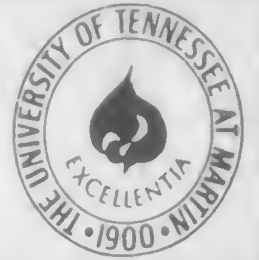




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Alexander's recommendation: cut budget, raise student fees

By NIKKI DILL
Copy Editor

Gov. Lamar Alexander recommended last week that \$11.3 million be cut from the state budget for higher education.

Alexander has also proposed that student fees be increased "to obtain a portion of the additional money needed for mandated salary increases," according to Dr. Edward J. Boling, president of the UT System.

Alexander has proposed a 13.5 percent hike in the maintenance fee for in-state undergraduates. In-state graduates may expect a 22

These fee increases are subject to approval by the Finance, Ways and Means Committee of each house and by the full House and Senate.

Given these percentages, the break-down in dollars expected per quarter is \$222.46 for in-state undergraduates, \$251.32 for in-state graduates, and an additional \$407.48 for all out-of-state students.

UTCHS students entering the College of Dentistry, for example, may expect to pay \$2,006.46 for each of their first two years and \$2,675.28 for each of their last two years.

In addition to these fee increases, UTM housing fees are expected to increase nine percent. Dollar breakdown by dorms are as follows:

Atrium:	
Double	\$270
Single	320
Double private	345
G-H:	
Double	245
Private	335

Ellington	
McCord B:	
Austin Peay D:	
Clement South	
Double	227
Private	302
McCord A:	
Austin Peay C:	
Double	243
Private	318
Clement North:	
Double	205
Private	280

in addition to these two increases, if the activities fee is approved by all the necessary committees, students may expect another \$9 to be tacked onto their bills.

According to Randall Hall, director of financial aid, financial aid will not pay for the increases except in isolated instances of BEOG and Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation awards.

"Basically, the students will have to absorb the cost," Hall said.

President Boling stated last week, "We now have reached the point where the continuation of quality public higher education in Tennessee and the access to it for many low and middle-income families are in doubt."

UTM Chancellor Charles E. Smith said, "Without question, continuing fee increases...put in jeopardy the concept of public access to higher education."

Chancellor Smith also said, "The proposed reduction of an additional \$389,900 means that we would have to start the new fiscal year with \$486,100 less than we have for the current year. No campus could endure cuts of that magnitude without seriously impacting program

quality and necessitating cutbacks in personnel

"Unless the General Assembly acts affirmatively to restore a significant portion of funds which have been proposed for elimination we shall be forced to begin the process of eliminating staff members and cutting back on programs and services.

President Boling stated, "Our hope is that the General Assembly will review closely the administration's recommendations and make every effort to treat public higher education in Tennessee equitably in relation to other agencies of state government."

More elections... Run-offs scheduled

By JENNIFER GUTHRIE
Features Editor
and
DOROTHY BOCK
Special Assignments Editor

The run-off election between Rose Boyd and David Griggs for president and Tracy Davis and Brad Hurley for secretary of communications will be decided today at the polls.

Quotes from their campaign speeches made Monday night and those of the winning candidates are recorded below:

Rose Boyd, presidential candidate: When I get in-

involved with something, I put everything I've got into it. When I start something, I finish it. I go into detail. I enjoy working with people; I think it's real important. I'm ready to meet anything that SGA puts to me.

David Griggs, presidential candidate: SGA has to serve the student body as a whole, but sometimes we tend to forget individual students. I think this is one area where SGA can really come out and plan new programs. The most important thing is the day to day experience with new problems.

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Springtime

Lisa Tucker and Lisa Mattox enjoy the warm weather as they make their way back to the dormitory. With the coming of Spring, almost everyone has been outside soaking up the sun.

Monday through Thursday

WUTM is broadcasting

WUTM-AM 760 is on the air for Spring Quarter operation. The station broadcasts from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. on Monday and 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Tuesday thru Thursday.

WUTM-AM, a carrier

current station, features a blend of Top-40, Old Gold and progressive rock.

On May 14 WUTM will be broadcasting live from the University Center Patio for the Stroh's Superstar com-

petition. Hours for the broadcast are 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Each hour of the broadcast will feature an album giveaway sponsored by Souza Muzik.

Were elections valid?

SGA candidates interviewed

By JENNIFER GUTHRIE
Features Editor
AND
BARRY WARBRITTON
News Editor

To ascertain the sentiments of 10 candidates who ran for office Tuesday concerning the validity of the elections and alleged inconsistencies of the observance of the SGA Constitution, The Pacer conducted the following pre-election interviews.

Pacer: What is your view on the question of whether or not the elections are valid?

Chip Faught, Secretary of Finance candidate: I don't think they are invalid because from what I understand, the election commissioner Tim Tatum, the previous election commissioner, set the date for the election and he set the date for the petitions to be due. So I don't see where they are invalid at all.

Cindy Fairless, Secretary of Affairs candidate: I feel like there were some mistakes made on the part of SGA, but I don't feel like they are great enough to merit the way that The Pacer has handled it. I feel like we can learn, that we can be more careful, we can strive better to work it, like we made a mistake by not okaying the Election Commission. They are okay; they are approved now. They weren't approved as early as some people would have

wanted them, and I realize this mistake, but I think we can learn. Everybody makes mistakes. As far as being invalid, that's questionable. I don't know if that question is really fair, because you're assuming they're invalid.

David Griggs, presidential candidate: First of all, I don't think that under the situations that these elections should be considered to be invalid. Perhaps there have been irregularities in the past; perhaps there may be something that needs to be corrected, but as a candidate, and I think I can speak for all the candidates, we're not concerned with what the Election Commission make-up is or what they have done or whether they were completely verified by the Student Congress. I don't think it was our responsibility to check into that. We wanted to run to serve the student body. We wanted to have our candidacy unmarred by some other effect.

Judy Register, Secretary of Communications candidate: The part before it isn't really because they didn't go by their own constitution, which is outdated, and they need to go over it anyway; they probably haven't been over it in five years.

Steve Ilyers, Board of Trustees candidate: Well, from a technical aspect, they may be. I'm not sure but I think that the things that have been repeated, for the most part, have been things that have re-occurred over the past couple of years. And I think there's been a problem over time, not just this one particular instance, but I think on a couple of things, it's been a little bit deeper than it has been in the past.

Tracy Davis, Secretary of Communications candidate: I feel that the elections are valid and that we should do what's better for the students. I don't feel that it's been

proven that they are invalid, and until it can be proven that they are invalid, they're valid.

Donald Comer, Secretary of Minority Affairs candidate: I see no reason why they should be made invalid. I don't believe the elections are illegal. It's my understanding that the date was set when Tim Tatum was still election commissioner. At the time he had been approved by Congress, and as far as the Constitution reads, the elections must be carried out before the third Tuesday in April, and if the elections were postponed, we'd be breaking the Constitution. To do so, it would take an Amendment, which would take approximately three weeks. The only discrepancy I can see is the fact that the Commission was not valid. Everything else was carried out as it should have been.

Brad Hurley, Secretary of Communications candidate: My opinion is, right now, that they are valid elections. As far as it being valid, we would not protest the election on that grounds. We feel they're a true instrument because the students are getting out to vote. We just feel bad that all this had to come up, and I'd like to say strongly again that I feel the election is valid and we're going to go with the results of the election, unless some other incident happens. We were true candidates and have received scrutiny since the Election Commission was valid. We were not approved candidates before they were validated; it was agreed that campaign approval would begin Monday night; the Election Commission was approved Tuesday, and all the candidates were approved

Bill Conley, presidential candidate: I don't think they're invalid; I have to go on the only information I have. I'm not an SGA Cabinet member. I serve SGA in some functions and committees, but I'm not right in there on the Cabinet meetings all the time. I've been trying to attend them since all this has come

Bobby Hibbett, Board of Trustees candidate: My concern is that everybody gets a fair shake in the election, that every candidate that wanted to run had the chance to run and everybody that wants to vote has a chance to vote and if everybody gets their fair shake, gets their fair chance, gets their rights during this election, then I'm satisfied. The elections have not been challenged yet officially. No complaint has been filed with the Election Commission officially. So really I think that's putting the cart before the horse.

Rose Boyd, presidential candidate: Tim Tatum set a petition date and since he was very valid—he was approved he set the dates, and we went by these dates, and we had followed the constitution, and we followed all the rules.

Jim Lambert, vice presidential candidate: Personally, I think it's nonsense right now. Mainly because if there was somebody going to be hurt by it, it would be different, and as far as I know nobody has complained about they were disqualified by the Election Commission by you all saying it wasn't valid. All of us are eligible according to the rules stated. If some of us were ineligible by the rules stated, it would be different.

Elmer Martin, Secretary of Minority Affairs candidate: I feel personally, as the leader of the SGA minority, that really it would be very detrimental to the candidates. There are sometimes technicalities; they have been good and they have been for the bad. And I think at this present time at the start of the close of the school year, I can recommend that it would be very detrimental.

Pacer: How do you feel in regard to the inconsistent manner in which the SGA Constitution was followed?

Faught: As far as the previous things about the Election Commission, that was overlooked, but those things are in the past, and there is no way you can correct it up to the present. There's not a whole lot they can do about it. The only thing to do is recognize the errors and try to fix them in the future.

Fairless: There has only been one thing that has not been followed and that is (the) Election Commission, and that has been followed fairly close. The only thing, the only evidence, the only hard fact thing that has not been followed is the fact that the Election Commission was not approved prior to selection of the candidates. They were approved before the votes were counted, before they were approved the first day of campaign. So they were approved. So, first of all, there has only been one inconsistency, not several inconsistencies. Because there is only one thing wrong, you cannot naturally say that there are many, many others.

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Student poll reveals diverse opinions

By MARCIA PITTS
Assistant News Editor

Considering the fact that the UTM Student Government Association Election Commission was not approved by Student Congress until April 8, 1980, on April 14, The Pacer conducted a student opinion poll concerning the validity of the Election Commission.

Two questions were asked of participants in the poll

1. How do you feel about the possibility that the Election Commission may have been invalid at the time the candidates started their campaigns?

2. In light of the possibility that the Election Commission may be invalid, as may the candidates, how do you feel about postponing the elections?

Of 30 students surveyed, 50 percent felt indifferent or held no opinion concerning the validity of the SGA Election Commission's authority on the actions taken by it in the last year.

Of these 30 students, 20 percent disapproved of the action of the Election Commission and 30 percent approved of their actions

"No, I don't think the Election Commission was invalid at all. I think people are just looking for faults in SGA," stated Diane Amis, senior at UTM

Thirty-three percent of the students surveyed stated that they felt indifferent about postponing the elections. Seventeen percent were in favor of postponing the elections and 50 percent stated that they felt the elections should go on as scheduled

"I feel that it is a scandal, and this issue of the Election Commission is just scraping the tip of the iceberg. How many more things do you have to find before you can say the whole SGA is invalid? I don't trust any of them," said Michael Guess, senior.

"I honestly feel that the whole thing was blown completely out of proportion by The Pacer," stated Brandon Wellford, junior.

"I think the election should be postponed until they get it all straightened out," said Steve Hopper, sophomore.

"I think the Election Commission did an admirable job under the circumstances they had to operate. They did a good job and it's over and I see no point in harping on it," said Mark Richardson, sophomore.

"It was bad that they (the Commission) didn't know the full details, but I don't think the elections should be postponed, no matter what," said David Black, sophomore.

While some students seemed reasonably informed concerning the Election Commission, a large percent of the sample had no opinion at all or no knowledge of the matter. Some responses were

"I don't know anything about it."

"Did The Pacer come out last week?"

"You mean that stuff about Steve Ilyers? That's all I read."

"I don't see any problem with it. I didn't read the paper though."

"I didn't really understand anything about it."

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PACER INSIGHT

Future UT fee increases prevent college for many

Gov. Alexander's proposal to increase the already-planned increase of fees on all UT campuses has been met with alarm by both administrators and students.

The question arises: Will the price of a UT education result in a fair return of quality education? The only way that UT can justify the dramatic increases in maintenance fees, tuition and housing is to insure that each student will get his money's worth; otherwise, students will be forced to attend cheaper colleges and risk obtaining a diploma that has less prestige than one from the state university. Other colleges in the state offer degrees that are equal in substance to one from UT; unfortunately, they cannot offer the respect that is a part of the name "The University of Tennessee."

A main issue concerns the problem of financing a college education at UT. As is stated in the news story on page one, financial

aid will not increase with the rising fees. Many people will simply not be able to afford a college education, and the possibility exists that a college degree will once again become a symbol of wealth, not intelligence.

Originally, only the elite could afford to spend four years obtaining a baccalaureate degree. With the advent of financial aid and other programs, individuals from middle- and lower-income families were able to earn a college degree. Now, with the plan for increases in maintenance fees, tuition and housing, the equal opportunity for a college education has been threatened.

The UT System is running the risk of pricing itself out of the higher education league. The traditions and value of an education at the University of Tennessee should be available to all citizens of Tennessee holding a high school diploma, not just to those also holding a fat wallet.

SGA inquiry request is a promising beginning

After ten days of questions and inquiry by The Pacer into actions by the SGA and the Election Commission, the mutual conclusion that the situation warrants internal investigation by the SGA has been reached. We are glad that our concern over discrepancies in the SGA Constitution has resulted in a request by the SGA Cabinet "that an SGA committee headed by the SGA Attorney General review these matters and make recommendations to the newly elected officers."

Throughout the past two weeks, we have made every effort to take to the SGA itself our questions involving the proper following of the SGA Constitution. We have spoken at length to most all Cabinet officers, and made ourselves available for discussion or rebuttal of any charges we felt were valid. It is important at this particular time to reiterate that we are more than willing to assist the SGA with any

matter with which we can be of assistance.

Admittedly, we had begun to lose any hope that SGA would take matters into its own hands concerning the discrepancies we feel are frequent in the current Constitution. Our responsibility as the student publication on the UTM campus required a thorough investigation of the matter by The Pacer, but beyond reporting the facts, we can go no further. We cannot ethically create the news, but we ethically must report it, however painful it may be.

The investigation by the SGA committee will result, we hope, in a conclusion to this entire affair that satisfies the students of UTM, not necessarily just the SGA or The Pacer. After all, the students are the individuals that make both SGA and The Pacer possible. We cannot forget that, and the SGA has given us reason to hope that they cannot either.

Roundtable worthy effort; unique event applauded

A variety of films and lectures on various aspects of the Islamic world is being presented this week as part of the University of Tennessee at Martin History Department Roundtable.

This ninth annual Roundtable has turned out to be as well-organized, intellectually stimulating and timely as its predecessors.

The Roundtable series started in 1972 and focuses on a specific historical area every year. Lecturers and activities have been brought from all over the region to enhance the Roundtable event every year.

The History Roundtable is sponsored this year by the Department of History and Political Science and the Speakers Committee.

Featured speakers included Dr. Darlene R. May, associate professor of foreign languages and international studies at Southwestern Memphis and Dr. Theodore R. Mosch, UTM professor of political science.

All sessions of this year's History Department Roundtable are free and open to the public.

If you have failed to take advantage of this outstanding cultural event this year, it isn't too late!

Dr. May will discuss "What is an Islamic Republic?" at 1 p.m. today in Room 205 of the Humanities Building.

The film "Patterns of Beauty" will be shown at 3 p.m. in the Norman Campbell Auditorium. The History Department Roundtable will conclude tonight with Dr. May's presentation "Islam: The Unity of Religion and Politics" at 7:30 in the Norman Campbell Auditorium.

If you don't take advantage of the events offered in the ninth annual History Department Roundtable, you will miss an unusual opportunity to gain knowledge of a much misunderstood and little known area: the Islamic world.



Reporters explain motive

Clarification

In light of the events of the past ten days, concerning the SGA, the Election Commission, the Constitution and The Pacer, we believe that it is important to clarify our position as journalists and concerned students of UTM. Even though SGA has submitted answers in writing to the questions asked in the last issue, we feel this is but the first step that must be taken.

The primary objective of this inquiry and questioning of the policies of the parties involved in student government has been to ascertain to our satisfaction, and to the satisfaction of the students on this campus, that the representatives elected and appointed to serve the students are aware of the importance of their responsibilities. As journalists, we feel strongly the responsibility to completely inform the students of all news, including anything relevant to the affairs of a group of individuals that collectively have the job of mediating between the students and administration.

It has been brought up that The Pacer should print only what is interesting to the students, and that we should not delve into issues that are not of concern to the majority of students. We agree that we cannot fairly pursue items that are solely of interest to our staff; on this particular issue, we must strongly disagree that only The Pacer is interested in the affairs of SGA and its associated bodies.

All students are directly affected by the actions of these organizations, so how can their actions be of interest to only The Pacer staff? We search for, thoroughly investigate, write and publish news, features, announcements, editorial comment and the opinions of others through guest columns, editorials and letters. We cannot pick and choose what will always interest the majority of students; we do not cater to or function only for the benefit of the majority.

The Pacer is published on the UTM campus for all individuals, including faculty, administration and staff. We fail at times, but we sincerely believe that we include something for everyone—perhaps not on every page every week, but it is there.

SGA and its associated bodies have the opportunity to improve the campus life of UTM students, not simply through concerts and cook-outs, but by accurately reading the mood of students regarding academia, finances, and matters of housing, students rights and countless other issues.

To say that SGA has no credibility with the UTM student body is in our opinion, an unfair statement. We do not feel that any issues

brought up by The Pacer questioning the validity of elections and the possibility of a sunshine law violation damage the credibility unless these charges remain unanswered. The Pacer is a forum for the comments and responses of SGA as well as the fair reporting and editorial comment by its staff. We welcome any comment or response from any member of SGA, the Election Commission or any faculty, staff or students of UTM.

It is important to state unequivocally that the sunshine law violation question did not open the door for a barrage of anti-SGA news stories and editorials. The events of April 7 pointed out other discrepancies with which we dealt. The information gained in subsequent inquiry led to the stories published April 10, not the self-serving need to "blow off steam" and express our personal frustrations at being barred from a verdict reading.

Before publishing the information on the SGA activities and the questions we had regarding them, we debated the relevancy and importance of them at great length. We decided that, particularly this year, these questions and issues must be raised.

For the second time, UTM is sending a student representative to Knoxville to serve on the UT Board of Trustees. As we have stated several times, we felt that it was mandatory that this year's election be absolutely clear of question and "above board" in order that we might send a representative to the Board.

Although we are well aware, and have been for some time, that the representative is not sent just on the students' vote, but is an appointed position, we also have been aware of the fact that precedent has shown that the Governor appoints the individual who receives the largest share of the student vote. The probability is very high that Governor Alexander will choose the winner of the UTM election, Steve Hyers; we feel therefore that the election must be without question or shadow of invalidity. When such shadow exists, as we believe it does, then it is our responsibility as journalists and concerned students to

point it out and ask for clarification. Further, as we have expressed to SGA, we carefully weighed every word printed in the April 10 Pacer. Our sources are, we maintain, impeccable, and we as the journalists responsible for the SGA inquiry issue, feel every confidence that we printed the facts in a fair manner. We cannot print both sides of a story when the "other side" refuses to comment on any issue brought before it; to do so is unethical on the ground that we are putting words in other people's mouths.

The Pacer is a serious business demanding the utmost standards of professionalism and ethics; we feel that SGA must likewise be a professional and absolutely ethical organization. We question the professionalism of an organization which cannot find the minutes of some of its meetings and who which does not follow many sections of its own Constitution. Despite the ambiguities apparent in the Constitution and in the sunshine law, they are, nonetheless, the law. No matter how violently one disagrees with these or other laws, he has no right to violate them or any other laws set. Procedures are available to change any law, but until that time, one is required to follow them, no matter how trivial or outdated they may seem. We stand by our stories on SGA and the Election Commission. We welcome any feedback from any individual and will be pleased to publish their views if they are willing to stand by them in print.

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FEEDBACK

Social work grad speaks out

To the Editors:

I had the opportunity to read the editorial regarding the possible loss of accreditation of the Social Work Program at UTM. As a graduate of this program, I was appalled and highly dismayed at the thought. It would be tragic for the administration of the University of Tennessee to allow this to happen for several reasons.

Having worked in the field of social work in West Tennessee for over four years, I have become aware of the credibility of social workers with degrees from the Social Work Program at UTM. It has become well-known for its trained, qualified graduates. This has not been an easy accomplishment and could not have been accomplished without the many hours of hard work put in by Mrs. Betty Raspberry, UTM's Social Work Program Director, and her capable staff. Even though the Social Work Program has been buried in the Sociology Department for years, as stated in the editorial, it has grown to be one of the six accredited schools of social work in the State.

Accreditation of the program is more important than ever. Recently a bill requiring the certification of social workers has been passed in the Tennessee House of Representatives and the Senate. It now awaits Gov. Alexander's signature before becoming law. One of the major components of this bill requires any social worker, to be certified, to have a bachelor's degree from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

The 145 social work majors at UTM face being deprived certification to work as social workers in the State of Tennessee. This will ultimately cause the fine program at UTM to lose its students to other colleges and universities, as they will have to seek degrees from accredited programs.

Therefore, as a professional social worker, I implore the administration of UTM to do everything within their power to see that accreditation is retained. Too much time and money has been invested in this program to let it go down the drain!

Sincerely,
Cathy Cate

SGA Cabinet responds

To the Editors:

Since several questions have been raised recently regarding interpretation and implementation of parts of the SGA constitution, we are requesting that an SGA committee headed by the SGA Attorney General review these matters and make

recommendations to the newly elected officers. Even though it has been some what painful, we thank The Pacer for bringing out questions that may need clarification. Any suggestions will be welcomed and encouraged.

Thank-you
The SGA Cabinet

Commission makes verdict official

To the Editors:

In the past week there has been controversy over a meeting which has held by the Election Commission on April 7. This article is to help clarify that particular meeting.

The Election Commission received a complaint by Mike Turner against Steve Hyers in regard to illegal campaigning. The charges were as follows:
1. Steve Hyers had attend (sic) organization meetings representing SGA without the permission of SGA President (under the responsibility of SGA President Art. IV, Sec. 2.2B) or the SGA cabinet in order to gain exposure for campaign purposes.
2. Steve Hyers solicited support for the candidacy as Board of Trustees Representative by telephone, and in person before formal campaigning had begun.

After 3 1/2 hours of hearing testimonies and 2 hours of closed session to "reveal a verdict the Election Commission ruled as follows:
"We the Commission question Steve Hyers' motives in reference to the activities while relaying the intentions for the position of Board of Trustees.

"Due to the lack of evidence presented we cannot find you guilty of the charges, but be it understood that all candidates will be watched very closely during the entire campaign."

Members of the Election Commission present were Steve Carter, Kevin Lineberry, Paul Guyton, Doug Duncan, Shelia Munns, Melody Perdue, Brenda Boals, and Terry Todd (had to leave, but did not vote in the deliberation).

Steve Carter
Election Commissioner

Thumbs:



To the individuals who volunteered their time to work the polls during Tuesday's and Thursday's elections.

To Buildings and Grounds for the lovely groundswork on the UTM campus.

To Jim Landon, student defender of SGA, for his efforts in helping keep communications open during the past two weeks.

To the Information Desk in the University Center for closing early on some Saturdays. The desk is supposed to remain open until noon.
To the check-cashing facilities on the UTM campus for not being adequately prepared to handle the excess of checks that occurs on Wednesdays when UT checks come out.

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concretely reinforced statuettes discernible only as faint silhouettes against an ivory backdrop

pseudo-terminal declarations becoming neon billboards on your desk wall unworthy even of an honorable mention

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UNIVERSITY FORUM

The Singing Diamond robbery

by Barry Worbritton

'Erma's Cope Book'

Review

Do you have trouble getting through the week? Do you turn to books of home-grown psychology for help and inspiration? Erma Bombeck has again become an endearing professional loser for all of us. This time, in "Aunt Erma's Cope Book: How to Get From Monday to Friday in 12 Days," she spoofs the results of reading self-improvement books from grocery-store literary offerings.

As usual, she spreads her delightful humor over a wide spectrum of society, but gives the whole thing meaning and unity by making each chapter an account of how her life was affected by one or more of these self-help books. Her imitation of the jargon

assumed by home-grown psychology entrepreneurs is an added stroke of genius.

For financial guidance, she bought "Living Cheap" at \$23.95 and used it to plan a \$450.00 at-home vacation. "Is There a Draft in Your Open Marriage," by Pam and Richard McMeal, became more frightening to her than "Future Shock." She lost all her friends by practicing the assertiveness recommended by Dr. Emlitz in "Go Suck an Egg."

She became serene while meditating with her cut-rate, alighly-used mantra under the guidance of "Far Out and Far East." She set her goals lower and gave up her traditions while reading "I'll Give Up Gullt When I Stop Making You Feel Rotten," by

by Kellie Jones

Jim Preach. Erma's thinly-veiled parody, titled "The Sub-Total Women," by Clarabelle Sweet, is the most beautiful satire of all.

After being ripped-off by 62 self-help books, articles and classes, she decided to kick the habit and write her own "Aunt Erma's Cope Book." If her spoof does not laugh the market for "inspirational" books out of existence, the talented egotists who write them should be safe for another hundred years.

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Theivery

No one understood The Gopher. No one liked him either, probably because he robbed banks.

His most famous caper was his last. The Gopher, so-called because in appearance he resembled that renowned beast, decided to acquaint himself with the contents of the vault in the Fourth National Bank of Aukville. This vault contained the Singing Diamond, a highly

unusual gem, for when politely asked, it would sing Country and Western songs after the fashion of Willie Nelson and David Allen Coe. The Gopher knew that if he could capture this prize, his future would be secure and he could retire to his farm near Flatwoods.

'Twas a cloudy, moonless night. The Gopher went to work quickly, first blowing up the Aukville power plant, for he realized the necessity of ridding himself of the streetlights and the danger of discovery they posed. Poor

unfortunate Gopher! He forgot that the bank offered its services 24 hours a day and had a reputation of never closing, regardless of calamity. The motto over the door read "SERVICE IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY." The Gopher peered through a window and saw the bank conducting business almost as usual, the only difference being the source of light. It was candles.

Indignant that his well-formulated plans should go awry, and knowing he couldn't blow out thousands of candles before someone got

suspicious. The Gopher retrieved his sawed-off Ithaca Model 37 Featherlight 12 gauge shotgun, entered the bank, shot two tellers and demanded to see the president.

The bank's president proved quite a congenial feller and seemed willing, even eager, to show The Gopher inside the vault. As The Gopher

pocketed the Singing Diamond, the president said earnestly, "This gem is a treasure any robber would be proud to own, and we, in turn, are immensely gratified that one of our reputation should choose us as clients." The Gopher thanked the man profusely, complimenting him

on the resourceful fashion in which he lit his establishment, then retraced his steps. As our hero backed through the door, shotgun at the ready, the president, gracefully waving a white handkerchief, called "Fare thee well, noble outlaw!"

Come back and see us, y'hyar?"

Immediately following The Gopher's exit, the bank president proved a traitor and called the police, but the wily Gopher eluded them with the ease of long practice. The media had a field day with the Gopher tale and every black market jeweler waslobbering at the jowls with the prospect of adding the Singing

Diamond to his list of transactions

The Gopher, meanwhile, was enjoying a float trip down the Buffalo River near his Flatwoods farm. The Singing Diamond, perched on the bow of his canoe, added immensely to his enjoyment.

"Dear Gem," said The Gopher, "if it is to your convenience, I would most assuredly appreciate the performance of a David Allen Coe ballad." The diamond sang "Dakota the Dancing Bear" and quickly followed it with a rendition of "You Never Even Called Me By My Name."

The Gopher, always a country music fan, joined the diamond for several tunes, then, in an ecstasy of hand

clappin', foot stompin' excitement, he overturned the canoe.

The Gopher never found the Singing Diamond I guess he's still trying. In any event, there are rumors of a nutty old hermit near Flatwoods who prowls the river, occasionally shooting at people and constantly singing "Blue Eyes Crying In The Rain" and "If

That Ain't Country." And sometimes, near Big Rock Hole, the traveler can hear this haunting sound rising from the depths: "They say Texas music's in the make—and we've been makin' music that is free—Doin' ooe night stands—playin' with our bands—Willie, Waylon and me."

And now you know...

Revelotions

A few helpful hints for students.

- 1) Super glue mends broken or chipped nails beautifully.
- 2) Nail polish remover will remove chewing gum from many fabrics. Test it first to be sure the fabric won't "melt" as well as the gum.
- 3) The number of fat cells an adult has is determined as an infant. So don't let your infant get obese. He will have more fat cells with him throughout life. These cells mostly change in size and in amount of fat contained, that's how one gains and loses weight.
- 4) Did you know many adults don't have the enzyme that

reduces milk sugar—lactase—in their digestive system? Therefore, a lot of milk is unhealthy for them. Are you one of these people?

5) If you lie on your right side after eating, your food will digest and leave your stomach faster.

6) Hot tea contains more caffeine than coffee. Remember this for your late nites.

7) Don't believe anything said in the administration building unless you get it in writing.

8) Don't pick the flowers on campus. They aren't worth \$50.

By Melony Williams

9) When your 'pot'ed plants get 12 inches high, take them out of your dorm window.

10) If you have to study and want to block out noises that may get your attention, play classical WUTM-FM radio. Then you can keep your mind on your books.

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Thanks! RoseAnn Boyd

Tatum talks

Election Commission valid

By RICHARD BARRETT
Staff Reporter

The SGA Election Commission was valid until the end of Winter Quarter 1979, according to Tim Tatum, former election commissioner. Tatum assumed the duties of election commissioner last April and served until leaving at the end of Winter Quarter to work in the office of Tennessee Senator Howard Baker

"pretty certain" that the faculty members nominated were Mr. John Bucy, Dr. Phillip Watkins and Dr. Richard Chesteen. "Since there was a new commissioner, I feel the commission should have been totally re-evaluated," stated Tatum when asked to comment on the validity of the new commission. "All members should have been reappointed and reapproved before the next election."

mally, not through a third party, that I am a member. I'm not a member."

Bucy stated he had been contacted by SGA after Thursday's Pacer was released. While he felt he was not responsible for any of the Election Commission's past actions, Bucy stated, "I will be glad to assist them with anything that they ask me to assist with in the future."

Both men stated they felt formal acceptance of the position was a necessary part of the selection process.

When asked if that should affect then up-coming elections, Tatum said, "No, I set the date for the elections and my Commission approved it." When informed of Tatum's comment, Chesteen repeated his earlier statement saying he was not aware of his position on the Commission. "Until I am informed for-

in a telephone interview from Washington, D.C., Tatum stated that the members of the Election Commission were appointed by Mike Turner, SGA president, and approved "sometime during Fall Quarter." While unable to remember all the students on the approved list, Tatum was



Hyers Fairless

Candidates...

(cont. from page one)

does any member of the Election Commission, and I think that it's very unfair to bring all the blame, all the burden, upon the Election Commission for all this. I think it's a shame. The student body probably feels some degree of sympathy with the parties involved—that they're getting so much criticism and so much attack based upon something that really wasn't that important.

Register: I believe it's due to the fact that they haven't reworked the Constitution to check and make sure it's



Young

Lecture scheduled

A lecture on "Hallucinations: History, Chemistry and Future" will be delivered on April 17 by Dr. William F. Holton of Princeton University.

The lecture, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in Rooms 206-209 of the University Center, will be preceded by a dinner at 6:30 in Rooms 201-203.

The lecture is sponsored by the UTM SAACS.

Alpha Phi Alphas Elect new officers

The Mu Beta chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha recently elected officers for 1980-81.

Representing the fraternity are Russell Heaston, president; Naim Madyun, vice president; Timothy Taylor, corresponding secretary; Larry Beasley, recording secretary; and Greg Newbern, treasurer. Other officers include

Darron Hulsey, sergeant-at-arms; Ernest McElrath, dean of pledges; Ray Payne, parliamentarian; Joel Waller, chaplain; and William Reed, director of educational activities.

On April 3-5, the members of the fraternity attended the Southern Regional Convention of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., held at the Radisson Hotel in Nashville.

During the Easter weekend, they won the first place trophy in the annual Greek Show held at Middle Tennessee State University.

According to Russell Heaston, "Not only did we win first place, but we also received \$100 as the additional prize for our efforts."

"The brothers were very pleased with our accomplishments, and we were

quite anxious to show the entire state of Tennessee what Mu Beta Chapter of UTM could do," Heaston said.

appointed by the Commission. I feel the situation has been rectified as best as possible without just tearing everything down and building back from scratch.

Hurley: I don't know what you'd claim to be real inconsistent. I think anything the Election Commission did was to benefit the students. I think we have to remember that in anything we deal with of this nature.

Hibbet: I guess you would agree with me that there's a lot of human error people make mistakes. A lot of times many things are overlooked, and, yes, there've been a lot of mistakes made and a lot of technical errors have been made. They've tried to justify them and make them right, which I believe is good. It's been handled poorly in some ways, yes, I'll agree with that. But you cannot point your finger at anyone about this, because in some way, many people were involved, and in some way, many people may not even share the blame. I think that all the candidates across the board are very fine people, and I don't believe any of them want to do something—I may be mistaken—but I don't believe any of them, as far as I can see, would do something to hurt the students. I don't believe any of them could do that.

Boyd: I realize that a lot of people weren't aware of what the Constitution said. It's hard to say what I would think about that. I personally didn't realize there were inconsistencies going on until I started studying pretty heavy for the Constitution test, and then I realized that it was, and I tried to make amends, but

Davis: I feel that no one is perfect and human errors have been made and the people who have made these errors have admitted to these errors and have done their best to correct them and done what they can about them. From that point on, they've done the best that they can.

Comer: I think the real inconsistency came about when Tim Tatum (former election commissioner) resigned, how his position became vacant. Steve (Carter) was already on the Commission and they needed a chairman. I think the real discrepancy came about the way that he received his office. What I've heard is that he didn't acquire it like he should have acquired it. I don't know exactly how this came about. The way I understood the Constitution, he was supposed to have been



Fought

Peter Rob orates Random ramblings

By HAROLD MURPHREE
Student Writer

The capitalistic United States is equal to socialist Sweden in living standards and we still have our freedom, according to Dr. Peter Rob, who spoke to a joint meeting of the College Republicans and Republican Women of Weakley County last Thursday.

Dr. Rob, the guest speaker for the meeting, also said, "Democracy does not march on an empty stomach. We must be productive." This statement was put into context by another statement Dr. Rob made: "The cure for inflation

is to increase supply instead of decreasing demand." Dr. Rob also spoke in favor of a conservative Republican government in 1980.

The College Republicans at UTM were reorganized last fall and, according to Chairman Eric Griffin, now

have a membership of near one hundred. The regular meetings are held the third

Thursday of each month. The College Republicans are sanctioned by the national organization, and their dues are \$3.00 per quarter.



Comer

it was too late then. For instance, the appointing of a commissioner instead of having him elected among his Commission I realize that this might not have been by the Constitution—you have to look at what's happened, like our last election commissioner went to Washington, D.C., and because of this, things had to be done pretty quickly. I believe the appointment that was made was made in good faith and not to do it behind anybody's back. I think that Steve has done a good job considering everything that's been going on, and he's handled the pressure pretty well, and the elections have gone smoother than they ever have before. I'm not saying that it's right not to follow the Constitution; I'm not saying that at all. I think that it will be followed closer in the future.

Lambert: I can't really honestly answer that, because I don't know all the details. I wasn't part of the Election Commission with the powers that be at the time the decision was made. I can't make any comment on it because I don't know what situations they were put under, what pressures they were put under. I'm not qualified to make a judgement.

Conley: I haven't seen any decision by anyone that the Constitution has not been followed. I don't think I could make a decision that (the Constitution) has not been followed and I don't think The Pacer could make a decision that (the constitution) has not been followed. That is something for the judiciary parliament of the SGA to make a decision (about) and, of course if it hadn't been followed, then they ought to take some proceedings against those who didn't follow it. At this time I do not know of the Student Court or parliament—the judicial parliament of the SGA—making any decision as to how to follow it.

Turner: As far as the way the Election Commission was handled this spring, I think it was unusual circumstances, because you had a switch of election commissioners in the middle of the year and almost the whole Election Commission. That's something you can't solve in one day; it takes time if you want to do a good job, if you want to get a good commissioner. As far as inconsistency, I think the constitution needs some work. I think some of the rules need to be more self-explanatory. I don't think anybody can 100

percent do everything I think you're going to have some error, that's normal, that's human. The best thing to do is to do what you think's right, and do the best job you can. I don't think anything that was ever done was deliberately done to try to do something against the students, to violate the Constitution. Everything that was done was done by what I thought was right or by what the Election Commission thought was right.

Martin: Let us go back and look at it. There are, in the Constitution, some things that need changing. It was stated in the Constitution that they had to be voted on by Congress, but at the present time, time overrules. I feel like the SGA deal thought it was best to give adequate time to each candidate. If they had waited the next day, that would have limited us one day, and then you would have had to have put in five days into four days, so I think really that the time overrules the law...to bring up an issue like this it would really be definitely unjust. Tell The Pacer or whoever, that a lot of times the people who wave their rights and take a chance and get out here, then I think it's their responsibility. If the candidates feel like they were in jeopardy then, then I feel like they should have the right to bring up the contestment.

KAs slate OZ party

Kappa Alpha Order has announced Tuesday, April 22 as the date for their annual "Pack Your Bags" party. The event, which will be held at the OZ is a fund-raising project for Muscular Dystrophy.

Tickets are on sale for \$2.50. Bearers of tickets will be eligible for many door prizes. The grand prize is a weekend trip for two in New Orleans. The winning couple will leave on Friday April 25 for the expense paid trip.

The 1979 "Pack Your Bags" party raised over \$1,100 for Muscular Dystrophy.

There will be a dance contest and a keg given to the Greek organization with the largest percentage of members present.

Tickets may be purchased from any KA or at tables set up in the University Center.

Sailing Offered

A course in sailing is being offered through the UTM Office of Extended Services on Thursday nights at 7 p.m., according to Phillip Miller, instructor of the course.

"Sailing will be done in a 21-foot cruiser at Paris Landing Marina on Saturdays and Sundays," Miller said.

"There will be some class work and some attention paid to rigging a sail boat, as well as the fundamentals of sailing," he added.

Cost for the sailing course is \$30.

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P.E. Complex unavailable for future SGA concerts

By NIKKI DILL
Copy Editor

No concerts may be performed in the PE Complex, at least at any time in the near future, according to Phillip Watkins, dean of undergraduate life

In a letter to several people on campus, including members of the SGA cabinet, Watkins said, "I do not consider it wise for SGA to try to promote a concert in the PE Complex."

According to Steve Hyers, vice president of the SGA, people at "the vice chancellor

level" indicated last fall that if the SGA could provide a floor cover and get a contract that was not a financial risk, the PE Complex could be used for concerts.

"The baseball team has agreed to go 50-50 with us on the floor cover," Hyers said, "and we have contracts that are not financial risks."

The arrangement the SGA has with its promoter is to either receive a flat \$1000 or to receive 10 percent of the gross and pay for security, maintenance, clean-up and stage hands out of that 10 percent, Hyers said.

Watkins has indicated that several other potential problems exist: "A. the likelihood of costly damages to the facility (PE Complex) for which SGA would be liable, B. liability for personal injury resulting from accidents, etc. C. our inability to exercise proper control over outsiders, especially juveniles, D. greater traffic and parking problems and damage from driving and parking on unpaved areas, E. the negative public image that accompanies concerts would be

Hyers said that the promoter has agreed to take financial responsibility for any damage done at the concert and to hire as many people as necessary to ensure minimal damage to property and to provide control of the crowd.

According to Watkins, he is consulting various other universities and persons "to help decide if it is feasible to effectively manage big concerts in the PE Complex."

At this time, no decision has been reached.

Mears interviewing; coach position open

UTM athletic Director Ray Mears may look elsewhere for a head basketball coach since Bill Musselman has yet to accept or decline the position, according to The Weakley County Press

In the April 15 issue of the Press states Mears is "opening the interviewing to at least a dozen who have expressed interests in the position."

Football staff hosts free coaching clinic

The University of Tennessee at Martin will hold its fourth annual football coaching clinic Saturday, April 19.

In addition to the Pacer staff, three outstanding high school coaches from the West Tennessee area will serve as speakers. The prep coaches are Jack Cain from Humboldt, Richard Ross from Jackson Central-Merry, and Jerry Escue from Memphis Harding Academy.

Cain, who guided Humboldt to the 1978 AA championship will lecture on "The Solid Offense." Ross, who coached

Musselman, who has also been offered an assistant coaching position with the Detroit Pistons of the National Basketball Association, has repeatedly asked for additional time before committing himself to a decision.

Mike Tollis, an assistant coach at Louisiana State University is apparently at the top of the list of alternatives Mears is interested in interviewing.

was AAA runner-up in the state last season, will discuss Central-Merry's offense, and Escue will speak on "Developing a Defensive Philosophy."

The high school coaches will lecture during the morning sessions, and the Pacer staff will speak during the afternoon meetings. The clinic will be climaxed by demonstrations on the field by UTM staff and players.

There is no charge for the clinic or luncheon, and all area coaches are invited to attend.



It looks so easy!

Lady Pacer Marie Velich easily defeated Sherril Harrison of Austin Peay in two straight sets, 6-1 and 6-1, Saturday. Despite the effort, Austin Peay went on to win the match.

Tennis

Lady Pacers drop to 7-11

The UTM Lady Pacers dropped their record to 7-11 on Tuesday, April 15 with a loss to the Lady Gobs of Austin Peay University, 9-0.

Marie Veitch lost at the No. 1 position to Sherry Harrison,

6-0, 7-5, while Marcie Woodward defeated Lady Pacer Julia Vinson, 6-3, 6-3. Lisa Patterson lost to Mary Squire, 6-3, 6-2 and at the No. 4 position, Linda Koch defeated Lori Wolfe, 6-0, 6-0. Lady

Pacer Isabel Perez lost to Nat Price, 6-2, 6-0 and Laura Lendermon lost to Pam Rose, 6-3, 6-1 at the No. 6 position.

In doubles action, Veitch and Patterson lost to Harrison and Price, 7-5, 6-2 at the No. 1 position. Vinson and Lendermon lost to Woodward and Koch, 6-3, 6-1 while Wolfe and Leigh Avery lost to Rose and Squire, 6-1, 6-1.

The Lady Pacers prepare for their last match of the season, Monday, April 21 against Southeast Missouri State University. Matchtime is 3 p.m. This year's Tennessee College Women's Sports Federation Division II and Division III state tennis tournament will be held at UTM. The two-day event will begin Friday, April 25.

Sports Line

Eight games are on tap this week for the University of Tennessee at Martin, only two of which will be played at home.

On Monday the Pacers travel to LeMoyn-Owen for a doubleheader, return home Tuesday for a twinbill with Lane College, visit Bethel for a single game Wednesday and conclude the week at North Alabama for two games Friday and one Saturday.

Inelement weather permitted the Pacers to play only two games last week. Austin Peay defeated UTM, 10-5, but the Pacers came back to overwhelm Freed-Hardeman, 9-3.

UT Martin, now 11-5 overall

and 1-5 in the Gulf South Conference has had fifteen games postponed or cancelled due to rain. The only conference games played to date have been on the road.

The University of Tennessee at Martin men's tennis team will visit Union for a match Thursday and then move into the Gulf South Conference tournament Saturday and Sunday at Jacksonville.

The Pacers, 5-10 on the season, defeated Freed-Hardeman, 8-1, last week but dropped a 9-0 decision to Western Kentucky.

The Pacers will play their first spring intrasquad game on April 25 in Jackson at Rothrock Stadium. Kickoff time is 7:00 pm.

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Sports Page

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Off The Wall

Question: What is being done about the exposed sprinkler heads on the new recreation and intramural fields behind the P.E. Complex?

Answer: Mr. White is aware of the dangerous situation and is taking positive steps to correct it. As soon as the weather permits the ground crew will be lowering the exposed pipe to only 2" above the ground with gradual sloping away to a distance of 10 feet, however, it will take a year or two for the grass to grow into a good turf so we must be patient.

Question: What is being done about upgrading the 24 hour weight room?

Answer: Chancellor Smith has through proper channels designated a committee to study this issue and make a recommendation for a possible new site that would permit additional equipment.

Question: What was "Mountaineer Day" and why was there not more advance information about it?

Answer: For the second year Recreational Sports has done a poor job in promoting this exciting event. We promise to do better next year.



Co-Rec Intramural Softball

There's no waiting any more! Men's, women's, and co-rec intramural softball begins with an Important Meeting, Thursday, April 24, 5:00 pm., Room 2001 (Student Lounge), in the PE Complex. Play will start at 4:15 pm., the following Monday, April 28.

This year, the whole game of intramural softball has been improved! It is geared to include more players, excitement, and lots of fun. For example, in the men's and women's leagues, teams will be able to play nine defensive players and bat up to fifteen, in the traditional 3 up-3 down batting order. Hopefully, April and May will be "dry" months and we can include MORE GAMES! Co-rec softball will be played in the evenings under the lights.

In addition to the regular season, your Recreational Sports Office will conduct a postseason, open single elimination tournament with men's and women's divisions. Individual T-Shirts will be given away to the team winners in their respective divisions.



Tennis Anyone?

All tennis enthusiasts are encouraged to enter the Intramural Tennis Doubles Tournaments. Both men's and women's double matches will be offered two skill levels to provide for more equal competition. Tournament play is a good time to become acquainted with other racquet buffs because everyone will have at least two matches in the double elimination tournament. Matches will be played at a time arranged by both teams so there are no conflicts. Entering the tournament can easily be accomplished by attending an important meeting on Thursday, May 1 at 5 PM in the PE Complex Student Lounge. If you have never entered a tournament then make this your first for no better reason than to have some fun.



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Run-offs...

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Cindy Fairless, Secretary of Affairs. The main duty is to keep all records and files of SGA revisions and updating of the Constitution. The better the relationship between students and faculty, the happier the campus will be.

Steve Young, Vice President: This organization is for the students; it is not for the different individuals in the office. I am not looking for personal gain. I want students to come to me anytime there's something wrong with SGA.

Donald Comer, Secretary of Minority Affairs: Minority doesn't just mean black students—it means foreign students, too. I want to re-

establish the link between minority students and SGA and to keep them abreast of the situations that occur.

Chip Faught, Secretary of Finance: My two major qualifications are 1) accounting major—I will be able to apply information learned in class to the job 2) in Congress, I was the representative for the School of Business.

Steve Hyers, Board of Trustees representative: I am really super-pleased with the voter turnout and I appreciate everybody's vote. The main issue is the increase in fees, and that will be one of the things I will concentrate on

first.

Tracy Davis, Secretary of Communications candidate: I think there's a lot of potential here at UTM and I think there's a long way for us to go.

Brad Hurley, Secretary of Communications candidate: There are only three promises a candidate can make and keep: 1) Care about the job you're doing 2) be fair and

honest with all people 3) work and try hard to do the best job possible.

In addition to SGA elections, the student body voted on an additional Student Activities Fee Referendum.

"The referendum did not pass. It received a majority vote, but not the 70 percent necessary to pass," said Steve Carter, Election Commission Chairperson.

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By BARRY WARBRITTON
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The March 8 Molly Hatchet concert was a success in that the SGA made a profit of \$1,750 and in that it was the first sell-out concert in six years, according to Steve Hyers, SGA vice-president. "Molly Hatchet went so well that the promoter wanted to bring another group to go into the complex," Hyers said. "The audience reaction was excellent. Everyone there seemed to really enjoy it."

Dave Hlubek, one of the band's lead guitar players, said that Molly Hatchet spends between 250 and 300 days a year on the road and spends six weeks at the recording.

"We put out an album a year and we tour the record as long as we think necessary to generate the sales we're looking for," Hlubek said. "We like to record around May and June. We like to put our new records out in August or September because that's the prime time to put album out. We only tour up until that time and while we're on the road we're writing our new albums."

Some would class the Jacksonville, Fla. based band's music as Southern Rock but Hlubek doesn't seem to crave categorization. "We're rock-n-rollers y'know," he said. "We're just rock-n-rollers that happen to be from the South."

Molly Hatchet has sold over two million copies of their albums and a third album,

Beatin' the Odds, is scheduled for release in the latter part of August, according to Hlubek. Hlubek said that the familiar ax-wielding warrior that graces the covers of Molly Hatchet's albums is scheduled for replacement and a live album is in the offing.

"The third album will be the last of the caricature album covers and the fourth album is going to be a double live album," he said. "The covers do what they're supposed to do and the music inside and the band on the road."

Molly Hatchet has toured with a variety of bands including The Who, Bob Seger, Foreigner, REO Speedwagon, UFO, Judas Priest, The Outlaws, and The Charlie Daniels Band, according to Hlubek. "Everybody you can name we've been with," he said.

Although the band has been a "success" for only 16 months, Molly Hatchet boasts good equipment, cars, houses and money and has toured overseas with future overseas engagements planned, according to Hlubek.

"We've got a bunch of cars and money and all this stuff and it don't mean s...t," he said. "We're all doing very well; we're one of the few bands in the country that's only been out 16 months that own their own bus."

Hlubek credits the record company field representatives and the road crews with Molly Hatchet's success.

"We just do a very small portion; we just get up and play our songs," he said. "They're out here because we're out here because we've been successful. One hand washes the other. I'm not sitting here thinking I'm any better than anybody else in here; in about twenty minutes or so I might have to use the commode."

Hlubek enjoys his job and compares other less glamorous occupations unfavorably with his own.

"I like my work," he said. "Some people punch in from nine to five and they can't stand being there. We only work ninety minutes a night but we put eight hours' shift into ninety minutes. We give all we can so when I walk off the stage I'm exhausted just like if I'd been digging a ditch for eight hours."

Molly Hatchet's other members are Banner Thomas, bass guitarist; Steve Holland and Duane Roland, lead guitarists; Danny Joe Brown, lead vocalist and Bruce Crump, drummer.



Sidewalk ballet

Register today

Dance Festival scheduled

By JENNIFER GUTHRIE
Features Editor

Pre-registration has started for anyone interested in participating in the Tennessee Spring Dance Festival, hosted by UT Martin, Friday, April 25.

There will be Master technique classes—beginning, intermediate and advanced—taught by Penny Burr-Pinson, the guest artist, and a showcase concert at 8 p.m.

No more than 30 people will be allowed in one class. The pre-registration fees are \$3 for students and \$5 for teachers and observers. An additional

fee of \$2 is required by participants who register at the door.

Burr-Pinson, the artistic director of Modern Dance Kentucky, will be assisted by Jessica Lockhart and Steve Potts to teach classes and perform that evening.

The dancers have worked as

independent artists and dance company members, totalling 14 years of professional dance experience. Hanya Holm and

Nancy Hauser have strongly influenced their dance movement.

The purpose of the festival is

to advance dance education through classes and demonstrations and present a showcase concert of choreographic works.

For more information, contact Dr. Carolyn Byrum at 587-7335.

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Evaluation test is coming

By MARCIA PITTS
Assistant News Editor

The College Outcome Measures Project (COMP) evaluation will be given May 3 at 10 a.m., according to K. Paul Jones, director of instructional improvement of the Advanced Institutional Development Program (AIDP).

Jones explained that COMP will be given to 100 seniors and freshmen to evaluate what knowledge was obtained from general undergraduate courses.

"The students will be selected from a random sample of freshman and seniors with comparable ACT scores. In this way, these students, seniors and freshmen, will all have the same level of ability," Jones explained.

Jones further explained that approximately 200 letters have already been sent out to seniors with 150 hours or more, not including transfer students.

"We want to be able to determine that the students taking the test received their educational abilities here (at UTM)," Jones said.

He said that of those invited to participate in the program, the first 100 who respond will be accepted.

"This is a reliable, valid test, and through it we hope to find that those who have gone through college do better than those who have not, but have comparable ACT scores," he said.

The COMP evaluation is composed by ACT and is designed to measure the general education curriculum.

"We are not testing majors' programs. This test deals with the common core of general education courses," Jones said.

"There are some things that all college graduates ought to know and ought to be able to do," he continued. "According to the letter sent to the sample by Vice Chancellor Milton Simmons, the test measures the ability to use and apply the skills of communicating, solving problems, clarifying values, functioning with social institutions, using science and technology and using the arts and humanities."

"This same test will be given to 100 freshmen next fall, and by comparing the

two, we should be able to make some judgement about the effects of a college education," Jones said.

He said that the test would also be valuable in comparing UTM students with the national norm.

This program is sponsored now through AIDP, but after the test is given, funds will be generated through the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC).

According to Jones, the THEC rewards schools for giving the test because it is a way to "get at instructional improvement."

Jones added, "As the campus that cares, we want to make sure we're doing what we say we're doing, offering excellence in education."

\$5100 raised

SAE helps fund MD

Sigma Alpha Epsilon held a danceathon for Muscular Dystrophy. The dance was held in the P.E. complex at 6:00 on April 11, 1980 and lasted until 6:00 on April 12, 1980. Sigma Alpha Epsilon raised \$5,100 with the help of disc jockey Randy Chambers from Memphis Tennessee.

First place went to Paul Dillon and Donna Bryan. Second place went to Sam Martin and Melody West. Third place went to couple from Union City High School.

"The brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon would like to thank all the businesses and everyone who participated in Martin and Union City for making the dance a success," said Steve Stafford.

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