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Many of The Yellin' Rebel staff attend Student Government meetings and have seen Ken Tomory question actions and demand accountability. His straightforward approach seeks answers to pertinent questions and gives the students a voice in their government.

Tomory is in favor of verifying that eligibility requirements are met for Student Government officers. He took the initiative and submitted a note to Senate President Gina Polovina with five other senators' signatures requesting a representative from the registrar's office make a statement verifying the eligibility of President Joe Bunin.

Polovina responded by saying she had received "notes from hell" and has not yet met Tomory's request.

Tomory stood up to public ridicule when Student Body President Joe Bunin told him to "lose your halo" at a Senate meeting when Tomory requested the use of profane language be eliminated from the meeting.

Tomory said, "We don't know who is sitting in the gallery. It could be a reporter from a national newspaper, or it could be a parent or it could be potential students or senators and some of the ways business is conducted is just wrong. I mean it is not done in the most diplomatic, businesslike, professional setting," he said.

"What I've been trying to ask them for is some accountability. Any student should be able to ask for that, without receiving belligerence or condescension," Tomory said.

Tomory has worked without pay in the position of Director of Student Health Advisory Committee while other government directors receive a monthly stipend.

"People are getting paid for positions and they are not really contributing to the work that they should be doing," Tomory said. "Here we are. We're paying the vice-president of the student body, we're waiving her fees. What is

she doing? The only thing I've seen her do is get basketball tickets. Granted, that is a great thing to do, but I don't think it's worth getting fees waived and getting paid for the past two years. And I don't think it's worth it to the students."

Tomory requested a budget for the Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) last summer. This was again requested in the fall. To date, none has been granted. Tomory was told by the Appropriations Board Director that there wasn't money for (SHAC) but money has since been granted to extend Library hours, to the preschool, to Minority Student Affairs and to student organizations.

"It is amazing that a committee created by Student Government was denied a budget but yet we can fund student organizations," Tomory said.

"President Bunin said he supports SHAC and he has in the past," he said, "but I fear they may not be able to fund them because of dwindling monies. If there isn't enough money for a SHAC budget, then tell me where the other money is going."

Tomory is a strong supporter of making the government accountable for their spending of student fees.

"Student Government needs to be accountable for \$750,000 plus. They should have some idea of where they're going. A budget is one of the tools you use to measure where you're going. This way you can be accountable and you can measure the validity and productivity of directors."

Tomory said, "If I said I was going to spend \$5,000 and I spent \$10,000, where did it go? The thing about it is that there are so many things that you can do with that kind of money if it's planned well."

The Yellin' Rebel gives its full support to Ken Tomory for his past performance and superb qualifications. Tomory has the strong dedication to honesty and hard work that our Student Government needs.



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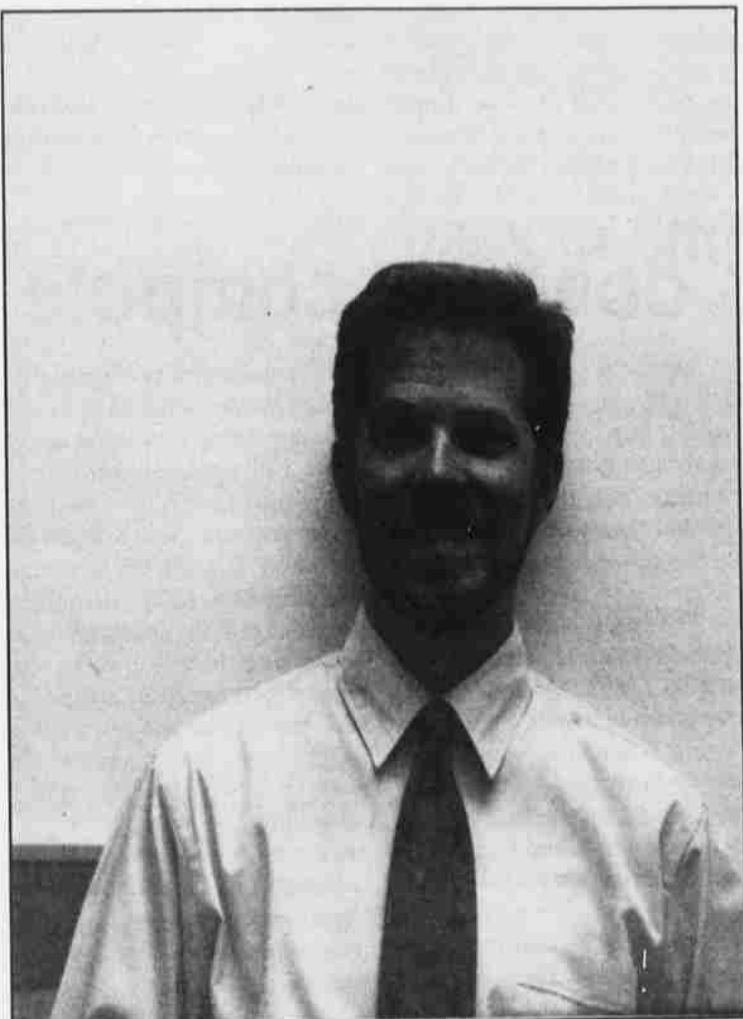
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