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Established as Blount College before Tennessee's statehood, the [University of Tennessee](#) has been called East Tennessee College and East Tennessee University. The Knoxville campus is the flagship institution of the UT system, which includes campuses in Martin and Chattanooga as well as a [Health Science Center](#) in Memphis.

Town: [Knoxville](#) (pop. 178,874)

Enrollment: 27,523 (Fall 2010)

Nickname: [Volunteers](#), because of Tennesseans' reputation for military service dating to the War of 1812

Colors: Orange and white

Traditions: Approximately 200 boats form the [Volunteer Navy](#), an unusual tailgating experience outside Neyland Stadium on the Tennessee River. UT's **Pride of the Southland** band played the song "[Rocky Top](#)" during drills in 1972, and it became a fan sing-along favorite.

Eats and treats: The popular [Downtown Grill & Brewery](#) has seven signature beers on tap and an eclectic menu featuring steaks and seafood along with Mexican and Italian dishes. [Pete's Coffee Shop](#) is a student favorite because, as its slogan says, it offers "wholesome home-cooked meals at a reasonable price."



V-O-L-S GO VOLS GO!

Miles from CoMo
612

Knoxville, Tenn.

Stop by a tailgate for ...
beer can chicken, grilled sausage and peppers, baby back ribs, Boscos Bombay IPA

NOTABLE ALUMNI:
Peyton Manning
football player
Kurt Vonnegut,
author
Pam Tillis,
musician

TUITION
\$8,396*

Mascot:
Smokey

*In-state, two semesters' tuition and required fees. Source: U.S. News Best Colleges 2012.

Places and spaces: The iconic, torch-bearing statue of **The Volunteer** has presided over Circle Park since 1968. When the historic **Tennessee Theatre** opened in 1928, some called it the South's most beautiful theater. The **East Tennessee Veterans Memorial** is a public plaza with an arrangement of granite pillars bearing the names of local veterans who have died in military service since the beginning of World War I.

Correction: An earlier version of this article stated that Tennesseans' reputation for military service dates to the Civil War.

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