McCaskill plans events focused on campus assaults

JEFFERSON CITY (AP) - U.S. Sen. Claire McCaskill is planning to travel to Missouri colleges and universities to discuss ways of addressing sexual violence on campuses.

McCaskill's office says she will hold events at schools in 10 cities next week to listen to opinions about her legislation on the topic.

The bill would require campuses to designate advocates to confidentially discuss options with victims and to develop agreements with local law enforcement agencies on handling sexual assaults. Schools that don't comply with new standards for training and data collection could face penalties.

This summer, McCaskill released survey results showing that 40 percent of campuses reported no sexual assault investigations in the past five years.

McCaskill's events will be in Cape Girardeau, Columbia, Kansas City, Kirksville, Maryville, Rolla, St. Joseph, St. Louis, Springfield and Warrensburg.

Mizzou assistant AD arrested for DWI, suspended

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COLUMBIA, Mo. • Missouri assistant athletics director for strategic communications Dave Reiter was arrested on suspicion of driving while intoxicated early Wednesday morning in Lafayette County. Chad Moller, Mizzou’s associate athletics director for strategic communications, said Reiter, 36, is suspended indefinitely.
Missouri State Highway Patrol arrested Reiter at 1:33 a.m for DWI and speeding. He was taken to the Odessa Police Department and released. Reiter is Mizzou’s primary media contact for the men’s basketball team and men’s golf team.

In unrelated news Wednesday, Missouri basketball coach Kim Anderson lifted the suspensions for freshmen D’Angelo Allen and Jakeenan Gant, who were arrested last month on suspicion of misdemeanor third-degree assault stemming from a fight with three men in downtown Columbia. As of Wednesday, neither player had been charged with a crime related to the incident.

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MU reinstates D’Angelo Allen, Jakeenan Gant to basketball team

BY TOD PALMER 10/01/2014 7:39 PM

COLUMBIA - Missouri kicks off the Kim Anderson era Monday with its first men’s basketball practice of the 2014-15 season.

But there was some house-cleaning to do when Anderson, who was hired in April after Frank Haith left abruptly for Tulsa, met with reporters Wednesday for a preseason news conference.

Anderson announced that freshmen D’Angelo Allen, a 6-foot-7 forward from Dallas, and Jakeenan Gant, a 6-8 forward from Springfield, Ga., had been reinstated.

Allen and Gant were suspended from team activities roughly two weeks ago after they were arrested and cited on suspicion of assault in the early morning hours on Sept. 14. They were released and given a summons for municipal court. A county prosecutor is reviewing possible charges.

“They have both returned and are practicing and working out with the team,” Anderson said. “In order to return, they had to fulfill some things that we wanted them to do in
regards to character development, in regards to community service, in regards to basketball conditioning.

“They fulfilled those and, as a matter of fact, have surpassed our expectations.”

**Meanwhile, the Tigers announced Tuesday that sophomore Cam Biedscheid, a 6-7 shooting guard from St. Louis who transferred from Notre Dame in the middle of last season, was leaving the program.**

“In regards to Cam Biedscheid, who is no longer with our basketball program, that was a decision that was made (Tuesday),” Anderson said. “The opportunity is for him to deal with some personal issues and concentrate on some things that he needs to concentrate on, so he’ll no longer be a part of our team.”

When Biedscheid was brought in, the hope was that he could take over part of the scoring load after the departure of last season’s three leading scorers — Jabari Brown, Jordan Clarkson and Earnest Ross.

Beginning Monday, Anderson is glad to have his first offseason, which also included shooting guard Shane Rector’s transfer in May and the dismissal of forward Torren Jones in August, behind him.

“I’m looking forward to moving forward and coaching the guys that are here,” Anderson said. “I’m proud of what I think we’ve accomplished since June, and I’m excited about the group of guys that are here.”

Anderson said his biggest roster concerns were a lack of perimeter shooting and depth inside, but he feels more settled about the former than the latter.

“As we go further along and as we work out more and as we spend more time with these guys, that’s probably not as big a concern as it was back in June,” Anderson said of the Tigers’ potential from long-range.

The same can’t be said for the lack of depth behind senior Keanau Post and junior Ryan Rosburg in the post.
“After that, you’re kind of mixing and matching with (sophomore forward) Johnathan Williams III and (freshman forward) Jakeenan Gant,” Anderson said. “We’re not real deep. Hayden Barnard’s a walk-on who’s kind of helped us out a little bit.”

Post averaged 1.5 points and 1.7 rebounds last season, while Rosburg averaged 4.8 points and 4.1 rebounds.

Williams averaged 5.8 points and was the Tigers’ leading rebounder at 6.5 per game, but he’s been sidelined most of September because of a partially torn meniscus in his right knee.

Still, Missouri’s bigs know the onus is on them to get better and Post said he’s ready to step up: “Yeah, I feel like that’s going to have to happen, but Ryan’s going to have to step it up also along with (Williams). ... We’re working, and I don’t think it’s going to be an issue.”

• Missouri has indefinitely suspended an assistant athletic director who handles media relations for the basketball team after he was arrested on suspicion of driving while intoxicated and speeding.

Dave Reiter, 36, was arrested at 1:33 a.m. Wednesday in Lafayette County by the Missouri Highway Patrol. He was taken to the Odessa jail and released.

Read more here: http://www.kansascity.com/sports/college/sec/university-of-missouri/article2449070.html#storylink=cpy

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MU student admits to setting multiple fires in Hawthorn Hall

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BY GUIMEL SIBINGO

COLUMBIA — The MU student charged with two felony counts of arson for a series of dorm fires told police he struggles with depression, takes heavy medication and sometimes lights fires "to feel in control of his life," according to a probable cause statement.
Keiser Witte was arrested Saturday night after police investigated a fire started that morning in Hawthorn Hall's second-floor trash room.

Surveillance footage showed a man walk into the trash room, toss an MU student ID on the ground and set a trash can on fire, according to the probable cause statement. The dorm was evacuated, and the building sustained smoke, fire and water damage.

MU Residential Life staff said they recognized the man in the surveillance footage as someone who had previously lived in Hawthorn Hall.

MU Police Department Detective Joe Kingsbury visited Witte on Saturday night at his home. Witte was wearing the same shoes, socks and shorts as the person in the surveillance video, according to the probable cause statement.

Kingsbury brought Witte back to the police station for questioning, where he admitted to starting Saturday's fire as well as lighting fires earlier in Hawthorn Hall's third-floor trash room and to papers hanging on the walls.

Witte had been a member of the MU swim team then and was suspended indefinitely, according to previous Missourian reporting.

MU committee considering options to replace Blackboard

New learning management systems pose new options for MU that may end its relationship with Blackboard.

MU is evaluating whether it should continue using Blackboard as a campus-wide learning management system or replace it. The university plans to reach a decision by December.

Technology Resource Director Danna Vessell has been leading an investigative committee of faculty and staff since February. She said the committee has held focus groups for faculty throughout September and will invite students to focus groups in October.

Vessell said the committee is also administering a survey for the rest of campus to gather student and faculty feedback.
Kevin Bailey, director of customer service and support for the Division of Information Technology who is leading the committee, said it is examining Bright Space and Instructure Canvas as potential replacements for Blackboard.

Bailey said both systems run on a cloud technology that is controlled from the companies’ headquarters, whereas Blackboard runs on local servers.

According to the committee’s website, students and faculty will be able to try out Instructure Canvas during the week of Oct. 6 and Bright Space during the week of Oct. 13.

Vessell said both systems could adequately support a network the size of MU, and that the investigation started in response to “significant challenges with Blackboard last fall.”

Nicole Monnier, a committee member and associate professor of Russian, said that now is a good time to consider other options.

“(Since) the last academic year, Blackboard crashed a number of times, (and) there was a welling of faculty frustration with Blackboard and probably with students,” she said.

Monnier said expectations for the potential replacement would be very high and would take time to implement.

She said as using technology in the classroom has become a norm around campus, many faculty have become more dependent on using a learning management system.

Bethany Stone, a committee member and professor who has won multiple awards for using technology in her biological sciences courses, said using learning management systems allows her to see what students are struggling with in class and how she can provide them guidance and help with the material.

However, Stone said, the confusing nature of Blackboard could also keep new faculty members from taking advantage of the tools available in the system.

“Blackboard is not very user-friendly, (and) it is not very intuitive,” she said. “I think (Blackboard) is a real inhibitor for new faculty. I would like something more drag-and-drop type formatting, something that is a little bit more natural to use.”

Stone said her preference for a new system would depend on which option takes the least time to implement since a new system could take up to a year to be implemented.

The committee will finalize its recommendation in November and present it to the Faculty Council and MU administrators in December.
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Cale Boedeker remembered for his smile, selflessness

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BY KATIE JOHNS, KAYLA PIEDIMONTE

COLUMBIA — You wouldn't have known there was anything different about Cale Boedeker unless he told you. He didn't like to brag about his accomplishments, and he never made a big deal out of his diabetes.

"We didn't realize that he affected so many people and did some of the things he did," said his mother, Dianna Mull.

"He had this disease, and you couldn't tell unless someone told you," said Kayden Guymon, president of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity at MU, of which Boedeker had been a member since his freshman year.

His energy, on the other hand, was obvious. And it started early.

"From the time he could walk, he was one of those children that couldn't sit still," Mull said.

His energy didn't wane with age, either. If you were one of his friends, Mull said, you knew he liked to dance. He was also a good cook and had a special flair for desserts.

He also had a witty sense of humor, his cousin Bethany Miller said. The two were born eight weeks apart and were close.

"He was more like a brother to me," Miller said. "He could always cheer me up anytime I was upset, and he could bring a smile to anybody's face."

Cale Boedeker of Marshall died of natural causes late Monday, Sept. 29, 2014, in the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity house. He was 19. As of Wednesday, an autopsy was being performed to determine the cause of his death, but the results aren't expected to be made public for several weeks.

He was a student at MU studying fishery and wildlife.
He was born Jan. 10, 1995, to Jerry Boedeker and Dianna Mull.

People who knew Mr. Boedeker said he always had a smile on his face. His grandmother, Patsy Boedeker, described him as being "every adjective in the book."

"He was the happiest kid in the world — he loved life, he loved people," she said. "If there was anything going on at school, he was right in the middle of it."

His grandmother remembered when he was 6 years old and spent a week in the hospital after being diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, formerly known as juvenile diabetes. He shared a room with another little boy whose family didn't seem to visit much. While Boedeker's family and friends were constantly visiting and bringing him gifts, his roommate wasn't quite as fortunate. Cale looked at all the gifts he had and decided he wanted to share them with the little boy across the room.

"That's the kind of kid he was," Patsy Boedeker said.

In high school, Mr. Boedeker was involved with Future Farmers of America and the golf team. He played football until his freshman year of high school. His family described him as an excellent public speaker. He gave a presentation at the FFA National Convention during his senior year.

His father, Jerry Boedeker, said his son would do anything for anybody. He remembers his son's golf coach and FFA adviser saying they could always count on Cale if they needed something.

"He is just a very giving person," his father said. "He just gave more than he took."

For example, he was the chaplain at his fraternity. The fraternity has since changed the name of the Theta Unsung Hero award to the Cale Boedeker Unsung Hero award.

"It awards a person that gets people going and involved," Guymon said. "We felt this was the most appropriate way to honor him."

Friends and family said he would be remembered most for his smile and his selflessness.

"He was such an amazing kid, and he turned into such an amazing man," said his sister, Jen Guier. "I wish I could be more like that, just loving everyone the way he did."
Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church in Marshall, 8 N. Odell Ave. The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the church.

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Little to fear from Ebola in U.S., MU physician says

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BY GUIMEL SIBINGO

COLUMBIA — From the bubonic plague in the Middle Ages to the H1N1c virus in 2009, the world has faced threats of pandemics both real and imagined.

With the first imported case of Ebola reported Tuesday in Texas, questions about how well U.S. hospitals are prepared to identify, treat and contain the spread of the disease are on people's minds.

MU Health Chief Medical Officer and infectious disease specialist Stevan Whitt sat down with the Missourian on Wednesday to talk about the virus, MU Health System preparation and the improbability of the virus spreading in the United States. (The conversation was edited for brevity.)

What protocols does the MU Health System have in place to prepare for possible Ebola cases showing up in Columbia?
We've been proactive for a couple of months and getting prepared for whether or not we would see a case of Ebola. Although we think it's very unlikely that we'll see a case of Ebola, it's still a good exercise to make sure that our infection practices are in good shape and where they should be. And they are.

We have been in contact with all of the places that we think are likely first entries in the health system: primary care clinics, urgent care centers, our quick care centers that we just opened in town, and the health department. We have asked the health department to make sure that they contact schools so that school nurses are aware.
Really, it's the screening questions that are important. And the most important screening questions are, "Have you been to Guinea, Liberia or Sierra Leone in the past 21 days?" That's really the key piece.

Anybody that comes in with a nonspecific febrile illness, especially if it involves vomiting or diarrhea, that's part of the questions that we ask.

**Does the hospital have the right equipment for this disease?**

Anytime we have a patient and they may have a communicable disease we have gloves, masks and high-protection gowns that are the normal way that we take care of people with potential communicable diseases.

**There were four U.S. health workers stationed in the affected areas that contracted Ebola. All four of them were sent back to the U.S., and two of them were treated with an experimental drug. This has raised some ethical questions regarding the use of drugs that have not been fully tested.** This is one of the things we talk about often. When is the appropriate time to experiment and when is not the appropriate time to experiment? All therapies for human Ebola are experimental, and the general approach is you should not use experimental therapies unless you have the consent of a patient and it's in the setting of a clinical trial. ...

I actually believe that it is correct to not be using (the experimental drugs). The two cases that did receive the drug were in academic medical centers and almost certainly in the setting of a clinical trial, ... and I am not sure if it necessarily worked.

There are some published trials in nonhuman primates, the survival rate is very good if you give the drug before you make them sick. That's not the way real life works. You get sick, you go to the hospital, and you're already sick when you get there. When the trials are run in that fashion, the mortality rate is still about 50-50. So even in experimental trials, we're not sure that it shows — in real clinical settings where patients are already sick — that it's going to make a difference. We sure hope it does.

**It's been reported that 55 percent of Ebola cases result in death.** Most of those cases are in the regions with some of the lowest quality medical care.
Does the quality of medical care factor determine survivability? Are there other factors?
For an individual case, yes. The only factor would be good supportive therapy and how fast they got to good supportive therapy. If you're sick for two or three days before you get to a hospital, it's much less likely you'll survive than if you get there right away. The other big thing is infection control.

The difference between what's going on in Dallas and what's going in Africa is infection control practices. There is a different trust factor between the public and the medical profession in America than there is in especially those three countries.

The idea is that here people are pretty accepting of the science that you are not going to allow your body to be touched and hugged and all the things that are a part of other cultures. That's not what's going on in many parts in Africa where the spread is occurring. There are public burials, there are patients laying out overnight who are sick and infectious ... that's the major difference between why we're confident that any outbreak in the U.S. would be limited versus what's going on right now.

In the Texas Ebola case that was confirmed Tuesday, the individual had contact with other people before being admitted to the hospital. Would you explain to our readers the likelihood of contracting the Ebola virus through contact with someone who is infected?
Even if you have a person who is actively infected with Ebola, they are not infectious until you get in contact with their body substances. Not skin. It has to be profuse interaction with their tears — that's pretty unusual — saliva, so sharing drinks, husband and wife that kind of stuff, boyfriend and girlfriend, etc.

When a patient is not symptomatic, they are not infectious. The chances of someone contracting the disease by sitting next them on a plane is close to zero.

Could you give a comparison with another disease of how likely it is to contract Ebola? Is it way less contagious than the common cold?
Way less. It is way less contagious than the flu. Up to 10 percent of adults in the world get influenza each year, and that has a worldwide death toll of 300,000 to 500,000 per year. The current death toll for Ebola is 3,000 and 4,000.
What sort of treatment would an Ebola virus patient receive?
They would receive what we call supportive therapy. ... It would be making sure that they have adequate hydration, that they have adequate electrolytes, they have adequate nutrition. ... We would protect them from the next infection as best we can from people coming in with colds. If they went into organ failures, we would do things like dialysis and mechanical ventilation and things like that to support their organs until they begin to heal.

There are members of the community that are from the affected areas or from countries adjacent to the affected areas. There are also faculty that travel to these countries. Has the health care system provided any sort of guidance or advice beyond what the CDC has provided about travel?
We have been talking to (MU’s) International Office ... and what we’ve been advising people is not to travel to that area unless you have a real need to be there. We recommend that you don’t go for fun, (that) you don’t even go for investigations unless they’re time critical. Even if you’re doing research, ... if it’s research that can be done equally accurately the next year, we recommend that people wait. It's not just the advice "don't go there." It's "but if you do," here's the symptoms that you should watch out for, who you need to call as soon as you get any symptoms. If you have had any exposure to a high endemic area (we ask) that you immediately isolate yourself and contact a health provider so as to protect those around you.

With the Texas Ebola case, the individual told the nurse that he had been to West Africa. However, that information failed to reach the rest of the medical staff, and he was sent home. What are some measures that you have in place so that something like that does not happen?
We have a saying that you can't over-communicate. We've used several methods. We can call them on the phone, we go down in person to the ER and to the various clinics, we have sent them pamphlet-style information from the CDC. I called the health department today and asked them again to make sure they called everybody and make sure that if (they) don't remember anything else, (remember that) if they have symptoms and they have had recent exposure and traveled to those areas, this is what you need to be doing.

With this issue now hitting close to home, it seems the anxiety level regarding the virus has risen.
To me it's an anxiety similar to nuclear war. It's the thing you worry about and you dread, you worry about it especially when you're a teenager and then you learn to realize there are real dangers in the world, and there's some things you can't do much about. You just go about doing the best you can.

I think Ebola and other scary things like that are similar. There's not much each individual is going to do to prevent Ebola in Columbia, Missouri, but there are a whole lot of things that you can do to protect your health and that is get your flu shot, eat right, wear your seat belt, and do not text and drive. That's really the key.

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**Renovations to hopefully improve East Campus issues**

The proposals include a barrier and disabled accessible crosswalks.

By Ruth Serven

*Simply crossing College Avenue can be a struggle, and finding parking near MU’s campus can be even harder.* Convenience is often pitted against safety and courtesy. The City of Columbia is debating several measures to improve pedestrian safety and parking on College Avenue and East Campus.

**Pedestrians**

Columbia officials have recently worked to address unsafe street crossings, especially on South College Avenue. The busy road separates MU’s campus from the East Campus neighborhood where many students live and park. Instead of walking to inconvenient crosswalks, pedestrians often choose to run across the lanes in the face of oncoming traffic.

After a public hearing May 19, City Council authorized a two-foot barrier along the avenue, topped by a two-foot fence. The barrier will be broken by two mid-block crosswalks. Additionally, the left turn lane onto Rosemary Lane and Wilson and Bouchelle avenues will be covered by the barrier, according to the College Avenue Safety Enhancement (CASE) report. The project is in the final design phase, and construction is expected to begin in the fall of 2015.

“I do think it will make it safer for both pedestrians and vehicles,” city transportation engineer Cliff Jarvis said. “Cars will be able to predict the behavior of pedestrians better. When pedestrians can step off of the sidewalk at any time, you're driving white-knuckled all the time.”
MU freshman Madison Nelson rushed across College Avenue on her way to pomp for her sorority, dodging cars. She said she lives across campus, and rarely crosses the street, so a barrier wouldn’t affect her much. But when she does have to cross College Avenue, she said she rarely uses a crosswalk. She said her sorority friends were annoyed by the prospect of a barrier.

“It’s probably safer, but I know it will frustrate a lot of people who don’t like waiting for the crosswalk,” she said.

Jarvis said two crosswalks are planned on College Avenue near the Physics and Schlundt buildings. The crosswalks will have two High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk beacon (HAWK) signals, the first of their kind in Columbia. When activated by a pedestrian, HAWK signals force motorists to stop and tell pedestrians when to cross.

The entire CASE project is expected to cost $750,000.

Jarvis said the planned changes will have "significant safety impacts."

Parking

Improvements must also be made east of College Avenue. The streets of East Campus are clogged with cars, and city officials have now been debating options for a year.

Anne Case-Halferty and her husband live in what she calls “deep campus,” in an area mostly rented by students. She said her house was built in 1916, and her family has lived in it since the 1950s. Case-Halferty, who works as assistant director of alumni relations for the Mizzou Alumni Association, said she and her husband love East Campus’ proximity to campus and downtown.

“It’s the perfect place for us to live, given our lifestyle,” Case-Halferty said.

She said parking has always been an issue for residents of East Campus, but has become more acute with MU’s growing student body and the lack of sufficient university and downtown parking.

Cars block her driveway at least twice a week, fly down narrow streets, knock off side mirrors or run into pedestrians, Case-Halferty said. She said when her elderly grandmother lived in the house, sometimes they were unable to get out of the house to the doctor’s office and one time the ambulance was unable to get close to their house and had to park on the corner. Currently, the only way to enforce parking violations is by complaints, which Case-Halferty said is inefficient and often ineffective.

“The number one issue, in my mind, is not all of us who live here but the commuters who drive in and park their car,” Case-Halferty said. “They don’t realize it’s a neighborhood. They treat it like a parking lot.”
MU senior Mark Anderson and six other students share a house on University Avenue. It’s a typical bachelor pad crammed with thrift store couches and Fireball whiskey and a driveway jammed with cars.

Anderson said student commuters often park illegally on the street and walk to campus. He said his landlord offers a towing service, but he finds it hard to know which cars are unfamiliar, and he has never called to have a car towed.

Anderson said the city should crack down on commuters and any solution to parking must be enforced.

The city has proposed requiring permits and/or meters on East Campus between 8am and 5pm. After prolonged discussion with citizens and the East Campus Neighborhood Association, the city decided to hire a mediator to solve the disputes.

Case-Halferty said she wants to see a solution agreed upon by homeowners, landlords and students. The city has presented three potential solutions, and Case-Halferty said she prefers a permit system, in which students would pay a small fee to park their car in East Campus. She suggested landlords could provide one or two parking permits per residence; she thinks that since students pay premium rent to live in East Campus, they should be able to park their cars where they live.

“Permits are really the only way we can do it so people can live in the neighborhood and park in the street,” Case-Halferty said.

Students may feel uninvolved in the conflict, Case-Halferty said, and the city often assumes that students rent an apartment for a year and then move on, thus having little investment in the issue. But Case-Halferty said she wants to hear from students who live in the neighborhood and want to find a solution.

“It’s not just a residential issue,” she said. “Anyone who lives in this area has been affected by (parking). Students have every right to live here and park here.”

On the whole, Anderson said he is detached from the conflict. He said it is a problem, but commuters don’t bother him and he probably won’t remain in the house that he rents. But he said that as more and more students move into East Campus, the problems will increase.

“I could see East Campus getting to the point where it’s only students living there,” Anderson said.

If that happens, he thinks the university would have an obligation to address parking.

“Maybe the university should correct this problem and maybe it should build a parking lot,” he said.
Although Anderson said any long-term solution may cost the area its charm and convenience, he said he wants to see a solution that makes everyone happy and keeps the area’s spirit.

“The quaintness of East Campus is something that we all want to protect,” he said.

Case-Halferty said she has no plans to leave. She said she hopes that the city will arrive at a solution beneficial for all residents of the area.

“We all have a stake in making it a livable neighborhood,” Case-Halferty said. “If we didn’t love it, we wouldn’t live here.”

**Inquiry Examines Colleges' Crime Reporting**
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An investigation jointly conducted by *The Columbus Dispatch* and the Student Press Law Center, published today in the Ohio newspaper, examines the accuracy and the flaws in federal campus crime reports. Among other things, the investigation of 12 years' worth of reports by 1,800 residential campuses found, among other things, that one in six campuses reported that there had never been a physical altercation that could have resulted in serious harm, and nearly a fifth reported that there had never been a sexual assault.