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This week's issue is a little lengthy, so I'm just gonna shut up and get out of the way, except for a brief congratulation to the men of APX, who presented one of the best shows I've ever been to last weekend. Way to go, guys!

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To the VU Law Student:

I'm with Justin on this one. Not only do my professors really know their stuff, but they are genuinely concerned about my success as a student. I'm sorry, but with comments like, "I shudder to think what he's making now" and, "try to stay within the means of your 'assistant professor' husband's laughable salary (although I hear there's affordable housing on the other side of Nolensville)," your post really stinks of socio-economic elitism. I hope you make lots of money when you grow up.

What your argument fails to consider is that perhaps some of these faculty members aren't in it for the money. Have you thought that maybe they're putting up with sub-par pay and silly rules NOT because they're incompetent and can't get a job elsewhere, but because they love teaching and believe in the goals and values of this university? If Lipscomb's academics are suffering, it's because the teachers are working too hard, not because they should be teaching "elementary special ed" courses. (Which is hardly a pathetic or meaningless job in itself, unless compared to the towering pinnacle that apparently is law).

Should the policy be changed? I think so, at least outside the bible department. It really would improve Lipscomb's academics, not because the current professors are "piss-poor" (which is absurd), but simply because we need more of them.

Until we can all learn to be content taking just what we need, I am

Princess Relena

(I'll be content as soon as I can get whatever I want. -- Justin)

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The problem is not that we do not hire teachers outside the Church of Christ, but that we do not encourage students to get their phd's in hopes that they'll choose to come here to teach. We should be encouraging students to get phd's.

Here is a very crazy idea: How about we rent out the extra rooms in the dorms for students that need to stay the night when they have to be on campus late. That way we are helping students and making money. We could even rent out these rooms for parents to stay in when they visit. I know my parents would appreciate that because my dad spends lots of money to stay in a hotel when he comes to get me. yes he comes to get me. he does so becuase I do not have a car and do not contribute to the parking problem. I also have friends who come to check out the school and need a place to stay. This is just a thought, so I pose the question to see what you think about it.

The Hamster

(That would be cool, but I didn't know we *had* extra rooms. I know Sewell used to have a guest room that people could stay in for free, but now people just watch football there. -- Justin)

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Big Ballin' Vandy Law Student,

Wowwwww! I am so impressed. You got into the Vandy Law Program. I guess your professors at Lipscomb were not so bad after all. I don't know if this matters to you, but the professors at Lipscomb choose to stay because they are dedicated to teaching. I guess money is not that big an issue to them. In today's society of sticking it to people to get a quick buck, does that not mean anything to you? Thanks to Justin for the good comment.

The Mouse

(You're welcome. -- Justin)

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BBVLS,

I have to say that I found your post a bit bothersome. Not much gets under my skin. Your post did for a number of reasons. How do you know how qualified any Lipscomb professor is? How does their publishing or not publishing often affect their ability to teach? As far as salary goes, did it ever occur to you that the professors who are teaching at Lipscomb aren't concerned with making large amounts of money? It's strange, because in spite of not being able to "drink socially" and abiding by such a rigid handbook, many Lipscomb professors stick around for quite a long time.

The professors are actually one of the reasons I would recommend Lipscomb to people. I can't imagine professors at many large universities being so flexible about personal issues or major things going on in a person's life. The staff at Lipscomb are great teachers and people oriented. If a successful university, to you, is about the teachers making lots of money, having large classes full of students and being impersonal and detached, I wouldn't want any part of it.

Not needing to hide behind a silly name,

Sam Braddock

(Good point. In fact, I think not researching/publishing really frees up Lipscomb's professors to focus more on the students. Not that all publishing professors have no time for undergrads, but it certainly helps. -- Justin)

Reply

To those that have been asking about a parking garage:

We have most of the money to do it now. We were able to get a grant from the government that allows for that kind of thing, even if it doesn't cover the whole cost of the structure. The grant has a timeframe of something like six years within which it can be claimed, so we basically have until 2011 to build the parking garage without risking losing the money. Hopefully this can fix the parking situation, even if it's only temporary (like until we build another building and increase enrollment above the 3,000 mark). Granted, we don't know when construction on this will start, nor do we really know where it will go. The best option is at the north end of the campus behind McFarland, because that's just about all the space we have left.

To BBVLS: I got a pretty good education under the CoC leadership, but I can see the point in having those that are "not of the faith". I have a feeling we would end up losing a lot of financial support if the donors found out we were teaching from outside the realm of the safety net of Christianity. I'm not saying we should have pronounced atheists as professors, though it would provide an interesting look at how the other half thinks. It seems somewhat dangerous to our minds that Lipscomb students only get to hear one side of the story, when there are plenty of other opportunities that exist from those outside the CoC community. Personally, I can see why they would be suspect of Bible professors from outside the Church of Christ spectrum, but as far as other professors go, I think it would be good to have the requirement of "Christian" as the primary religious discrimination we elect to practice. How that term is defined depends on the individual, but it would at least allow for more free thought... then again, that may open the door to a lot of other things... who knows? I guess you can't knock it 'till you try it, no?

Until the truth really does set us free, I am

Jeremy Howard

(Yay for grants! Does that mean our tuition can go down? -- Justin)

[Reply](#)

Wow. It's been almost six years since I was a regular reader of the Underground, and you guys are still hashing the same issues (parking, CoC hiring policies, etc.) that were hot topics back in 1999. Either Lipscomb students collectively still have no gumption, or the school is too proud to admit its legalistic respectability is long-since dead. I prefer to think it's probably half-and-half.

A bit of advice from a Lipscomb graduate (sadly, with regrets): stop pissing each other off with inane conversation in underground forums and start doing something about it. Schedule a meeting with your new president, or with one of the deans (Dean Wilson being the most inherently honest and pleasant company you'll have at that school, by far), and engage in an active and open dialogue about your concerns. Start at the top, and continually harass these people until they lend an open ear. The biggest mistake my peers and I made while we were students there was complacency, and several of us graduated with a big chip on our shoulders. Use the Underground as a sounding board, but for heaven's sakes, buck the way-too-old trend of bashing each other and direct your aggressions toward a more deserving object.

Another thing--as with any academic institution, dollars speak far louder than your words ever will. If you really believe about Lipscomb what you say you believe, then encourage people NOT to enroll. To my credit, I did accomplish that much: I was able to convince my brother and sister not to apply, as well as several friends from high school. It may not have made a huge difference, but Lipscomb sure won't be milking another \$60G from any of my relatives. Imagine the cumulative statement a sub-par admissions year can make ...

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p.s. -- to the (small-ballin'? what?) Vandy law student: grow up. If you got into Vandy law, I seriously doubt--unless you're insanely arrogant or delusional--you can say you were able to accomplish such a nice feat all on your own. I was a history major at LU, so we probably shared some of the same instructors; I'm fairly critical and overly judgmental, and even I think the Dept. of History, Politics, and Philosophy was absolutely outstanding.

(As has already been pointed out a great deal in the last few weeks, I think your suggestion is already in effect. Which honestly makes me sad, because despite my own occasional beefs, deep down I love Lipscomb and really don't want to see anything bad happen to it. -- Justin)

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Well, well, well! Why wasn't I invited?? Apparently Tau Phi had one heck of a party after the Cowboy Show and didn't tell many people about it! Well, I take that back. A lot of people knew about it, but it seemed to be only people that were invited to show up, but that was okay because there were 200 people there. It was funny though that a club didn't get seriously in trouble for a double keg party, when just two years ago, Sigma Chi Delta had their charter revoked for doing nearly the same thing. Maybe it's because SXD was told before it not to have the party. Or maybe it's because SXD doesn't have a variety show to put on every year that brings in some money and advertising for the school. I bet that if TP didn't do the Cowboy Show they would have actually been gotten in trouble, too, but in this case, they were let off the hook with just a slap on the wrist. Why would this happen? Was it because there were RAs there, and the deans didn't want the RAs that they think are the "model" of a student, to be seen in a dirty light? Or was it because the deans are friends with many of the TP members? Whatever! I think the only fair thing would've been to have Tau Phi's charter taken away because they broke the school's alcohol policy. But I guess if that happened, nearly every other club would have the same thing coming to them.

And since I'm afraid of dumb fake threats and beat-downs from those with cheap liquor on their breath (aka heineken drinkers), I will stay anonymous.

Sober In Nashville

(I think you weren't invited because you're Sober...

So, we have a little double standard, eh? I'm starting to think this policy is pretty much unenforceable, and that perhaps rules-and-consequences is not the best way to implement a "distinctively Christian" community. Is anyone out there listening? -- Justin)

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Carrots Take Over Hollywood

(Submitted by Aimee Wells)

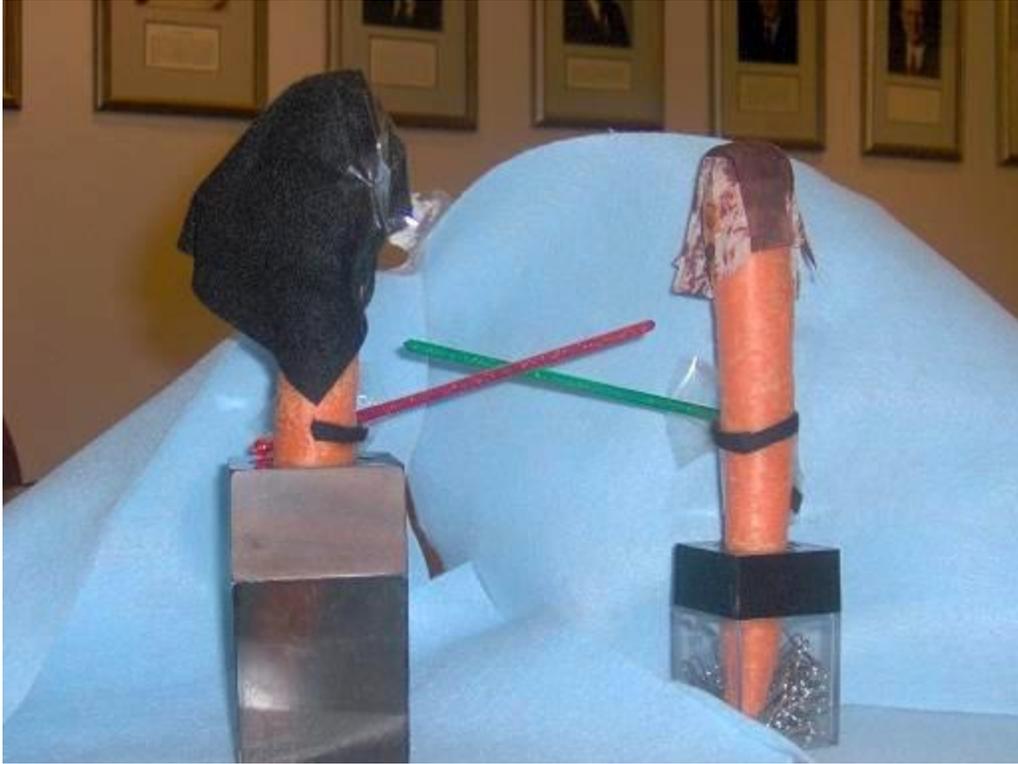
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