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Helping Hands

By: Lori Jones

The TeamVOLS Office located on the third floor of the University Center is the University of Tennessee's hub of community service opportunities. "TeamVOLS is a good organization to get involved with, go into the community, and give back," said graduate advisor Robyn Nelson. The mission of the office is:

"... to provide opportunities for her students to invest themselves in the world around them and for each student to be and become responsive citizens aware of and concerned with civic organizations and activities in the community..."

The department has thirteen weekly programs and four annual events, (Alternative Fall Break, MLK Day of Service, Alternative Spring Break, and April Play Day), in which students can get involved. From Animal Outreach to Literacy programs to Alternative Break Trips, the TeamVOLS Office is always interested in recruiting new volunteers.

Lindsey Irvin, recently returning from her Alternative Spring Break to Williamsburg, VA said of her trip: "It was great doing something totally different from the norm. So many times we get wrapped up in school work and don't feel like we have time to do service. This gave me the opportunity to meet new people at the university, do community service, and have a great spring break." Applications for Alternative Fall and Spring Break trips will be available next semester for those wishing to apply.



Weekly programs, however, recruit volunteers year-round. Students wishing to get involved with weekly service opportunities need only to call or e-mail the TeamVOLS Office to receive events and opportunities. From there, they will be able to volunteer as often as their schedule permits.

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Can You Lead Me Now?

By: Nathan Zipper

On Saturday March 20th, 2004, the University of Tennessee will be hosting its third annual campus wide leadership conference. The conference will give about 300 students the opportunity to learn more about leadership as well as an opportunity to enhance their personal leadership skills. The conference will also give participants the opportunity to interact with faculty, staff, and other student leaders while attending workshops on a variety of leadership topics. There

will be sessions on motivation, life after college, team building, multiculturalism, and other related topics.

The conference is free of charge for all students that . The participants will receive a complimentary shirt with this year's theme, "Can You Lead Me Now?" In addition to the t-shirt, the students will also be receiving breakfast and lunch.

This years conference looks to be even better than the last, so be sure to look for the highlights in the next *Leadership Link*.

Leadership in Focus @ Tennessee

By: Caroline Sarros



Congratulations! It is a . . . New organization! A new group has been born at the University of Tennessee. This group has been named LiFT, Leadership in Focus at Tennessee.

The proud parents are Focus, an organization addressing diversity issues and Leadership Guides, a peer resource team providing other campus organizations with programs and information on different topics. Its development is encouraged and advised by Dr. Jane Redmond, Dr. Jim Gehlhar, Emily Parker, Amy Ibach, Ester Stokman, and Stephanie Weathers. LiFT will serve the University of Tennessee through diversity awareness and management programs designed for campus organizations.

Currently, the members of LiFT are working to complete training and education necessary to facilitate diversity programs. Leadership Guides and Focus have met in brainstorming sessions and recently completed a workshop series on race awareness facilitated by the Race Institute of Knoxville. While the members are eager to begin serving the campus community, LiFT recognizes the need to education, training, and planning that will enable the organization to become an integral and successful part of the campus community. LiFT will spend this semester in planning and training and begin its work on campus in the fall of 2004.

Stay tuned for more information on this exciting new program for our campus community.

What Does the



Mean to You?

By: Jeffie Hickman

What is bright orange and seen just about everywhere on campus? That's right the famous University of Tennessee "Power T". This symbol is found on windows, cars, buildings, clothing, and even on the back of the JumboTron. Chances are most of you probably have a "Power T" displayed somewhere, but have you ever stopped to think about why you have it out for the world to see?

When pondering this question most of us can come up with a myriad of reasons but probably one we can all agree on is school spirit. The University of Tennessee is one of the top institutions in the nation among athletics and academics. For this reason, we as students at the university take great pride in our school and show that pride through many avenues. The spirit presented through the students at this university is absolutely incredible!

During football season campus is covered in a sea of orange that spreads all the way from Neyland Stadium to the end of the Agriculture Campus. Students crowd into the student section to cheer and shake their orange and white pom-poms. The same tradition continues on through the winter as we support Pat Summit's Lady Vols and Buzz Peterson's Volunteer basketball teams. School spirit does not stop when athletic seasons are over, they continue through-

out the year.

This schools spirit is continually shown by our students, faculty, and staff. The university is involved within the Knoxville community. This service allows us to spread the Volunteer pride and show the world what the University is all about.

The University of Tennessee is an awesome place and all the students here hold one thing in common: We can all say that we are students at the best institution in the SEC! I know that even as I'm driving down the interstate and I pass a car with a Power T on their back windshield, I hold something in common with that driver. I may not know them or have even seen them before, but I know we both have pride in our school. Every single person here from students, teachers, staff, professors, maintenance personnel and coaches work every day to make the University of Tennessee the best it can be! So next time you are strolling through campus and see the "Power T" stop and think about what it means to be a Tennessee Volunteer. GO VOLS!!!



Career Services

The Job Hunt

By: John Foster

Looking for a summer job? Graduating and beginning that intimidating job search? Well, career services is the place for you.

Career Services is the perfect place for students interested in excelling in their career. The staff is eager to help students in many ways. They have many resources that will help you find a part-time job while still in school. They also provide ways to improve your chances of earning an outstanding job after you graduate.

There are many ways that career services can assist you in your quest for a job. For instance, a staff member would be glad to help you review your resume and resume work-shops are offered for assistance. Career Services can also give you interview tips that will make the process go more smoothly. Several job fairs are presented during the pre-semester also. And if you do not know what type of work you would enjoy, Career Services offers students the chance to take the Strong interest test. This test is a great way to show your interests and learn what careers you may enjoy!



One awesome event that career services plans and provides in the career expo. The 2004 career expo is upon us. The event will take place on March 24 from 10am-3:30pm in the UC Ballroom. Various companies will be in attendance and their interests in employees varies. All majors are encouraged to attend the event as many different types of careers will be represented. Career services is currently offering workshops on "how to work a job fair."

Experience Corner

By: Elizabeth Chapman



ASB "The Burg"

Over this past week I participated along with 25 other UT students, faculty, and staff in an alternative spring break trip to "the 'Burg", Williamsburg, Virginia, led by Amy Danchik and Dave Kennedy. We painted the rock bright and early on Saturday and rolled out of 'ole UT en route to Colonial Williamsburg. Despite a couple of scary drivers and many stops along the way (thanks Lindsay Irvin!), we finally arrived in the 'Burg and prepared for a week of service and fun. Sunday morning we got up and met a lady named Zena from the United Way who helped coordinate our trip with Amy and Dave. We then cleaned up Zena's parents' yard which had been damaged by Hurricane Isabel, a hurricane last fall that took out 30% of Williamsburg's trees. After a few hours of great teamwork, we were rewarded with our first real sense of accomplishment as we stood back to take a picture and survey the difference we had made. A night of fun, including lots of card games, followed along with a reminiscent dinner of (what else!?) spaghetti!

On Monday we once again awoke to the sound of rock and roll music, and rolled out of bed, if you could call it that, for our second day of service. We went to a kids' park called Kidsburg where we transplanted trees, mulched beds, and dug up stumps, hitting asphalt numerous times throughout the day. After eight hours of work, the difference was unbelievable, and the group had definitely begun to bond. The third day we spent chasing three-year-olds around playgrounds at various places, a child's resource center and two high school daycares. Although three year olds have a lot more energy than we twenty somethings do, we finally got them to sleep during naptime, with a couple of us sleeping as well.

The next day the team divided into two groups, one traveling to a women's center for battered women and children and the other going to the American Red Cross. Organizing cans, more
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By: Jessie Hinch

This past February 6th and 7th was Dance Marathon's ninth year on UT's campus. It was a huge success with over 400 registered dancers, the event raised over \$98,000. With more money coming in, this year has raised over \$100,000! All of which goes directly to the Oncology/Hematology Ward at East Tennessee Children's Hospital.

With games, door prizes, and entertainment, the dancers stayed awake for 24-hours all to save the life of a child. The 24 hours represents how long a child with cancer undergoes chemotherapy treatment and recovery. As college students we stay awake 24-hours to cram for a test and to party, it's only fitting that a least one of our 'all nighters' is for a good cause.

The children the money is raised for are some of the most amazing individuals you will ever come in contact with. They were born with a disease they have no control over. They aren't sick because they smoke or did something harmful to their bodies, they were born with this disease,



and they fight it with a smile. They will talk about their sickness if you ask, but they would much prefer to run and play like any 'normal' child. Dance Marathon is their chance to get out and play. For some, it's their one time a year. They build up their immune system to come out and play with us. Their favorite part is the Pie Throwing Contest, where they get the opportunity to pie their doctors and nurses who give them shots.

The event was a huge success and continues to

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Not only do you get to give back to the community, but you also "get to meet extraordinary people you might not have otherwise come in contact with through TeamVOLS," said senior and TeamVOLS Vice-Chair Jonathan Luster.

"Whatever population you're interested in working with, from young kids to elderly adults, from office work to manual labor, there's something here for everyone," said graduate advisor Billy Dahlgren.

To find out more about TeamVOLS and the programs available, visit their web page at web.utk.edu/~teamvols or call their office at 974-8481. If you want to take a more active role with the organization, Leadership Board applications are currently available and will be due April 2, 2004 at 5 pm.

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mulching, cleaning apartments, filling in gigantic holes with dirt in the rain were some of the day's requirements at the women's center, while the other group got quite dusty cleaning an old children's mental hospital used now for storage. The last day was spent cleaning up the camp where we stayed, Camp Skinimo. We put up tents, cleaned up campsites and common areas, and raked a lot of leaves, but left the camp in much better shape than when we got there. Throw in one heck of a game of football and lots of late nights and best friends, and there you have it, all the ingredients of an absolutely awesome spring break. It was an experience I would not exchange for anything in the world, the looks on the faces of those we helped, the spirit of service for others in the other team members, and the overall sense of service for each other was irreplaceable. I want to encourage each and every one of you to apply to go on an alternative break trip through the TeamVOLS office; it was without a doubt the best week of my life and one I wish everyone could share.