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## Student Success Center

By Mia Northington

The new Student Success Center, located at 1817 Melrose Avenue, provides the support you need to be successful at the University of Tennessee. As a UT student, you can be faced with countless challenges. While ultimately, you are in charge of your own success, never hesitate to let the staff at the Student Success Center assist you along the way. The staff at the Center strives to provide the support you need to be successful at UT. They can help you navigate the various resources on campus and help you to utilize them in a way that meets your academic and personal needs. For instance, they can lend a hand in the areas of academic advising, tutoring and academic support, student life, and service and

community. In addition to addressing your individual needs, the Center coordinates First Year Studies classes, the National Student Exchange, the Volunteer Community, the University Advising Committee, and Undergraduate Academic Appeals, and it directs the African American Achievers Scholarship and the African American Incentive Grant programs.

Later this semester the Student Success Center will be having an Open House for all members of the UT community, so be sure and keep your eyes and ears open for that event! The staff really encourages each and every student, whether you have questions or not, to visit the Center and experience the services that they have to offer. The hours of operation are 8 AM to 7 PM Monday through Friday, so do not hesitate to drop by after class, or visit their website at <http://studentsuccess.tennessee.edu>.

## Quality Enhancement Plan

By Brad Vaughn

The successful adoption of UT's Quality Enhancement Plan is one of the many opportunities that our university has before it this year. Led by Chancellor Loren Crabtree and a team of administrators, faculty, and staff, the QEP is UT's system-wide effort to reinvent itself as a model academic institution for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Placing a high premium on innovation and the integration of service and study both in and around the Knoxville region and throughout the globe, the QEP focuses on enhancing the global and cultural perspectives of UT's curriculum, activities, and recruitment.

Students are uniquely positioned at our university because they have the ability to constantly demand quality and diversity in our university and the change these ideals require. UT is a vast institution, and the types of reforms being proposed are likely to collide with any number of bureaucratic and administrative walls. Student leaders, whether in SGA, Greek organizations, the Central Program Council, or other prominent groups,

must work to ensure that their voices are being heard by engaging each other honestly and openly about the issues the QEP seeks to address—namely, diversity and intercultural experiences. Simply saying we want diversity isn't enough. Students must look for ways to build diversity on campus whether it is through service initiatives that incorporate academic studies into the communities of East Tennessee or through campus activities that present cultural, social, and political issues in a balanced, informative manner.

The most important goal for students committed to these ideas is to avoid discouragement. Transforming our school into a place of broader cultural engagement is a long-term venture, one that will outlive most of our stints here in Knoxville. But each of us—whether it is in committing our clubs or organizations to a specific social cause, seeking a seat on one of the many program councils, or running for the Student Senate—has a role to play in enhancing the opportunities this university offers in a world filled with new challenges.

## Dance Marathon Prepares For Another Great Year

By Natalie Wyszynski

In case you haven't heard already, the weekend of February 3 is going to be the hottest event on the University of Tennessee's campus this year. Definitely clear your schedule now because this is the experience of a lifetime! Dance Marathon 2006! On the evening of Friday, February 3 at 6:00, over 500 UT students will congregate in Stokley Athletic Center to spend the next 24 hours celebrating and raising money for the East Tennessee Children's Hospital. These students will be dancing, eating, playing games, and watching some incredible entertainment. The most rewarding part, though, comes on Saturday when dancers have the opportunity to meet the children and their families. This, by the way, is the point of the event. Dance Marathon is about the kids, for the kids.

Every year the University of Tennessee chapter raises thousands of dollars to benefit the hematology and oncology programs at East Tennessee Children's Hospital. The total for each of the past three years has surpassed \$100,000! All one has to do to participate in Dance Marathon is pay a \$25 registration fee and then raise \$175 for the kids through canning drives and sponsorship.

Registration for Dance Marathon 2006 has all ready begun and there are multiple ways to register. For online information, visit <http://web.utk.edu/~utdm/index.html>. You may also register in the Dance Marathon office on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the UC (room 305, hang a right at the top of the stairs). Another registration opportunity is available through blitz weeks, which take place once every month, so be on the lookout for these tables to sign up. That way you can go ahead and get your green shirt because you know everyone is wearing them! Think about it and register for Dance Marathon today!



## Applications Out For Leadership Positions *By Joanna Caldarulo*

### Orientation Leaders

Orientations Leaders are a group of students who dedicate their time to assist in orientation, the first step in a student's transition to the University of Tennessee. They are here for the incoming students, serving role models and assisting with all organization and preparation of orientation activities. Apply to be an orientation leader online today at [web.utk.edu/~orient](http://web.utk.edu/~orient). Applications are due Wednesday, October 26, 2005.

### Leadership Guides

Leadership Guides are a team of students who are committed to learning about leadership and serving the campus community as a peer resource team. The students coordinate educational activities requested by organizations that are focused on helping the leadership development of that organization. Applications to become a Leadership Guide are due no later than Wednesday, November 16, 2005 by 5:00 pm. The interviews will be begin Thursday, November 16 and will run through Wednesday, November 23. Applications can be found at [web.utk.edu/~leader](http://web.utk.edu/~leader).



### Emerging Leaders

Emerging Leaders is a 3 credit-hour course taught every spring for students interested in studying leadership theories, developing their own leadership style, and the application of leadership. The purpose of the course is to facilitate opportunities and experiences that prepare students to assume key leadership positions on campus. Applications are due on Wednesday, November 16, 2005 by 5:00 pm. Interviews for the Emerging Leaders class will start Wednesday, November 16 and will run through Wednesday, November 23. Applications can be found online at: [web.utk.edu/~leader](http://web.utk.edu/~leader).

### Ignite Team Leader

Ignite Team Leaders have a unique opportunity to assist freshmen with the transition into college. New students learn about campus opportunities while interacting with peers and Ignite Team Leaders. Team Leaders facilitate freshman small groups during both components of the Ignite program: Summit and Teams. Get involved, help others, and have fun!! Apply for Ignite Team Leader today!! Applications are due December 1st and can be found at [web.utk.edu/~leader](http://web.utk.edu/~leader).

## Alternative Spring Break

By Tiffany Simms

"Never Doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead

When a group of ordinary people commit themselves to a common purpose, with organization and leadership, incredible things can happen. No matter the size of the initial impact, small acts of kindness spread like wildfire. If just one person is affected that person will help others and, soon enough, an entire community has improved. I have seen this occur myself in just six short days. Last spring I went on Alternative Spring Break to Savannah, GA and had the experience of a lifetime.

Going on a Spring Break trip with a group of students that I previously had not known may not sound like an ideal Spring Break for most college students, but ASB Savannah will tell you otherwise. Not only did I meet lifelong friends and learn amazing things about myself, but I also experienced the miracle of serving others. I slept on the floor in a sleeping bag, woke up at 7:00 am, and worked most of the day for people I did not know and probably never will. Yet by learning about the different organizations and talking to the people at the different shelters, I slowly developed an attachment to them and especially the other students working beside me. We did many activities like yard work, served food at homeless shelters, cleaned out old storage units, and (my personal favorite) painted wooden jungle gyms for a daycare center. All these service projects helped me have a better understanding of myself and appreciate the many opportunities that I have been given.

Although the entire week was devoted to serving others, fun is definitely a necessary element. The ever-lasting memories of dodgeball, the haunted city tour, the question ball, karaoke, and late night painting constantly remind me of the friendships made and lessons learned during that week of Spring Break 2005. Each trip is different and special, but serving others will, in fact, improve you. If you would like more information regarding Alternative Break trips contact the TeamVOLS Office located at 315A University Center or call 974-8481. ASB Applications are due Friday, October 28th and are available in the TeamVOLS office.



## Ignite Program

By JT Taylor

Mid-term is fast approaching, and with that comes the end of an 8-week program here at UT. The Ignite program is an activity for freshman who wish to learn about UT and become inVOLved. This year's program was a huge success. There were a record number of freshman who graduated from the program, 116.

Each week a different theme highlighted the program. For this year's program, every new week used one of the letters in VOLUNTEER. Thus, week one was about Vision, week two about Opportunity, and so on. Torch Night was a special week for the teams. Members and leaders dressed in their Sunday best and went to receive the torch, which was passed down to them from the class of 2006.

Lauren Binkley, senior in Communication Studies and Student Director of the Ignite program describes Ignite's overall goal as, "helping freshman become acclimated to the University while in a supportive network of peers, and helping them discover the Volunteer spirit for themselves."

Another facet of the program is the Ignite Summit, which is held in July each summer. Students can register online or during orientation. The Summit is a three day, two night trip to UT's Clyde Austin 4H camp in Greenville. The weekend gives freshman the opportunity to adjust to the responsibilities of college. The trip is filled with games, activities, and new friends. The highlight of this year's summit was the Holston Homes high ropes course. It gave students a chance to face their fears and work together as a team. Overall the weekend proved to be a tremendous success.



If you participated in Ignite or just think that Ignite sounds like your kind of fun, the Center for Leadership Development is currently taking Team Leader applications online at [web.utk.edu/~leader](http://web.utk.edu/~leader), or just stop by 315-F in the University Center to learn more about this program and others offered by the CLD. And remember....

*"One that beareth the torch shadoweth oneself to give light to others."*

*Volunteer Creed*

## International House

By Ashley Ssebikindu

Where can you go to dance, watch movies, and eat great food from all over the world? The International House, located at 1623 Melrose Avenue. For many, the International House is an undiscovered resource here on campus. Here students can participate in weekly activities such as Language Tables, which allows students to come and practice basic foreign language skills. Students who like to be swept off their feet can take lessons in dance such as salsa, meringue, or swing, and those interested in happenings around the world can join in the Conversation on World Affairs, occurring two times, monthly on Tuesday evenings.

Many other programs and activities occur throughout the semester that are available for the students to explore different cultures from around the world. Music Corner takes place several times during the semester. This program allows people to come and enjoy live music that can be heard around the world. Students can also join the I-house for cooking demonstrations. Students come show their culinary talents and give you a taste of their own traditions.

The I-house is a great place to meet new people and experience different ways of life. This month the International House is hosting several events.

- Africa Week, October 24-28, 2005
- Turkish Night, October 26, 2005

For more information about upcoming events stop by or visit their website at <http://web.utk.edu/~ihouse>.

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## Upcoming Events

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### October

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| October 25 | Reverend Al Sharpton - Alumni Memorial Building - 7:30PM |
| October 26 | Orientation Leader Applications Due                      |
| October 31 | Coach Ken Carter - UC Auditorium - 7PM                   |

### November

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| November 3  | Douglas Rushkoff - UC Auditorium - 7:30PM              |
| November 16 | Emerging Leaders and Leadership Guide Applications Due |
| November 16 | Frank Deford   |
| November 18 | Vol Night Long - University Center - 10PM              |

### December

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| December 1 | Ignite Team Leader Application Due |
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## Central Programming Council

By Renell McCullough

Have you ever wondered which campus organization is responsible for bringing tons of great speakers like Maya Angelou and many others to campus? Or perhaps which organization helps to co-sponsor many of the cultural attractions and film showings on campus? Well, that group is the CPC, or Central Programming Council.

The central purpose of the CPC is to contribute to the social, recreational, cultural, and education development of the students, faculty, staff, and alumni of the university through co-curricular programming. The CPC fulfills this purpose by delegating specific tasks to the appropriate sub-committee. CPC has seven sub-committees under its domain, and they are: All Campus Events (ACE), Campus Entertainment Board (CEB), Cultural Attractions Committee (CAC), Film Committee, Issues Committee, Visual Arts Committee (VAC), and Women's Coordination Council (WCC).

The CPC has several exciting events scheduled for the near future; those events include visits from Reverend Al Sharpton and Frank Deford, as well as the showing of numerous movies throughout the semester.

If you are interested in joining a committee, co-sponsoring an event, or finding out when the next CPC program is, please visit their website at <http://web.utk.edu/~cpc1>, send them an e-mail at [cpc1@utk.edu](mailto:cpc1@utk.edu), or stop by the Student Activities office in Room 305 of the University Center.

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## SEE Center

By: Erica Bone

The Safety, Environment, and Education Center, better known as the SEE Center, is a flourishing safety awareness center that focuses on the concerns of students, including alcohol, drugs, and sex. Not only does this center focus on substance abuse, but it also seeks to develop a safer campus environment and to innovate new ways to make the community even more secure.

In order to achieve these goals, the SEE Center has created a Student Advisory Board, which is used to gain insight into students' perspectives on safety and peer pressure around campus. Dan Reilly, the Director, and other employees of the SEE Center discuss new ideas with this panel of students and are able to determine what actions should be taken, so that students can learn to cope with these issues and make a successful transition through college. Reilly commented, "I am very excited about this opportunity at UT to be nationwide leaders in prevention efforts, specifically being provided the opportunity to focus on systematic, environmental, and population level interventions."

Students who are interested in becoming a part of the Student Advisory Board should e-mail Stephanie Armbrister at [sarmbris@utk.edu](mailto:sarmbris@utk.edu). For more information about the SEE Center, please call 974-9565 or visit their office, which is located in the University Center, room 203.