

The Pacer
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Ms. Young:

On behalf of the students of the University of Tennessee at Martin, this newspaper does hereby file a **formal challenge to the legitimacy of the general elections** of the Student Government Association on April 7 and 8, 2003.

Reasoning:

- Candidates were informed prior to campaigning that vacant senate seats in the College of Humanities and Fine Arts would be equal to that of the pool of candidates.
- Most candidates for these seats did not campaign because of the well-founded notion that it would not be necessary to secure a position. In effect, they are held at a disadvantage because of the overall lack of communication to the individual campaigns and to the general student body.
- We stand by our report that five (5) seats would be vacant in this college, as reported in the March 28, 2003 edition of the Pacer, as well as in the college-by-college breakdown on our Internet site. An interview with Eric Tolbert, President, yielded the information as it is presented.
- Decisions that directly affect the outcome of the election were made without proper public proceedings.

Enacting:

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Matthew B. Crotich
Executive Editor

Date