

# The Volunteer Watchdog

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The Untarnished Naked Truth That The Daily Beacon Can't Print

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## Students Take Fight to Nashville

Every quarter they come back with open wallets and plenty of blank checks. Every quarter the Administration patiently waits while they are forced to pay \$20 to intercollegiate athletics. Who are these poor souls? They are You! But this past Winter Quarter, we decided that something had to be done. We battled administrators who wouldn't help us, and then fought SGA members who wanted to leave early rather than discuss student concerns. Finally, we met with Vice-Chancellor Scheurer and Women's Athletics Director Joan Cronin. Sorry, they said, you'll pay for this one way or another.

After several days of considering what was left open to us, we went to the State Legislature in Nashville to



lobby there about student concern over the Activity Fee. We were on our own, because UT administrators pay a professional lobbyist to represent their views, and they opposed us 100%.

Senators and Representatives opened their doors to us willingly and listened. We gave them information about how the Activity Fee is used now, and made suggestions about how this could be improved. Representative Shirley Duer had drafted a bill requiring UT to establish an alternative activity fee that didn't include funding for intercollegiate athletics. We

arrived in Nashville just in time, as the Administration had nearly browbeaten her into dropping the idea. When she found out that she had the

support of some UT students, however, she was rejuvenated and resolved to push the bill through.

Two weeks later we appeared before the House Higher Education Sub-Committee to speak about the Activity Fee. Also present were UT system Executive Vice-President Joe Johnson and Vice-Chancellor Phil Scheurer. The sub-committee refused to buy Johnson's "we like it like it is" attitude. One representative told him, "you just made a bum decision." Then, the sub-committee unanimously approved the bill and sent it onward.

Johnson and the UTK administration panicked. Their bluff had been called, and they have agreed to meet with us to resolve this situation by June 1. If they don't? Well, the State Legislature convenes again next year - and you can bet Tara that we will be there.

## Hello There

We want to point out first and foremost we support this university otherwise we would not be students here. There are many good things happening here at UTK, just a small number would include the free computer facilities, the big, marble library and the great food service.

We want to make every effort to assist the continued academic growth of the University. However, we feel that it is unfortunate that most of the "student leaders" of the past few years only want to talk about the "good" things here at UTK. We feel that this is unfortunate because in order to solve a problem you have to admit that it exists, and let's face it, UTK does have problems.

What we want to do in this pamphlet is to identify some problems, what we have done and what we want to do about the others.

—Mark Smith & Bob Bell

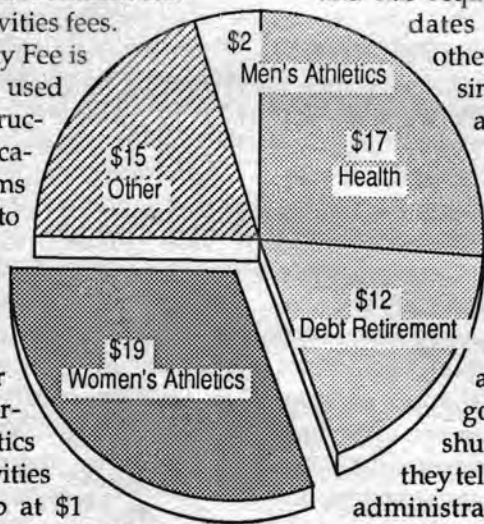
## We Pay, They Play: \$65 Dollars a Quarter for All This

UTK students face several problems concerning the mandatory "Activities Fee" they pay to support non-instructional programs.

1) Here at UTK, students have no control over how the fee is disbursed, and what little "input" we have does not work. Nationwide, approximately 78% of universities that have activities fees allow student control of their activities fees.

2) The Activity Fee is supposed to be used to fund non-instructional (but educational) programs which are open to all students.

3) The Administration has claimed that Funding for Women's Intercollegiate Athletics from the Activities Fee would stop at \$1 million (*The Daily Beacon* 17 September 1984) but it is now at \$1.2-\$1.3 million annually. Intercollegiate Athletics is *not* an educational program open to all students, and since the UTK Athletic Department has a \$14 million dollar budget, why doesn't it fund women's athletics???



4) The Athletic Department has offices, lockers, and equipment in the Student Aquatic Center, and uses the facility to practice in. Yet, the *only* money they contribute to the running of the pools is \$200 per swim meet.

5) The Administration does not want the Activities Fee to be an issue, and has requested the candidates to emphasize other issues. We ask, since when does the administration tell students what to say and do? We agree with the administration on some issues, but when we disagree, we are *not* going to simply shut-up and do as they tell us. We feel such administrative comments are an insult to the collegiate community and are as close to censorship as the Administration dares to come.

According to Title IX, UTK must fund women's athletics, but the law does not say where the money must come from. Most universities fund

women's athletics by appropriating money from a general athletic budget. This means that the money making sports pay for the unprofitable ones. Here at UTK, women's athletics has a separate athletic department. UTK is the only school in the SEC, and one of only 13 universities nationwide to do this. But most of these separate women's departments still get financial support from the highly profitable men's sports. At UTK, none of the profit from men's athletics goes to support the women's programs. Because of this, and the fact that the law says someone must pay for women's athletics, the students are paying for it. Mark and Bob feel that the Women's Athletic Director should be in complete control of her own budget—but we do not feel that students should subsidize the Athletic Department's \$14 million budget with and extra \$1.5 million. We favor eliminating all funding for intercollegiate athletics through the Activities Fee.

Joe Johnson, Vice President of the UT system, is setting up a meeting with students, including Mark and Bob, to do something about the funding of athletics through the Activities Fee. This agreement was reached with the help of Representatives

Steve Bivens and Shirley Duer of the State Legislature. Rep. Duer had planned to send a bill which passed the sub-committee unanimously to the full Education Committee. Her bill would have required a second activities fee that would not include any money for intercollegiate athletics. We all feel that a law would not be the best solution. However, if the administration continues to talk, without listening to student concerns, and nothing is worked out by June 1, the Legislature will take the matter up again in the fall — and *we will be there*. We are committed to action and following through on issues of student concern — unlike many past members of SGA.

Bob recently sponsored a bill in the SGA Senate requesting the Administration publish the balances of Activities Fee accounts which keep money from one fiscal year to the next. For most accounts, if the money

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A Grunt of Approval From Gimpy



The Lame Monkey Manifesto



## Rebuild A Working Relationship With Whom?

Many candidates seem to feel that SGA needs to "continue to rebuild (or build) our relationship with the administration." Why is it that SGA's junior politicians always want to build a "good" relationship with the administration? Is it because every time a student disagrees with an administrative position, it is taken as an insult by the administrators? The administration often does not bother to listen to what students and faculty are saying, and do not seem to direct their efforts towards solving complaints. Rather, by their actions they assure us that they are happy with the system and that it has to be the way they currently have it set up.



Why should we worry about having a "good" relationship with the administration? Often, such a relationship simply means that the students meekly agree to whatever the administration says. We are not worried about offending the administration if that is what it takes to represent the students.

We feel that our relationship is about as good as it is going to be for a while and that SGA's efforts would be better spent on trying to build a better working relationship with the Faculty Senate. We feel that more cooperation and exchange of information on issues of concern to each body would give students and faculty an even stronger

voice in matters that concern them. After all, both groups are often concerned about the same issues, such as parking. One proposal that we would like to see immediately implemented is that the Faculty Senate should send SGA a copy of the minutes of each of its meetings. SGA already sends a copy of its minutes to the Faculty Senate, so a return of this minimal communication would be a good place to start. We also think that the Faculty Senate and the SGA Senate should meet together once a semester.

SGA needs to build up its credibility with the students. The first step in this direction is to get students involved who are willing to show up and work — not just to be elected and then never do a damn thing. The biggest problem that SGA now has is

that many members do not show up for meetings, and many of those that do show up are not actively involved in projects. Senators constantly complain that not enough research has been done, but when asked, they do not want to do this research themselves.

Rusty Gray and Pat Hunt, current SGA president and vice-president respectively, have had much difficulty in firing those members who never showed up and did not fulfill their obligations. Mark and Bob will have no problem with firing someone that doesn't do their job. We do not have a large party, so we have no obligations to fill positions with party members, or reasons to keep a poor worker. We will select students according to their merit and not their party affiliation.

## Library Needs More Books and Equipment

How many students have noticed that the library is nice, but it doesn't have enough books. How many students have been forced to stand in line waiting to use equipment such as a microfilm machine? These problems are a result of a Library Endowment Fund that has not grown sufficiently over the years. The fund is too small to buy many new books and cannot be used to purchase new equipment. Mark and Bob very strongly support an immediate and drastic increase in the amount of this fund, and the creation of a Library Equipment Fund. As the age of instant information encroaches upon us, the need for expensive, modern library equipment should be obvious. At worst, new, working microfilm machines and copiers are needed. The library and administration need to launch a large fundraising campaign, possibly making it an annual event.



stration and possibly alumni, the endowment fund can be increased to a level where the Library can purchase many important volumes each year and also work toward replacing the stone age equipment currently in use. Until we amend the SGA Constitution to eliminate the administration payoff - uhm, the SGA stipends, we will sign over any checks received to the Library Endowment Fund to start the ball rolling.

The libraries should be convenient for student use, and so as long as the book and equipment shortages are in existence, SGA should help the library and administration in getting sufficient funds. The library should also be open longer for student use. Mark has already sponsored a bill asking for the study areas in the library to be open 24 hours, the Reference and Periodical sections open until 2 a.m., and the entire library open until midnight during exams. We are happy that the library implemented this proposal.

Working with the Library admini-

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allocated is not spent, it goes into a general or capital fund. This capital fund is how the outdoor pool repairs were paid for, the sports bubble was set up, and the Nautilus Equipment was paid for. These expenditures total approximately \$1.5 million. The reason for the bill is because by looking at the budget, you cannot tell where this money came from.

Finally, we favor the establishment of a board composed of a majority of undergraduate students, several graduate students, a faculty member, and an administrator, to oversee

the distribution of the Activities Fee. This board would need final authority in spending activity fee money in order to be effective. As long as some facet of SGA does not have veto power over activities fee allocations, SGA will have no power other than lobbying the various governmental bodies which can effect change through legislation. It is just a fact that money talks and bullshit walks. Mark and Bob feel that the students will continue to walk without at least veto power over activities fee allocations.

## The Money Pit

Everybody knows what a bitch it is to park on campus. You pay the highest fees in the state for a hunting license. That's because the Traffic and Parking Authority (TPA) sells more stickers than there are spaces and then says that we have plenty of parking spaces! Bullshit. It is true you can usually find a space, but how far from class? It is humiliating to have to pay an exorbitant fee and then hike a mile to class. And after paying these high fees, only to discover no spaces are available, the TPA kindly remembers your contribution by sending the student ticket writers from Hell after your almost legally parked car. After all, the fees are not enough, they are *desperate* for more of your money.

UTK recently announced that they would soon begin constructing a new parking garage. But who is the garage really for??? Who else, but the Athletic Department. You didn't think they were building this because students needed the facility did you? You *will* pay for it, and you can even park there if you buy a commuter tag, and there don't happen to be any athletic events or concerts at the time.

The Athletic Department will have the right to rent these spaces out during events. They say part of the money will go to the Traffic and Parking Authority. We say, what right do they have to rent out *student* spaces? Spaces that will be paid for primarily with your money. It is clear that students are going to get screwed in some form once again. If



UTK wanted to build a parking garage for student use, it would build it someplace in a better location, such as by the new library. Have you ever tried to park near the library?

The parking facilities that do exist on campus are a mess. They are full of potholes and are packed so tight that it is often impossible to get out of a space once you've gotten into it. Most of the parking problems can be blamed on the Traffic and Parking Authority (TPA.) They are like a Black Hole, sucking in ever higher fees without ever showing any tangible improvements in facilities. Why? Because these guys are a joke. The TPA claims to spend hundreds of

thousands of dollars just to fill the potholes in lots that occur each year. Do they fill potholes with gold? Do they fill them at all?

Administrators pay no money to park. They do, however, condescend to sit on the TPA with faculty and students and "help" them determine TPA policies. It seems that all they are really doing is helping themselves to free parking at our expense. If administrators don't want to pay to park, fine. But we don't want them mispending our money. The TPA should be composed only of students and faculty, because we pay for our parking privileges.





## POLICE JURISDICTION PROBLEM FOR OFF CAMPUS STUDENTS!

A crash resounds in the night, followed by people shouting. It sounds violent, and looking out of your window you see people vandalizing a car. Quick! You live in Golf Range Apartments — what police department do you call? UT's? Whose cruisers are stationed miles away? Or Knoxville's? Who may not respond because you live on UT property?

A far fetched scenario you say? Hardly. Recently *The Daily Beacon* has done stories demonstrating that problems exist between the Knoxville Police and residents of Fort Sanders and other off campus housing areas. Several UTK Rental Property residents have had motorcycles stolen and neither the UT Police nor the Knoxville Police would respond, citing jurisdictional conflicts. These stories have shown that the Knoxville Police often refuse to answer calls in non-campus areas, instead referring them to UTK Police, who in turn say they do not have jurisdiction in off campus areas. *This cannot be allowed to continue.* Residents of off-campus housing, regardless of the area, must be guaranteed the same police protection that residents of other Knoxville communities enjoy.

UTK Campus Police are not equipped or trained to cover the vast

area that off-campus housing covers in the Knoxville community. Mark and Bob will meet with UTK Officials to establish what areas UTK police will maintain jurisdiction over. Then they will attempt to get the City of Knoxville and UTK Officials to sit down and iron out these problems. Mark and Bob feel that the Fort Sanders community should be totally under the jurisdiction of the City of Knoxville, and that the City needs to



"Subject Gone Upon Arrival"

commit itself to protecting the area. They will work with the Legislative Interest Group and with local council-people to achieve these ends. Mayor Ashe's recent request for more student involvement in local government shows that the city government is willing to work with students.

Another concern in the area of crime is that UTK does not include crimes against students in the Fort Sanders area in its crime statistics. This means that UTK's crime statistics are lower than what the actual student community experiences. We feel that crime statistics for off-campus housing areas should be available in the Off-Campus Housing Office, so that students are more aware of the crime rates in potential living areas.

## Pat Summit: Great Coach - Shitty Salary

Okay, Jack and Phil, it's time to stand behind all those nice statements you made about how UT abides by Title IX and do so! What is Title IX? It is a Federal law that says men's and women's athletic programs must be comparably funded. UT administrators claim to abide by Title IX, but do they? No!

The best example is Pat Head Summit versus Don Devoe. Mrs. Summit is the Women's Basketball Coach. Under her leadership, the Lady Vols have exploded into national prominence. They are always a standout group — leaders as athletes and students. They reach the Final Four year after year after year. They were the 1987 NCAA National Champions and returned to the Final Four again this season. Ob-



viously, Coach Summit has worked incredibly hard and deserves to be amply rewarded for her achievements. *Why then* does she have a salary of only \$48,335 when Don Devoe makes \$68,900?!

This is a crock! Under Don Devoe the men's program has steadily plummeted to new lows of performance. They have not reached the NCAA Tournament in many years, and have never moved past the second round of the NCAA's. His leadership has led to shoplifters representing the University of Tennessee. He has a losing record over the past 3 years combined and cannot seem to recruit even players who live in Tennessee.

How can Jack and Phil justify this farce? They can't! Not even Socrates could explain this bullshit away on his best day. UT must immediately redress this situation. Of course, they could reduce Devoe's salary, or raise Summit's salary. Actually, the best solution is to increase Summit's salary and reduce Devoe's — probably by firing him.

## SGA: FROM YOUR POCKET TO THEIRS

Currently the SGA President and Vice-President receive a monthly stipend from the administration. The President receives approximately \$200.00 and the Vice-President receives approximately \$150.00 a month for their activities, or lack thereof. The money comes from the SGA's \$30,000 a year budget, financed through the Activities Fee. We feel that with SGA officers receiving money from the administration that they become mouthpieces for the administration, losing their student perspective. We feel that students should be *volunteering* to serve other students, not taking pay offs from the administration. Are SGA officers employees of the administration or public servants? The SGA President and Vice-President receive free parking privileges, which allows them to park in any staff or student lots. We oppose this, as the officers of SGA are just students who can pay to park like other students.

Pat Hunt, current SGA Vice-President and current candidate for SGA President, desires to form a committee that will help raise funds to be spent on parking. This is quite interesting in light of the facts that he currently doesn't pay to park and *UTK already has the highest parking fees of any state institution.* We think that UTK students are already paying too much for the poor parking facilities available to students. They suggest that the Traffic and Parking Authority examine ways to cut their very thick budget. The free parking privilege for SGA Officials is another cost that the student body has to absorb.

Mark and Bob will work toward eliminating the Stipend and the Free Parking for SGA Officials by amending the SGA Constitution and refusing the payola. We will publicly display the SGA accounts and personal records to show that they receive no money from the administration, when elected.

*"Society has long ago decided on this ethical question, and I'm not naive enough to believe prohibition will re-occur. I find it difficult to recounile the fact that students in our dormitory system are denied the rights which are freely available to them in private housing in the immediate area of campus. Frankly, I am not comfortable with what may be some inevitable hypocrisy. I believe that the entire subject of alcohol deserves more attention than it has received..."*

—Jack Reese to the Board of Trustees, June 1977

You're 21 years old and a citizen of the State of Tennessee. If you live off-campus you can drink alcoholic beverages. If you go to a bar, you can order drinks and drink them.

But you're a UT student. You cannot drink in your dorm room, fraternity house or anywhere else on campus, and this needs to be changed.

Attention: Board of Trustees. This is the 20th century. Remember? Men on the moon, women in the work force and beer in cans? Why can't students who are of legal drinking age consume alcoholic beverages in their rooms and fraternity houses? The Faculty and Administrators can drink on campus — at the Faculty Club.

I wonder what would happen to a 21-year-old student who ordered a drink at the Faculty Club? Instant dismissal? Mysterious grade

changes? It's too awful to consider.

The current alcohol policy is archaic—it could have been the brain child of Queen Victoria.

Even *Hilltopics* states that students don't give up their rights as citizens when they enter the university. State

Law says "Hey, dude, you're 21 and you can drink alcohol." Somewhere there's a problem. Even Chancellor Jack Reese has told the Board of Trustees that he thinks students who are 21 should be able to drink in the privacy of their own rooms.

It may take a great effort of all of us together to pull this off, but

it's time to drag the Board of Trustees (probably kickin' and screamin') into the latter half of 20th century America. This issue must be taken up and changed, or, if necessary, we'll be off to the State Legislature once again—with a whole new crusade.

We think that if all UT system SGA's work together on the issue that a change is possible, and if the Board of Trustees stonewalls the issue then we will take the issue to the State Legislature, and attempt to combine efforts with SGA's from other State Universities. One of SGA's problems on this issue has been a failure to coordinate efforts throughout the UT system. Sure it will be hard, anything worth a damn is.

— Mark Smith



## LEGISLATIVE INTEREST GROUP SHOULD BE STRONG

The Legislative Interest Group is a Student Services Committee responsible for lobbying Federal, State, and Community governments with student concerns. The Legislative Interest Group should be one of the most important student services committees. Over the past few years SGA Officials that have been successful in bringing about any major changes have all had strong Legislative Interest Groups. But for the past eight years SGA has neglected this Student Services Committee to a point that it is ineffective, and as a result SGA has lost the only power that is possible without financial power. For years now SGA has allowed the administration to dictate what can and can't be addressed by this committee. This is a dirty shame, because students *can* effectively lobby the Federal, State, and City governments.

For example when State Senator Bill Owens was a student at UTK he was involved with establishing a student as a member on the Board Of Trustees. The UT administration lobbied against this, and yet the students were successful due to effective lobbying. Bob and Mark are currently demonstrating that this can still happen, as they lobbied the State Legislature on the Activities Fee Issue and forced the administration to come to the bargaining table.

Mark and Bob feel that this group should be much more active, and MUCH larger. This group should actively lobby the State Legislature and the Tennessee Higher Education Commission on issues of student importance, like Library funding and our very high parking and Activities Fee. They also need to lobby local governments on issues like the

oppressive amusement tax. The Student representative on the Board of Trustees should take care of student concerns. But it is obvious that they have not been effective in representing student concerns during the 3 or 4 meetings held each year. The Legislative Interest Group should also help lobby the Trustees. Mark and Bob also feel that when LIG lobbies they should be lobbying free of administrative direction (although it is nice if both of us are lobbying for the same goals.) However, in recent years it has become apparent that LIG's trips are often conducted like field trips in which the

students are led around like a class limiting their effectiveness concerning real lobbying. It has also come to Mark and Bob's attention that the UT Administration often says one thing and then lobbies another way (talk to State Senator Bill Owens or Representative Pete Drew for instances.) UT has a full-time salaried lobbyist who represents the Administration's opinions. So, students must work especially hard and professionally in order to make sure that all 26,000 of us get a chance at adequate representation, especially when dealing with issues that the administration is opposed to.



"And the secret zebra account is channeled through the..."

## The Candidates on the Issues

THE ISSUES	Mark Smith Bob Bell Volunteer Party	Jim Wheeler Kristin Bailey Tennessee '89	Pat Hunt John Claybrooks Unity '89	Randall LeQuire Scott Church Renaissance '89	Chris Peebles Lamont Hudson Tennessee Now
ACTIVITIES FEE	Students must have control over their money, fee is too high, and should not be used to fund intercollegiate athletics.	Wants to "increase student input".	Wants to "increase student input".	Wants to "increase student input".	Will not support any action to not support women's athletics, but wants state to fund them.
VISITATION	Supports an increase of "C" housing to 5 days/wk, 12-14 hrs/day. Wants Morrill Hall to be "E" housing, open visitation.	Says a "compromise" between "C" and "D" housing is needed.	Says a "compromise" between "C" and "D" housing is needed.	Says "students break the rules all the time" and visitation policy is not enforced, so why worry.	Supports "seven-day" visitation policy.
ALCOHOL POLICY	Says that UT violates students' renters rights by not allowing alcohol in privacy of their rooms. Sees no problem if they are of drinking age.	Has not addressed the issue.	Has not addressed the issue.	Has not addressed the issue.	Has not addressed the issue.
PARKING	Fees too high, UT needs a large, centrally located parking garage for students. Fees should not be used to fund UTK Police Department.	Has not addressed the issue.	Wants to establish "students for Parking Improvement", a committee to solicit donations from students to take measures to improve parking. Has an SGA funded "reddot" for free parking for the duration of his term.	Has not addressed the issue.	Has not addressed the issue.
POLICE JURISDICTION	Precincts should be established to protect students from 20 minute reponse times.	Has not addressed the issue.	Has not addressed the issue.	Has not addressed the issue.	Has not addressed the issue.
STIPEND	Vows to abolish stipend; will endorse checks to Library Endowment Fund until policy changed.	"...Sees little need for changing" current stipend policy (TDB April 7, 1988)	Has recieved stipend all year long. Has refrained comment on this issue.	Has stated that he will not accept checks.	Thinks the stipend is not necessarily a bad thing. Has stated he will accept the checks.

VOTE FOR MARK SMITH & BOB BELL FOR SGA PRESIDENT & VICE-PRESIDENT