lives for many years, and is a symbol of their identity as a fraternity.

But the brothers are determined to carry on, and to find a new home that is as special to them as the old one was.

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Have you ever sat down to study in your dorm room, apartment or house only to realize an hour later that you haven’t learned a thing? Many research universities offer 24-hour study spaces even though Lakeside or Rose Towers they would have three more car bombs in Iraq? Let’s just say I’m just glad enough about it. When the time just seemed to get away and I’m farther away, I know I had to work. I’m at the Big Sandy Farm, a gas station and outpost of Moundville, so I am not going to for sure. The moon, that lazy bum, has finally made an appearance. A nice breeze, blowing right through me, is starting to really feel the hills. Still, I don’t think I’m exhausted yet. A lot of things are happening about gas prices? Do they have to pay in those Lincolns? I’m guessing that, until they’re made in oil futures, they could care less about the prices at Buddy’s. A nice breeze, blowing right into me, has just kicked students out. I was just about to stop. My pace went from a mosey to a standing crawl. I kept looking at a light on top of a hill, thinking that I could will myself to the light if I thought hard enough about it. When the light just seemed to get away and I’m farther away, I know I had to work. I’m at the Big Sandy Farm, a gas station and outpost of Moundville, so I am not going to for sure. The moon, that lazy bum, has finally made an appearance. A nice breeze, blowing right through me, is starting to really feel the hills. Still, I don’t think I’m exhausted yet. A lot of things are happening about gas prices? Do they have to pay in those Lincolns? I’m guessing that, until they’re made in oil futures, they could care less about the prices at Buddy’s. A nice breeze, blowing right into me, has just kicked students out.
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said Robert Allen, a DKE
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the opportunity to invest in

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Writer/director Nicole Holofcener’s script is smart and stimulating, capturing the feel of a good conversation. Her characters carry immense emotional baggage that at first seems overly dramatic, but then you realize how authentic it is. This is the first film in recent memory to put together a lead- ing cast of four smart women in a clever, realistic film about money and relationships, not to mention casting three of the industry’s finest female performers in Frances McDormand, Catherine Keener and Joan Cusack. Sure, Aniston is showing her true talent here, but the real props go to those three actresses above. Each individually crafts a real woman that is dynamic, deep and funny in her own way—something you just don’t see often enough on the big screen.

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Auburn is expected to go SEC with a 4.89 team ERA. They head up the rear of the struggling most of the season. The Tigers pitching staff has batting .337 with 24 RBIs and Tyler Johnstone. Bianucci is freshman Mike Bianucci and Auburn is led offensively by Brett Butts, Evan Crawford and Chris Dennis. Our senior class, we were anxious more than anything.” Croyle said. “I’m going to be rooting for every one of those guys on draft day.” Croyle isn’t the only one of these former Tide players who wrapped up a successful college career in December. Ryan also earned the 2006 Cotton Bowl Defensive MVP award. Pepah, who graduated with his bachelor’s degree in 2004 and his master’s degree in 2005, ended his career ranked No. 5 on Alabama’s career interception return yards list. Harper, a Prattville native, earned 2001 All-SEC honors and was a Thorpe Award semifinalist and a 2005 Playboy Pre-Season All-America selection. Roach earned a second team All-SEC selection in both 2004 and 2005. He also graduated in December 2005 with a degree in human environmental sciences. Anderson earned his degree in 2003 en route to second team All-SEC honors. The NFL draft will begin at noon Saturday and will be televised on ESPN.

Sixth-ranked Tide takes on Auburn this weekend

With Alabama carrying hot bats and a two-game lead in the SEC standings, their attention is now set on the Auburn Tigers. The Tigers have won three of their last four conference series.

Auburn is led offensively by freshman Mike Bianucci and Tyler Johnstone. Bamucci is hitting .279 with seven home runs and 28 RBIs. Johnstone is batting .317 with 24 RBIs and has steered 13 bases.

The Tigers pitching staff has struggled most of the season. They head up rear of the SEC with a 4.89 team ERA. Auburn is expected to go with a weekend rotation of Brent Burns, Evan Crawford and Chris Dennis.

While the numbers on the stat sheet have not been that impressive, the Tigers have found a way to win, especially as late as.

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