

# Knight views

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## An Increase In SAF Is Needed

When the annual budget was through being passed by the Budget committee, the Senate and approved by the SGA president, Ike McRee there were several shocked and disappointed faces seen around the campus. With the limited funds that were available almost all clubs and organizations found there budget proposals cut in half or more.

Being on the Budget committee is one of the least popular positions that can be found on this campus. It must decide who gets what money and then explain it to every club that thought they should have received more. I would like to send my appreciation to this years' committee for having the perseverance to survive the budget meetings.

Bill

Lide



Where the Budget committee sends the money is not the main problem that the clubs have. The biggest concern should be how to increase the student activities fee and why it has not been raised yet.

Every year \$65 is taken from the tuition of every full-time student and used for student related activities. A student must take a full load in both the Fall and Spring semesters in order to be considered a full-time student and part of the FTE, or Full-Time Equivalency.

Once the FTE figure is computed, then the student activities fee is also computed and broken down according to the guidelines made by earlier students and faculty.

Out of the \$65, \$12 goes to the **Lamp & Shield** and \$3 goes to the **Lance**. The remaining funds are given to the SGA and Senate, where they figure out how to disperse the money to the clubs.

Through past years mismanagement and bad book-keeping, some of the clubs have incurred large debts that must be paid. The current student organizations' debt is above \$20,000. In order to relieve the debt the SGA has created a Debt Relief Fund that takes a determined sum out of the student activities fee before it is given to the clubs and organizations.

The total working budget for this year was \$34,200. When the DRF was subtracted from this figure the total came to be \$32,690. This figure was a substantial decrease from last years figure and all the clubs and organizations felt the pinch.

There have been proposals to increase the FTE, but the rising expenses of college life have not made it possible. Well, I believe we need to make such an increase possible.

With the tuition up as much as it has been in the past few years there should also be an increase in the student activities fee. In order for the clubs to be appealing to students and prospective students there must be enough funds to allow those clubs to operate with some imagination.

The money for the clubs can not rest completely on the SGA; and it has not in the past or the present because all of the clubs have created ways of making money. My question is that if the tuition is going to increase then why doesn't the student activities fee increase with it?

In order for the SAF to be increased the proper channels must be taken, so let your student representatives know that the SGA needs to find ways to get the SAF increased.

**EDITORS NOTE:** There have been very few top album responses turned in yet and we want hear from you. So send your album lists or any other comments to box 757 in the campus post office.



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"WE'VE MANAGED TO GET THE PATIENT'S CONDITION STABILIZED..."



Alien Beer Pigs, Jones and Scarfus

## Roving Reporter: Aliens

By BILL LIDE

Many people have often wondered what we, the inhabitants of this great planet Earth, would look like to an alien who was lucky, or unlucky, enough to drop by for a while. Well in the **Lance's** never ending quest to get the beat on every story I will now bring you the first interview with beings not from the planet Earth. The two aliens that have agreed to be interviewed are Jones and Scarfus, from the planet CAN YOUSPAREADIME. Jones and Scarfus are already headed back to their planet now, but they left this commentary with me before they left. If these two aliens look

familiar, they were present at the Halloween party at Granville two weeks ago.

**Jones:** First off I would like to send my appreciation to the group of humanoids who presented the festivities on your Halloween night. I understand that you had difficulty securing the fine liquids that were at the party because your senior officers, or administrators, would not allow you to secure the liquid with your own money. On our planet, where logic is prevalent, we encourage the consumption of this liquid because we like to have a good time and see no harm in doing what the majority wants occasionally. Oh! by

the way, this liquid you humoids call beer is also consumed by your superior officers, and they see no reason, logically, why there should be any double standards that seem to be present in your environment.

I have much more to say, but we must be blasting off soon and I want Scarfus to have a chance to talk about your curious standards and customs. One last hint of advice, don't let your superiors actions get you down, because if you can not reason with them you can always seek another place of higher education that will listen to what you say!

**Scarfus:** Greetings Earthlings! It was a wonderful experience to visit your interesting planet on such a festive occasion. The only disturbances I found, besides the one that my colleague mentioned, was that you humans do not like to steal each others consumables like we do on our planet, but don't worry with proper training you all will grab for each other's liquids before you know it.

The great thing that I saw was the amount of enthusiasm and support that you will give to each other. I was talking to one of your comrades, who shall remain nameless, and it told me that this gathering, or party, was being presented to in order to sponsor an even bigger gathering in the first of your seasons called Spring. If you show these characteristics of support and enthusiasm with some consistency you might rise above the level of incompetence that pervades this planet. All I wish to say in closing is that you are curious, yet admirable and I'm sure this planet will straighten itself out in due time.

**Both:** We wish we had more time for commentary, but we must leave. We will be back soon and hope to make it to your Spring gathering called Extravaganza!

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