



# The Rebel Yell

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## Just doing his job?

### Hard at work...

by Karen Splawn

Was a student parking enforcement officer doing his job when he sat down to watch a Lady Rebels softball game, or just slacking? It depends on who you talk to.

Student Government president-elect Joel Kostman said he, Senate President Mike Kennedy and others recently witnessed a parking employee sitting on the bleachers, watching the March 24 game, rather than monitoring parking.

"The guy stayed on the bleachers for 80 percent of (the game)," Kostman said, adding he was told the student was out there to monitor the flow of traffic.

"It's kind of hard to monitor traffic flow if you're face forward in the bleachers watching the game," he said. "That's awkward."

Kostman said he had never seen an officer in the bleachers

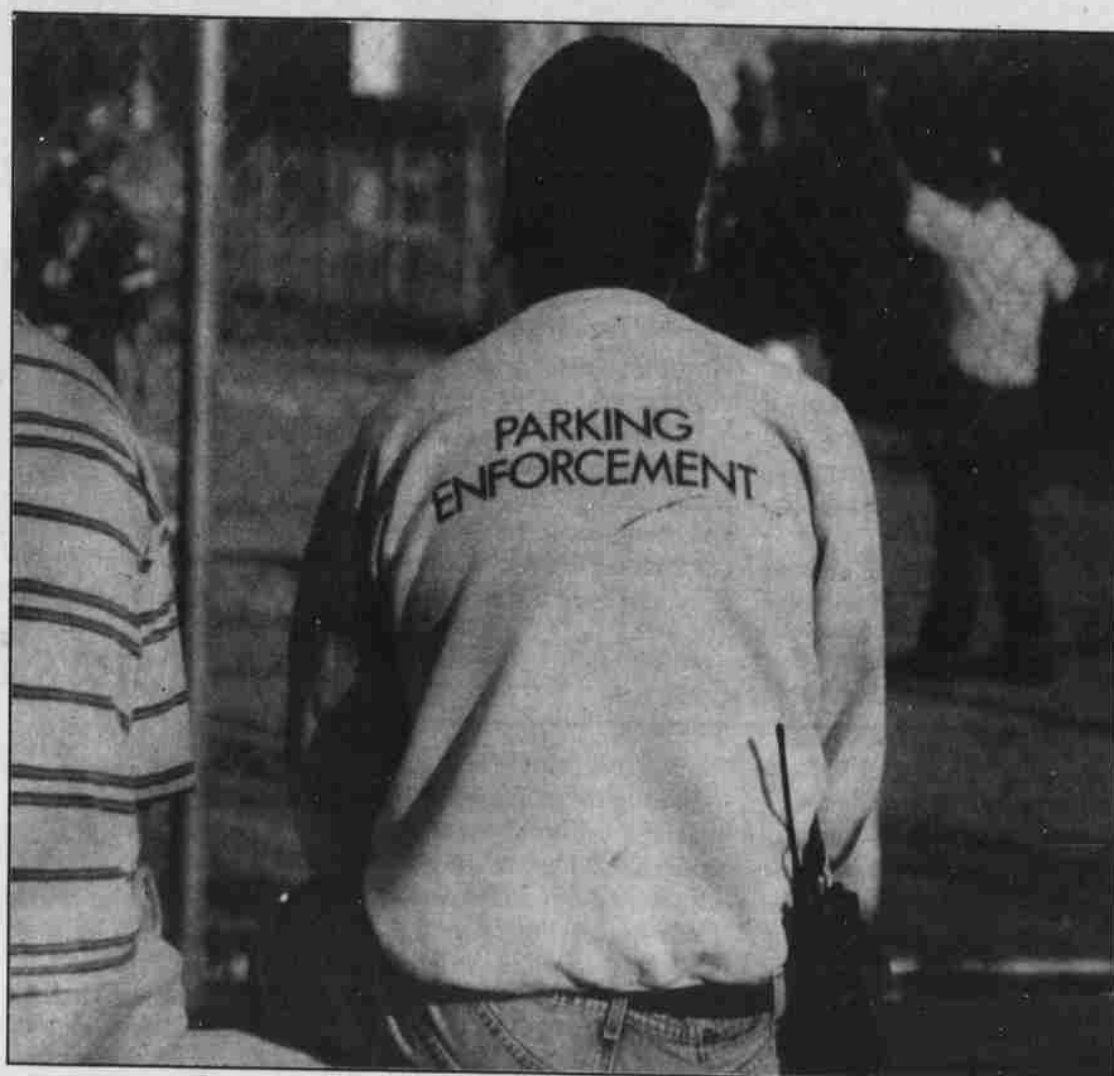
before, but if this is a problem, "I would like to see better control of parking enforcement. They're being paid for a job. If he was sneaking a peek at the game, there's no problem with that."

Sgt. Don Drake, director of parking enforcement, said it was arranged between the athletic department and the University Police for a parking employee to sit in the bleachers so he could give out one-day parking passes to attendants without student stickers.

As to whether the officer should be watching the actual parking lot, he said, "We only have one officer assigned to (monitor) the game."

Nick Haley, a writer with *The Rebel Yell*, said he has seen a student officer sit and watch softball games on Feb. 27, March 4 and March 9.

One officer, after watching the game from a motorized cart for 10 minutes, decided to take



...Well, at least he's not handing out tickets.

photo by Marc Baruch

a seat at the bleachers, Haley said.

Drake said it's possible to check and see if employees are doing what they're supposed to

by looking at the schedule, although he has no control over how someone spends his or her lunch hour, which might explain the riddle of student offic-

ers supposedly "slacking off" by watching a game.

"If there is someone messing up, we might have a problem," Drake added.

## Control of students in China produces different responses

by Donald Rilea

Local reaction to the tightening of student conduct rules in China by Beijing area university officials was mixed.

For UNLV anthropology professor William Jankowiak, the new restrictions are an attempt by Chinese officials to cope with a high degree of alienation present in Chinese society, especially in the cities and among intellectuals and university students. This alienation, combined with a generation-gap between students and cadres, has created a situation in which university students are a safe, easy target for official action.

Jankowiak likened the tighter official controls on student behavior to police sweeps of prostitutes, since both groups are set populations who can be moved against with a minimum of fuss, while creating the appearance of governmental action against social problems.

For Edna Zhuo, a professor in the English as a second language department, the stricter enforcement of campus regulations are rooted in traditional Chinese ideology, which emphasizes control of society by the upper class mixed with strict obedience from the lower classes. If university students act irresponsibly, then officials must set up regulations to control them.

Also, according to Zhuo, many older Chinese officials can't stand "Western-style, so-called freedom of speech and free love." She added, "Freedom of speech is fine, so long as it is 'agreeable' speech," and they are "unwilling to hear new ideas."

Another reason Beijing's university officials are clamping down on aberrant student behavior is that

### Chinese officials crack down on Beijing students

(CPS) — University officials in Beijing think students spend their money too frivolously so they've established classes to teach the benefits of frugality.

Meanwhile, one Chinese student leader in the United States warned that efforts to control students' behavior will ultimately backfire.

A survey of college students published in the English-language *China Daily* newspaper found that students in Beijing spend an average of \$30 a month

on entertainment, clothes and cosmetics, the Associated Press reported.

"Some undergraduates get caught up in such extravagant trends as smoking and drinking, while others become too image conscious and purchase expensive clothes and cosmetics," the report read.

Chinese students studying in America are concerned about the government's reaction.

Following the military crack-down on the student-led, pro-de-

mocracy movement in 1989, reports surfaced that students were gambling and partying on campus in increasing numbers, mainly because of their disillusionment with studies.

Now, campus police at Beijing University are enforcing a new rule that prohibits hugging and kissing in public. In October, the government announced plans to crack down on a reported increase in student fighting, sexual activity and gambling, according to the AP.

they are afraid actions like smoking, drinking and gambling may lead to other forms of deviance, like joining anti-government movements, according to a Chinese graduate student who wished to remain anonymous.

He added officials may realize the reason for student rowdiness is they don't like the current political and economic situation in China, which makes it difficult for them to go abroad for training (one of the prerequisites for getting a good job in China). He stressed the importance there of political and family connections over academic training.

He also said many Chinese students feel they can't change the current situation, so they indulge

themselves as a form of "negative" opposition, in spite of government urgings to study harder and take part in political study groups (meetings devoted to the study of Marxist-Leninist ideology).

Chinese officials are shocked by students publicly hugging and kissing, because such displays go against traditional Chinese norms, which state that affection be expressed in private.

Everyone gave different reasons why Chinese students are suddenly such party animals.

Jankowiak said it was because of a rise in personal assertiveness in China over the past decade, rather

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