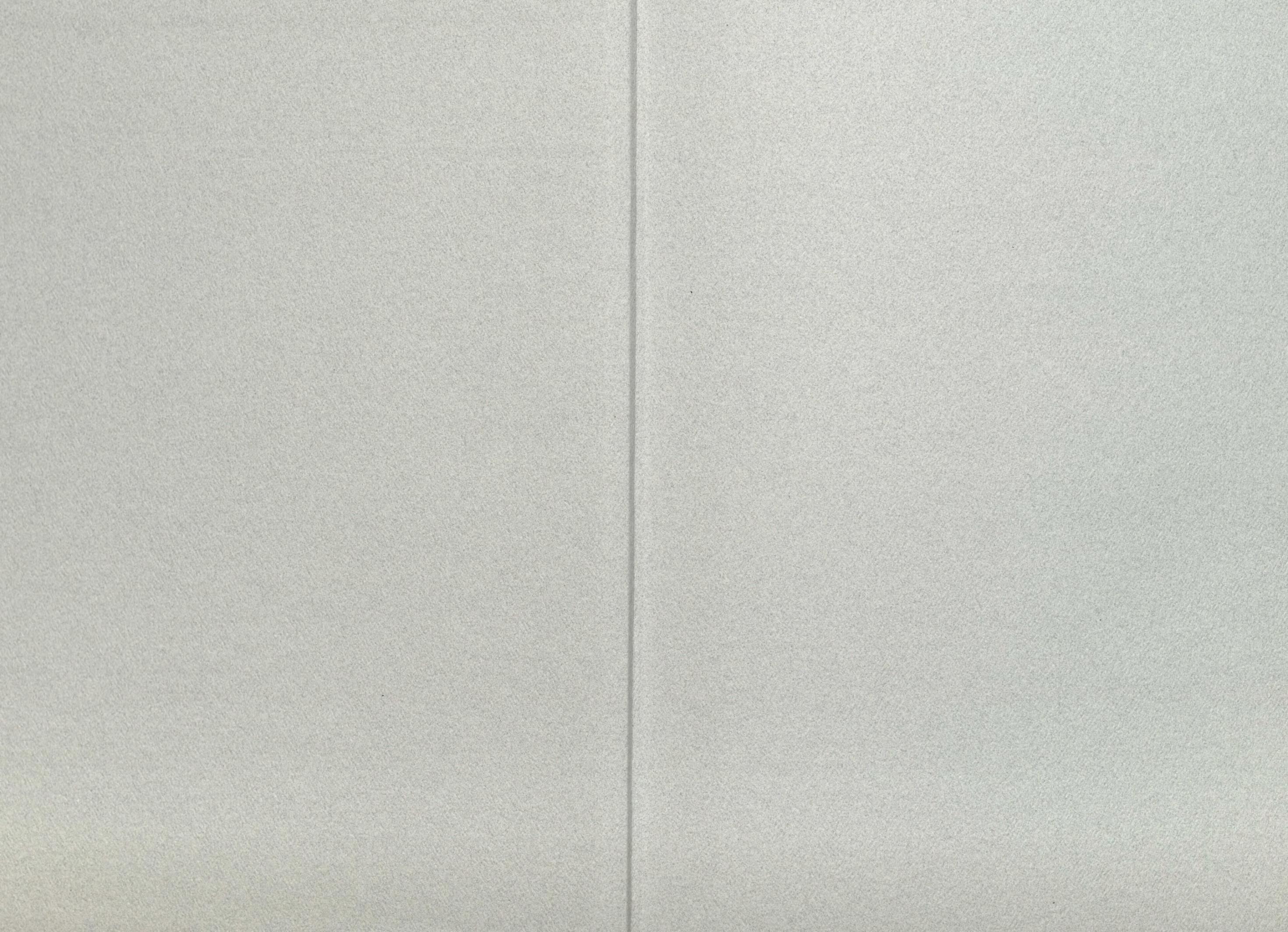


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■ To show UH spirit during homecoming, students built a bonfire outside Robertson Stadium.
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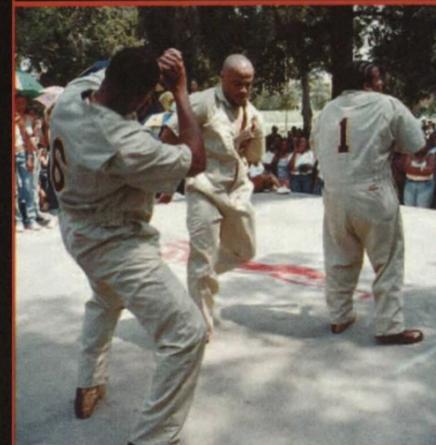
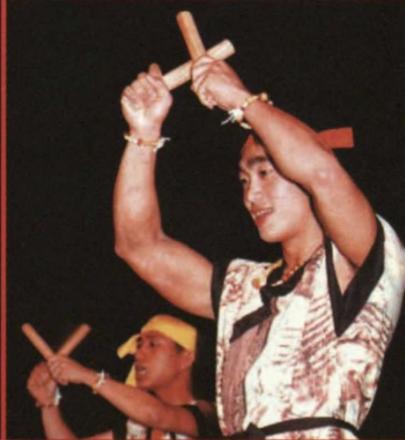
Embracing our differences makes us united as one



Celebrating Our Unity

The University of Houston is home to over 33,000 students. We come from far and wide and together we make up one of the most diverse universities in the world. We are brought together by our common goal for higher education and it is because of that goal that we unite as one.

Unity is one key to a great education at UH



A variety of cultures at UH is why it is home to so many

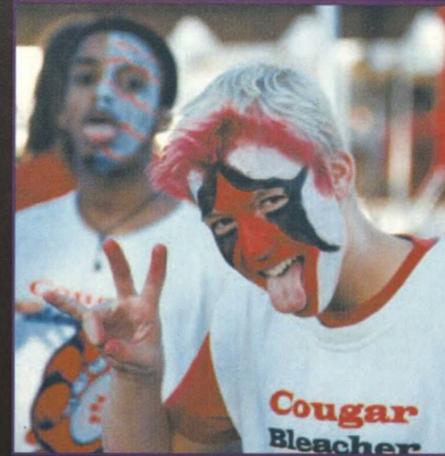
All who arrive at the University of Houston bring with them their own traditions, ideas, beliefs and individuality. It is through the individuality of each person that UH has gained pride and respect from the world, because it is the students who make UH what it is today.

Our beliefs make us who we are



Always have pride in what you do and in yourself

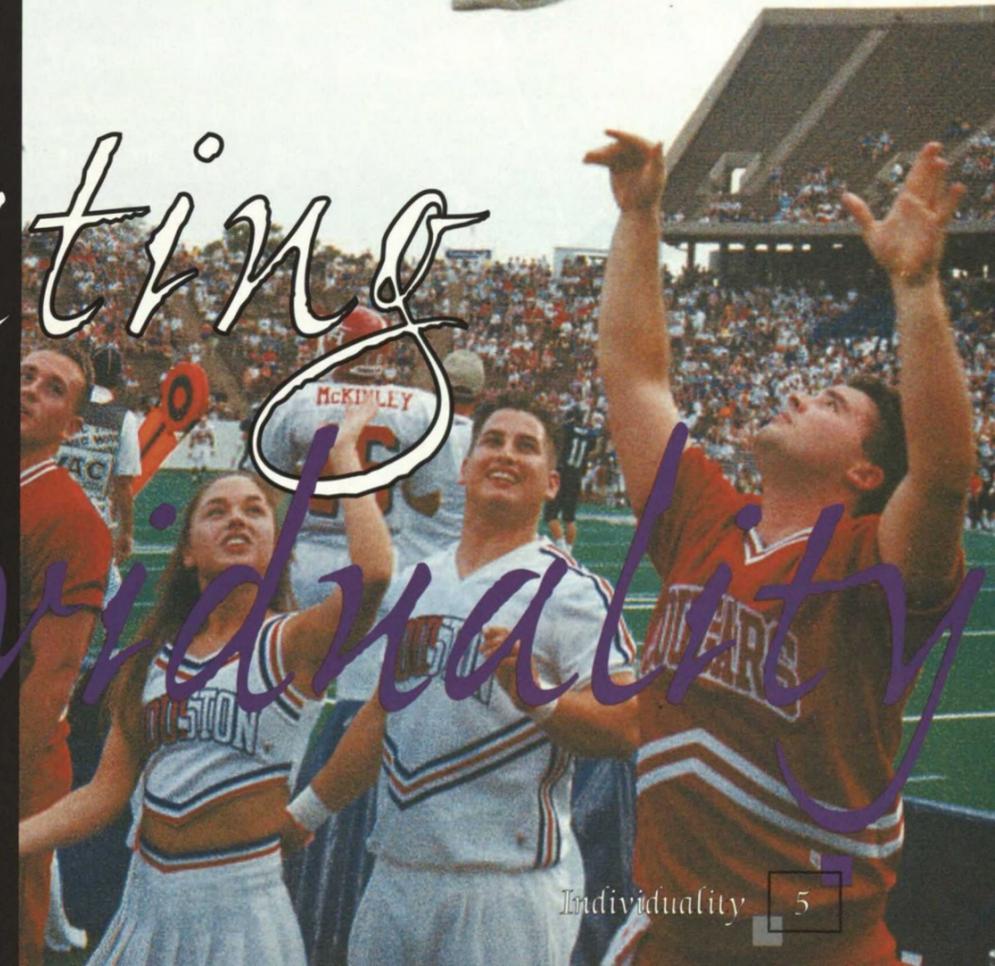
Different views make us individuals



■ One way that students can express their individuality is by being on the cheerleading squad, just as this cheerleader is doing.
Photo by Pin Lim



Celebrating Our Individuality



The Frontiersmen run with the Texas and UH flags during a football game.
Photo by Lauren Wilson



Many cultures make one University



Celebrating Our Diversity

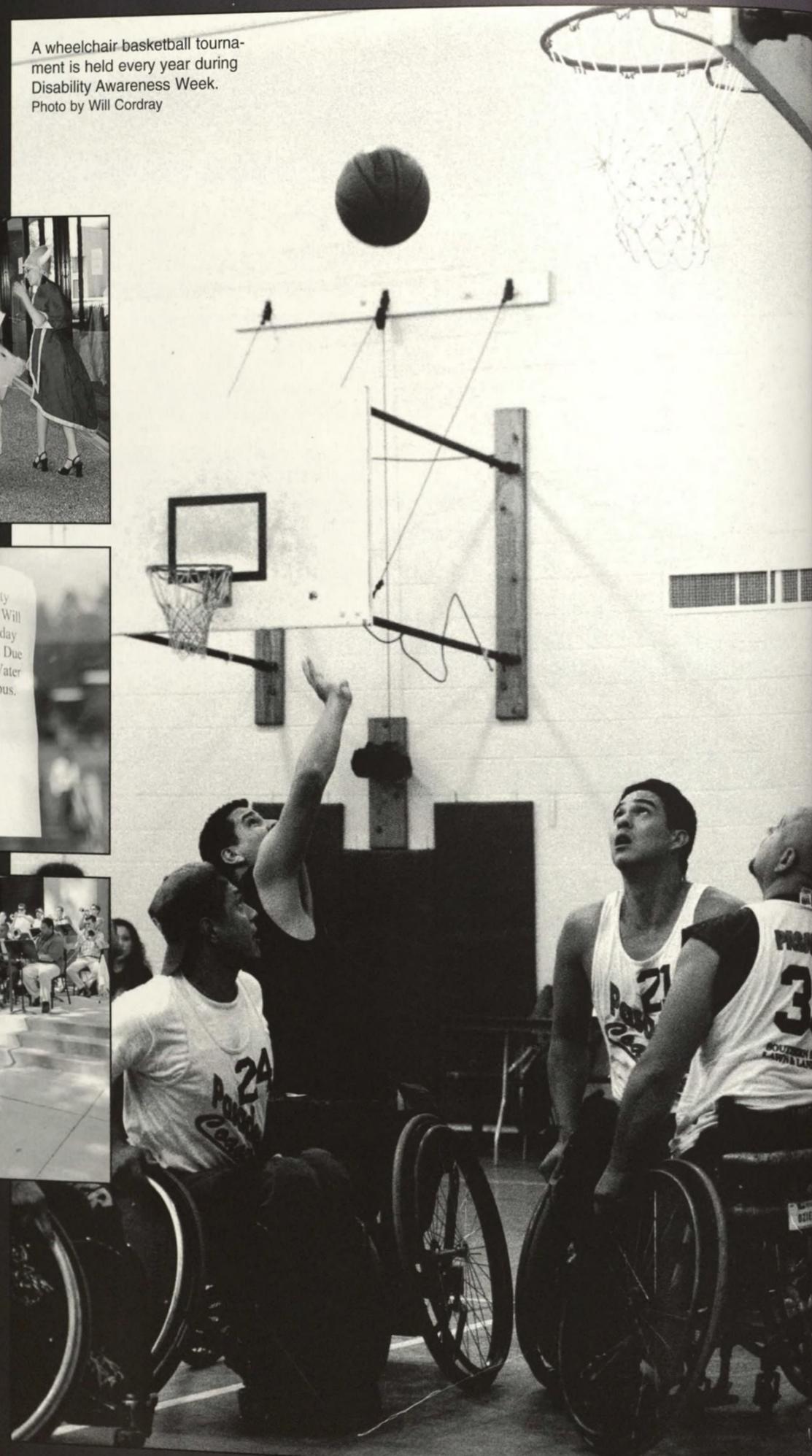
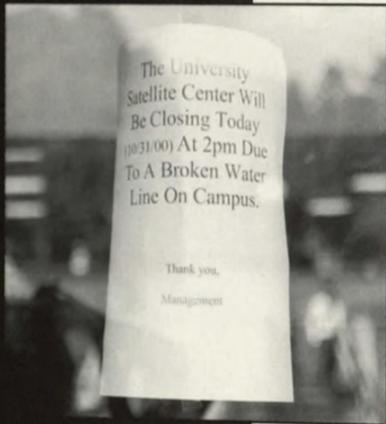
Diversity at the University of Houston is more than students from various countries and cultures. Diversity at UH is about all the people who are here, no matter where they're from, and what they contribute through their individuality and through their unity with others.

Never forget where you came from



The world belongs to us

A wheelchair basketball tournament is held every year during Disability Awareness Week.
Photo by Will Cordray



Student Life

Being a student at the University of Houston is quite an experience. When we arrive at UH for the first time it seems like a whole new world. We may recognize a few faces, but there are thousands that we don't.

We get into the swing of things and meet new friends, join various organizations and pull all-nighters when finals arrive. After the first year, things begin to feel normal and tuition continues to rise and we learn to juggle the good with the bad.

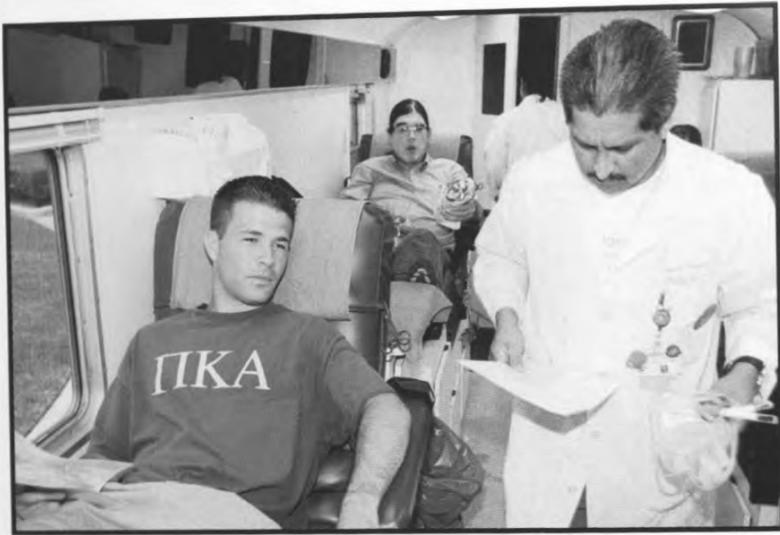
Before we know it, our last year at UH arrives, and for many it's been a long time coming. We have our senior portraits taken, finish up our internships and mail out the invitations to family and friends announcing our graduation.

We will always remember our time here at the University of Houston and we will always cherish the memory of being a student.

first day anxiety

The annual blood drive was held on the first day of school to allow students to give blood in between classes and help out others.

Photo by Pin Lim



in the beginning....

First Day of Classes Created Anticipation and Frustration within Students

All students share similar memories of the first day of school. We gasp for air as we grab our backpack and jump out of our car.

We are grateful that almost after an hour of searching for a parking space, we finally find one fifteen minutes away next to Wendy's Restaurant. This does not include the hour we spent fighting the early morning traffic on the way to school.

Like any freshman starting fresh in this huge university, the day could only become more hectic. Already many changes are to be faced. Starting college means making new friends that could turn into valuable relationships.

The first day of classes can be frightening and exciting at the same time. Emotions vary with each individual and according to each classification.

"I'm very excited because I know I'll meet new people, and I plan to have fun and study hard," Business Administration freshman, Yesenia Molina said.

On the other hand, junior Samer Baba said, "It was pretty easy, same thing over and over because I just finished summer school."

While opinions and memories vary

among students, everyone shares something in common. One such commonality was getting lost at the university. To help students find their way on campus, faculty and staff volunteered in Cougar First Impressions to set up booths across campus to provide us with directions to our destinations.

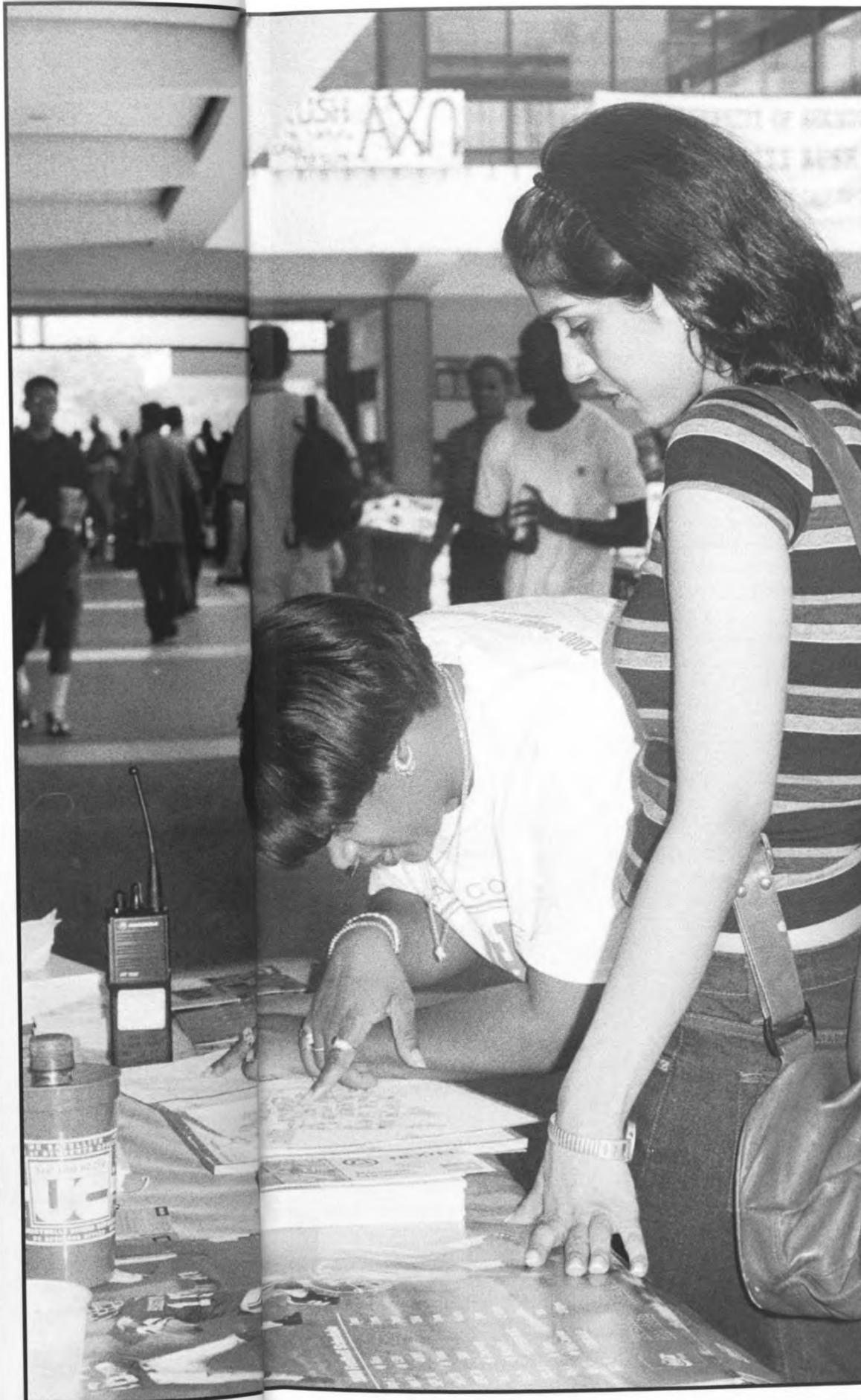
"One of the main reasons for me being scared was not finding my classes," Molina said.

Also, Cougar First Impressions provided relief from the hot day by supplying students with bottled water.

The first day of classes came to an end when students left to their homes. As we evaluated our day and used the walking made to and from our car as exercise, we thought how much easier it was going home without all the traffic and the hassle the early morning brings us. Of course, the next day would come, but hopefully many students have already adapted to college life and the fast pace it brings.

"All students, including incoming students, are expected to be familiar with the campus within 24 hours," Scholar's community English T.A. Robert Vellani said.

-Jacqueline Gil



The cougar information tables provided a convenient opportunity for students to seek help on the first day of school.

Photo by Pin Lim

Many students wait until the first day of classes to buy their textbooks. Luckily the bookstore is able to handle the flow of students with speedy customer service.

Photo by Lauren Wilson



For many students the biggest headache is the parking situation in which UH parking lots overflow with vehicles and not enough parking spaces.

Photo by Ann Richter

An Easter Egg hunt sponsored by the faculty senate on the UH campus provided faculty some quality time with their children.
Photo by Henri Chen



the measure of a heart

Different Relationships Among Students on Campus

A companion, confidant, and unconditional love are all the basic essentials that make up the qualities of a true friend. The heart of every relationship, whether it be roommate, sibling, boyfriend or classmate all originates with the beginning of a lasting friendship.

"My boyfriend has become without a doubt one of my best friends," junior Lisa Mott said. "I know that the center of our relationship revolves around a deep friendship."

No matter what obstacles and hardships a person may bear, a true friend is never far away. However, seeking and maintaining that friend is not an easy task. People only encounter about three to five real friendships in their lifetime.

Due to the fact that trusting and believing in someone is a difficult job for people, friendships will fade in and out of our lives.

"When my sister came to school here last year, our friendship grew and we became close and even began to share some of the same friends," Samir Mojaddedi said.

Our best friends can be found in our

families. Through the years we were forced to interact with them and eventually grew up and realized one of the most powerful bonds of love exists between us.

The quicker a person learns to appreciate the gifts that exists in their lives, the sooner they will realize who they are and what they value.

As our lives progress, we will see that people will enter and leave our lives on a regular basis, but the true friends hang around forever. The definition of a true friend is only in the eyes of the beholder, but it can be best defined as a person who is willing to lay his life down for another person no matter what the circumstances.

"My best friend and I have known each other for eight years and I know we would do anything on this earth for each other with no question if need be," junior Stephenie Morrison said.

The quicker we began to accept people the way they are and love them that way, the faster we will develop the meaningful friendships that make up the beauty of life.

-Amanda Yates

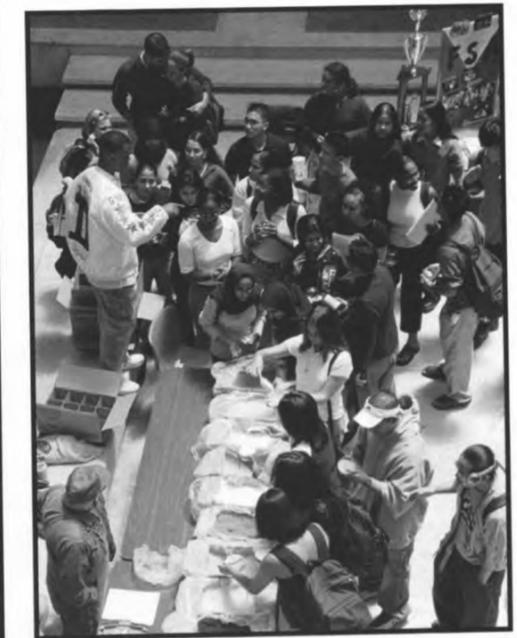


A. D. Bruce Religious Center has become a popular site for students and the community to hold weddings. It's especially special to students who, present and former, who met and fell in love with someone on campus.

Photo by Pin Lim

Senior Samir Mojaddedi and sister, sophomore Medina spend time together at a concert over the summer break.

Photo Courtesy of Samir Mojaddedi



One of the greatest relationships on campus is the one between students as seen here during the Wellness Center's United Day in the UC.

Photo by Pin Lim

The Wednesday spaghetti lunch at the Baptist Student Center allowed students to obtain a free meal and visit with friends.
Photo by Ann Richter



lending a helping hand

Different Religious Organizations offer services to students

As you walk past every building on campus, there are flyers posted on all the weekly religious get-togethers.

Occasionally, people will stand out by the fountains and pray in groups.

In college, religion can either become a big part of a person's life, or not. Figuring out what you believe and who you are is what college is for. Our campus is so diverse, making the intensity of religious groups even greater.

"The different religious gatherings and clubs allow the students to meet people of different backgrounds," junior Ed Tulin said.

The religious groups varied from Protestant, Catholic, Muslim, Jewish, Islam, and Buddhist. Each one was well represented on campus. This allowed our environment to consist of different options and cultures for students to look into.

Each Wednesday at noon in the UC Satellite, different Christian bands would play and attempt to minister to the students. Also, different sororities and fraternities formed with a religious foundation.

The Baptist Student Ministry held lunches in the Baptist Center every

Wednesday to reach out to the community.

"The lunches provided us to meet new people who could be interested in hearing what we stand for," junior Heather Manning said.

The Catholic Center also provided service to the community. They provided their facilities for the Alcoholics Anonymous meetings each week, and were well informed on campus also.

All the religious organizations were very helpful and determined to get students involved. They hosted a number of events in an attempt to lend a hand to people.

The Bruce Religion Center hosted various weddings throughout the year. They allowed it to become a place where students and alumni could share their celebration with the community.

"I attended various bible studies here on campus through out the years, I met some people who have been a great inspiration to my life there," senior Eddy Aguirre said.

Some people have left UH with a whole new outlook on life, due to the ministry of religious organizations on campus.

-Amanda Yates



Students gather for the annual "See You At the Pole" day held on September 20, for a time of prayer with the community.
Photo by Christy Varghese

The Canterbury Christian Ministry held their weekly Bible studies and group meetings each week in the Bruce Religion Center.
Photo by Kusum Desai



A member of Hillel lights candles at the Bruce Religious Center in remembrance of students and faculty that have passed away.
Photo by Walter Coreas

dorm days

Freshmen Matt Dorsey and Caleb Comstock began to move into their dorms the Thursday before school started. The residence halls officially opened up the Wednesday before the semester began.
Photo by Nora Segura



the art of dorm life

Bonding and Connecting with the Community

Bad food, lack of sleep, and an intense social life are all the core elements that make up the dorm life experience. There is nothing like glancing up at your clock while studying and realizing you have five minutes to get that half-pint mint chocolate chip ice cream before the convenience store closes.

How nice it was to not have parents to answer to, you thought as you indulged that last bite of ice cream along with the hundreds of other people that have just stopped by for no other purpose but to say "hi" at 1 a.m.

"Living at the dorms is a great experience for all freshman, I am glad I did it," junior Stephenie Morrison said. "You meet some great people and always know a familiar face on campus."

Upon meeting friends and giving up much sleep, students can get a feel for the cougar environment by residing on campus. Students are more likely to become involved in UH activities and receive leadership opportunities.

"By living at the dorms, I became more involved and was able to meet new people

through different organizations and had more opportunities to be in leadership positions," junior Jake Hughey said.

Besides the dreadful thought of making that long hike to horizons each evening for that home-cooked meal, the dorms are a must for incoming freshman.

Every college student should be familiar with the incident when it is 4 a.m. and you are debating the question of whether you should pull an all-nighter since it's already so late, or catch a couple of hours of sleep before class? Most opted to miss class entirely.

Learning the discipline of when to study and allowing yourself the time to, was the biggest down fall of the dorms. Everytime you had planned to open the books, someone came by to offer you a more appealing alternative.

It was great to not have the parents to answer to, but students had to learn responsibility on their own.

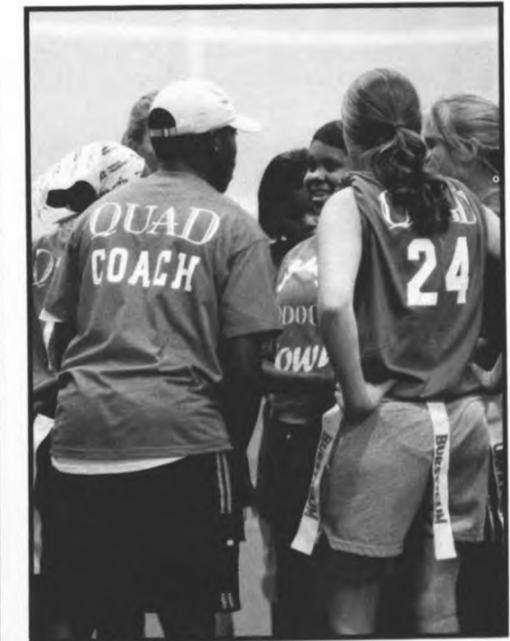
"I found myself getting my priorities all messed up," Morrison said. "The latest social event was more appealing than the books."

-Amanda Yates



A fire drill at Moody Towers had students scurrying about trying to get out of the buildings. The drill helped the students to be prepared in case a real fire should ever occur in the dorms.
Photo by Pin Lim

Freshman Andrea Riley, a pre-physical therapy major, had to live in the lounge of Moody Towers with other students because the dorms had been overbooked.
Photo by Christy Varghese



In October students from Moody Towers and the Quads participated in a round of flag football.
Photo by Henri Chen

Painted and full of spirit, the Bleacher Creatures came to every football game to yell for their team.

Photo by Chris Galloway



painting on their pride

The Bleacher Creatures Show the Stadium Who the Biggest Fans Are

For the average UH fan, painting your self was not a regular event before the games, but the Bleacher Creatures were not your average fans.

You could see them from anywhere you were in the stadium. They were loud, full of energy, and ready to show the opposing team what UH fans were all about.

No matter how hot it was, they arrived to the stadium early to tailgate together and paint their faces. While they helped their fellow Bleacher Creatures paint their faces, they were always willing to paint the face of anyone who wanted to join in the fun.

The Bleacher Creatures were actually started years ago by die-hard UH football fans but were just brought back three years ago by junior Bill Kelly and graduate Chris Huff. Both men would gather up students that lived in the dorms to join them Saturday morning as they went out to support the school.

"I was guaranteed a banging at my door every Saturday morning when I lived in Taub Hall," Senior Stephenie Morrison said. "I always knew it was Bill telling us to get up and go tailgating."

They always made themselves alive by sitting in the front rows of the bleachers waving flags and yelling as loud as they could to the players and opposing team.

"I became a Bleacher Creature right when it started up again," Junior Jake Hughey said. "I was only a freshman and it really got my school spirit strong, and also, it was just pure fun."

Sitting in the stands as they were sweating the paint off their faces in 90 degree weather, they were still having the most fun in the stadium.

At the end of the game, they were exhausted. After cheering and jumping around all day, they still had enough energy to party.

"Being apart of the Bleacher Creatures was one of the funest times in my UH college days," Huff said. "We had fun no matter what the scoreboard said at the end of the game."

The Bleacher Creatures were the heart of the UH fans. Nothing kept them from being at every game in full force ready to represent the pride of our University.

-Amanda Yates



One Bleacher Creature mom tries to get her child into the spirit of the football game.

Photo by Chris Galloway

Students helped each other paint their faces at the tailgating party before each football game. Everyone was welcome to use the paint and join them.

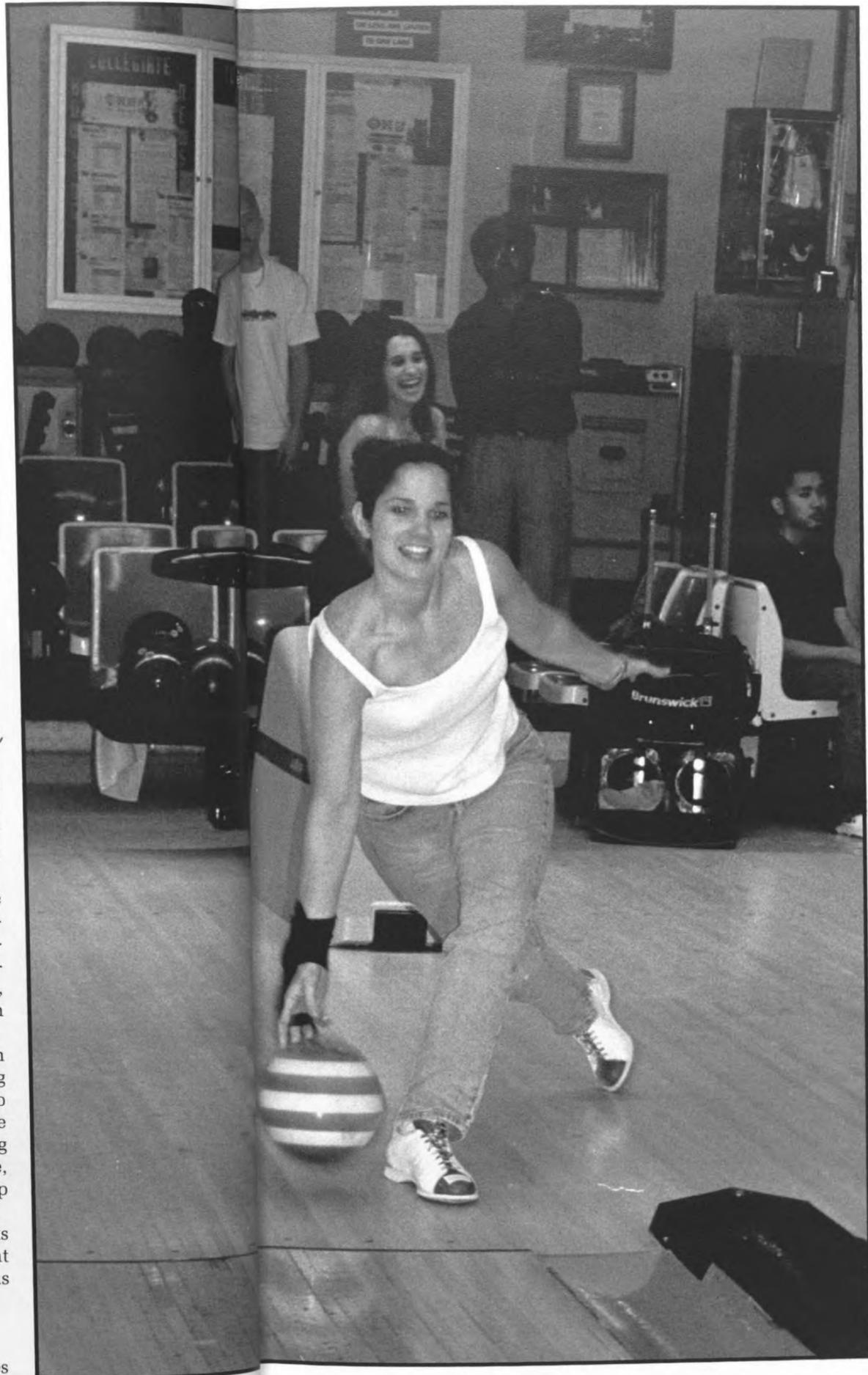
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Photo by Chris Galloway

The Filipino Student Association held a Cultural Show in the Cullen Performance Hall with dancers, singers and other forms of entertainment. Photo by Brian Viney



Students can always go down to the UC games room for a little recreation in the evening, just as this student is doing by bowling. Photo by Walter Coreas

The Student Government Association holds meetings in the evening so that all students can attend and have a say in what SGA does. Photo by Pin Lim



James Pop, a senior political science major, enjoys some of the food at the Black Student Union's Food and Culture Night. Photo by Christy Varghese

University hot spots

Where Students Went To Take Their Minds Off Studying During the Week

During the day the University of Houston campus was filled with students studying and going to class, but when the sun went down, it's a whole different story.

Not many students thought of UH as a place with a great night life, but it does. The campus was full of activities for students to participate in at night.

One of the best places to go was the University Center Underground. Various groups on campus held open meetings for students to attend and listen. It gave students a chance to learn about the different student groups on campus that they might be interested in joining.

There were also speakers that came to campus to speak on various issues such as AIDS awareness, voting rights and women's rights. They were usually free and gave students a chance to listen to important speakers such as Ralph Nader.

Not all students were fond of speakers, after all, they listen to lectures all day in class. So, they turned to the after-hours fun at the Wortham Theater.

The theater on campus offered various plays throughout the year for students and

the Houston community to attend. The Moores Opera House also performed operas for students to attend. It's a great place for students to bring dates, absorb some culture and support the UH fine arts department.

For students who wanted a little more action, there's always the athletics department. Various sporting events such as football, basketball and baseball offered students some incredible last-minute clinchers, a chance to develop school spirit and an opportunity to make some new friends.

There's usually something going on every night. To find an event or meeting suited to their interests, all students had to do was check out the master calendar on the UH Web site and look up what's happening around campus. There's always a game, play, music recital, speaker or workshop that peaked someone's interest.

After a year of fun activities students were able to see that when the sun went down, the University of Houston campus was as different as night and day.

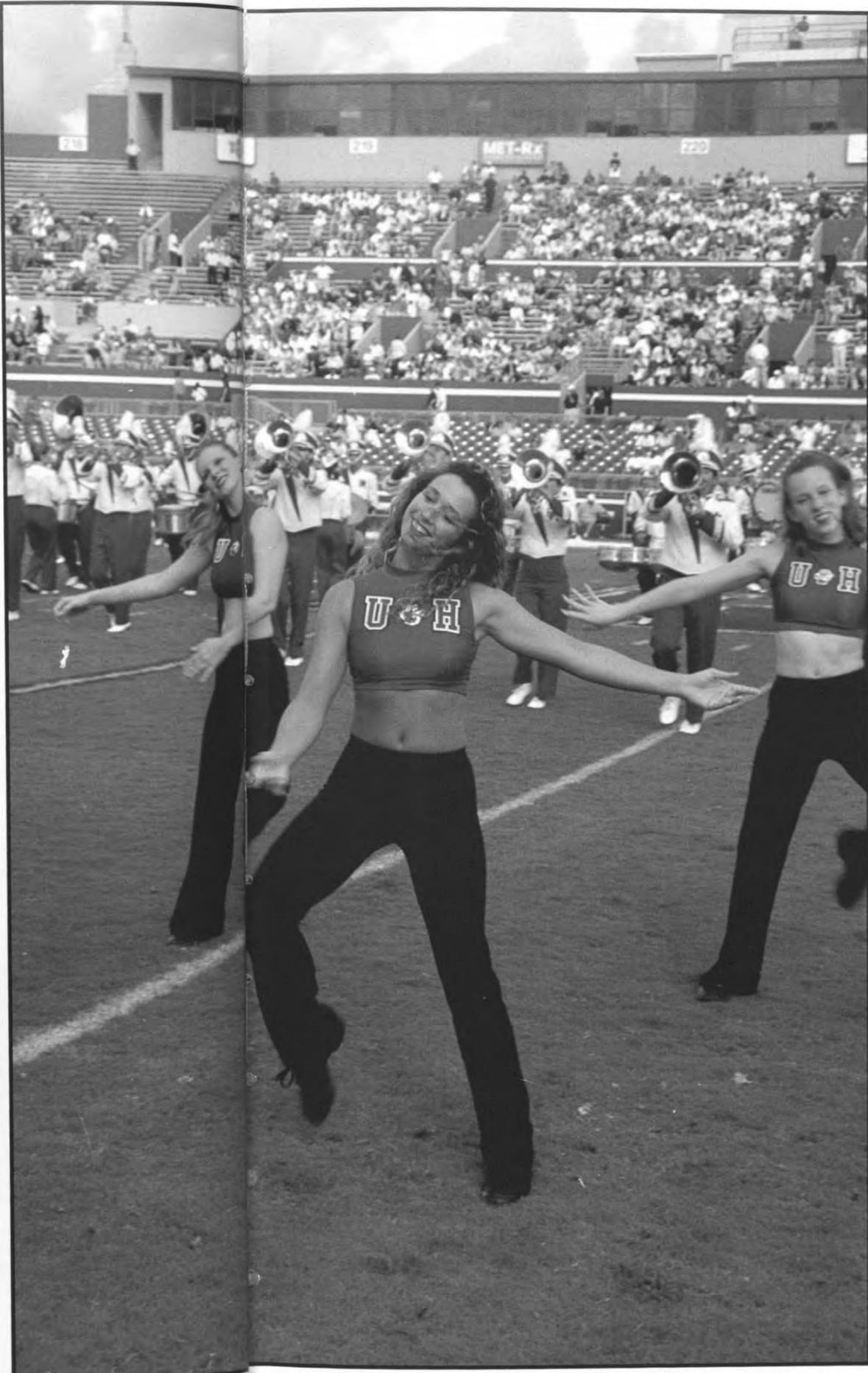
-Linda Canales

homecoming

Phi Kappa Theta members wave their flag and the UH flag at the pep rally in the UC to celebrate Homecoming.
Photo by Max Lacayo

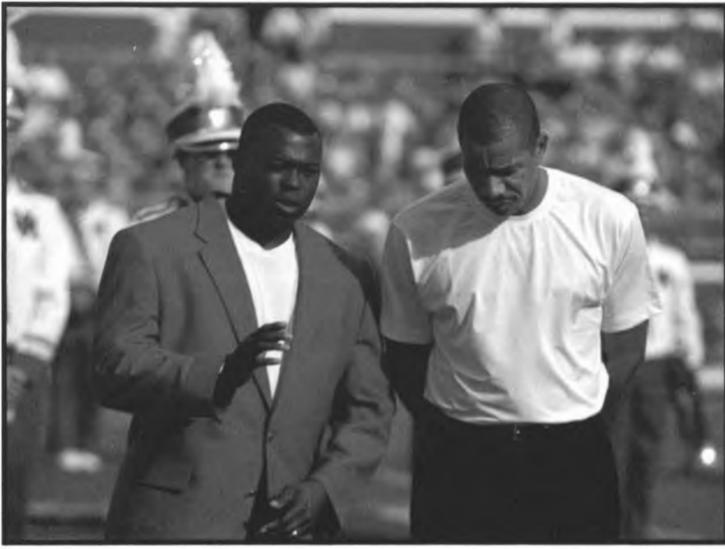


UH cheerleaders join the parade across campus to help get other students into the school spirit for Homecoming.
Photo by Ann Richter



The Cougar Dolls put on a dance routine during the half-time show that had fans dancing in the stands at Robertson Stadium.
Photo by Pin Lim

Leroy Burell and Otis Birdsong are inducted into the UH Hall of Honor during the Homecoming half-time show.
Photo by Pin Lim



The band director leads the Cougar Marching Band into various songs to keep that half-time show going.
Photo by Pin Lim

hanging out

Students always have opportunities to take home free stuff from the booths just outside the University Center.

Photo by Rich Risma



breaking from class...

Spending time on campus was easy with all the exciting places available

Students in search of places to hang out on campus didn't have to look very far. At every turn, students were bombarded with fun and exciting places to relax.

The University Center held many events and offered many places for students to study or enjoy recreational activities. Students could grab something to eat at Coogs Cafe in the UC Underground or stop by the Millennium Cafe to study in a more personal environment and eat at Wendy's or Smoothie King.

The World Affairs lounge was also a great place for students to study or meet with classmates to go over schoolwork.

The games room at the UC offered students a variety of fun games and activities such as bowling or arcade games.

If their classes were not on that part of the campus, students headed for the Satellite where they could watch their favorite show on a big screen television or catch a bite to eat.

Students in the mood for more stimulating activities could play pool or ping-pong in the games room.

The campus also provided students with

ways to relax outdoors. Fountains outside the M.D. Anderson Library and Ezkiel W. Cullen buildings allowed students to enjoy the fresh air while studying or socializing.

Many students who lived in the Cambridge Oaks Apartments, invited friends over in between classes or hung out on the weekends. Cambridge Oaks became a popular hangout on campus.

Another great place to hang out if your into fitness was the residence hall gym, the Firm. The Firm was a great place to exercise for students on the run.

Our campus had a lot to offer in terms of relieving a student's stress with fulfilling activities.

Students could catch up with old friends in a college environment or read the book of their choice on a bench outside.

A major part of college is relaxing. Hanging out with friends could often be the remedy to a bad day.

Anywhere a student chose to hang out there was always plenty of activities to keep them occupied.

-Amanda Yates



Students hang out in the Fine Arts courtyard where they can sit and talk among fellow students' works of art.

Photo by Kusum Desai

Various groups on campus, such as IEEE, will cook chili and other mouth watering foods for students to enjoy just outside their building.

Photo by courtesy of Walter Coreas



A student takes a break from her classes by sitting outside next to the Social Work building and feeds a friendly, and hungry, squirrel.

Photo by Max Lacayo

On spring break, seniors Stephenie Morrison and Ashley Vaughan take a snorkeling tour in Cancun, Mexico.

Photo Courtesy of Stephenie Morrison



getting away . . .

Vacationing Gave Students a Way to Escape the Pressures of School

A weekend break sometimes isn't enough to escape from the stressful weeks of school.

For some it's a time to relax, while others find it better to extend their weekends and pursue long vacations.

Many students were given the opportunity to travel out of town over the holidays to visit family members.

"Over Christmas break, I visited my parents in Illinois, it is always great getting to go home for the holidays," Senior Josh Reynolds said.

If a weeks vacation was not possible, students still tried to take advantage of their weekends.

"For my friend's birthday party, we all spend a weekend at a lake house. It was great to take a break from the books and enjoy the outdoors," senior Aaron Jean said.

Of course the biggest holiday for college students was Spring break. Spring break was a week of no rules and no authority. The week-long vacation gave students much needed mid-semester break.

Common places students went included Padre Island and Mexico.

"My trip to Cancun was so much fun. The water was beautiful and we had a chance to enjoy a stress free week," senior Ashley Vaughan said.

The summer was also a great time for students to study abroad. By taking classes overseas, students were to learn about different cultures as they were vacationing.

For some, a summer vacation meant going home to visit family and old friends.

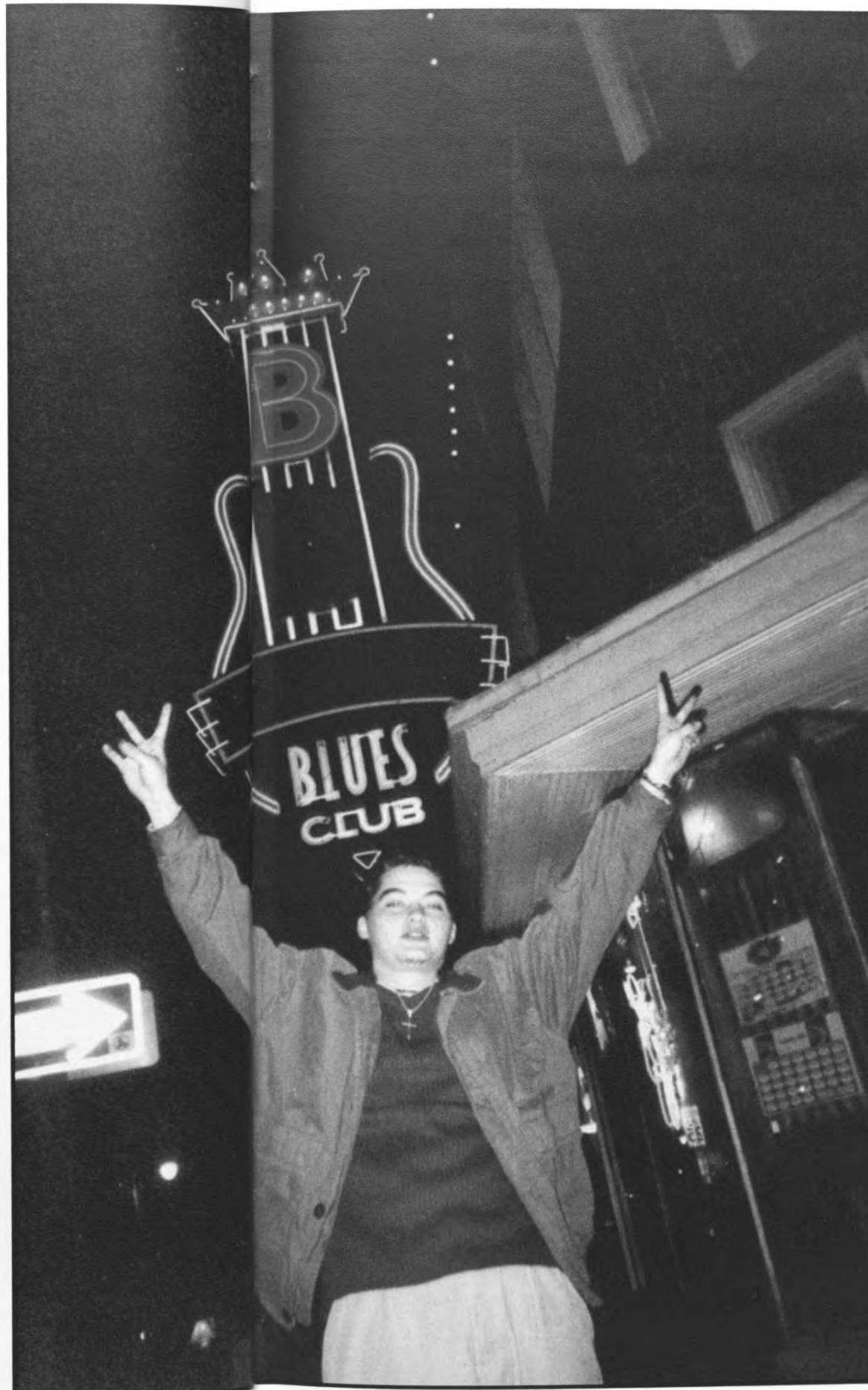
"I spent the summer hanging out in Katy with my parents and working," sophomore Chad Rogers said.

"It was always fun to earn a little extra money while spending time with my family, because I'm too busy during the school year to come home all the time."

Vacationing was the best form of escape for many students. It allowed them to displace their worries and enjoy things from moment to moment. There was no better anecdote for stress than a couple days off.

Whether it was a short weekend, a long summer or a week of unruliness, students indulged themselves in fun activities, games and relaxation.

-Amanda Yates

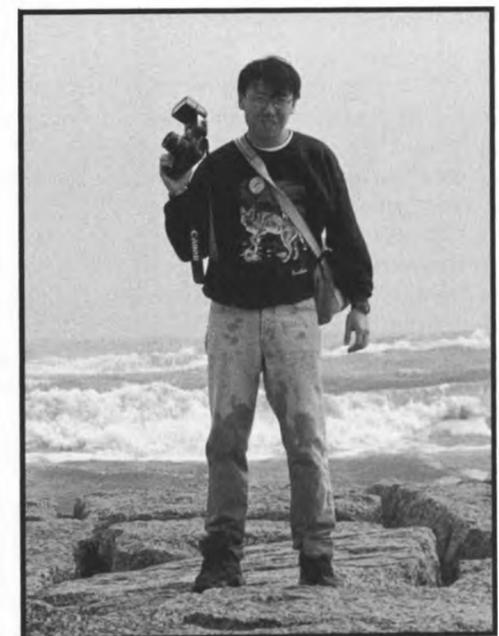


At the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity National meeting in Memphis, sophomore Wes Hardin hangs out with his brothers at a blues club.

Photo by Courtesy of Wes Hardin

On a weekend vacation for a friend's birthday party, senior Aaron Jean knee boards across the lake.

Photo by Courtesy of Stephenie Morrison



Pin Lim, the Houstonian's very own people editor, made his way to Galveston for a little vacation time.

Photo by Will Cordray

A little humorous protesting to the election outcome could be seen around the University.

Photo by Pin Lim



choosing a candidate?

The Struggle For the White House Was controversial Among Students

Election 2000 was probably one of the most controversial elections ever. Results showed that the country was divided.

But the talk on campus was not which candidate would win, but how the election itself was handled. The election was an on-going battle for weeks, causing more tension between people as the days went by.

If you drove down by the Galleria, you could see George Bush Jr. supporters standing on the corners protesting. Every night on the news, the people were seen protesting and raising more questions.

The election left many students feeling that their vote didn't count because of what many saw as corruption behind the scenes.

"The election really upset me because most college students don't vote anyway, and this discouraged them from ever wanting to vote," junior James Patterson said.

When Bush was declared President, some felt satisfied, while others felt cheated.

"I don't feel that the election was ran fair for either candidate to declare one President over the other," senior Carolyn Johnson said.

The struggle for the White House was a

constant battle that left many voters upset.

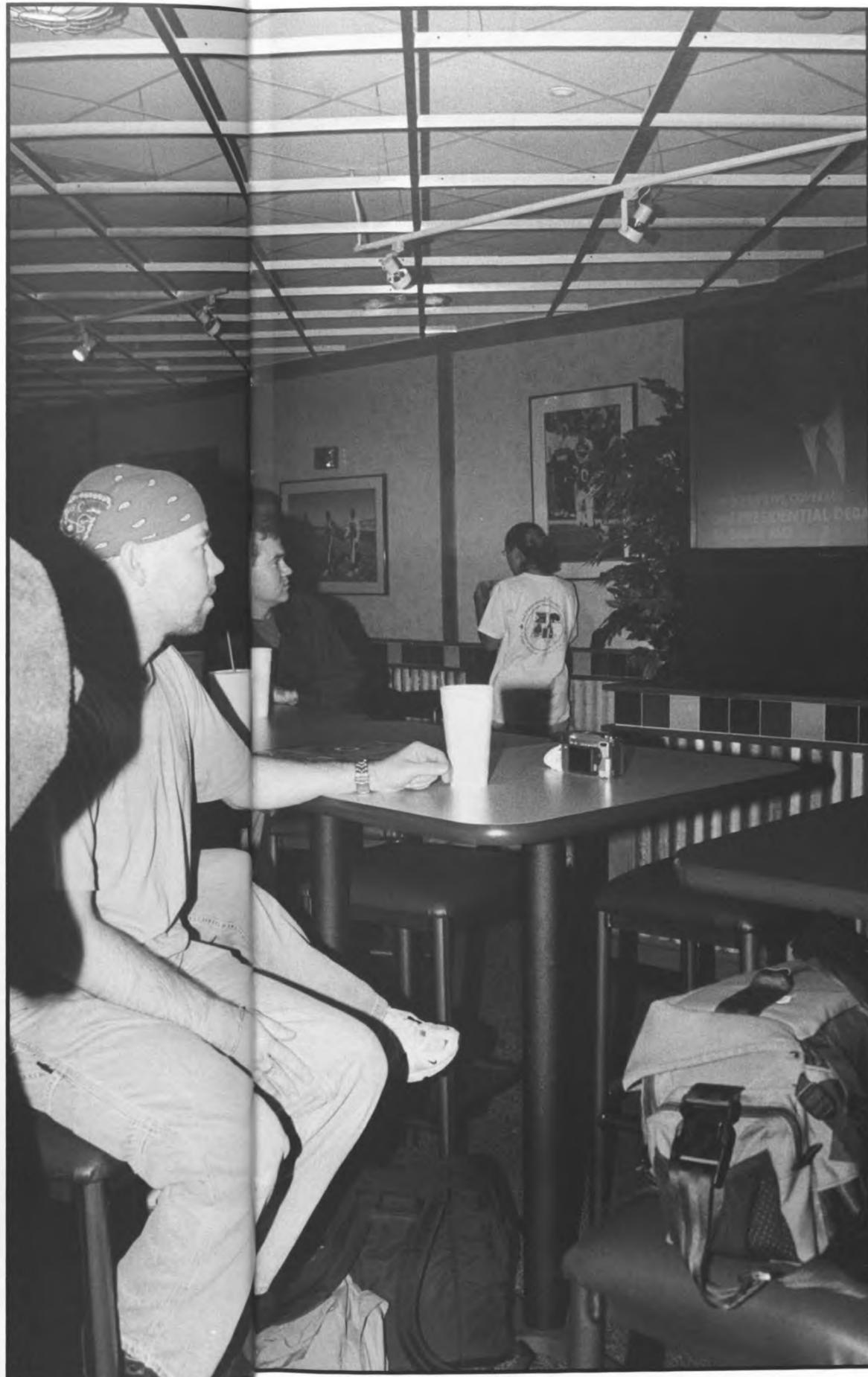
Even so, now that we have seen Bush as President for a couple months, the country seems to have calmed down and is backing the President. Bush seems to be confident in pulling the country back together, and Gore is helping him make peace by supporting him.

The month of November was a month of controversy not only between the country, but the different Democrat and Republican clubs. Both clubs were in full force backing their candidate. Each organization held rallies at the University Center and Satellite, and had various speakers that represented their party speak to the crowds to try to influence voting decisions.

Even though students were angry with the government after the heat died down most forgot about the controversial election and are now starting to plan for the next election.

"I am not angry anymore, accept the facts and move on," senior Scot Buchanan said.

-Amanda Yates

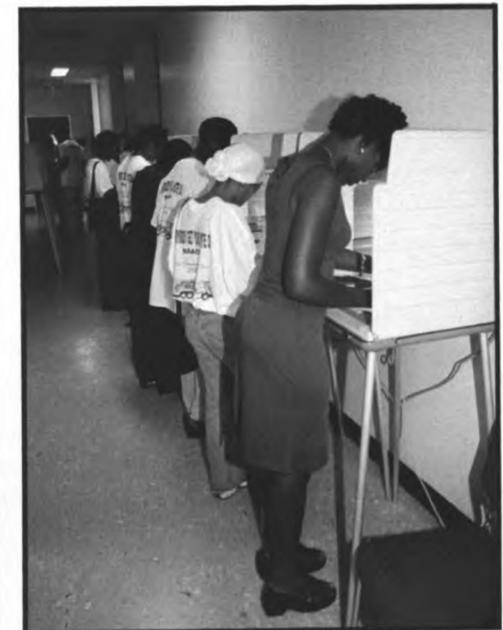


Students gather in Coogs Cafe the night of the third presidential debate to watch the performance of the candidates.

Photo by Kusum Desai

Members of the Green party in Houston watched the voter returns in hopes that Nader would win.

Photo by Pin Lim



The NAACP help early voting at the UC for students who wanted to cast their vote early..

Photo by Pin Lim

Students got to experience what life is like in a wheelchair for disabled people during Disability Awareness Week.

Photo by Max Lacayo



recognizing a cause

Students Help Out With the Disability Awareness Week

During the week of Oct. 2-6 was designated as Disability Awareness Week on the University of Houston campus.

All week there were special speakers, activities and lectures on what disability means.

One special guest speaker to attend the Disability Awareness Week was Ted Kennedy Jr. Kennedy spoke to students on Wednesday about what it means to be disabled and how those of us aren't can help out the disability community.

In the beginning of the week attendance was low. Only a hand full of people attended the opening ceremonies.

Later in the week went a little better as more students got involved in the various activities that were set up around the campus.

One of these activities involved taking a tour of the campus with a wheelchair-bound student.

Another activity involved a demonstration to see what it would be like to be legally blind or deaf.

It was an interesting experience for students and faculty who decided to try it

out. They were able to get an idea of what it's like for someone without their site or hearing to get around. The real people with the real disabilities have to live like that for the rest of their lives.

Another activity to take place was the wheelchair basketball event in which students in wheelchairs played basketball while competing to see which team was the best.

Most people found it interesting to watch, because most people had never seen the game of basketball played using wheelchairs. It was a great way to show that anyone with a disability can do the same things just like someone without a disability.

The Disability Awareness Week ended with a Special Olympics Unified Sports Exposition.

Although attendance could have been better throughout the week, it was still a great event. The week helped to open the eyes of non-disabled people to see that we're all the same, disabled or not.

-Linda Canales



One of the events during Disability Awareness Week was the wheelchair basketball competition that drew quite a crowd.

Photo by Will Cordray

Students and faculty attended the opening ceremony for Disability Awareness Week in the center of campus.

Photo by Ann Richter



Ted Kennedy Jr. spoke in the Houston Room at the University Center on Oct. 5, 2000 about the importance of Disability Awareness Week.

Photo by Nora Segura

A young girl injured during the earthquake waits to be examined in a tent set up as a temporary hospital in the town of Lapaz Zacatecoluca.

Photo by Walter Coreas



death and destruction

Two UH students look for hope as they visit El Salvador after a devastating earthquake

On Jan. 13 a devastating earthquake, with a magnitude of almost 8.0, rocked the country of El Salvador.

The earthquake hit just off the Salvadoran coast, but caused much damage to the surrounding towns.

Two students from the University of Houston, Tom Carpenter and Walter Coreas, journeyed to El Salvador months after the earthquake, and what they saw tugged at their heart strings.

Many of the towns, such as Santa Tecla were completely leveled.

Homes and buildings that once made up a bustling town were now reduced to rubble.

The people were living in tents that had been set up on soccer fields.

What upset Carpenter and Coreas was the fact that the government was doing very little to help the people.

It seems that most of the people in Santa Tecla, and neighboring towns, did not support the current party in office. So, the government has been slow to offer aid and assistance.

At one point the government did bring

food to the town with the press in tow.

After the food was delivered and the government and press had left it was discovered that the food was rotten.

It has not been an easy road for the people of Santa Tecla, Santa Elena, Candelaria, San Ramon and the other towns.

They live in "temporary" camps for months, with no sign of aid from the government.

The few that still have homes are afraid to enter them with all the aftershocks and the second earthquake that hit not too long after the first.

Everyone shares what little they have with their neighbors, for each understands what the other is enduring.

Food is scarce, along with medicine and other necessities that most people take for granted.

The people of these towns have lost family, friends homes and the lives that they were use to. They have lost everything.

All they ask for is a helping hand and a little prayer.

-Linda Canales



A volunteer doctor in the town of Sam Ramon examines a patient injured during the earthquake.

Photo by Walter Coreas

This home in the town of Santa Tecla was demolished during the earthquake leaving a family homeless.

Photo by Walter Coreas



A young girl carries clean water through the camp ground for her family.

Photo by Walter Coreas

el salvador relief effort

The earthquake destroyed the Candelaria school and church and in the process three children died.

Photo by Walter Coreas



People set up camps to live in on the side of the road, because they fear living in their homes which could collapse if another earthquake occurred.

Photo by Walter Coreas



A young mother with her newborn baby searches through the camp ground in Cafetalon for milk to feed her infant. The tent holds food for the town.

Photo by Walter Coreas

Hungry and homeless after the earthquake, children of Candelaria mob a relief worker who hands out food rations.

Photo by Walter Coreas

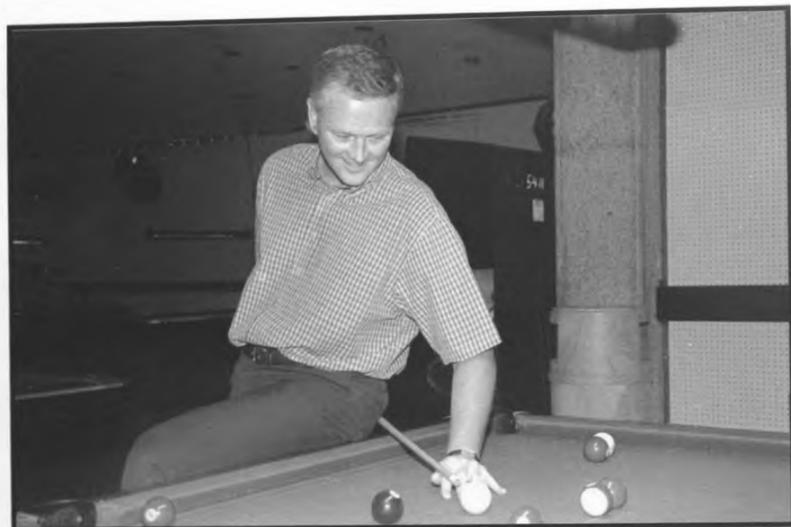


A water truck distributes water in the town of Candelaria after the earthquake tainted the town's water source.

Photo by Walter Coreas

Chet Gladchuck of the UH Athletic Department plays a round of pool in the UC gamesroom as he takes a break from classes after switching places with a student for a day

Photo by Rich Risma



trading places for a day

Students and administrators switch lives for one day

Ever wonder what it would be like to trades places with UH President Arthur K. Smith?

Well, one lucky student got the chance when they participated in the Big Switch.

The Big Switch is a contest that has become a University of Houston tradition. Students and administrators switch places for one day.

The big winner is the student who gets to trade places with the president.

This year the Big Switch took place in October and Maria Gomez, a pre-med sociology major was the lucky student that got to trade places with Smith.

Gomez spent her day in the president's office meeting with various people and handling minor issues of the day.

Smith on the other hand spent his day as a student. His part of the deal was to switch places with Gomez and do all the things she did for a day as a student.

Smith went to Gomez's classes and took notes and participated as if he were a regular student.

Smith was free of any administrative duties for the day, so it was almost like a day off for the UH president.

Other administrators that participated in the Big Switch were Chet Gladchuck of the UH Athletic Department.

Gladchuck spent his day experiencing life as a UH student, rather than the director of the UH Athletics.

Gladchuck was even found spending some of his time in the UC games room. He played pool with some other students after attending a few classes.

For the lucky students it was a nice time to be in charge and it was a site to see all the administrators taking on the daily duties of students.

For the 2000-2001 year, the Big Switch proved successful. Everyone was a sport about participating and the event helped students and administrators realize exactly what the other goes through in one day at the University of Houston.

-Linda Canales



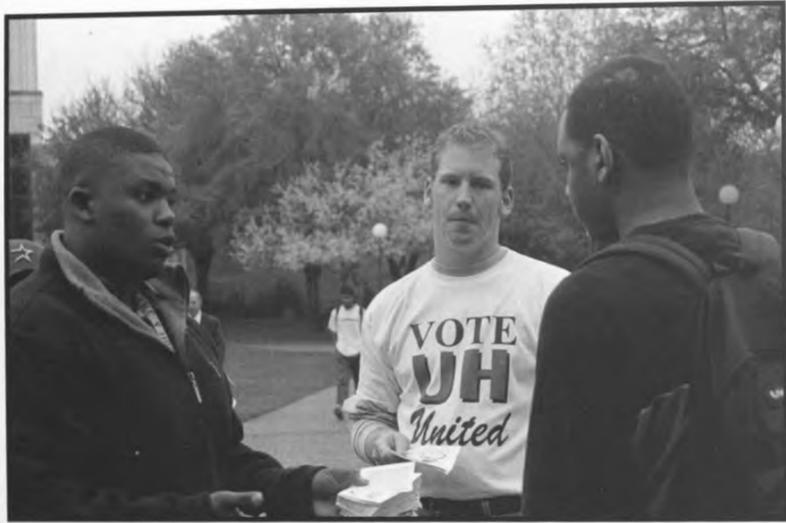
President Arthur K. Smith and UH student Maria Gomez have lunch with other participants in the Big Switch. Photo by Kusum Desai

President Smith takes notes for Maria Gomez as he takes her place in class as a UH student Photo by Rich Risma



Maria Gomez, a pre-med sociology major looks over her agenda for the day as she takes president Smith's place for the day. Photo by Rich Risma

SGA candidates, James Robertson and Bill Kelley try to persuade a UH student to vote for one of them as the next SGA president.
Photo by Walter Coreas



SGA Showdown

Students cast their vote for the next Student Government Association

Once a year the Student Government Association holds elections. This year was no exception.

The position for SGA president was the most popular topic of the election.

Bill Kelley, with the UH United party, ran against the current SGA president James Robertson Jr. who is associated with the Student Voice.

This was a memorable race due to the fact that this was the first time that a presidential debate had ever been held at the University of Houston.

Kelley and Robertson met in the Houstonian room at the University Center and debated in front of a crowd of students.

The debate was sponsored by the Daily Cougar and brought out the opinions of both candidates on certain issues that were affecting students at UH.

Both made opening speeches as to why they were running and why they were the candidate to choose.

Each candidate was asked questions

that had been chosen before the debate and the candidates also answered questions from the audience.

Both candidates did exceptionally well answering the questions and it was hard to decide if there was a clear winner of the debate.

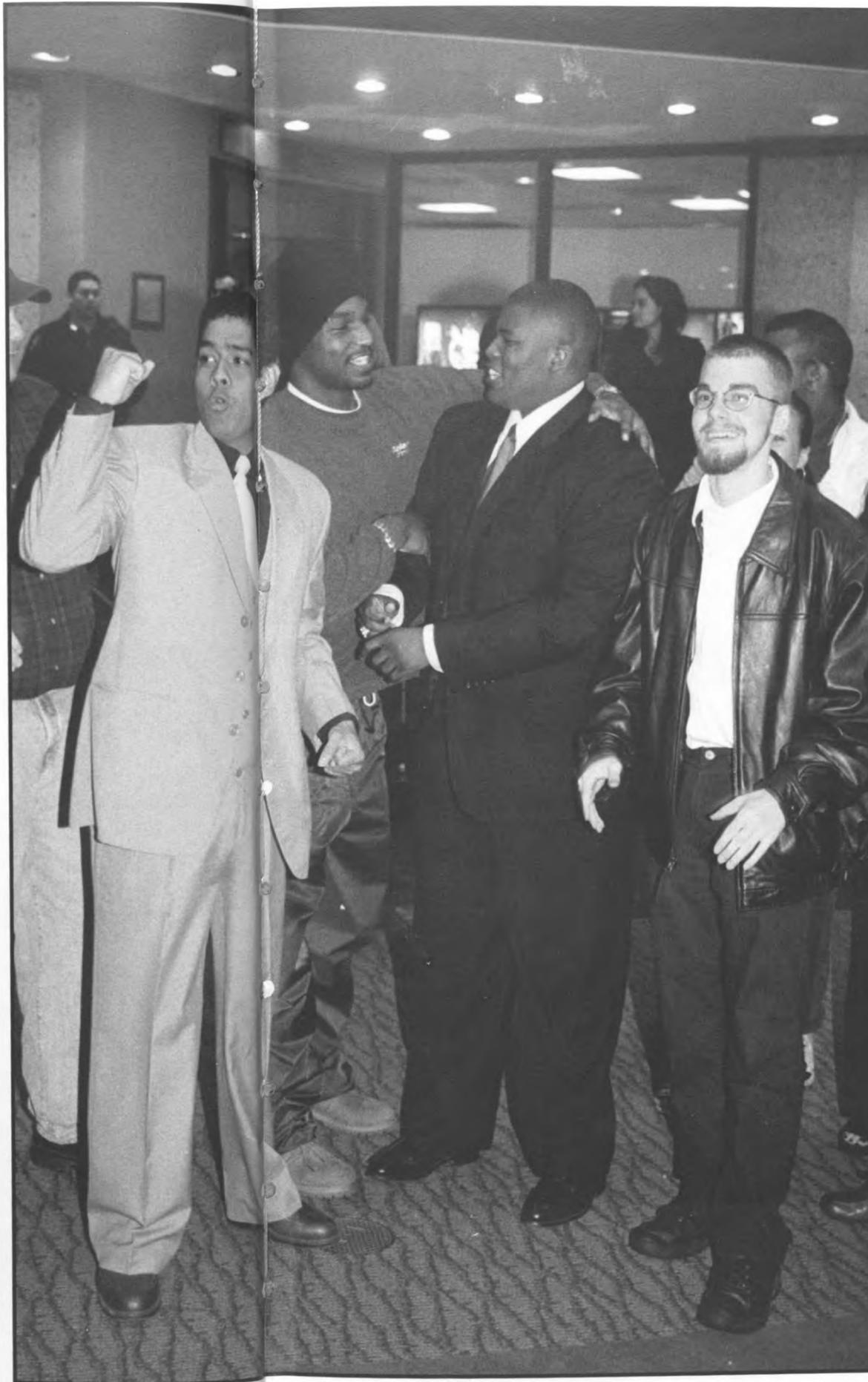
Campaigning finally came down to the wire on election day. All parties running for Student Government Association hung out around the UC trying to get any last minute votes or trying to change the mind of a potential voter to go with them rather than the opposing party.

The polls closed after two days of voting and the ballads were counted. The Student Voice party won a majority of the positions.

Robertson won the position of SGA president for a second year in a row.

Although there was a bit of controversy over the ballad count, it was resolved and the new Student Government Association became official in April.

-Linda Canales



James Robertson and his party celebrate after hearing election results in which Robertson won the office of SGA president.
Photo by Pin Lim

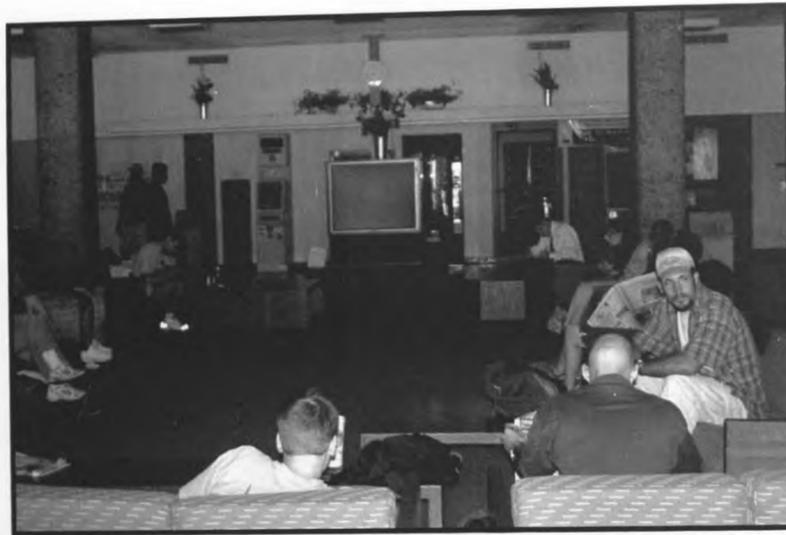
Chibuikwe Nwaokemele, a junior electrical engineering major, checks for valid identification of UH students as they line up to vote for their choices during the SGA election.
Photo by Chris Galloway



Math major, Longqan Tang, carefully marks her ballot as she votes for her choices in the SGA election.
Photo by Walter Coreas

Students in the UC Satellite wait in the dark during a blackout that caused classes to be cancelled.

Photo by Chris Galloway



Dancing in the dark

Power outages and water main breaks caused headaches for students

It was quite a chaotic year for students and faculty at the University of Houston.

One of the biggest headaches of the year was the power outage across campus.

Many students and instructors were in their classes learning and teaching when the power suddenly went off.

It was a real headache for students working in the computer labs who were in the middle of papers and projects and had n't saved their work yet.

Students and faculty waited for a while and then the University announced that classes would be concluded for the rest of the day.

The outage occurred in early fall, when the weather is still pretty hot. Apparently, the airconditioners were being overworked and just overloaded.

For some students it was a blessing; for others a nightmare.

Another problem that happened this year was a watermain break next to the M. D. Anderson library.

The water main break caused mainte-

nance workers to dig up a huge trench.

Students had to find other routes to some buildings on campus due to all the flooding the main produced.

It took the entire day to fix the problem, but UH had not seen it's last water problem.

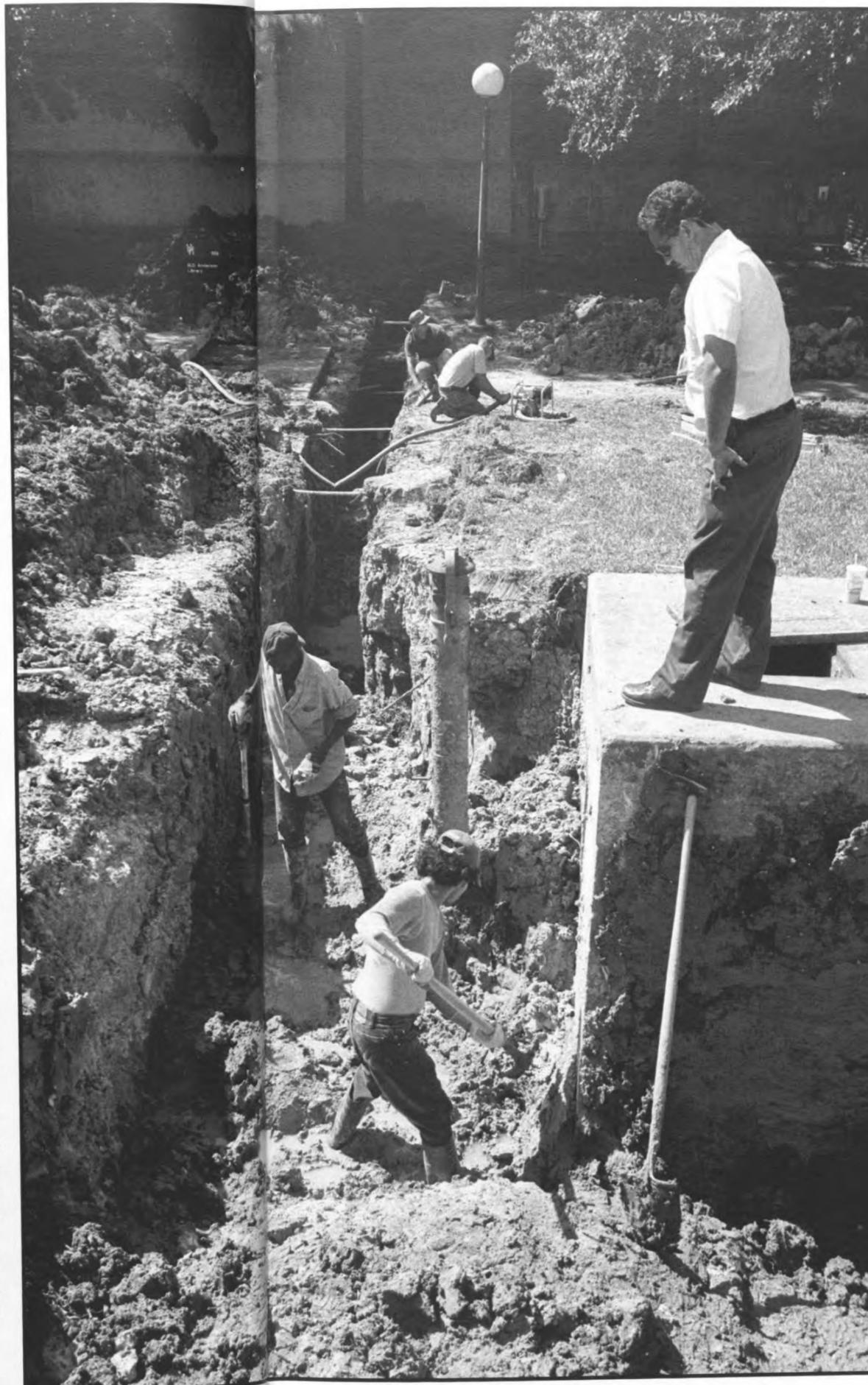
A few weeks later the dorms had no running water. Students had to find other facilities with water to meet their needs. The problem took a couple days to fix.

Another issue plaguing students was dorm overcrowding in the beginning of the fall semester.

Residence halls had been overbooked and as a result many students did not have living quarters. Most were sent to buildings off campus and others had to be packed into dorm lobbies in makeshift rooms.

It was a difficult time for many of the students who were expecting dorm rooms, but the issue was taken care of and most students were happy with the outcome.

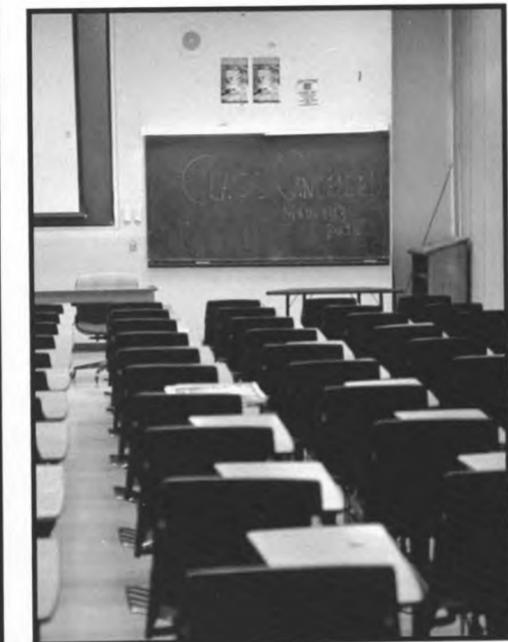
-Linda Canales



Maintenance workers do their best to fix a water main break that flooded a large area of campus by the M. D. Anderson Library. Photo by Pin Lim

Tamela Elam, a junior communications major and Tiffany Guillory, a freshman political science major share a small space in the lounge of the dorms which was set up as a makeshift dorm room.

Photo by Christy Varghese



Classes sat empty after the University ordered students to go home due to a lack of water on campus.

Photo by Christy Varghese

The Alumni Association held an auction at Kim Son Restaurant to raise money for scholarships.

Photo by Christy Varghese



Proud cougars carry on

UH Alumni Association continues to spread cougar pride and help the university

For many students once they graduate from the University of Houston, their time with the university is done. That is not so for those students who become members of the University of Houston Alumni Association.

The Alumni Association has spent the 2000-2001 year working on various events and fundraisers to raise money for scholarships that were awarded this year. The scholarships totaled over \$210,000.

The Alumni Association also provides career services for UH students, past and present. They have a detailed network of UH alumni who are more than willing to help out fellow UH alumni and students in finding a job.

To continue serving students at UH, the Alumni Association held an auction at the Kim Son restaurant.

The money raised from the auction was used to provide scholarships to even more students.

The Alumni Association also worked

to help the image of UH.

The association also took a trip to Austin to march to the state capital building in hopes of getting Governor Perry and other members of the Texas house to give the University of Houston Tier 1 status.

The status was important because it meant more funding for the university and a chance to develop the research departments on campus.

There was a lot of work involved in the Alumni Association this year, but that doesn't mean that the group didn't have time for a little fun.

During homecoming, the group held a 50 year reunion. Alumni from all over the country and from different classes all converged on the campus of UH to celebrate their former years here and to support the cougars during homecoming.

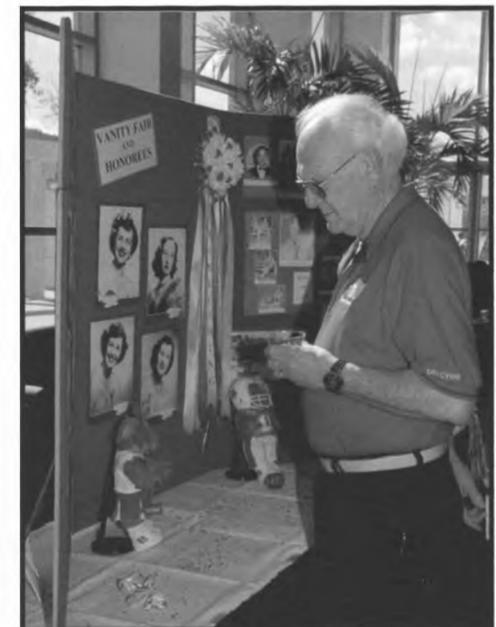
It was a great year for the Alumni Association and they can't wait to get started on next year.

-Linda Canales



Shasta dances with Bob McGee, at the UH alumni 50th anniversary gala. McGee was the man who named Shasta 50 years ago. Photo by Pin Lim

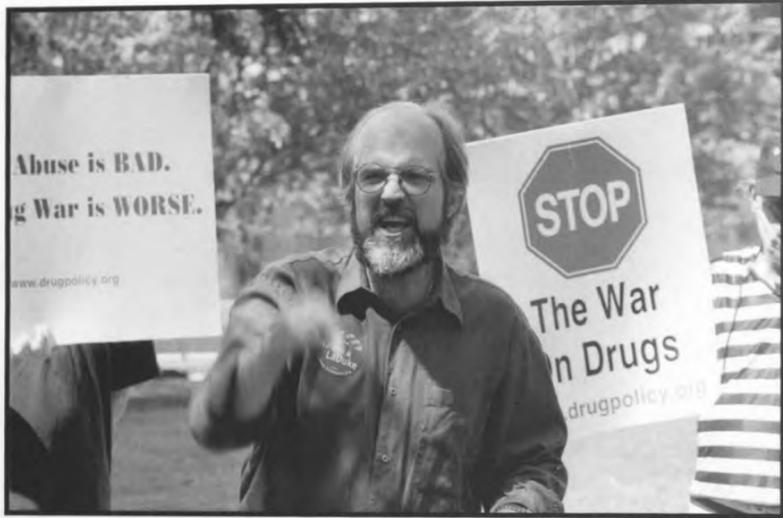
Alumni and current UH students help with operation school supplies in August in effort to help needy students around Houston. Photo by Lauren Wilson



An alum arrives at the 50 year reunion and remembers his years at the University of Houston. Photo by Pin Lim

A supporter against the war on drugs speaks out on the UH campus with student supporters behind him.

Photo by Henri Chen



speaking out on campus

students and groups come on campus to voice their opinions and beliefs

The University of Houston is home to a diverse student body with their own opinions and beliefs.

It's these opinions and beliefs that spice up the UH campus when students and organizations take to the campus to voice them.

One of the biggest protests on campus was a display in front of the M. D. Anderson library.

The display was created by an anti-abortion organization. The display caused quite a stir due to the graphic photos that were placed on the display, not to mention the size of the display which was almost 10 feet tall.

Crowds of students began to form. Some for abortion, some against. People began to bring their own signs that voiced their opinions about the issue.

Some students simply walked past the display and didn't think twice about it.

The display was up for a week and

caused quite a stir with the students, faculty and administrators.

"It was something I've never seen before on campus," Pin Lim, a senior music composition major, said. "I really thought that a fight might break out between the two different groups protesting at the display."

Fortunately, no fights broke out and at the end of the week the display was taken down and life at UH returned to normal.

Students voicing their opinions is not new on campus. It's been going on for a number of years and it continues on as new generations of students take a passionate stand on issues that mean something to them.

For these students one of the greatest advantages to attending the University of Houston is the opportunity to be an individual with individual beliefs.

-Linda Canales



Two students hold up signs outside the M.D. Anderson Library in protest of the anti-abortion display set up in front of the library. Photo by Pin Lim

Students protest against celebrating Columbus Day in front of the University Center. Photo by Pin Lim



Students look upon an anti-abortion display in front of the M. D. Anderson Library. Photo by Pin Lim



A dance contest held in the UC was part of the pre-spring break party that the UC held.
Photo by Pin Lim

A technology student visits the UC underground during a job fair that the UC sponsored.
Photo by Christy Varghese



A student enjoys playing video games at the UC games room. Students spend a lot of their free time there.
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Visitors to the Frontier Fiesta were greeted not only with great shows, but also great food.

Photo by Pin Lim



Party frontier style

Frontier Fiesta makes its way back to UH for another exciting year

For many decades the University of Houston has been holding its famous Frontier Fiesta.

This year the event kicked off on Mar. 29 and lasted until Mar. 31. These three days were filled lots of entertainment and excitement for the hundreds of people that made their way out to the fiesta.

When fiesta-goers first enter Frontier Fiesta they will feel like they have been transported to the old west. It's not the old west that they have just stepped into, but Fiesta City.

Fiesta City is western style frontier town that was created by many organizations on campus, especially the greek community.

These organizations used their spare time to build the various fronts that were needed to create Fiesta City.

The organizations also work with each other to entertain visitors with dance, song and comedic routines throughout the fiesta.

There are contests for all the organizations to compete in, but it doesn't seem that way. Each organization is to busy having fun to notice that they are actually competing with each other. That's just part of the way frontier fiesta brings the community together.

Usually there is a Little Wrangler Day set aside for the little frontier fiesta visitors, but this year the committee decided not to hold the day.

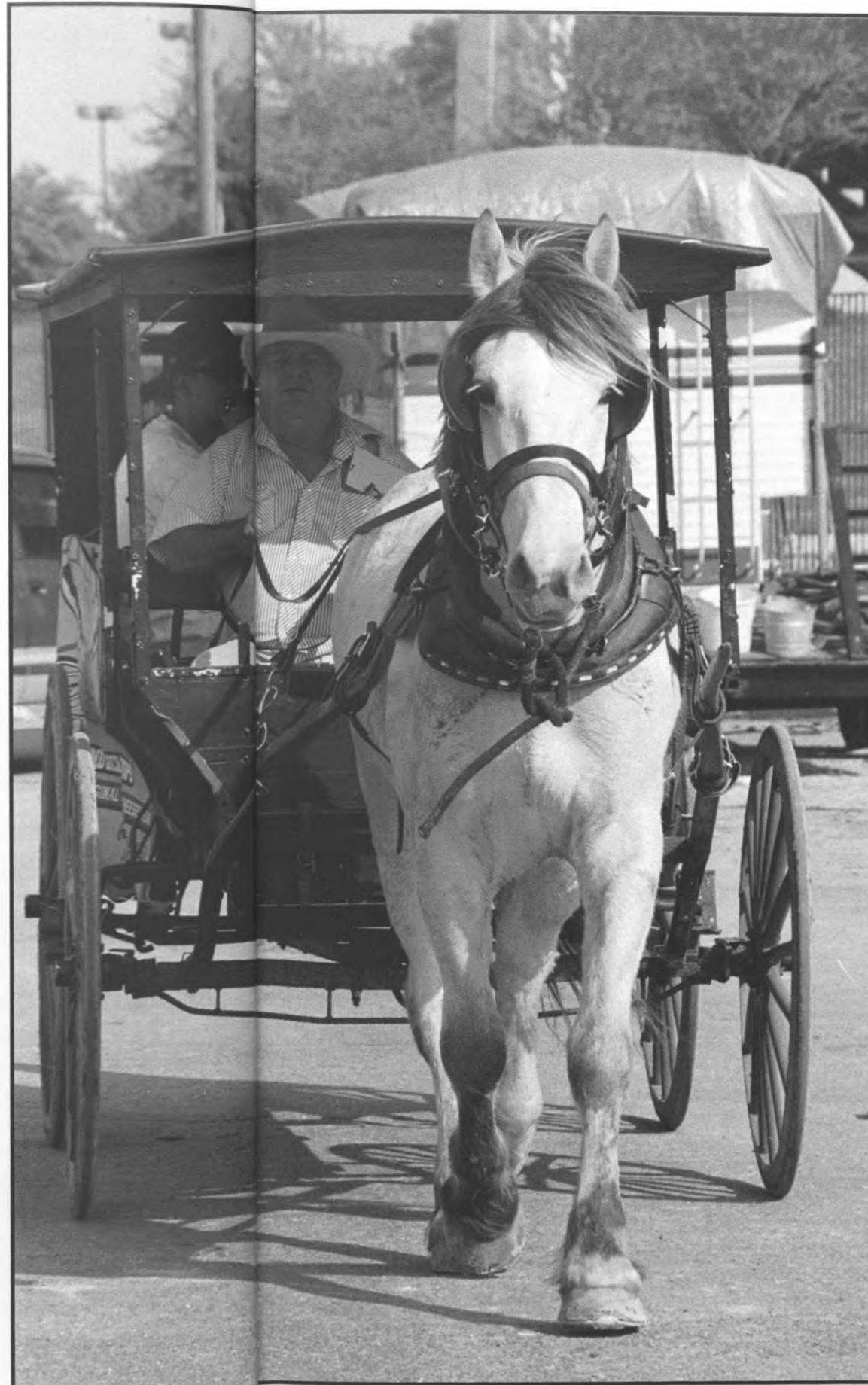
That didn't stop parents from bringing their children to enjoy what frontier fiesta had to offer.

Along with entertainment there was plenty of food for all the hungry Houstonians that came.

Frontier fiesta is always a joy for UH students and the Houston community. It's always sad when the fun has to end, but it will be back next year.

So, if you missed this year's fiesta, you'll have another chance next year.

-Linda Canales



Something that the whole family could enjoy at Frontier Fiesta was a stagecoach ride throughout the fair.
Photo by Pin Lim

Members of Alpha Chi Omega sorority dressed up as saloon girls while they performed a dance routine with lots of kicks.
Photo by Nora Segura



Frontier Fiesta dances got really creative with various stunts thrown into the choreography.
Photo by Walter Coreas

There were plenty of bands to entertain audiences with some toe-tapping country music.

Photo by Pin Lim



Many sororities got in on the Frontier Fiesta act by putting on elaborate dance shows with unique moves.

Photo by Nora Segura



Many sororities and fraternities built a majority of the Frontier Fiesta fronts that made the event look like something out of the old west.

Photo by Carl Wilson

The kiddies got to get in on the fun at Frontier Fiesta with a little roping of a wooden steer.

Photo by Pin Lim



One of the judging officials taste a bowl of chili as part of the many contests held at Frontier Fiesta.

Photo by Pin Lim

The UC Satellite was hard hit by the floods as the entire center took in water as high as the banners.

Photo by Pin Lim



Clean-up crews made their way down into the UC Satellite in order to begin pumping out flood water.

Photo by Pin Lim

In a local Houston neighborhood a fence was ripped apart as the flood waters rushed through it.

Photo by Brian Viney



A maintenance worker takes precautions as he sweeps up the mess the floods left in the UC Underground.

Photo by Pin Lim

Floods hit close to home

Campus shuts down one week after Tropical Storm Allison reeks havoc

Students were hit hard by the flood waters of Tropical Storm Allison as 20 inches of rain flooded buildings throughout campus causing major property damage and inconveniencing students.

Dorm residents awoke June 9 to the sound of running water as rooms on the lower levels of Cougar Place, the Quad and Moody Towers flooded. Students were forced to save what they could but many suffered damage to such things as electronics and books.

The dorms were not the only buildings that suffered damage. Students returning to school the week after the flood discovered that many of their classes had been moved to other buildings because of the flood.

Classrooms and offices in Agnes Arnold Hall, Science and Research I, the Law Center and Philip Guthrie Hoffman Hall were damaged by the water ruining equipment, books and office supplies.

Basements throughout campus were hit hard by the flood killing some mice and destroying years of valuable research.

Perhaps one of the hardest hit areas around campus was the Satellite. With an estimated 7.5 feet of standing water, the recently renovated eating area suffered \$1 million in damages.

The juke box and arcade games in the Satellite Games Room were also destroyed. Water marks left on the interior walls of the eating area gave onlookers a good idea of where the water had been.

The UC Underground was also water logged. The building was without electricity for a week when it was knocked out by the standing water.

As UH began to pump out water from flooded buildings and redirect students to their classes, campus life seemed to get back to normal. Students won't soon forget however the summer flood that nearly wrecked their summer. -Michelle Norton



2001 floods

After the floods, clean-up crews began tearing the University apart.
Photo by Nora Segura



The only way for most Houstonians to get around during the floods was to wade through water.
Photo by Brian Viney



Students in the dorms were not left unscathed as many of their cars in the parking lots became submerged under water.
Photo by Pin Lim

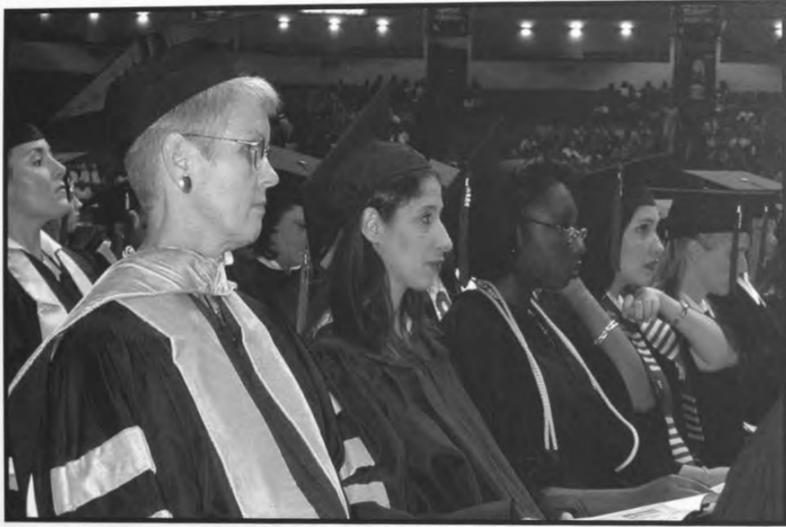
Patio furniture that Agnes Arnold Hall students usually sat in during school, were floating around after the floods.
Photo by Pin Lim



Telephone and computer systems had to be checked out by personnel from Southwestern Bell.
Photo by Nora Segura

Graduates from all the colleges with different statuses all joined together to celebrate their departure from college in the real world.

Photo by Johnny Kow



Anticipating the future

Students attend graduation with eagerness to face life's challenges

Graduation was a time of joy and sadness as seniors prepared to leave their university to pursue their dreams.

More than 5,600 graduates received their degree this year. Fifty-five percent of the graduating class was women and 45 percent were men. The youngest UH graduate was 18 with the oldest being 65.

Students were able to attend both the general ceremony and their college ceremony. At the general ceremony, Jim Nantz and C.T. Bauer received honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees.

Afterwards, Nantz gave the commencement speech. As a graduate of the University of Houston, Nantz recalled his days of living in the dorms and offered some helpful hints about life after graduation.

Diane Morrow gave the student commencement speech describing her long and difficult journey to graduation as she raised her children. Morrow inspired many

students when she announced she plans to become a teacher.

In addition to the general ceremony, some students attended their college's ceremony where they received specialized recognition for their accomplishments. To some students this ceremony was more special because they were able to celebrate with more of their friends.

Following graduation many students threw parties to celebrate the occasion with family or friends. Others spent the night quietly at home taking in all that had happened.

Many students plan to continue their education following graduation and aim for a masters degree. Others decided to get a job and put their degree to work.

In any case, graduation was a special time for many students. Finally achieving what they had set out to do four or more years ago was the greatest accomplishment in many students' lives. -Michelle Norton



Each graduate was called to come on stage and receive their recognition for all their years of hard work.

Photo by Johnny Kow

Family and friends gathered in the stands to watch as the graduates made their way to the stage.

Photo by Johnny Kow



It was a feeling of joy and excitement for most students to know that their hard work had finally paid off.

Photo by Johnny Kow

Sound of the Caribbean entertained family and friends before and after the graduation ceremony.

Photo by Pin Lim



The beginning of the ceremonies were started with President Arthur K. Smith speaking to the audience.

Photo by Pin Lim



Some graduates became creative in finding ways to thank the people who helped them reach this day.

Photo by Pin Lim

Graduates made their way to their seats with anticipation of what was to come.

Photo by Pin Lim



One graduate readily receives congratulations from a faculty member.

Photo by Pin Lim

S

chool of Theater

students rehearse for their production of *Death Trap*. Countless hours of costume fittings and makeup planning went into the University production.

Theater majors were able to gain valuable experience as they performed their productions for the Houston community.

This experience allowed students to take part in other productions once they graduated.

*Photo essay by Max Lacayo
Layout design by Michelle Norton*



You were saying ...
Theater students used props such as knives to make their scenes more dramatic.



Just the right touch
Getting into character required theater students to look the part. Makeup played a crucial role in a great portrayal.

Just a little kiss
Students also learned about how to handle romantic scenes in this production.



Die, damn you, die
Facial expressions were a very important part of scene setting. Students had to pretend they were in the moment.

Professor Valentine Link,
instructor of ART 1340 -
Fundamentals of Jewelry and
Metalsmithing, demonstrates
how to even out a metal ring.
Photo by Ann Richter



Academics

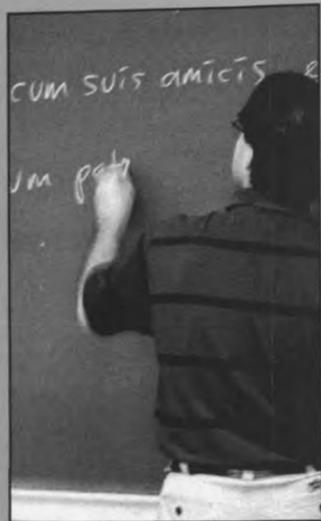
*A*cademics at the University of Houston bring together valuable individuals from all walks of life.

Despite their different intellectual interests and diverse national origins, students, faculty, teaching assistants, advisors and many other people work collectively with one common goal in mind: quality higher education.

Joining in their efforts to achieve excellence, they discuss countless topics, share ideas, refine skills and most important, they learn from each other. It is this exchange of knowledge that sets in motion a dynamic mechanism of cultural enrichment that makes this University unique.

Academics at UH are about daily challenges, continuous self-improvement and a lifelong commitment to learning.

Above all, academics at UH summarize the attitude of those who are eager to become more curious and informed each day.



by Rich Risma

The popularity of any particular language ebbs and flows like the tides.

In the previous decades students filled the classrooms to study French and German.

Today Spanish has gained an enormous popularity in colleges throughout the United States. The one language that has remained steady is Latin.

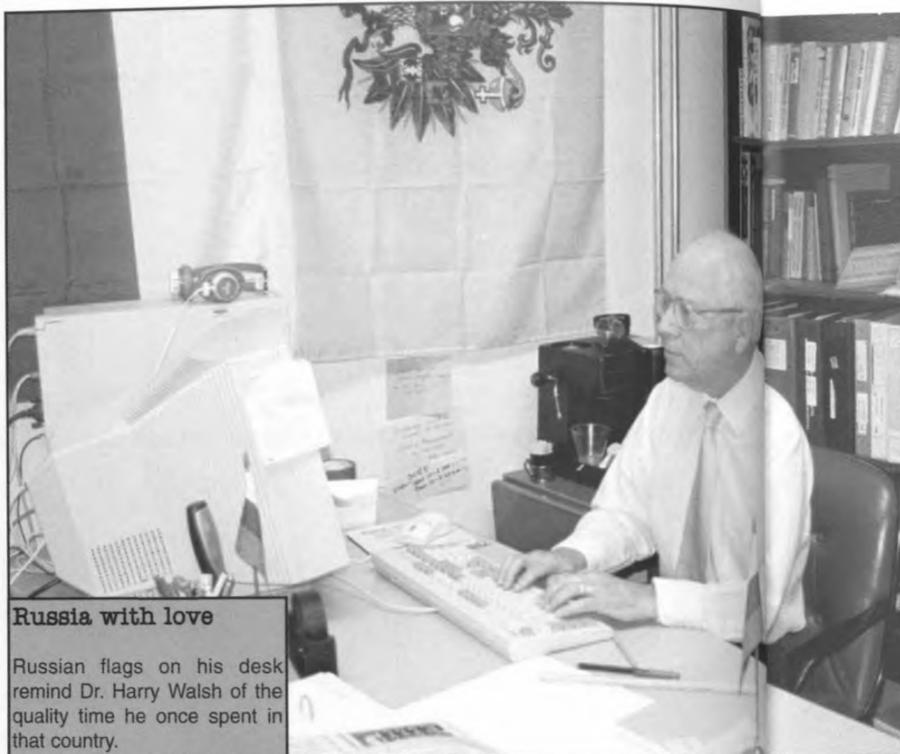
Dr. Richard Armstrong of the Department of Modern and Classical Languages attributes this to the fact that the students who find Latin useful are preparing themselves for careers in law and medicine.

"So much of the technical languages is almost entirely Latin," Armstrong said. "We get a lot of history graduate students who take Latin because they have to read old manuscripts and primary texts from so many eras."

Armstrong explained that offering Latin courses at all colleges ends the myth that Latin classes exist only in elitist institutions.

One reason students don't flock to Latin class is the complexity of the language.

"In Latin you have to learn 36 forms of an adjective," Armstrong said. "You have masculine, feminine, neuter, plus all other forms according to how the words function. The adjective is a worst case scenario of why Latin is difficult."



Russia with love

Russian flags on his desk remind Dr. Harry Walsh of the quality time he once spent in that country.

by Rich Risma



Don't hit the piñata!

Dr. Carlos Monsanto, instructor of SPAN 3302 — Written Communication in Spanish — proudly holds his office buddy.

by Nora Segura

languages pay off

The knowledge of a foreign language adds value to students' résumés and to their lives

The fertile field of higher education will yield abounding harvests long after these college days have become a golden memory.

The knowledge and understanding of a second language is certain to return a rich perennial yield.

The University of Houston sows seeds of illumination through a potpourri of foreign languages offered in its curricula.

Dr. Carlos Monsanto, a native of Guatemala, is the director of the Spanish foreign study program.

Monsanto also teaches SPAN 3302 — Written Communication in Spanish. From the humanities point of view, he believes that learning a foreign language makes people more educated and more accessible.

"It enhances the possibility of you being able to handle yourself in a different culture," Monsanto said.

Dr. Harry Walsh teaches RUSS 2304 — Russian Literature in Translation.

"A second language is extremely important in giving an additional perspective in life. It's like having a second conscience or a second soul," Walsh said.



"It allows you to know much more about the culture you come from and it improves your knowledge of your own language," Walsh said.

Professor Michael Brimes instructs students in his native German. Many of them are learning the language because they want to discover their ancestors' culture. They were raised in German immigrant families that migrated to Texas in the 1800s.

Brimes pointed out that learning a foreign language is especially important in America.

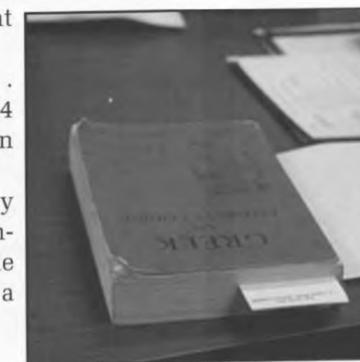
"America is so big you don't get exposed to a second language like you do in Europe, except Spanish in this area."

Asked about the practical value of learning German, Brimes said two words: "BMW; Mercedes."

Dr. Karina Benremouga, a native Algerian, is the director of the foreign language lab in Agnes Arnold Hall. She also teaches French and Arabic.

"A second language is important because of the job advantages in a global economy, especially in Houston — an international city of energy," Benremouga said.

According to Benremouga, a second language "is a usable skill in today's world that is get-



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put your hands to work

Students challenge their creativity as they get hands-on experience in different studios

Several courses at the University of Houston stimulate students from all fields of study to adopt a creative approach to art.

Many register because they feel art is a way of life. Others simply want to try their skills.

Whatever their reasons, most students enjoy the courses. Although they tend to be demanding and time consuming, they also provide a break from lecture classes.

Intermediate Sculpture - ART 3360 - is a course designed to guide students in developing personal ideas and works. They use items such as ropes and metals to create objects.

At the graduate level of the sculpture studio-ART 7360-, only two or three students are accepted into the program each semester.

The aim of ART 7360 is to assist students in exploring their art interests. Invited guests open their minds to different artistic possibilities.

Students learn how to solder, file, form metals and set stones in ART 1340 - Fundamentals of Jewelry and Metalsmithing. They also get the chance to make objects such as rings, pins and pendants.

Throughout the course, Professor Valentine Link exposes the class to different designs and



compositional elements of metals.

Link also encourages students to incorporate these concepts into their work.

Those who decide to further improve their knowledge of jewelry making register for Art 6340.

In this graduate program students learn how to artfully carve wax and manipulate metals into artistic forms.

Some say they use their time to make hammers and other household objects. In addition, students must create a project and put it in a showcase or a museum.

Another interesting art class that enables students to explore their creative side is Art 3358 - Clay-Forming Processes.

With the help of the spinning wheel, they learn to manipulate clay as they wish. In addition, students get the chance to widen their hand-building skills and work on surface decorations.

In Art 6350 -Ceramics Studio-, the focus is primarily discussing the aesthetics of clay as an art medium and putting these ideas into practice.

Students go beyond the creation of vases and simple ornaments and come up with refined ideas that require planning, skills and commitment.

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Rings and things

Senior Jennifer Tieman carefully works with the welder in ART 1340 - Fundamentals of Jewelry and Metalsmithing.

by Ann Richter



Next brick, please

Architecture graduate students Francisco Alejandro and Kate Mejia polish their bricklaying skills.

by Chris Galloway



by Pin Lim

Senior pre-optometry major Rido Pham got more out of her ceramics class than a simple passing grade.

Why did you decide to take ART 1350 - Fundamentals of Ceramics?

I wanted to take a class that is different from my course load. I wanted to do something that will let me be creative.

Had you taken any sculpture class before this class?

I had taken a sculpture class back in high school.

How do you find the class to be?

It's a fun class. It lets me de-stress and forget my problems.

What kind of objects have you learned how to make?

Bowls, vases, cylinders and working with a coil vase that I can build by hand.

What is your favorite object to create?

It would have to be the vase on the wheel. From a ball of clay, you can form a vase of your choice.

How is the atmosphere of the class?

It is very laid back and the professor [Professor Huey Beckham] is really cool. He is mainly there to help one-on-one. Everyone works at his or her own pace.



by Chris Galloway

They form a circle and begin the day by stretching their major muscle groups: hamstring, forearm and stomach.

They form lines of four or more with Professor Brian Byrnes at the front. Their reflections stare back at them as they wait for him to start. When he is ready, there is silence. He begins.

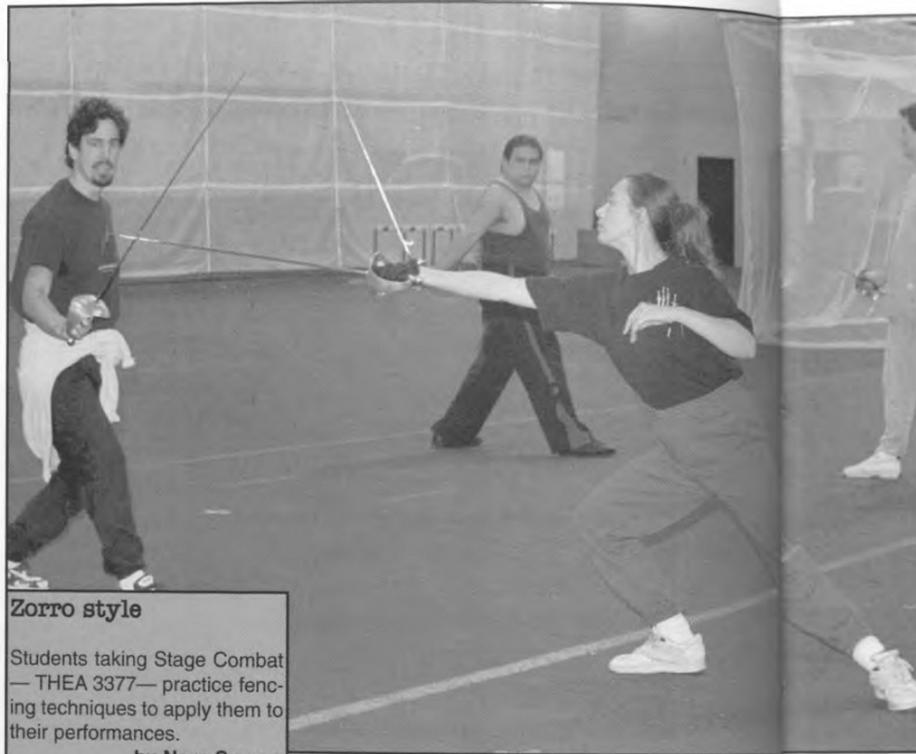
Following his lead, Stage Movement - THEA 1335 - students uniformly march in place and swing their arms to the ground and the sky with their hands constantly flattened. And they breathe. Their sounds inhaling and exhaling fill the room.

Byrnes provides theater students the tools they need to convey their character to the audience through movement.

The course combines physical stretching and conditioning using techniques such as Tai Chi and ensemble movement.

Students also play games that teach them how to quickly react to varying situations. One such game is a two-team version of rock, paper, scissors. In this version, they decide as a team the series of signs they will use. Once the sign is given, the losing team has to run back to a padded wall to avoid being tagged.

Most students are able to improve their social skills through the physical contact required by the class.



Zorro style

Students taking Stage Combat — THEA 3377— practice fencing techniques to apply them to their performances.

by Nora Segura



Center stage

Classes such as COMM 1332 — Fundamentals of Public Speaking — help advertising students fight stage fright.

by Nora Segura

shy no more

Several courses teach students how to cope with stage fright and leave shyness behind

Students who were shy in high school often enroll in college courses that require them to speak in public.

Many of these courses can be found in the College of Communication.

For example, students will pick Fundamentals of Public Speaking — COMM 1332 — to overcome their shyness.

In the section of this course taught by Dr. Martha Haun, students learn four types of speech: informative, persuasive, reason and evidence and special occasion.

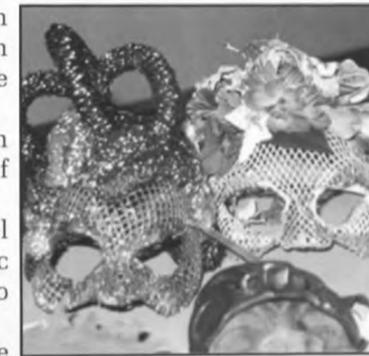
They also get lectures about the mechanisms of speaking, which can include delivery, body language, pitch and preparation.

They learn how to avoid residual movements and they are constantly reminded to keep eye contact with the public.

Another such course in the School of Communication is Media Performance — COMM 3329. This course teaches students how to be a news anchor or reporter in front of the camera.

Students attend regular classes during the week plus a Saturday class devoted to video workshop.

They are also involved in the electronic field production, where they need to interview



people to put up a show.

"You learn to get comfortable in front of the camera," junior media production major Cynthia López said. "You learn not to be shy."

López said that at the beginning of the semester her professor, Dr. William Hawes, critiqued the physical appearance of everyone in the class to prepare them for the sharp eye of the audience.

While these classes help students comfortably speak or perform in front of an audience, others such as Feature Writing — COMM 3312 — require them to confront their fears through assignments.

As part of this course, students need to have at least three sources in each of their stories. To write these articles, they need to set up appointments and interview important people.

As reporters, they need to learn how to establish rapport with strangers and get them to open up.

By attending courses that repeatedly confront issues that have to do with shyness and anxiety, students are given the tools they need to communicate socially, at their jobs, in class and in any other situations where interaction is a must. Therefore, they are prepared to meet any challenge.

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a closer look at religions

Courses examine the roots and meanings of Christianity, Islam, Judaism and other religions that shape our beliefs

Students in Dr. Mary Curry's class, Religion and Society – SOC 3375 – talked with familiarity about official and non-official religions, sects and cults, denominations and other terms relevant to religious studies.

They discussed conversion experiences and defined the role of charismatic leaders. After brainstorming for a couple of minutes, they came up with a definition for mysticism that quite pleased Dr. Curry.

"I don't teach religion per se," Curry explained. "It's religion from a social approach."

Curry explained that her main objective is that once students leave the class they will carry with them a better understanding and appreciation of religions other than their own.

She also said she hopes her lectures will help students perceive the important role religion plays in society.

That same role is one aspect of religion explored in Dr. Andrew Haas' class, – The Human Situation –, offered in the Honors College.

In his class, students go over different beliefs through the reading of holy texts. They are required to write a paper where they elaborate on some of the religious issues discussed during the semester.



Freshman creative writing major Ashley Grubbs said she wrote a comparison of the ancient Hebrew perception of God versus that of the ancient Greeks.

"Some people picked different characters in the Bible and compared them to characters in other religions," Grubbs explained.

"It's really interesting to know other philosophies and see how they relate to your own," she said.

Grubbs thinks that having in the same room people with very different points of view on the same topic encourages participation and contributes to everyone's growth.

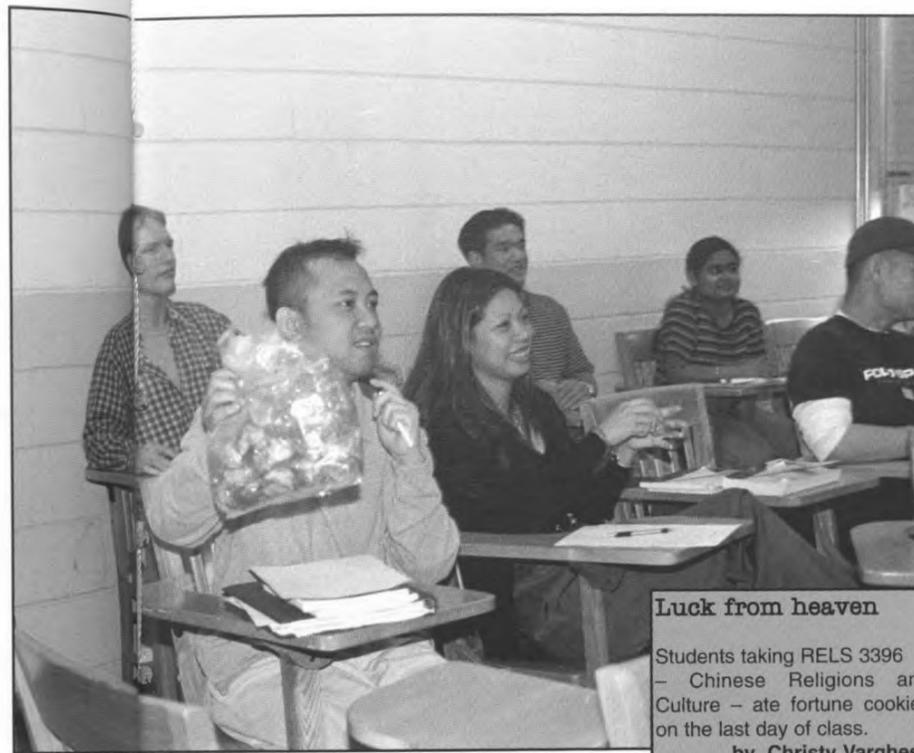
"In my class, I believe there are at least four Christians, at least two agnostics, two Muslims and one Jew," Grubbs said.

Grubbs also said it is enriching to distinguish the different approaches people have towards religion.

"I may have a more spiritual side on an issue, while one person who studies science may have a more logical approach."

"We may all have very different opinions and perspectives, but nobody wants to offend anyone," Grubbs said. "We try not to take things personally. That's our deal."

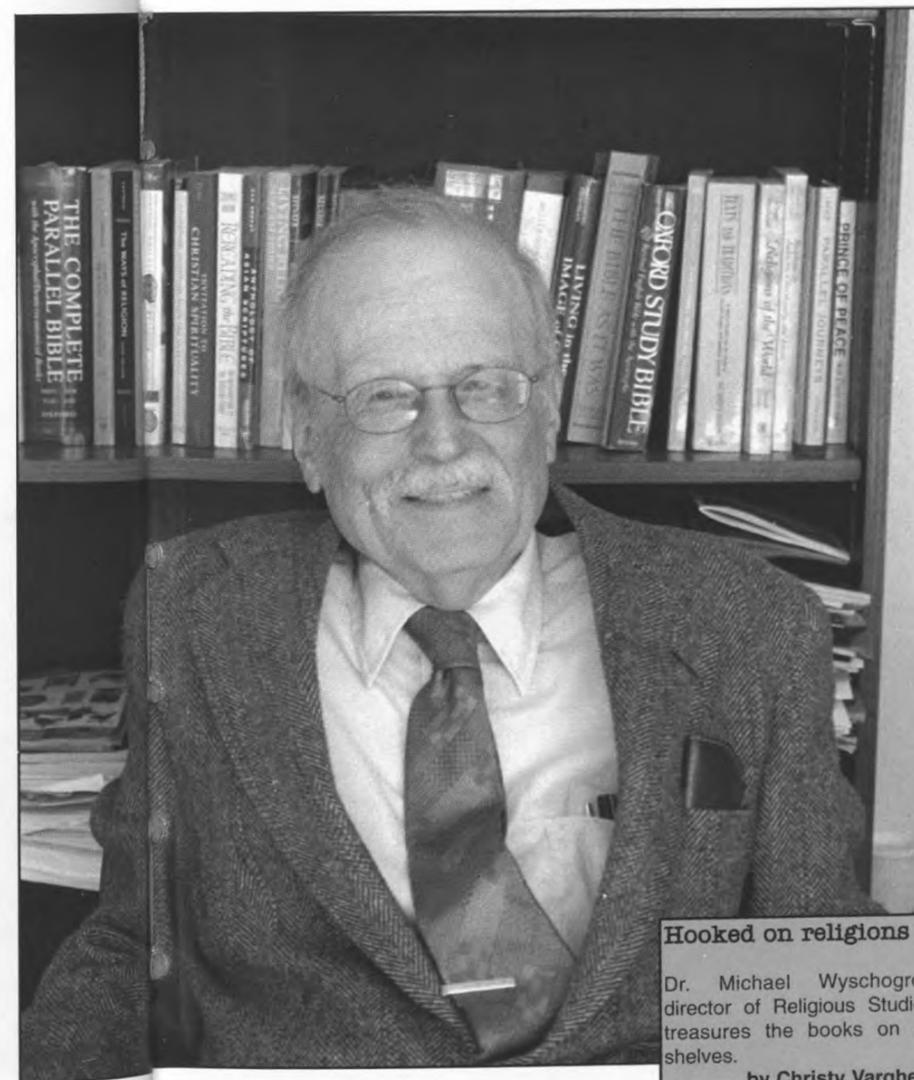
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Luck from heaven

Students taking RELS 3396 – Chinese Religions and Culture – ate fortune cookies on the last day of class.

by Christy Varghese



Hooked on religions

Dr. Michael Wyschogrod, director of Religious Studies, treasures the books on his shelves.

by Christy Varghese



Courtesy of Frank Guidry

Pastor Frank Guidry, director of the Wesley Foundation on campus, describes his class: The Black Church in America – AAS 4330.

What topics does your class cover?

We look at the historical influences that led to the development of the Black Church in this country. We go over topics ranging from the continuity and discontinuity theories of the black churches with Africa to the Civil Rights Movement and the slave trade.

What draws students to your class?

A lot of students are interested in theological discussions. Others have a strong religious background and they want to have a deeper insight of the Black Church.

Are all your students African American?

No. I also have white students. The class is challenging to everyone regardless of race.

Are your students required to do some kind of research as part of their grade?

Yes. They need to write a final paper. They get to choose the topics and they usually put a lot of work into that. Sometimes they even come up with interesting information that is new to me.



by Nora Segura

Unless they are athletes, most students think that walking from one class to another fulfills daily exercise needs.

However, Sgt. Henry Jackson encourages daily workout. He teaches the Physical Readiness Training — MSCI 1125 — in the Department of Military Science.

“Everybody wants to look good but nobody wants to take the time to get there,” Jackson said.

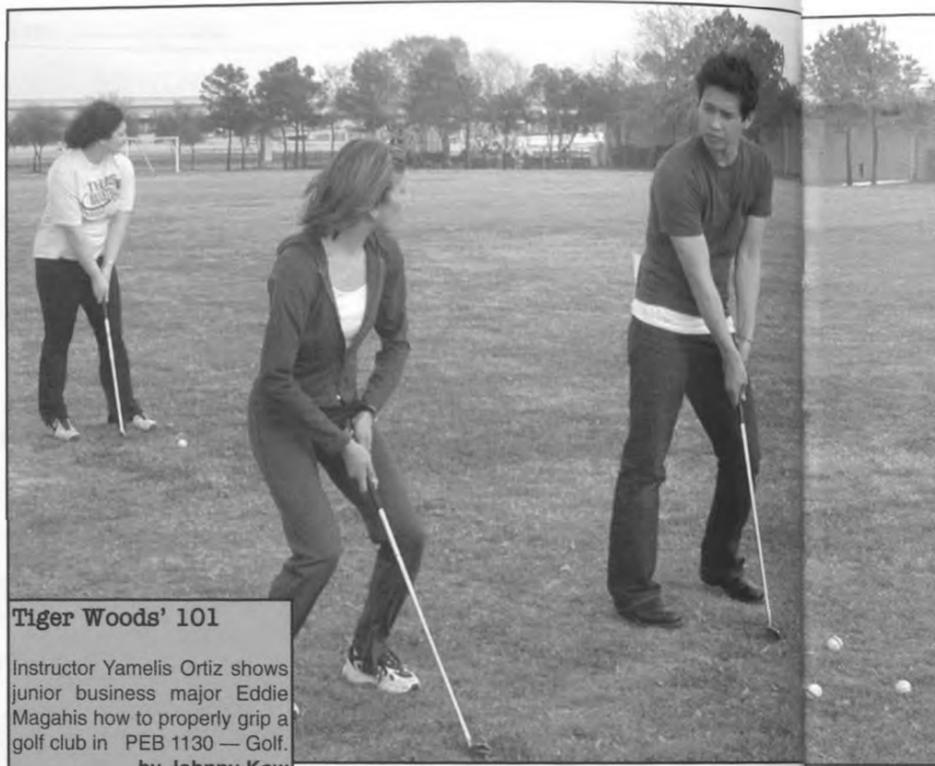
Jackson’s students are morning persons. The class meets from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. three times a week. The remaining weekdays he tells students to keep up with training so they can maintain a routine.

Students are required to wear half calf white socks and running shoes. They are issued a gray Army Physical Fitness uniform, although the course is opened to all students.

Jackson teaches his students how to properly execute push-ups, close-hand exercises and lower body exercises such as sit-ups and crunches.

Running is also an important part of the course. Students often run through the surrounding UH neighborhoods.

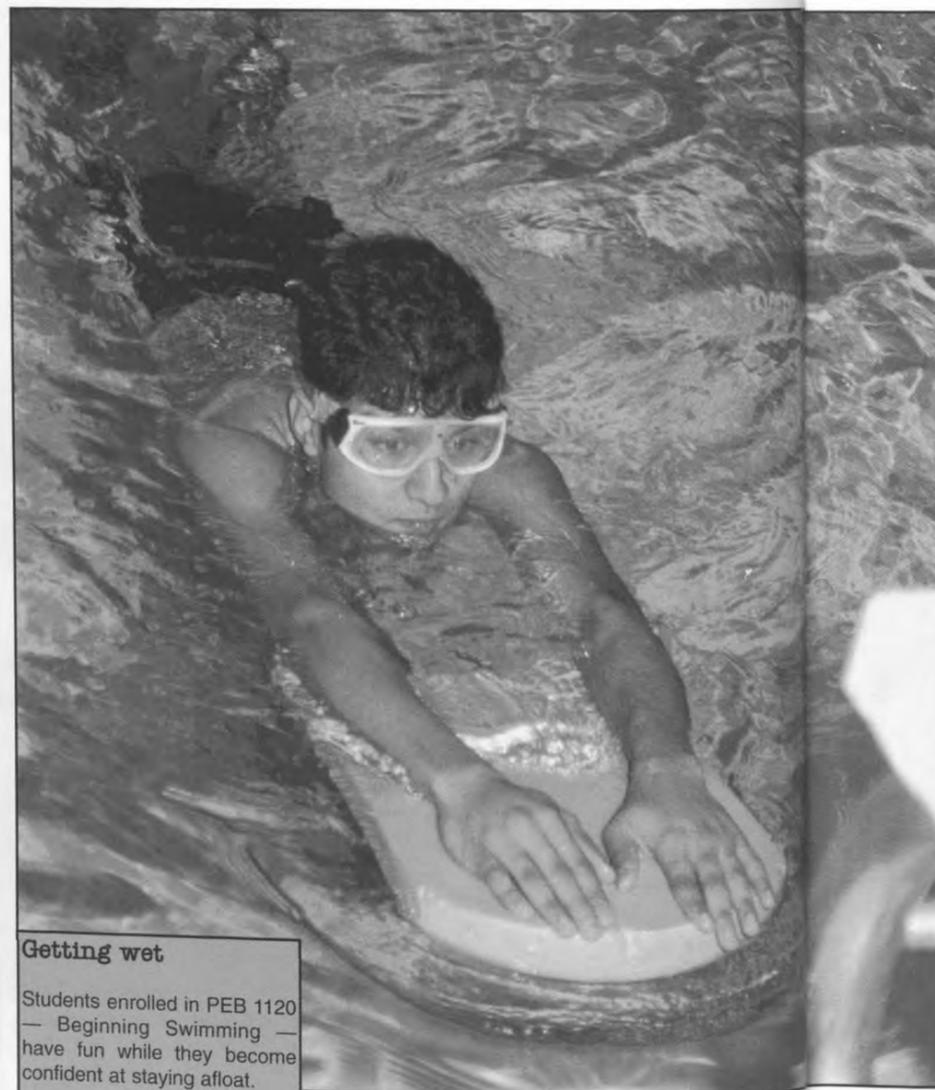
Not only does Jackson teach his students about exercise, he also teaches them about diet and leadership. In fact, 30 percent of the course grade is based on the ability to display leadership qualities.



Tiger Woods' 101

Instructor Yamelis Ortiz shows junior business major Eddie Magahis how to properly grip a golf club in PEB 1130 — Golf.

by Johnny Kow



Getting wet

Students enrolled in PEB 1120 — Beginning Swimming — have fun while they become confident at staying afloat.

by Nora Segura

health is serious business

University of Houston students get a healthy start both physically and mentally

More and more Americans are becoming overweight according to the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Studies published in the October 2000 issue reported obesity in the United States affects nearly one in five adults, killing about 300,000 persons a year.

Obesity also affects the body and psyche of many others. No wonder University administrators encourage students to take at least one physical fitness course in their curriculum as a preventive measure.

Laura Repp, a defender on the UH women’s soccer team, works out six days a week during soccer season. She devotes most of her workout routine to cardio with one day to lifting weights.

“The best workout is to be involved in something,” Repp said.

According to Repp, once students get involved in sports, they tend to stay.

To foster this commitment to a healthy lifestyle, the University of Houston offered students a course named PEB 1101 — Fitness and Health.

This class analyzed physical fitness and cardiovascular disease risk and brought up ideas for the development of an



individual exercise program for health promotion.

The Wellness Center also offered HLT 4397 — Social Health and Wellness.

Among some of the topics discussed were stress and time management, alcohol and drug abuse prevention and HIV/AIDS.

Students could also enroll in classes that focused on specific sports such as PEB 1120 — Beginning Swimming —, PEB 1125 — Beginning Badminton —, Golf — PEB 1130 — and PEB 1138 — Beginning Tennis.

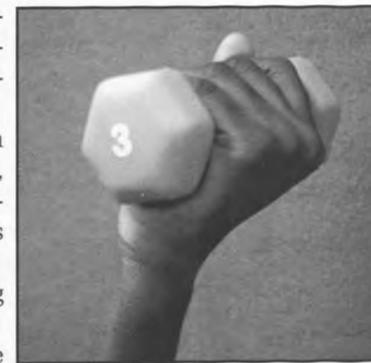
Such courses allowed them to participate in their favorite sport, which they usually do not have time for.

Those with health-related majors were able to take classes such as HLT 2310 — Emergency Care and First Aid —.

They could also choose to learn about how health programs are developed, implemented and evaluated in the real world. This was part of the syllabus of HLT 4310 — Planning for the Health Professions —,

Regardless of which course students picked, it is important that they remember that fitness means more than just looking good.

Fitness is a commitment to becoming and staying mentally and physically healthy.



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computers are their specialty

Faculty incorporate computers to make the most out of what they can teach and students can learn

Scribbles in red and blue shine on the screen. A student scrolls down on little numbers. Another screen pops up. The scribbles are 3-D molecules of enzymes.

Dr. James Briggs heavily relies on computers to teach his course, BCHS 4312 — Computational Methods in Molecular Biology.

Computers allow his students to work on ideas and develop hypotheses which they can then test in the wet lab.

With the help of advanced technology and graphics, they can understand properties of biological molecules, such as enzymes, much more easily.

Briggs said that the final goal of the course is to help students learn how to use molecular modeling techniques in research.

Like Briggs, more and more faculty members are discovering how computers are part of everyday life. This is why they increase the integration of computers into their syllabi.

According to instructor Susan Miertschin, who teaches TECH 1300 — Computers in Technology —, the skills learned during the course go far beyond the semester and "will be useful throughout a student's educational experience."

Dr. Natalie Houston, who



teaches ENG 2320 — The Book and Beyond — also believes that knowing how to effectively use computers can be empowering.

Houston teaches her students HTML language with the purpose of publishing their own research project on the web.

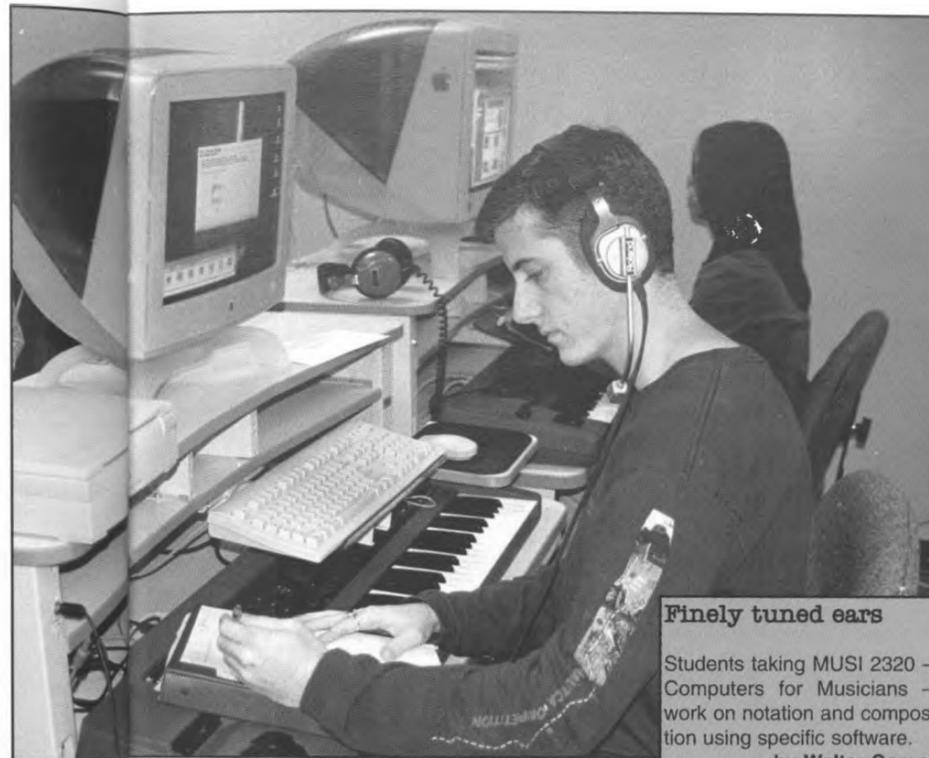
Professor Carl Scott, who teaches DISC 4370 — Systems Analysis and Design — requires his students to use computers as a problem-solving tool to design software systems for non-profit organizations.

During the fall semester Scott's class was divided into three groups to design a software system. One group was assigned to the Food Bank in Texas and the other two were assigned to the M.D. Anderson Blood Bank.

In GEOL 3178 — Weather Information — computer technology becomes the everyday companion of students who are learning how to correctly predict climatic conditions.

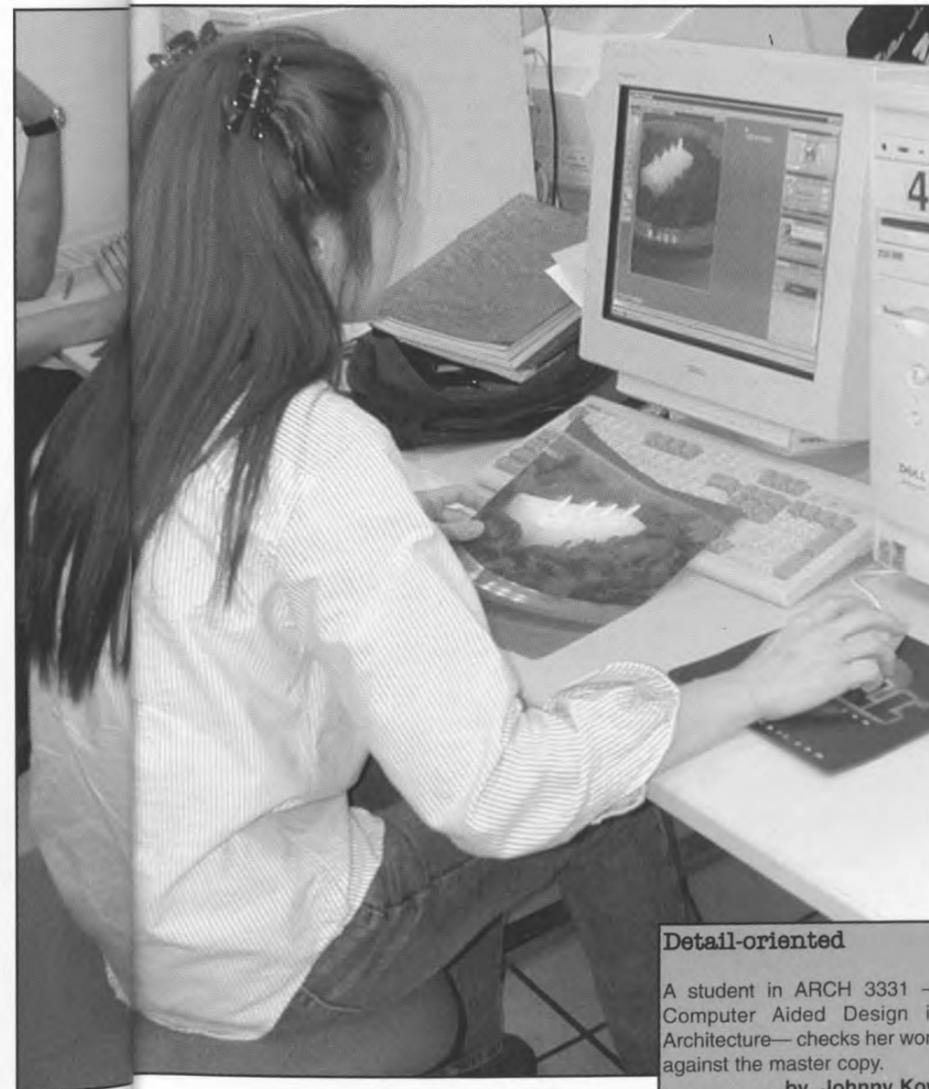
Music majors enrolled in MUSI 2320 — Computers for Musicians — also find computers appealing to refine their music skills.

And architecture students taking Computer Aided Design — ARCH 3331 — discover that computers can open wonderful creative opportunities in three-dimensional modeling.



Finely tuned ears

Students taking MUSI 2320 — Computers for Musicians — work on notation and composition using specific software.
by Walter Coreas



Detail-oriented

A student in ARCH 3331 — Computer Aided Design in Architecture — checks her work against the master copy.
by Johnny Kow



by Pin Lim

Dr. Richard Kasschau, who teaches DPSYC 1300 — Introduction to Psychology — has substituted the traditional course textbook for a CD-ROM.

What are the CD-ROM's main features?

It has a note-taking feature. It will also give definition of key terms. You can also read the book through by topic rather than in order.

How does the CD-ROM work?

We are working with choice items and fill in the blank questions. Matching organization and free association questions will be next.

Do students like it?

Some love it. Among other things, they can retest as many times as they want until the deadline. The tests are set up to close at about the time we finish each chapter. Students can check the running total to see how they're doing. What is actually recorded is the highest grade.

Are the questions always the same?

No. There are seven or eight thousand questions on which the text is based.

Do you think your students are doing better?

Yes. Many read ahead of the lectures.

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by Nora Segura

Since the University of Houston resides in a cosmopolitan city, diversity plays an important part in many of the courses.

One such course is ANTH 1300 — Introduction to Anthropology. This course studies culture in its different expressions and looks at how human beings use it to adapt, thrive and survive in society.

"In this class we learn that all cultures are equal," psychology and anthropology sophomore major Heather Grieger said.

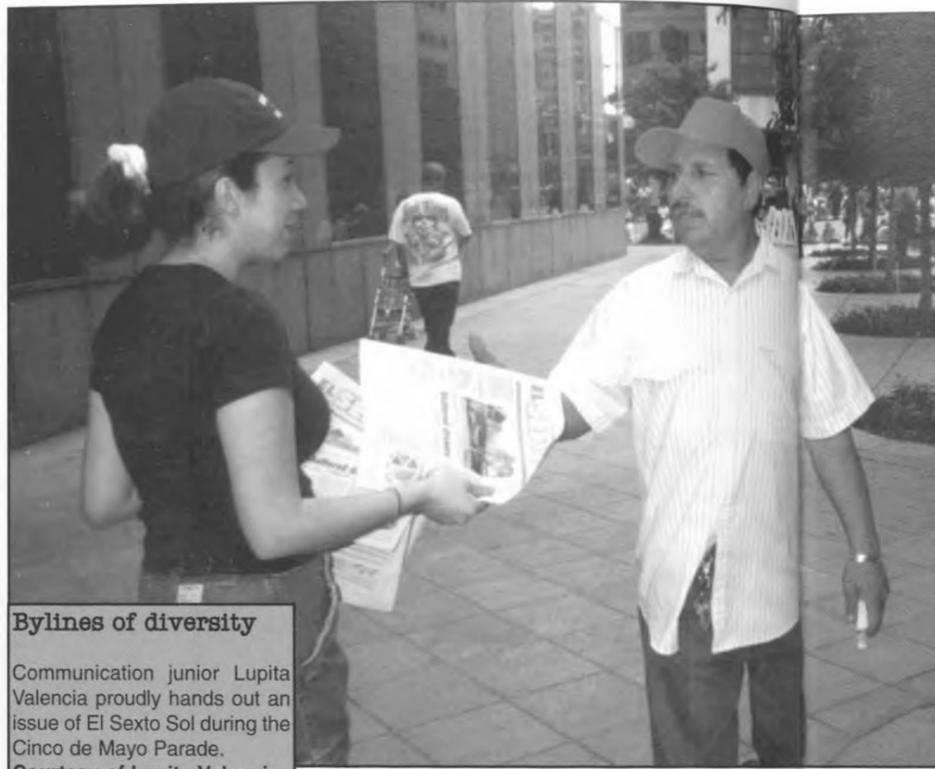
"We learn that no culture is better or worse than any other."

Students read about how culture develops through evolution.

Introduction to Anthropology analyzes case studies of tribes that show pride in their traditions through their daily activities. The course then adapts these case studies to the present day to show how students should be more appreciative and understanding of different cultures.

"People walk into the class thinking they are open to other cultures," Grieger said. "However, once they leave, they realize they aren't."

Courses such as this one promote tolerance as students discover that what they consider standard may be weird for other people and vice versa.



Bylines of diversity

Communication junior Lupita Valencia proudly hands out an issue of El Sexto Sol during the Cinco de Mayo Parade.

Courtesy of Lupita Valencia



Bodyguards

Dr. Linda Reed, director of African American Studies, is never alone in her office thanks to her African statuettes.

by Ann Richter

different but similar

Students learn to value diversity as they discover the richness embedded in different cultures

The United States has always been described as a melting pot of different races, cultures and people. The same can be said of the University of Houston.

Students come from a variety of countries to attend this university. In 1999, over seven percent of the student body was made of international students.

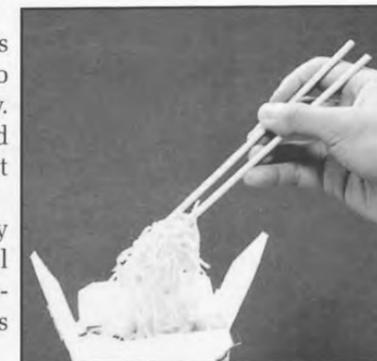
It is for that reason that many of the courses at the University increasingly incorporate the issue of diversity into the curriculum.

One such course is AAS 2320 — Introduction to African American Studies —, taught by Dr. Tyrone Tillery. In this course, students get a general introduction to the themes that have "shaped the people of African descent in North America."

"The course gives the student the opportunity to see how much there is to study," Tillery said. "I use history to change attitudes."

Tillery's course also looks at how history can be applied to current conditions in society. He wants them to understand the policies in place today that directly affect them.

"I ask them to take theory and create their own social movements and change the conditions for African Americans and poor people," he said.



Many other courses at UH bring diversity into the classroom to prepare students to work with people from a variety of backgrounds when they enter the workforce.

The Conrad Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management, for example, offers HRMA 4397 — Diversity in the Hospitality Industry.

The approach of this course is to teach students how a diverse work environment benefits everyone.

The Center for Mexican American Studies also contributes to the advancement of issues dealing with diversity.

During the spring semester students taking MAS 3395 — The Latino Newspaper Project — put together a newspaper called El Sexto Sol to cover stories that affect the Latino community.

They wrote about such issues as minority enrollment at UH, redistricting, immigration laws and English as a second language. As part of their grades, they even had to distribute the paper during the Cinco de Mayo Parade.

Diversity plays such an important role in today's world that it is vital that professors expose their students to different voices, customs and traditions.

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when sex matters

Faculty and students discuss gender-related issues and look into the origins of long-held stereotypes

Jason Colburn is one of only two male students who took Dr. Richard Matland's course, POLS 3390 — Women in Politics — during the Fall.

"I wasn't intimidated by the name," said Colburn, a senior political science major.

"This is my last semester and I hadn't taken any class like this before. I had one that dealt with minorities, so I wondered what 'Women in Politics' would be like because women are a minority in terms of political representation."

To his surprise, Colburn found out in Matland's class something he did not know.

"Women who are actually in office, either Democrats or Republicans, care for women's issues but they first care for the interests of their parties."

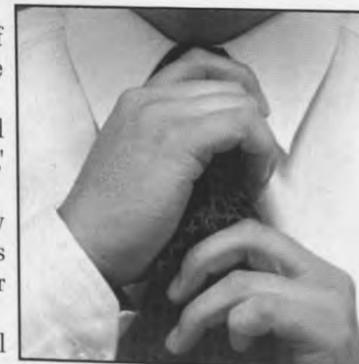
Senior advertising major Jennifer Burk also learned something new in Dr. Beth Olson's class, COMM 3372 — Gender and Media.

Burk now finds herself more critical of the messages she gets from the media.

"I have been pretty shocked at some of the research findings," she said.

"I was unaware of how often women get portrayed as sex objects, victims of abuse or simply as homemakers."

"Before I didn't notice all



the hidden details in magazines and on television. I will keep this in mind when creating my own ads," Burk said.

Classmate senior print journalism major Icess Fernández agreed with Burk.

"I'm beginning to look at advertising differently and I also write an article different paying more attention to details. I take great care that women are not misrepresented and that they are truthfully pictured," Fernández said.

Fernández' desire to expand her knowledge about gender differences also made her register for CLAS 4375 — Gender and Race in Greek Myths.

The class allowed her to make comparisons between past and present, to put gender issues in specific contexts and to relate what she learned in both classes.

Fernández recently had a project to do on the stereotypes of men as a special assignment for Gender and Media.

In doing it, she was able to apply the new knowledge she had acquired in her class about gender and race in Greek myths.

"I was surprised to find out that even though we think of our heroes as a modern concept, the definition of a hero is the same as that of the Greeks," Fernández said.

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Family life

Students in COMM 3372 — Gender and Media — gave a speech on gender-related issues.

by Nora Segura



Defying stereotypes

A scrapbook allowed professor Caroline Goesser to make her point during her ARTH 4394 — Women Artists — class.

by Ann Richter



by Johnny Kow

Dr. Elizabeth Gregory, director of Women's Studies, speaks her mind.

Why do you think there's no men's studies program on campus?

Because the entire university is a men's studies program. Focusing on the accomplishments of men's artists or men's scientists doesn't need to be worked on.

Why take courses in the Women's Studies Program?

It gives you a sense of your place if you're a woman.

Why do some men pick this minor?

Usually they are very enlightened and they realize the importance of women.

What's the practical value of a minor in Women's Studies?

It's valuable at the personal and professional level. In business you can deal with female entrepreneurs. It's also useful for human resource questions.

What's your definition of feminism?

Women working for the improvement of the situation of women and men through rectifying gender discrimination.

What feedback do you get from your students?

We get students saying: "This course should be required for everyone."



by Rich Risma

Wednesday, April 4, 2001 was Hawaiian night for hotel and restaurant management majors at the Conrad Hilton College located on campus.

As part of the Spring 2001 International Dinner Series, students enrolled in HRMA 4323 — Advanced Food and Beverage Management — decorated the UH Hilton's Barron's Restaurant with shells, carnations, coconuts and Tiki lights.

Inside the kitchen, senior John Johnson supervised the menu: pork chops, buttered chicken and shrimps with steamed vegetables. Deserts and cocktails included pineapple — Hawaii's most representative fruit — in their recipes.

Food runner Makafui Agbotui explained that besides cooking, students also need to take care of how food looks on the plates and they must serve the guests.

Agbotui also said that although students get to choose the menu for the day, they need to balance the dishes.

"You can't have a menu with three fried items. You should have, for example, sautéed, grilled and baked food," Agbotui said while cutting green and red peppers.

Server Tracy Craft, who was wearing Hawaiian shirt and laces, said most people are satisfied with the service when they leave the restaurant. She said tips go back to the students to reimburse them for the money they spend to decorate the place.

Students rotate in their jobs throughout the semester.



Can you hear me?

Graduate communication disorders major Susanna Tiller screens fellow graduate student Denise Boyd.

by Christy Varghese



Keep your eyes open

A student clinician at the Eye Institute performs an eye exam to make sure her patient has no ocular diseases.

by Rich Risma

get an early start

Students get a taste of what their professional careers will be like training at on-campus facilities

Serving as a training facility for optometry and communication disorders' students, The Eye Institute and The Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic at UH provide valuable real-world experiences.

In the Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic, students work with children or adults with speech disorders, hearing impairment or stuttering problems. Patients usually go to the clinic once or twice a week.

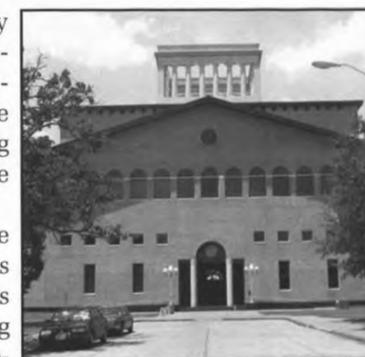
Student clinicians study each case, get to know the patients and their needs and write a log after each appointment. A trained pathologist supervises the session.

Communication disorders' majors together with optometry majors work every Tuesday conducting tests for students who are getting poor grades in school.

They check whether these are dyslexic or have some kind of language problem through visual and auditory tests, respectively.

Optometry students are exposed to a wide range of experiences when getting involved with patients.

According to Dr. Samuel Hanlon, director of Family Practice Services, each year of the four-year program is a challenge to the students because they face experiences that quite



mirror the ones they will find when they work professionally outside UH.

In the second year, students get involved with patients to begin basic eye exam training. By the end of that year, they begin to specialize in contact lenses, pediatric care and ocular diseases.

Students also need to recruit people as patients to practice eye exam procedures.

Upon entering their third year, student clinicians get more exposure in their area of specialization.

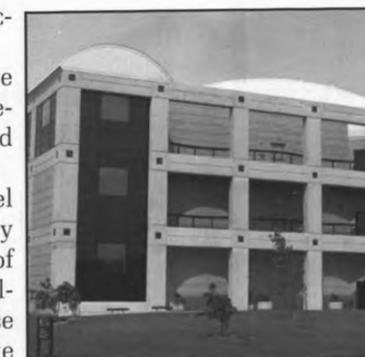
"Every patient they see comes in with a problem and it's up to the students, for the most part, to handle it [the case] for themselves," Hanlon said.

He said that students will get advice from their faculty but that it is really up to them to figure out what the problem is.

During their fourth and last year, students train almost exclusively in the clinic. They must master different procedures, such as dilating the pupil to examine the retina.

Hanlon also said they want to instill a sense of duty on their students towards the community.

"The one thing that we try to stress, beyond just learning to make an income, is to offer a public service," Hanlon said.



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learn the tricks of the trade

Internships give students the chance to find out what employers will expect from them once they graduate

How often do you wonder how well you would work in the professional world?

Those students who have tried their skills while working at on-campus jobs related to their majors usually feel more confident to answer this question.

But even so, students many times fear what employers may demand from entry-level professionals.

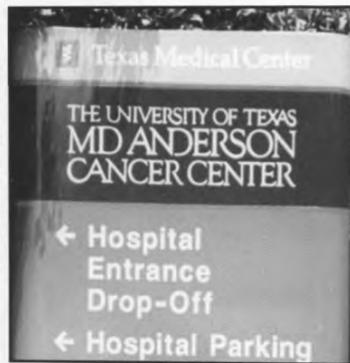
To ease this angst, it is good advice to get an internship or to volunteer at a company or a non-profit organization.

This is why most colleges at the University of Houston encourage students to participate in programs that place them in jobs related to their studies.

The College of Business Administration offers students the opportunity to perform cost-benefit analysis, evaluate loan packages, do marketing research and develop databases in well-known companies such as Enron Corporation, Exxon, Houston Metro and Texaco.

At the College of Pharmacy, students reach the community while they learn. Through the Brown Bag Medication Review, for instance, they educate seniors on how to take their medications.

Also each fall, pharmacy



students administer immunization shots to children at local grocery stores. They also usually check blood pressure at different locations.

Psychology majors do research and train in industries, school districts and prestigious health institutions around Houston. The Medical Center and NASA are favorites among psychologists.

Political social work majors also find placement in offices in Houston, Austin and other Texas cities. Some even go to Washington, D.C., to work for U.S. representatives.

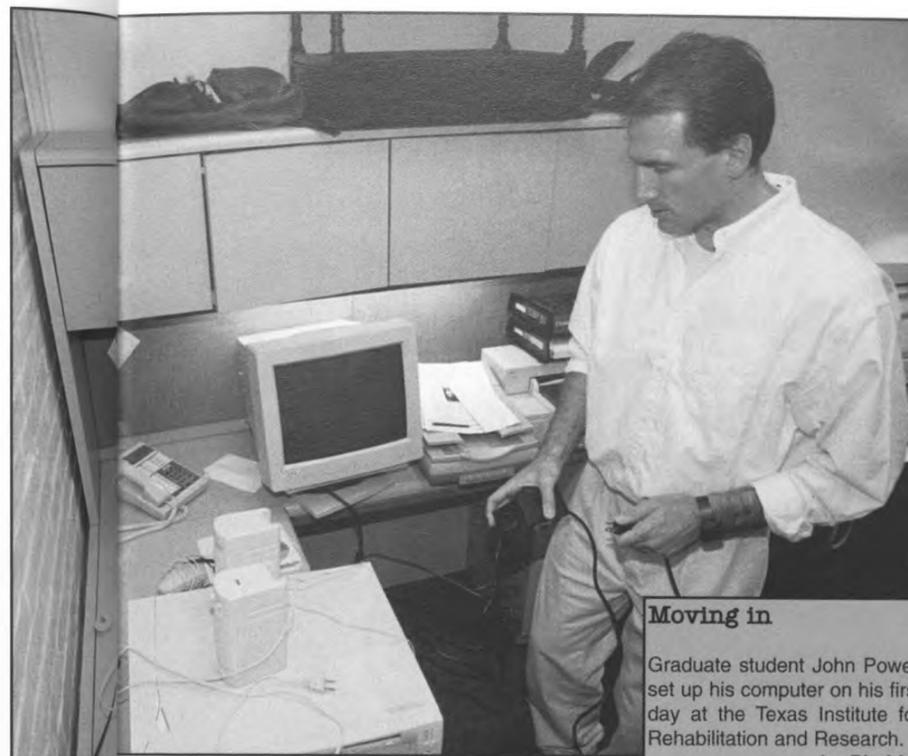
UH law students also get real-life training in clinical courses that cover supervised fieldwork in health law.

Frequent placements include the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Baylor College of Medicine, the Texas Institute of Rehabilitation and Research, Texas Children's Hospital and St. Luke's Hospital.

The Environmental Law Clinic at UH also places students in federal and state agencies and public interest organizations.

Environmental law students often intern at places such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the office of the Texas Attorney General.

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Moving in

Graduate student John Powell set up his computer on his first day at the Texas Institute for Rehabilitation and Research.
by Pin Lim



Check-ups feel good

UH pharmacy students checked blood pressure at the Kemah boardwalk as part of their training.
Courtesy of Andrea Smesny



by Rich Risma

John Ramsey, director of teacher education, explained how the PUMA Program makes a difference in the professional experience of those students who are committed to teaching.

What does PUMA stand for?

It means Pedagogy for Urban Multicultural Action.

How does PUMA contribute to the training of UH students?

Students can read books and watch videos about teaching kids but the most powerful learning comes from doing it. PUMA brings authenticity to what they do.

Do student teachers actually get the chance to lecture at schools?

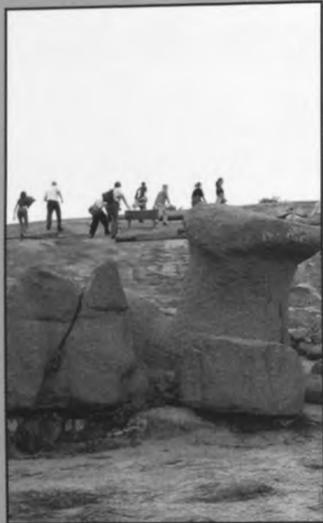
Yes. They go to Houston area schools and they interact with real students.

How is their performance evaluated?

We use a holistic evaluation. Everything counts. We consider such things as how they present their lessons and what teaching strategy they use.

Do students feel they are up to the challenge?

Yes, but some people feel it's a lot of work. Also some people don't like being under the microscope. Still they know it's an important step in their careers.



Courtesy of Charlotte Sullivan

It was a long hot day on Saturday, March 31 for GEOL 1330 — Physical Geology — students going on the annual field trip to Austin and its surrounding areas.

First stop: Cretaceous Edwards Limestone. Students were given big plastic bags and asked to find fossils from hundreds of years ago when the area was covered by water. Soon they became enthusiastic when they found little snail-like water-dwelling critters and clams and shells of all kinds.

Dr. Ian Evans encouraged students to take a magnifying glass and study the tiny granules of the limestone. He asked them to make hypotheses about what type of environment could have nourished the fossilized organisms found.

Second stop: Lion Mountain Sandstone. Students were required to point out cross-bedding, trilobites, faults and fault striations.

Dr. Charlotte Sullivan, coordinator of the geosciences accelerated master's program, explained that the sedimentary rock is green because of the abundance of a material called glauconite.

Third stop: Inks Lakes State Park. The goal was to look for metamorphic foliation, folds and sills in rocks.

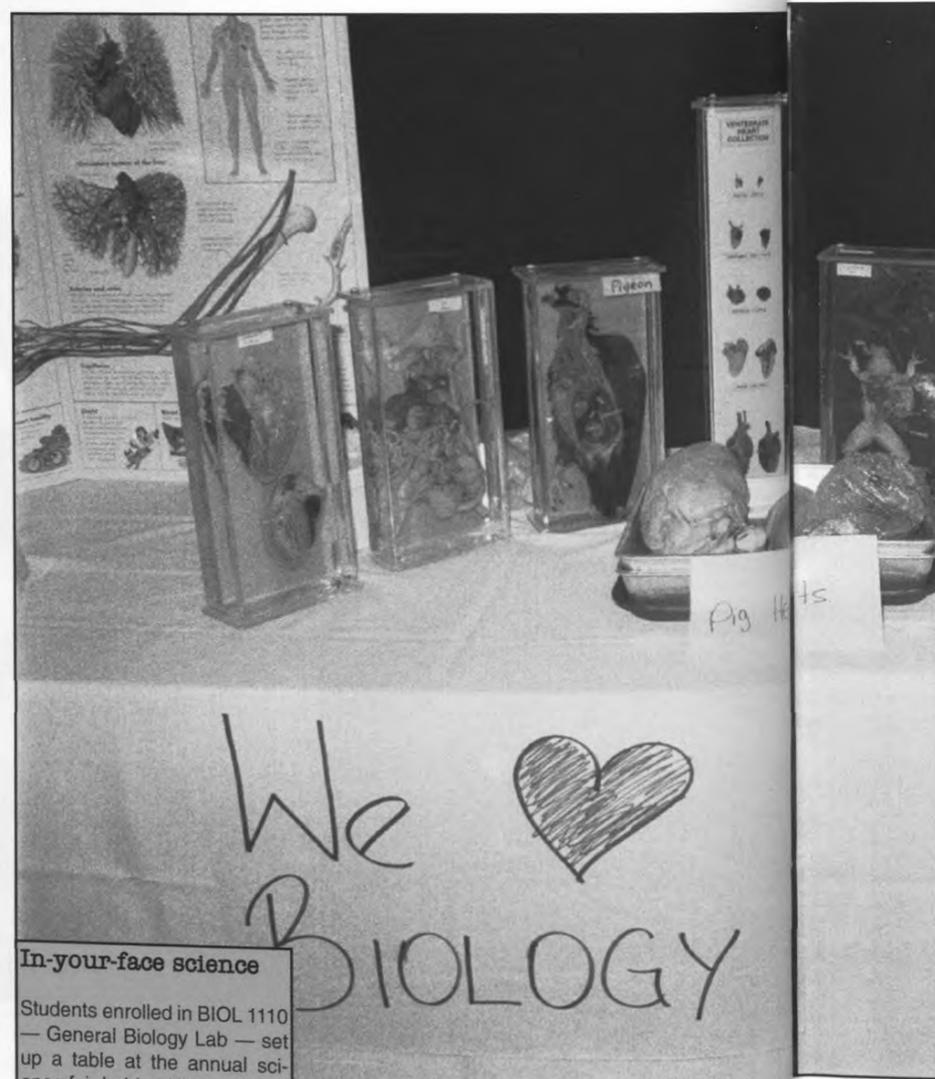
The research adventure started at sunrise and ended at midnight. Most students returned exhausted but they agreed the trip was a blast.



Pushing buttons

A student at the Circuit Analysis Lab — ECE 2100 — makes sure the equipment is working properly.

by Max Lacayo



In-your-face science

Students enrolled in BIOL 1110 — General Biology Lab — set up a table at the annual science fair held at UH.

by Nora Segura

what textbooks can't provide

Students research, make experiments and enjoy the excitement of their findings

Most professors and students agree on one thing: labs provide a hands-on learning experience that cannot be simulated in lecture classes.

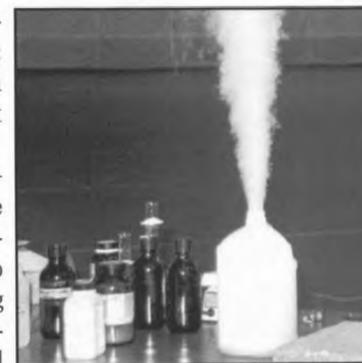
In CIVE 3339 — Geotechnical Engineering — the laboratory gives civil engineering students the opportunity to manipulate soils for engineering purposes, such as building foundations, roadway subgrades and embankments.

Students perform experiments the “old-fashioned” way, with no high-tech equipment required. They also use a more modern approach in some of their classes, monitoring their experiments with the help of computers.

“When students complete this course successfully, they are competent to review and understand geotechnical laboratory reports, which they must later use in their careers in designing civil engineering facilities,” Dr. Michael O’Neill said.

In GEOL 1176 — Historical Geology Lab —, students said they enjoyed dealing with fossils dating back to the Dinosaur Age. They said this experience stimulated their interest in the course.

Students enrolled in the lab section of CHEM 1111 and CHEM 1112 — Fundamentals of Chemistry — said they enjoyed experiments in which they



could see obvious changes without having to measure anything.

Making aspirins and nylon, turning pennies into silver or gold, throwing pieces of sodium or potassium into water and watching them react vigorously, sometimes even catching afire, were their favorites.

“There is a growing movement to show experiments on video or computer simulations. At UH, we oppose this movement,” Dr. Simon Bott said.

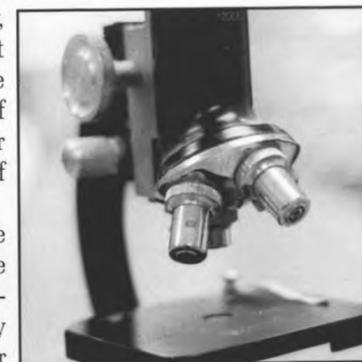
“While such activities eliminate safety concerns and the problems associated with the disposal of certain substances, they remove the foundations of chemistry,” Bott said.

Bott said that chemistry is smelly, loud, messy, colorful and fun.

He also explained that these defining characteristics seem to be the students’ growing attraction for enrollment in lab courses these days.

In the Advanced Physics Lab — PHYS 3111 — students experiment with optical fibers and the properties of conductors.

In the Electrical Circuits Lab — ELET 1101 —, the focus of the course lies on the measurement and analysis of circuit parameters for direct current, single phase and alternating current circuits.



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the texas connection

Courses examine the roots, traditions and treasures of The Lone Star State

Ask a Texan what a blue-bonnet is and you are most likely to get an immediate answer: the state flower. Ask about the state bird, and according to the latest Scripps Howard Texas Poll, 47 percent of Texas residents would identify the mockingbird as the right choice.

Now, for those who are eager to learn more about The Lone Star State beyond plain Texas trivia, UH is a good place to get started.

Some courses, such as POLS 1336 — U.S. and Texas Constitution — are core. Others are electives.

History of Tex Mex Music — HIST 3394 — is one of many courses students can register for to further their knowledge about Texas.

Dr. Guadalupe San Miguel's class covers Tex Mex music from 1926 to the present. San Miguel takes to class recordings of Valerio Longoria, Conjunto Bernal, Beto Villa, Little Joe, Bobby Pulido and many others influential artists whose music help shape the Tejano identity and promote the appreciation of diversity.

According to San Miguel, Tex Mex music reflects the historical experiences and social differences of Hispanics in Texas mainly through the dancing



beats and the lyrics.

Students can also register for HIST 4394 — Research in Texas Slavery —, taught by Dr. Eric Walther. Walther shares with his class his extensive research.

Since 1998, he has headed the "Texas Slavery Project", which seeks to recover the names and biographies of every black slave who ever lived in Texas. He estimates he will be able to come up with at least a name and a sentence for about 80 percent of the estimated population of 250,000 slaves.

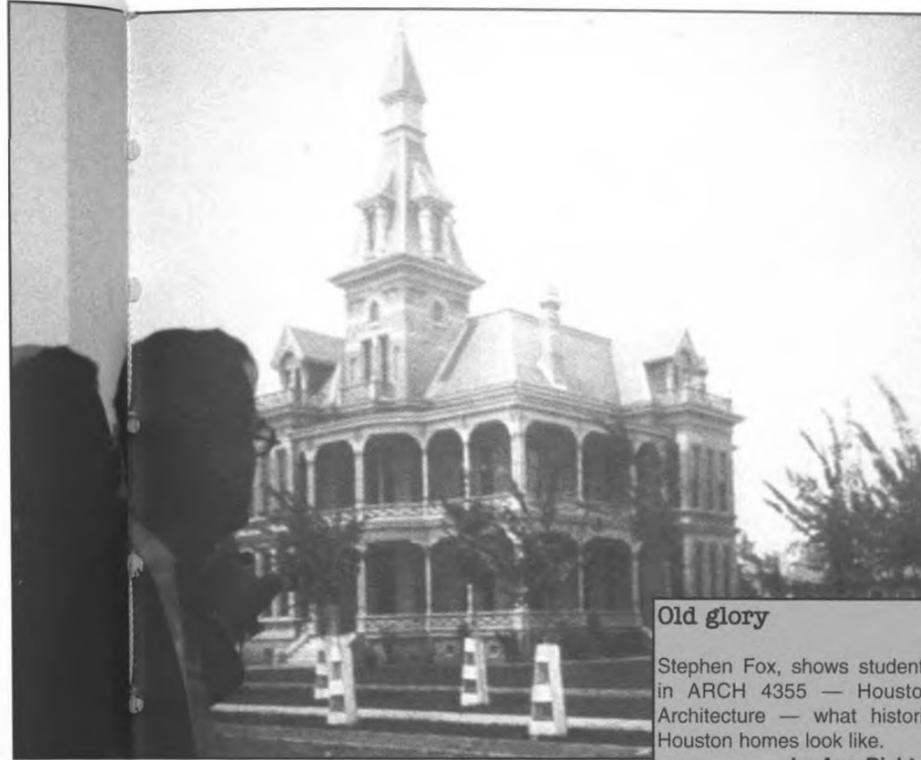
His ambitious goal involves researching documents such as slave manifests, marriage licenses, birth records and census data.

Also those interested in Texas cities, and particularly in Houston, can enroll in ARCH 4355 — Houston Architecture.

Professor Stephen Fox not only lectures; he also conducts walking tours of the old and new parks of downtown Houston, the Medical Center and other sites around the city.

Fox said he wants his students to use architecture as a way to interpret Houston's history. "I want them to understand how the city is formed through transmitted cultural patterns as well as customs that belong to individual places," Fox said.

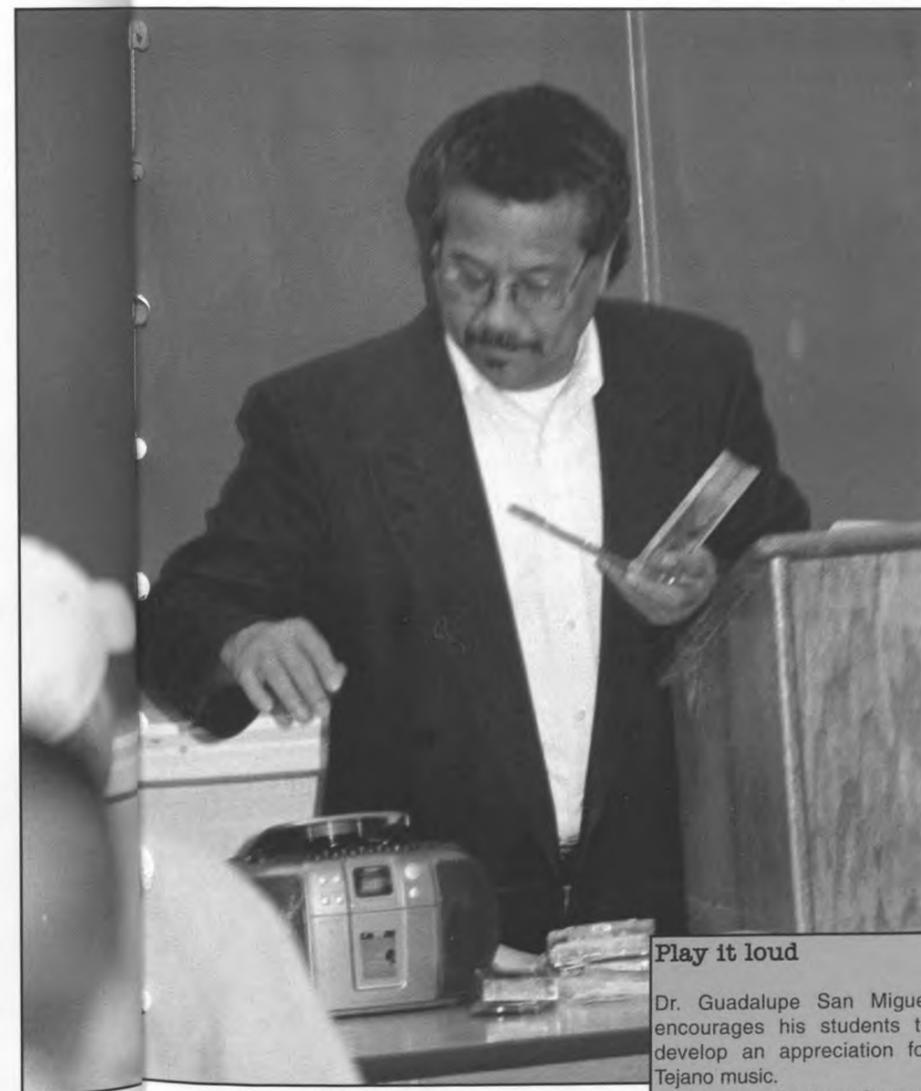
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Old glory

Stephen Fox, shows students in ARCH 4355 — Houston Architecture — what historic Houston homes look like.

by Ann Richter



Play it loud

Dr. Guadalupe San Miguel encourages his students to develop an appreciation for Tejano music.

by Nora Segura



Courtesy of Richard Alderman

Professor Richard Alderman, best known on radio and television as "The People's Lawyer", helps consumers with their rights. At UH, he teaches future lawyers what Texas Consumer Law is about.

What topics do you discuss in LAW 5249 — Texas Consumer Law?

I lecture on issues that Texas consumers would face in their everyday lives. For example, what people need to know when they buy a car or when they rent a house.

Why is this class important to your students?

It's important for them as consumers. It is also important for them because we deal with subjects that lawyers absolutely need to be aware of in order to represent their clients. A lot of the students don't know until they take the class that there are so many consumer laws in Texas. Some of them become really enthusiastic and curious. They ask a lot of questions during class and even when it's over.

Do you base your lectures on real cases?

A lot of what I do in class I take from letters and e-mails I get from the people. Many times what I do on TV overlaps with what I do in class.



by Pin Lim

Junior chemical engineering major Cong Trinh likes sharing his gift for math with others.

About a year ago, he decided to become a math tutor and since then he has been helping students with their homework at the lab located in Hoffmann hall.

Trinh said that he finds his job rewarding when students leave the lab feeling comfortable with what they know.

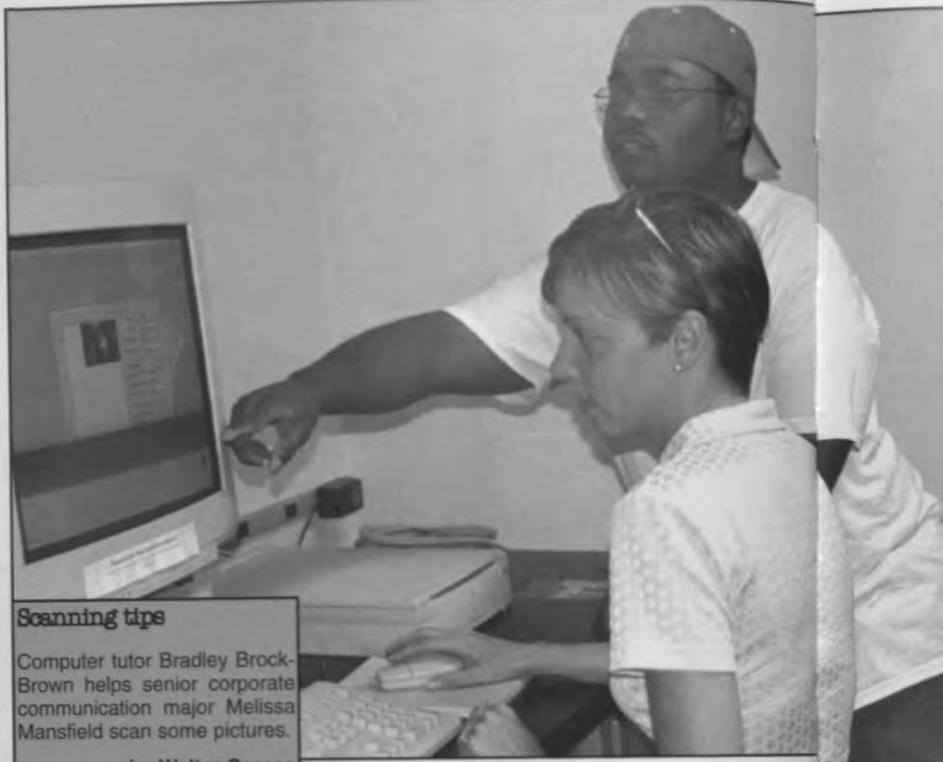
"I give them a hint rather than sitting down and working out the problems for them. I prefer to encourage them to think and work hard until they get the correct answer. I don't want people to be afraid of math," Trinh said.

He described the relation tutor-student as one that must rely on mutual cooperation.

"Some students prefer to come here instead of working the problems at home. They need to feel there's someone else with them. So the tutors are here for them," Trinh said.

According to Trinh, most lab users are students taking Algebra and Calculus.

"Some students come before their tests; others come on a regular basis. They're serious about passing their courses and they usually improve a lot before the semester ends," Trinh said.



Scanning tips

Computer tutor Bradley Brock-Brown helps senior corporate communication major Melissa Mansfield scan some pictures.

by Walter Coreas



A in Spanish

English senior Brandy Skilleen works on her assignments for SPAN 1501 — Elementary Spanish — to master spelling.

by Chris Galloway

getting a helping hand

Tutors working at different labs scattered around campus assist those who need help with their class assignments

Feeling overwhelmed conjugating verbs in Spanish? Wonder whether your English term paper has the right punctuation?

Confused with the use of spreadsheets? If you answer yes to any of these questions, then you should check this out.

The Writing Center located in the underground of Agnes Arnold hall is a resource that students find helpful to improve the quality of their written assignments. The center offers one-on-one tutoring.

Ivan Rojas, a junior English major, has worked as a tutor for two semesters.

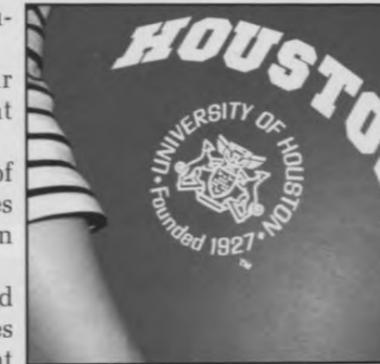
Rojas helps students to express their ideas in paper in an organized and well-structured manner.

"I ask students questions instead of telling them what is wrong. The purpose is to discuss ideas with them. We want to make them think," Rojas said.

"I also tell them about the importance of having an outline before actually starting to write," Rojas said.

At the Foreign Language Lab, Vu Le, its manager, said students can choose from a variety of over 1,000 videos of foreign films and documentaries.

Spanish, French, Italian and German tutors are also available in person throughout the day.



The lab also keeps software tutorials of other languages such as Arabic, Chinese and Russian.

Florinda Uriegas, a junior Spanish major, said the lab is the right place to check Spanish spelling on its computers.

The Social Science Data lab is another lab on campus where tutors help students with their studies. Its central location makes it one of the favorites.

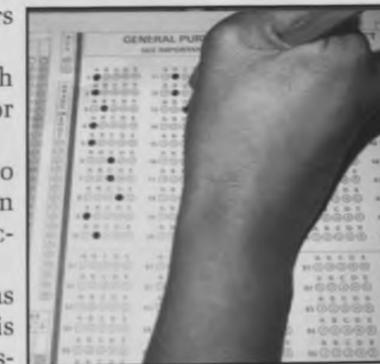
Bradley Brock-Brown, a sophomore technology leadership and supervision major, assists students at the Communication lab on such things as how to scan pictures, import files and work with HTML, Adobe Photoshop and other software.

"I like to help people at the lab because some feel overwhelmed by the new technology," Brock-Brown said.

Students need to know that they can count on help outside the classroom to keep their grade point averages in good standing.

There is no reason why students should get anxious because school should not be nerve-wracking.

The journey to graduation may be bumpy at times, but with the right support and perseverance, students can clear any hurdle and achieve the goals they have in mind.



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lectures in assorted formats

Distance education courses allow students to tailor their class schedules to their needs

Can't make it to your 8 o'clock class? Do you have more things to do over the day than more time to do it? Distance education courses may make your life easier.

For 17 years the Distance Education Program at the University of Houston has been offering classes in different venues.

Getting started in distance education is only a matter of registering.

The next step, of course, is buying books. The bookstore provides a mail order service for customers paying with credit card.

All students enrolled in distance education courses receive specific explanations on how to submit their homework and how to take tests.

Juniors and seniors can enroll for classes at off-campus sites around the city.

Students can take classes at North Houston Institute, West Houston Institute at Cinco Ranch, the UH System at Fort Bend or The University Center at The Woodlands.

Another way distance education caters for students is through television.

KUHT Channel 8 or the City of Houston educational access channels broadcast undergraduate and graduate



courses.

Some other courses are also available through Cy-Fair Cable. The Vietnam War — HIST 3322 — and Literature of Ireland — ENGL 3396 —, for example, are taught as home-viewing courses.

To attend classes from the comfort of their homes, students must go to an orientation session, at least one face-to-face meeting with the instructor and pass one proctored, graded event.

The next most convenient form of distance education is the videotape format. Students may either purchase tapes or watch them at a local community college.

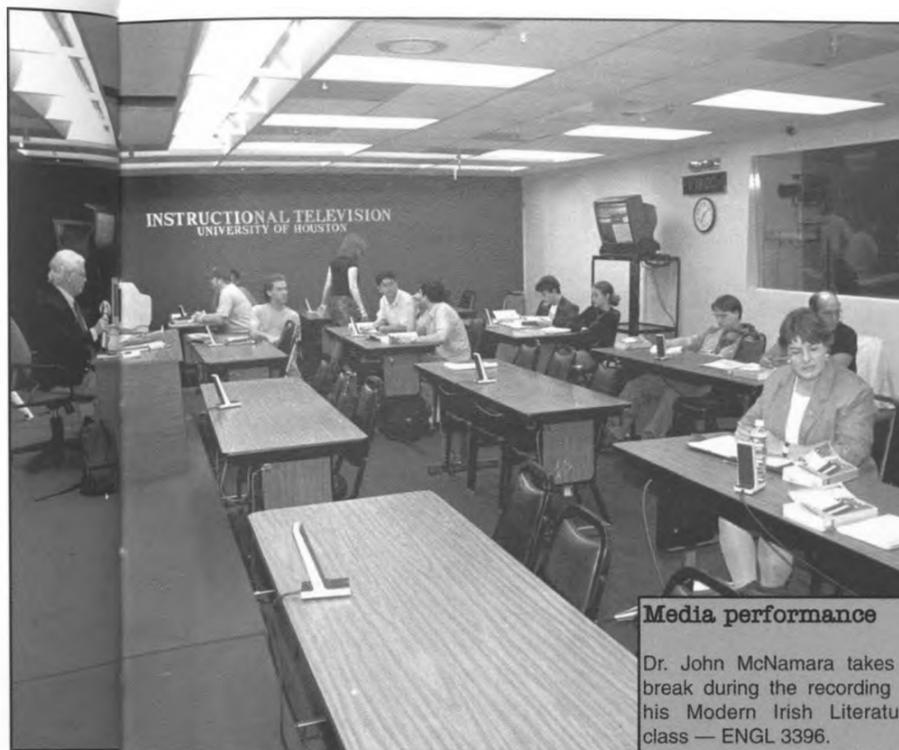
A selected number of courses is available for purchase. The courses are taped in previous semesters.

The most recent and most high-tech solution is the use of the Internet with academic purposes. Those who are used to surfing the web tend to like these courses.

Students registered for online classes must own a computer and a modem and have access to the World Wide Web.

Among the many online courses, students can register for COMM 3353 — Information and the Web — or CUIN 6373 — Instructional Design.

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Media performance

Dr. John McNamara takes a break during the recording of his Modern Irish Literature class — ENGL 3396.

by Pin Lim



Perfect image

Jo-Nathan Gwynn, director of TV, adjusts the image on the screen during the recording of a distance education class.

by Pin Lim



by Christy Varghese

About 3,300 students registered for Distance Education courses during the 2001 Spring semester.

Cynthia Silva, director of Distance Education Support Services, explains why.

Are distance education courses less demanding than regular courses?

No, I wouldn't say so. I'd say they are more self-paced but since they can become tedious, they require a lot of responsibility and accountability.

Is distance education intended to replace traditional education?

No. Distance education is mainly for students who work or who have children and find it difficult to get to the main campus. It is an option for them to get their degree.

Do you think that distance education is as effective as traditional education?

It is, but a lot depends on the attitude of the student.

Are the students graded in the same way as in regular courses?

Yes, that's exactly the same. We have the same high standards and we want our students to do well. Fortunately most of them understand this and they use distance education to their advantage.



by Johnny Kow

Exotic Granada beckons to UH students who enjoy adventure in their study-abroad program.

The beautiful Caribbean jewel is the chosen laboratory for students enrolled in GEOG 4598 — Selected Topics in Geography —, taught by Michael Doran.

"In a general concept, geographers are in charge of knowing why things are where they are," Doran said. "If you don't take a geography course and gain that exposure, you're at a disadvantage when you're competing with the Germans and the Japanese, who have a thorough geographic education."

While in the program, the students live in the island and study the terrain, the trade winds and the ocean currents of the Caribbean. They also research the impact geography has on the island's economy and ecology.

"The focus on intense undergraduate education is producing scholars before they even go to graduate school. I think that's excellence," Doran said.

Doran's study program has produced scholarly research on the island fishermen's use of sails instead of engines. The students' articles were submitted to the Mariner's Mirror in London and the American Neptune in Boston, Mass.

"Both articles were immediately accepted," Doran said proudly.



Turkey trip

Dr. Necati Sozuoz and students Fiona Stuart and Nevzer Turanli explained the advantages of studying in Turkey.

by Pin Lim



Big Ben

Students stopped at the study-abroad fair to pick up brochures describing England's highlights.

by Pin Lim

expanding your horizons

More than 100 programs at UH give students the chance to study abroad, have fun and learn about other cultures

College is a wonderful journey of discovery, a metamorphosis of mind and spirit that provides a forum to further creativity in ways students never imagined before.

The pursuit of a higher education is the ideal time to investigate new ideas and philosophies that will revolutionize our understanding and appreciation of the world.

The University of Houston offers students over 100 study-abroad programs to nurture their hunger for knowledge.

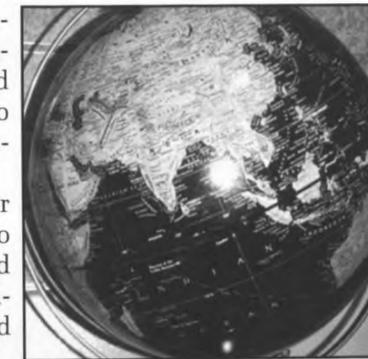
Study-abroad programs exist in virtually every field of study.

Students can search for the country and program that best suits their interests and apply through the corresponding department.

Thousands of UH students have already taken advantage of these programs to discover exotic cultures, learn foreign languages and, what is more important, stimulate their minds and complement their learning experience.

Studying abroad and getting in touch with people with different languages, religions, forms of government and even eating habits is enriching.

Going abroad and seeing the lifestyles of others is a way to open one's mind.



Those who participate in programs usually get back to the United States looking at themselves and at the country in a different light.

They usually appreciate diversity more and work to promote it.

In 2000, 1.3 percent of UH students traveled overseas.

UH is a member of the United States Abroad Consortium and has partner universities in more than 30 countries.

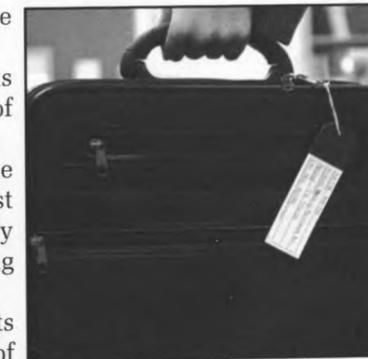
Business majors have the opportunity to travel and study in China.

Foreign language students can improve their language skills in France, Italy and Mexico.

Scholarships and financial aid are available to those who wish to study or have an internship abroad. The funds are provided through student fees and distributed by the UH international program.

Rodolfo Cortina, who handles the international exchange programs, said he hopes that UH will be able to incorporate more countries to its programs so that students will have even more options to choose from.

Cortina also said he hopes the programs will grow in student participation as word spreads around campus.



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what you should not miss

Free, on-campus activities enrich students' education and give them a break from their daily schedules

Even if two students share the same major, each learning experience is unique.

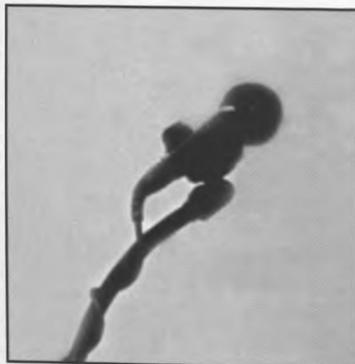
In a maze-like fashion, students face bountiful options as they work their way through the career path. In doing so, they may also choose to sprinkle their world with extra knowledge.

On-campus special lectures and events scheduled throughout the year are some of the resources they will find at hand to develop their own flavor.

This year's calendar covered cultural interests ranging from art lectures and science fairs to music concerts and fitness sessions. Well-known professionals from different backgrounds visited the University. Among them, former independent counsel Kenneth Starr and Stephen Jay Gould, professor of zoology and geology at Harvard University.

Dr. Steven Mintz, who teaches numerous courses in the Department of History, discussed how Hollywood manipulates historic events to adapt them to the screen.

In a lecture entitled "The Truth: Hollywood Style," Mintz showed brief segments of popular movies of all times to challenge attendants not to be passive viewers. Through "Birth of a Nation," "The Jazz Singer,"



"Casablanca", "Rocky" and others, he emphasized that, "Hollywood has been the most powerful educator of the past years."

Another special event at UH was "Behind the Mask," a joint initiative of the department of Art at UH and the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston. It featured five reputable speakers who lectured on the art of masquerading.

They all stressed that the notion that masks are confined to museums is a myth. They said masks are in strong demand because there are avid collectors around the world.

During the symposium, masks made of wood, feathers, leaves, seeds, leather, wool and other materials were displayed. Slides also showed masks bearing all kinds of facial features: protruding tongues, long beaks and disproportioned nostrils.

UH professor David Brauer said that different cultures have used masks to shift their identities because masks bring down the barriers of social prohibitions.

When the presentation was over, about 20 art history students gathered outside to exchange ideas.

Special events and lectures at UH are a gateway to discussion.

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Guess our names

Students welcome attendants to "Behind the Mask", a symposium on masks in art and the theatre organized by UH and the Museum of Fine Arts.
by Pin Lim



Texas codes

Former independent counsel Kenneth Starr waves goodbye as he leaves the Student Law Center wearing his new gift.
by Pin Lim



by Rich Risma

John Gray, a prestigious national and international trainer in the area of diversity, talked with students about stereotypes and racial prejudices and suggested strategies to manage them. These are some of the answers he gave to questions asked by those who attended his workshop.

How can we deal with our own stereotypes of others?

We can start by recognizing our own prejudices. Then we can try to understand where they come from and deal with them. And then we can develop strategies to manage diversity.

What's your philosophy to fight stereotypes?

I probably have stereotypes that I am not aware of, but I always keep in mind that we are all spiritual beings and that we are all going through a human experience. So we need to take the journey side by side. There are more similarities among us than differences.

If you had to summarize the main message you want to communicate, what would that be?

I want people to remember the importance of breaking their silence whenever discrimination of any sort comes up.



Quiet on the set

Director Sothea Kuy and assistant director Nicole Delay decide how the camera shots should be set up.

Shedding some light

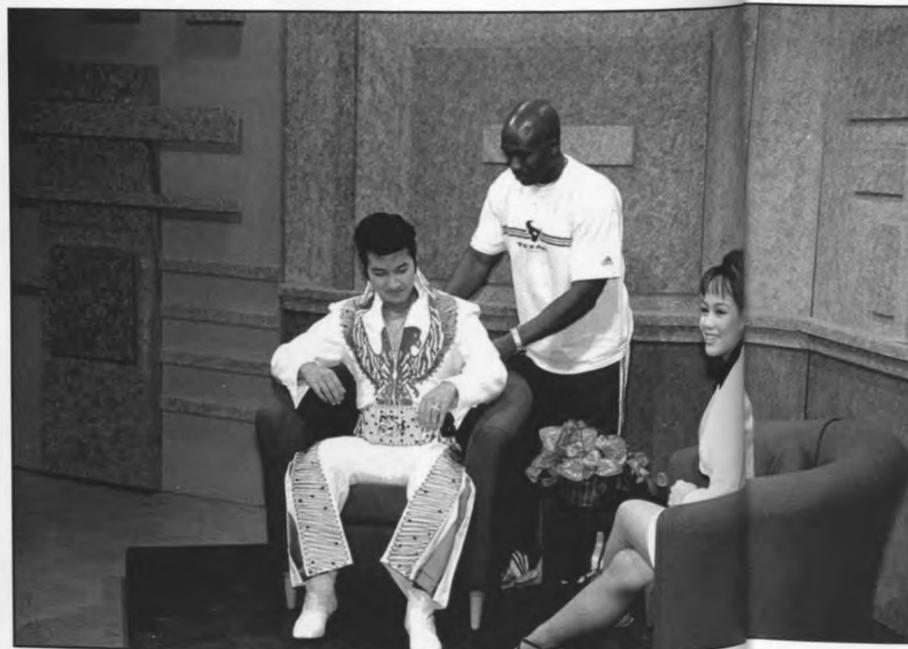
Lighting director Debbie Mazy adjusts an overhead light in the studio to properly light the talent on the set.



Students in the TV Producing and Directing I class tape an episode for Video Workshop that will air on Channel 8. The Saturday class gave students real world experience in the television production industry.

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An Elvis siting
Floor manager Terrick Smith mics Elvis John for an interview with host Andrea Nguyen.



Behind the scenes

Technical director Ramon Bernal and Chyron operator Jae Yoo wait for commands from the director.

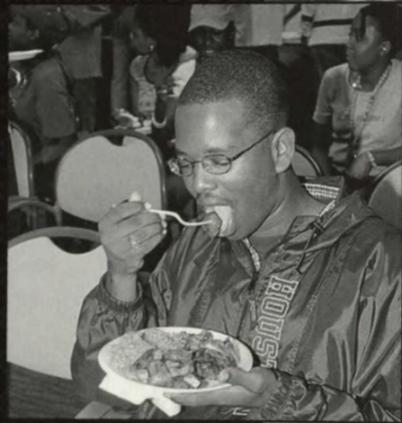
Camera shy

Camera operator Michelle Trimm listens to the director for shot instructions over her headset in the studio.



The Brains of Steel team, which are part of the local chapter of the ASCE, participate in the regional steel bridge competition.

Photo by Pin Lim



Organizations

To truly gain the college experience, the best thing to do at the University of Houston is to join an organization.

It's hard to believe all the different organizations that are available at UH. There are groups such as Filipino Student Association and the Black Student Union which reach out to specific races, but all UH students are welcome no matter what race they are.

There are religious groups such as Catholic Newman Student Association and political groups like the College Democrats. Sometimes it's just fun to join a group that deals with a specific hobby such as the Rugby Club and the Bowling Club. Don't forget about honor societies like the Golden Key Society for all UH scholars.

Join a student organization at UH is the best way to get involved and a great way to make lasting friendships. No matter what a student is interested in, he or she can always find an organization on campus to fit their interest.

ALL IN A ROW

Natalie Yeats, Michelle Norton and Erika Farris ate with a representative from another chapter, one of the many people they met while in Chicago. Photo courtesy of PRSSA.

Calendar of Events

- 9/13 Media Day
- 9/30 Car Wash
- 10/20 National Conference
- 12/21 Christmas Party
- 1/18 Pres/VP Nominations
- 2/1 Pres/VP Elections
- 4/6 Regionals at UT



GETTING A HEAD START

PRSSA helps prepare its members for their careers

In certain highly specialized majors, it is best to get a head start on preparation for employment after graduation. To that end, the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) was established to help public relations majors gain an entry into the world of PR.

PRSSA often assisted its parent organization, the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA), which was very influential in the PR community. "When you get a PR degree, you are expected to be in PRSSA," said senior public relations major Erika Farris. "If you're not, people wonder why." For this reason, most of the members' professors were in the group. This enabled the students to get to know their professors on a more personal level. Within the PRSSA group, the professors treated the students as peers, rather than pupils. When they returned to the classroom, the students' relationship with their professors was more familiar and less strained,

making it easier to ask questions and work with the professors.

PRSSA also helped its members seek employment. The group set the students up with internship opportunities throughout the PR community and also helped them through its mentorship program. A student could specify which aspect of the public relations field interested them the most, and the group would find a professor who specialized in that part of the job. This way, the student could learn

"It shows that you have initiative and enthusiasm."

-- Erika Farris

more about the opportunities available in that area, as well as getting personalized attention to help him or her make important career decisions.

No matter what opportunities the members of the organization choose to take advantage of, they built relationships with people who could help them later on down the line. "When you are in a field like PR, you have to be willing to get to know people and network," said Farris.

--Ashley Grubbs



PRSSA OFFICERS

Top: Michelle Norton, Kelly Papinchak, Allison Davis, Christina Foley, Vanessa Wade, Stephen Steficek. Bottom: Shenea Banks, Christine McCreary, Erika Farris, Melissa MacNeish. Photo by Pin Lim.

JUST MY OPINION

Nicole Haagenson shared her thoughts with the group at a PRSSA meeting. During the meetings, a guest speaker often came to share their experiences. Photo by Will Cordray.



TICKET TO RIDE

Natalie Yeats, Melissa MacNeish, Lindsey Fridge and Erika Farris rode the bus at the National Conference in Chicago. While there, they did some exploring as well. Photo courtesy of PRSSA.

HEALTHY ALTERNATIVES

AHPS shows members options in medical careers

The Allied Health Professions Society (AHPS) enabled its members to understand their chosen field of employment, and to form valuable networks of acquaintances while doing so.

Many students who came to the university planning a career in medicine did not realize the many options they had. "We wanted to introduce them to the health professions available besides pre-med," said junior Kim Coleman, president of AHPS. The fields investigated ranged from nursing and physical therapy to acupuncture.

More than simply introducing the members to the various career opportunities, the AHPS helped them to be better prepared to apply for and begin work in that venue. The main office housed journals for a wide variety of fields, which the students could access in order to keep up with the advances in their particular area of study. "When you go to apply to your school, one

of the questions they ask is what is happening in your field," said Ivy Amadin, a sophomore biology major. "It really helps to keep up-to-date."

AHPS helped its members prepare for their later schooling in other ways as well. They organized study groups so that the students could share their knowledge and past experiences with newer members.

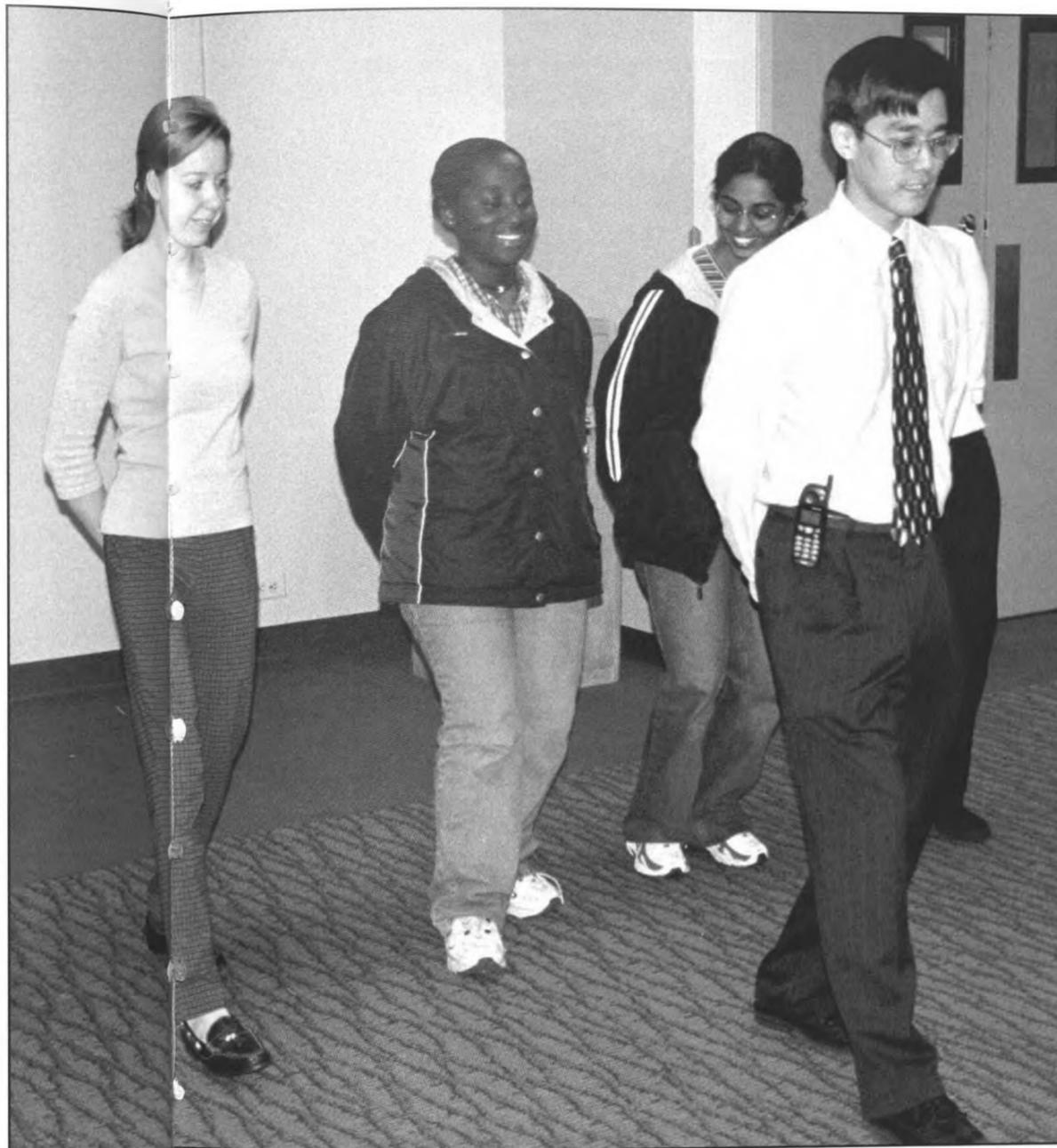
"We want to help students be better prepared to apply to health schools."

- Kim Coleman

"We all take many of the same classes," Coleman pointed out, "so the chances are, if you're about to take a class, somebody else in the group has already taken it and they can give you advice." The members found this advantage particularly useful.

No matter what their chosen field of study, students in the AHPS were able to find resources to help them along the way. "It's a big network of people who can help you in your classes, or your job, or anything you need," said Coleman.

-Ashley Grubbs



TWO STEPS FORWARD

Kim Coleman, Ivy Amadin, and Anju Sam followed the lead of the speaker at their meeting, an acupuncturist, who was teaching them how to walk in Tai Chi.

Calendar of Events

- 9/5 Meeting
- 9/19 Dr. Lloyd Michael
- 9/26 Bake Sale
- 10/3 Dr. Jeff Baker
- 10/17 Dr. Lou
- 10/21 UNT Field Trip
- 10/31 Bake Sale
- Raffle Drawing
- 11/7 Phyllis Jendrusch
- Melodee Mancuso
- 11/21 John Paul Liang
- Scholarship Awards

MMM, COOKIES!

Pamela Kumar and Lauren Vassigh sold treats at an AHPS bake sale. The bake sales were an effective way for the group to raise money for its activities.



AS YOU CAN SEE...

Lauren Vassigh presented ideas for volunteer opportunities at a meeting. The group encouraged volunteering, and helped its members find ways to do so.

AHPS MEMBERS

Top: Anju Sam, Fances Pham, Kim Coleman, Joey Hurt, Terry Agbara, Holland Nquyen. Bottom: Monique Mills, Lauren Vassigh, Ivy Amadin, Quyen Tran.

LOOKING AROUND

MBA Marketing major Carla Di Castro paused from her meal during one of the IMBAS outings. The outings were a chance for the members to explore Houston.

Calendar of Events

- 9/9 Social at Cafe Milagro
- 9/16 St. Arnold Brewery Tour
- 10/1 Houston ship Channel Tour
- 10/5 Chase Bank Presentation
- 10/17 Cap Gemini Earnst and Young Mixer



BUSINESS & PLEASURE

International MBA Society shares culture and ideas

The International MBA Society (IMBAS) helped its members to better understand the American culture as it related to business activities. Its name was somewhat deceptive, however, as it welcomed faculty as well as students from all majors.

Through mixers and other activities, the members of the group came to know one another. They explored Houston with various tours, such as their trip to the ship channel. All of these events helped the students to become more used to the city in which they were living, and also to get a feel for the American society in general.

In addition to helping international students discover the practices of the United States, IMBAS worked to teach its American members about other world cultures. They took trips to different foreign festivals and learned about the customs of each others countries.

The most notable function of IMBAS, though, was the groups connection to the many business organizations in Houston. Through round-table conferences with different speakers from professors to consulates, the members discussed topical issues of different regions. Many companies worked with IMBAS to set up mixers and recruitment nights, where the students could learn about that company. Through these events, the students formed networks of contacts who could help them when the time came to find employment in the business world.

"It's a great way to form networks for the future."

- Joy Wangdi

In an effort to facilitate membership, the group was very relaxed. There were no membership dues, and they avoided as much as possible a bureaucratic atmosphere. "They had a casual, laid-back approach that appealed to me," said second-year MBA student Joy Wangdi.

-Ashley Grubbs



IMBAS OFFICERS

Top row: Mingma Wangdi, Jie Zhang, Gregoire Poyet-Smith, I-Kuang Hung. Bottom row: Monisha Vasanthkumari, Marian Newman, Ashima Puri.

ROCK THE BOAT

MBA Finance major Cindy Wen-Hsin Kan, MBA Marketing major Gregoire Poyet-Smith, and MBA Marketing major Sarah Yi-Wen Su took a break during the Ship Channel Tour.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

A group of IMBAS members hung out at a restaurant during one of their outings. The many trips the group took helped to familiarize them with the Houston scene.

PUTTING ON A SHOW

Cougar Dolls encourage teams with performances

No halftime show would have been complete without a performance from the Cougar Dolls. These talented young ladies took the spotlight during all home football games, as well as some away games and some basketball games.

The Cougar Dolls worked hard to earn their spots on the team. Each year, the girls were required to try out again, in order to make sure that the group had only the most dedicated and hardworking girls.

The performances of the Dolls varied with the venue in which they danced. At the football games, the dance style was more jazzy, as the girls performed with the band. In addition, the girls were more active at the football games.

"There's more involved," said junior business major Samantha DeHoyos, the Cougar

Dolls. "I love standing up the whole time." The basketball shows, though they did not involve as much, were equally important, and very popular with the students. Since the girls did not perform with the band, they had a greater variety of music and dance styles available to them. Generally, they chose a song the students would recognize. "We try to pick popular songs -- things the students will like," said Susie Matthews, the Cougar Dolls director.

Regardless of what kind of music they chose, the dances were always upbeat and interesting. "We are there to encourage the team and entertain the audience," said Matthews. "It only works if we make the dances exciting." DeHoyos agreed. "We want to make sure the students are into it," she said. "That's the whole point."

-Ashley Grubbs

"There's so much spirit in the air -- I love it!"

-Samantha DeHoyos



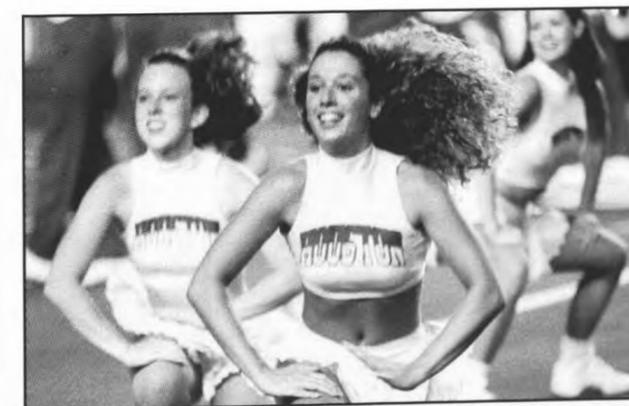
AND THERE YOU GO
Senior communications major Bonnie McSwain finished a performance with flair. The dances were designed to be stimulating to the teams and fans. Photo by Will Cordray

Calendar of Events

- 8/29 Bake Sale
- 9/2 Tubing
- 9/12 Trash pick-up
- 10/8 Meeting
- 10/20 Noisy Party
- 11/5 Ashley's Birthday

GOT THE MOVES

Junior business major Samantha DeHoyos performed at a game. The girls had to remain enthusiastic in order to inspire the crowd and the players. Photo by Will Cordray



KEEPING BALANCED

Sophomore dance major Edith Saldana and senior communications major Bonnie McSwain ended a performance at the Rice football game. Photo by Will Cordray

READY AND ...

The Cougar Dolls perform one of their creative dance routines at one of the UH football games. Photo by Will Cordray

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The Democrats continued their discussion during a meeting while they grabbed a snack. During the meetings, the group planned their activities.

Calendar of Events

Democrats Rally

Democratic Speakers

Political Debates

General Meetings



LIBERAL VIEWPOINTS

College Democrats promote informed voting decisions

In such a turbulent election year, party politics were hotly debated and, as the nation was told repeatedly, every vote counted. For this reason, the College Democrats worked hard to promote their ideals and encourage voter participation.

One of the group's biggest ventures was the College Democrats Rally. It was held on the hill in front of the UC Satellite, and included a variety of distinguished speakers from the Houston area, as well as games and activities. This was an opportunity for students to meet and question prominent Democrats, and to learn more about the party's platforms and ideals.

Another of the Democrats' endeavors was in encouraging the students to vote.

They worked with the College Republicans in a non-partisan effort to increase student awareness of the issues, and to make them realize how important it was for them to make their voices heard.

The group also met up with the Republicans in a completely different atmosphere: a debate. The debate covered the issues of education and gun control, and spectators were able to gain a better understanding of the Democrats' positions

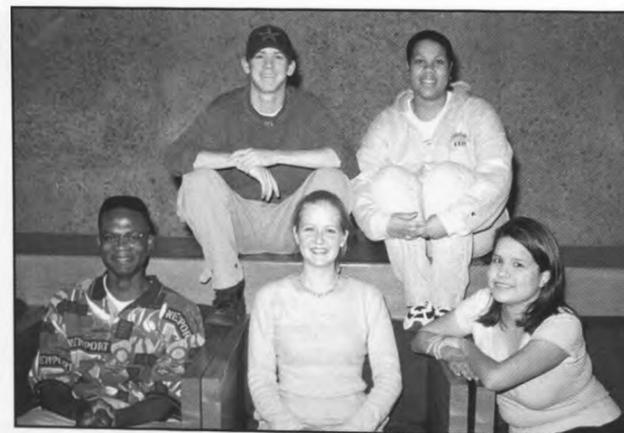
"It was great to help raise political awareness on campus."

- Rebecca Guerrero

in these key issues.

In everything the group did, they worked to make sure the students understood their point of view, which then allowed each student to make an informed decision regarding his or her own beliefs.

-Ashley Grubbs

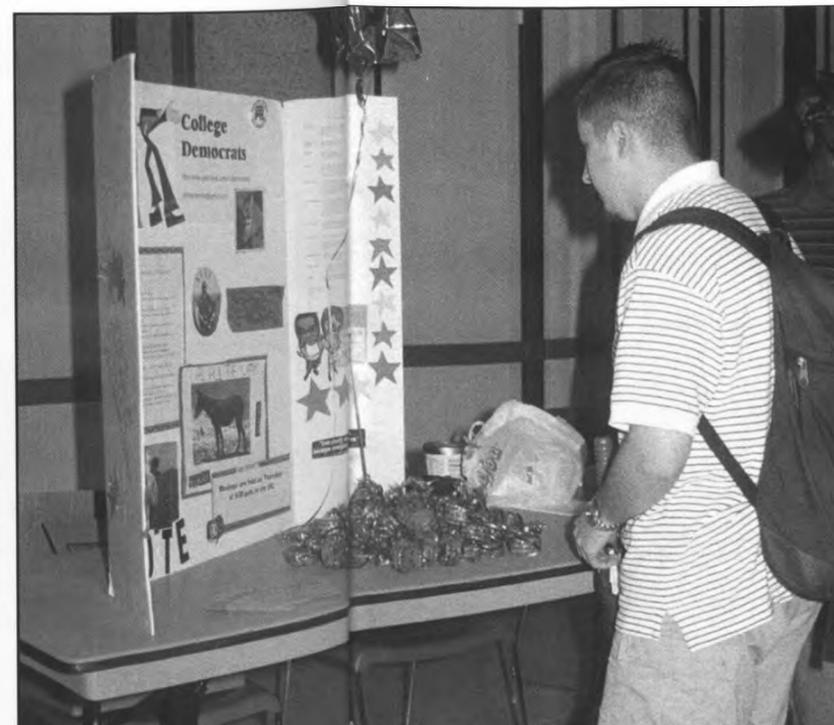


DEMOCRAT OFFICERS

Top Row: Daniel Josh and Tresha Charles. Bottom Row: Ike Emejulu, Michelle Hinson and Rebecca Guerrero.
Photo by Nora Segura

CHECKING THE FACTS

Fabian Barrera examines a College Democrats display. The group made signs to encourage the students to vote, as well as promote their own views.



HEY BATTER BATTER

A visitor to the Democrat rally took a swing at a pinata shaped like an elephant. The rally offered this and many other activities, including several prominent speakers.

SHARING THEIR VIEWS

College Republicans put forth conservative ideals

Strong political advocates for traditional values came together to form the College Republicans. Students who shared the same conservative views met on a weekly basis to discuss the latest happenings in the political realm. Not only did they stay informed with the news, but they also strove to promote Republican ideals around campus among their fellow students.

Through various activities during the year, the Republicans sought to raise interest in their group.

Guest speakers at meetings challenged the Republicans to be more informed and aware of their conservative ideologies. When important political events – such as the presidential debates – occurred, the Republicans hosted a viewing party for members of the organization and other politically active Cougars. They even met with the College Democrats in a debate forum of their own. This debate allowed the Republicans to compare and

contrast their opinions with the more liberal views of the Democrats.

The College Republicans put their political convictions aside for the important issue of voter registration. The organization members cruised the campus encouraging students to register to vote so their opinions could be heard.

"We can exchange ideas and be politically active."

- Adam D. Elrod

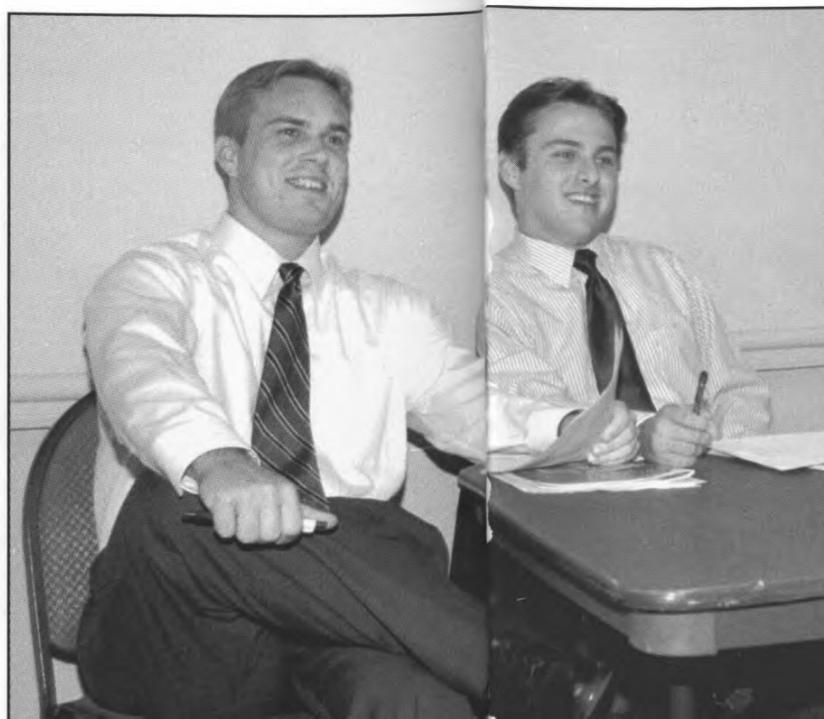
The Republicans were viewpoints and were eager to voice their opinions. However, their greatest contribution to UH was shelving their opinions to promote vot-

ing among students of any party. Whether they were hosting debates or rallying bipartisan voters, these conservative students promoted what they felt to be a vital aspect of society: politics. It was not only political debate that they deemed most important, but the Republicans' focus was the freedom of each American to cast his or her own ideological shadow.

-Jamie Kidd

WITH CONFIDENCE

Phyllis Schaftley spoke at one of the College Republican meetings. The group often invited prominent republicans to come speak at their functions. Photo by Max Lacayo



WE REST OUR CASE

Senior political science majors Ben Jones and Adam D. Elrod sit back during a debate with the College Democrats, which covered education and gun control. Photo by Rich Risma

KEEPING TRACK

Junior business major Jake McKim and Senior communications major Tye Stevens keep track of all the election results from television. Photo by Pete Medrano



VOICING OPINIONS

Junior accounting major Michael Abbott speaks about his take on the campaign and what he expects from the election. Photo by Pete Medrano

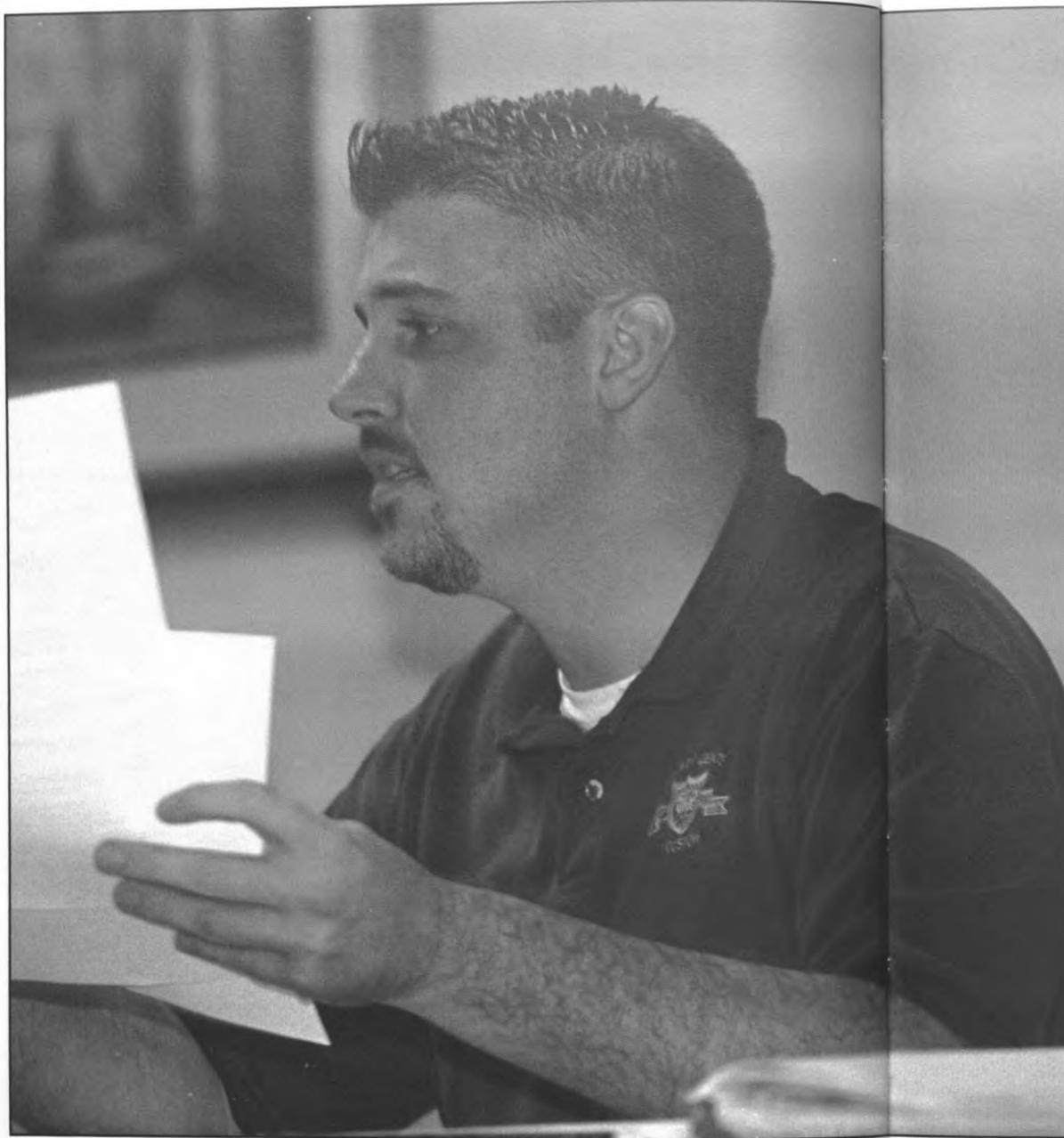
Calendar of Events

- 8/29 Bake Sale
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HERE IN BLACK & WHITE
Senior political science major Justin Ray consults his notes during a meeting. The group used their meetings to make major decisions about the school. Photo by Ann Richter

Calendar of Events

- Bi-monthly meetings
- Special impeachment hearings
- Flyer hearings
- Presidential Debate
- Officer Elections



MAKING CHANGES

Student Government works to improve school

It's late evening, classes are over and the daily activities of the students in the University Center have ceased, the Speaker of the House pounds his gavel; the meeting has come to order. Members of the Student Government Association (SGA) sacrificed their own personal agendas to fight for the needs of the students. "We work so hard because we actually care about the concerns of our student body," said student body president James Robertson.

"We represent the students' voice."

-- James Robertson

The Student Government Association consisted of the student senate -- the student body President, Vice President, Student Regent, Director of Finance, and Director of Public Relations -- plus the student court. These members also participated in other committees, councils and boards. "I began participating in SA by becoming a member of the executive staff, working to make the campus safer and more accessible for handicapped stu-

dents. I enjoyed fighting to push these issues so much, I have now made a decision to run for a senator seat," said finance senior, George Siglar.

The Student Government Association made some outstanding firsts in their work to provide improvements for the university. For example, for the first time in the history of SGA,

Chartwell's drink prices were lowered. In addition, campus security has increased through executive task forces such as ETS- a fast response group designed to handle

emergencies on campus. Twenty-four hour library access during finals was also established.

The SGA had a few stumbling blocks placed in their way during the year, but they managed to work around them to focus on university improvement. The group was optimistic about the future of the SGA, and planned to continue to make improvements in the coming years,

-Donica Beckett



STUDENT GOVERNMENT
First Row: James Robertson, Justin Ray, Lashawnda Wingard, Vanessa Flores, Mia Willis, Julie Grimes, Temitope Ayoola, Wendy Ballard, Craig Stewart. Second Row: Eric Idiahi, Charles Michael Berry, Rob Klementich, Sara Moosavi, Amanda Koss, Faisal Zahed, Jeff Hill. Photo by Rich Risma

TAKING NOTES
SGA members listen to the proceedings during a meeting. Each decision made by the group required thorough discussion and deliberation. Photo by Christine McCreary



SOMETHING TO SAY
SGA President James Robertson, a senior MIS major, gave a speech during a special presidential meeting. His term had some controversy, but the SGA worked through it. Photo by Heri Chen

A WARM RECEPTION

Ambassadors make new students feel welcome

When choosing a university, it is often difficult to get an accurate idea of the school simply from brochures and faculty interviews. For this reason, the UH ambassadors stepped in, offering a student's perspective on campus life to interested high schoolers.

The job of the Ambassadors was to acquaint prospective students with the school, from the point of view of a fellow student. They did this by working with the admissions office to find interested students, then calling to inform them of upcoming campus events. They also attended College Nights at many area high schools, handing out information and answering questions.

Another significant responsibility for the Ambassadors was working with transfer students to help familiarize them with the school. This helped the students to feel more at home and less intimidated on an unfamiliar place.

To become an Ambassador, a student had to

fulfill a number of obligations. There was a thorough interview process at the beginning of each semester, and those chosen were required uphold a 2.5 minimum GPA. They also conducted at least one campus tour per week and two group tours per semester, although most did more.

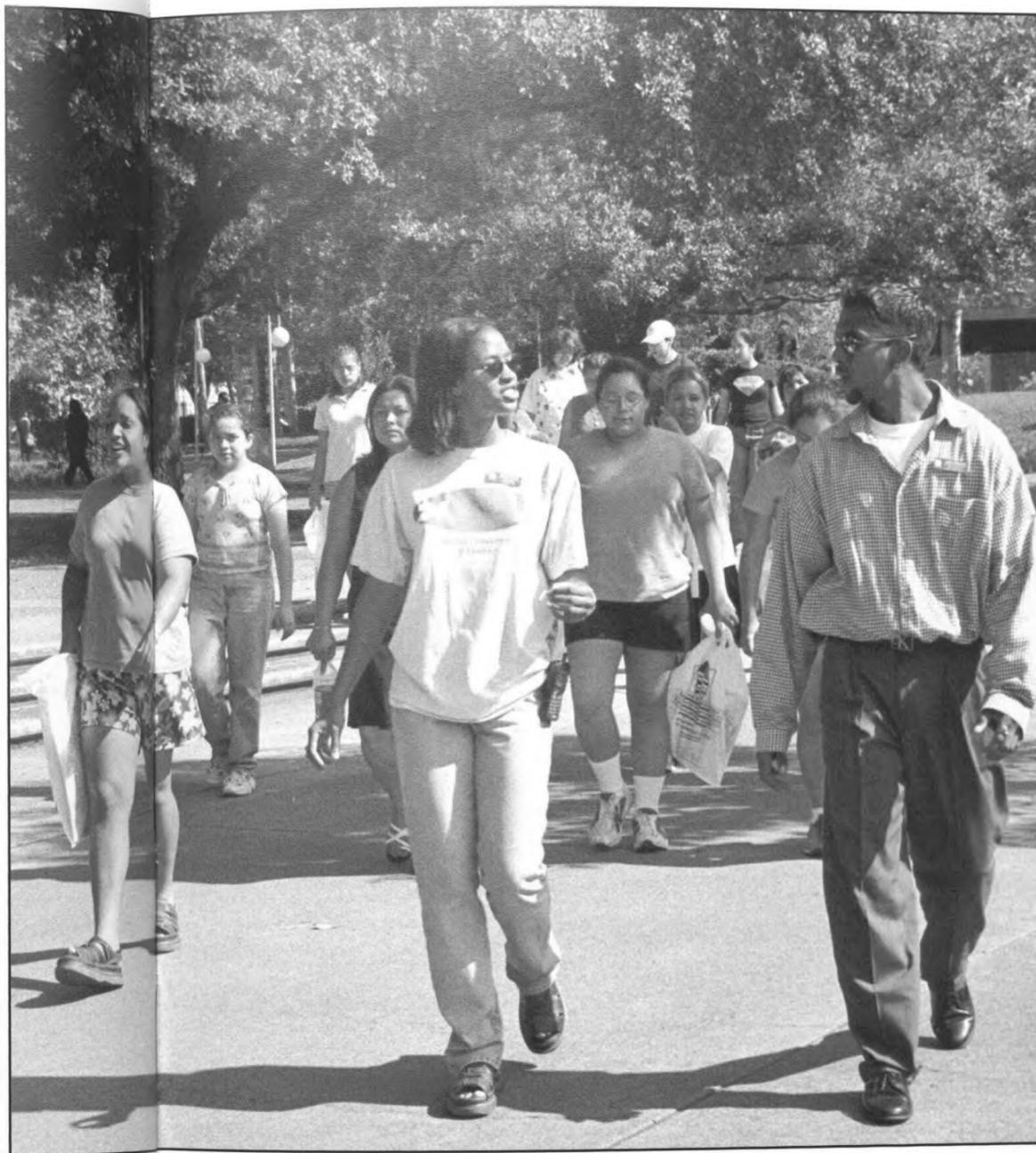
There were many advantages to becoming an Ambassador. "I wanted to join an organization where I would meet a lot of people from different majors," said senior Alan Panek, a hotel and restaurant management major and the president of the Ambassadors.

Like other members of the group, Panek joined after seeing the Ambassadors in action and wishing to get involved. It had many positive effects for its members: it helped get them familiar with the campus, improve their speaking skills, and meet new friends. It also gave them the satisfaction of knowing that they helped make the transition to UH a bit easier for many students.

-Ashley Grubbs

"It's important to me to do something that enables me to give back to the university."

-- Alan Panek



CHATTING IT UP

Two Ambassadors talked as they led their group to the next stop on the campus tour. Touring the campus was a good way for visitors to learn about the University. Photo by Brian Viney

Calendar of Events

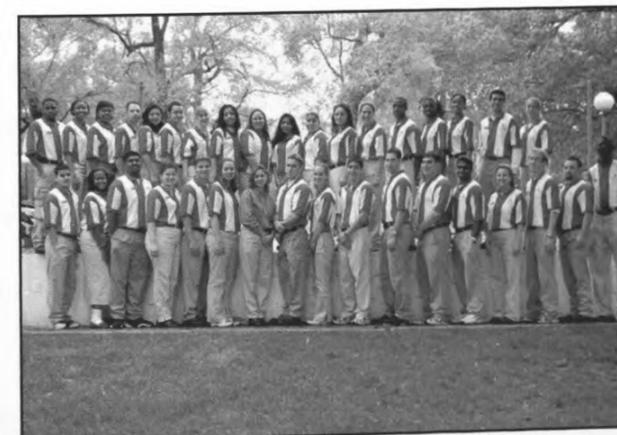
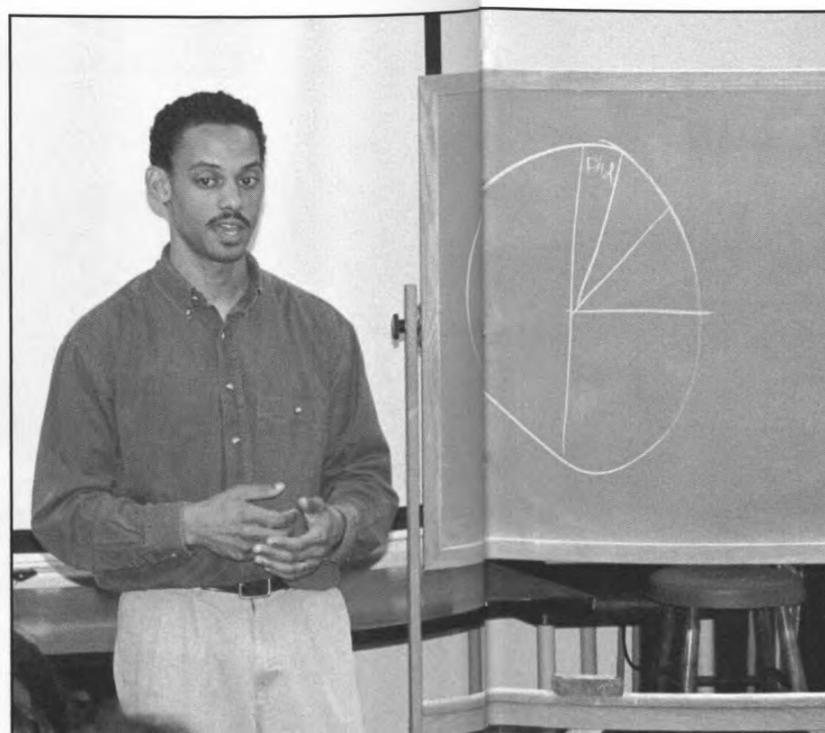
Student Orientation

Cougar Preview

Transitions

FALL IN!

An Ambassador leads her group of visitors on a campus tour. The Ambassadors often conducted tours for elementary students who came to see the University. Photo by Brian Viney



SO THEY SAY

An Ambassador gave a presentation to some prospective UH students about the college experience. The Ambassadors helped prepare students for life at UH. Photo by Brian Viney

UH AMBASSADORS

The group of UH ambassadors gathered for a group shot. The group was very popular because it gave the students a chance to do something for the school. Photo by Chris Galloway

SERVE IT UP

Two volunteers serve food at one of the Baptist Student Ministry's weekly luncheons. There was always a wider variety of food offered to the students.

Photo by Ann Richter



FUN WITH A PURPOSE

Baptist Ministry provided entertainment, enlightenment

Students who attend large universities often have the disadvantage of getting lost in the crowd. One organization who sought to combat that situation was the Baptist Student Ministry (BSM). The purpose of the BSM was to spread the gospel while providing students with an opportunity to socialize in a safe, fun, moral environment. They held many regular activities as well as some special events in order to achieve that goal.

The most popular of the BSM's efforts was the weekly luncheons. These events were free and, in addition to the meal, featured a guest speaker -- usually a local minister or a UH alumnus. This was also a good time to find out about upcoming events on the BSM calendar.

Another of the BSM's weekly activities was the family groups. These evenings also included a meal, as well as praise and worship music with a live band, and a discussion group or Bible study, depending on the week. While these events were

not as highly attended, they were uplifting for the regular patrons.

Once a month, the group held a coffeehouse night, which was mainly a social event designed to help introduce people to the group and its ideals while showing them a good time. The coffeehouses were the group's biggest outreach, which took place at the BSM building. They included music and entertainment, and generally drew a sizable crowd.

The group had many other regular activities to keep the stu-

dents involved. "It's a great opportunity to serve in the ministry," said Jimmy Sanders, an executive council member. The group was supported by a variety of local (not exclusively Baptist) churches. Since the group was not a membership organization and was open to anybody, the students knew they would always be welcome, but they had the freedom to come and go as they pleased.

-Ashley Grubbs

"We try to give the students a place to go where they will feel comfortable."

- Jimmy Sanders

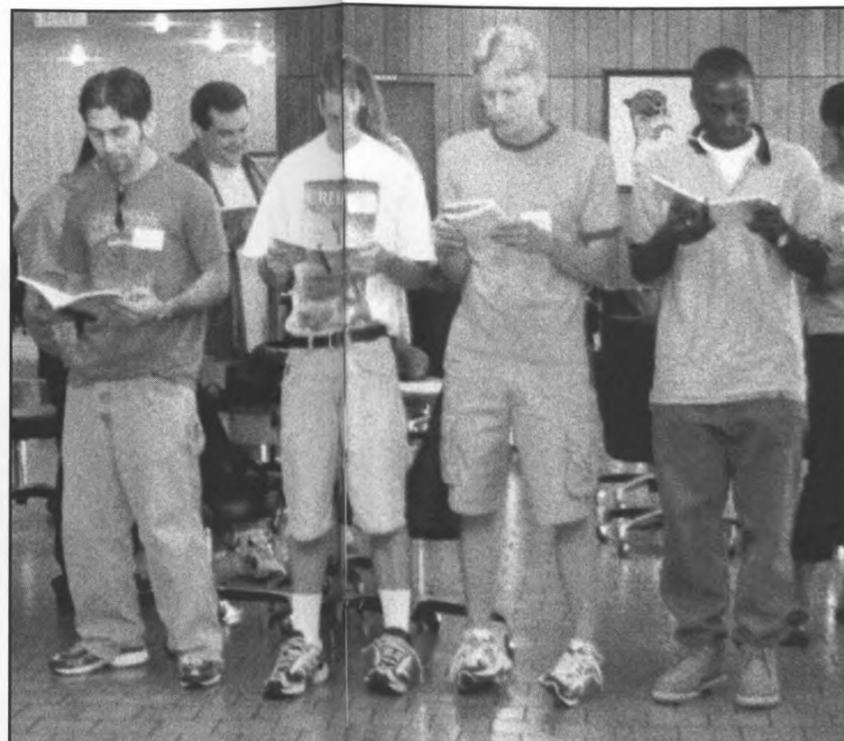


BSM OFFICERS

Left to Right: Joshua Lawrence, Ryan Scrutchin, Kristin Verzwylt, Tana White, Joseph Salas, Jimmy Sanders, Craig Butler (director).
Photo by Brian Viney

MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC

Four attendees at one of the luncheons joined the group in singing before the meal. Each meal began with a prayer and a song before the students ate.
Photo by Ann Richter



TAKE A LOOK

Junior history major Carrie Anderson and senior political science major Nick Walters help get everything set up for one of the luncheons.

Photo by Ann Richter

Calendar of Events

KSBJ live broadcast

Mission trip to South Padre Island

Alpha

Weekly luncheons

Coffee Houses

Family Groups

Bible Studies

Prayer Meetings

HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Catholic Student Organization gave students a place to go

When a student leaves for college, he leaves behind many things: family, friends, and church are just a few. For those reasons, students often become homesick, or are nervous about finding their place. The Catholic Student Organization sought to make that easier for them.

The Catholic Student Organization was accessible to students in order to make them feel more comfortable while they were in college. "The Catholic Center is just like a house, and anybody is welcome," said senior biology major Denise Calvo.

The group also gave the students an opportunity to meet and fellowship with other Catholic Students. The students attended many activities, such as socials, holiday parties, and outings to restaurants and cafes. On Friday

nights, the members went out together in Houston, to a club, or bowling, or any other sort of activity where they could hang out together. They also worked together at outreach activities, such as working in soup kitchens and homeless shelters.

The most important aspect of the group, however, was to help the students grow spiritually. There was a retreat each semester, where the students could get away to just be together and learn more about God. They also held weekly meetings and Bible Studies at the Catholic Center.

While some students were struggling to fit in to a huge group of people throughout the campus, many found refuge in the smaller group of Catholic Student Organization members.

-Ashley Grubbs



DECISIONS, DECISIONS

The CSO officers worked during a meeting to plan events. The officers led the group, arranging socials, outreaches, and other activities for the students.

Photo by Brian Viney

Calendar of Events

Bible Studies

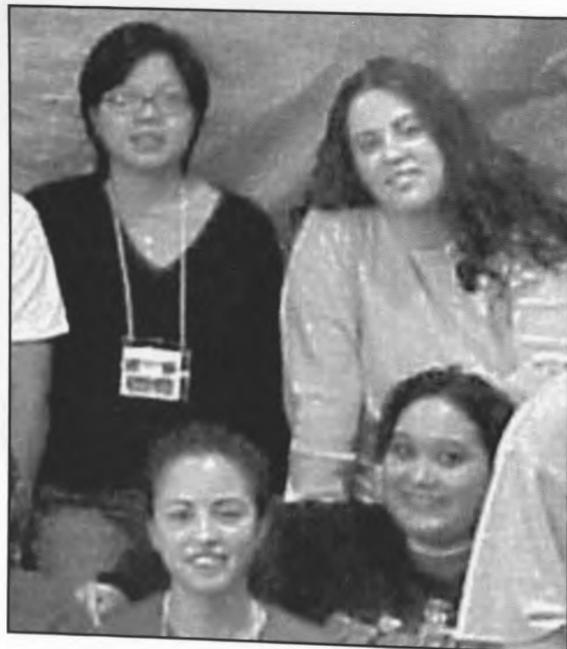
Outreach programs

Friday Night outings

Socials

SITTING OUT

Catholic Students Organization members took a rest during the fall retreat. The retreats gave the members a chance to improve their leadership skills and have fun. Photo courtesy of CSO



PLAY BALL!

Catholic Students' Organization members played football on the beach during a retreat. The students enjoyed getting together to hang out and have fun. Photo courtesy of CSA

CSO OFFICERS

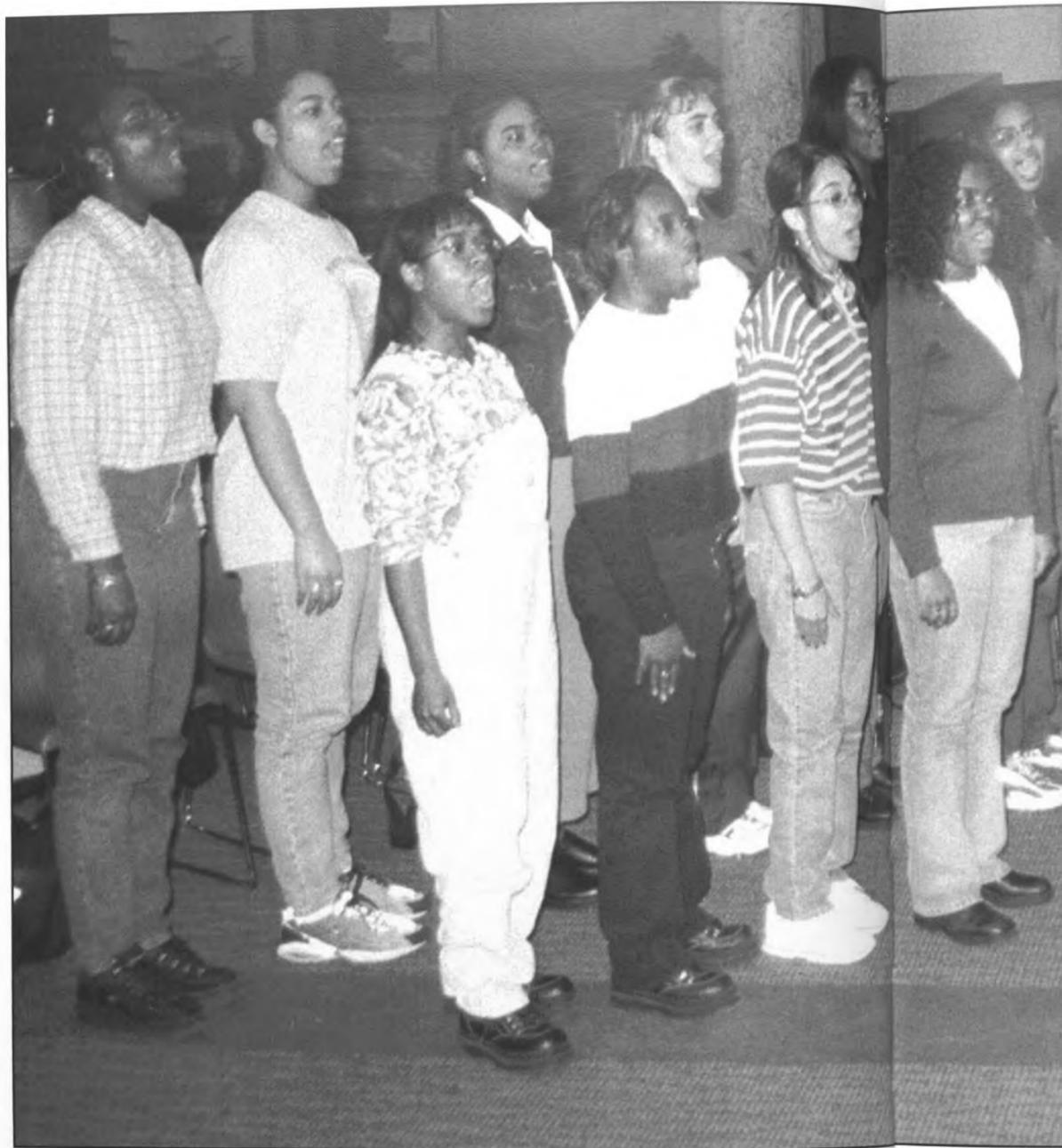
The 2000-2001 officers gathered for their picture. The officers were in charge of arranging the activities for the Catholic Students Organization. Photo by Brian Viney

SING IT OUT

Khalilah Stonum, Catina Haynes, Sara Preston, Krisi Heer, Acelia Taylor, Melani Raby, Juriya Daniels, Karla Williams, Chaunte Middleton and Dana Wilson.
Photo by Nora Segura

Calendar of Events

- Summer Youth Conference
- Wesley Foundation/
African American Studies
Tent Revival
- United Campus Ministries
Picnic
- Praisefest 2000
- "The Event"
- Saltshakers 2000
- TCU Anniversary
- SMU Fellowship
- Lamar University Anniversary
- "See You At The Pole"
- Cougar Preview
- Cougar Craze
- Wheeler Ave. Baptist
Church College Night
- Mu Delta Health Fair
- Sunny 99.1 Holiday Market
- Gamma Phi Delta Arbor Jam
- GNGC 21st Anniversary
- Delta Sigma Theta Prayer Breakfast
- Rodeo Fundraising
- Star Spangled Banner performance
- African American Studies Banquet
- Black National Anthem @ Alpha
Phi Alpha Black & Gold pageant
- Black History Festival
- BSU Apollo Night
- Sigma Gamma Rho Week
- UT Anniversary
- Arbor Jam w/Ed Perry & Choir
- "Praise & Worship 2001" @
Riverside United Methodist Church
- House repair w/Shalom Zone



SPREADING GOOD NEWS

Gospel Choir shares the Word of God through song

Good News Gospel Choir (GNGC) was hailed as one of UH's premier Christian organizations. Every Friday night, through melodious song, the fifty-member choir transformed the World Affairs Lounge into an arena of praise and worship.

The group's 2001 theme, "Pressing Toward the Mark" (derived from Philippians 3:10-21) struck a chord with members because of its uplifting message of perseverance. "Good News is here to uplift the people in the choir so that they have a stronger foundation in the Word and a stronger relationship with Christ," said senior Dana Wilson, president of GNGC.

As a result of the choir's existence, students had an active environment filled with fun and fellowship. Good News sang at various events on campus, including their annual fall concert as well as Praisefest. They also participated in Salt Shakers, a group that showcased the

variety of Christian organizations on campus. The choir was also invited to sing the national anthem at sporting events and to perform at various churches and universities throughout Texas.

For many students, Good News began as a social club, but evolved into much more. "When I first joined the choir, it was just a fun organization that I was interested in," said sophomore

"GNGC is perfect for meeting other Christians and having a stronger relationship with God."

-- Dana Wilson

Chaunte Middleton. "But as time went by it became a ministry, and I was adopted into a family." The choir's family atmosphere contributed to a student's relationship

with Christ. "You will definitely know God better than you did when you came," Wilson said.

In February, Good News celebrated its 21st anniversary of spreading the Gospel around the UH campus and in surrounding communities. Committed to the concepts of Christ's love and perseverance, Good News planned to continue to "press on toward the mark."

-Acelia Taylor



GOOD NEWS

The Good News Gospel Choir consisted of over 30 members, each of whom created spent many hours rehearsing for their various shows.

Photo by Nora Segura

IF I HAD A SONG

Timothy Williams, Tommy Mitchell, Shante Brooks, Jamaal Ellis and Michael Scott rehearse for one of the choir's many performances.

Photo by Nora Segura



FROM THE TOP

Choir director DuWayne Davis conducted the group during a rehearsal. The weekly rehearsals were vital to refining the group's performances.
Photo by Nora Segura

NOT JUST CARTOONS

Anime No Kai explores
Japanese animation

Crazes may come and go in the minds of the general public, but it is the true fans who realize the depth of the subjects. Anime is no exception to that rule. The Anime No Kai group provided a place for Anime enthusiasts to meet and explore the art.

Every Friday, the group had a showing in the UC Satellite where students could drop in to catch a show. There was a variety of material shown throughout the year, but the showings consisted mostly of serial television shows. They tended to be more action oriented rather than soap-opera style, because it was easy to pick up on the plot without having been there for the previous showings. "We try to pick shows that will appeal to a wide variety of people," said Jennifer Boehm, a junior information systems technology major and the president of Anime No Kai. It seemed to work, as the shows were often filled

"I've met a lot of friends here, and all of them share my thoughts about Anime."

- Jennifer Boehm

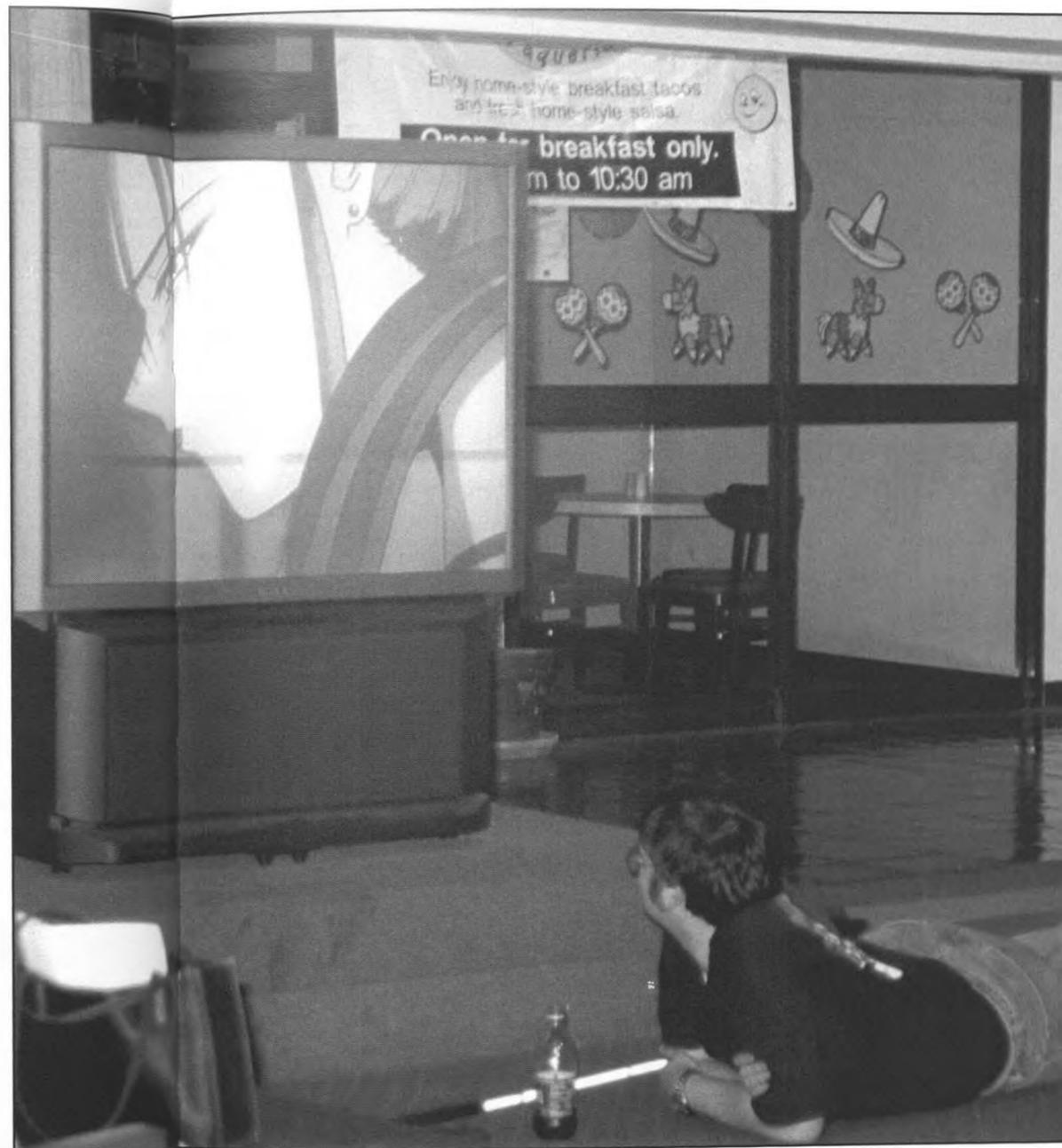
with students from all grades and majors.

The bi-monthly meetings were devoted to the more technical side of the club, such as dues and activities. The group's biggest activity was called Project Akon, a large Anime convention in Dallas. This was a chance for members of the group to go and learn more about Anime. There

were showings all day, as well as group discussions of topics such as Anime's various styles, its treatment of women, and how different groups of people received it.

Anime No Kai was a great opportunity for students to meet other people who shared their interest. After the shows, the students often went out to eat, get coffee, or just hang out together. No matter what the rest of their daily lives looked like, it was certain that they shared an enthusiasm for an art form, and Anime No Kai gave them a place to explore it.

-Ashley Grubbs



KEEPING FOCUSED

A visitor to Anime No Kai watched one of the movies showed at a Friday screening. The Friday showings usually consisted of several short cartoons. Photo by Nora Segura

Calendar of Events

Every Wednesday & Friday
Showings @ UC
Satellite

Bake Sales

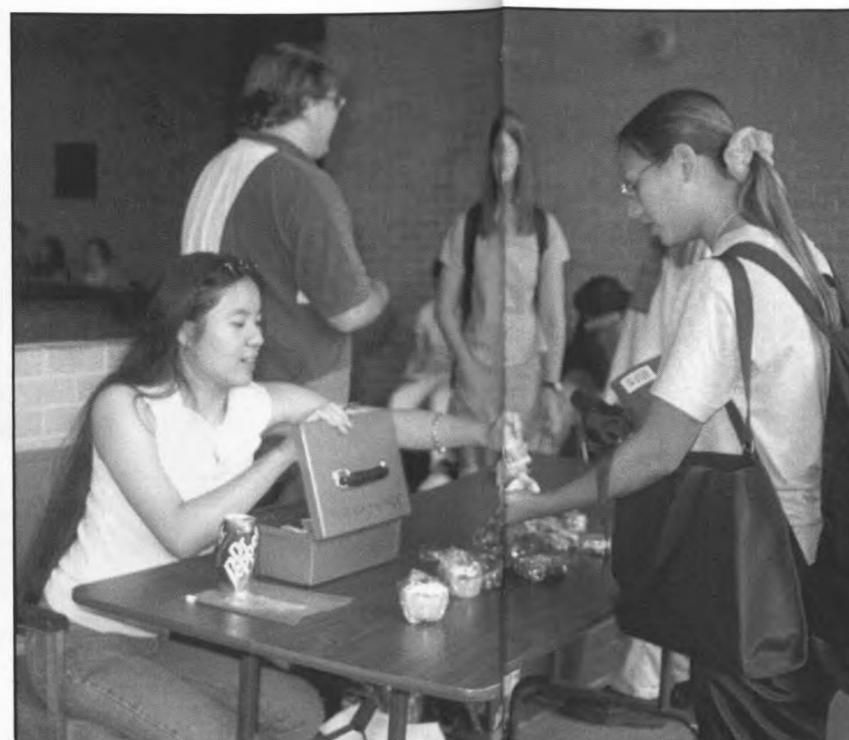
Bi-Monthly meetings

Project Akon

MAKE A CHOICE

Junior information systems technology major Jennifer Boehm prepared to begin a showing. There was a wide variety of anime shows available at the screenings.

Photo by Nora Segura



SERVE IT UP

Junior hotel and restaurant management major Tsai-Lin Wong sold cookies to senior business major Sonia Villellando at a bake sale fundraiser. Photo by Nora Segura

PAY ATTENTION

A group of students enjoyed one of the weekly showings. The Anime No Kai group attracted students from all classifications and majors. Photo by Nora Segura

PUT TO A VOTE

Junior French/English major Jesus Perez and freshman undergraduate studies major Rusty Fletcher voted in the officer elections.

Photo by Nora Segura

Calendar of Events

- Car Wash
- National Coming Out Day
- Halloween Party -- Candy distribution
- Thanksgiving Dinner
- World AIDS Day
- Christmas/Hanukkah, Kwanzaa party
- Giving out Christmas candy
- Gay Awareness Week
- Pride Parade on Montrose



JUST LIKE ANYONE ELSE

GLOBAL is less about being gay, more about being together

No matter how different they may seem on the outside, people are basically the same. This was one of the main credos of the Gay, Lesbian, Or Bisexual Alliance (GLOBAL), an organization founded with the interests of the homosexual community in mind. Characterized as a political, social, and support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered students, it is really very similar to any other group on campus, according to its president, Brian Tucker. They held activities which concerned their members, such as panel discussions with prominent members of the gay community. They also participated in several larger events, such as National Coming Out Day and their own campus endeavor: Gay Awareness Week.

While the members did meet to discuss topics relevant to the homosexual community, their primary focus was just to give students an opportunity to come together with a nonjudgmental

group of people and have a good time. After each meeting, the members went for coffee, dinner, or anywhere else they could hang out together away from campus. "I really enjoy seeing the group develop; watching people bonding and accepting," said Tucker, a second-year graduate student in social work.

"We're all just people; we go through the same things, have the same problems."

- Brian Tucker

The group has been pleased with the response they have gotten from the rest of the school. They joined with other groups for some of their events, and were met with open-mindedness and enthusiasm. "It helps that the school is so diverse anyway," said Tucker. The group even has some heterosexual members who occasionally attend the meetings and events. While the members are encouraged by the success of their group, they intend to continue their goal of reminding the surrounding community that they are here, and no different from the rest of the world.

-Ashley Grubbs

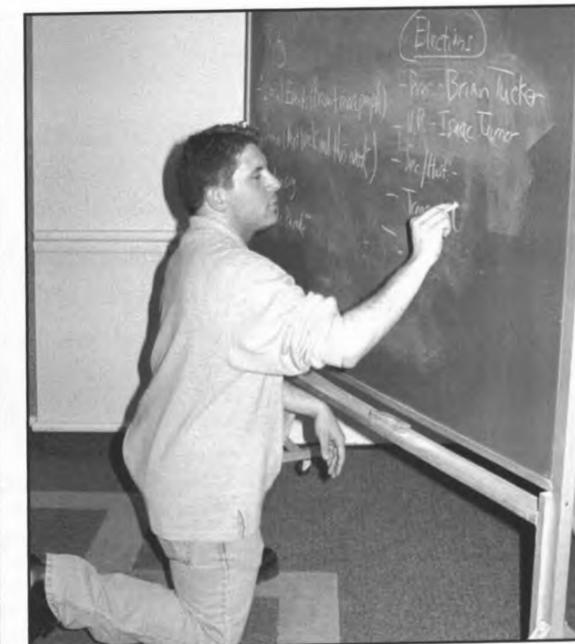
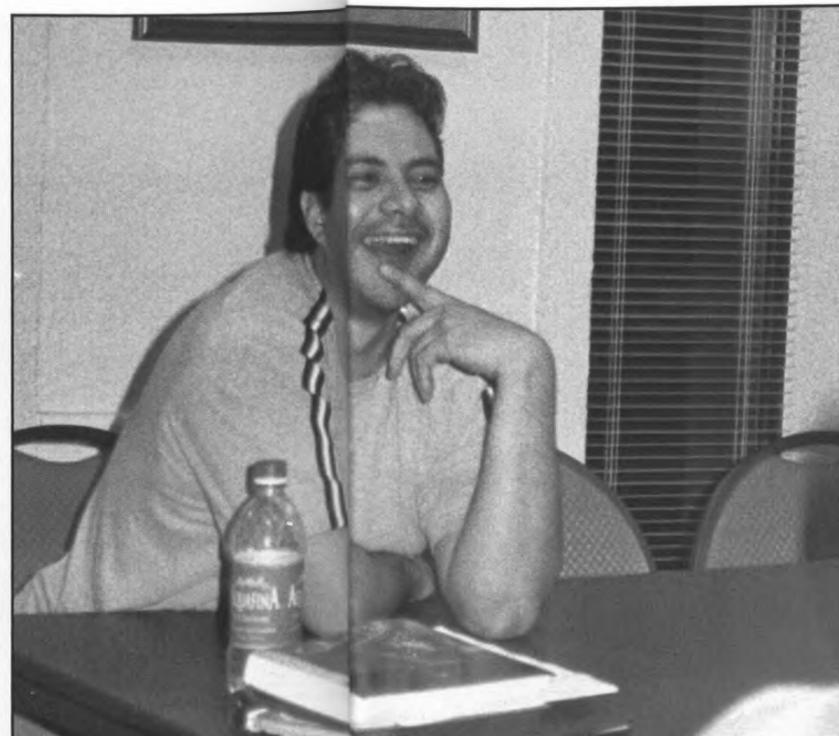


GLOBAL OFFICERS

Back Row: Jesus Perez, Ignacio Marquez, Rusty Fletcher, Sandy Lopez. Front Row: Brian Tucker (President), Susana May French, Isaac Turner (Vice-President). Photo by Nora Segura

THAT'S A GOOD ONE!

Junior mechanical engineering major Ignacio Marquez laughed at a joke made during a meeting. The meetings were used to plan activities and discuss issues. Photo by Nora Segura



WRITE ON

Graduate social work major Brian Tucker took nominations for the fall 2001 officers. The officers were in charge of coordinating the group's events throughout the semester. Photo by Nora Segura

DEFENSE MECHANISMS

Shotokan Karate teaches self-control, defense

Television, movies, and stories have sensationalized martial arts in the eyes of the public. However, devoted students learned the true tenets of karate in the Shotokan Karate Club.

One of the primary focuses of karate was respect, and it was evident in everything the group did. The practices began with the students bowing -- in deference to the sensei, to each other and to the dojo, or training floor. This attitude often came as a bit of a surprise for the new students, but they learned from the examples of the more experienced members.

The group held weekly practices in which the students worked with other members at equal skill levels to improve their moves. They were able to demonstrate what they had learned at the open houses, and at the competitions they attend-

ed. There were places for students of all different abilities, from beginner to expert. Some members even brought their children to learn as well. "In order to advance, the students must all teach," Sanches said. "The children give them a great opportunity to do that."

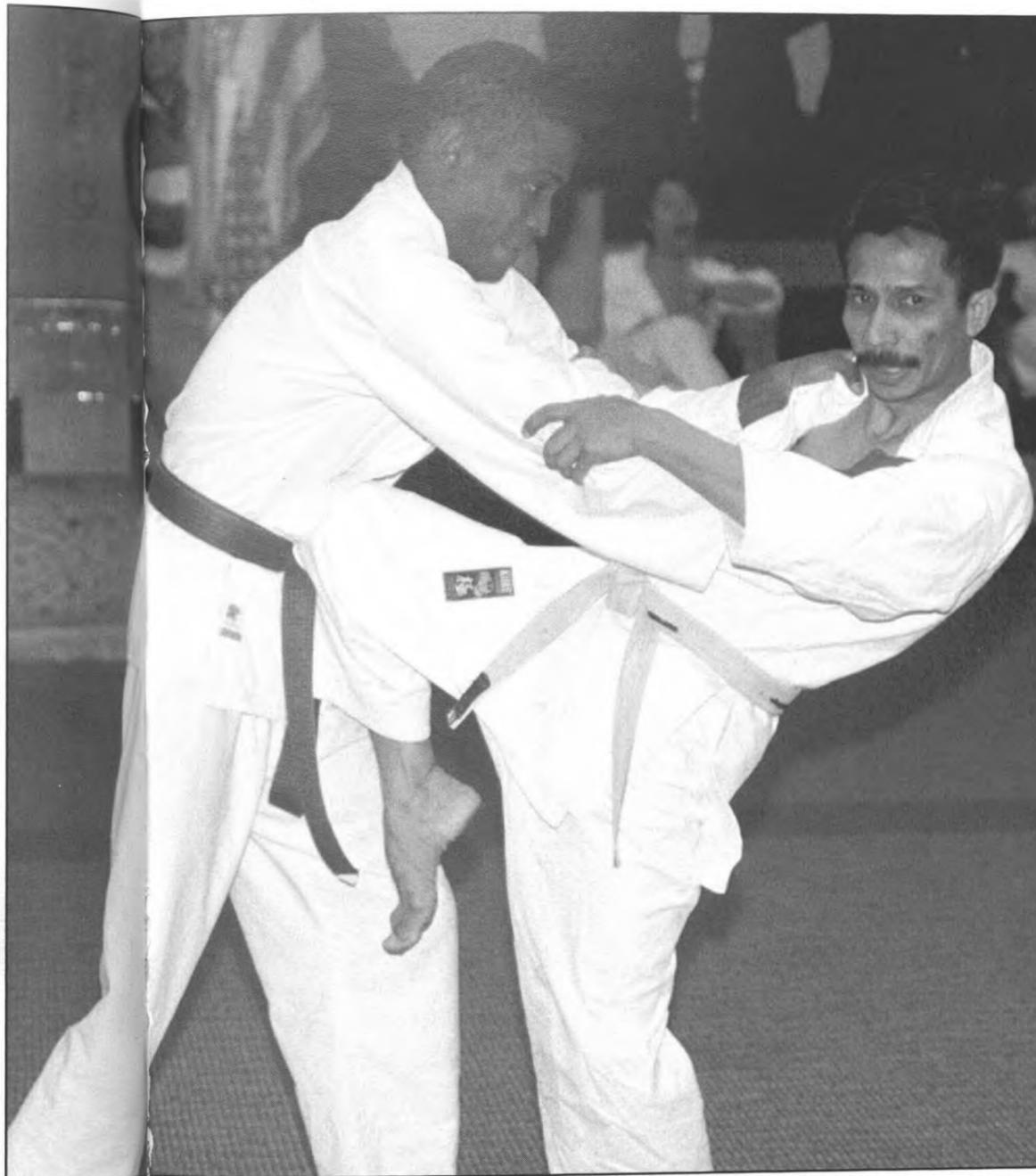
In addition to their regular classes, the Shotokan Karate Club offered some special events, such as their self-defense seminar. This gave students, particularly females, a chance to come and learn basic protection moves. "Everybody should know how to defend themselves," Sanches said.

No matter what skill they were teaching, the Shotokan Karate Club members remained focused on improving their skills and determined to uphold the traditional karate teachings.

"Humility is key: this is not about showing off, but about improving oneself."

-- Elias Sanches

-Ashley Grubbs



FACE OFF

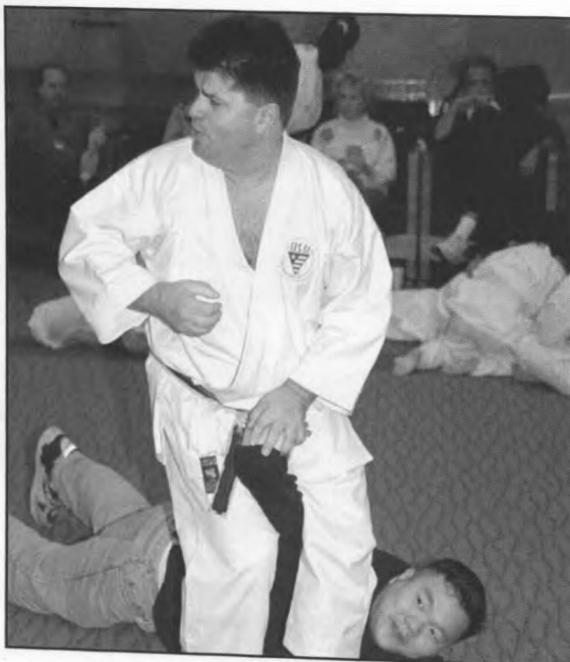
Faculty member Ken Williams sparred with sensei Deddy Mansyur during an open house. The open house gave the students a chance to show their abilities. Photo by Pin Lim

Calendar of Events

- Self-Defense Clinic
- Regional Competition
- National Competition
- Open House

DOWN FOR THE COUNT

Guest instructor Patrick Richoux disarmed a volunteer at the Shotokan Open House. Moves like this reinforced karate's most important motive: defense. Photo by Pin Lim



SMALL SOLDIERS

Two children from the younger levels of the group demonstrated their skills at the Open House. Many members brought their children to learn karate as well. Photo by Pin Lim

SHOTOKAN KARATE

The members of the Shotokan Karate group were very diverse in age, classification, and major. People from all walks of life were able to benefit from its teachings. Photo by Pin Lim

FULL HOUSE

A representative from Conoco speaks to Mu Iota Sigma members about his company. These visits helped the members decide where to work when they graduated. Photo by Pin Lim

Calendar of Events

Test Workshops

Monthly Meetings

Company Tours



BUSINESS AS USUAL

Mu Iota Sigma gives MIS students a head start

As MIS students worked to get their classes scheduled and their tests taken, there was often little time for them to also go out and explore different companies to see where they might want to go after they graduated. That was where Mu Iota Sigma stepped in, enabling the students to get a head start on planning for their careers.

Mu Iota Sigma helped MIS students to be better prepared for their future, both in school and out in the job market.

The group helped its members with their academics through various methods. In order to be in the group, a student had to maintain a 3.0 GPA overall and a 3.25 in MIS classes. This served as an incentive for the members to keep their grades up. In addition, the group held workshops to get the members through the major's more infamously difficult classes.

Mu Iota Sigma also helped its members to be

ready to find a job when they graduated. At the meetings, various speakers would come to talk about their company and how it was run. "You get to find out first which companies are hiring, how much they pay, etcetera," said senior Tom Vu, the president of Mu Iota Sigma. The members found these opportunities very useful in planning for their future. "I got to network with

"We're here to look out for the interests of MIS students."

-- Tom Vu

more people than I would have on my own," said senior Johnson Jacob, a committee chair.

In addition to the workshops, the members were also able to take tours of some of the companies, to get a feel for way they were run. They were then able to compare the companies and decide what sort of career they would like to undertake. The benefits of membership in the organization were clear. "It has taught me a lot about professionalism, and provided me with some great opportunities for the future," said Vu.

--Ashley Grubbs

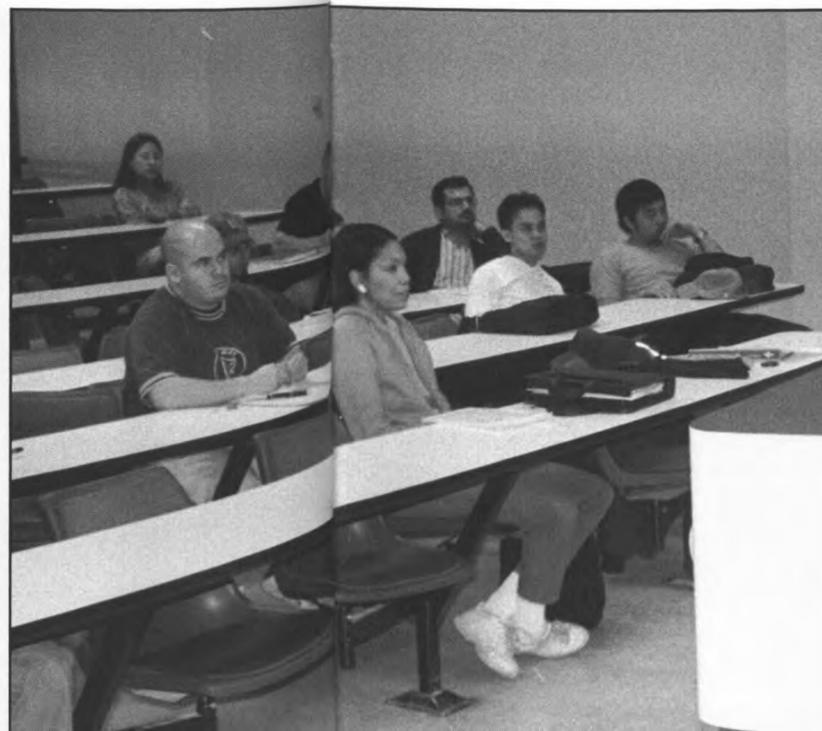


I AGREE

A guest speaker discusses strategies for getting into the career of your choice. The MIS meetings had different focuses which gave the students many points of view. Photo by Pin Lim

TEST 1, 2, 3

Students attending a mock test workshop learn skills for taking exams. These workshops helped prepare students for the rest of their academic careers. Photo by Brian Viney



THINGS FALL APART

Senior Bradley Tague shows MIS members parts from inside a computer. Computer knowledge was integral to success in a business field. Photo by Brian Viney

LIVING BY THE SWORD

Fencing Team members sharpen their skills

UH has always had a reputation for producing some of the most talented athletes in the nation, a tradition to which the Fencing Club lived up. After winning the Collegiate Fencing Championships in 1999, the program continued to perform among the best in the nation, including several top finishes this year.

The fencing team was run entirely by students, and everyone involved, from beginner to expert, was proud to be a part of it. "The greatest strength of UH fencing is everyone's drive to fence. The team is important to all of us," said team captain Justin Phillips. Quite often, students joining the organization purchased most of their fencing gear with money out of their own pockets. Newcomers to fencing could learn the sport in any one of its three divisions: Foil, Epee, or Sabre -- all indications of the type of weapon used. The team practiced as a group twice a

week, but many of the members also donated two more evenings of their time to help train beginners.

The Fencing team competed at several different tournaments throughout the nation, but primarily squared off against other Texas universities in the Southwest Intercollegiate Fencing Association. The 2001 SWIFA Championships were held at the University of Houston.

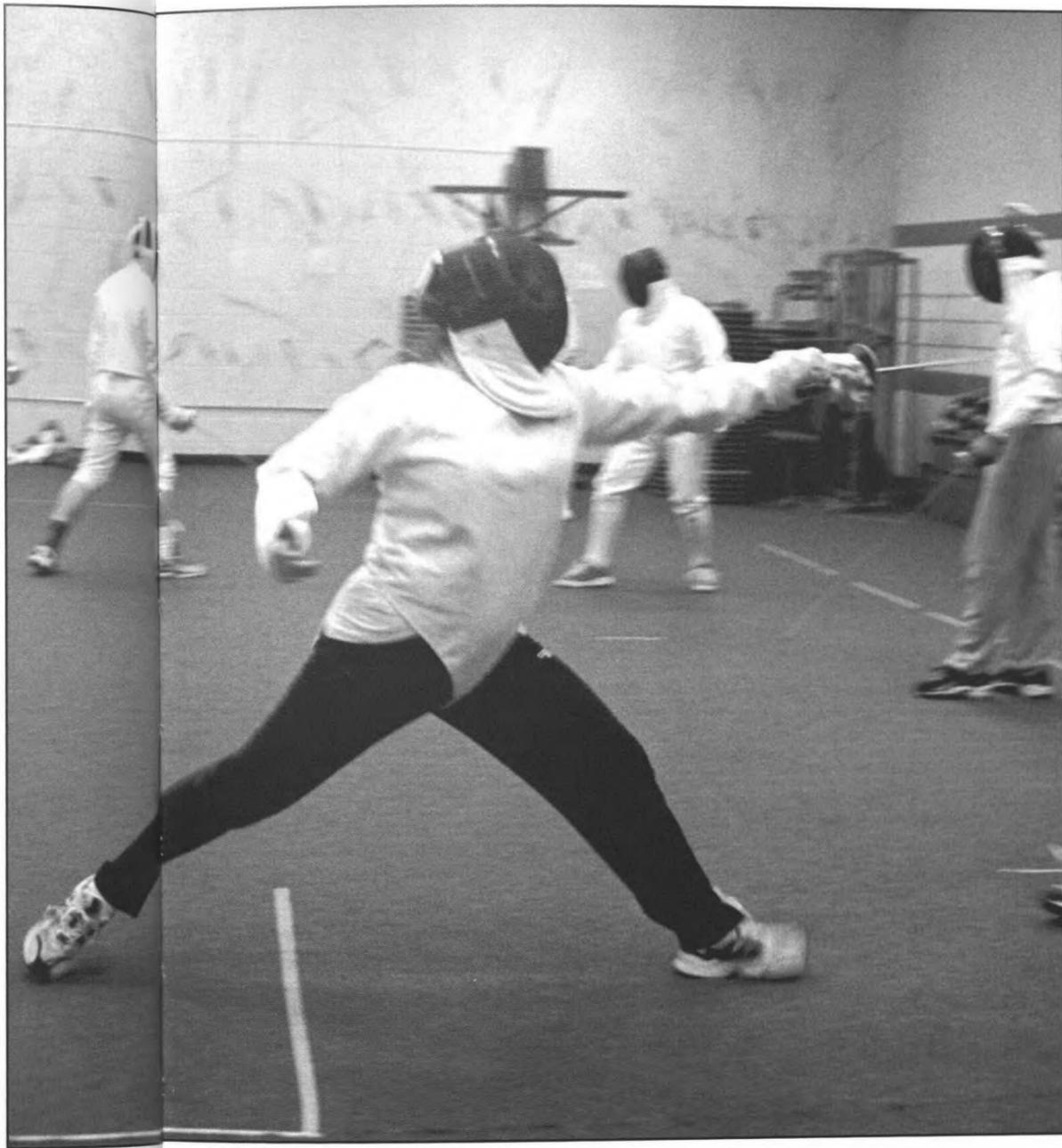
The University benefitted from the strength and skill of the fencers in several ways. First of all, many stu-

dents were motivated to join the group after discovering that they could learn the sport at UH. The team also adds to the diversity of the school's sports program. Perhaps most importantly, the prestige that the organization has garnered through its success in representing the University in national competitions proved that the UH Fencing Team was nothing to shake a stick at.

-Matthew E. Caster

"Fencing is just pure one-on-one competition where you can really test your skills."

-- Daniel Kim



EN GARDE!

Freshman university studies major Caroline May lunges at her opponent. The practices gave the team members the opportunity to sharpen their skills against each other. Photo by Nora Segura

Calendar of Events

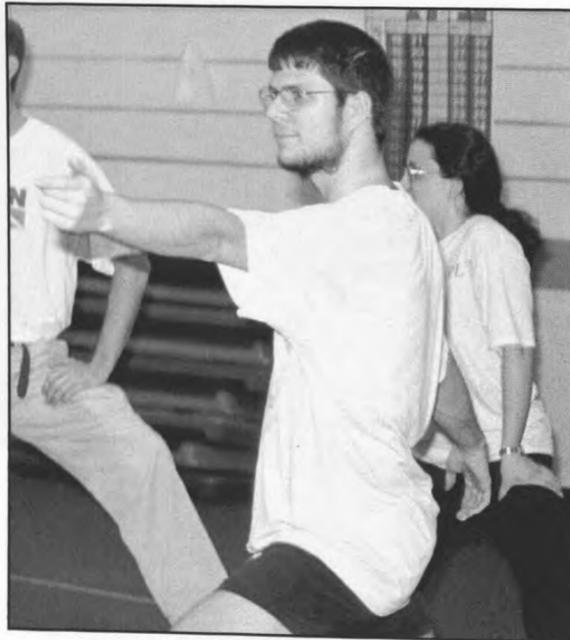
Weekly practices

Regional competition

National competition

PERFECT FORM

Sophomore creative writing/physics major Richard Lutz worked on a move at a practice. Fencing required control, speed, and agility. Photo by Nora Segura



CATCH ME IF YOU CAN!

Freshman graphics comp major Santos Gaitan and post-baccalaureate physics major Carlos Gramajo warm up before a fencing practice. Photo by Nora Segura

HERE'S A CAPTION!

A UH student faces off against her opponent in a duel at the regional fencing championships. The competition was held in the Alumni Athletic Center. Photo by Christy Varghese

UP AND AWAY!

Members of the UH team lifted up a teammate to help him to reach the ball. Rugby was known for the unusual moves allowed in the game, as well as the lack of padding. Photo by Pin Lim

Calendar of Events

UT Dallas Game

Rice Game

TSU Game

Regional tournament



ROUGH AND TUMBLE

Rugby Team stands out in one of UH's toughest sports

Anybody looking for the strongest, most agile and daring athletes need look no further than the UH Rugby Team, a group composed of enthusiastic players in one of the most rough-and-tumble, dog-eat-dog sports in existence. Few other sports go so far in separating the men from the boys, and few colleges across the nation can compete with UH's proud representatives.

Rugby is a game of strength, speed, and stamina which is similar to football, but without protective padding or forward passes. Membership in the UH Rugby Team was open to anyone with a desire to learn the sport, especially if they did not mind a great deal of running and hard-hitting tackles. The team practiced twice a week for two hours per practice, and never failed to work up a sweat.

All of the hard work was worth it, how-

ever. For several years in a row, UH emerged as a powerhouse in the sport. The team competed against other colleges and universities, and made a strong showing this year at the Collegiate National Tournament at Rice University.

Perhaps the most uncanny aspect of the Rugby Team was the comraderie and teamwork

"There is a friendship, almost a brotherhood, which really unites the team."

- August Khalil

which bonded the players together. However, those aspects did not just apply to the UH players. The athletes felt a special kinship with one another no matter which school they were from, and it was customary for the home team to throw a party in honor of the visiting team the day before a match.

Rugby is an incredibly rough sport, but its popularity is growing rapidly around the world. The UH Rugby Team represented this burgeoning sport through its success and shows of sportsmanship on and off the field.

-Matthew E. Caster

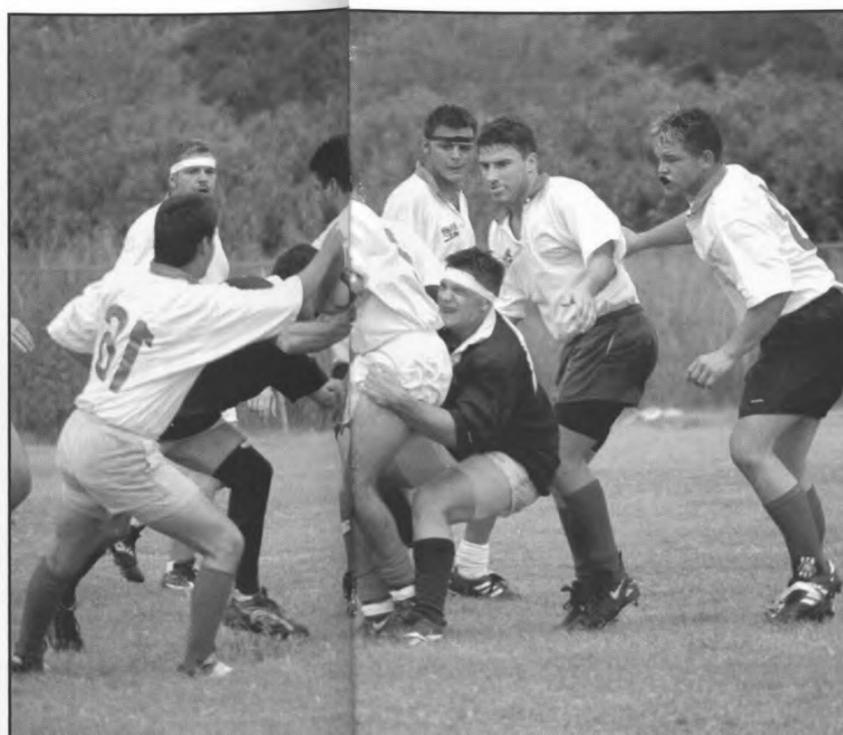


RUGBY TEAM

The rugby team gathered after a practice for a team picture. Despite the legendary roughness of the game, it was quite popular with the students. Photo by Pin Lim

HOLDING FAST

Members of the UT Dallas team tried to take down a UH player while his teammates came to his aid. Rugby required a willingness to jump in and defend a teammate. Photo by Pin Lim



EVASIVE ACTION

One UH player tried to outmaneuver another during a team practice. Rugby players had to be quick on their feet, agile, and tough in order to triumph. Photo by Pin Lim

BOWLING THEM OVER

Cougar Bowling Club strikes up a few games

What better way is there to alleviate the stress associated with a hard day of classes, professors, and Houston traffic than to head down to Cougar Lanes in the UC and smash a few pins? The Cougar Bowling Club (CBC) took that opportunity every Monday evening throughout the school year.

Membership in the CBS was open to anyone, whether they averaged 50 or 250 pins per game. They bowled in three-game, league-style format, competing for championships as well as individual prizes given out at the end of the year. Awards were given not only for league champions, but also for high games, high series, sportsmanship, and most improved bowler.

In December of every year, the CBC took on some of the best bowlers in the nation by representing UH at the week-long Las Vegas

Invitational Bowling Tournament. The CBC also hosted several fundraising events, including the Cougar Bowl-A-Thon and the annual Tailgating Barbecue before the Homecoming Game.

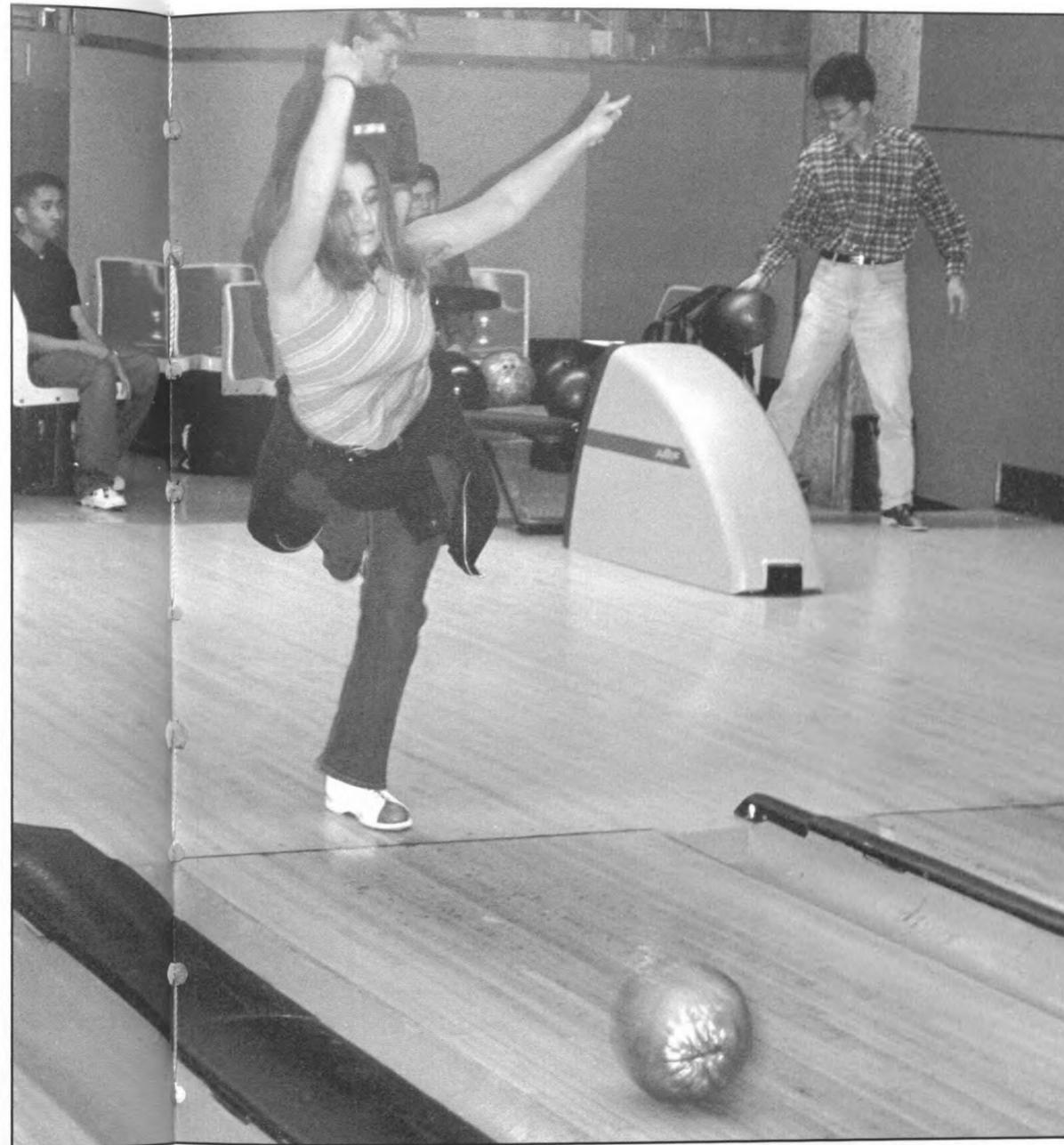
Members of the CBC also had the opportunity to try out for the UH Bowling Team, which sent both men's and women's teams to compete in several national tournaments across the country.

These tournaments included the Southwest Intercollegiate Bowling Conference Championships and the National Collegiate Team Match Games in St. Louis.

The Cougar Bowling Club was an opportunity for the university's most enthusiastic bowlers from all skill levels to get together in a friendly competition, improve their bowling skills, and have a great time in the process.

—Matthew E. Caster

"It was a way for me to return to what I have always done for fun."
— Josh Sturgill



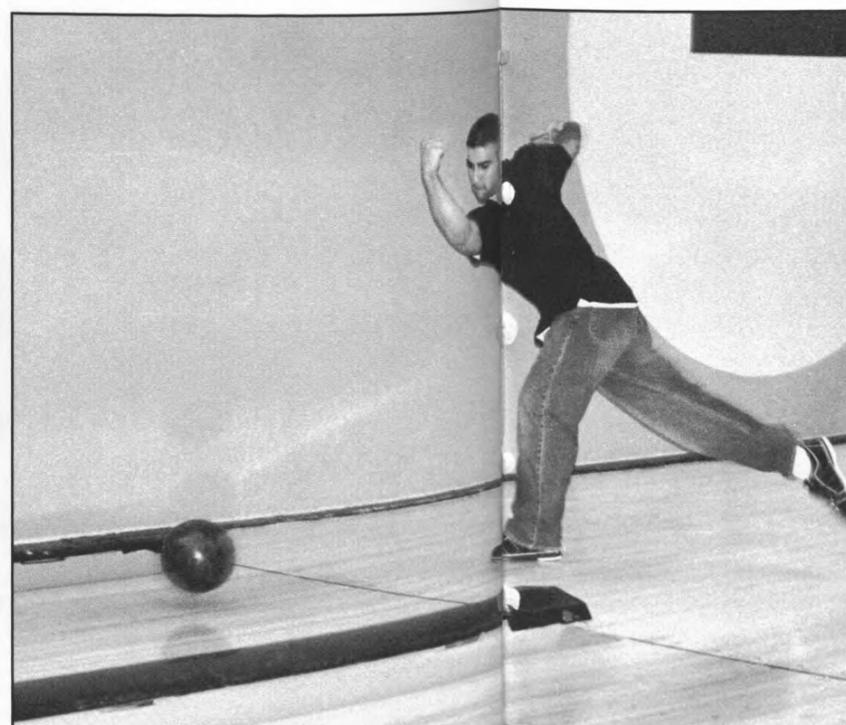
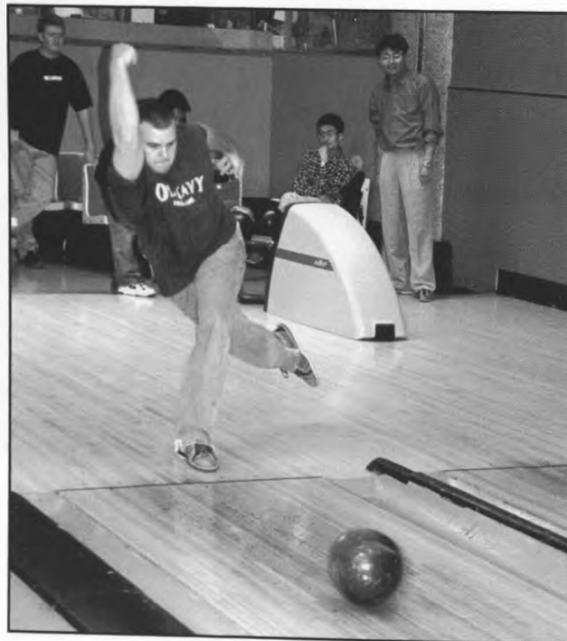
THERE IT GOES!
Freshman university studies major Erica Bailey sent the ball down the lane and hoped for a strike. Weekly practices gave the members a chance to improve their game.
Photo by Walter Coreas

Calendar of Events

- St. Louis tournament
- New Orleans tournament
- College Station tournament
- Santa Fe tournament

STRIKE!

Junior business major Brad Baines watched to see where his ball would go. The players often used two balls: one which would curve, and one which wouldn't.
Photo by Walter Coreas



DOWN THE CHUTE
Freshman university studies major Kris Karkare bowled during one of the team's practices. The practices allowed the coach to watch the progress of the team.
Photo by Walter Coreas

COUGAR BOWLING CLUB
The bowling team gathered for a group picture after a practice. The team members gave up much of their time for practices and games, but they had fun.
Photo by Walter Coreas

LOW PROFILE

A cadet kept his head low during grenade training. The cadets went through rigorous exercises to prepare them for their future in the US Army.

Photo by Pin Lim

Calendar of Events

- Grenade Training
- Rock Wall Climb
- Induction
- Scholarship presentation
- Awards ceremony



IN THE ARMY NOW

ROTC trained students for careers - military and civilian

Discipline, hard work, good study habits, leadership skills...all qualities which a college student should work to develop in order to be successful. One way some students chose to do so was to join the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC). This gave them the chance to get a head start on their careers while getting an education.

While many students may have been hesitant about joining the ROTC, they often realized the opportunity that doing so could afford them. For this reason, the first two years of ROTC held no obligation for the cadets. During this time,

the classes focused on an introduction to the military: map reading, uniforms, the structure of the army, and other basics. "If, after joining, you look around and say, 'This isn't for me,' you can turn in your equipment and walk away," said ROTC director Major Reyna.

However, a large number of students chose to remain in the program, taking more intense classes and attending training sessions during the summer.

In addition to being paid, many of these students received scholarships.

Many of the students at UH were adults who were returning to further their education, and the population of the ROTC cadets reflected that. About 75% of the cadets were veterans, or students who had some sort of experience with military service. These students were helpful to the younger cadets, as they had a better idea of what the military was about, and were able to provide a strong example.

The ROTC was popular with international students as well. Non-citizens were allowed to join,

but had to begin the process of gaining citizenship by their junior year in order to advance in the program.

The experience gained in the ROTC program remained with the students, whether or not they chose to become career soldiers. Even as civilians, the lessons they learned helped prepare them for the challenges of whatever career they chose.

"We're here to find, develop, and teach the future officers in the US Army."
- Major Reyna

-Ashley Grubbs



SHOW AND TELL

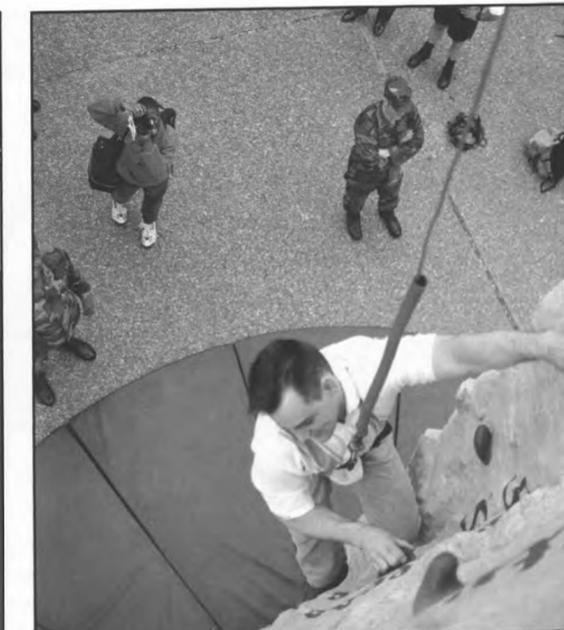
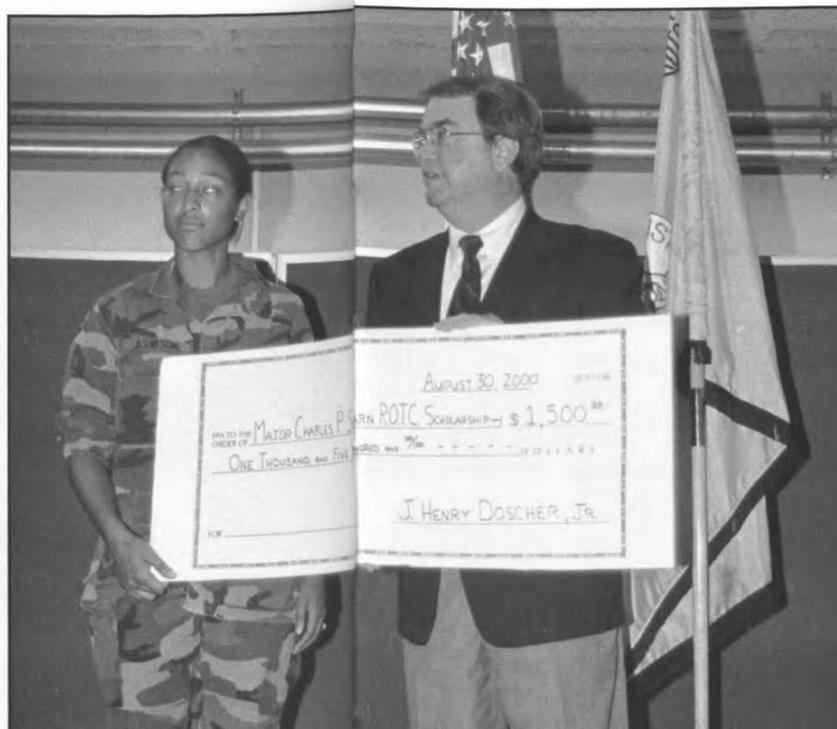
The cadets went over a blueprint during a demonstration. The cadets learned about vehicles, procedures, uniforms, and many other aspects of the military.

Photo by Pin Lim

I'M IN THE MONEY

A proud cadet accepted a scholarship from the ROTC. Scholarships were one of the reasons some students chose to stick with the program.

Photo by Christy Varghese



MOVIN' ON UP

Post-baccalaureate pre-med student Robert Swenson climbed a rock wall erected by the ROTC to give students a taste of their training.

Photo by Nora Segura

DOCTORS IN THE HOUSE

Alpha Epsilon Delta prepares students for med school

Every new student is confronted with an intimidating list of goals when he or she enters college. Students who know that they will have schooling to look forward to beyond their Bachelor's Degree, such as pre-medical students, have even more to consider. For such students, Alpha Epsilon Delta (AED) was around to help them adjust and be prepared for their future.

AED was the only nationally recognized pre-medical association on campus. According to the officers, the fact that it was so well-known was very important to the success of its members. "You have to prove to med schools that you know what you're getting into," said Kamrun Jenabzadeh, a senior biochemistry major and president of AED. Active involvement in a group the schools recognized helped students when they were applying.

The group helped with the application process in other ways as well. At their meetings, representatives from various medical schools came to speak

about their institutions, and to meet the students. "It's a great way to network with people," said senior biology major Heidi Paul, treasurer of AED. Often, the students would tour medical schools to get a feel for the buildings and what takes place.

AED also helped the students with their academic preparation. Since the members were all pre-med students, many of them shared classes.

This gave the members the opportunity to study together, or to get advice from senior members about issues such as classes and professors. The group also introduced its

members to fields of medicine which they might not have considered before.

Through their extensive resources and preparation techniques like workshops and mock MCAT exams, the group helped its members to be better prepared for their academic future. Students who were members of AED had a definite edge in the competitive world of med school.

-Ashley Grubbs

"All of the medical schools know this organization."

-Kamrun Jenabzadeh



AT ATTENTION

AED officers Folahan Ayoola, Heidi Paul, Mohammad Totouchian, Alyssa Tran, Lawrence R. Williams (advisor), Jennifer Markesino, and Kamrun Jenabzadeh.

Photo by Nora Segura

Calendar of Events

- 1/25 Meeting
- 2/3 UT Southwest tour
- 2/7 Texas Tech meeting
- 2/16 Applications due
- 2/23 UT Houston tour
- 2/27 Biology Career Day
- 3/1 A&M meeting
- 3/28 Meeting (election)
- 3/30 Election Ends
- 3/31 UTMB tour
- 4/6 Baylor tour
- 4/12 UTMB meeting
- 4/27 Induction

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Folohan Ayoola, Keyan Jenabzadeh, Heidi Paul, Deepa Reddy, Alyssa Tran, and Kamrun Jenabzadeh went on the UT-Southwestern Conference tour. Photo courtesy of AED



WALK IT OUT

Veena Nannegari, Ana Morales, Prishal Chetty, Alex Olsen, Heidi Paul, Alyssa Tran, and Laura Sanchez participated in the Walk for Multiple Sclerosis. Photo courtesy of AED

ALPHA EPSILON DELTA

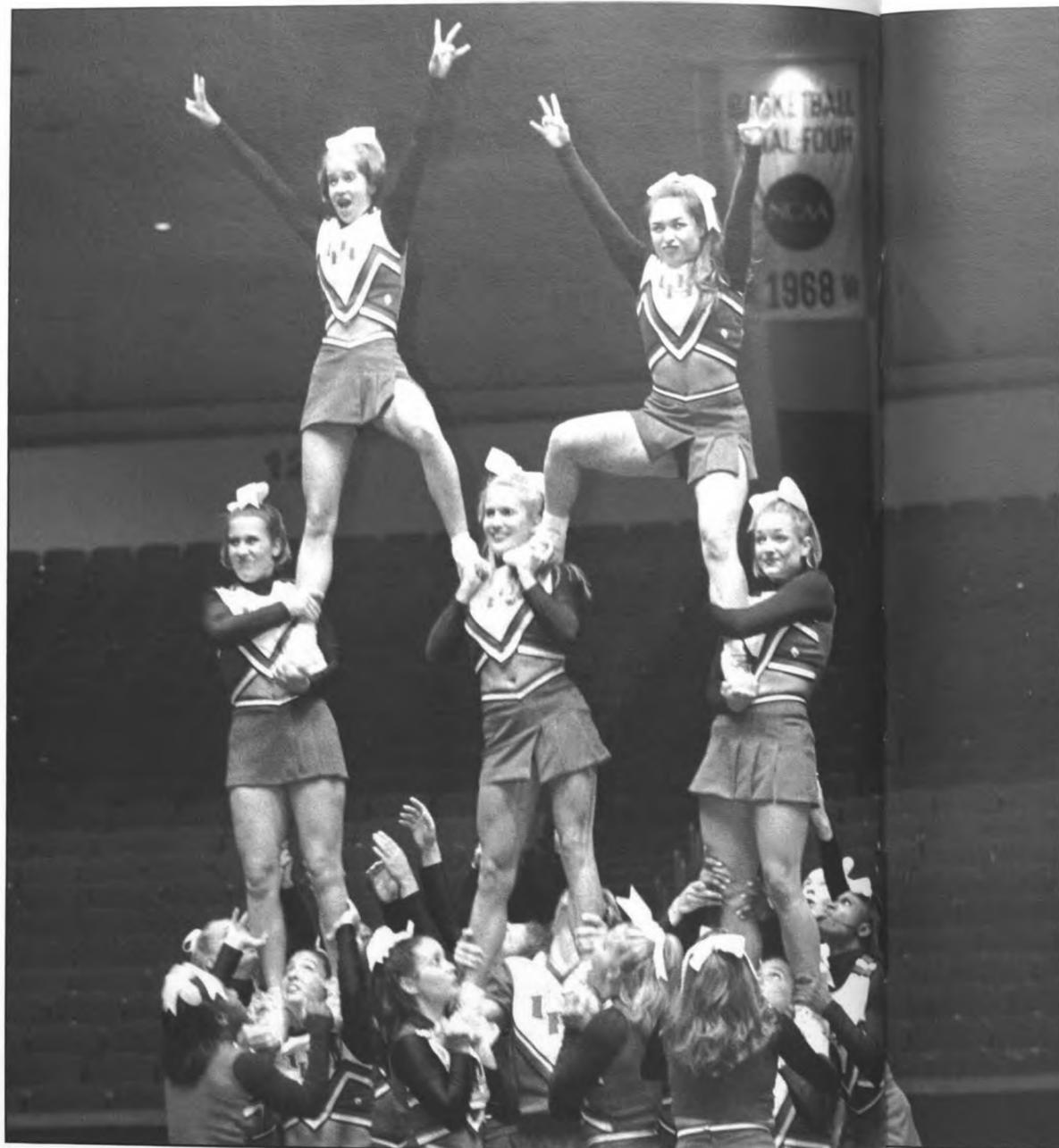
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ON TOP OF THE WORLD

The cheerleaders prepared for a three-story stunt, which was difficult and required precision. The cheerleaders had to depend on one another at all times.
Photo by Rich R. Risma

Calendar of Events

- Cougar Craze
- Pep Rallies
- Football Games
- Basketball Games
- Volleyball Games
- Alumni Events
- Parades
- National Competitions



TAKE A BOW

The cheerleaders completed a practice performance. Practices took up a great deal of the cheerleaders' time, but it was worth it for the completed effort.
Photo by Rich R. Risma

FLAUNT IT

A trio of UH cheerleaders strut there there stuff at a practice performance.
Photo by Rich R. Risma



ALLEY-OOP

During a practice a group of cheerleaders prepare to lift one of there squad members into the air to form a pyramid.
Photo by Max Lacayo

GETTING IN THE SPIRIT

Cheerleaders encouraged student enthusiasm

All through the year, events took place which called for a serious display of Cougar pride. This was where the university's number one spirit organization -- the cheerleaders -- stepped in.

The cheerleaders helped to remind students of the need for school spirit. They served as an example of the sort of excitement which all students should show for their school.

UH had two different cheerleading squads. The first one was composed of both men and women. This squad performed at the football games and men's basketball games. They also attended summer activities and other university events. In addition, the co-ed squad competed in national competitions. Tryouts for the co-ed squad were held in the spring, to perform in the next year. These tryouts were open not only to

current students, but also to transfer or graduating high school students who had been accepted to UH.

The second cheerleading squad was women only, and they performed at the women's basketball and volleyball games. Tryouts for this squad were held in the fall. Like the co-ed squad, the women also performed in various university events throughout the year.

Both of the cheerleading squads devoted several hours a week of their free time to perfecting cheers and other routines. In addition, they often had to give up part of their weekend to go to a game or other spirit event, such as Cougar Craze and the pep rallies. These events gave the rest of the community an opportunity to fully appreciate the spirit with which the University was endowed.

"We're all so different, but we really like what we're doing."

-- Ashley Foreman

--Ashley Grubbs

THE BAND PLAYED ON

Marching Band promotes University spirit

The crowd holds its breath...touchdown! The students break out in wild celebration, spontaneously singing the fight song and clapping out the beat, unaccompanied, in perfect rhythm. Unlikely.

The Cougar Marching Band was an essential part of the the UH students' pride in their school. They attended the football games, pep rallies, and several parades to celebrate Cougar pride. "I think there is a tremendous amount of energy in this school," said band director David Bertman.

In addition to the performances by the full band, the Cougar Brass, a smaller ensemble, played at both the men's and women's basketball games, and at several alumni and other university events. With all of their events, there was a performance almost every week.

The band awarded scholarship and grants, a

tempting offer to many incoming students, but membership had more than just a monetary advantage. "You can learn important skills and techniques for teaching band yourself later on," said drum major Joe Glass, a junior music education major.

The band sought to try to appeal to as many people as possible, and so they expanded their repertoire to include popular, current music, as well as old favorites like the fight song and the alma mater.

The band was not only for the spectators, however. "It's most exciting when there's a full stadium, a packed crowd, sounds on all sides of you, and it's just loud," said Glass. Band members felt a deep sense of pride in their contribution to UH. "You can leave here when you graduated, knowing that you were a part of something big, something that mattered to other students," said Glass.

"We are the pride and the spirit of Houston, and that's exciting!"

-- Joe Glass

--Ashley Grubbs



PLAY IT LOUD

Members of the Cougar Marching Band performed at a football game. The band helped to keep the students in the spirit of the game.

Photo by Pin Lim

Calendar of Events

Cougar Craze

Football Games

Basketball Games

School Clinics

Alumni Events

Thanksgiving Parade

THE MAN IN CHARGE

Cougar Marching Band director David Bertman conducted a band performance. It was Mr. Bertman's first year with the Cougars, and he enjoyed every minute of it. Photo by Pin Lim



GETTING IN SHAPE

The Cougar Band formed the shape of "UH" on the football field during a halftime show. Creative performances helped keep the band's shows fresh and entertaining. Photo by Pin Lim

ON THE MOVE

The band marched out onto the field for their halftime show. The halftime performances helped keep the energy high at the football games. Photo by Pin Lim

YOU REALLY LOVE ME!

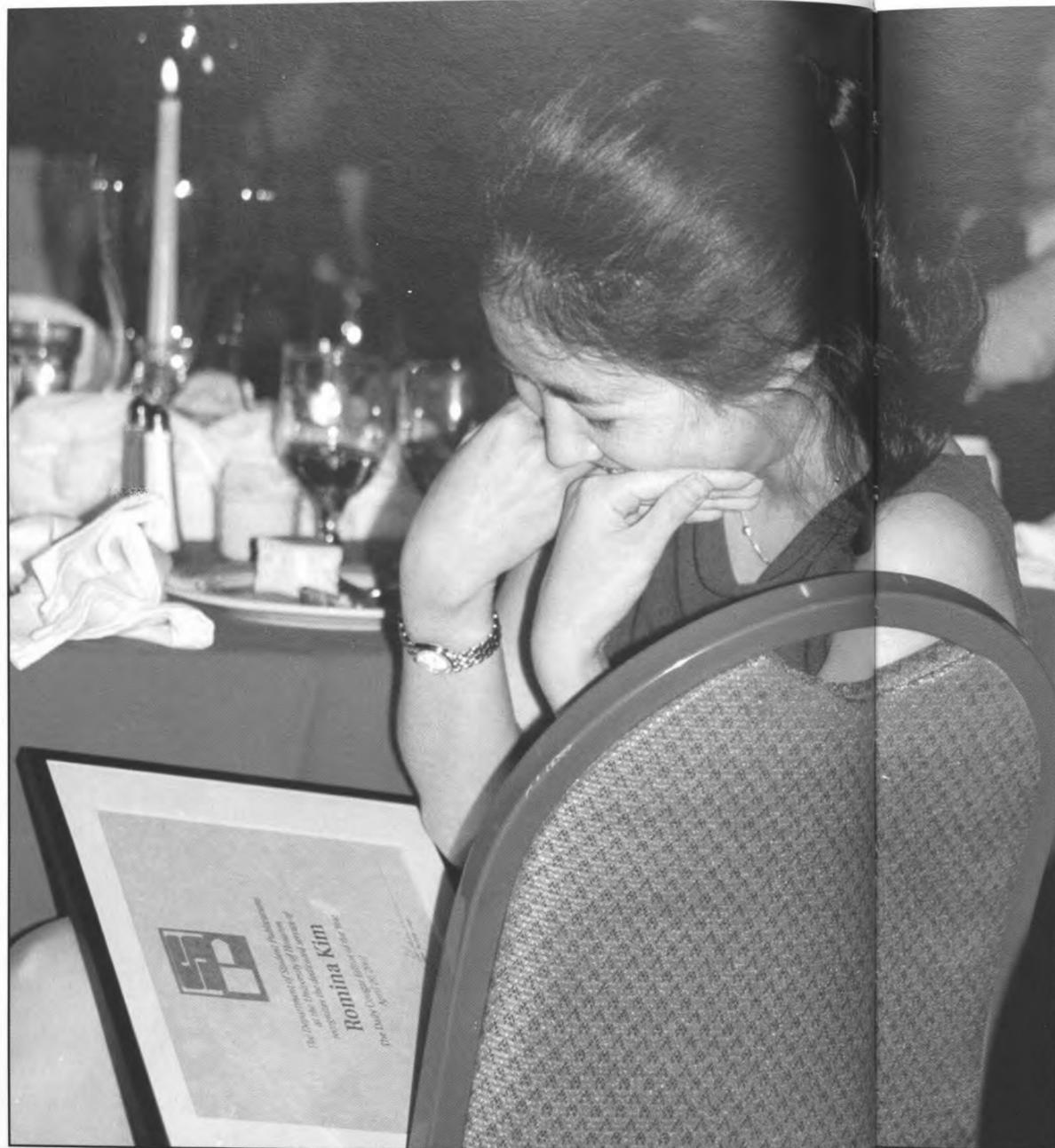
Senior journalism major Romina Kim, the spring semester news editor, admires her "Daily Cougar Editor of the Year" award at the Student Publications banquet. Photo by Pin Lim

Calendar of Events

Daily Deadlines

Christmas Party

Student Publications Banquet



HOT OFF THE PRESSES

Daily Cougar informs and entertains UH students

When a student wanted the latest news and information, they needed to look no further than the bin just down the hall. Since 1934, the Daily Cougar has been the primary source for anyone wanting to find out what is going on around the University's main campus -- far more than just a crossword puzzle.

The goal of the Cougar was simple: to provide the campus with balanced coverage of news, on time and as accurately as possible. The paper accomplished this with a team of editors,

reporters, columnists and cartoonists, all of whom were dedicated to the task of honestly and fairly reporting all newsworthy events around campus. Many tight bonds were forged between the Cougar staff members, and a sense of camaraderie and respect was prevalent through the corner of the Communications Building.

Positions on the staff were open to anyone -- not just journalism majors -- and there were a

variety of ways a person's talents could be put to use. Staff members used the paper as a medium for improving their writing, editing, art, and photography skills. Working with the Cougar also promoted leadership and managerial qualities, enabling a diverse group to accomplish the arduous task of putting together a newspaper on a daily basis.

"Working at the Cougar allowed me to work with an interesting group of people."

- Romina Kim

The independent nature of the Cougar also benefitted the students. "The fact that this is a student-run newspaper gives us the freedom to serve as a check against

university policies which may be unfair or unpopular," said senior Ed De La Garza, the paper's second-semester Editor In Chief.

From its popular comic strips to its opinion columns to the latest updates on university athletics, The Daily Cougar newspaper was clearly an important and worthwhile component of the UH community.

-Matthew E. Caster

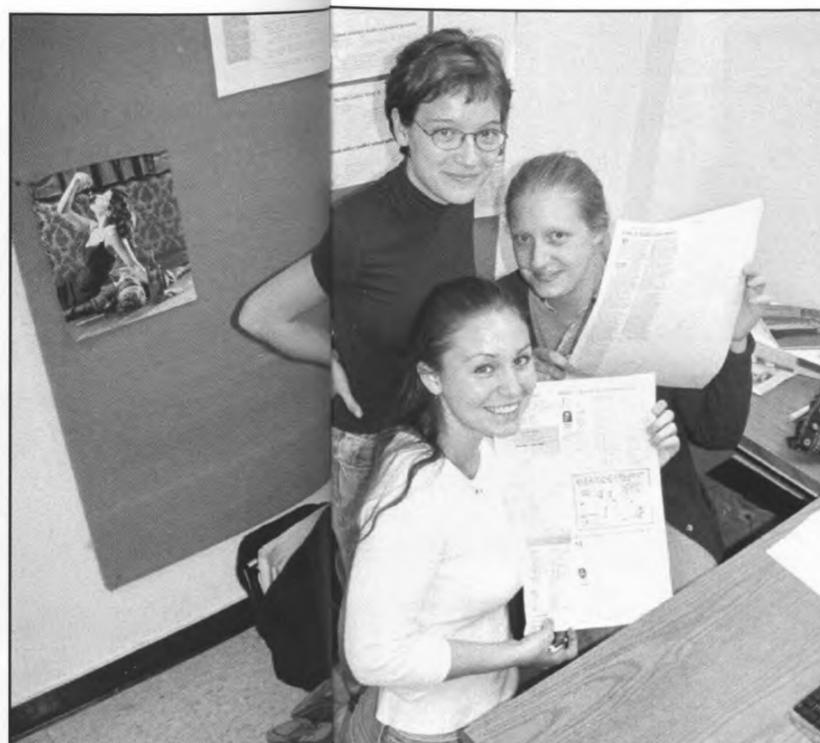


EDITORIAL STAFF

Top row: Romina Kim, Crystal Doucette, Pin Lim, Ed De La Garza, Jim Parsons. Bottom Row: Keenan Singleton, Tom Carpenter. Photo by Lauren Wilson

TO ERR IS HUMAN

Freshman USD major Cara Sarelli, senior creative writing major Ellen Simonson, and freshman creative writing major Nikki Dowdy, the copy editors, checked the paper before printing. Photo by Pin Lim



DECK THE HALLS

Senior creative writing major Ed De La Garza and junior communications major Keenan Singleton decorated the tree for the Very Cougar Christmas Party. Photo by Pin Lim

PRESERVING MEMORIES

Houstonian staff creates 2001 yearbook

As the year progressed, hundreds of memorable events and activities took place on and around the campus. Once the school year was over, there was only one place to turn for a reference to those events: the *Houstonian* yearbook. The *Houstonian* was created by a staff of section editors, photographers, and writers who worked together to preserve the year's memories for generations to come.

The job of the section editors was to make sure that as many notable stories as possible were covered in the book. The editors had to assign stories, create page layouts, and gather the pictures for each page. They also worked with the Editor-in-Chief and Managing Editor to come up with the theme and cover design of the book.

A vastly important aspect of the yearbook, the stories, was also probably the most overlooked and most difficult part to create. Writers con-

ducted interviews, attended events, and did research on the various organizations and activities around campus. This often involved trips to different offices and numerous phone calls.

The most well-known part of a yearbook was, of course, the pictures. Photographers attended all the events which took place on campus, capturing the moments on film. This gave them the

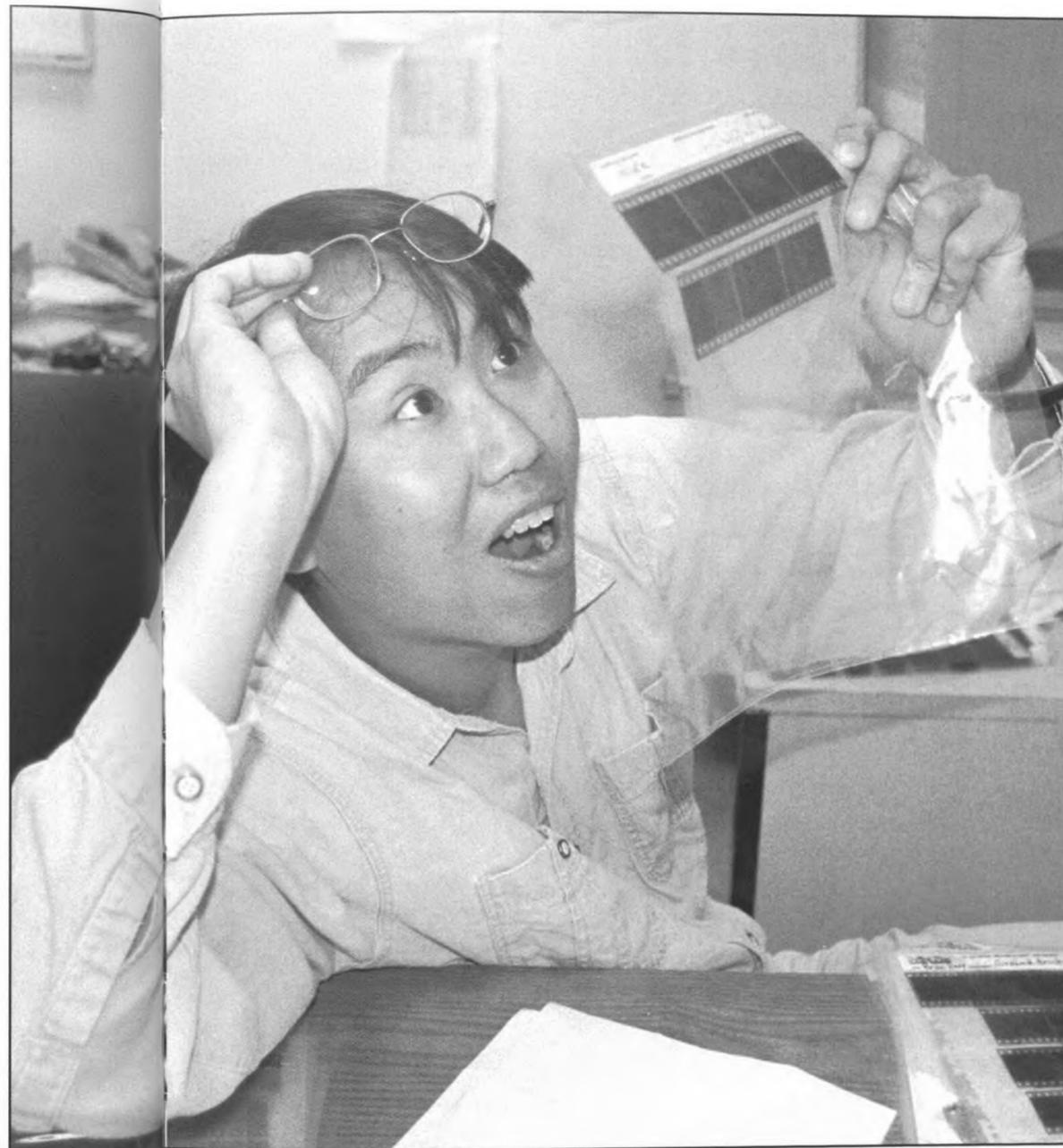
"I have learned so much since I joined the staff!"
-- Carolina Amengual

opportunity to experience the diversity of the school's population. "The best part about being a photographer was the people I met on assignments," said junior

music composition major Pin Lim.

Forging friendships and goofing off were some of the perks of staff employment, but the students did not forget their responsibilities. The *Houstonian* staff worked tirelessly, sometimes late into the night, to provide the students with an attractive, accurate representation of the school year.

-Ashley Grubbs



RESHOOT?

Senior music composition major Pin Lim examined photo negatives -- in the style of the Florida ballot examinations. Doing work in the *Houstonian* did not mean not having fun. Photo by Rich R. Risma

Calendar of Events

September

Deadline

November

Deadline

Staff Outing

December

Christmas Party

Deadline

May

SPC Banquet

June

Deadline

THINGS ARE LOOKIN' UP

Junior business major Ann Richter relaxed between taking photos. The staff spent time joking around together even while working on assignments. Photo by Nora Segura



TAKING FIVE

Senior journalism major Linda Canales, the Editor-in-Chief, and sophomore photography major Lauren Wilson, the Photo Editor, talked in the *Houstonian* office. Photo by Walter Coreas

HOUSTONIAN STAFF

Back row: Johnny Kow, Jason Yuen, Ed de la Garza. Second Row: Linda Canales, Kusum Desai, Michelle Norton, Christy Varghese, Carolina Amengual, Ashly Alberto, Ashley Grubbs. Front row: Pin Lim, Donica Beckett, Rich Risma, Walter Coreas.

CHECK IT OUT!

Stephanie Belton and another MVP member found details on a volunteering opportunity. Coordinating projects required many hours of planning. Photo by Josh Toppas

Calendar of Events

“Work for a Change”

“Fun in the Sun”

Alternative Spring Break



LENDING A HELPING HAND

MVP offers volunteer opportunities to students

Many students wished to be able to give back to their community, but did not know where to start. For such students who did not want to spend hours at a time calling places for ideas, the Metropolitan Volunteer Program (MVP) offered a solution.

MVP coordinated many events which gave any student who was interested the chance to use his or her talents to help out around Houston. The group

sought out a variety of activities, so that no matter what a student was interested in, there was a place where his or her strengths could be put to good use.

The group supported a number of regular activities, such as mentoring, working in homeless shelters, walk-a-thons, and envi-

ronmental cleanups. These activities were open throughout the year for students

In addition to finding venues in the Houston area for volunteering, MVP sponsored two major events: “Work for a Change” and “Fun in the Sun”. These events helped students to find ways to incorporate their volunteer efforts into a choice of careers.

MVP was diligent in informing the students and staff of upcoming volunteer opportunities, but they also worked one-on-

one with students to help match their skills with the service that would be perfect for their interests.

Through their efforts, MVP helped give the students of UH chances to serve the community around them while utilizing their own talents and interests.

-Ashley Grubbs

“It’s about gaining a passion for serving the community.”

- Stephanie Belton



KEEPING TRACK

Junior business major Melissa Gaines searched the web for volunteer opportunities in the area. MVP provided students with a wide range of volunteer options. Photo by Josh Toppas

SAY THAT AGAIN?

MVP members listened to the speaker at one of the MVP events. MVP attended many different activities planned by volunteer groups around Houston. Photo by Josh Toppas



THERE YOU GO

A student joked around at the Oxfam banquet, which many MVP members attended. The students made many friends while they were volunteering. Photo by Josh Toppas

CULTURE SHOCK

CEO helps students experience foreign traditions

UH housed a number of organizations who focused on sharing their cultures with the rest of the University. In order to help these groups stay on their feet, the Council of Ethnic Organizations (CEO) was formed, ensuring that such important student groups would have proper funding and opportunity to participate in campus life.

CEO's main goal was to make students aware of the deeper meaning behind some of the traditions they experienced every day. "You have to look beyond the surface," said senior sports administration / health major Apollo Woods, the assistant director of CEO.

Throughout the year, CEO held many different events to showcase the diversity of the campus. They sponsored Diversity Week, during which they held a variety of activities to bring students in to learn about other cultures. They also hosted Food and Culture Nights, as well as

variety shows and cultural festivals.

In addition to their annual activities, CEO tried this year to look more closely at some of the most important traditions of the various ethnic groups on school. They sponsored the public celebration of many traditional festivals from different cultures. "We want students to be able to see what is *really* behind some of the

practices they see on campus. They need to go beyond what they might have gotten from the media," said Woods.

The funding allocated to the ethnic organizations came from student fees, so CEO was particular about their criteria for funding. They only funded programs which went to benefit the whole of the UH population. The groups' efforts were rewarded with excellent attendance at their many events, and the student body was able to better understand the wide array of cultures represented on campus.

-Ashley Grubbs

"There is so much more to the cultures represented on school than people realize."

- Apollo Woods



GROOVY

Several students at the CEO Culture Night performed a traditional dance. This was a chance for students to display their talents while teaching others about their culture. Photo by Henri Chen

Calendar of Events

Awareness Day

Culture Night

Open Mic Night

Cultural Festival

Variety Show

THANK YOU

Senior finance and accounting major Asia Jones finished his performance at the CEO Open Mic Night, which gave students the chance to share their culture in their own way. Photo by Christy Varghese



THE RACE IS ON

Two visitors to Culture Fest raced on the Bungee Run, one of the games at the festival. Culture Fest was part of Diversity Week, which was highly attended despite rain. Photo by Pin Lim

GRAND PRIZE

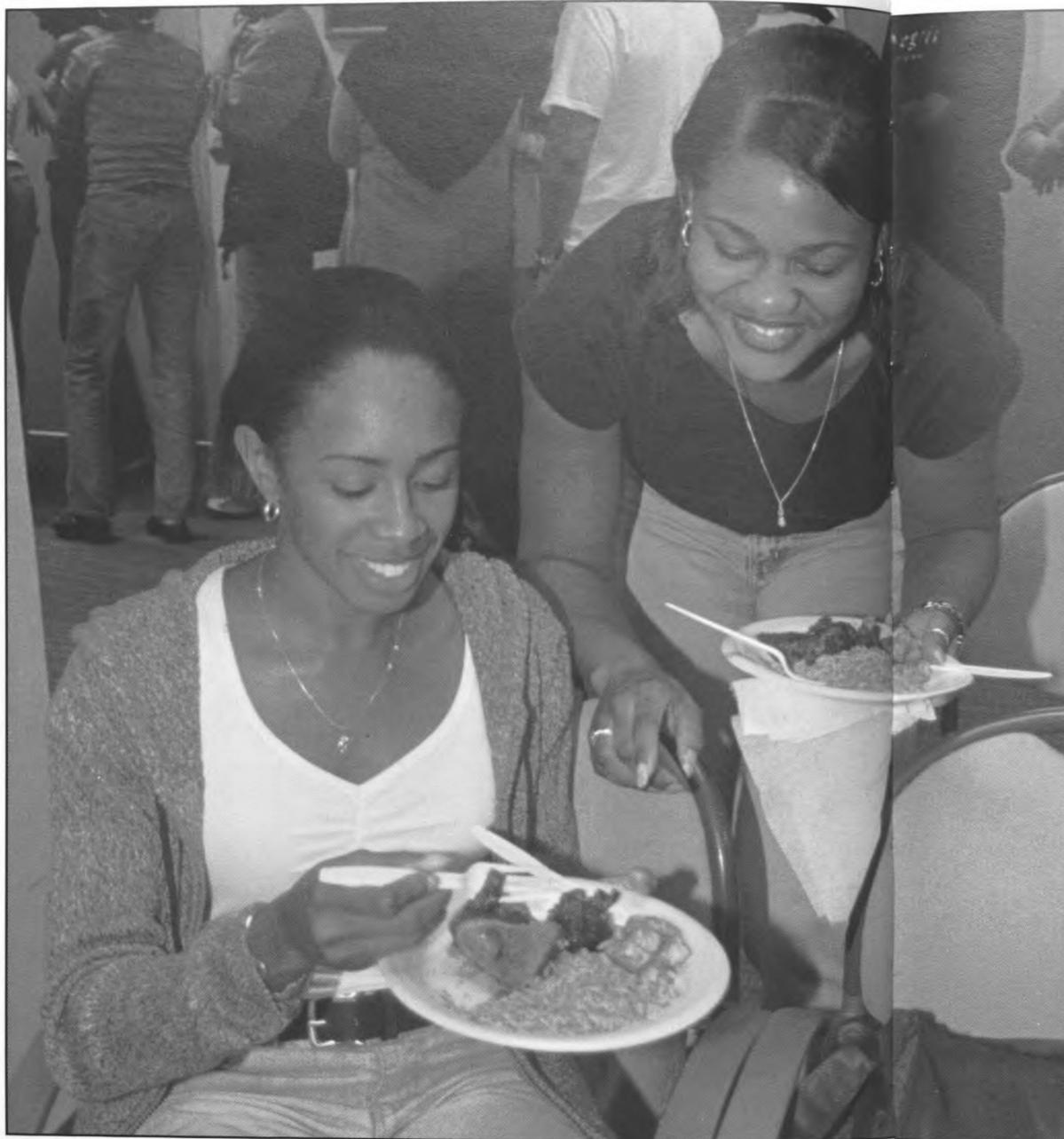
Members of the CEO board -- Pam Klepal (advisor), Sadaf Joya, Apollo Woods, Naz Sedghi, Allegra Brimmer, and Patricia Ramirez -- attended the Variety Show. Photo by Henri Chen

THAT LOOKS GOOD!

Senior psychology major LaRenda Howard and senior IST major Nikia Rosborough enjoyed dinner from Safari Restaurant at the food and culture night. Photo by Christy Varghese

Calendar of Events

- Date Auction
- Food and Culture Nights
- Black History Month Celebration
- Monthly Meetings



UNITED THEY STAND

BSU helped create unity in UH's Black community

Any team has a better chance of winning when they work together as one. The members of the Black Student Union (BSU) understood this idea thoroughly, and each of the members appreciated the value of teamwork. Born in the spring of 1971, the BSU was established as an active voice and unity base for African-Americans on campus who wished to celebrate their heritage.

The BSU expressed its objectives through a number of programs such as the annual Food and Culture Night, which featured cuisine and entertainment from the African heritage. Other activities included the annual Date Auction, self-defense instruction, and many volunteer efforts, such as March of Dimes, Houston Blood Bank, and a Bastion Elementary tutoring program.

There were many advantages to being

involved with BSU. "I enjoy working with people," said junior pre-med biology major Leola Jones. "BSU has brought me closer to other black organizations on campus by co-sponsoring events"

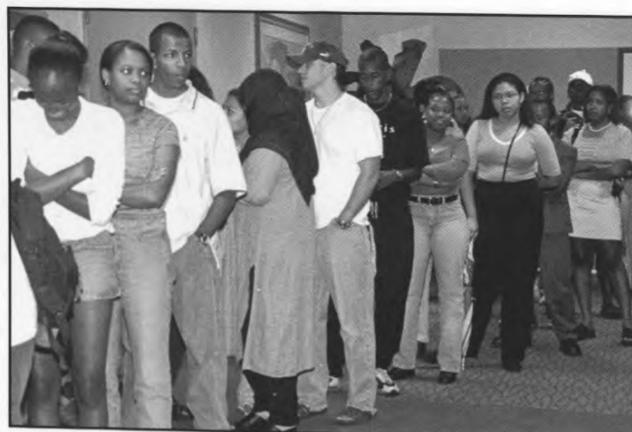
One of BSU's biggest events took place in a week-long celebration of Black history. It included a unity workshop and a one-man play entitled, "Can I Speak For You, Brother?" The week ended with an arts festival depicting different aspects of the African-American culture as well as the entertaining Apollo Night.

In a city where the population was so diverse, BSU helped ensure that the Black students of UH would not get lost in the crowd, and that their heritage and contribution to society would not be forgotten.

-Donica G. Beckett

"I love watching people enjoy our programs as the members realize their leadership potential."

- Tonya Conway



SINGLE FILE

BSU members lined up to get food at the Food and Culture Night. These events were very popular due to the excellent meals and interesting discussions. Photo by Christy Varghese

SHOW AND TELL

Speaker Lessie Tate showed off her display on Tanzanian culture at the BSU Food and Culture Night. The night included a lecture and Tanzanian food. Photo by Christy Varghese



HOW MUCH IS THAT?

Sophomore biology major Erica Lewis and sophomore education major Priscilla Pack counted their money to make a bid at the annual date auction. Photo by Nora Segura

PLAYING MIND GAMES

Psi Chi members have fun while exploring psychology

In an age where people like to think they have made just about every discovery there is, there are still students who recognize the vast amount we have yet to learn about the human mind. These students study psychology, and many of them joined Psi Chi.

Psi Chi was the only organization at UH which focused on psychology. The group included around one hundred active members, plus the members inducted at the end of the year. In order to be inducted, a student had to earn at least 150 points. These points were determined on the basis of attendance at meetings, and participation in extra activities.

Each month there was a general meeting, an officer meeting, and a committee chair meeting. In addition to these meetings, the group held several events each month, including volunteer projects such as a Halloween party at Depelchin Children's Orphanage, Thanksgiving and

Christmas Feasts downtown, and mentoring. These events helped the members to give back to their community, as well as demonstrating their commitment to the organization. Psi Chi also held bake sales to raise money, and stationed information and recruitment tables to encourage new membership.

There were many advantages to joining Psi Chi. "The group helps you meet professors and other students. It keeps you networked," said senior Hiren Khatri, the Vice-President of Psi Chi. The group also helped prepare its members for graduate school by attending workshops and holding mock exams. Often, the members would get together to study for shared classes.

No matter what their reasons for joining the group, Psi Chi members were able to serve their community, enhance their studies of psychology, and have a good time with a group of friends.

-Ashley Grubbs

"It's a good avenue into the details of the study."

- Brandi Robinson

KEEPING TABS

Junior Shannon Harborough looked after the office. During their scheduled hours, members sold candy as well as taking care of other Psi Chi business. Photo courtesy of Psi Chi



INCOGNITO

Psi Chi members passed out candy to children on campus at Halloween. Many of Psi Chi's efforts reflected the members' love of working with kids. Photo courtesy of Psi Chi

PSI CHI OFFICERS

Senior Brandi Robinson (treasurer), Senior Hiren Khatri (vice-president), graduate Jenny Gay (president). Not pictured: senior Christine Gauthier (secretary) Photo by Nora Segura

WRAP IT UP

The children at Depelchin's Orphanage wrapped Hiren Khatri in crepe paper at the Halloween Party -- an example of the group's habit of enjoying their work. Photo courtesy of Psi Chi

Calendar of Events

- Officer Meetings
- Committee Chair Meetings
- General Meetings
- Information Tables
- Recruitment Tables
- Nacho/Bake Sales
- Career Day
- Octoberfest
- Halloween Party @ Depelchin's Children's Orphanage
- Bingo @ Autumn Hill Nursing home
- Thanksgiving Feast Downtown
- Food/Clothing Drive
- Christmas Party
- Mock GRE
- Bob Marley Festival
- Conoco Rodeo Run
- Texas Job Fair
- Induction
- Southwestern Psychological Association Conference (Houston)
- Eastern Psychological Association Conference (Washington, DC)
- Officer Elections

FREE POT!

Students in the UC painted flower pots handed out by Hillel in honor of Tu B'Shevat. Hillel sought to raise awareness of the Jewish day with the slogan "Free Pot for Tu B'Shevat!" Photo courtesy of Hillel

Calendar of Events

Monthly:

Faculty Schmooze

Lunch N' Chat

Shabbat Hopping

H.O.T. Nights

Gary's Obscure Movie of the Month

10/6 Dinner under the Stars

10/17 Pizza in the Hut

10/21 Shmini Atzeret

10/24 Kibbutz Speaker

11/2 Must-See-TV

11/18 Silent Auction

12/21-29 Chanukah

1/24 GAP Jews & Brews

1/29 Chillin' Wit da Rabbi

2/8 Tu Bi'Shevat

2/25 Shalom Sabor "100 Years of Israel Through Postcards"

3/3 YAD/GAP Havdallah

3/8 Megillah Reading & Beit Cafe Talent show

3/9 Purim

3/14 Jews and Brews

3/19-21 Religious Awareness Week

4/4 Jay Sands: The Jews of Africa

4/25 Yom Ha-Shoah

4/25 Jews and Brews

4/26 Yom H-Zikaron



FOR THE HILLEL OF IT

Houston group helps Jewish students celebrate

One of the best ways to get to better understand one's culture and religion is to spend time with other people who share the same beliefs. With this in mind, Hillel, a Jewish organization, was formed for Houston area students, specifically for UH and Rice University.

Since Hillel was a group that spanned two different schools, members had a unique opportunity to compare practices and habits. "It's neat how, in the same city, two schools can be like night and day," said Michelle Spindel, a junior communications major. Hillel had a main building located downtown, for both chapters, while most of the UH activity took place in the A. D. Bruce Religion Center which, unfortunately, spent most of the year under repairs.

Hillel sponsored many different events, most of which were free to the students. These events included luncheons twice a month, HOT Nights (Hillel Open Tuesday Nights), and the new Chillin'

Wit da Rabbi monthly meetings. They also held talent shows and other events to celebrate the holidays.

The group also offered students many opportunities to travel and meet other Jewish students. They sent members to a national convention which included students from the US and Canada, as well as an annual retreat which involved all of the Texas

chapters of Hillel. "It's a great way to make connections," said Spindel. The group also hosted a retreat with Hillel students from Tulane University, during which they took the visitors to

the rodeo. Tulane reciprocated, offering a tour of New Orleans later in the year.

Hillel offered Jewish students a great deal of freedom to meet other people and expand their knowledge of the Jewish tradition. The students formed bonds on the trips and in the meetings which they felt would be likely to last for years.

-Ashley Grubbs

"We meet amazing people; it's cool to see how others do things differently."

- Michelle Spindel



THE GANG'S ALL HERE

Students who went on the Birthright trip to Israel gathered for a photo at a scenic overlook. Half of the group was from UH, while half was from Rice. Photo courtesy of Hillel

JUST CHILLIN'

Students gathered for an evening of Chillin' Wit da Rabbi, which met once a month in the dorm lobbies. The Rabbi answered any questions the students may have had. Photo by Rich R. Risma



PASSIONATE EXPERIENCE

A student was overwhelmed on his first visit to the Western Wall, or the Wailing Wall, on the Birthright trip. The trip was an emotional one for many of the visitors. Photo courtesy of Hillel

OFFERING SUPPORT

HSA helps out the Latin organizations

No matter how much work they do, every group needs help on occasion. In the case of a school with such a huge number of organizations on campus, it was necessary to have groups whose job was to lead a number of other organizations.

The Hispanic Students Association (HSA) was in charge of the Latin fraternities and sororities.

"We're like their mother," said Patricia Ramirez, a sophomore MIS major, and the president of HSA.

HSA helped the Latin groups with fundraising and membership. They would make sure the group in need received the money they required, and they helped staff the membership drives to encourage students to join.

The group's executive board, which was composed of six officers, was elected by the officers of the other Latin organizations. This enabled the groups to have a say in who would be lead-

ing them, which gave them confidence in HSA.

HSA also helped coordinate many Latin-themed activities, such as the celebration of Mes de las Raza (Month of Culture), which took place between September 15th and October 15th. This gave other students the opportunity to learn more about the Hispanic culture and traditions.

"We are a sort of support line for the other Latin organizations."

- Patricia Ramirez

The group also helped its organizations to be involved in community service. They sponsored a toy drive, during which each group collected toys to turn in to HSA. The

group which collected the most toys was awarded a plaque.

HSA helped the Hispanic organizations on campus to maintain their focus on their goals of celebrating the Latin culture. Through their efforts, the various groups were able to accomplish more than they would have done alone.

-Ashley Grubbs



HERE'S A CAPTION!

Freshman communications major Claudia Rodriguez answered the phone during her scheduled office hours at the HSA carroll in Campus Activities. Photo by Nora Segura

Calendar of Events

- 9/15-10/15 Mez de la Raza
- 1/24 Recruitment Day
- 2/18 Latin Lovers Auction

WANNA SAY THAT AGAIN?

Sophomore MIS major Patricia Ramirez, the president of HSA, led the discussion at a meeting. The officers discussed matters thoroughly before they gave money to a group. Photo by Nora Segura



WHAT DO Y'ALL THINK?

The members of the HSA worked at a meeting to plan their activities for the month. These meetings gave the officers a chance to discuss funding and events. Photo by Nora Segura

HSA OFFICERS

Historian Doris Govski, president Patricia Ramirez, treasurer L. Xavier Cano, secretary Lucy Pineda, and program director Claudia Rodriguez. Photo by Nora Segura

A COLORFUL GROUP

Freshmen university studies major Stayson Varghese and pharmacy major Sherine Thomas painted a banner for the Diwali banquet. The banquet required preparation. Photo courtesy of ISA.

Calendar of Events

- 9/12 Mixer
- 9/19 General Meeting
- 9/23 Talking Drums
- 9/27 General Meeting
- 9/30 Junior Cougar
Tailgate Party
- 10/3 General Meeting
- 10/11 General Meeting
- 10/14 India Bazaar
- 10/17 General Meeting
- 10/21 Asian-American Festival
Diwali Banquet
- 10/27 Karma-8 Masquerade
- 10/28 Junior Cougar
Tailgate Party
- 10/31 General Meeting
- 11/16 Variety Show
- 4/7 Basant Bahar



CULTURAL FESTIVALS

Indian Students bring their heritage to UH

The University of Houston housed a large population of Indian Students, many of whom were disconcerted with the change from their own culture to that of the United States. For this reason, among others, the Indian Student Organization was formed, and worked to raise campus awareness of the Indian culture, as well as help its members to get in touch with their own heritage.

The Indian Student Association (ISA) helped its members to celebrate their customs with banquets, religious celebrations and other activities centered on the Indian culture. For many of their events, such as the Basant Bahar (Spring Season) celebration, participants wore Indian clothing, followed Indian customs, and ate the foods traditionally prepared for those holidays in India.

Drawing more than one thousand people, the Basant Bahar was the ISA's biggest annual

event. The group also helped to coordinate the Nava Ratri (Nine Nights), a Hindu festival which takes place each year at the Astroarena. Festivities included traditional folk dancing and refreshments.

"I love promoting the events," said sophomore Baiju Shah, the president of ISA. These events, coordinated in conjunction with other international organizations on campus and throughout Houston, often included performances of music and dance from India.

"It's important to share your culture with everyone else."
-- Baiju Shah

In an effort to give back to the community, ISA also encouraged its members to engage in community service projects. They worked with Indian doctors in the area, assisting with their duties in any way they could. They also combined with other organizations around campus, giving tours and doing anything else they could to raise consciousness about their organization.

—Ashley Grubbs

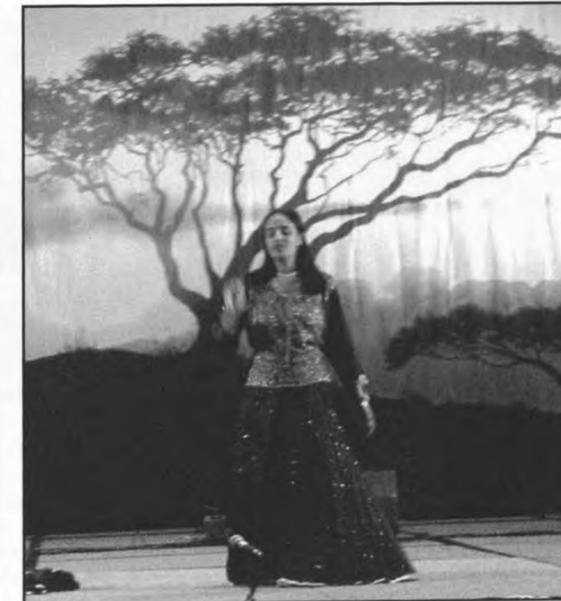


ISA OFFICERS

Left to Right: Anish Shah, Baiju Shah, Annie Austine, Raushan Pathnia. Not pictured: Manu Shoal, Eswari Raja, Ali Khan, Jay Mistry.
Photo by Rich Risma

DANCE MAGIC DANCE

ISA members Annie Augustine, Eswari Raja, Henry Hung, and Reshma Amin danced at the Diwali Banquet while celebrating their heritage.
Photo courtesy of ISA



PERFORMANCE ART

Freshman business major Amy Kadakia performed at the Diwali Banquet. This was an opportunity for visitors to be immersed in the Indian Culture.
Photo courtesy of ISA

REMEMBER YOUR ROOTS

Vietnamese students celebrate their heritage

With such a colorful history, it is no wonder that the Vietnamese students at UH were eager to learn more about their own culture and share it with their fellow students. The Vietnamese Students Association (VSA) enabled them to do just that.

President Duy Nguyen pointed out that while many Vietnamese students were proud of their heritage, they often did not know as much about it as they wanted. "I joined because I wanted to explore the history and the roots of the Vietnamese culture," said Nguyen, a junior Interdisciplinary Studies major.

Throughout the year, the VSA held many different activities that promoted the Vietnamese culture. They showcased the wide variety of Vietnamese clothing with a fall fashion show, and held cooking competitions to share with the community the unique Vietnamese cuisine. They also honored Vietnamese festivals such as

the Vietnamese New Year in February and the Mid-Autumn Festival in September. During this celebration, the VSA helped the Vietnamese community pass out lanterns to children, a tradition for the holiday.

The Vietnamese American Youth Network, of which the VSA was a part, worked together to assist the flood victims in western Vietnam.

They organized a concert called Lay Troi Thoi Mua to raise funds for these devastated families. All of the proceeds and performers' fees were sent to Vietnam to

aid the victims there.

With hard work and an enthusiastic group, the VSA was able to share with the rest of the student population their deep and unique culture. While doing this, they also shared their own knowledge with each other and learned more about their own history.

"I love the fashion shows; the clothing is so beautiful."
- Duy Nguyen

-Ashley Grubbs



WE GO TOGETHER

Members of the VSA gathered in their costumes for fashion show for the Night of Hope, to raise money for the flood victims in South Vietnam.

Calendar of Events

- Valentine's Date Auction
- Lai Troi Thoi Mua concert
- Night of Hope
- Performance @ ASA's Asian American Festival
- Ice Skating with UST
- Tet Trung Thu
- Spring Banquet

HORS D'OEUVRES?

Freshman University Studies major Chau Nguyen, sophomore Computer Science major Tony Nguyen and sophomore Biology major May Nguyen helped serve food. Photo courtesy of VSA



WAX ON, WAX OFF

Andy Chau, a sophomore University Studies major, worked at one of the VSA car washes. The car washes were one of the group's many popular fundraisers.

CHECK IT OUT

Visitors to the display at the Vietnamese Students Association's 25th Anniversary Gala showing examined one of the cultural exhibits.

WANT FRIES WITH THAT?

A student served food at the Art and Culture Festival during diversity week. This week incorporated many different organizations. Photo courtesy of ISO.

Calendar of Events

- 10/00 NACSA Conference
- CEO Conference Mtg. Lecture Series
- Student Culture Night Bake Sale
- Diversity Week
- 11/13 Art/Cultural Festival
- 11/14 Student Culture Night
- 11/15 Open Mic Night
- 11/16 Variety Show
- 2/01 Student Culture Night
- 3/01 Intern. Food Fair
- 4/01 Awards Banquet



NOT LIKE THAT!

Members from two different groups discuss the events at the Diversity Week food Cultural Festival. ISO members were able to meet many people from other cultural groups.

SELF-SERVE

Students from one of ISO's student organizations served food during Diversity Week. This was an opportunity to sample cuisine from all over the world.



COME ON OVER

A group of people presented an award at one of the Diversity Week events. There were many awards given out in a variety of categories.

ETHNIC HARMONY

Students explore the diversity of UH through ISO

On one of the most diverse campuses in the United States, there was a huge number of ethnic organizations, who worked to share their culture with the rest of the student population. However, they may not have always remembered to try and learn about the other cultures represented throughout the university. That was where the International Student Organization (ISO) came in. This group worked to ensure that all the different cultural organizations worked together and recognized the importance of one another.

The ISO planned many different events to bring together the students in an environment where they could learn about and celebrate the differences in their cultures. One way they did this was through a foreign film festival. The group showed films from different parts of the world, and invited anybody who was interested to attend. This gave the students the oppor-

tunity to compare art forms from all over the world.

Another of the group's most popular activities was the International Food Fair. The group set up stands outside the M.D. Anderson Library, and had foods from all over the world, as well as performances and shows. This was many people's favorite part of the year. "It

"It's a great way to learn about many different cultures."

- Sadaf Joya

brings out the most people of any of our events," said senior Sadaf Joya, a political science major and the president of the organization. The large atten-

dance allowed many students to fully experience the diversity which the campus is famous. "It gets people to talk and interact with each other, and that's when they learn," said Joya. Whatever the reason the students chose to attend an ISO event. The chances were good that before it was over, they had learned something new.

-Ashley Grubbs

CULTURAL MINGLING

FSA equally beneficial to non-Filipino students

Most international organizations tend to focus on people of their own cultures, rather than of a diverse student membership. The Filipino Students Association (FSA), however, did practically the opposite. It integrated both Filipino and non-Filipino members in order to share the culture, have fun, and serve the Filipino community.

Nearly half of the FSA members were not of Filipino descent. "FSA was probably more beneficial to non-Filipino students, actually,"

said FSA vice-president Rich Risma, a senior Media Productions major. Those students were able to learn about the culture while enjoying the many activities the group had to offer.

One of the most popular of FSA's annual events was called the GoodPhil Games. At these events, all of the FSA chapters in Texas -- from eight different colleges -- join together during spring break. This year the Games were held at

U of H. The three-day-long event included sports and awards, which the FSA financed with fundraising money. When the Games were not held at UH, the fundraisers went toward helping members finance their trips to the site.

Another way to get to GoodPhil was through the FSA point system. Any activity in which a member participated was worth a given number

of points, and one thousand points gained them a free trip to GoodPhil. Points could be earned by participating in events, or by bringing people to a

meeting or activity. This was also the primary method of new member recruitment.

In addition to GoodPhil, the FSA also hosted a number of other events, including a date auction, the Rice Bowl football game, a Christmas party, and a banquet. All of their activities were geared toward advancing the Filipino culture and having a good time.

-- Ashley Grubbs

"We promote the Filipino culture to UH as a whole."

-- Rich Risma

UP IN THE SKY!

Leonard Monpilla raised his hand for his team's attention. The group's many activities gave them a chance to get to know one another.

Photo by Pin Lim



CHECK IT OUT!

Members of the FSA relaxed on the sidelines during the Rice Bowl game. Those who did not wish to play often came to watch the exciting game.

THAT'S MY BALL

Members of the Filipino Student Association played football in their annual Rice Bowl Thanksgiving Rice Bowl. The teams were the older students vs. younger.

Photo by Pin Lim

TRICK OR TREAT!

A visitor to FSA showed off his costume at the Halloween party. Many different people who were not members came to FSA's events to enjoy the festivities.

Calendar of Events

- 9/00
 - Scavenger hunt
 - Food and Culture Night
- 10/00
 - Basketball tournament
 - Halloween Party
- 11/00
 - Paintball
 - Rice Bowl
- 12/00
 - Christmas Party
- 2/01
 - Date Auction
 - FSA Culture Night
- 3/01
 - GoodPhil Games
- 4/01
 - '01-'02 Officer Elections
 - Car Wash
- 5/01
 - FSA Banquet

IT'S IN THE BAG

Graduate Biology major Sherry Sendelbach helped assemble paper bags at the Junior Achievement Exchange City during one of the service activities.

Calendar of Events

- 7/7 CPR Class
- 8/3- International Convention
- 8/6
- 11/29 GKIHS 23rd Birthday
- 1/29- GKIHS Information Tables
- 1/31
- 2/2 2001 SW Regional Conference Volunteer Meeting
- 2/23- 2001 SW Regional Conference
- 2/25
- 3/25 GKIHS Induction



DONATING THEIR TIME

Golden Key serves its members and community

Many college students look for ways to improve their resume for when they begin their careers. Golden Key International Honor Society was one way for them to accomplish that.

As a national organization, Golden Key was a major asset to students who were seeking a leg up on their career search. Its sponsors, such as Ford Motors, recognized it as a group of dedicated individuals who would be an asset to their company. "If somebody is in Golden Key, you know he or she is intelligent and community-oriented," said Mary Tran, a biology major and the president of the organization.

In order to join Golden Key, a student had to be of junior or senior classification and be in the top 15 percent of his or her class. Community service was not required, but it is encouraged, and the group arranged many opportunities for the students to donate their time. They ran a

tutoring program for elementary students, as well as running a blood drive week on campus. They also painted a house in an Urban Outreach project this year.

The group also attended events which helped its members prepare for their professional lives. In an international conference, all of the chapters from around the world met, exchanged ideas, and attended workshops. Also, the UH chapter hosted the 2001 Southwestern Regional Conference in February, in which representatives from all

over the country came to teach workshops on a variety of different topics, such as community involvement and personal improvement. All UH students, whether they were members or not, could come to learn how to develop a resume as well as other tricks to help them be competitive in the job market.

"We try to give our members a leg up when they graduate."
-- Mary Tran

-Ashley Grubbs



GOLDEN KEY OFFICERS
Political science major Mike Michaels, biology major Mary Tran, biology pre-med major Kamrun Jenabzadeh, and psychology major Hiren Khatri.

HITCHIN' A RIDE
Graduate Political Science major Steven Garcia displayed the C.A.F.E. exhibit--designed to look like a chuck wagon--at the Texas Job Fair 2000, co-hosted by GKIHS.
Photo courtesy of GKIHS



WAIT, I KNOW CPR!
Junior Pharmacy major Caroline Ngo posed by the dummy she used in her CPR training class. Knowing CPR may one day help one of the students save a life.

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he Baptist Student

Ministry, a student-led Christian organization on campus, met every Wednesday throughout the year for a weekly luncheon at the Baptist Student Center.

Not only did the luncheon provide students, faculty and staff with a wide selection of food to choose from, it also provided them a chance for prayer and song.

Each luncheon also included some sort of entertainment such as a speaker or a film. The luncheons also allowed students to make new friends.

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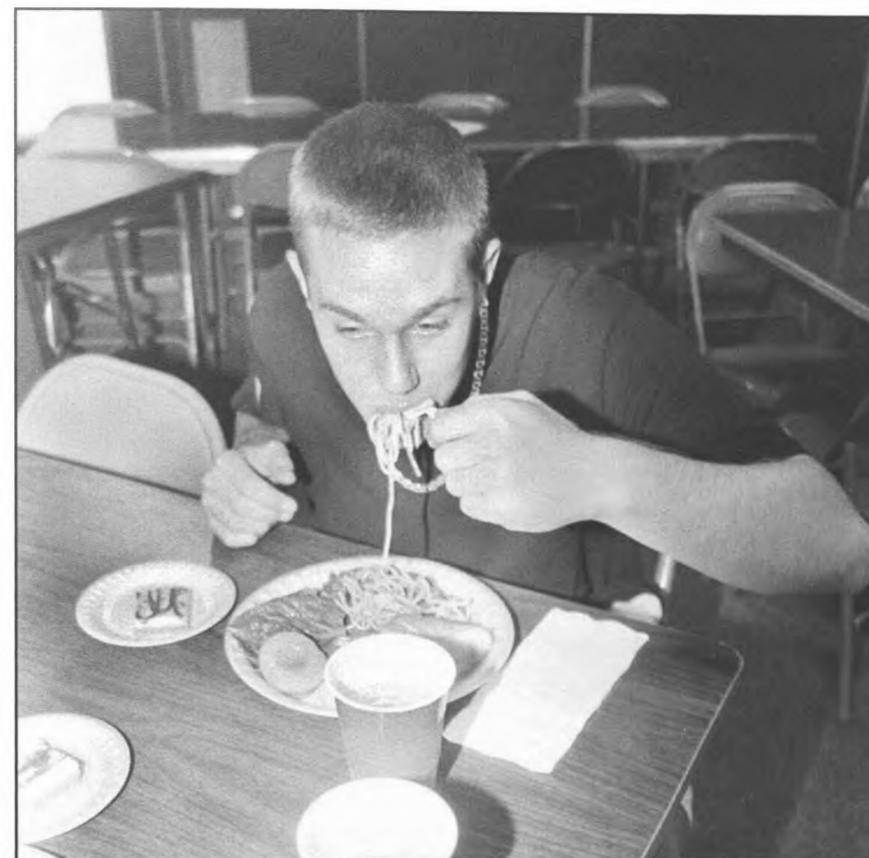


Pick a plate

Baptist Student Ministry members prepare plates for students, faculty and staff who attend the luncheon.

Taste the possibilities

Students, faculty and staff stand in line to pick their favorite foods for a variety of combinations.



Chowing down

Kinesiology freshman Scott Thompson eats a mouthful of spaghetti at Wednesday luncheon.



Put it on ice

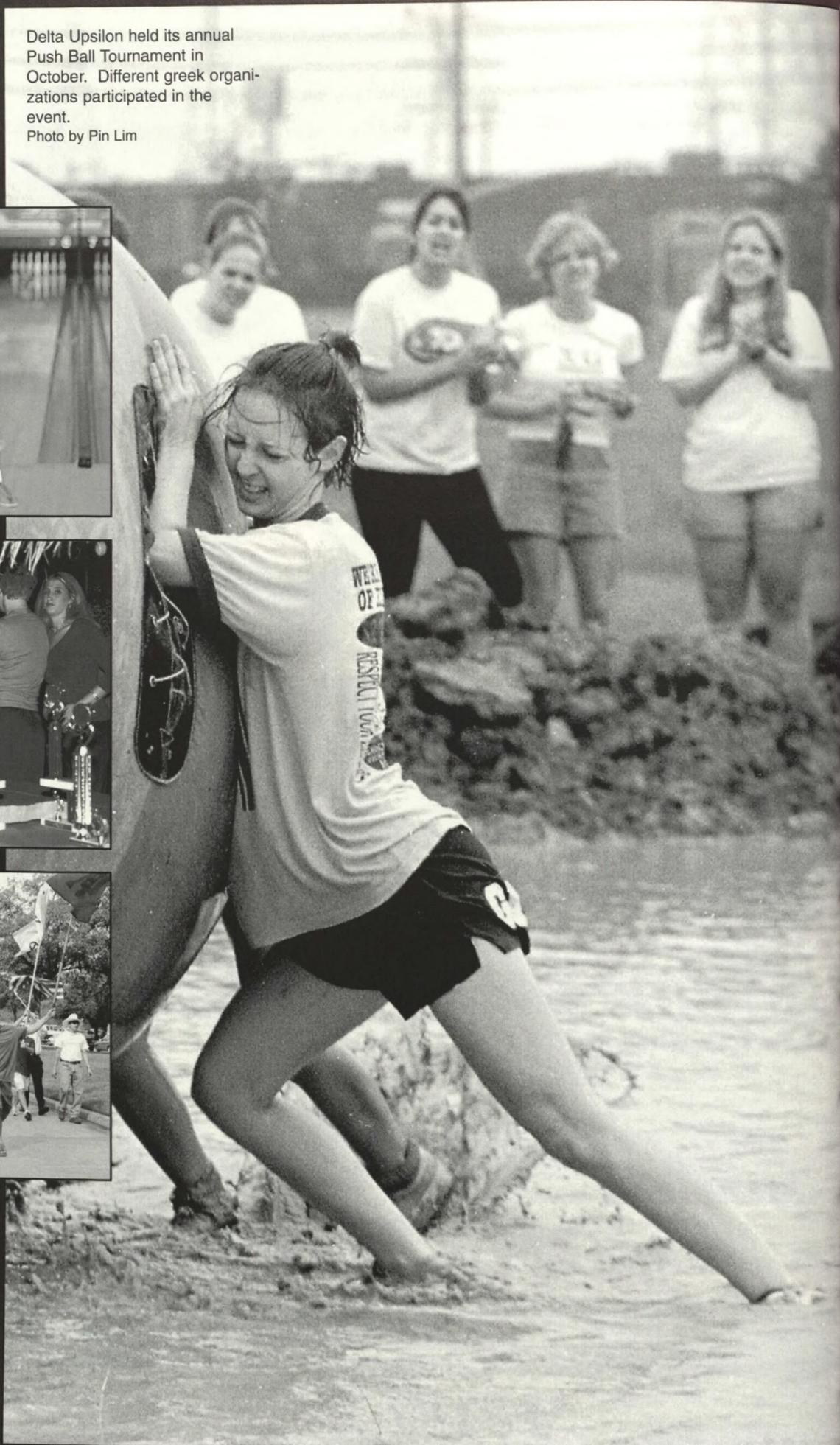
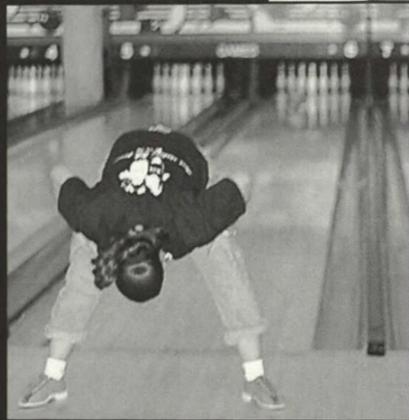
Sophomore information systems technology major Mandy Sowobi pours major drinks for students.



Join in the chorus

Students, staff and faculty gather in a circle to sing songs before they sit down to eat.

Delta Upsilon held its annual Push Ball Tournament in October. Different greek organizations participated in the event.
Photo by Pin Lim



Greek Life

To many college students around the country, being in a sorority or a fraternity means that you're rich, spoiled and that you buy your friends. Well, that doesn't seem to hold true at the University of Houston.

To be Greek at UH means to take part in an organization that gives back to the community and works toward making the University a better place. Such groups as Sigma Gamma Rho and Delta Upsilon have demonstrated that through their philanthropies.

The Greek life at UH is also instrumental in building school spirit such as when groups like Kappa Delta Chi and Delta Zeta helped to paint the UC with other Greeks during homecoming.

Greek life at UH also brings tradition with such events as Sigma Chi Fight Night, which also happens to be an event that Sigma Chi holds to raise money for one of their charities.

Greeks at UH are not about being better than everyone else, it's about helping out those around you.

ΙΦΘ ΣΓΡ ΔΣΘ ΦΒΣ

NPHC

ΑΦΑ ΑΚΑ ΚΑΨ ΩΨΦ

FUN

ΔΣΘ ΦΒΣ ΖΦΒ ΣΓΡ

FACTS

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NICKNAME

NHPC

ESTABLISHED
NATIONALLY

1930

ESTABLISHED AT UH
APRIL 1992

F

FAMOUS GREEKS

Jesse Owens (ΑΦΑ)

Patti LaBelle (ΖΦΒ)

Arthur Ashe (ΚΑΨ)

Cicely Tyson (ΔΣΘ)

Michael Jordan (ΩΨΦ)

Barbara Jordan (ΔΣΘ)

Calvin Murphy (ΙΦΘ)

O

OFFICERS

President - Emile Browne

Vice President - Trina Moore

Recording Secretary - Sean Stovall

Treasurer - Glenniece Stewart

Historian - Dane Hawkins

Parliamentarian - K. Denea Stewart

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C

NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL

National Pan-Hellenic Council provides a helping hand for African-American Greek-letter organizations

Since 1930 the National Pan-Hellenic Council has been the coordinating body for nine African-American fraternities and sororities around the nation.

At the University of Houston these fraternities and sororities are Alpha Phi Alpha,

Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Sigma Gamma Rho, Zeta Phi Beta, Iota Phi Theta, Kappa Alpha Psi, Omega Psi Phi and Phi Beta Sigma.

The 2000-2001 school year was filled with excitement and activities for these nine fraternities and sororities.

One big event was the annual step show held in the Lynn Eusan Park. Alpha Kappa Alpha ladies could be spotted with their pink and green umbrellas.

Zeta Phi Beta ladies also got in on the step show action as they showed the audi-

ence how a step show should be done.

Although these NPHC greeks love a good step show, they also enjoy giving back to the community.

Each sorority and fraternity associated with NPHC did their duty in helping the community with their various service projects.

Sigma Gamma Rho held their Adopt-A-Family donation drive, while the men of Alpha Phi Alpha held voter registration drives and participated in The United Negro College Fund Telethon.

It is through the dedication of

all the organizations under the National Pan-Hellenic Council, and the council itself, that UH students and the Houston community are better places.

-LINDA CANALES



Pin Lim

Members of Sigma Gamma Rho collect donations from the UH community for their Adopt-A-Family project in November.

POSING PRETTY

The ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha strike their ending pose after their performance at a step show in the Lynn Eusan Park.



Christy Varghese



Ann Richter

LEFT, RIGHT, LEFT

The men of Phi Beta Sigma show off their fancy footwork at the step show in Lynn Eusan Park in September.



Christy Varghese



Lauren Wilson

DANCING DIVAS

Members of Delta Sigma Theta perform at the Strut Your Stuff Showcase during Homecoming Week in October.

BEST OF THE BEST

The Alpha Phi Alpha men held nothing back as they presented their step routine in the step show at Lynn Eusan Park. The Alpha Phi Alpha's took first place in the competition.

FOXY PHI MU

The ladies of Phi Mu participate in the Strut Your Stuff Showcase during homecoming.



Pin Lim



Han Nguyen

CHI-O CAR

The ladies of Chi Omega decorate their club car and show their spirit for Homecoming during Parade Across Campus Day.

SOUTHERN SINGING

A member of Delta Gamma belts out a tune for her fellow DGs to dance to at Frontier Fiesta.



Pin Lim

HOUSTON COLLEGIATE PANHELLENIC ASSOCIATION

HCPA works with UH greek sororities to open up to the community

The Houston Collegiate Panhellenic Association was created at the University of Houston with the purpose of bringing UH sororities closer together as a community.

HCPA tries to instill in its sororities certain ideals and principles.

One of these principles is scholarship or academics. According to the HCPA women of sororities earn higher scholastic achievement, than women who are not members of a sorority.

Another principle is that of leadership. Many of the sorority members are encouraged to

take on leadership positions within their sorority and on and off campus.

One of the last principles is service. Sororities under the HCPA are actively involved with the UH and surrounding

Houston community. The sororities spend a majority of their time raising money for charitable organizations or participating in activities that allows them to give back to their community and help worthy causes.

Working to make up the association are six sororities.

Alpha Chi Omega, Delta Gamma, Phi Mu and Zeta Tau Alpha.

HCPA also helps to coordinate rush for the six sororities under its association.

During rush prospective members get to meet actives from the various six

sororities and if they're lucky will be chosen by their ideal sorority.

HCPA has helped to bring the UH sororities together and will continue its success in the years to come.

-LINDA CANALES



Lauren Wilson

Two freshmen fill out applications during rush in hope of becoming members of one of the sororities that HCPA works with.



Rich Risma

TINY TURTLES

Delta Zeta ladies wait until they're called into their weekly meeting in the UC Underground.

AXΩ XΩ ΔΓ ΔΖ
HCPA
ΦΜ ΖΤΑ ΑΧΩ ΧΩ
FUN
ΔΓ ΔΖ ΦΜ ΖΤΑ
FACTS

NICKNAME
HCPA

PRINCIPLES

Scholarship, Leadership, Service and the Development of Lifelong Friendships

FAMOUS GREEKS

May Catherine (AXΩ)
Joann Woodward (XΩ)
Lisa Kudrow (ΔΓ)
Faith Daniels (ZTA)

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ΑΕΠ ΒΘΠ ΔΥ ΛΦ ΦΚΘ

IFC

ΠΚΑ ΕΑΜ ΣΝ ΣΦΕ ΣΧ

FUN

ΤΚΕ ΠΚΦ ΑΕΠ ΒΘΠ ΔΥ

FACTS

NICKNAME

IFC

ESTABLISHED
NATIONALLY

1909

FAMOUS GREEKS

Brad Pitt (ΣΧ)

Pat Riley (ΣΝ)

Bob Hope (ΦΚΘ)

OFFICERS

President - Patrick Sullivan

Executive Vice President -

Donald Scherer

VP of Administration - Chris Harper

VP of Standards - Milan Dave

VP of Recruitment - Brian Morales

VP of Public Scholastics -

Trevor Graham

Advisor - Bruce Twenhafel

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INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL

IFC brings new meaning to the word brotherhood

Although the greek community at the University of Houston is not as large as some others at other universities, they still need a council or association to guide them.

At the University of Houston, the Interfraternity Council was created to do just that for the UH fraternities.

It is the IFC's job to bring the fraternities together to promote values and ideals, as well as handle any disputes that may arise in or between fraternities under its council.

IFC also makes up rules and punishments for the fraternities to follow.

The IFC actually works under the National Fraternity Council and works as a liaison between the fraternities and the University, as well as the surrounding Houston community.

FOOD, FUN AND FRATERNITIES

Sigma Nu, a member of IFC, held a bar-b-q in September with special guest coach Dana Dimel of the Cougar football team.

Eleven fraternities at the University of Houston make up the Interfraternity Council, which consist of Alpha Epsilon Pi, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Upsilon, Lambda Phi Epsilon, Pi Kappa Theta, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Alpha Mu, Sigma Nu, Sigma Phi

Epsilon, Sigma Chi and Tau Kappa Epsilon.

To make sure that all fraternities are able to voice their opinions and have representation in the council, IFC has made sure that each fraternity is represented by one officer and one delegate from each fraternity.

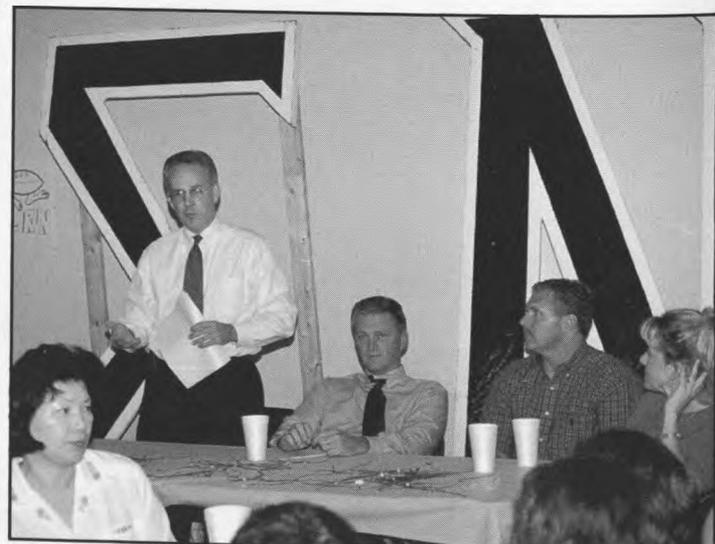
It is through IFC that UH fraternities are given the opportunity to make even more friendships, socialize with other fraternities and make the brotherhood bong at UH even stronger.

-LINDA CANALES

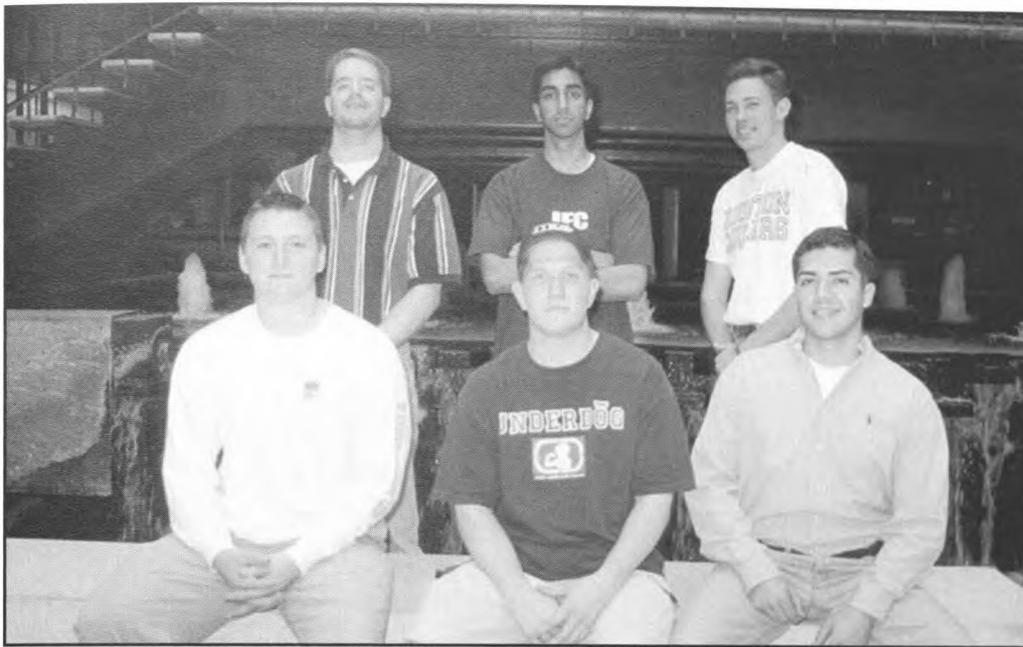


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Sigma Nu and Sigma Chi compete against each other at the Phi Mu Greek Feud in November.



Kusum Desai



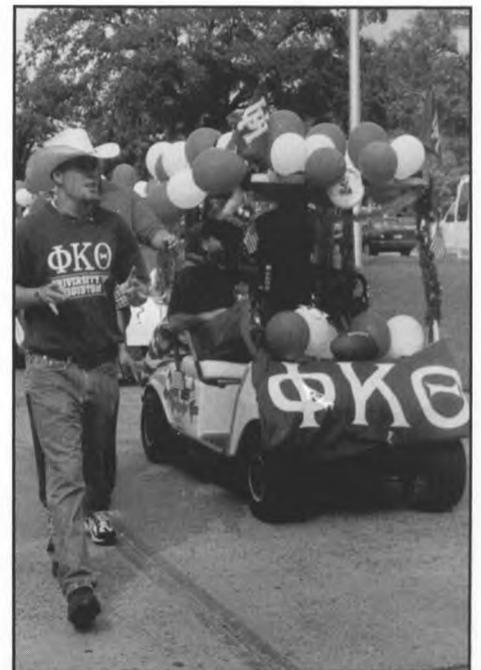
Lauren Wilson

BOUNDED BROTHERS

Front Row L-R: Chris Harper, Donald Scherer and Brian Morales. Top Row L-R: Patrick Sullivan, Milan Dave and Trevor Graham.



Nora Segura



Lauren Wilson

HOWDY PARDNER

Members of Phi Kappa Theta participate in the Parade Across Campus during Homecoming week in October.

PICASSO FOR A DAY

Members of Pi Kappa Phi helped to paint the UC during Homecoming to support the UH cougars.

GREEKS-R-US

Sigma Chi and other UH greeks participated in the Delta Upsilon annual Push Ball Tournament.



Pin Lim



Nora Segura

BLUES BROTHERS

Members of Sigma Chi perform a skit at the Delta Zeta Gong Show in October.

SIGN OF THE TIMES

A brother of Sigma Chi drew out a sign that was used to decorate Sigma Chi's club car during the Parade Across Campus during Homecoming Week.



Ann Richter

SIGMA CHI

Sigma Chi men make their presence known in the UH greek community

The year of 1956 was a special year for the men of Sigma Chi. It was in that year that the Epsilon Chi chapter of Sigma Chi was established at the University of Houston.

For the last 45 years, the men of Sigma Chi have grown in numbers and have become one of the most active fraternities in the UH greek community.

One of the events that took place this year was the Sigma Chi Derby days.

Derby Days is a special event in which various members of the greek

community compete in various competitions.

It is also during Derby Days that Sigma Chi helps to raise clothing and food for local shelters in the Houston area.

This year, the men of Sigma Chi raised 750 lbs of clothes for the Star of Hope and 70 lbs of food for the Houston Food Bank.

Sigma Chi also held their annual Fight Night. At the Sigma Chi Fight Night members from fraternities enter the event to box against each other.

The money raised from the event goes to a local charity.

Sigma Chi men could also be seen showing their school spirit during Homecoming week.

One member dressed up in a cow costume in order to promote the "Got Spirit"

theme of the homecoming during the parade across campus.

It's been a great 45 years since Sigma Chi first started and things can only get better for the Epsilon Chi chapter.

-LINDA CANALES



Nora Segura

Sigma Chi discuss an answer to a survey while participating in the annual Phi Mu Greek Feud.



Danny Nguyen

BEEP! BEEP!

Members of Sigma Chi drive a club car decorated during the Homecoming Parade on campus. All the greeks came out to show their support for the Cougars.

SIGMA FUN CHI FACTS ΣΧ

NICKNAME

Sigma

ESTABLISHED
NATIONALLY

1885

ESTABLISHED AT UH

1956

CHAPTER

Epsilon Chi

COLORS

Blue and Gold

MOTTO

"In this sign you will conquer"

PHILANTHROPY

Children's Miracle Network

FAMOUS SIGMA CHIS

Warren Beatty

David Letterman

Andy Rooney

Tom Selleck

John Wayne

DELTA FUN ZETA FACTS ΔZ

NICKNAME

Dee Zee
Delta Z

ESTABLISHED NATIONALLY

October 24, 1902

PHILANTHROPY

Center for Hearing and Speech

COLORS

Pink and Green

FLOWER

Killarney Rose

MASCOT

Turtle

FAMOUS DELTA ZETAS

Marsha Wallace
Florence Henderson

OFFICERS

President - Ashley Vaughan
VP New Member Educator - Erin Kallus
VP Membership - Sheryl Guiney
VP Programming - Lauren Wilson
Treasurer - Catherine Zarate
Academics - Nadia Riveria
Advisor - Julie Goolsby

DELTA ZETA

The ladies of Delta Zeta experience the joy and sadness of being sisters

This year for Delta Zeta started off with fall rush. This is one of the busiest times for Delta Zeta as they try to recruit young ladies that will do Delta Zeta proud.

Members put in long days and nights to plan rush with little sleep. It can be a stress

for the ladies, but the end result is a group of new Delta Zetas that will make the sorority proud.

Of course, being part of Delta Zeta isn't just about rush, it's also about taking part in various events around campus.

Delta Zeta went all out for Homecoming week as they performed in Strut Your Stuff, walked in the Parade Across Campus and Paint the UC. It was a great way for Delta Zeta to meet other members of the UH community and support the cougars.

The ladies also hosted their annual Delta

Zeta Gong Show where various greeks and organizations on campus perform dances, songs, skits, etc. This year was a big hit for Delta Zeta.

Delta Zeta had lots of good times, but this year also had a down side.

Aurelia Juarez, an alumnae of Delta Zeta and a UH law student, tragically lost her life in a car accident in the spring.

It was a difficult time for many of the Delta Zeta sisters, but they banded together to support one another.

Instead of continuing to mourn, Delta

Zeta decided to honor Juarez by hosting a softball tournament to raise money for a scholarship in Juarez's name.

Delta Zeta has its up and downs, but it always triumphs.

-LINDA CANALES



Danny Nguyen

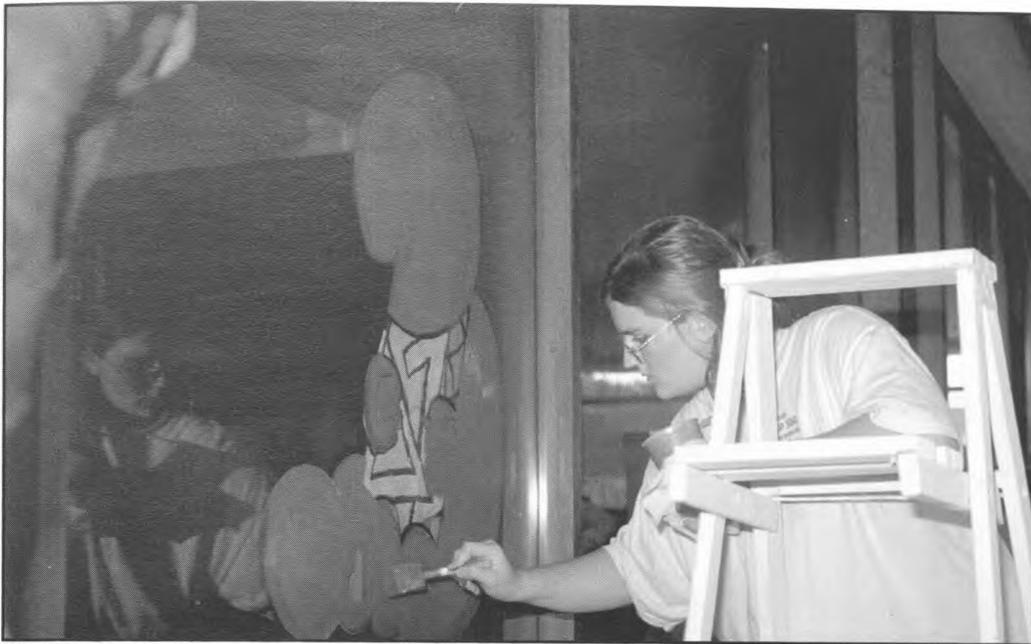
Nancy Paz, May Perez-Pasten and Aisling Venza ride in the DZ club car during the Homecoming Parade across campus in October.

THE CORRECT ANSWER IS...

Shannon Harris, Nicole Edgett, Julie Grimes and Ashley Vaughan represent Delta Zeta in the Phi Mu Greek Feud in November.



Nora Segura



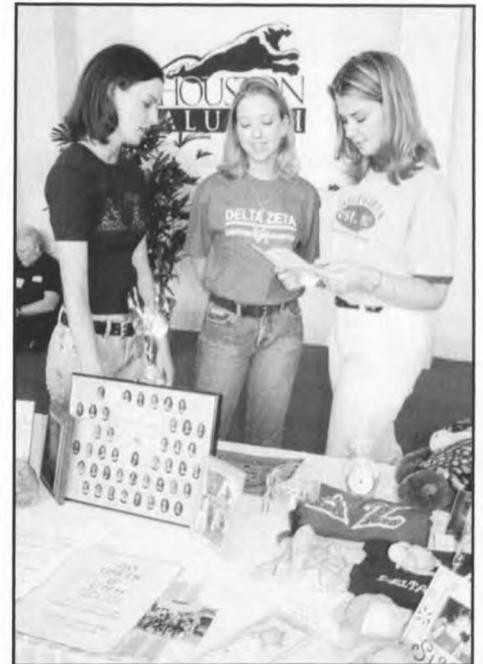
TINY TURTLE

Delta Zeta member, Lauren Wilson, paints the Delta Zeta mascot, a turtle, at the UC during Paint the UC day for Homecoming.

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DELTA DISPLAY

Rebecca Eggleston, Meghann Smith and Ashley Vaughan help set up the Delta Zeta table for fall rush during Cougar Craze in August.

DZ DIRTY DUTY

The ladies of Delta Zeta took part in the annual Delta Upsilon Push Ball event. It was a messy experience for Delta Zeta, but some-body had to do it.

GOT SPIRIT!

SigEp members showed their spirit during Homecoming Week as they participated in Parade Across Campus.



Max Lacayo



Lauren Wilson

STANDING PROUD

Members of Sigma Phi Epsilon showcase their talent at the Strut Your Stuff Showcase in October during Homecoming Week.

SIG-EP DOES A BODY GOOD

A member of Sigma Phi Epsilon gets into the Homecoming festivities during Parade Across Campus to show support for the Cougar football team.



Ann Richter

SIGMA PHI EPSILON

SigEp creates an environment for balanced men at UH

The Texas Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon at the University of Houston has come a long way.

The Texas Delta chapter was formed originally in 1956, but closed in 1971. After a few years of being dormant, the Texas Delta chapter was re-opened on May 8, 1984.

Since that time the SigEps of UH have worked hard to make their chapter successful.

One of SigEps greatest accomplishments is the Balanced Man Project.

The project encourages undergraduates of Sigma Phi Epsilon to take on community service projects in the community, as well as, be a mentor.

The program is self-paced and allows for members to achieve various goals. In the end

the men of Sigma Phi Epsilon become balanced men in their chapter, school, community and to themselves.

Along with the Balanced Man Project, the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon also participate in various events around UH and the greek community.

SigEp ranks fourth in intramurals and could always be seen participating in such events as Phi Mu Greek Feud and Homecoming festivities.

During the Parade Across Campus during Homecoming week, the men of SigEp were the

most colorful with their "got spirit?" cow costume and club car decorations.

SigEp is truly a place for young men to develop into balanced men.

-LINDA CANALES



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A group of Sigma Phi Epsilon men were honored with the Sigma Phi Epsilon Balanced Man Scholarship in September.



Kusum Desai

BE ALL THAT YOU CAN BE

Sigma Phi Epsilon members try to recruit new members for their fraternity by setting up a table near the M. D. Anderson Library.

SIGMA FUN PHI FACTS EPSILON

NICKNAME

SigEp

ESTABLISHED NATIONALLY

November 1, 1901

ESTABLISHED AT UH

May 8, 1984

CHAPTER

Texas Delta

FAMOUS SIG EPS

Dr. Seuss

OFFICERS

President - Mike Shaw
Recruitment - David Serra
Development - David Armendariz
Programming - Kerim Davis
Communications - Nicholas Weber
Finance - Jim Svoboda



ALPHA FUN PHI FACTS ALPHA

NICKNAME

A-P-A

ESTABLISHED NATIONALLY

December 4, 1906

ESTABLISHED AT UH

April 17, 1971

CHAPTER

Eta Mu

COLORS

Black & Gold

PHILANTHROPY

Project Alpha
Voter Registration Drive
Houston Food Bank
Adopt-A-Grandparent Program

FAMOUS A-P-As

W.E.B. DuBois
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Hon. Thurgood Marshall
Keenan-Ivory Wayans
Lionel Richie
Andrew Young

OFFICERS

President - Bisi Nwaokemeleh
Vice President - Tory Carmon
Executive Secretary - Warren Clavelle
Treasurer - Ronald Cotton
Parliamentarian - Apollo Woods

ALPHA PHI ALPHA

The Men of Alpha Phi Alpha Step Up to the Challenge in 2001

The year 1906, was a time when minorities were faced with hardships such as racial prejudice educationally, socially as well as economically. Trying to survive during these times were rigorous, but these hardships alone were not damaging enough to stifle the kindred spirits of the seven "Jewels", the founders of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

Initially serving as a study and support group, the fraternity was founded nationally December 4, 1906 and on the campus of Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. It was the first of its kind.

The legacy continues at the University of Houston where the Eta Mu chapter was founded. Thirty years and still growing the chapter stand approximately 19 members

strong and is led by President Bisi Nwaokemeleh.

It is evident that these aspiring young men take much pride in their organization by displaying their concern for those around them.



Brian Viney

The Alpha Phi Alpha name is proudly displayed at the Black and Gold Pageant.

Through uplifting programs such as the black and gold Pageant and financial planning seminars, political debates, plus providing scholarship opportunities, they express their mission to help others.

The honorable Eta Mu is also known for its selfless out-

reach to the community with its participation in various community service projects.

"We strive to accomplish our goals as well as help the community accomplish theirs," Kelechi Ndujiuba, a MIS senior, said.

-DONICA BECKETT

COUGAR CROWD

Crowds of UH students gather in Lynn Eusan Park to watch Alpha Phi Alpha and other groups participate in a step show in September.



Ann Richter



Brian Viney

BLACK & GOLD BEAUTIES

Ladies from the UH community came out in February to participate in Alpha Phi Alpha's annual Black and Gold Pageant.



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Christy Varghese

STANDING TALL

One brother of Alpha Phi Alpha strikes his end pose after competing in a step show.

BOW DOWN

Brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity participated in the step show at Lynn Eusan Park in September.

PARTY HARDY

Delta Upsilon members held a tailgating party outside Robertson Stadium on Homecoming Day to support the cougars and to just have a good time.



Pin Lim



Kusum Desai

DU DEDICATION

Members of Delta Upsilon set up a display on the UH campus in hopes of recruiting new members to their fraternity during rush.

PUSHING THE LIMIT

Various greeks from the UH greek community came out to participate and support Delta Upsilon during the annual Delta Upsilon Push Ball event.



Pin Lim

DELTA UPSILON

Delta Upsilon Pushes the UH Greeks to their limits

Delta Upsilon happens to be one of the most active and popular fraternities on the UH campus.

The men of DU have worked for many years to help the Houston community as well as promote friendship and leadership amongst its brothers.

This year was no different as the brothers of Delta Upsilon gave a little of their time to the community.

Halloween was a special time for DU as they spent the day with children from the Charter School.

The brothers and children

worked together to paint mini pumpkins and to play games. The get-together put lots of smiles on the faces of the children.

Delta Upsilon also participates in various events to help raise money for local charities.

One of Delta Upsilon's main events is their annual Push Ball Tournament.

Every year all the UH greeks come out to take part in the tournament in hopes of being the victor.

It's quite a site to see groups of people pushing a huge ball around in the mud. Sometimes it's not a pretty site.

Along with other philanthropy events and socials, DU brothers spend their time at their meetings which are open. That's rare for a greek organization.

So, you always know what DU is up to and it's a great way for future members to see just what goes on in the fraternity.

It has been a busy year for the brothers of Delta Upsilon, but it's also been fun.

-LINDA CANALES



Nora Segura

A member of Delta Upsilon prepares to go against a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon at the annual Phi Mu Greek Feud in November.



Nora Segura

THE GREAT PUMPKIN PATCH

The men of Delta Upsilon spent Halloween afternoon with the children at the Charter School helping to paint pumpkins for the holiday.

DELTA FUN UPSILON FACTS ΔΥ

NICKNAME
DU

ESTABLISHED
NATIONALLY
November 4, 1834

COLORS
Blue and Gold

PRINCIPLES
The Development of Character
The Promotion of Friendship
The Diffusion of Liberal Culture
The Advancement of Justice

FAMOUS DELTA UPSILONs

Alan Thicke
James Abram Garfield
Linus C. Pauling
Michael D. Eisner

OFFICERS

President - Ed Tulin
Executive VP - James Patterson
VP of Loss Prevention - Jason Honeycutt
VP of Academics - Richard Fischer
VP of Recruitment - Mike Tilton
VP of Public Relations - Brad Tilton
VP of Finance - Brandon Thomas
VP of Facility Management - Eamon Berge
VP of Records - Chris Harper

KAPPA FUN DELTA FACTS CHI

NICKNAME

KDChi

ESTABLISHED NATIONALLY

April 6, 1987

ESTABLISHED AT UH

December 15, 1993

CHAPTER

Theta

COLORS

Pink and Maroon

FLOWER

Pink Rose

JEWEL

Emerald

MASCOT

Penguin

IDEALS

Unity, Honesty, Integrity and Leadership

OFFICERS

President - Melanie Rodriguez

Vice President - Cynthia Diaz

Standards - Nicole Rosales

Service - Eliza Castillo

New Member Educator - Adriana Holguin

Treasurer - Jessica Jones

Recording Secretary - Sonia Barron

Corresponding Secretary - Melinda Sciffert

Sgt-at-Arms - Jennifer Perez

Historian/Chaplain - Sylvia Alejo

KAPPA DELTA CHI

Kappa Delta Chi makes their name known in the greek community at UH

Every chapter of Kappa Delta Chi has always believed in the ideals of unity, honesty, integrity and leadership. Theta chapter at the University of Houston is no different.

The ladies of Theta have made a name for themselves among the UH greek community by installing their ideals among their members.

Their leadership abilities and integrity can be seen every time KDChi holds an event.

From the officers down to the new members all do their best to make sure that KDChi is represented proudly.

They show their honesty and trust each time they have a gathering of a service project in which they must rely on each others' help.

Their most important ideal is that of unity. The sisterhood of Kappa Delta Chi is

strong due to the dedication and hard work that the ladies of Theta chapter put into it.

Kappa Delta Chi participates in socials and events such as Phi Mu Greek Feud and Homecoming Week festivities.

The girls also work with their new mem-

bers every semester to ensure that only the truly dedicated and deserving are allowed to become members of Kappa Delta Chi.

Theta chapter also participates in various community service events in order to give back to the Houston community and to also

help its members build character.

It's been hard work for the ladies of Kappa Delta Chi, but it is through their hard work that they are one of the most respected greek organizations at UH.

-LINDA CANALES



Nora Segura

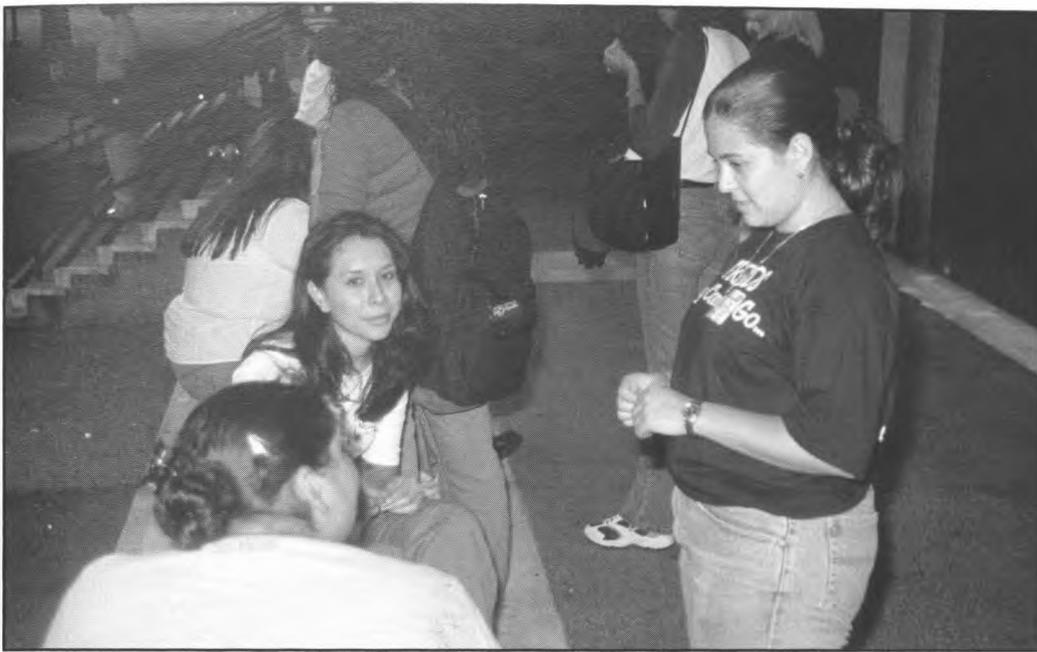
Members of Kappa Delta Chi participate in the Phi Mu Greek Feud in order to help Phi Mu raise funds for their philanthropy in November.

PENGUIN PRIDE

The ladies of Kappa Delta Chi set up a table in the UC in hopes of attracting new members during rush.



Michael Taylor



Nora Segura

PINK LADIES

Adriana Holguin, a hotel/restaurant management senior, talks to Ana Morales and Nelly Sotelo right before the Kappa Delta Chi Bowling Rush Event. It was a great way to get prospective members to get a look at the KDChi sisterhood.



Nora Segura



Nora Segura

STRIKING UP CONVERSATION

Fely Aguilar, a senior Biology and PreDental major, and Cyndi Diaz, a sophomore Kineisiology major, prepare to bowl at the Kappa Delta Chi Bowling Rush event in September. Old members were able to get acquainted with new ones.

PAINTING PENGUIN

A Kappa Delta Chi member helps paint the UC during homecoming week. This event allowed KDChi to socialize with other greeks.

AMONG FRIENDS

Members of Sigma Nu came out during the Homecoming tailgating to cook bar-b-q and to spend some time with friends before the big game.



Pin Lim



Nora Segura

FEUDING GREEKS

A member of Sigma Nu throws his hands up in question to an answer he gave at the Phi Mu Greek Feud.

SPECIAL SPEAKER

Sigma Nu held a bar-b-q at their house the night before the UH vs. Texas game. Coach Dana Dimel was a guest speaker at the event.



Kusum Desai

SIGMA NU

Zeta Chi chapter makes a run for Austin

In 1956 the Zeta Chi chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity was formed at the University of Houston. It has been 45 years since that time and Sigma Nu has become one of the most popular fraternities on the UH campus.

One of the reasons why Sigma Nu is sought out by many men who are new to the University is due to the activities that the fraternity participates in.

One of these most famous traditions is to run the game ball to Austin for the Houston vs. UT game.

This tradition has been going on since 1964. It starts out

with a group of Sigma Nu men taking the football for the game all the way from Houston to Austin. They do this by running, literally.

The men run for quite a few miles, but

in order to make in time for the game they have to drive the last few miles to Austin.

Before this year's running of the ball, Sigma Nu had a bar-b-q to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House.

What made this event even more special was that they were able to get Chet Gladchuck and Coach Dana Dimel to be guest speakers at the benefit.

Another event that makes Sigma Nu so popular is Frontier Fiesta,

This year the men teamed up with the women of Delta Zeta.

The worked for weeks on dance routines and helped to build their Fiesta front.

Things have turned out well for Sigma Nu and hopefully another 45 years are to follow.

-LINDA CANALES



Pin Lim

On the first day of classes, a few members of Sigma Nu set up a table just outside the communications building in hopes of recruiting new members.

FRONTIER FRIENDS

Sigma Nu, along with Delta Zeta, put up their banner in the UC announcing Frontier Fiesta.



Walter Coreas

SIGMA
FUN
NU
FACTS
ΣΝ

NICKNAME

Snakes

ESTABLISHED
NATIONALLY

January 1, 1869

ESTABLISHED AT UH
1956

CHAPTER

Zeta Chi

COLORS

Black and Gold

SYMBOL

Rock

FAMOUS SIGMA NUS

James Dean
Pat Riley
Harrison Ford
Lloyd Bentson

DELTA FUN GAMMA FACTS DG

NICKNAME

Dee Gee

ESTABLISHED NATIONALLY

December 25, 1873

ESTABLISHED AT UH

1956

CHAPTER
Gamma Sigma

COLORS

Bronze, Pink and Blue

FLOWER

Cream colored Rose

MASCOT

Anchor

MOTTO

"Do Good"

FAMOUS DELTA GAMMAS

Julia Louis-Dreyfus
Joan Lunden
Julia Sweeney
Lisa Kudrow

DELTA GAMMA

Delta Gamma motto made a reality at the University of Houston

"Do Good" has always been the motto of Delta Gamma and all the women who become a DeeGee make that motto part of their lives.

Since 1956, the Gamma Sigma chapter of Delta Gamma has done good for the University of Houston and the surrounding Houston community.

This year the group participated in the sorority open house in August.

The ladies set up a table with various items and pictures to show prospective members what it is that Delta Gamma does.

The group takes part in various charity events with other sororities and fraternities. One such event was the Delta Gamma Anchor Splash. There was also the Phi Mu Greek Feud in which the ladies of Delta

Gamma got to match wits with their fellow Greeks.

Gamma Sigma chapter also took part a few non-charity events such as the parade across campus in September.

The girls took their club car and decorated in red and white to show their Cougar Pride during homecoming week.

The ladies of Delta Gamma also took part in one of the biggest events of the year: Frontier Fiesta.

The girls dressed up in their cowboy boots and hats and performed an

amazing line dance that had the Fiesta audience cheering for more.

It's been quite a full year, but the Delta Gamma ladies have made good on their motto.

-LINDA CANALES

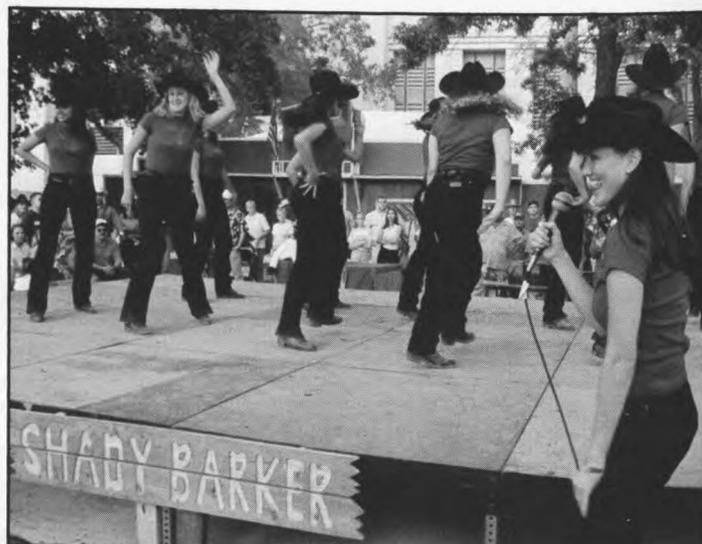


Max Lacayo

A student looks around the sorority open house at the Delta Gamma display with the possibility of becoming a member.

WESTERN WOMEN

Members of Delta Gamma danced a routine at Frontier Fiesta in front of an audience of hundreds.



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Max Lacayo

DELTA DAMES

Sisters of Delta Gamma pose for a group shot during the sorority open house.



Lauren Wilson



Ann Richter

DG DECORATING

A Delta Gamma sister puts the finishing touches on the DG club car just before the parade across campus.

GO COUGARS!

Members of Delta Gamma ride in their decorated club car during the parade across campus the week of Homecoming.

AAAAAHHHH!

The ladies of Zeta Tau Alpha perform their award winning dance "Thriller" at the Delta Zeta gong show.



Walter Coreas



Walter Coreas

MAKE ME LAUGH

Sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha talk to another sister just outside their Frontier Fiesta front.

RAIN DANCE

Zeta Tau Alpha members dance their Indian Outlaw dance in front of a crowd at Frontier Fiesta.



Walter Coreas

ZETA TAU ALPHA

ZETA FUN TAU FACTS ALPHA

Zetas strengthen the bond of sisterhood at UH

The Gamma Omega chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha has been keeping busy throughout the year with various charities, socials and campus events.

One of the events that the Zetas participated in this year was Delta Upsilon's annual Push Ball event. It was a messy activity, but the ladies didn't mind. They were having fun and got into the spirit of the game.

The ladies came away with third place at the push ball event.

The Zetas also worked a lot with the men of Sigma Chi. The two groups teamed up

together to participate in Frontier Fiesta.

The two groups helped each other out in building a fiesta front for Fiesta City. It was one of the more realistic fronts. The ladies of Zeta Tau Alpha also attended the Sigma Chi

crush party.

The Zetas are all about sisterhood and try to make time to just spend time with each other. One of the ways the girls accomplished this was by having a sisterhood night.

The girls all met up at the Zeta house and had a spaghetti dinner. It was a great way to strengthen their bond with each other.

The Gamma Omega chapter also participated in events such as the Delta Zeta Gong Show. The Zetas performed their dance called "Thriller". It was a big hit with the crowd.

It's been a

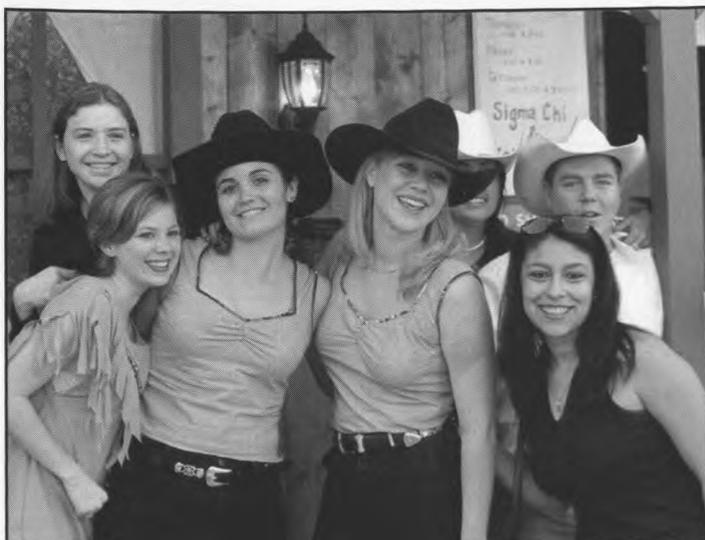
year packed with all kinds of events, but the ladies of Zeta Tau Alpha made it through and did it with style.

-LINDA CANALES



Walter Coreas

Zeta Tau Alpha hangs up their banner for Frontier Fiesta in the UC along with Sigma Chi.



Walter Coreas

CROWNING BEAUTIES

Ladies of Zeta Tau Alpha and their friends pose for a picture just outside their Frontier Fiesta display.

NICKNAME

Zetas

ESTABLISHED NATIONALLY

October 15, 1898

ESTABLISHED AT UH

February 15, 1956

CHAPTER

Gamma Omega

COLORS

Turquoise Blue and Steel Gray

FLOWER

White Violet

SYMBOL

5-Pointed Crown

MOTTO

"Seek the Noblest"

FAMOUS ZETAS

Betty Buckley
Phyllis George Brown
Susan Ford Bales
Margaret A. Brewer

OFFICERS

President - Melissa Jaramello
VP I - Sarah Michalsky
VP II - Erika Moses
VP III - Kathleen Topper
Secretary - Cheryle Lerch
Treasurer - Michelle Prejean
Historian/Reporter - Vanessa Flores
Scholarship Chairman - Erin Jones

OMEGA FUN DELTA FACTS PHI

NICKNAME

ODPhi

ESTABLISHED NATIONALLY

November 25, 1987

ESTABLISHED AT UH

November 22, 1997

CHAPTER

Pi

COLORS

Scarlet and Silver

MASCOT

Knight

MOTTO

"Crescit Eundo"
It Grows as it Goes

IDEALS

Unity, Honesty, Integrity and
Leadership

OMEGA DELTA PHI

Omega Delta Phi men make the world a better place

Omega Delta Phi was formed in 1987 at Texas Tech University. A few years later, ODPhi found its way to the University of Houston to create the Pi chapter, one of the most active chapters of Omega Delta Phi.

The men of Pi chapter do like to socialize and throw the occasional party, but they are more set on helping the University of Houston community grow.

ODPhi showed that they're always thinking of students first when they put up a display to warn students against drinking and driving.

It was just before spring break that the men of Pi chapter set up a totaled car just outside the UC with a huge sign asking students to think before they drink. It was a major statement.

The knights in shining armor also like to

give to the surrounding Houston community. All the men of Omega Delta Phi donated blood on the first day of classes. It was a greatly appreciated gesture.

Another way Pi chapter helped students this year was with early voter registration.

Students hold crazy hours and always have so much to do. So, to make voting a little easier for students this year, Omega Delta Phi set up a table in the UC and helped students register early to vote.

Pi chapter also participated in Frontier Fiesta where they brought a little

latin spice to the old west.

It's been a busy year with ODPhi doing a lot of giving, but their reward is knowing that they are making a positive difference.

-LINDA CANALES



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Omega Delta Phi set up a table just outside the University Center to get students to register to vote in the election of 2000.

BRILLIANT BROTHER

A brother of Omega Delta Phi works on his project in one of the computer labs. ODPhi members do their best to keep their grades up.



Rich Risma





Kusum Desai

COMMUNITY CONCERN

Omega Delta Phi members set up a crumpled car just outside the UC with a sign asking students to think when they drink during spring break.



Ann Richter



Pin Lim

UNITED WE STAND

Omega Delta Phi worked with Sigma Lambda Gamma during Frontier Fiesta.

BLOOD BROTHERS

Omega Delta Phi member, Leo Estrada a sophomore USD major, donates blood on the first day of classes.

LOOK AT US!

A couple of Phi Mu members swing in front of Agnes Arnold Hall in their decorated club car during the Parade Across Campus.



Han Nguyen



Lauren Wilson

GIVE ME A BEAT!

Phi Mu performed their award winning dance at the Strut Your Stuff Showcase during Homecoming week.

MU MEMORIES

Phi Mu members look over their table and decorations at the sorority open house in hopes of recruiting more members.



Max Lacayo

PHI MU

Phi Mu searches for the faithful few

Phi Mus can be seen all over the University of Houston campus as they make their presence known.

One way that the girls make their presence known is by the events that they hold. one of their biggest events for the entire year is their annual Phi Mu Greek Feud.

It's basically a greek version of family feud.

What makes this event so big is that all the greeks in the UH community come out to participate. The ladies even got 104 KRBE to help out with the event.

The money raised goes to one of the many charities that Phi Mu helps.

Another event where the ladies of Phi Mu left their mark was at the annual Strut Your Stuff during homecoming week.

The girls performed a dance routine

while wearing shirts with the word "foxy" written on it.

It sure did make a statement and the girls won at the event with their dance routine.

Homecoming was a busy time for the

ladies as they not only participated in Strut Your Stuff, but they also took part in the parade across campus and the painting of the UC.

One thing about Phi Mu is that they believe in their motto "The Faithful Sisters". So, in order to find the most faithful sisters, the ladies of



Pin Lim

Phi Mu members worked hard to create a Frontier Fiesta front that would make visitors feel that they were really in the old west.

Phi Mu took part in the sorority open house this year in hopes of finding ladies worthy of their motto.

From the look of their success this year, it seems they found them.

-LINDA CANALES

PLEDGE PHI MU

Members of Phi Mu discuss recruiting at the sorority open house.



Max Lacayo

PHI FUN MU FACTS ΦΜ

NICKNAME

Phi Mu

ESTABLISHED
NATIONALLY

January 4, 1852

CHAPTER

Alpha Pi

COLORS

Rose and White

FLOWER

Rose colored Carnation

MASCOT

Lion

"Sir Fidel"

MOTTO

The Faithful Sisters

FAMOUS PHI MUs

Joyce Carol Oates

Jerrie Mock

Commander Tova Wiley

Pat Mitchell

PHI FUN KAPPA FACTS THETA

NICKNAME

Phi Kap

ESTABLISHED NATIONALLY

1959

CHAPTER

Alpha Mu

IDEALS

Fraternal, Intellectual,
Spiritual and Social

PHILANTHROPY

Children's Miracle Network

FAMOUS PHI KAPs

Bob Hope
Gene Kelly
John F. Kennedy
Kiki De La Garza



PHI KAPPA THETA

Phi Kaps show their school spirit and build their brotherhood

The Alpha Mu chapter of Phi Kappa Theta at the University of Houston definitely has Cougar pride.

The school pride that the Phi Kaps is definitely second to none, as everyone could see during homecoming week.

During homecoming the men of Phi Kappa Theta took part in the Parade Across Campus in which they decorated their club car to show their support for the Cougars.

They also made a big impact at the pep rally. Just before the rally the Phi Kaps ran

around campus waving their letters along with the UH flag. it definitely caught the attention of UH students.

Another big event for the men of Phi Kappa Theta was Frontier Fiesta in the spring.

The Phi Kaps teamed up with the ladies of Delta Gamma to put on a Frontier Fiesta show that knocked the socks off of all the Fiesta visitors.

When the Phi Kaps aren't taking part in an event or a social, they can be found

strengthening their brotherhood bond at their house.

The brothers of Phi Kappa Theta hang out as often as they can with each other and like to take part in other things that aren't necessarily related to the university.

The years have good to the

Alpha Mu chapter of Phi Kappa Theta. They continue to grow and make their name known at the University of Houston.

-LINDA CANALES



Han Nguyen

Members of Phi Kappa Theta drive across campus in their decorated club car to show school spirit during Homecoming week.

REMEMBER WHEN

Phi Kappa Theta members and friends look at some pictures remembering former members and the memories that they shared.



Lauren Wilson



Walter Coreas

COOL COMBINATION

Phi Kappa Theta worked with Delta Gamma at this year's Frontier Fiesta for a memorable experience.



Lauren Wilson



Lauren Wilson

MANLY MEETING

Brothers of Phi Kappa Theta fraternity discuss the rush process and how to recruit more members for their fraternity.

RUNNING WILD

Members of Phi Kappa Theta run around the campus with various flags just before the Homecoming pep rally.

MOST POPULAR

Pi Kappa Phi held a donation drive just outside PGH with one of their members staying on a scaffold until enough money was raised. This was day one.



Pin Lim



Rich Risma

SOUL DEDICATION

A member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority arranges t-shirts in the UC underground before a guest speaker arrives.

UNFORGETTABLE

Family and friends came out to sell bar-b-q to raise money for the Aurelia Juarez Eternal Flame Scholarship. Juarez passed away this year and her sisters of Delta Zeta created the scholarship in her memory.



Walter Coreas

GREEK LIFE

UH Greeks more than just students with money

Sometimes it's easy for people to judge what they do not know. If you're not a member of the UH greek system, you might think that being greek is all about partying.

Yes, the greeks do party, but they also do a little more.

All the sororities and fraternities on campus do their best to give back to the the University of Houston and to the city itself.

They do this by holding a wide range of charity events to help raise money for their philanthropies.

Delta Upsilon has its Push Ball. Delta Gamma has their Anchor Splash and Alpha Chi Omega has their annual Mr. A-Chi-O pageant.

Most of these events seem like just an excuse to have a good time, but these events

help bring in a lot of money that it needed to help worthy causes.

Members of sororities and fraternities also believe in friendship. Just because you pay monthly dues doesn't mean you automatically have twenty friends.

Those friendships have to be made and strengthened by the individuals. The organizations just provide the first step.

The greeks at the University of Houston have worked hard to make the system work and to make it worth students' time and dedication.

It's been a great year for most of the greeks at UH and with their continued dedication, the University is definitely a school worth going to.

-LINDA CANALES



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Members of alpha Kappa Delta Phi sell t-shirts for breast cancer awareness month. The ladies hoped to raise money to help find a cure for breast cancer.

PARTY PEOPLE

Members of Sigma Gamma Rho and Delta Upsilon got together to host the Blue and Gold Jamboree in the UC.



Brian Viney

GREEK FUN LIFE FACTS ΓΛ

UH GREEK SYSTEM
ESTABLISHED
1956

FAMOUS GREEKS

- George Bush (ΔKE)
- Drew Carey (ΔΤΔ)
- Elizabeth Dole (ΔΔΔ)
- Nelson Mandela (ΦΒΣ)
- Cheech Marin (ΦΣΚ)
- Jack Nicklaus (ΦΓΔ)
- Ronald Reagan (ΤΚΕ)
- Dr. Seuss (ΣΦΕ)
- Stephen Spielberg (ΘΧ)
- Jerry Springer (ΤΕΡ)
- Jon Stewart (ΠΚΑ)
- Cicely Tyson (ΔΣΘ)
- Sela Ward (ΧΩ)
- Vanessa Williams (ΖΦΒ)
- Joanne Woodward (ΧΩ)

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GREEK FUN LIFE FACTS ΓΛ

GREEK MOVIES

Revenge of the Nerds
Animal House

GREEK SITES

www.greek101.com
www.greekpages.com

GREEK FACTS

The first fraternity was the Kappa Alpha society in 1750

85% of Fortune 500 executives belong to fraternities or sororities

Studies have shown that college students in sororities or fraternities do better academically

Studies have also shown that college students who join a sorority or fraternity feel they get the most out of their college experience



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PUSH IT

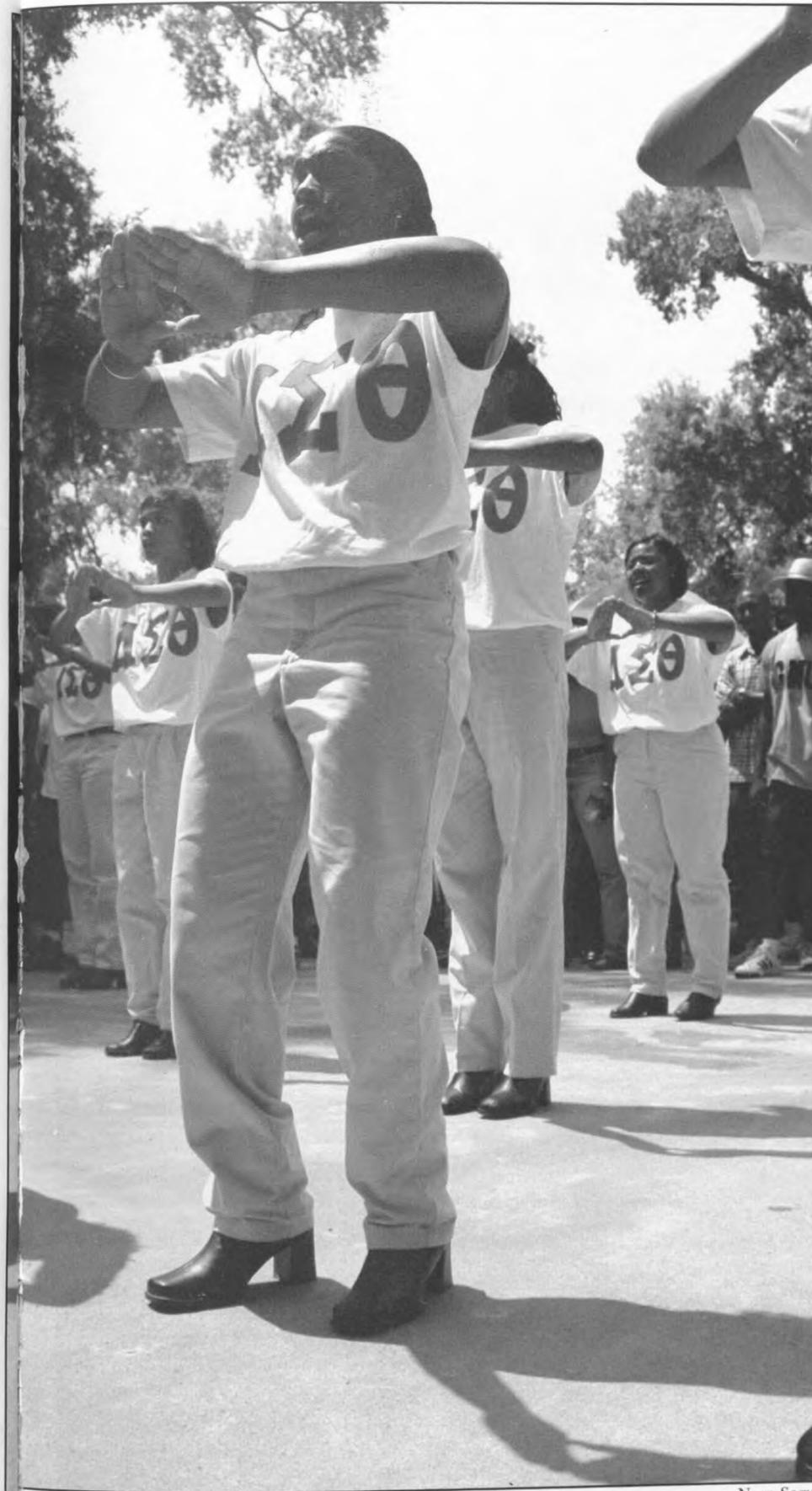
Delta Upsilon's annual Push Ball tournament brought the UH greek community together for a day of mud, pain and competition.

HOT MAMA

The Strut Your Stuff Showcase during Homecoming week got sororities and fraternities to bring out their best talents. The routines ranged from wonderful to weird.



Lauren Wilson



Nora Segura

STYLISH STEPPING

The ladies of Delta Sigma Theta sorority worked together to pull off a flawless routine at a step show held in Lynn Eusan Park.

YOU ARE CORRECT!

Members of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity cheer as they win a round in Phi Mu's annual greek Feud.



Max Lacayo



Nora Segura

PAINT THE TOWN

Sororities and fraternities from all over the UH greek community came out during homecoming week to paint the UC. Everyone lended a helping hand to each other.

A-CHI-O ANGELS

Front Row L-R: Julie Browning, Jessica Foetz, Josie Peltz, Casey Larson, Andrea Beckman, Laura Watkins, Julia Parsons, Krissy Percher, Pam Langley, Ashley Webb; **Second Row L-R:** Kristi Boaz, Natalie Higdem, Courtney Dykes, Lenae Hinson, Ann Loth, Mary Disperio, Michelle Payne, Nina Woleben, Erica Thornton, Allison Virgadamo, Ashley Pierce, Michelle Cigler; **Third Row L-R:** Sara Warren, Amanda Alvey, Lindsey Watson, Kristi Warren, Marlo Thompson, Emily Karlinski, Katherine Cavazos, Courtney Pagel, Crystle Ledger, Celeste Parsons, Mindy McIntosh and Sarah Sides



Christy Varghese



Pin Lim

A-CHI-O, A HOUSEHOLD NAME

Alpha Chi Omega, along with other UH greeks, help out Pi Kappa Phi with their donation drive by setting up large donation bottles.

DEVILS IN DISGUISE

Ladies of Alpha Chi Omega participate in Frontier Fiesta 2001 by dressing up in old western costumes.



Pin Lim

ALPHA CHI OMEGA

The Ladies of Alpha Chi Omega get into UH School Spirit as they participate in various UH events

Alpha Chi Omega has been at the University of Houston for more than 45 years. In that time the Gamma Upsilon chapter has made a name for itself and today continues to uphold its legacy.

Alpha Chi Omega ladies kicked off the school year with rush. A-Chi-O could be seen everywhere as they worked hard to recruit new sisters.

Rush ended and Homecoming began. Gamma Upsilon chapter participated in all the Homecoming festivities during Homecoming Week.

The girls decorated a club car to support the cougars and they even showed off their talent in the Strut Your Stuff Showcase.

It's always fun to play, but the ladies of Alpha Chi Omega also know how important

it is to help out their community.

The philanthropy of Alpha Chi Omega is Victims of Domestic Violence. To help raise money for the charity, the ladies hold various charity events.

One of their biggest charity events this year was Mr. A-Chi-O in which men participate in a pageant.

It's a tradition for Gamma Upsilon chapter and it helps to raise money for their philanthropy.

The ladies also attend socials and other events, including their banquet which is a chance for

the ladies to celebrate being an A-Chi-O.

It has been a year of hard work for the ladies of A-Chi-O, but all the hard work paid off with a successful year.

-LINDA CANALES



Max Lacayo
Julie Browning and her fellow sisters of Alpha Chi Omega set up their table for the sorority open house in the fall.



Nora Segura

A-CHI-O ANSWERS

Julie Browning and her fellow Alpha Chi Omega sisters try to figure out the correct answer to a question at Phi Mu's Greek Feud.

ALPHA FUN CHI FACTS OMEGA

NICKNAME

A-Chi-O
Alpha Chi

ESTABLISHED NATIONALLY

October 15, 1885

UH CHARTER DATE

February 11, 1956

CHAPTER

Gamma Upsilon

PHILANTHROPY

Victims of Domestic Violence

COLORS

Scarlet Red & Olive Green

FLOWER

Red Carnation

MASCOT

Angel

FAMOUS A-CHI-Os

Carol Duvall
Goldie Hawn
Agnes Eckhardt Nixon
Dawn Wells

OFFICERS

President - Josie Peltz
VP Fraternity Relations - Lenae Hinson
VP Chapter Relations & Standards - Ann Loth
VP Education - Pam Langley
VP Finance - Natalie Higdum
VP Intellectual Development - Ashley Webb
Membership Development Chair - Andrea Beckman
Communications Chair - Daniela Meinhardt
Recruitment Chairs - Stephanie Barnett
Panhellenic Delegate - Heather Meza

SIGMA FUN GAMMA FACTS RHO

NICKNAME

SGR

Gamma Rhos
S-G-Rhos

ESTABLISHED AT UH

1973

CHAPTER

Epsilon Pi

PHILANTHROPY

Habitat for Humanity
March of Dimes

FLOWER

Yellow Tea Rose

COLORS

Royal Blue and Gold

MASCOT

French Toy Poodle

MOTTO

"Greater Service, Greater Progress"

FAMOUS S-G-RHOs

Corrine Brown
Ann Marie Horsford
Hattie McDaniel
Joyce Warren

OFFICERS

President - Demetria Frank
Vice President - Demetria Smith
Secretary - Adora Kwankwo
Treasurer - Demetria Frank
Historian - Betty Thottiyil

SIGMA GAMMA RHO

The Ladies of Sigma Gamma Rho Celebrate the 2000-2001 Year with a Variety of Events

In 1973, the Epsilon Pi chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho was established at the University of Houston. It was the beginning of years of friendship and success.

Almost thirty years later, Sigma Gamma Rho is still going strong. One of the biggest events for Sigma Gamma Rho this year was their founders' week celebration.

It all took place Nov. 12-18. On Nov. 12 the Sigma Gamma Rhos invited the UH community to come along with them to church for Sunday Morning Praise.

The Epsilon Pi chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho also held a fundraiser called, Adopt-A-Family. Sigma Gamma Rho also set up the Sigma Life Savers Table for the Great American Smokeout. The SGRs tried to get students who smoked on campus to rethink their decision.

SAINTLY SISTERS

A UH student gives a donation to the ladies of Sigma Gamma Rho in support of their Adopt-A-Family fundraiser in November just outside the UC.

For the last day of their Founders' Week Celebration, the Sigma Gamma Rho ladies received a little rest and relaxation at Astroworld. A good time was had by all.

The girls also held their annual founders banquet.

It was a time for new and old members to get together and talk about the past and present of Sigma Gamma Rho and where it's headed in the future.

The SGR ladies have worked hard to make this year a success, and it seems that it was.

Through their service to

the University of Houston and the surrounding community, the Epsilon Pi chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho at UH has become a respected group on and off campus.

-LINDA CANALES



Pin Lim

Two members of Sigma Gamma Rho help make decorations for their annual banquet which was held in September.



Pin Lim



Pin Lim

SIGMA SISTERS

The ladies of Sigma Gamma Rho pose for a group shot at their annual banquet in September.



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SUPPORTING THE SIGMA SISTERS

A UH student gives a donation to Sigma Gamma Rho in support of their Adopt-A-Family service project during their Founders' Week in

SHE'S GOT SKILLS

A member of Sigma Gamma Rho helps out during a banquet in which the SGRs honored their alumnae.

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igma Chi Fight Nite, held Nov. 20 in the Houston Room benefited the Childrens Miracle Network. Various fraternities on campus participated including Omega Delta Phi, Sigma Chi, Pi Kappa Alpha, Phi Kappa Theta and Sigma Nu. Participants also included students from Sam Houston State University.

Money was raised for the charity by requiring patrons to pay at the door and through T-shirt sales. Money was also generated through the entry fees given by participants.

The fight nite held eight matches and provided not only entertainment for the spectators but money that went to a worthy cause in the community.

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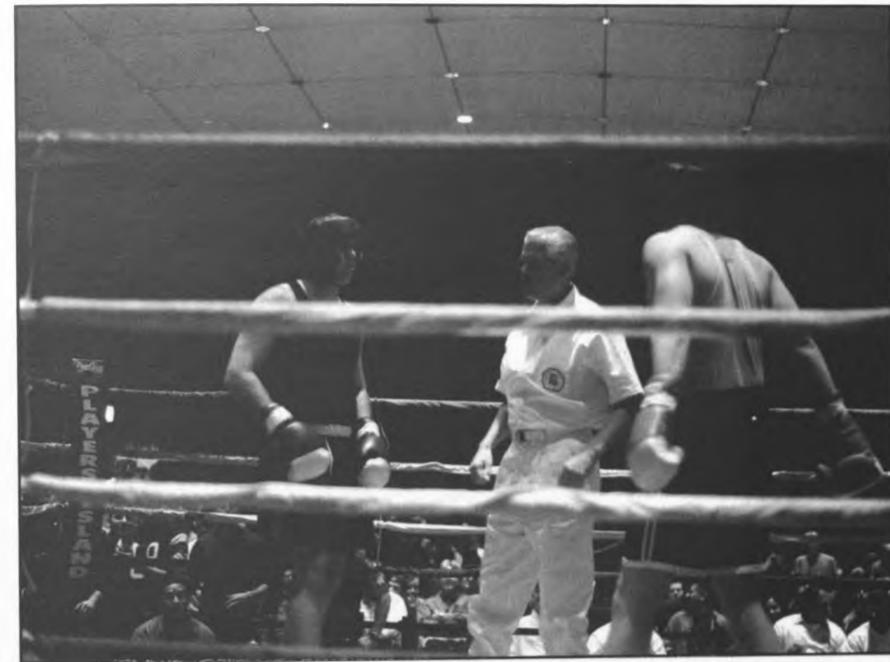


One, two punch

A referee watches as a boxer punches another in the chin as he attempts to block.

Last-minute tips

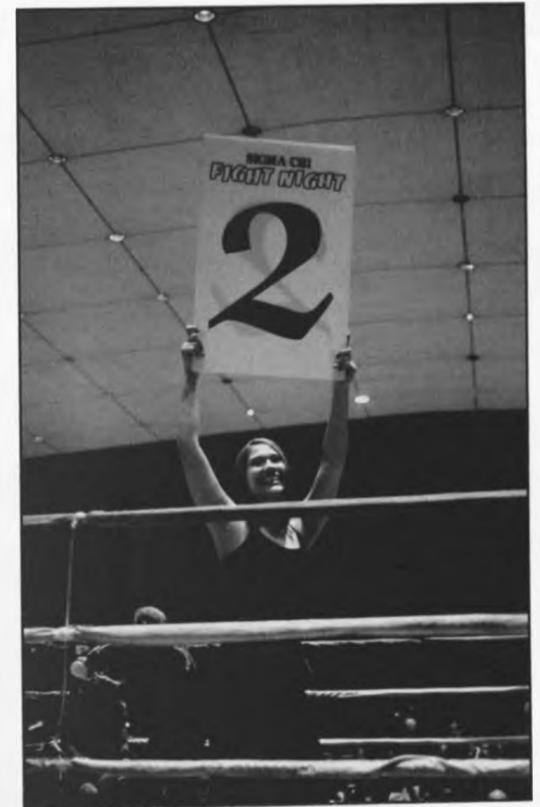
A trainer advises a boxer as to what he should do in the upcoming round to beat his opponent.



Ready to rumble?
Phi Kappa Theta Sam Spindel and another student prepare to box after referee instructions.

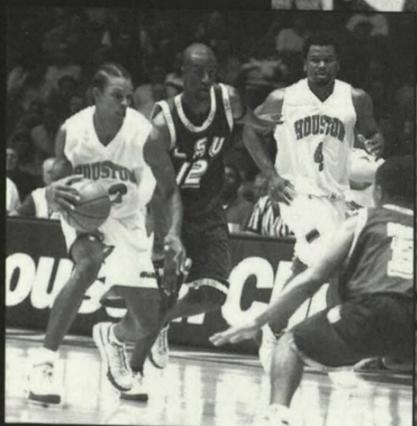
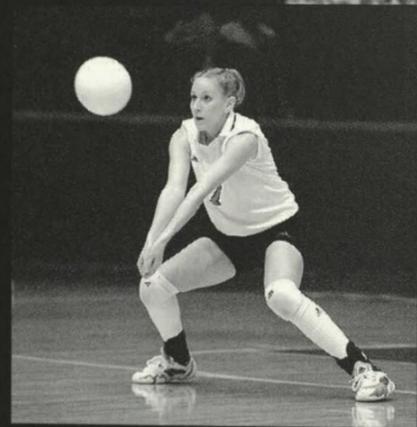


Cheering from afar
Delta Zeta's Erin Kallus and Padgett Moomaw are Sigma Chi sweethearts and act as ring girls.



Another round?
Zeta Tau Alpha sister Thuyet Ho proudly lets the crowd know it is the second round.

Reserved QB Bubba Teague dodges a sac by one of East Carolina's defensive linemen.
Photo by Max Lacayo



Sports

The year in Cougar athletics meant different things to different programs. For Football and Men's Basketball, it was a transition year. Dana Dimel and Ray McCallum were called on to rejuvenate ailing teams.

While those two teams traditionally garner the most attention, the 2000-01 academic year was a time for women's sports. Volleyball continued dominating competition while Women's Basketball soared to new heights. The soccer team battled through a slow start to stay in contention while 2001 saw the dawn of a new program: Softball.

But above all, fans were reminded of one thing. While professional athletes may seem inapproachable at times, UH athletes were students first. They may take center stage, but just like all students, they deal with classes, papers, exams and grades.

It's that duality that may draw fans in the most. Serving as representatives of the University, Cougars not only give their all on the field, but in the classroom as well.

THEY CAN BE HEROES

Athletes leave their mark on the University — in more ways than one

By Tom Carpenter

Athletic programs at the university level offer students an opportunity to establish a close relationship with their school.

Whether a student performs on the field or watches and cheers from the stands, college athletics help strengthen the lifelong bond between students and their school.

For a gifted athlete, participating in sports is a logical path to pursue a college degree. Many men and women who cannot afford a college education receive their degree because athletics provide them with the means to attend college.

It doesn't matter if a student is a participant in sports or a member of the crowd cheering their classmates to victory, sporting events create memories that will last long after graduation.

Being a member of a college team enhances a student's self-worth. It gives an athlete confidence about interacting with a society that may, at times, demonstrate intolerance and hate for anything or anyone different from themselves.

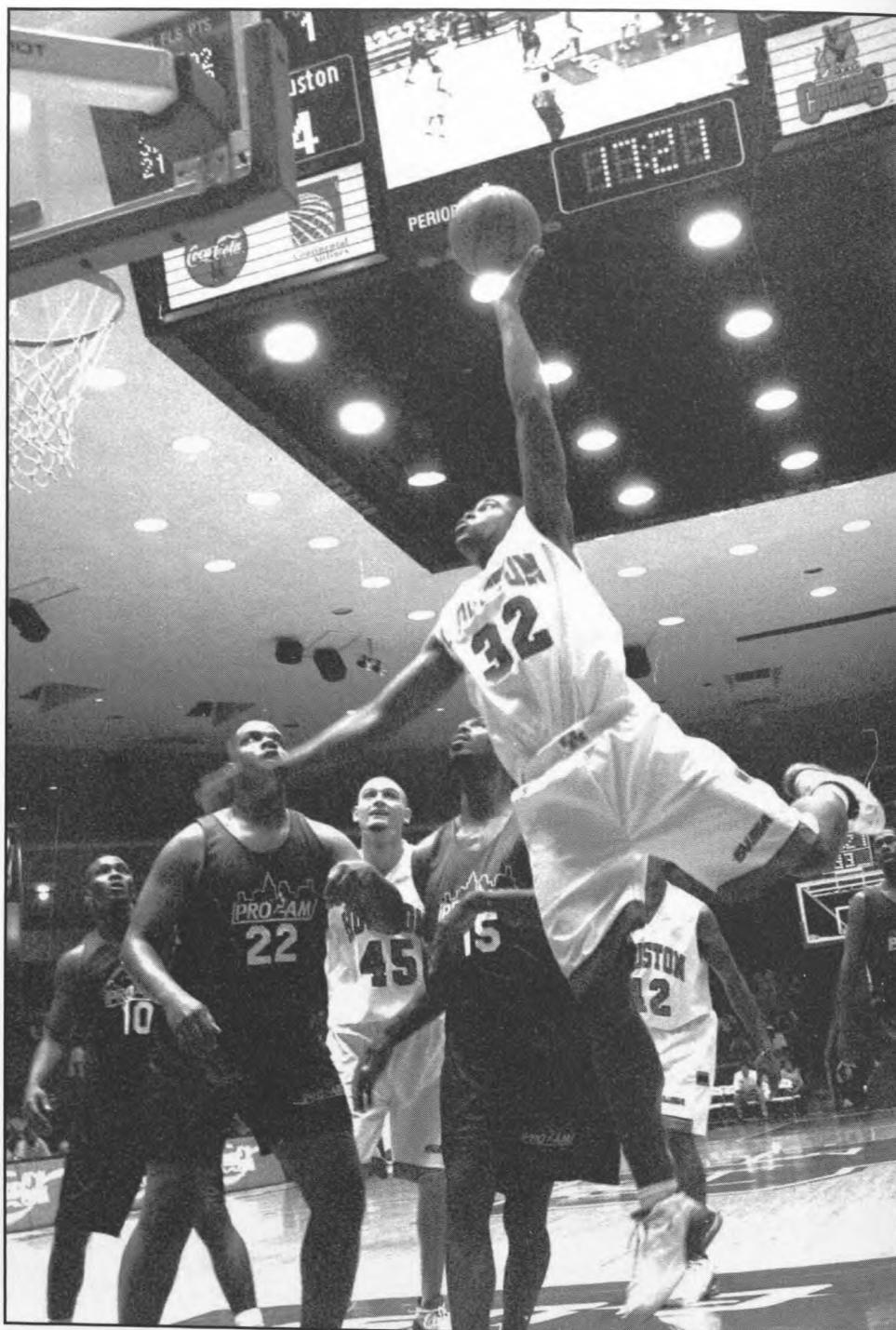
Playing for one's school instills leadership. It teaches men and women discipline and the meaning of teamwork and sacrifice.

College athletics change lives for the better.

Air Chad

Senior men's basketball guard/forward Chad Hendrick attempts to muscle his way to the hoop against the Houston Flight. Hendrick saw increased playing time under new head coach Ray McCallum.

Photo by Max Lacayo



UH intercollegiate athletic programs

men's

baseball
basketball
cross country
football

golf
indoor track and field
outdoor track and field

women's

basketball
cross country
indoor track and field
outdoor track and field

soccer
softball
swimming and diving
tennis
volleyball



Big man on campus

Senior football linebacker Wayne Rogers walks with his family before UH's game against Louisville. Rogers, who won multiple postseason awards, was the defensive anchor on a team that finished a disappointing 3-8.

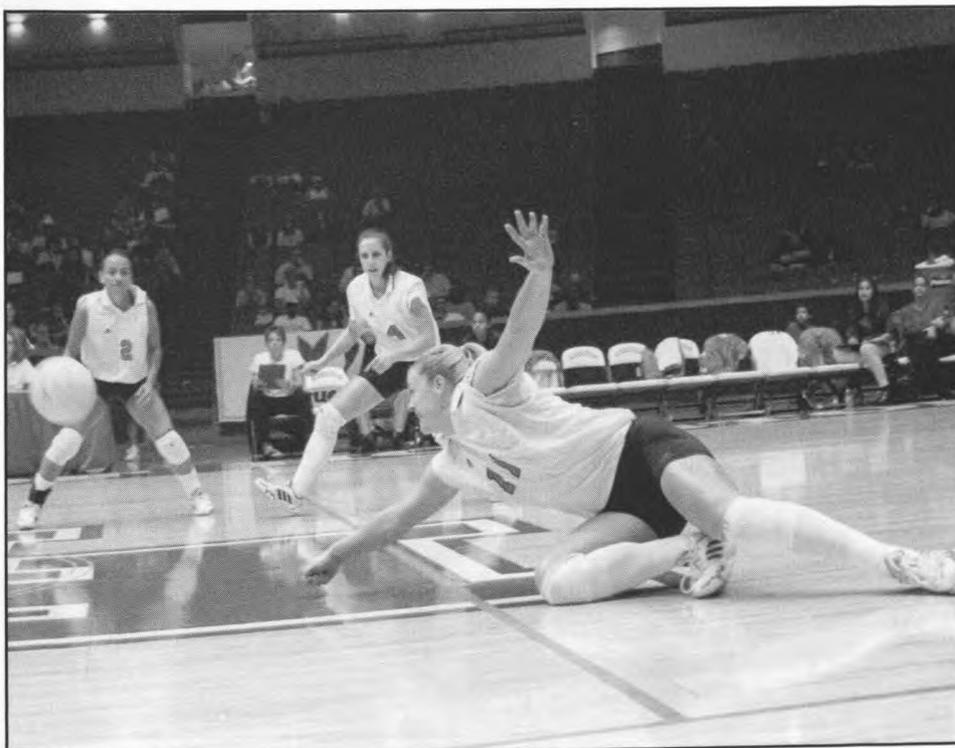
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Kickin' it

Junior soccer forward Kristen Hogan battles for position against a Southern Methodist defender. The soccer team made it to the 2000 Conference USA Tournament despite a slow start.

Photo by Henri Chen



Making the save

Senior volleyball middle hitter Michelle Frazier makes a dig against the Tulane Green Wave. The volleyball team posted a 21-11 record in 2000, its fifth consecutive 20-win season.

Photo by Max Lacayo

cougar moments

- 1956-1970 — The golf team captures 12 National Championships.
- 1968 — The men's basketball team beats UCLA, 71-69, at the Astrodome.
- 1967, 1968, 1982, 1983, 1984

- The men's basketball team makes it to the NCAA Final Four. It advances to the finals in 1983 and 1984.
- 1976 — The football team captures the Southwest Conference Title in its first year as a member.
- 1980 — The football team beats Nebraska, 17-14, in the Cotton Bowl, raising its record to 11-1, the

- most number of wins in school history. The Cougars finish the season with a No. 5 national ranking.
- 1995 — The football team posts a 7-4 record, winning Conference USA's first-ever championship.
- 2000 — The baseball team wins the C-USA regular and tournament titles, advancing to the NCAA

- Regionals.
- 2000 — The volleyball team posts a 21-win season, making it to the NCAA Tournament for a 10th consecutive year.
- 2000 — Football's Wayne Rogers wins C-USA's Co-Defensive Player of the Year award.

Maintaining order

Senior linebacker Wayne Rogers was a steady presence for the Cougars. His experience and aggressive play led to many postseason awards, including Conference USA's Co-Defensive Player of the Year.

Photo by Pin Lim



Break-out star

Junior defensive back Hanik Milligan jumped on the scene with multiple interception performances against Texas and Southern Methodist. Milligan emerged as the top player in the Cougar secondary.

Photo by Max Lacayo

Bad omen

Senior wide receiver Orlando Iglesias suffered a season-ending injury against Rice. The loss was just one of many for the Cougars, as younger talent was asked to fill in for key players.

Photo by Pin Lim



the season at a glance ...

UH's overtime loss to Rice serves as a sign of things to come.

<p>at Rice L, 30-27 (OT)</p> <p>Sept. 2, 2000 The Coogs lose senior wide receiver Orlando Iglesias to a broken ankle.</p>	<p>at LSU L, 28-13</p> <p>Sept. 9, 2000 A potential tying touchdown pass is dropped in the end zone.</p>	<p>Army W, 31-30</p> <p>Sept. 16, 2000 Senior safety Emile White blocks a field goal as UH wins its first game of the year.</p>	<p>at Texas L, 48-0</p> <p>Sept. 23, 2000 UH holds early, but gets blown out as the Longhorns run up the score.</p>	<p>SMU W, 17-15</p> <p>Sept. 30, 2000 Houston lets the Mustangs get back in the game, but wins with a field goal.</p>	<p>at Cincinnati L, 48-31</p> <p>Oct. 7, 2000 The Cougars wake up late and never catch up to the potent Bearcats.</p>
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THE LONG, HARD SEASON

Cougar football's 3-8 record is marked by injuries, missed opportunities



By Ed De La Garza

Saying the Cougars' 2000 season was disappointing could be a bit of an understatement. Add or subtract a few plays and head coach Dana Dimels' debut 3-8 year could have ended at 6-5.

While the offense was capable of putting up big numbers, it was never able to keep its momentum. Sophomore wideouts Brian Robinson and KeyKowa Bell were forced to step up quickly after senior Orlando Iglesias broke his right ankle against Rice. They became senior quarterback Jason McKinley's go-to receivers.

Senior linebacker Wayne Rogers, senior safety Emile White, junior defensive back Hanik Milligan and junior cornerback Jason Parker were the anchors on a defense that kept the Cougars alive.

Rogers made the most of his final year as a Cougar, winning Conference USA's Co-Defensive Player of the Year award, making it to Football News' Third Team All-America list and being named C-USA's Defensive Player of the Week for two consecutive weeks.

"This team is on its way up," Rogers said. "I think everyone knows that and can see that. I'm just glad I was here to be a part of what's going to be."

The 2000 Coogs gave fans reason to believe in the future of the program.

Worn out

Junior offensive lineman Drew Lowery reflects in the end zone following a 30-27 overtime loss to Rice. Though it was a disappointing year for UH football, the Cougars seldom failed to make things interesting.

Photo by Will Cordray

After an emotional triple-overtime win at Memphis, the Cougars finish the season on a four-game losing

<p>at Memphis W, 33-30 (3OT)</p> <p>Oct. 21, 2000 Houston faces a tough defense and stays alive in the conference race with a gutsy win.</p>	<p>Southern Miss L, 6-3</p> <p>Oct. 28, 2000 UH's finest hour of the year comes during a loss. The defense nearly wins the game single-handedly.</p>	<p>at Tulane L, 41-23</p> <p>Nov. 4, 2000 UH holds a 10-7 lead at the end of the first quarter, but lets Tulane score 20 unanswered points.</p>	<p>at East Carolina L, 62-20</p> <p>Nov. 11, 2000 Freshman quarterback Bubba Teague gets increased playing time in the year's most lopsided loss.</p>	<p>Louisville L, 32-13</p> <p>Nov. 18, 2000 The game serves as a microcosm of the season — a handful of blown chances.</p>
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THE TRANSITION BEGINS

He wasn't born in Texas, but Dana Dimel got here as fast as he could

By Tom Carpenter

UH Athletics Director Chet Gladchuk performed a diligent search before reaching into the frozen range of Wyoming to offer Cowboy head coach Dana Dimel the challenge of righting the Cougars' floundering football program.

"The time has flown past," Dimel said. "I've been so busy, the time has blurred. My family loves it here in Houston, especially right now."

Dimel said he's been so busy concentrating on the football program that he hasn't had time to explore the numerous aesthetic delights an international city like Houston has to offer its citizens.

"Once the sun went down there wasn't much to do in Wyoming," Dimel said. "My wife and I are looking forward to (having) the time to explore the city."

Dimel said his family loves the city — but he does share one complaint with many Houstonians.

"In Wyoming I could get up in the morning and drive to work in five minutes," he said. "It's not quite the same here."

Though the end of the season came a bit sooner than Dimel may have liked, there's no reason to believe the former Wyoming Cowboy won't come to think of Houston as his home and soon become a Texas Cowboy.

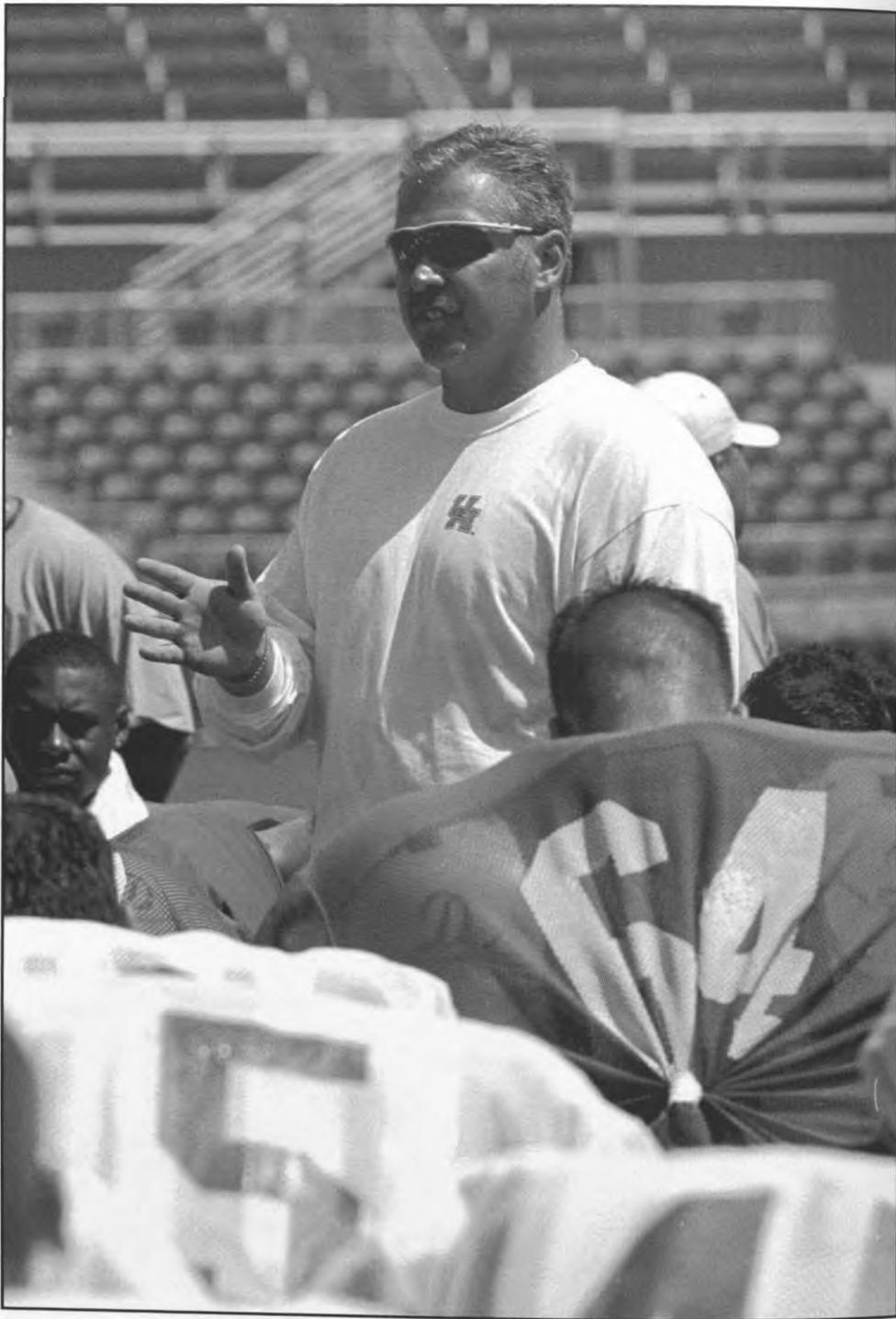


Photo by Christy Varghese

Man on a mission

UH football head coach Dana Dimel addresses the team in the preseason. Dimel's first year ended on a sour note, but a new scheme injected life into a predictable Cougar offense.



the Dimel file

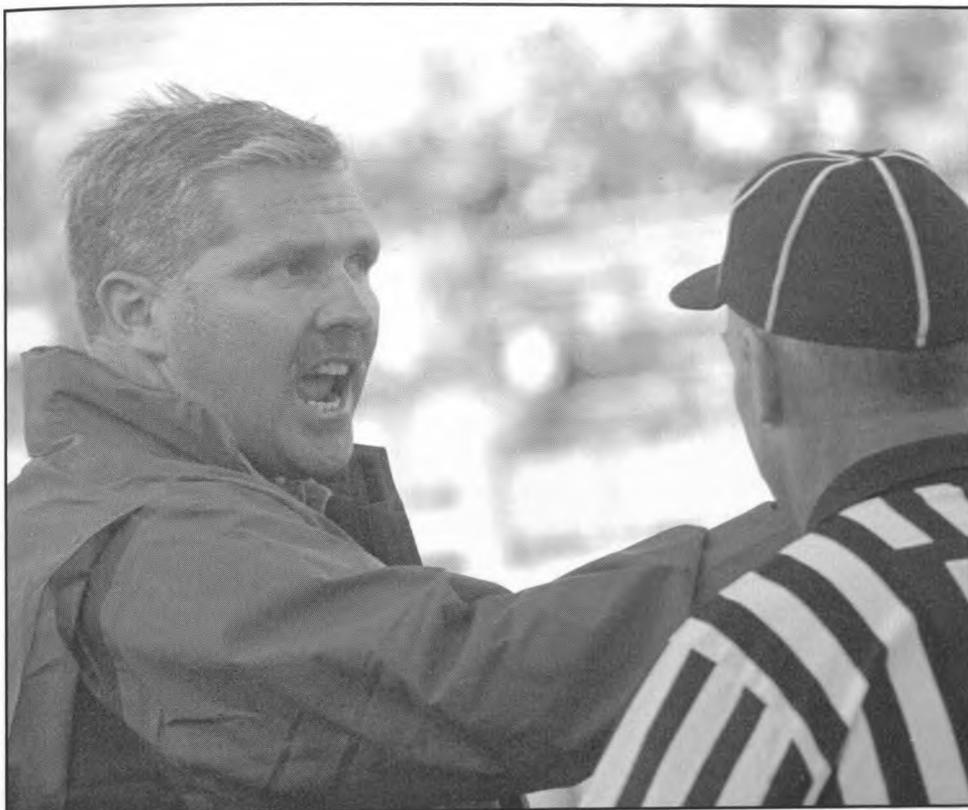
UH record

- first year as Cougar head coach
- record: 3-8
- conference usa record: 2-5
- best game: So. Miss, 10/28/00 (L, 6-3)

at Wyoming

- record: 23-12
- conference record: 14-9
- highest associated press ranking: No. 25, 1998
- best winning percentage: .727 (8-3, 1998)

- numbers game: Dimel's Wyoming Cowboys average 400 yards and nearly 30 points per game in 1999.



Seeing red

Cougar head coach Dana Dimel argues with a referee during UH's 62-20 loss to East Carolina on Nov. 11, 2000. Dimel's first year included many sideline clashes with Conference USA officials.

Photo by Max Lacayo



A bitter pill

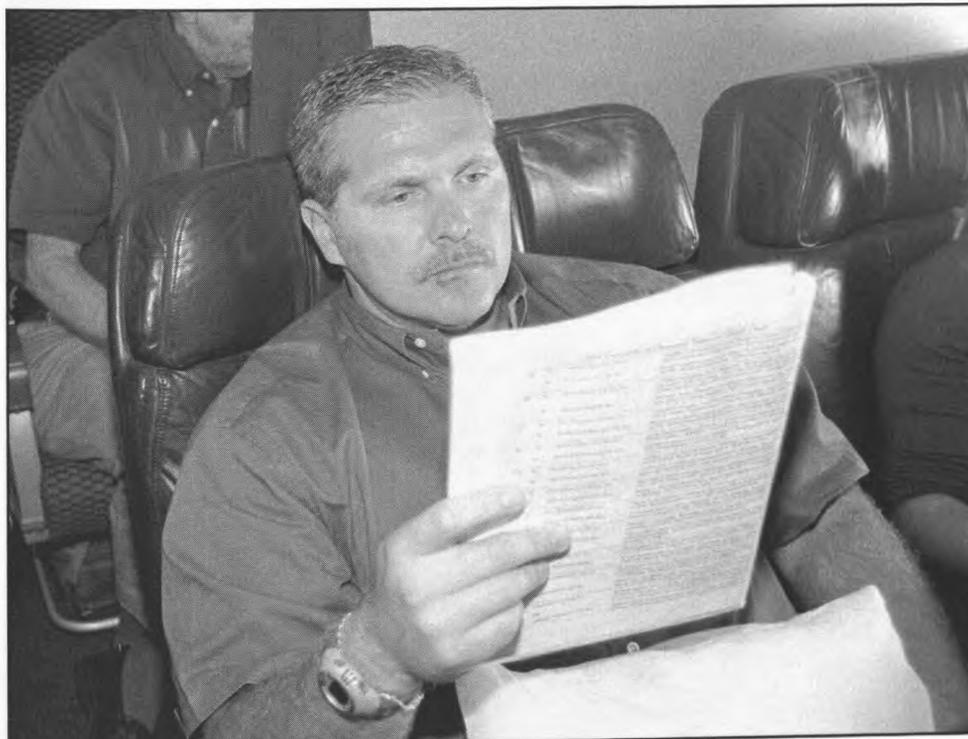
Dimel paces the sideline as he watches the Cougars fall to Cincinnati, 48-31, on Oct. 7, 2000. UH actually cut a 24-3 deficit to 24-17 at halftime, but was outscored 24-14 after intermission.

Photo by Pin Lim

Pre-game cram session

Dimel goes over a game plan during the Cougars' flight to Cincinnati. The new head coach's offensive scheme was capable of putting up big numbers when pressed into action.

Photo by Pin Lim



Dimel on ...

■ "One of the most important things to have happen is for students to take pride in our football team. We're going to throw (the ball) quite a bit. It's going to be fun to watch."

— **preseason, first Media Day of the season, Aug. 9, 2000**

■ "In the fourth quarter, (Southern Miss) got that first sustained drive of the ball game. We had stopped them on third-and-15 and had a poor call by the inept officials that I'm getting used to in Conference USA — which is really starting to wear me thin."

— **following a 6-3 loss to then-No. 14 So. Miss on Oct. 28, 2000**

■ "I can't draw many positives

from this first year. We'll learn that we don't want to be in this situation anymore. And we'll evaluate and figure out what we can do to keep from being in this situation."

— **following a season-ending loss to Louisville on Nov. 18, 2000**

■ "(Wayne Rogers) needs to be recognized for what he's done for this program for the four years. Wayne's brought a lot of positive

things, in the classroom and as a football player. (He) typifies what a student athlete should be."

— **following senior Wayne Rogers' recognition as C-USA Co-Defensive Player of the Year on Nov. 29, 2000**

Never give up

Sophomore running back Damon Terrell inches forward as a gang of Southern Miss defenders try to bring him down. Every yard counted in a Homecoming game that ended up being a battle of field position.

Photo by Pin Lim



Eyes on the ball

Sophomore wide receiver Brian Robinson runs a passing route as the Cougars attempt to gain positive yards on Southern Miss. UH's offense could only muster three points against the Golden Eagles.

Photo by Pin Lim

Smash mouth

Junior defensive back Hanik Milligan makes a tackle as sophomore safety Heard Robinson (7) and junior safety Hamin Milligan (44) come in to help. The defense played a big role in a contest decided by only three points.

Photo by Pin Lim



Homecoming 2000

Southern Miss-Houston stats

	1	2	3	4	Total
Southern Miss	0	0	3	3	6
Houston	0	3	0	0	3

Second quarter

Hou — FG, Clark 35, 14:12.

Third quarter

USM — FG, Hanna 31, 5:01.

Fourth quarter

USM — FG, Hanna 27, 9:27.
A — 17,565.

	USM	Hou
First downs	20	11
Rushes-yards	38-113	30-(-2)
Passing yards	215	150
Return yards	18	9
Comp-att-int	18-33-0	15-31-0
Fumbles-lost	2-1	4-0
Penalties-yards	4-35	8-69
	30:40	29:20

SPOILED HOMECOMING

The Cougars lose, but the defense dents the mighty Golden Eagles' armor

By Ed De La Garza

The Cougars' best performance of the season came at Homecoming against then-No. 14 Southern Miss on Oct. 28, 2000. UH went toe-to-toe with the Conference USA powerhouse but fell, 6-3.

The Cougars had a chance to upset the Golden Eagles, but senior kicker Mike Clark missed on a 46-yard field goal attempt that would have tied the game at 6-6 with less than 30 seconds remaining.

UH had marched down to the Southern Miss 17, but senior quarterback Jason McKinley was sacked on third-and-9 at the 29-yard line, pushing the Cougars into a long field goal attempt.

UH appeared to have stopped USM on three separate occasions, but two defensive holding calls and a pass interference call kept a momentum-shifting drive alive.

"If you take that (pass interference) call away, they're punting in their own end zone and then we've got the wind on our back maybe at the 40," senior linebacker Wayne Rogers said.

The game marked the first time in 17 games that the Cougars had kept an opponent from scoring a touchdown.

"Our defense played great, kept us in the game," McKinley said. "We had a chance to win it at the end, we just didn't put it in the end zone."

Fire away

Senior quarterback Jason McKinley attempts to lead the Cougars to a comeback victory over Southern Miss at Homecoming. McKinley was pressured by Golden Eagle pass rushers all day.

Photo by Pin Lim



game notes

■ quote of the game

"It doesn't matter how many tackles or how many tackles for losses or sacks you make. The only thing that counts is a 'W.' We didn't get that today, but at the same time, I think we earned

some respect."

— senior linebacker
Wayne Rogers

■ star of the game

Rogers continued his second-half push, recording 16 tackles (seven for a loss), two quarterback sacks and a forced fumble. He would go on to break T.J.

Turner's UH single-season record for most tackles for a loss (26).

■ odds and ends

The Cougar running attack never got off the ground. Junior running back Leif Penn was the team's leading rusher, gaining 21 yards on six carries.

Junior wideout KeyKowa Bell was the game's leading receiver, catching six passes for 73 yards.

The Cougars fell to 2-3 all-time against Southern Miss.

USM's six points was the lowest scoring output by a UH opponent since the Cougars held Louisiana State to seven in 1999.

PROVING A POINT

New stars emerge as Soccer tries to fill in some season-opening gaps

By Keenan Singleton

The UH women's soccer team entered the 2000 season with more questions than answers.

But with a talented core that grew up with the program since its inception in 1998, head coach Bill Solberg felt he had plenty of solutions to the holes in leadership.

He would use a combination of suffocating defense in the form of 1999's Conference USA Defensive Player of the Year Laura Repp, the team's best all-around talent in midfielder Kara Bullinger and an attacking offense courtesy of fabulous freshman forward Nicole Aubuchon, sophomore Lindsay Beiriger and junior Kristen Hogan.

UH was crippled by 2-6 start and stumbled in conference play, but a strong surge helped it finish the year sixth in C-USA with a respectable 9-9-1 (5-5-1 C-USA) record and also advanced to the postseason conference tournament.

Despite the team's worst showing in its brief history, the Cougars could take many positives from the 2000 campaign. Individually, the Cougars garnered several postseason awards.

Bullinger and Aubuchon were selected to the All C-USA Third team and Aubuchon and Emily Allwardt made the All C-USA freshman squad.



Photo by Pin Lim

Super frosh

Freshman forward Nicole Aubuchon excelled in just her first season on the soccer team, leading the squad in goals scored. Aubuchon was an intimidating force on offense, helping UH make a late charge.



spotlight on:

Nicole Aubuchon

Hometown: Eureka, Mo.

Position: forward

Major: communication disorders

Soccer head coach Bill Solberg pre-

dicted big things from the Eureka, Mo., freshman. He believed she was a natural goal scorer.

After the Cougars were shut out in the season's first game by Texas Christian, 0-1, Aubuchon went on a scoring binge, netting five goals since.

"When I recruited her, I saw she was willing to do whatever it took to score goals," Solberg said. "One play sticks out — it was a final four match and she slid into the goalpost to score. She just does whatever it takes."

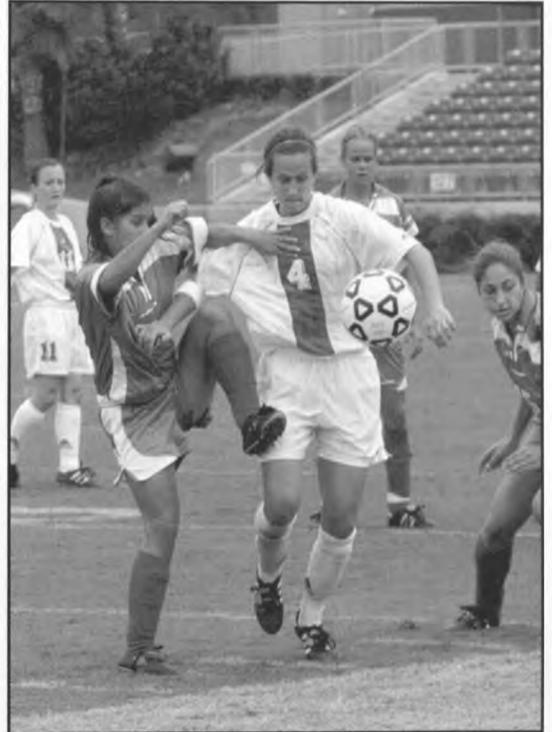
Her play has also garnered praise



Playing keep away

Junior defender Laura Repp patrolled the field all season long, keeping opposing offenses in check. Coming off a Defensive Player of the Year award, Repp's play was crucial in getting a young team back on track.

Photo by Pin Lim



Veteran leadership

Junior midfielder Kara Bullinger led the team on and off the field. Bullinger's experience was one of the main reasons the Lady Cougars were able to make it to the C-USA tournament.

Photo by Pin Lim

First to the ball

Junior defender Juli Murphy was an anchoring presence on the defensive side of the soccer team. Aggressive defensive play made up for a lackluster 2-6 start to the season.

Photo by Pin Lim

from teammates.

"She's got a lot of composure," team captain Kara Bullinger said. "She's so consistent. When she has a chance to score, more than likely she's going to be on target and go in. She's brought a lot of consistency up top (along with forwards Lindsay Beiriger and Kristen Hogan)."

Aubuchon, who scored the first goal of the season for UH, adjusted to the college game faster than Maurice Green running the 100 meters.

"Honestly, I thought it would have taken longer to adjust before I got comfortable," she said. "I have been able to get into my groove and my style of play. Initially, it was really

different from high school and club soccer. I'm starting to adjust to it and it's a blast. I feed off the pressure and intensity."

Aubuchon combines the cerebral aspects of the game with the physical so well that she earned Conference USA Co-Offensive Player of the Week honors.

"She reads the game so well,"

Solberg said. "She's been around the game so long and she's had great coaches along the way. They have helped her see the game and she knows where people and the ball are supposed to go. She has the full game right now and we're just looking to help her keep improving."

— Keenan Singleton

Unity

The UH volleyball team may have come up short in its quest for a conference championship, but the team regrouped after losing its star player, Jennifer Wittenburg, to win 21 games in 2000.

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Whooping it up

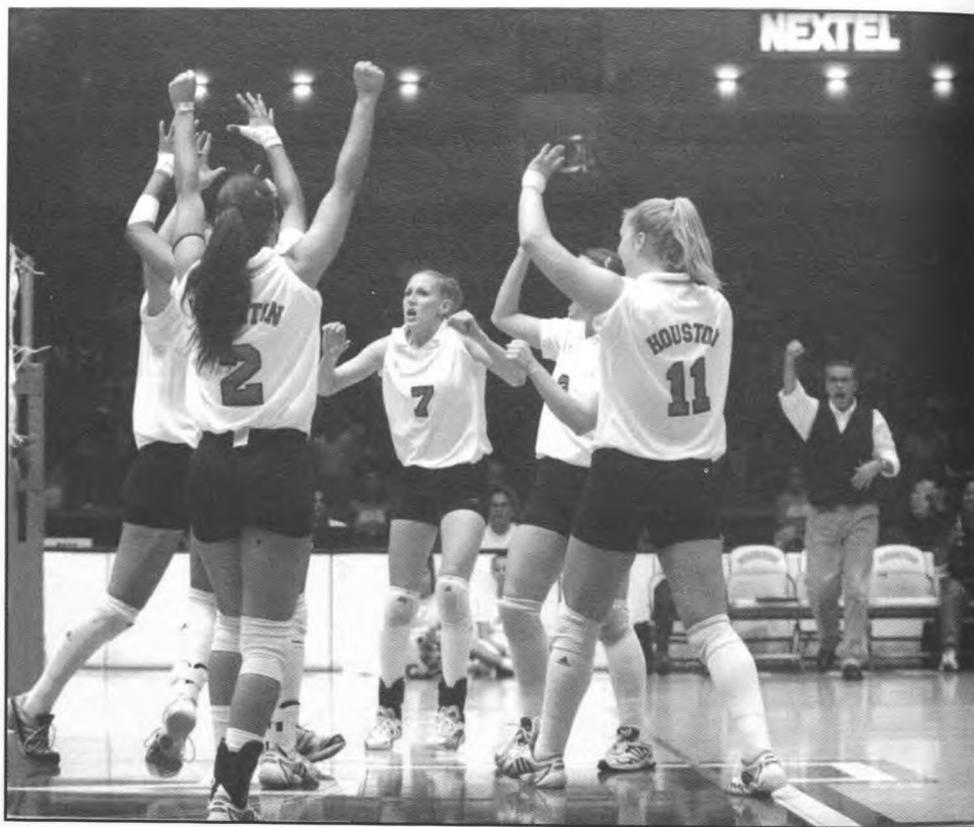
Volleyball head coach Bill Walton surpassed the 300-win mark at UH early in the season. Walton ended the year with 530 total victories and 320 at the helm of the Cougar volleyball team.

Photo by Pin Lim

Playing above the net

The UH volleyball team continued being a dominant force in Conference USA, winning at least 20 games for the fifth consecutive season and earning a first-round bye in the C-USA tourney.

Photo by Max Lacayo



Odds and ends ...

■ Season rewind

The UH women's volleyball team took off early this semester, taking advantage of a healthy Jennifer Wittenburg and a starting recruit — junior transfer Gabriela Carbone. With five seniors, the Cougars went on a 10-match winning streak and were undefeated in Conference USA play for eight matches. The team was No. 1 in the NCAA Midwest

Region, was tied for No. 1 in conference with Cincinnati and was No. 1 in the National Division.

Senior Wittenburg was named C-USA Player of the Week twice during the season, two players (Michelle Frazier and Morgan Wallen) had triple-double matches and each of the usual six starters (Carbone and the seniors) broke or matched a career-high.

Despite a disappointing end to regular season play, UH still earned a No. 4 seed in the 2000 C-

USA tournament. The Cougars have made it to at least the semifinals in the conference tourney since joining C-USA in 1996, losing to South Florida in the semis Nov. 18.

UH received a spot in the 2000 NCAA tournament to face No. 23 Texas A&M in the first round at Stockton, Calif. The Cougars were knocked out, 3-0, but finished the season 21-11. It was the fifth season in a row that the volleyball program has finished with at least 20 wins.

GAME, SET, MATCH

Seniors lead the charge as the Volleyball team dominates its opponents

By Crystal J. Doucette

Cougar volleyball continued a long tradition of competitive play with its 2000 season. Underneath the tutelage of 15-year head coach Bill Walton, UH volleyball has made it to post-season play in 12 of those seasons with 11 NCAA appearances.

With a strong senior class leading the squad UH looked to dominate Conference USA competition, starting off the conference season with 11-straight victories.

Senior hitter Jennifer Wittenburg went down with a torn plantar fascia against DePaul. Although the injury occurred only five weeks from the 2000 C-USA Tournament, Wittenburg returned a week early to play in Hofheinz Pavilion for Senior Night.

UH received a first round bye in the tournament with fourth seed and second place in the National Division. The Cougars swept DePaul in the quarterfinals, but were topped by South Florida in the semifinals.

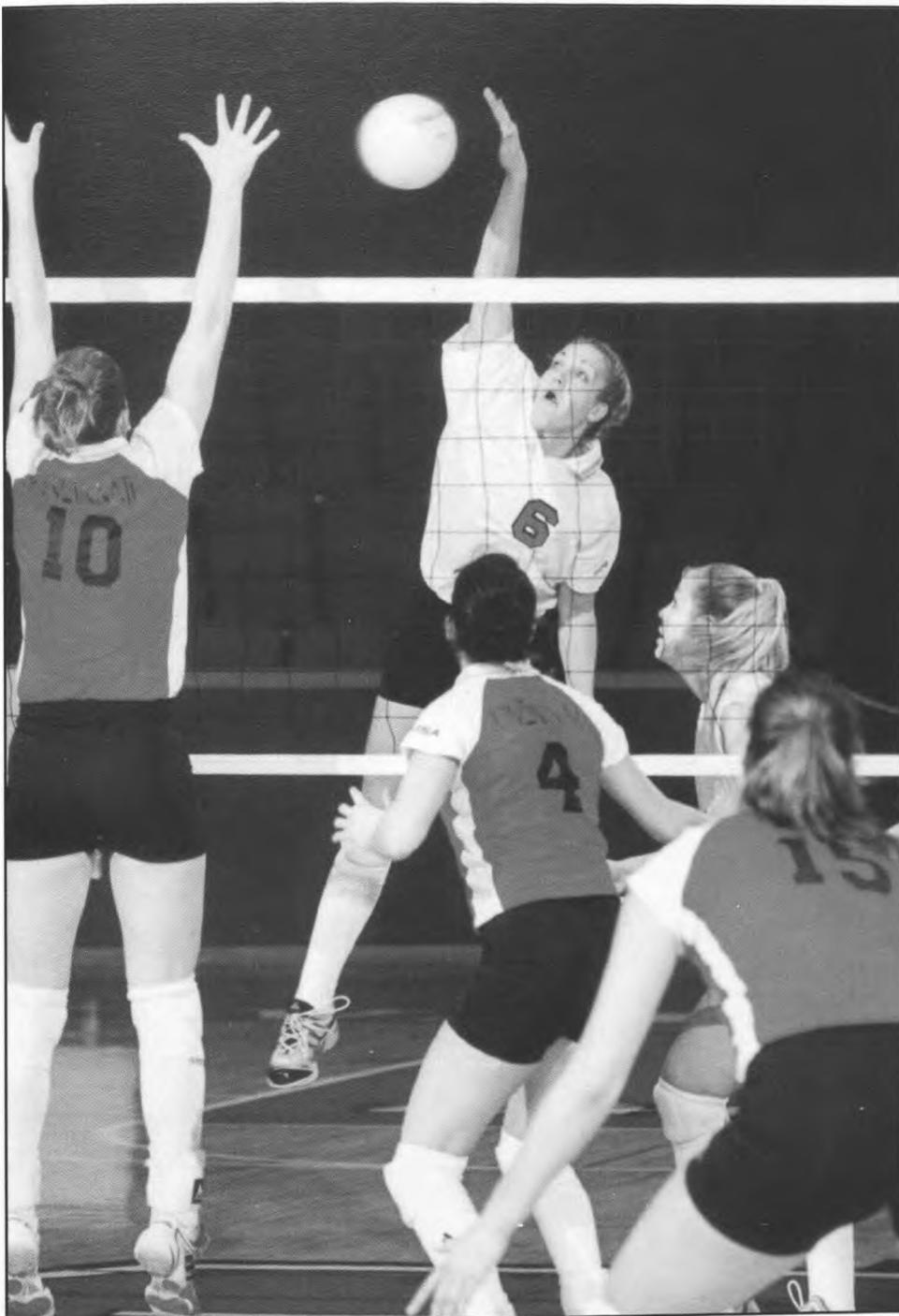
The team made its NCAA appearance, but, fell to No. 23 Texas A&M in the first round.

Wittenburg was named to the All-Midwest Region Team, as well as First-Team All-Conference. Seniors Michelle Frazier and Bobbi Stewart were named Second-Team All-Conference.

Going for the kill

Senior rightside hitter Jennifer Wittenburg goes up to put to the Lady Cougars ahead. Wittenburg suffered an injury that put her out of the lineup until she led the volleyball team to the C-USA Tournament semifinals.

Photo by Gary Maltz



■ Profile: Coach Walton

As head coach of the UH women's volleyball team, Bill Walton has guided the program to 11 NCAA tournament invitations, an NIVC tournament championship in 1990 and 320 wins since his first year as head coach in 1986. He recorded his 300th career win at UH on Sept. 1, 2000 in the

season-opener against Texas-Arlington and ended the season with 530 career wins, 320 at UH.

An Illinois native, Walton played volleyball at George Williams College, where he was a two-time NAIA All-American. He helped lead his team to a national volleyball title in 1974 and gained a spot on the 1976 and 1979 United States National Teams. Walton

earned his first opportunity as a head coach at Elmhurst in 1981. The team played in the 1982 NCAA Division III regional finals and won the NCAA title in 1983 over UC San Diego, 3-1.

Walton built the UH program to a .645 winning percentage (320-176) and its 10th straight NCAA tournament invitation, an honor only 12 schools in the nation can claim.

The team's reputation under his tutelage secured some highly talented players, including Michelle Frazier (first team all-district 21-5A and second team all-greater Houston, 1995) and Jennifer Wittenburg, who began her collegiate career at UCLA in 1996.

— Crystal J. Doucette

HIGHS AND LOWS

McCallum's first season marked by a slow start — with a strong finishing kick

By Jake McKim

Ray McCallum's first season as head coach of the UH men's basketball team was a rollercoaster, taking fans on an emotional ride of ups and downs. The Cougars went 9-19 overall and 6-10 in conference play before bowing out in a 78-65 loss to Saint Louis in the first round of the Conference USA Tournament.

Despite the poor record, finished out the season by winning four of its last five, providing McCallum with a sense of what could be next year.

"The thing we feel good about is the way we finished," McCallum said. "It was one of those things where we really wanted to keep playing."

Sophomore forward George Williams led the team in points, scoring an average of 13.5 per game while grabbing 7.3 rebounds per game. Freshman Alton Ford averaged 10.8 points and 5.9 boards, showing some of the potential that made him one of the top 10 high school players in America last year.

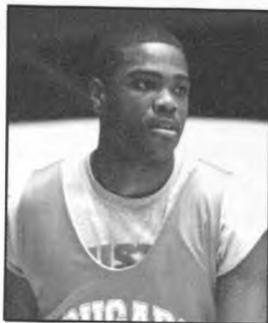
Junior forward Patrick Okafor was one of the league leaders in rebounding, averaging an impressive 8.6 per game.

With a good incoming crop of talent and the continued growth and maturity of the current players, look for the Cougars to make some positive strides next season.

Superstar in the making

Sophomore forward George Williams continued his agile play during Ray McCallum's first year as head coach. Williams' 13.5 points per game provided solid leadership on a rebuilding team.

Photo by Pin Lim



spotlight on ...

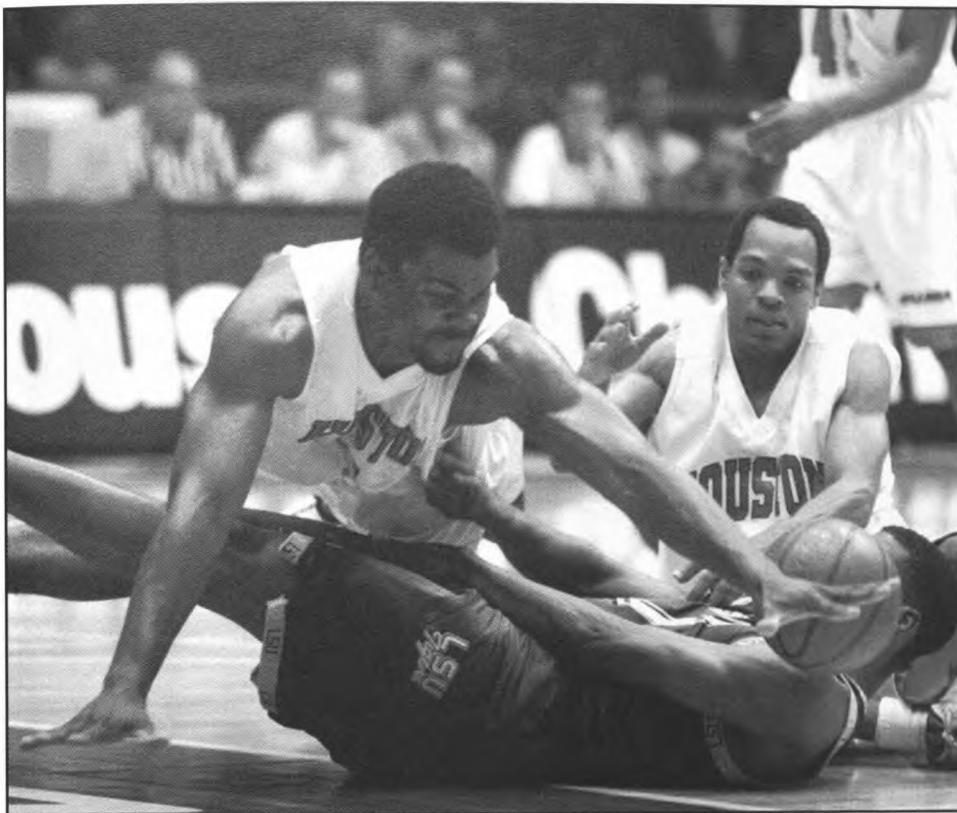
Chad Hendrick

Hometown: Houston
Position: guard/forward
Major: business

Chad Hendrick is a funny guy. With comedian Chris Tucker's looks, wit, and savvy, the

silky-smooth 6-5 senior southpaw swingman from Madison High School would just as soon have you gasping for air from laughter as he would take you to the hole.

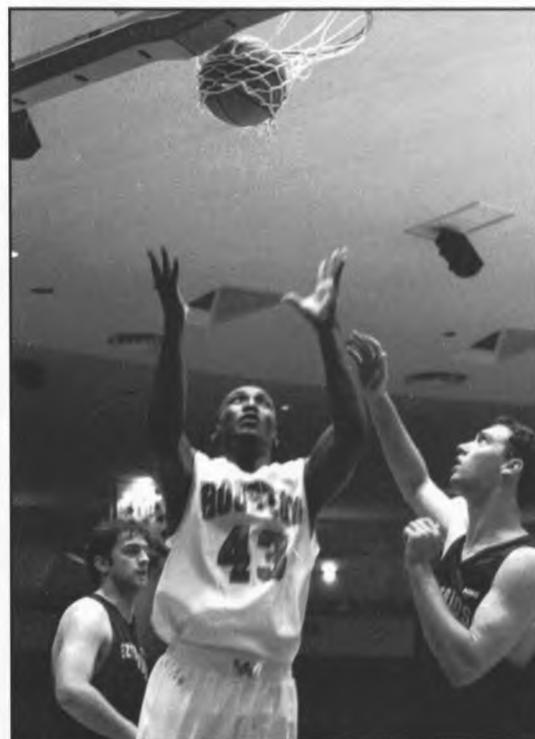
Hendrick, who was recruited by former head coach Alvin Brooks, was very successful during his freshman campaign. He started in 22 of 29 games and averaged 8.1 points and 4.7 rebounds.



The Ford engine

Freshman forward Alton Ford kept opposing teams wary during his first year on the Cougar squad. The intimidating player's prowess inside was a main reason he was one of the country's most coveted players.

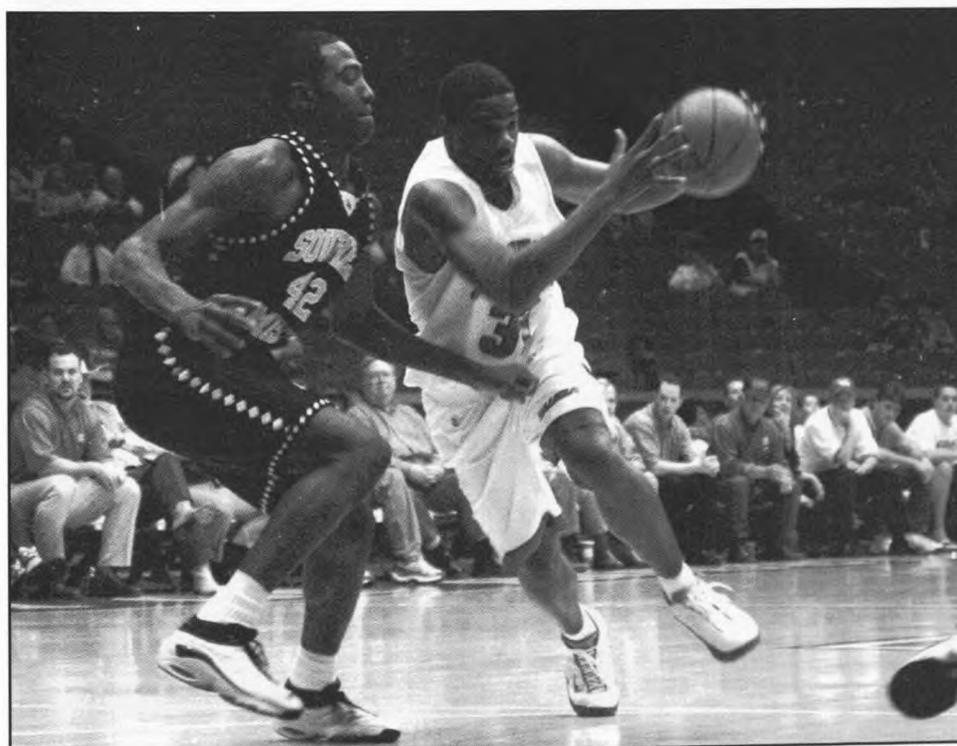
Photo by Pin Lim



Crashing the boards

Junior forward Patrick Okafor showed fans there was a reason to believe in the future as the 6-8 banger averaged 8.6 rebounds per game. Okafor was a transfer student from Lee Junior College.

Photo by Ann Richter



Second chance

Senior guard/forward Chad Hendrick saw increased playing time under Ray McCallum after having his minutes reduced while Clyde Drexler was head coach. Hendrick emerged as a go-to man for the Cougars.

Photo by Pin Lim

But the laughter stopped when former head coach Clyde Drexler cut his playing time.

"I think Clyde and his staff were still getting used to coaching," Hendrick said. "I'm not too sure that we saw eye-to-eye, and he may not have known how to use me. Although we didn't have a great record and my stats fell a bit, Clyde

was still beneficial to the program," he said.

Hendrick's best chance to turn his fortunes around was the hiring of UH's new thick-skinned, defensive-minded coach, Ray McCallum.

"I like Chad," McCallum said. "He's 6-5 (and) versatile, with the ability to go to the basket and score. He has worked hard on his outside

shot and has made a real commitment to getting better."

An opposing coach's nightmare, Hendrick took on the role of team leader in addition to team comedian.

"All the teams I've coached have had good senior leadership. He's had an open mind to the things we have taught him," McCallum said.

This season, Hendrick continued to help the team in every capacity possible, starting off the bench as a forward or guard — whichever was best for the Cougars.

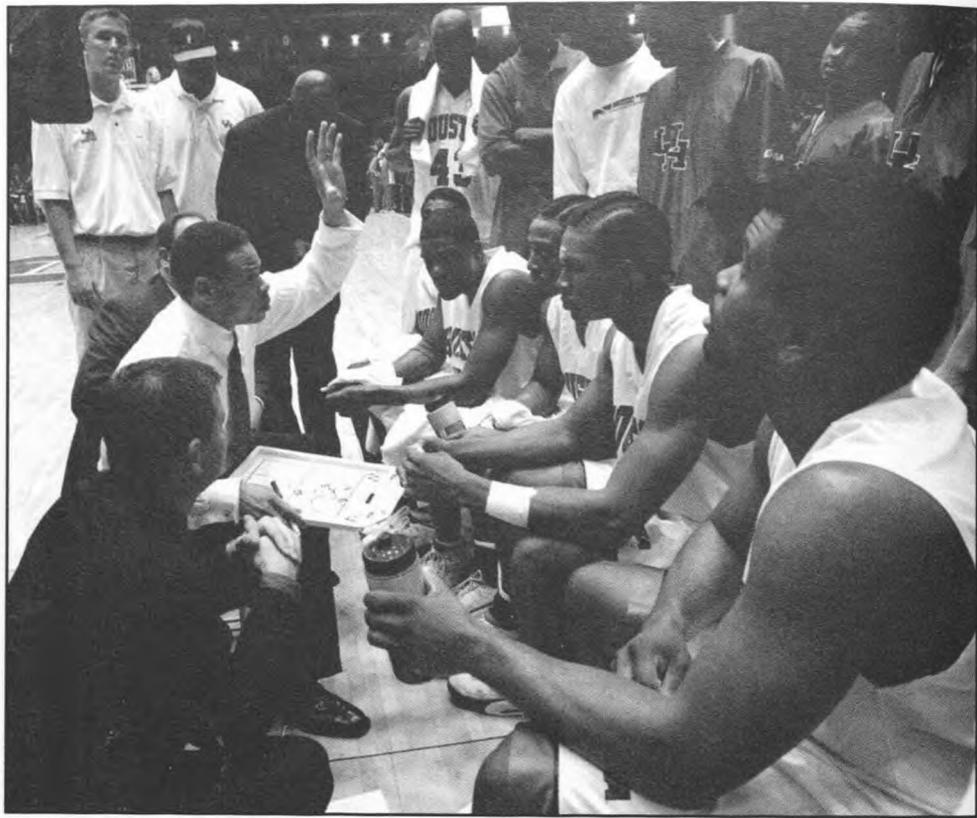
"I've worked really hard on my defense, outside shot, and consistency," Hendrick said.

— Keenan Singleton

Time out

McCallum diagrams a key play during a time out. The head coach quickly assumed the title of "teacher," as well as his regular duties of being a leader to his players and assistants.

Photo by Max Lacayo



Directing traffic

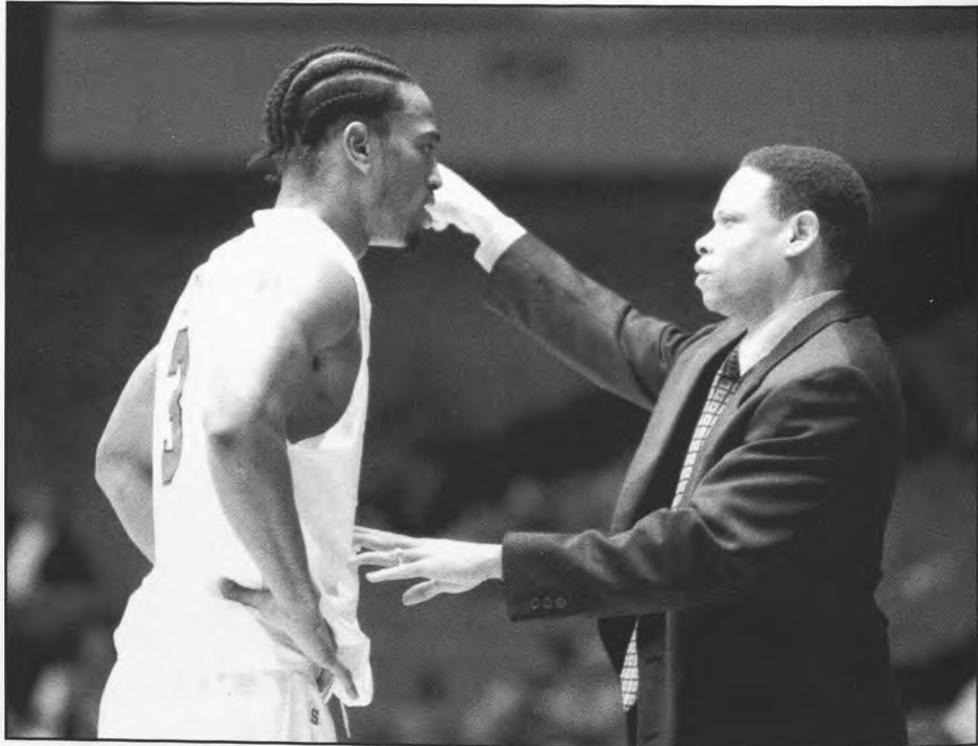
McCallum tries to get the attention of a referee. The new head coach lost 19 games in his first year, but he saw enough positives to make him optimistic about the future of the program.

Photo by Pin Lim

Teaching on the court

McCallum instructs sophomore guard Marcus Oliver during a time out. McCallum had a rough stretch in his first year, but his never-give-up attitude kept games interesting for all 40 minutes.

Photo by Henri Chen



the McCallum file

UH record

- first year as Cougar head coach
- record: 9-19
- conference usa record: 6-10
- best game: Charlotte, 2/4/01 (W, 73-72)

at Ball State

- record: 126-74
- conference record: 14-9
- best record: 22-9, 1999-2000

- career winning percentage: .624 (fourth best in Mid-Atlantic Conference)
- trips to the NCAA Tournament: two (in seven years)

REBUILDING A DYNASTY

New head coach Ray McCallum accepts the demands placed on UH basketball

By Jake McKim

UH head men's basketball coach Ray McCallum isn't used to losing. McCallum came to UH in April of 2000, leaving Ball State after compiling an impressive 126-74 record in seven seasons.

His teams made two NCAA Tournament berths and averaged 16 wins per season. So what he inherited at UH had to be a shock to his system.

Prior to the 2000-01 season, McCallum seemed to know what he would be up against.

"It's a building situation, it's a first year for me and you know how those things tend to go," McCallum said.

His Cougars went on to post a 9-20 record overall, 6-10 in Conference USA. Badly undermanned throughout the season, the Cougars stumbled not only to teams they were expected to lose to, but also to teams like Texas Southern and Air Force who they should have beaten.

But as Ball State fans witnessed firsthand, McCallum is known as a recruiting wizard and, with time, should be able to attract some of the elite talent around the state of Texas and the nation.

The Cougars' effort toward the end of the season, should give fans hope that better days are ahead for a school with such a rich basketball tradition.

The fire inside

There was no mistaking new head coach Ray McCallum for a laid-back basketball guru. The former Ball State player brought his much-needed resiliency to a team badly in need of confidence.

Photo by Rich R. Risma



Odds and ends ...

Quotable:

"Our theme all season long has been 'don't quit.' We needed something good to happen. We deserved a win and we got it."

— Ray McCallum, following UH's 73-72 win over the Charlotte 49ers

on Feb. 2, 2001. The Cougars followed that improbable win by winning five of its remaining nine games and four of their last five.

Ray McCallum graduated from Ball State University where he scored more than 2,100 points for the Cardinals en route to having his jersey number retired. He also left as

the Mid-Atlantic Conference's leading scorer. He was named the MAC Freshman of the Year after scoring 16.5 points per game in his first season.

Aside from two NCAA Tournament berths as head coach of the Cardinals, McCallum also led Ball State to an appearance in the NITs. In 2000, Ball State won the MAC

championship.

McCallum was the first Ball State head coach to have seven consecutive winning seasons. His 1999-00 squad won the Mid-America championship for the second time in his tenure at Ball State. The Cardinals averaged 18 wins per year.

McCallum is signed to a three-year contract with the UH Cougars.

GIRLS GOT GAME

The Lady Cougars exceed expectations and surprise Conference USA

By Crystal J. Doucette

It was the biggest turnaround in Cougar basketball history. The Lady Cougars turned a 7-21 overall, 3-13 Conference USA season into a 19-12, 10-6 C-USA record along with a No. 4 seed in the 2001 C-USA Tournament.

Led by head coach Joe Curl, UH received its first bye in C-USA history, its first quarterfinal victory and its first semifinal appearance in the conference tourney. The Lady Cougars also finished the year with their first winning record since the 1991-92 season, when they participated in the NCAA tournament.

The 2000-01 Lady Cougar squad had six seniors on its roster — and three new recruits, most notably freshman guard/forward Chandi Jones.

Jones was ranked No. 12 in the nation in shooting and with more than 21 points per game, was the leading freshman scorer in the nation.

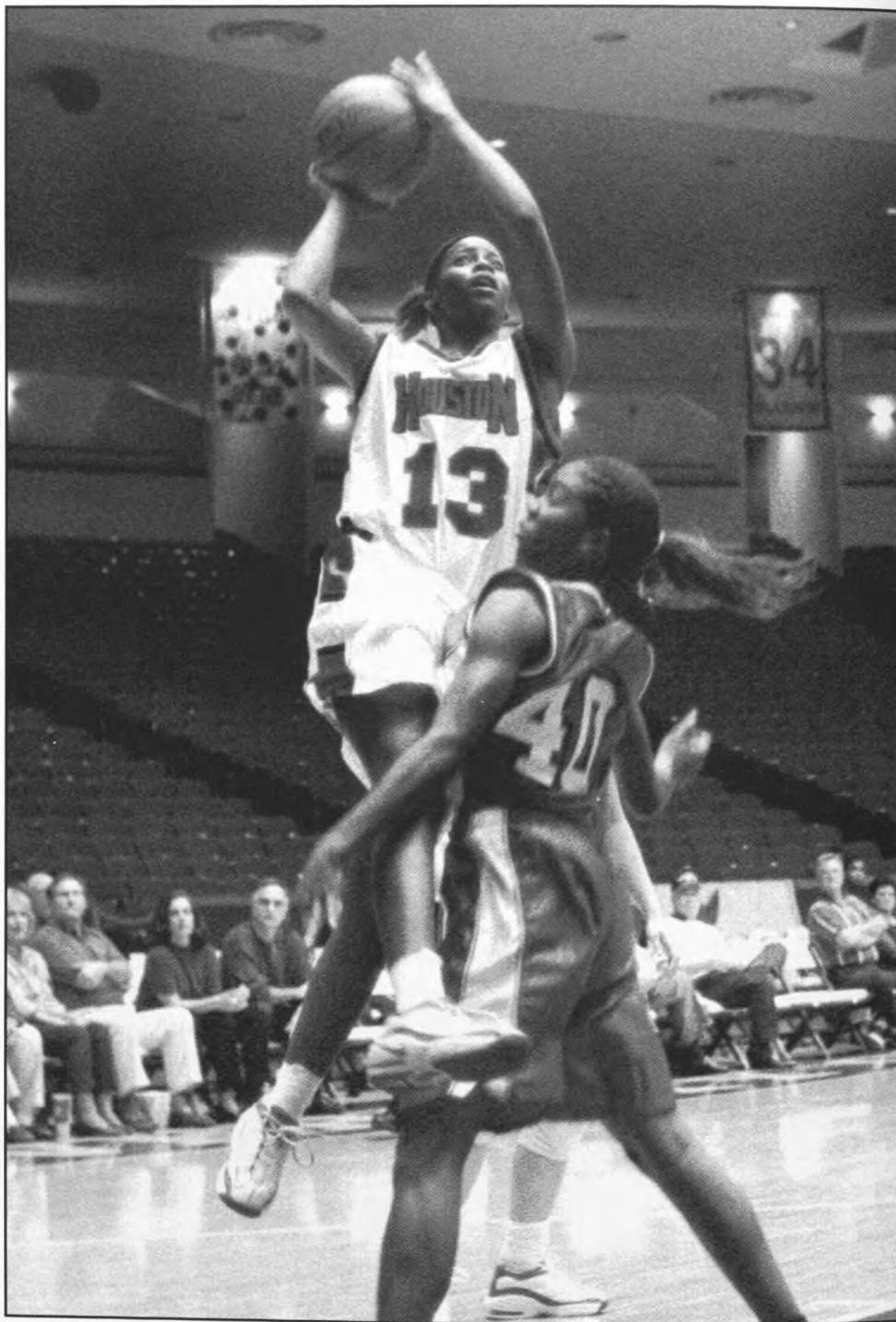
Although Jones ended her freshman year Jan. 28 with a torn ACL, her work before and her spirit after the injury pushed the team.

Senior forward Mone't Sykes had a huge individual season, with seven double-doubles, an 11.8 scoring average, Second-Team All-Conference and the 2001 C-USA All-Tournament team with 31 starts out of 32 games.

The future looks bright

Freshman guard/forward Chandi Jones initiates contact while driving to the hoop. Despite having an injury-shortened year, Jones was the first Lady Cougar to be named to the C-USA First Team.

Photo by Henri Chen



spotlight on:

Chandi Jones

Hometown: Bay City
Position: guard/forward
Major: prepharmacy

Most people live their entire lives without achieving half as much as

freshman Lady Cougar Chandi Jones has accomplished in her 18 years.

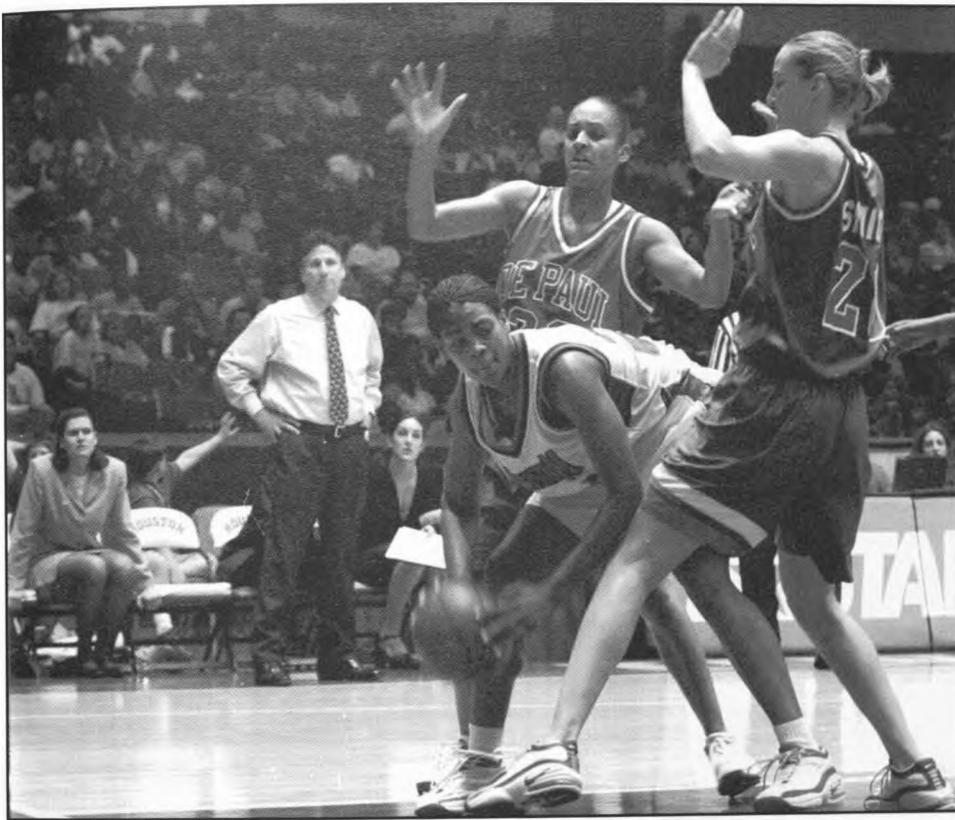
She was named Texas 4A Player of the Year, first team all-state and district Most Valuable Player in 2000, her senior year at Bay City High School.

Her team went to the 4A state semifinals and a 27-1 season record last

year.

Along with her high school accolades, All-American Jones was a member of Team USA in the 2000 USA Basketball Women's Junior World Championships.

The Lady Cougar standout helped the team take the gold and qualify for the



Consistency is key

Senior forward/center ShaRonda Lassetter remained as a force in the middle for the Lady Cougars. Her 1,269 points scored at UH prompted an invite to the 2001 WNBA Draft camp.

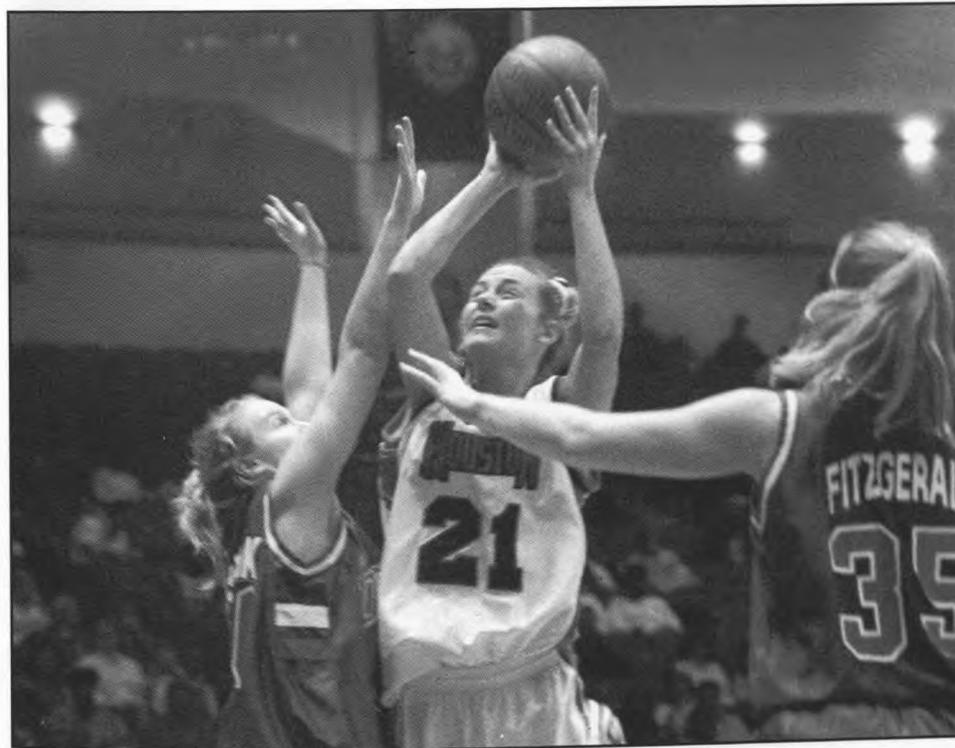
Photo by Rich R. Risma



Stepping it up

Senior forward Mone't Sykes was the Lady Cougars' leading rebounder with 6.3 per game and second-most consistent scorer with 11.8 per contest. Sykes went on to try out for the WNBA's Phoenix Mercury.

Photo by Rich R. Risma



'Lida' the way

Senior guard/forward Cathy Lida was a consistent player and threat from the three-point line. The 6-1 Lida started 27 of 32 games en route to a .400 field goal percentage.

Photo by Rich R. Risma

Junior World Championship for Women in 2001 with a 5-0 record.

Despite her accolades, Jones is more concerned with playing ball and getting the most out of her college years.

"I'm enjoying myself. It's a great experience," she said. "I have more time to myself in college. I like the freedom of it."

The prepharmacy major is making sure she uses her time wisely. If she doesn't, she and the entire team may have to start the class day with an early practice — 6 a.m. early.

"One time was enough for me," she said. "I think (college basketball) is going to be the same as high school, having to manage your time

with traveling and then coming back home and studying for tests," Jones said.

Besides classes, Jones likes to shop with her mom and spend time with her family.

She's an only child and the daughter of second-year assistant head coach David Jones.

"We're a close family," she said.

"Ever since I was younger he was always helping my coach. He's always been there with me."

Following a 19-11 season and recovery from a torn ACL, the Joneses and the Lady Cougars are waiting for the chance to show their worth.

— Crystal J. Doucette

Just getting started

Cougar swimmers look to get off to a roaring start. The swimming team may have taken a backseat to the divers, but the future looks bright as experienced sprinters return for a 2001 season.

Photo by Max Lacayo



Warming up

The Cougar swimming team may have not won a championship, but with rapidly developing talent, athletes look to make UH a fixture in the sport for years to come.

Photo by Pin Lim

Down the stretch

Sophomore sprinter Falon Hopkins leads the charge for the Cougar swimming team. She won the Conference USA Championship in the 100-meter after a sterling 2000 season.

Photo by Pin Lim



story of the year: diving coach guides olympian to gold medal

UH diving head coach Jane Figueiredo, the Cougar graduate and three-time All-American will be going to the Olympics for the second time, went to the Olympics for the second time.

Figueiredo competed in the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles as a member of the Portuguese Olympic team, finishing

No. 22 in her diving event.

Figueiredo was honored as the National Independent Conference Championships Diving Coach of the Year in 1997-98. She was also the coach for the 1996 British Olympic diving team.

The Cougar coach came to UH on a diving scholarship and has been affiliated

with the University since 1982, graduating in '86.

Her former diving coach at UH suggested Figueiredo give coaching a try.

"I went through the interview process, and being an alumna didn't hurt," Figueiredo said. "I love the University of Houston and I had a great time here. I was

SPLISH, SPLASH

The UH swimming and diving teams take steps toward becoming a force

By Tom Carpenter

The Cougar swimming and diving teams, under the leadership of head coach Ginger Hurley, have pooled their talents to make a big splash on the NCAA scene this year.

Freshman Yulia Pakhalina, from Penza, Russia, won NCAA championships in the one-meter and the three-meter springboard. Pakhalina was the first Cougar to win an NCAA championship.

The freshman sensation is a former world champion and a 2000 Olympic gold medalist. Pakhalina was named NCAA Diver of the Year and her coach, Jane Figueiredo was named Coach of the Year.

Figueiredo brought worldwide acclaim to the Cougar diving program as the coach of the Russian synchronized diving team that captured the gold medal in the Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

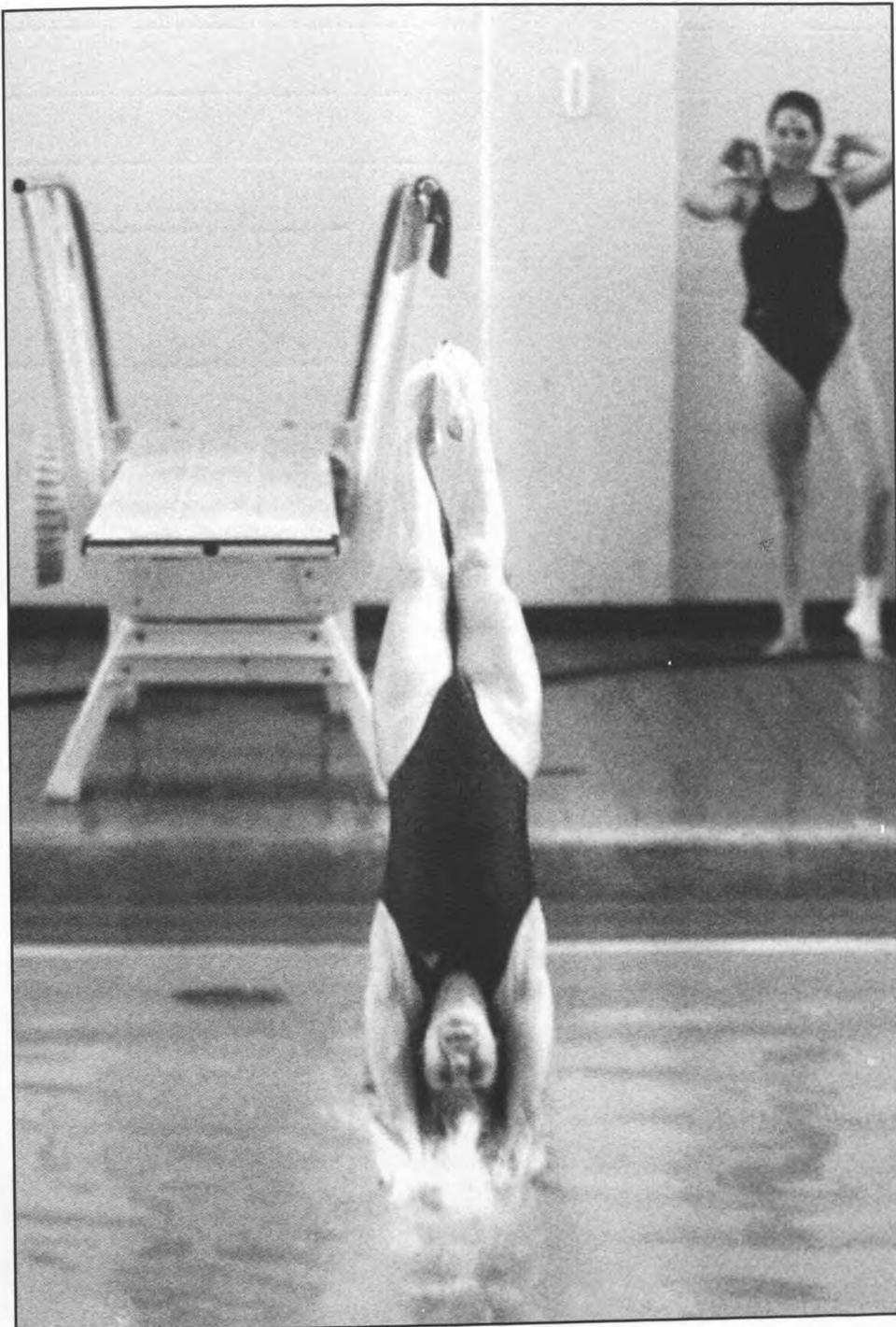
Seniors Angela Sanchez, Elizabeth Boyce, Jelena Matovic and Augustina Foglietta set the pace for the Cougar swimmers in 2001. The four seniors helped the team to their best-ever finish at the National Independent Championships.

Under Hurley's leadership, the Cougar swimming and diving team is climbing up the NCAA ladder of success into the realm of champions.

Pin point accuracy

Freshman diver Yulia Pakhalina scores a near-perfect dive in splashing her way into the NCAA's Diver of the Year award. Pkhalina also won the one-and three-meter springboard NCAA titles.

Photo by Pin Lim



only too happy to take over."

Figueiredo went to Sydney, Australia as a coach for a member of the Russian diving team, Vera Ilyina, who competed in her third Olympics. Ilyina won the gold medal in the 1-meter dive and synchronized three-meter springboard events.

Figueiredo said that Ilyina had only two years of college eligibility left when she arrived in the United States,

and Texas was the only college she could get Ilyina into at the time.

"Our family provided her with a place to stay. I couldn't have done that if she'd come to the University of Houston," Figueiredo said.

Figueiredo and Ilyina had been friends for a number of years and the coach's primary concern was to get Ilyina out of Russia and into America.

"To me, it was more important to get

her here. Some things are more important than winning," Figueiredo said.

Figueiredo has been coaching Ilyina for the past four years.

The path to becoming an Olympian demands great sacrifices.

"Gold medals are nice, but it's the process that separates the women from the girls," Figueiredo said.

Figueiredo believes that many ath-

letes reach the pinnacle of their career and then lack the confidence to achieve their goal, an Olympic gold medal.

"It's that edge. You have to believe you're capable and that you're worth it. A lot of athletes get to that point and think they can't win a gold medal, it's just impossible."

— Tom Carpenter

LINKS TO THE PAST

Dirks prepares the UH golf team to make a run for a 17th NCAA title

By Tom Carpenter

Led by two-time All-American senior Andy Sanders, the UH golf team and head coach Mike Dirks had their sights set on an unprecedented 17th NCAA title for the Cougar golf team.

The golf team traveled to North Carolina to participate in the NCAA Tournament and shot a one-over par 289 on the second day.

It was good enough to elevate the Cougars seven spots, but not enough to make the final cut. The Cougars finished No. 20 in the tournament.

Joining Sanders in the UH charge were Wade Ormsby of Adelaide, Australia, and freshman Simon Robinson of Hartlepool, England.

Freshman Brad McIntosh of Wollongong, Australia and Houstonians sophomore Kevin Hermis and junior Scott Dawley complete the Cougar squad.

Sanders and Simon competed against each other for the prestigious Palmer Cup, college golfs equivalent to the Ryder Cup. Sanders helped the American team beat its European counterparts in 2000.

The teammates competing against each other in this event gave the UH golf team another first in the record books.

If Dirks has anything to say, this team will log its name into the NCAA record books one more time.

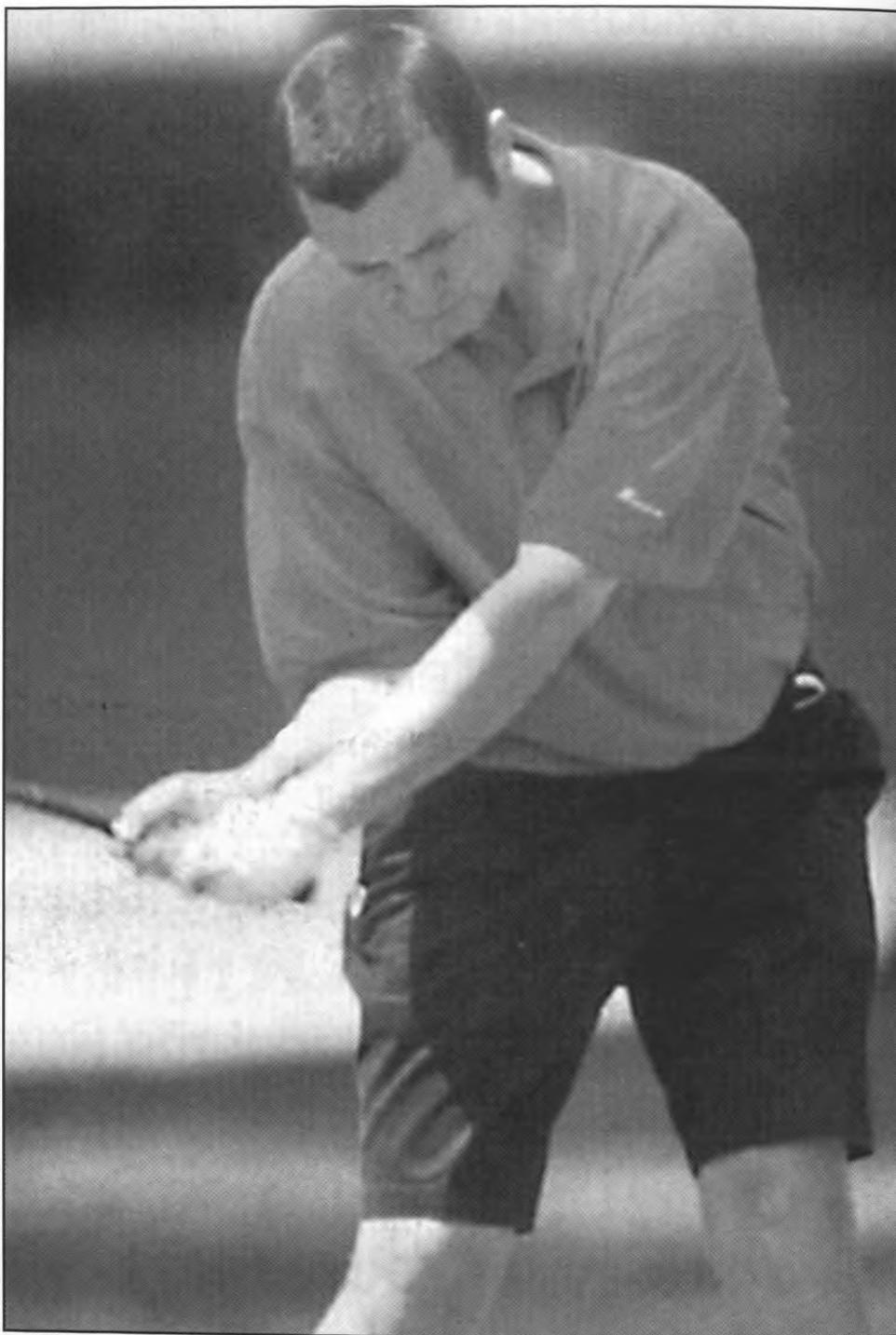


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Par for the course

Senior Andy Sanders picked UH to become a better golfer. That no doubt helped the Cougars as they attempted to add a 17th National Title to UH golfing record books.



spotlight on ...

Andy Sanders

Hometown: Merritt Island, Fla.

Major: kinesiology

Cougar golfer Andy Sanders has won almost every award a collegiate golfer can win. He began his career at UH by

being named the Conference USA Freshman of the Year in the 1997-98 season.

Sanders left the Midwest, where he graduated from Turpin High School in Cincinnati, Ohio, and came to Houston because of the UH golf program.

"Coming to UH was probably the best

thing for me," Sanders said. "I came here to get better at golf."

Sanders said Cougar golf head coach Mike Dirks has done an excellent job of teaching him about the mental aspect of playing golf.

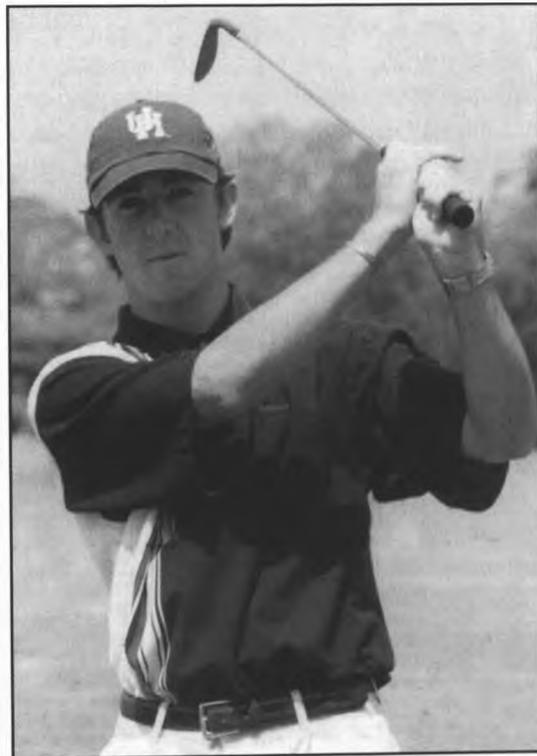
Sanders was named a second-team All-American his sophomore and junior



Roaring back

UH golf head coach Mike Dirks, only the fourth in school history, led a team that never gave up, no matter how many strokes behind it was. The Cougars finished in 20th place in the 2001 NCAA Tournament.

Photo by Christy Varghese



Pay dirt

Native Australian Wade Ormsby contributed significantly in his junior year at Houston. His veteran leadership will be called upon to lead a younger golf team in the 2001-02 season.

Photo courtesy of UH Sports Information



Home away from home

PGA golfers and former Cougars Billy Ray Brown and Steve Elkington were on hand to announce the construction of the Cougar Legends Club. The course will serve as a home for the golf team.

Photo by Max Lacayo

seasons, and was named a preseason first-team All-American this year.

The senior is honing his skills in this, his final year at the University, to prepare for the leap to the Professional Golfers' Association.

Sanders was a quarterfinalist in the 1999 U.S. Amateur Tournament. He is the two-time defending Conference USA champion.

In '99, Sanders set a new course record in competitive golf when he fired a round of 62 on his way to winning the Maxwell Championship at the Shadow Hawk course in Houston.

Sanders averaged a phenomenal 71.2 scoring average for the 1999-2000 season. The 2000-01 season promises to be his best yet.

He began the year by shooting

rounds of 70 and 62 in sectional qualifying to earn a spot in the 2000 U.S. Open. He finished fourth at the 2000 Porter Cup and reached the round of 16 at the 2000 Western Amateur.

He was a member of the prestigious 2000 Palmer Cup team that lost to its European counterpart.

"I'd never been to England and I'd never played links golf before, so it

was a great experience for me," he said. "The course is right beside the ocean, so it's a different game."

Sanders said he's ready to join the pro tour after this season.

"I've been playing golf for 18 years, and I don't plan on stopping now," he said.

— Tom Carpenter

Running from the pack

Sophomore sprinter Robert Foster built on a 2000 season in which he won the C-USA Freshman of the Year Award by winning the conference indoor championship in the 100- and 200-meter events.

Photo by Pin Lim



By leaps and bounds

Junior pole vaulter Rhian Clarke continued her All-American level of competition for the track and field team, taking fourth place at the NCAA Indoor Championships.

Photo by Pin Lim

Going the distance

Freshman distance runner Juan Cardenas (second from left), was a pleasant surprise for the UH track and field team. Cardenas was the C-USA 800-meter champion and the conference's Freshman of the Year.

Photo by Brian Viney



spotlight on:

Jenny Adams

Hometown: Tomball
Events: hurdles, long jump
Major: communication

Jenny Adams' father may have best described her in high school.

"My dad used to tell me after I would compete in my track meets, 'Not bad for a skinny legged white girl.'"

Arriving on a campus rich in ethnic diversity was a bit of a shock coming from a predominantly white high school.

"It was a new environment, a different culture. One I didn't know or understand,"

Adams said. "Going to school here opened horizons and broadened my perspective of life and the world around me."

The record book shows she was a Class 5A state champion in the 100-meter and 300-meter hurdles and set the 5A record in the 300-meter hurdles her senior season in high school.

ABOVE THE FIELD

The track and field team attempts to add to its rich, storied Cougar legacy

By Tom Carpenter

Track and field head coach Leroy Burrell's squads earn the distinction of being the crown jewel in the Cougar sports diadem as UH enters the 21st century.

Eleven-time All-American long jumper and hurdler Jenny Adams and two-time All-American pole vaulter Rhian Clarke led the Lady Cougars to a seventh place finish at the 2001 NCAA Indoor Championships in Fayetteville, Ark.

The 2001 Lady Cougars' seventh place finish tied the 1984 squad as the highest ranked teams in UH history.

Adams, the queen of Cougar track and field, won her second NCAA long jump title with a career best leap of 21-11.

Burrell's men's team boasted the C-USA Freshman of the Year in middle distance runner Juan Cardenas, one of the many outstanding underclassmen Burrell has recruited to carry on the Cougar tradition.

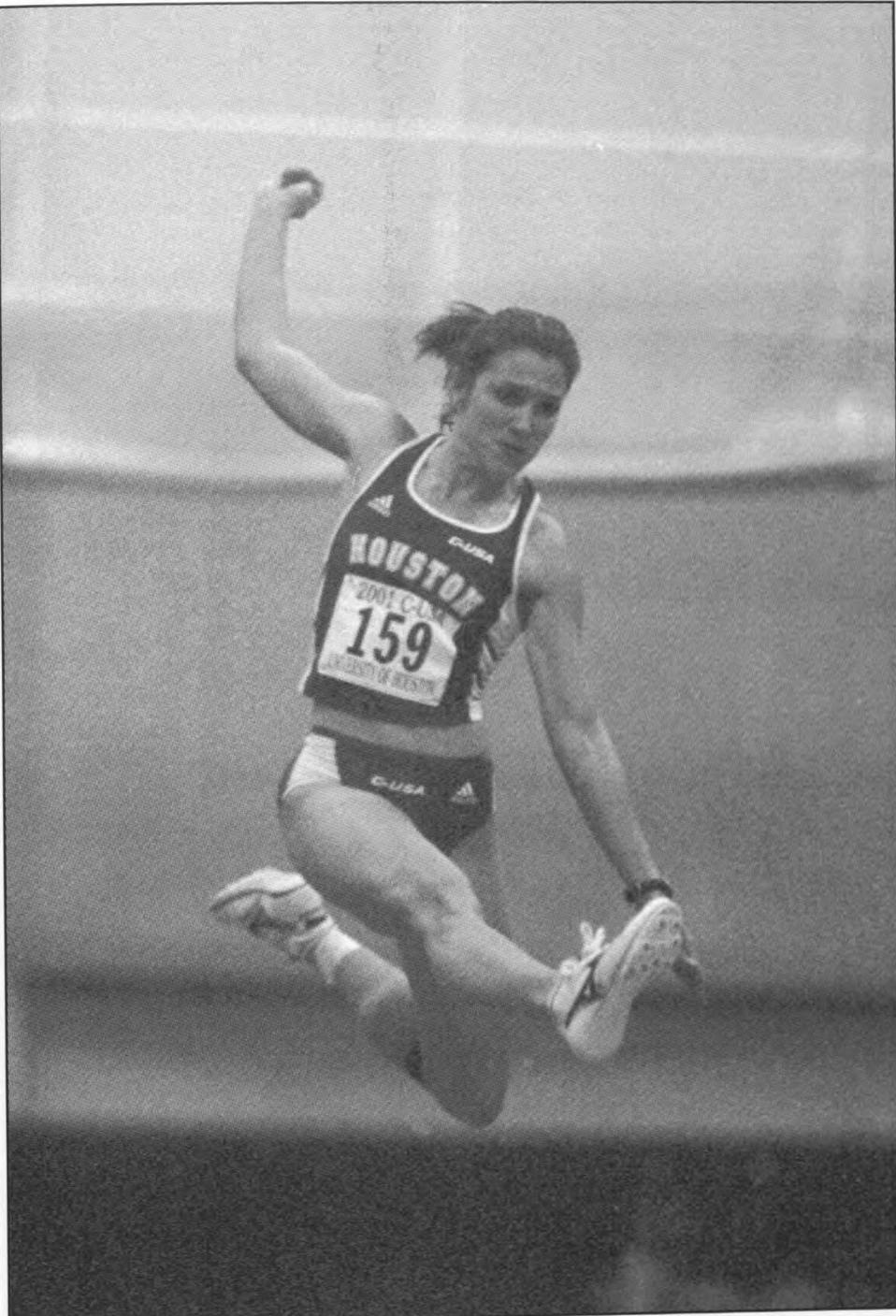
Seniors Greg Christie and Jeff Mueller, junior Andrew Martin and sophomore Robert Foster had outstanding performances at the C-USA championships.

Christie won the 60-meter hurdles, Mueller successfully defended his high championship, Martin captured the pole vault and Foster won his second 200-meter title.

The queen of UH track

Senior hurdles and long jump competitor Jenny Adams' last year on the track and field team was topped off by leading the Lady Cougars to a seventh-place finish at the NCAA Indoor Championships.

Photo by Pin Lim



A little known fact to most track fans is that Adams earned All-American honors as a cheerleader during her high school career.

Adams said the main reason she decided to attend UH and not Texas or Texas A & M with her friends was because of the coaching staff at UH.

Two NCAA championships later, former track head coach Tom Tellez's decision to switch her launching leg

appears to have been a stroke of brilliance. Adams leaves behind a track and field legacy that will land her in the UH Hall of Fame.

She was the Conference USA Freshman of the Year before becoming an 11-time All-American in the long jump and 60-meter hurdles, and two-time NCAA champion in the long jump.

Adams saved her best leap for last.

"Carol Lewis told me she loved being the first one to jump because if you nailed the first jump, the rest of the field gets rattled," Adams said.

Adams fouled on first leap at the 2001 NCAA Indoor championships, but she established a career best mark of 21-11 on her second jump.

A professional track career awaits the Cougars queen of track and field.

Track and field head coach Leroy

Burrell said Adams is one of those athletes every coach would like to have on their team.

"I didn't have a great deal to do with coaching Jenny, but having her on the team was a pleasure," Burrell said. "Her leadership and accomplishments inspired everyone around her. I'm going to miss her."

— Tom Carpenter

LIKE STARTING OVER

Baseball head coach Rayner Noble leads a young team to contention

By Tom Carpenter

It was supposed to be a rebuilding year for the Cougar Boys of Summer, but UH baseball head coach Rayner Noble took his young team and turned the tables on the "experts" who predicted a down year for the team.

Noble turned in the best coaching performance of his career as he guided the young and inexperienced Cougars to a 29-28 record. Noble's team took the field with 18 new faces this season.

Noble, a UH alumnus, kept the Cougars in the hunt for the Conference USA title until the final series of the season. The team's 20-7 C-USA record was a sparkling tribute to the Cougar coaching staff and a team that lost 13 seniors from last year's NCAA play-off team.

The UH baseball team surprised everyone right off the bat by opening the season with wins against No. 20 Texas and Texas Tech while losing to No. 17 Baylor at the 2001 Astros College Classic Tournament.

The Cougars won two out of five against crosstown rival and No. 1 ranked Rice in the Silver Glove Series. The Cougars captured the inaugural crown last season.

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Determined to succeed

Baseball head coach Rayner Noble used his years of experience (both as a player for the Cougars and as a coach) to guide UH to a 29-28 record. Noble's squad finished 20-7 in Conference USA competition.

Photo by Stephan Childs



full season results: 29-28

Feb. 2	#Baylor	Enron Field	L, 16-7	Feb. 18	LSU	Baton Rouge, La.	L, 14-6
Feb. 3	#Texas	Enron Field	W, 3-2	Feb. 21	Rice	at Rice	W, 14-5
Feb. 4	#Texas Tech	Enron Field	W, 11-5	Feb. 23	Southwest Texas St.	Cougar Field	W, 10-9
Feb. 9	San Diego State	San Diego, Calif.	L, 3-2	Feb. 24	Southwest Texas St.	Cougar Field	L, 13-1
Feb. 10	San Diego State	San Diego, Calif.	W, 13-7	Feb. 25	Southwest Texas St.	Cougar Field	W, 8-7
Feb. 11	San Diego State	San Diego, Calif.	L, 5-4	Feb. 27	Texas A&M	Cougar Field	L, 7-6
Feb. 13	Rice	Cougar Field	L, 5-2	March 3	USC (dh)	Cougar Field	L, 6-3, L, 7-3
Feb. 17	LSU (dh)	Baton Rouge, La.	L, 9-4, L, 4-1	March 4	USC	Cougar Field	L, 4-3



Just like old times

Senior second baseman Sean Allen gets set to turn a double play. Allen led UH with 46 DPs to go with a .950 fielding percentage. The senior played in and started all 57 games for the Cougars in 2001.

Photo by Max Lacayo



Power hitter

Sophomore catcher Chris Snyder's experience behind Jarrod Bitter last season paid off this year. His .319 batting average, 12 home runs, 52 RBI and .559 slugging percentage led the Cougars.

Photo by Pin Lim



Bringing the heat

Left-hander Austin Faught was one of three "fearsome freshmen" pitchers on the UH squad. Faught's 83 strikeouts in 80.2 innings paved the way to two complete games in the 2001 season.

Photo by Brian Viney

March 6	Baylor	Waco	L, 16-4
March 9	Cal State Fullerton	Cougar Field	L, 5-2
March 10	Cal State Fullerton	Cougar Field	L, 8-2
March 11	Cal State Fullerton	Cougar Field	L, 9-2
March 13	+San Diego Padres	Peoria, Ari.	L, 8-4 (exhibition)
March 14	Arizona	Tucson, Ari.	W, 9-3
March 16	*Southern Miss	Cougar Field	W, 4-2
March 17	*Southern Miss	Cougar Field	W, 6-0
March 18	*Southern Miss	Cougar Field	W, 4-3
March 21	Rice	Cougar Field	W, 4-3

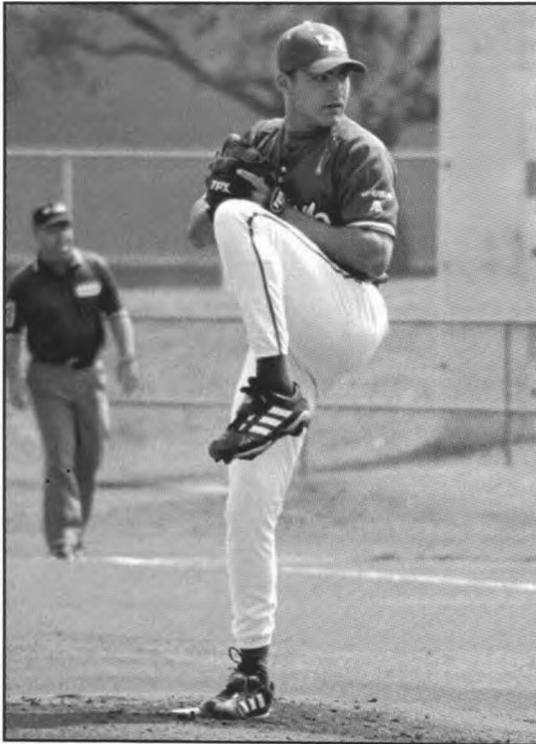
March 23	*Memphis	Memphis, Tenn.	W, 3-1
March 24	*Memphis	Memphis, Tenn.	W, 9-5
March 25	*Memphis	Memphis, Tenn.	W, 10-2
March 30	*Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	L, 12-5
March 31	*Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	W, 5-4 (10)
April 1	*Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	W, 6-3
April 4	Baylor	Cougar Field	L, 10-6
April 6	*UAB	Cougar Field	W, 1-0

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New faces

Freshman shortstop Hyung Cho contributed greatly in his first season at UH. The 5-9 Canadian hit .298, while driving in 36 runs. His .385 slugging percentage was the third-best on the team.

Photo by Brian Viney



Workhorse

Freshman right-handed pitcher Gene Flores worked the mound the most for the Cougars. His 91.1 innings pitched led UH, while his 3.45 ERA was good for second place in his first year as a Cougar.

Photo by Brian Viney

'Bourn' to play the game

Freshman outfielder Michael Bourn added speed on offense for the Cougars. Bourn was third on the team with a .311 batting average, but he led UH with 35 stolen bases in 43 attempts.

Photo by Brian Viney



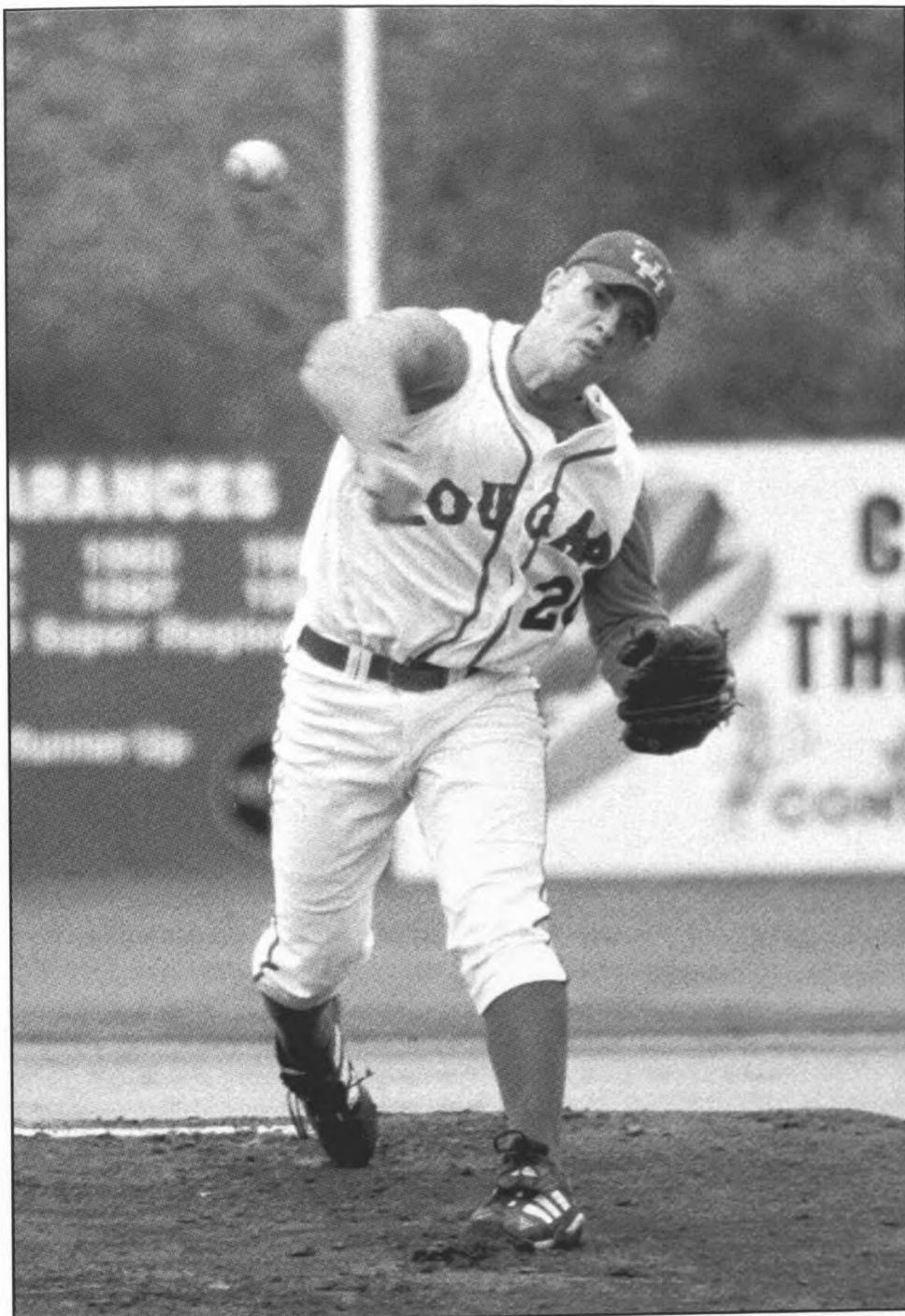
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April 7	*UAB	Cougar Field	W, 9-0	April 21	*Charlotte	Cougar Field	W, 10-4
April 8	*UAB	Cougar Field	W, 4-3	April 22	*Charlotte	Cougar Field	W, 6-2
April 10	Texas A&M	College Station	W, 4-2	April 27	*Louisville	Louisville, Ken.	W, 8-2
April 13	*Tulane	New Orleans, La.	W, 3-1	April 28	*Louisville	Louisville, Ken.	L, 4-3
April 14	*Tulane	New Orleans, La.	L, 16-10	April 29	*Louisville	Louisville, Ken.	L, 4-2
April 15	*Tulane	New Orleans, La.	L, 10-5	May 4	*Saint Louis	Cougar Field	W, 13-2
April 18	Rice	Cougar Field	L, 5-3	May 5	*Saint Louis	Cougar Field	W, 6-3
April 20	*Charlotte	Cougar Field	W, 12-2	May 6	*Saint Louis	Cougar Field	W, 10-3
				May 9	Rice	at Rice	L, 3-2
				May 11	*South Florida	Tampa, Fla.	L, 8-3

A SEASON OF STREAKS

The Cougars dig an early hole before climbing out with long winning streaks

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Noble was named Sportsman of the Year by the Recycled Baseball Items Foundation of Houston, in part because his team had a cumulative 2.85 grade point average last season.

The team faltered at times, going through long losing streaks before rebounding to break .500 midway through the season.

While it may have finished barely above that mark (29-28), the Cougars showed that Noble's steady influence could spark even the youngest of teams to make fans proud.

The baseball team took it to Rice, blowing them out early in the series only to lose by the slimmest of margins on two separate occasions. The Owls may have gotten the upper hand, but the Cougars served notice that even a rebuilding team could surprise the better squads.

Eventually, that inexperience cost UH a chance to repeat as C-USA champions. Entering as the No. 5 seed, Houston let a four-run lead evaporate against Louisville, losing 6-5 and ending its run in the conference tournament.

But that wasn't the end for the Cougars. UH was surprised with an NCAA Regional selection — the same Regional that includes Rice.

Ace in the hole

Freshman right-handed pitcher Brad Sullivan became the No. 1 starter for the Cougars in 2001. Sullivan's 3.32 ERA and 93 strikeouts were badly needed after UH lost former stars Shane Nance and Kyle Crowell.

Photo by Brian Viney

May 12	*South Florida	Tampa, Fla.	L, 10-9
May 13	*South Florida	Tampa, Fla.	W, 12-2
May 16	<i>Southern Miss</i>	<i>New Orleans, La.</i>	L, 6-2
May 17	<i>Louisville</i>	<i>New Orleans, La.</i>	L, 6-5

#Indicates Astros College Classic, *Indicates Conference USA game, +Indicates exhibition game, Italics indicates C-USA tournament

Season notes: The Cougars finished 5-7 against former Southwest Conference rivals Rice, Baylor, Texas A&M, Texas and Texas Tech. They

were blown out by the Bears in all three games by a combined 42-17 runs ... UH led the Silver Glove series 2-1 before dropping the remaining two games. The Cougars managed to outscore the Owls 25-21 ... UH fell to 10 games under .500 (6-16) before going on an eight-game winning streak. The Cougars went 23-12 in their remaining 35 games, winning at least five consecutive games twice ... UH swept five season series — all of them against C-USA opponents (Southern Miss, Memphis, UAB, Charlotte and Saint Louis). But the Cougars were swept three times — all to non-conference teams (LSU, USC and Cal State Fullerton) ... The Cougars dominated in conference play, going 20-7 during the regular season.

PITCH-SLAPPED

Kyla Holas takes the reigns of the University's new softball program

By Christian Schmidt

Kyla Holas became UH's first softball head coach on Oct. 29, 1999. After more than a two-year wait for the inaugural season of a new athletic program, the Pasadena native led her team to a 22-33 record — not bad for a team starting from ground zero.

As a player for the Louisiana-Lafayette Lady Cajuns, Holas totaled 18 no-hitters and five perfect games in her career, along with a .301 career batting average.

Holas has high goals for herself and her program. She expects her players to excel on the field, in the classroom and in life.

"The long-term goal is to be a perennial top 10 team," Holas said. "We can recruit locally because some of the best players in the nation come from Houston."

Under Holas, Houston showed that commitment to local recruiting. All but one member of this year's squad attended high school or junior college in Texas before coming to UH. Four local high school players will join next year's squad.

The team got off to a slow start before winning three Conference USA series, finishing 10-10 in league play. Holas will look to take full advantage of a brand new softball stadium which was not completed until the final homestand of the 2001 season.

Let it fly

Freshman pitcher Jamie Falco led the softball team in wins (10) and strikeouts (105). The 5-5 right-hander from Tomball also had the lowest ERA (3.22) for regular starters.

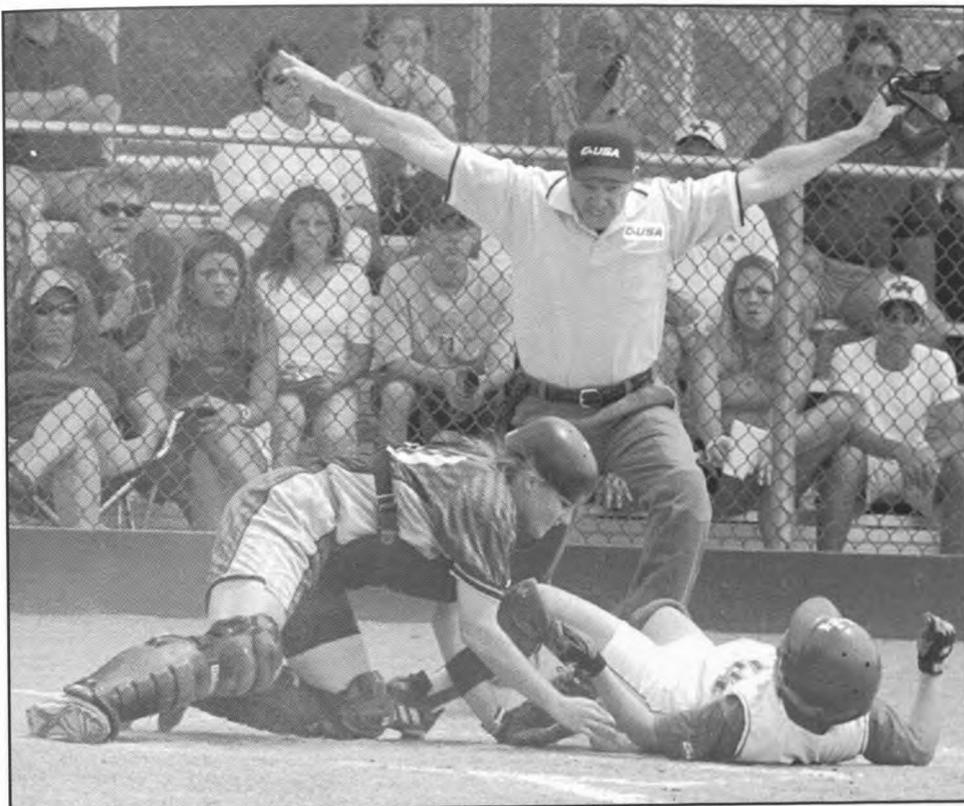
Photo by Walter Coreas



the inaugural season: 22-33

Legend: *Indicates Conference USA game, ^UTA Fastpitch Invitational, %UH Invitational, +Troy Cox Classic, >Purple and Gold Challenge, (Italics) Conference USA Tournament

^Feb. 9-11	^vs. Arkansas	L, 14-10		%Illinois-Chicago	L, 9-3
	^vs. Bethune-Cookman	W, 7-1		%Stephen F. Austin	L, 6-2
	^vs. Texas-Arlington	L, 7-3		at Texas A&M	L, 5-0
	^vs. Louisiana-Monroe	L, 3-2	Feb. 21	+Texas-Corpus Christi	L, 7-4
	^vs. Oklahoma State	W, 9-2	+Feb. 23-25	+Baylor	L, 4-0
Feb. 13	Texas Southern	W, 6-1		+Iowa State	W, 5-2
Feb. 14	Texas (dh)	L, 3-1, L, 3-1		+Oregon	L, 6-0
%Feb. 16-18	%East Tennessee State	W, 8-0		+New Mexico State	L, 7-6
	%Northwestern State	L, 4-1	Feb. 27	at Sam Houston State	W, 7-3



Safe!

Junior Leslie Seay (shown here sliding home safely) and the rest of the softball team will finally get to call the UH campus their home when they get to play at the newly completed Cougar Softball Complex.

Photo by Carl Wilson



Ground zero

Head coach Kyla Holas led the softball team to a respectable 22-33 record in its inaugural season. Holas made it a point to recruit players from Texas, as evidenced by next year's signees.

Photo by Pin Lim



First swing

Freshman catcher Arelis Ferreris' first season on the softball team resulted in a .321 batting average, 22 RBI and six home runs. That effort made Ferreris a selection on the Conference USA First Team.

Photo by Brian Viney

>March 2-3	>Southern Miss	W, 3-2	*April 8	*South Florida	W, 4-1
March 4	>LSU	L, 13-0	April 11	Sam Houston State	L, 4-0
March 6	at Louisiana-Lafayette	L, 5-1, L, 7-2	*April 14	*Charlotte	W, 3-1, W, 1-0
March 7	Loyola	W, 5-0, W, 6-1	*April 15	*Charlotte	L, 2-0
March 13	at Texas	L, 3-2, L, 5-2	April 18	Texas-Arlington	W, 4-2, L, 10-0
March 15	at Texas Southern	W, 8-0	*April 21	*at DePaul	L, 3-2, L, 10-1
March 24	at Texas-San Antonio	W, 5-2, L, 3-1	*April 28	*at Saint Louis	L, 8-2, W, 4-3
*March 25	*Louisville	W, 5-4, L, 4-0	*April 29	*at Saint Louis	W, 2-1
*March 25	*Louisville	L, 7-6	*May 5	*UAB	L, 6-4, W, 3-0
*March 31	*Southern Miss	L, 3-0, L, 4-2	*May 6	*UAB	W, 2-0
*April 1	*Southern Miss	W, 6-1	May 11-13	Conference USA Tournament	L, 0-2
*April 7	*South Florida	W, 5-3, W, 5-3			

Be aggressive

Junior Kailey Meisinger had to sit out of action for one week. It wasn't anything new for the tennis team in the spring season. Every player had to miss time due to an injury.

Photo by Pin Lim



Understudy

Freshman Sarah Flood began play in her first year only to be sidelined by leg trouble early in the season. The tennis team had to battle through much adversity during a 7-16 year.

Photo by Rich R. Risma

Staying in

Sophomore Annie Rapp suffered a stress fracture in her lower leg but played through it to team with Junior Sarah Borwell in doubles competition. The duo was a nationally ranked pair.

Photo by Rich R. Risma



spotlight on:

Sarah Borwell

Hometown: Middlesbrough, England
Major: Sports administration

Redshirt junior Sarah Borwell is one of the most dominant players in women's college tennis today. Two years ago, as a

sophomore, Borwell reached the finals of the Southwest Regional Tournament.

She is 10-2 in singles competition for the 2001 season, including 10 straight victories before dropping two on the road this weekend due to a leg injury that is hampering her play.

A native of Middlesbrough, England,

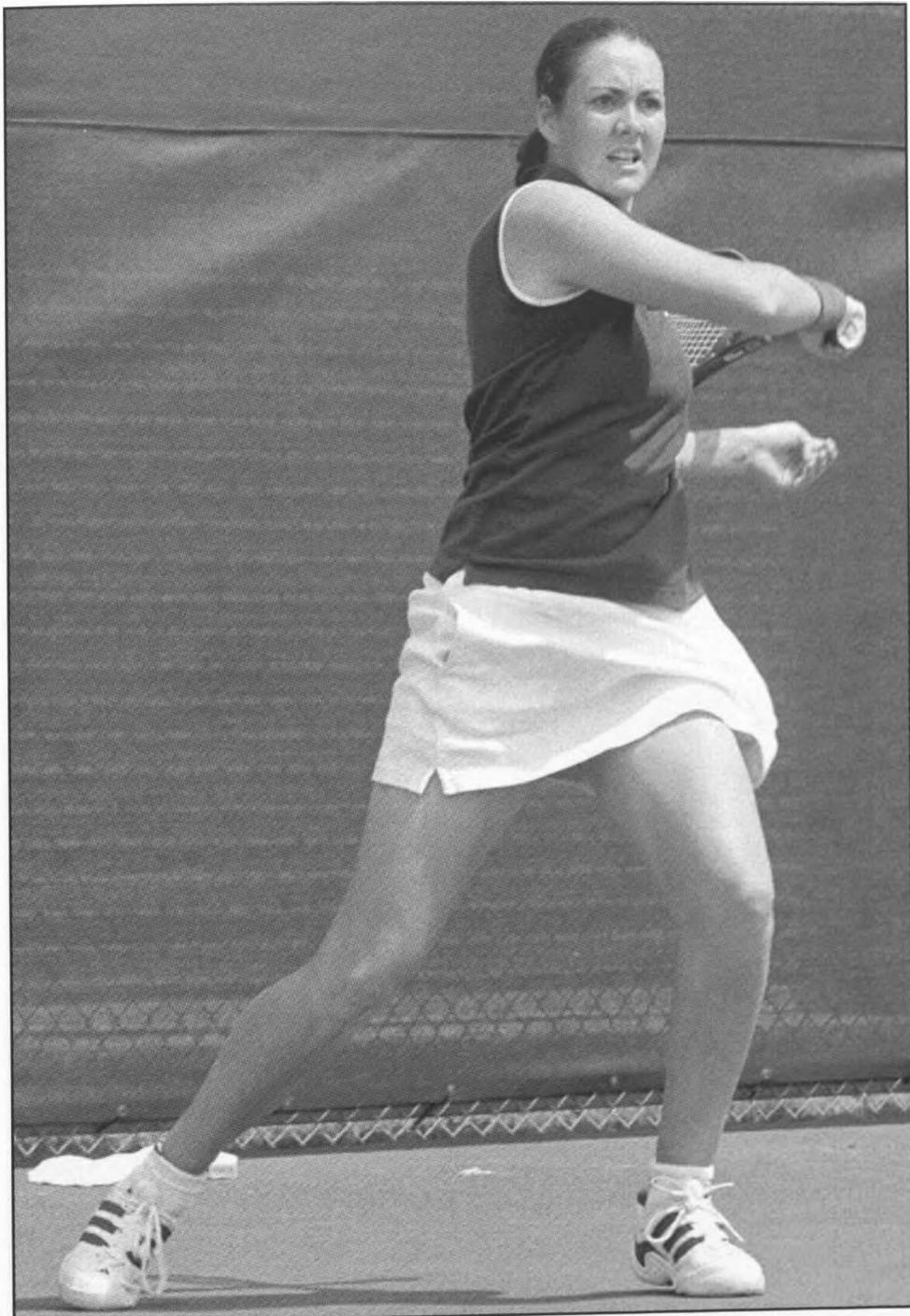
Borwell came to the United States to attend Rice on a tennis scholarship. She was unhappy playing for Rice and decided to transfer to UH, where her best friend was attending school.

"Signing with Rice was the worst thing that ever happened to me in tennis," Borwell said. "I was spending all my time

DEUCES ARE WILD

The UH tennis team battles hard despite a hard-hitting injury bug

By Christian Schmidt



The UH women's tennis team finished with a 7-16 record after winning three of their last four matches to end in fifth place at the Conference USA tournament.

But the biggest story of the season was injuries. Every player on the team missed action at some point.

Junior Sarah Borwell fought off a back injury that forced her to miss one match. Sophomore Annie Rapp played through a stress fracture in her lower leg. Sophomore Karine Urbin had bouts of food poisoning and a chronically sore elbow.

Junior Kailey Meisinger sat out a week with a sore ankle. Sophomore Jen Baccarani played through minor injuries, and freshman Sarah Flood had leg trouble early on. Junior Joanne Keene missed one month of the spring season coming off shoulder surgery.

Borwell became the team's star player after redshirting last year with a serious back injury. Borwell began the spring by ripping off 10 consecutive wins, finishing at 17-5. Borwell's strong all-court play keyed the Cougars' attack all year.

The Cougars finished the spring with their best showing of the year, winning three of their four matches at the C-USA championships, with Baccarani's play anchoring the team.

Serving notice

Junior Sarah Borwell was the top player for the Lady Cougars despite back troubles. Borwell, who finished with a 17-5 individual record, was the No. 49 player in the nation and eight-best in the region.

Photo by Pin Lim

on academics and my tennis was suffering."

The 5-10 right-hander plays with an aggressive style and uses her powerful serve to control matches. In three matches in a round-robin at Marquette, Feb. 23-25, Borwell averaged 25 aces per match.

"I have a good all-court game. I can serve and volley or stay back," she

said. "I like to keep attacking.

"I do need to improve my concentration; I tend to lose focus sometimes," Borwell said. "I hope to continue to improve."

Borwell first played tennis when her father signed her up for lessons after a new tennis club opened near her house. Borwell was a top-10-ranked juniors player in England before com-

ing to the United States.

She is also a tremendous doubles player, teaming with partner sophomore Annie Rapp to form a nationally ranked doubles team. The two work well together, using Borwell's powerful serves and Rapp's strong ground strokes to defeat their opponents.

"Annie loves to attack. It's joyful to play with her. We have a good rela-

tionship on and off the court," Borwell said. "All my teammates are great. Even Floody (freshman Sarah Flood), though she's always asking me questions."

Borwell hopes to turn pro in the next year or two if things continue to go as well as they have lately.

— Christian Schmidt

EVERYDAY PEOPLE

The Intramural program allows students to participate in athletic competition

By Nikki Dowdy

Although the University selectively recruits students for its competitive sports teams, every UH student has the opportunity to participate in the exciting world of intramural athletics.

Separated into women's, men's and co-rec divisions, UH's quickly expanding intramural program is open to any and all current students. Interested team players participate in a wide range of sports, including flag football, tennis, basketball, soccer and as of this year, swimming.

The sports seasons follow the usual pattern of scrimmages, regular season games and final playoff tournaments. All games take place on the UH campus. No team tryouts are held; students simply join the team they prefer. The teams and tournaments are student-organized, with students filling the leadership roles of coaches and referees.

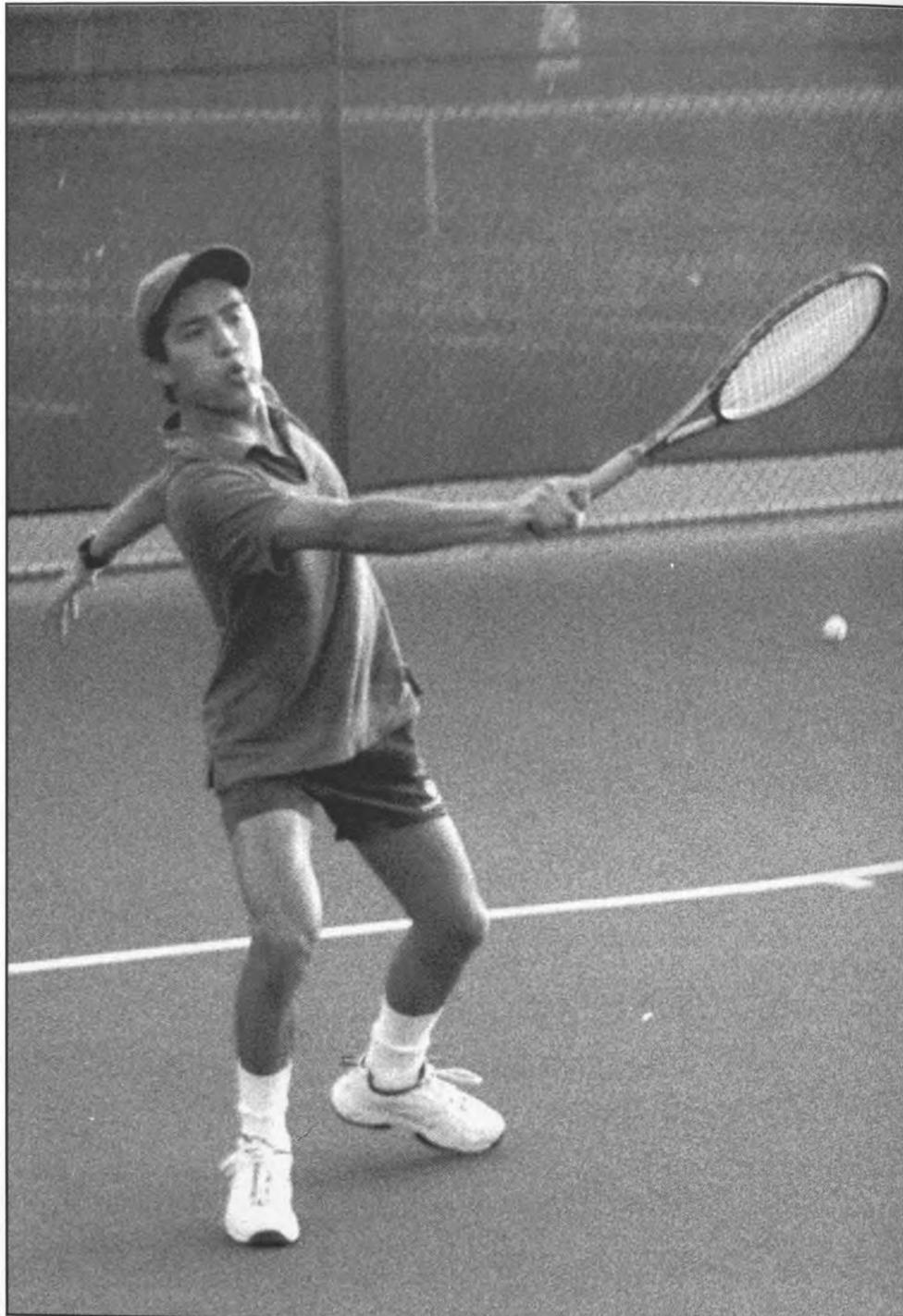
Because the intramural programs are student-led, they provide a great mix of competitiveness and pure enjoyment of sports. The teams are an easy way to get involved and meet new people.

Dividing lines tend to blur as diverse teams work toward a common goal. An intramural tournament win is certainly an achievement, but throughout the season, the emphasis is always on fun and personal improvement.

Just like Sampras

Sophomore architecture major Claudio Leon has fun participating in competition while impressing those in attendance with his return during an Intramural tennis match.

Photo by Nora Segura



UH intramural programs

Intramurals, one of the more well known programs in the Department of Campus Recreation, shows that while students cheer for the Cougars, they too can participate in athletic competition. More than 30 different activities are scheduled each academic year for both individuals and teams. Events for men, women, and co-ed competition include:



Jump for joy

Flag football is one of the many popular Intramural programs at UH. Both men and women can participate in a number of sports, including soccer, bowling, tennis, softball and badminton.

Photo by Rich R. Risma



Home in time

Playing softball is just one of the activities offered by the Intramural program in Campus Activities. Intramurals allows students to take part in competition without being a member of an intercollegiate team.

Photo by Walter Coreas



God save the queen

Senior MIS/accounting major and 1999 Homecoming queen Pauline Tosto tries to find the ball during an Intramural tennis match. Tosto joined friends in playing for a trophy.

Photo by Nora Segura

flag football
basketball
tennis
volleyball
soccer
racquetball
bowling

table tennis
cross country
5-K run
billiards
softball
badminton
golf

track
horseshoes
swimming
diving
special events

*Note: the above are not
official UH athletic programs*

Photos (Left and Middle): Pin Lim, (Right): Walter Coreas



No trespassing

Senior linebacker Wayne Rogers was always a force to be reckoned with on the defensive side of the ball for the Cougar football team. His 26 tackles for a loss in one season set the UH record.

Photo by Pin Lim



Patrolling the field

Wayne Rogers started the season slowly but quickly emerged as a star. During UH's 6-3 loss to Southern Miss, Rogers registered 16 tackles (seven for a loss) to go with two quarterback sacks.

Photo by Pin Lim

Taking a breather

Wayne Rogers' 2000 performance was one for the record books. His Conference USA Co-Defensive Player of the Year award marked the first time a UH defensive player had won the award in C-USA.

Photo by Pin Lim



mr. rogers' neighborhood ...

Senior linebacker Wayne Rogers was named Conference USA's Co-Defensive Player of the Year — the first such award for a UH defensive player. But here are just a few of Rogers' other achievements from the 2000 season ...

Photos (Left): Lauren Wilson, (Middle and Right): Max Lacayo

DOMINATING PRESENCE

Linebacker Wayne Rogers exemplifies the best of Cougar athletics in 2000



By Tom Carpenter

Senior Wayne Rogers personified the heart and soul of the Cougar defense in the 2000 campaign. Rogers played with a wild abandon and enthusiasm that inspired the entire football team.

The All-Conference USA linebacker led the conference in total tackles with 134. Rogers created chaos behind the opponent's line of scrimmage every game.

The feisty player ranked sixth in C-USA in sacks with 10 and led the league with 26 tackles behind the line of scrimmage for a minus-128 years.

Piling on those kinds of numbers garnered the Waco native recognition. He earned C-USA Defensive Player of the Week honors on two consecutive weeks — Oct. 21 and 28.

The Cougar spitfire earned the C-USA Co-Defensive Player of the Year award. He was the first defensive player to win a conference player of the year award since Wilson Whitley in 1976.

Rogers stood head and shoulders above a team caught in the turmoil of transition. He punished opposing runners with smash-mouth tackles and avoided blockers with his surprising speed and agility to pressure opposing quarterbacks.

Rogers played with the same ferocity and intensity whether the Cougars were winning or losing.

Steady as a rock

Senior linebacker Wayne Rogers led the Cougars in tackles, but he also led them in a "never-give-up" attitude that permeated throughout the team. Veterans like Rogers were called upon during a trying 3-8 year.

Photo by Pin Lim

- Led UH and C-USA in total tackles with 134 (12.2 per game)
- Led UH and C-USA in tackles for loss with 26 (2.4 per game)
- Led UH, sixth in C-USA in sacks with 10 (0.9 per game)
- Posted at least 10 tackles in eight of 11 games
- Had a tackle for loss in every game but one (vs. LSU)
- Averaged 12.6 tackles per game in conference play
- Set the UH record for most tackles for loss in a season (26)
- Is ranked in the Houston career top 10 in tackles (330), TFLs (57) and sacks (19)



T

he Cougar baseball team showed off their collegiate talents in the Astros College Classic in February where they played against Texas in Enron Field. The players came together in a stunning performance to seal a win of 3-2 against their opponents. The game was a chance for players to test out the new field.

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Conference call

Junior pitcher Keith Whatley has a conference with sophomore catcher Chris Snyder.

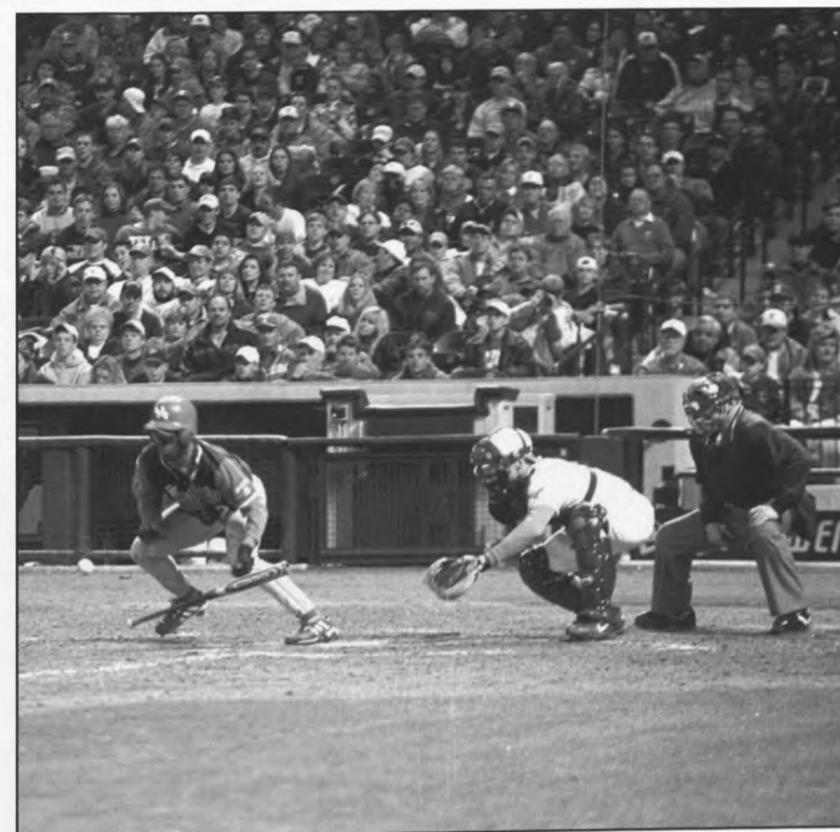


Ready, aim, fire

Junior third baseman Chris Klosterman fields the ball.

Victory lane

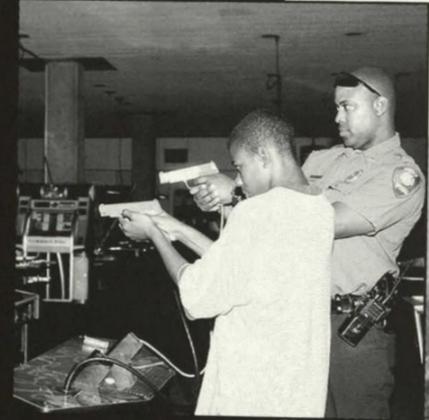
Freshman shortstop Hyung Cho, freshman pitcher Gene Flores and the rest of the UH team celebrate their win.



Take out

Freshman outfielder Michael Bourn bunts against Texas.

Senior MIS major, Mohamad Gruneim, holds up a Palestinian flag in protest of the fighting between Palestine and Israel.
Photo by Will Cordray



Community

Many of the University of Houston's students come from all over the world, but the majority of students are native Houstonians. So, it's no wonder that the UH community depends on its relationship with the city of Houston, just as the Houston community depends on UH and its students to lend a helping hand every now and then.

Not only do UH students lend a hand in helping out the Houston community, but they also take part in various events around the city helping to promote the diversity of Houston. They take part in celebrations like the Turkish Fest in October and the Chinese New Year Celebration in January.

The Houston community also offers a variety of opportunities to UH students, such as internships at prominent Houston companies, scholarships and even allowing exposure to so many different cultures.

Houston and UH are truly partners in continuing the education of our students.

Ren Fest

Texas

Adventure, merriment and magic await those that enter the gates at Ren Fest

By: Ashly Alberto

Go back to a time of lords and ladies, knights and gypsies, turkey legs and ale. Return to the reign of Henry VIII and to the dawn of the Renaissance.

The Texas Renaissance Festival held its 26th festival of jousting, mud pits and shopping Saturdays and Sundays from Sept. 30 through Nov. 12 in Plantersville.

The festival spanned over 50 acres that holds 350 shops and 22 stages.

The shops contained a multitude of various jewelry, leather, crystal and gems. Sporadically placed around the festival were stands that possessed the popular flowered head pieces that attendees wore throughout the day.

Events took place all day at Ren Fest. More than 500 actors entertained the multitude of visitors that entered the magical world on 22 stages in the fairgrounds.

One of the more popular events was the Mud Show. At the Mud Show two men held a contest over which city is the best, Sparta or Troy. A third man played a judge. In the show, the men did various things that involved mud.

Other events included juggling, knife throwing, mock executions, balancing acts and various skits dealing with figures such as Robin Hood and King Henry VIII.

There were also games and activities for participants to take part in at Ren Fest. Face

painting is popular among kids, but for adults, henna tatoos were available.

Festival attendees also got a picture of their aura taken or had their fortune told by a gypsy.

The highlight of the day was the parade that went around the fairgrounds. In the parade, all of the gypsies, royalty, fairies, barbarians and Scotts got together and showcase their beautiful and sometimes outrageous costumes.

One of the most extravagant aspects of the festival was the costumes. Fairies adorned with beautifully colored wings, queens floated around in large dresses made of the finest material and barbarians stomped around in their best loin cloth.

For UH students, Ren Fest was a nice escape from the pressures of school. Many students like Carolina Amengual went just to view the costumes.

"The costumes were really well made," said the junior print journalism major. "They really took you into the environment and back to the time of the Renaissance."

Costumes were made available to rent at the entrance to the festival so that attendees could participate in the fun.

Whether a student was a fairy, gypsy, Scott or barbarian, the Texas Renaissance Festival welcomed all into its romance, magic and mystification.

Three fairies stand guard to greet those seeking adventure into the magic and romance that is the Renaissance.
Photo by Ashly Alberto



A shop keeper demonstrates how to make wax roses. Roses dipped in wax is a favorite souvenir for people visiting the Ren Fest.
Photo by Nicole Johnson



Duels are a common event at the Ren Fest. In this case, the weapon is mud. The mud pit is a popular event that involves a contest between Sparta and Troy.
Photo by Ashly Alberto

King Oberon, king of the fairies, greets festival patrons as he makes his rounds of the festival grounds.
Photo by Ashly Alberto

Houston

Concerts

Concertgoers flock to Houston to see their favorite musical artists

By: Ashly Alberto

The stars were definitely shining bright this year as some of the music industry's top artists made a stop in Houston to give their fans something to sing about.

Whether you like country, pop, jazz or rock, the musical needs of Houstonians were met in this year's concert line up.

Fans of country music were treated with a performance by Faith Hill and Tim McGraw on their "Heart and Soul" tour.

Fans got a double dose of blonde pop queens when both Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera put Houston on their tour list.

B.B. King provided a special treat to jazz fans when he hosted a jazz festival that featured some of the best blues magicians in the biz.

And of course, no other city but Houston knows how to rock. From Pearl Jam to Limp Bizkit, Houston crowds were on their feet with their fists punching the air with the beat.

Houston isn't only a hot spot for huge musical acts, though. It also has a strong local scene that often has performers starting out locally and going global.

Establishments such as the Engine Room, Satellite Lounge and Numbers are a favorite for UH students interested in local acts. The places that display local acts are usually small in size. The people who go to

watch the acts prefer it this way because of the intimate atmosphere.

The need for more space to accommodate the larger audiences garnered by popular musical acts makes small establishments like Numbers and the Engine Room unqualified.

Facilities like the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, the Compaq and the Aerial are equipped to handle the popular musical acts and their large audiences.

UH students look forward to the musical acts that pass through town, hoping that their favorite will make a stop.

Junior communication major, Philip Poe, fortunately got to see his favorite acts.

"I was really impressed with the line up in Houston this summer and fall," Poe said. "Practically every band I wanted to see came to town, that's good."

But not all students are as enthusiastic about Houston concerts. Senior advertising major, Shane Baker, doesn't like the time restrictions on the acts.

"Woodlands closes at eleven which means that bands can't play a full set," Baker said.

But the restrictions don't keep the fans from flocking to Houston concerts. No matter what sort of music Houston concert fans may listen to, music acts continue to hit Houston and the fans are waiting for them.



Dave Matthews croons to the loyal fans that braved the rainy weather to enjoy his music. The Dave Matthews Band played to a full crowd at the Cynthia Woods Pavilion.

Photo by Ashly Alberto

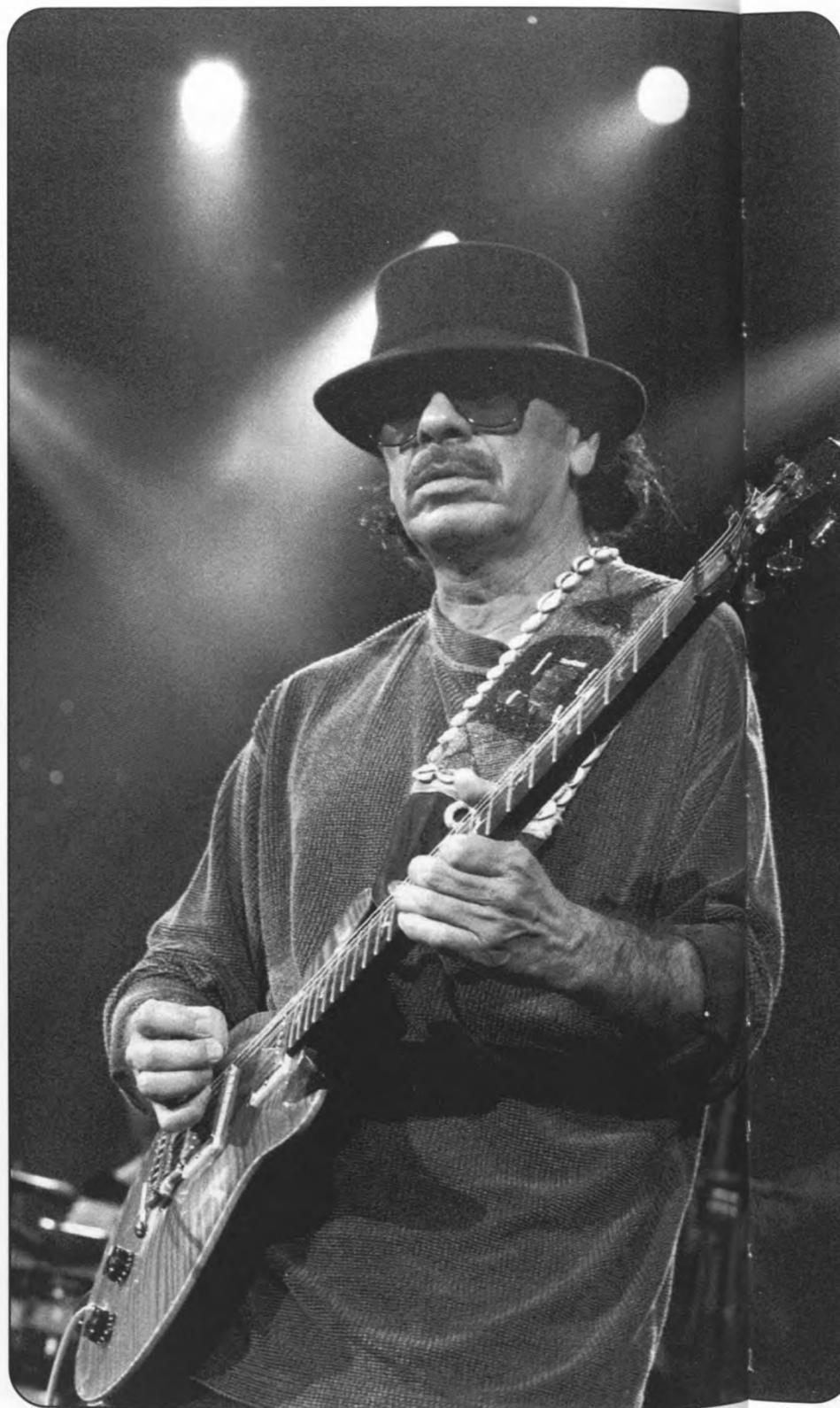


Eddie Vedder provided vocals as Pearl Jam rocked the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion.

Photo by Max Lacayo

Santana gave the audience something to cheer about when he showcased a number of his guitar-driven classics at the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion.

Photo by Ashly Alberto



Christina Aguilera belts out a song for the crowd that turned out to see her at Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion.

Photo by Henri Chen

Dance

UH joins Rice in celebrating the opening of its new Humanities Building

By: Tom Carpenter

Dance students at the University of Houston collaborated in a unique program with Rice University dancers to dedicate the new Humanities Building on the Rice campus in October. The association of dancers performed a series of singular dance routines titled *Open Book/Open House*, created and directed by internationally known choreographer Stephan Koplowitz.

Koplowitz is a virtuoso at creating large-scale events for architectural sites. He's been producing site specific choreography for 14 years in the United States and Europe. His resume includes unrivaled concepts for the British Library and the Natural History Museum in London, England and the Grand Central Station in New York City.

Koplowitz was awarded a 1999-2000 "Bessie," a New York Dance and Performance Award, for sustained achievement in choreography.

Koplowitz offers the public a new perspective of a structure through the mediums of light, costume, people and movement.

"I draw upon the physical site itself, how it's designed. The history of the site and how the structure will be used is also instrumental," Koplowitz said. "My work is purely visual, but it also deals with themes that deal with the context."

Karen Stokes, director of the UH dance

program, assisted Koplowitz in this union of dance programs. Stokes has assisted Koplowitz on numerous projects in the past ten years in the United States and Europe.

"The building itself is the pinnacle. Rice has been very farsighted for doing a contemporary dance work for the opening of their building. It's very unusual," Stokes said.

The celebration of creativity included original scores by Anthony Barilla, music writer for Infernal Bridegroom Productions, a local theater company. UH associate professor Kevin Rigdon directed and created the lighting effects. Seven professional dancers from Houston joined the Rice and UH dancers in the dedication.

The dancers performed in various classrooms, hallways and the courtyard of the red-brick and sand-colored block building.

"Each room has a different theme, so the movements and rhythms are inspired by those different themes," Koplowitz said.

Koplowitz has been the director of dance at the Packer Collegiate Institute, a private school in Brooklyn, N.Y., since 1984.

Gale Stokes, interim dean of humanities at Rice and father of Koplowitz's assistant said, "I think it's wonderful that we've been able to cooperate with the University of Houston on this project."

Dancers christen the lobby of the Humanities Building with an oriental themed choreography.
Photo by Pin Lim



The finale of the dance exhibition had choreography that expressed the acquisition of knowledge through books.
Photo by Pin Lim



The finale of the dance exhibition had all of the dancers perform outside of the building.
Photo by Pin Lim

Books were passed around by dancers in a routine that christened the opening of the library.
Photo by Pin Lim

Thanksgiving

Parade

Houstonians brave the gloomy weather and celebrate Thanksgiving

By: Ashly Alberto

Downtown Houston saw stars at Bank United's Annual Thanksgiving Day parade.

The rainy weather couldn't stop hundreds of parade goers from flocking to the star studded parade.

The parade began at the Enron Field ballpark and circled six blocks to end at George R. Brown Convention Center.

This year's theme for the parade was "Star Struck." The parade showcased seven elaborately decorated floats that featured various "stars."

The parade consisted of five different segments. The segments included Hollywood stars, which featured NYPD Blue star James McDaniel, Texas stars, which featured country singer Robert Earl Keen, sports stars, cartoon stars and stars on ice.

Guest commentator Chris McDonald also added star appeal to the festivities. McDonald stars in the CBS drama "Family Law" and has appeared in numerous films.

The parade lasted for an hour and was packed with excitement from beginning to end. It included costumed characters, balloons and live entertainment. Even Mayor Lee Brown made a special appearance in the celebration.

Different marching bands contributed to the parade with strong drum beats and glamorous drill teams. Some bands even came as far as Georgia to march in Houston's

parade.

The University of Houston marching band and the Cougar Dolls represented UH in the parade.

Cougar Doll Bonnie McSwain helped celebrate Thanksgiving in the parade.

"I always have fun doing parades," she said. "I really enjoy the Thanksgiving parade because it allows you to be with your friends in the morning and your family in the afternoon."

Bank United also hosts a float preview the Tuesday before Thanksgiving to give people an opportunity to get an upclose view of the floats.

The preview was held at George R. Brown Convention Center and various crafts were set up to entertain children.

Musical group Soulfruit entertained the crowd as well as magician David Driscoll.

A miniature parade circled around the crowd and was led by the green-jump suit clad Bank United guys.

Forest Brook High School marching band provided a back beat to the mini-parade as they circled the crowd.

The Thanksgiving parade gave Houstonians a great start to their holiday. When the parade was over, they were able to return to their homes and enjoy their turkey dinner with the memories of the festive celebration.



A country dancing couple two-stepped their way around the crowd in a mini-parade at the Float Preview in George R. Brown Convention Center. Photo by Ashly Alberto



The Cougar Dolls smile and wave to the crowd as they brave the drizzly weather and wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving. Photo by Pin Lim



A Cougar marching band member shows school spirit by participating in the parade. The Cougar marching band was one of the eight bands that provided the parade with a musical soundtrack. Photo by Ashly Alberto

Parade watchers prepared for the rainy weather by equipping themselves with umbrellas and rain coats. No one wanted to miss the traditional turkey float! Photo by Ashly Alberto

Heroes

Houston is host to numerous athletic victories

By: Ashly Alberto

Houston is well on its way to becoming one of the country's leading sports centers. Whether it is little league baseball or the WNBA some of the country's most notable sports athletes not only come from Houston, but play for Houston teams.

One source for Houston pride is the Houston Comets of the WNBA. In 2000, the Comets won their fourth consecutive championship. They are the only champions in the history of the WNBA.

Houston also received bragging rights when a group of twelve year olds conquered the game of baseball and made it all the way to the 54th Little League World Series.

The Bellaire Little League team is the first Houston-area team to go to the World Series since Spring's Northwest 45 Little League All-Stars in '95.

The Bellaire team received a 3-2 loss to Venezuela in the championship game. Even though they lost the championship, Houston still affectionately referred to the young boys as "Hometown Heroes."

The spotlight was also placed on individual athletes that reside in Houston. One of the biggest victories this year was at the 2000 Olympics when Laura Wilkinson of the Woodlands won the gold medal in the individual women's platform competition. Not only did Wilkinson have stiff competition from other divers around the world,

she also was competing on a foot that was broken in three places and had still not healed completely.

The University of Houston received a notable athletic figure when two time Olympian Leroy Burrell became the university's head coach on June 17, 1998.

Burrell had a long career as a sprinter and in the long jump. He held the record in the 100 meters twice and ranked as the top 100 meter runner in the world in both 1990 and 1991.

As head coach of the UH track and field team, he has lead the team to two consecutive Conference USA track and field championships.

Senior creative writing major Ed De La Garza thinks athletes like Burrell represent Houston well.

"These people help put the University and Houston on the map," Garza said. "It goes to show that Houston doesn't need to take a back seat to cities like New York and Los Angeles."

Business tycoon Bob McNair is not a notable athlete but he is a hero to a lot of Houstonians when he brought Houston its next football team, the Houston Texans.

With a number of championships under its belt and a handful of notable athletes, Houston is quickly earning a name for itself in the world of sports.

Mayor Lee Brown looks on as Comets guard Cynthia Cooper waves to the crowd at the Comets victory parade in downtown Houston. Photo by Will Cordray



The Bellaire Little League team waves to the crowd during the Thanksgiving Day parade. Photo by Rich Risma



Leroy Burrell and Otis Birdsong talk shop at the UH Homecoming parade. Burrell and Birdsong are both part of the 2000 class of the UH Athletics Hall of Honor. Photo by Pin Lim

NFL commissioner, Paul Tagliabue, Bob McNair and his wife hold the helmet of the newly formed Houston Texans. Photo by Max Lacayo

Election

The votes have been cast, but who is the next president of the United States?

By: Ronnate Asirwatham

2000



Students lined up in the University Center to register to vote in the 2000 election.
Photo by Pin Lim



A UH student places her ballot in the box after voting at the NAACP early voting center.
Photo by Pin Lim

Rick Noriega answers question from a Telemundo reporter after winning a seat in the Texas Senate.
Photo by Chris Galloway



Election 2000—the longest election in the history of U.S. elections. It was one of the toughest decisions America had to make and finally a group of seven Justices had to decide who the most powerful man in the world was going to be.

Despite the quagmire of electoral problems that it created on Nov. 7, the issues reigned supreme for voters. Social security, appointment of Supreme Court justices and for most at the University of Houston—college funding.

During the campaign, candidates Vice President Al Gore and Texas Governor George W. Bush projected most issues to be “elderly friendly” like social security and medicare. However the young people were listening. “If I give up on social security now, it would be gone forever,” said 19-year-old Xavier Odili, secretary of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and a sophomore in biology.

The vice president’s stance on this issue was to keep Social Security within the federal government, use the federal surplus to pay down the debt and use the interest saved to keep the fund solvent.

Governor Bush said “Give Americans more freedom to manage their Social Security!” His plan was to privatize the fund and allow investing an unspecified amount of payroll taxes in the stock market.

William Banks, a political sophomore favored Gore’s plan. “My father lost his job because of the Reaganomics, so we must

keep social security secure,” he said.

Another burning issue was the new appointment of the Supreme Court Justices. “When we have a written constitution we don’t need the judiciary to govern us,” said Garret Tuttle, a political science freshman, who opposes an activist judiciary. The new president could appoint at least four new justices to the Supreme Court. The U.S. Supreme Court is comprised of nine justices who are appointed for life.

Easier access to college aid was another very important issue. Most young undergraduates at UH favored Gore on this issue as they felt he would follow Clinton’s policy of giving tax breaks for a college education.

Gore’s slogan, “Whose side are you on? The people or the powerful?” told me that he will support a low-income guy like me to get an education,” said education major, Brian Deals.

Third party candidate Ralph Nader found support in the UH campus. Unlike the other candidates, Nader visited the campus twice, first during the primary elections in the the spring and then in Oct. Like the rest of the country, Nader netted in the students who were disillusioned with the mainstream parties.

“We are more liberal and we are sick of corporate money running our country,” said Brian Harrison, a history sophomore.

But after all was said and done, it was George W. Bush that won the presidency.



Supporters of Ralph Nader and the Green Party watch the election results on television.
Photo by Pin Lim

Oktober

Fest

A German tradition is brought to Houston with the arrival of Oktoberfest

By: Ashly Alberto

The echo of "Oom Pah" bands could be heard across Buffalo Bayou this October when Garden in the Heights hosted its fourth annual Oktoberfest.

The festival was held on the first three weekends in October, from Oct. 6 until Oct. 22.

Oktoberfest is celebrated all over the world and in 2000 entered its 190th year.

The German festival began in 1810 when the wedding feast of Munich's Prince Ludwig and Princess Therese lasted more than 16 days.

Early settlers of Houston and Texas were of German descent and they brought the tradition of Oktoberfest with them.

Garden in the Heights was turned into a virtual German marketplace as vendors set up shop. Each booth contained different items for sale such as crafts, clothing, wood carvings, pottery and what Oktoberfest is not complete without beer steins.

From Oct. 6 to the 8, Oktoberfest held its Houston Brewers Festival. At the Brewers Festival, various beer vendors present their finest beers for the public to sample, including their own specially brewed Oktoberfest beer.

To accompany the cold beer, there was plenty of traditional German food. Those attending the festival could enjoy Goulash soup (beef in paprika broth over noodles), a

sausage sampler (a combination of Bratwurst, Knackwurst and Polish sausage served with a roll and sauerkraut and red cabbage) or Potato cakes (shredded raw potatoes mixed with egg and flour and formed into small pancakes served with apple sauce).

Kids also find enjoyment at Oktoberfest. The Kinder Korner was an area designated for child entertainment.

Children were given German and American crafts. They made a traditional German Christmas decorations made from popsicle sticks and yarn for their Tannenbaum (Christmas tree).

Clowns roamed the fair grounds to entertain the kids and a storyteller was on hand to regail children with the story of *Hansl and Gretl*.

Various musical and dancing acts performed throughout Oktoberfest. The festival presented the band Brave Combo, The Csárdás Hungarian dancers, Feldenfest, a German music, dance and participation band, Fire On the Mountain Cloggers, Rathkamp German dancers, The Saurkrauts, an Oompah band that plays Alpine music, Terry Cavanaugh and the Alpine Express and De Texas Klompdancers, Dutch dancers.

Through Oktoberfest, UH students were exposed to a German culture that has its own special traditions.

The Fire On the Mountain Cloggers entertained the crowd at Oktoberfest with their fancy footwork.

Photo by James Lemon



An Oom Pah band provides a musical soundtrack for the many attendees of the festival.

Photo by James Lemon



A member of the Fire On the Mountain Cloggers steps to the head of the group to showcase her talent.

Photo by James Lemon

Festival attendees enter the Oktoberfest at Garden in the Heights prepared for a day of good German food and beer.

Photo by James Lemon

Turkish

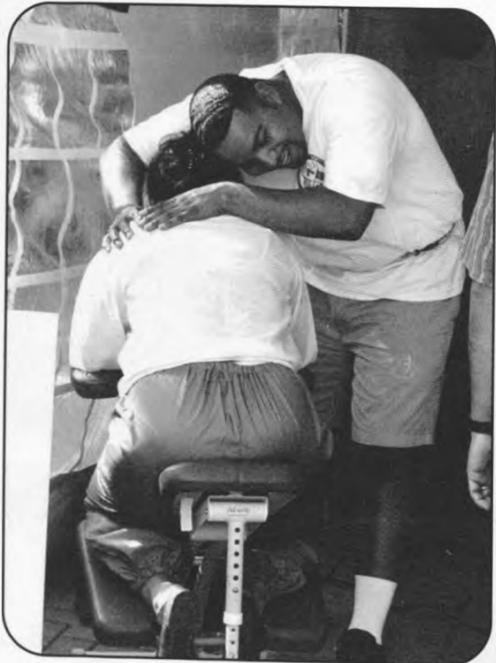
A piece of the Mediterranean has come to Houston

By: Ashly Alberto

Turkish Fest



A visitor to the Turkish festival gets his future predicted by a fortune teller that reads tea leaves in order to tell what the future holds.
Photo by Ashly Alberto



A masseur kneads away the tension for a tired festival patron in a model Hamam. In the Hamam, steam is combined with massaging in order to thoroughly release tension.
Photo by Ashly Alberto

A belly dancer moves her hips with the help of an exotic beat all to the delight of the crowd. Belly dancing was just one of the featured forms of entertainment at the Turkish festival.
Photo by Ashly Alberto



The magic of Turkey was brought to the Fish Plaza in Downtown Houston when the American Turkish Association presented its 10th Annual Turkish Festival on Oct. 14.

The theme of this year's festival was Hamam, the Turkish steam bath. Upon entering the festival, directly to the left was a tent that read, "Hamam."

Inside the tent was a makeshift bath that displayed various elements one would need in order to enjoy an authentic Turkish bath. Those seeking relaxation were escorted to a chair where a certified masseur steamed and rubbed away their tension.

Turkish towels and accessories were also made available so that visitors could take a piece of the Turkish Hamam home with them.

Outside the Hamam tent, a stage was set up that featured various Turkish entertainment throughout the day such as folk dancing, belly dancing, classical music, guitar, contemporary art performances and a pop music concert.

Whether festival goers were shopping at the Grand Bazaar or enjoying authentic Turkish cuisine, they could always view the entertainment on the main stage.

Entertainment was also set up for the children that came to the festival.

A moonwalk was set up so that the kids, or adults, could play. A magic show was

also performed for the kids amusement.

A fortune teller set up a table in order to read tea leaves. By reading a festival goer's leaves, the fortune teller was able to predict their fortune.

The festival also had plenty of food.

Authentic Turkish dishes such as Pilaf (rice), Sis Kebab (chicken and beef) and Patlican Salatasi (eggplant salad) were just some of the dishes served to festival attendees. And of course, what Turkish meal is complete without the traditional pastry, Baklava.

The festival helped aid in the celebration of differing cultures in Houston.

Linda Canales, a senior media production major, enjoyed the celebration of different cultures.

"I think the Turkish Festival exposes just one of the cultures that makes up Houston," Canales said.

The Turkish Festival is sponsored by the American Turkish Association of Houston. The ATA is a non-profit organization that promotes a better understanding between the United States and Turkey. It also aims to provide assistance to Turkish citizens living in Houston.

By holding a festival that celebrates the Turkish culture, Houstonians were given the opportunity to learn more about the culture and cultivate an understanding.



The American Turkish Association Folk Dance Group performed traditional Turkish dances throughout the festival.
Photo by Ashly Alberto

New Year

Houstonians take out the old and bring in the new in the year of the Snake

By: Michelle Norton

The Houston community rang in the new year of the snake by celebrating the Chinese New Year with week-long festivities around town.

For more than 30 years, Houstonians have gathered throughout the greater Houston area to celebrate the Chinese New Year with a festival. This year's festival opened with activities such as the performance of the lion dances, the Miss Chinatown U.S. pageant, a ceremony honoring the snake and more. The celebration continued with a parade that attracted more than 50,000 people.

Since 1912, the Chinese have observed the Chinese lunar calendar as the beginning of the year. The year has 354 days and 12 lunar months, half of them 30 days and the other half 29 days. The months correspond to the movement between the earth and the sun and observe the Chinese Zodiac Signs. The new year can begin anytime from Jan. 1 to Feb. 19, depending on how the cycle falls.

Many traditions accompany the Chinese New Year. The Chinese New Year is a 15 day celebration and during that time it is bad luck to sweep your floors because it is believed that you are essentially sweeping out all of the good luck. It is also good luck to decorate the house in red decorations because red is a good luck color. At celebrations for the new year, fireworks are

often shot off and loud music is played because they scare off the new year demon.

Senior music major Pin Lim says these traditions help to bring in the new year.

"The essence of Chinese New Year is old debts are forgotten and we start fresh. Relationships between family and friends are renewed," Lim said.

As a zodiac sign, the snake represents those people who were born in 1929, 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, and 2001. People born under the sign of the snake are considered deep, determined in whatever they do and financially secure.

Houstonians continued their tradition of observing the Chinese New Year by kicking off the festivities with the ceremonial silken lion head dances and popping of the fireworks.

Dragon head dances were performed throughout the Houston area in shopping centers, public parks, Houston streets and museums. One such performance held at Sharpstown Mall was accompanied by drums and cymbals, the dancers carefully moved the dragon up and down to make it come to life.

The Chinese New Year gave Houstonians an opportunity to celebrate a culture that they may have known very little about. It gave them a chance to welcome the year of the snake.

Chinese New Year would not be complete without an authentic Asian market, such as the one set up in Sharpstown Mall where Houstonians shop.
Photo by Ashly Alberto



Hundreds of Houstonians showed up at Sharpstown Mall to celebrate the Chinese New Year.
Photo by Ashly Alberto



Traditional dances are performed to help celebrate the New Year.
Photo by Ashly Alberto

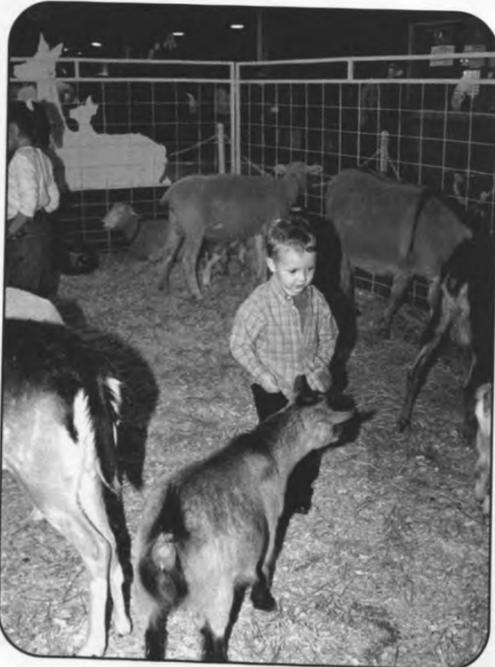
The lion weaves its way around the stage in celebration of the new year. Traditionally, the lion appears at noon on New Year's Day.
Photo by Ashly Alberto

Rodeo

Houston



Trail riders kick off the rodeo season with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Parade.
Photo by Lauren Wilson



A little boy gets a little closer to the livestock in the petting zoo at the Rodeo.
Photo by Kusum Desai

A trail rider proudly holds the Texas flag in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Parade.
Photo by Lauren Wilson



Once again, Houston saddles up for Rodeo Houston

By: Ashly Alberto

One of the oldest traditions in Texas is the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and this year, the event lassoed large audiences with its diverse schedule.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, often called Rodeo Houston, is a month long celebration of Texas culture. The event is jam packed with activities for the whole family and it all takes place in the Reliant Stadium and Reliant Hall.

The one feature of the Rodeo that everyone awaits to hear about is the Rodeo's entertainment line-up. Each Rodeo concludes with an exciting concert by some of the country's leading musical acts. This year's entertainment line-up offered more alternatives to the diverse city of Houston. For instance, the Rodeo would not be a Rodeo without country favorites like Clay Walker and Alan Jackson. Providing a little soul to the event was diva Diana Ross and for the rock and rollers out there, Def Leppard was on hand to rock the Dome. And after a long day at the Rodeo, Texans could relax and enjoy the mellow sounds of Barry Manilow.

While the musical acts are entertaining, as any Texans will tell you, the real event is the Rodeo itself. Each night, rough and tough cowboys and girls compete in Bareback Bronc Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding, Bull Riding, Steer Wrestling, Calf

Roping, Team Roping and Barrel Racing. Each night, a lucky cowboy or girl also wins airline tickets courtesy of Continental Airlines in the High Flyin' Hard Luck Awards for any disappointments or injuries that received during the Rodeo.

The youth of Texas also get a chance to compete in the rodeo by scrambling after calves in the calf scramble. They also receive an opportunity to show off the animals they are raising in the livestock show.

The Houston Livestock show and Rodeo is also the home of the World Champion BBQ contest where hundreds of chefs compete to see who makes the best dish in brisket, chicken or ribs.

UH professor and media production engineer Mike Nagy says, "The thing I like about going to the Rodeo is being part of the biggest indoor barbecue on the planet. It's a lot of people and it's a lot of fun."

What makes the Rodeo enjoyable for all Houstonians is the fact that they have something for everyone. Special events are held celebrating various cultures and exhibits fill the Reliant Hall with crafts, quilt shows and art exhibits.

Despite Houstonians displeasure with taking the bus to the stadium because of construction, Rodeo Houston 2001 proved once again to be a popular attraction for Houstonians and for Texans.



One of the most exciting moments in the Rodeo is the Wagon Races. Here three wagons make a final dash around the corner in their battle for victory.
Photo by Will Corday

International Fest

Diversity brings Houston together at the city's 30th Annual International Fest

By: Ashly Alberto

The Houston community gathered in downtown Houston for two weeks in April to celebrate its various cultures at the city's 30th Annual International Festival.

This year's festival spotlighted the Emerald Isle of Ireland. The festival designated seven entertainment zones that were spread out among 20 city blocks. Each zone featured music, food, arts and crafts from various cultures. In the Irish zone, the spirit of the country was brought to life with the beauty and extravagance of Irish Step Dancing, showcasing the World Champion Trinity Irish Dancers.

The festival featured an authentic Irish Pub. The Bailey's Irish Pub stage presented various Irish jam sessions between regularly scheduled sets.

With over 80 performers showcasing differing musical styles, it was virtually impossible to see every performance, so festival goers were forced to choose wisely. But, with so much activity going on, it is doubtful that anyone left disappointed by the festival's entertainment.

Acclaimed French artist Jean-Michel Othoniel was on-hand for the festivities the second weekend. Othoniel was giving away his red-beaded necklaces to the first 1,001 people that came to the International Festival. Othoniel was present at the festivities to help announce next year's spotlight-

ed country France.

If food is what you are looking for at the Fest, then you definitely went to the right place. An array of international cuisines were present to satisfy hungry festival patrons. Festival food included African, Cajun, Caribbean, Chinese, Continental, Creole, Irish, Italian, Mexican and Southwestern. A beer garden and two wine cafes were located in various zones within the festival.

The International Festival began 30 years ago on Main Street 1. Over the years it grew from a small arts celebration that was only two blocks in size into what is now known as the Houston International Festival.

The International Festivals main objective is to foster good will relations with other countries in an effort to stimulate international trade. The money generated by the festival goes back to the festival in order to continually bring to Houston quality entertainment and cultural exhibits.

UH Senior Consumer Science Major Walter Coreas feels that the International Festival is good for Houstonians.

"I think the International Festival is a good chance for Houston to experience various cultures. It was a well put together and organized event."

Houstonians can be certain that next year's festival will be even better.

Thousands of Houstonians enjoy the sunshine while watching Irish dancers.

Photo by Walter Coreas



A Celtic band performs for festival goers at the International Festival.
Photo by Walter Coreas



A couple takes a break from all of the activities at the International Festival to relax and cool off.
Photo by Walter Coreas

In the International Zone, dancers from various cultures performed at the festival.
Photo by Walter Coreas

St. Patrick's

Houston celebrates Irish heritage with space themed St. Patrick's Day Parade

By: Michelle Norton

The Houston community gathered Downtown to celebrate a St. Patrick's Day that was out of this world with the theme "2001- An Irish Space Odyssey."

The 42nd parade, held in March saluted Nasa with a reunion of former Irish astronauts and was dedicated to the memory of two local Irish supporters, Jim Murphy and Vince Wholey.

The Grand Marshal of the parade was Tom Horan, Houston's Irish Ambassador of Goodwill. The Chief of Staff of NASA in Washington, D.C. Edward J. Heffernan also rode in the parade to represent Houston's strong relationship with NASA and the Johnson Space Center.

The St. Patrick's Day parade began in Houston in 1889 by old St. Patrick's Church and has continued into 2001 with its traditions of games, music, food and drink.

The Arabia Shrine Temple, The Garden in the Heights and Parade of Moms joined in the parade to entertain crowds with their floats, cars and much more. The parade also included Griff's Army, military vehicles and the Queen of the Parade.

Linda Canales, senior media production major, said, "I really enjoyed the atmosphere because there was people there from all walks of life. It was nice to experience the cultural traditions such as Celtic dancing."

And what parade would be complete without music to set the festivities in motion. Bands such as the Houston Highlander Pipe Band, St. Thomas Episcopal High School Pipe Band and The Bayou City Blues provided the background music as the Houston Police Department Honor Guard and Flag Corps and the McTaggart Irish Dancers led the parade.

City officials, Gordon Quan, Rob Todd, Bert Keller and County Attorney Michael Fleming were also on hand to celebrate this long-time Houston tradition.

Children also joined the Irish festivities with the Houston City Wide Drill Team and the Klein Jet Stars. Animals also joined in the act with the 4-H Club Llamas, the retired Greyhound Drill Team and the HPD Mounted Patrol Unit.

Following the parade, the official awards ceremony in The Garden in the Heights gave parade participants awards such as the Best Walking Unit and Best Animal Unit. Special Awards were given out such as the Leprechaun Award for Best Children's Entry and the Hornpipe Award as Best Musical Entry.

Funds generated from food and product sales at the St. Patrick's Day parade was used to support local charities such as Project St. Brendan and the International Space School.



An Irish Bagpiper plays Irish folk tunes for guests at the Garden in the Heights St. Patrick's Day celebration. Photo by Brian Viney



Irish pubs around the city of Houston were packed on St. Patrick's Day with patrons looking for a little fun and beer to celebrate the holiday. Photo by Brian Viney

Irish Step dancers waved to the crowd as they celebrated the Irish heritage in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Photo by Brian Viney



Irish Step dancers lead the parade in wishing everyone a great St. Patrick's Day. Photo by Brian Viney

Day Parade

Day Fest

The earth stole the show at the 5th annual Earth Day Festival

By: Michelle Norton

Eleanor Tinsley Park played hostess to the 5th annual KRBE/Enron Day Festival April 7 as Houstonians gathered to learn more about their environment through informative demonstrations and exhibits all while enjoying music from bands such as Collective Soul and Soul Decision.

For the bargain price of only \$20, Houstonians were given the chance to learn about the environment while having fun.

In keeping with the theme of the environment, Metro offered free bus rides from the Enron Building to the festival site. It also made an additional stop at the corner of Polk and Louisiana.

Dating back to 1996, the Earth Day Festival invites local environmental organizations to share their knowledge about what is being done and what can be done about Houston's environment.

This year with no exception. More than 40 environmental groups such as Amnesty International Group 23, Friends of Herman Park and Houston Outdoor Nature Club set up booths to educate Houstonians about the environment.

"I think the Festival is good way to raise awareness about pollution to a younger generation. People come to see the bands at the festival and at the same time are educated about keeping the earth clean," senior photography major, Brian Viney said.

A fan rides the wave as he crowd surfs his way through the concert.

Photo by Brian Viney



While learning about the earth, Houstonians also indulged in the fun activities, food and music the festival had to offer. The Extreme Zone featured adrenaline-pumping activities such as a rock wall, a high-speed flight simulator, a spinning orbiter and a bungee jumping.

The Kids Area allowed kids to paint and sculpt, play on a moon walk, slide down a slide two stories high and meet and greet fun and zany clowns. Kids could also paint their faces and play carnival-like games to win fun and exciting prizes.

In addition to learning about the environment, festival-goers could enjoy the music stylings of bands such as Vertical Horizon, Wyclef Jean and ATC.

The music provided a festive atmosphere that Houstonians could enjoy as they sampled food and stopped at the different booths.

As the two prominent supporters of the festival, 104 KRBE and Enron donated the proceeds to the Citizens' Environmental Coalition and the Houston Parks and Recreation Department. Other sponsors included Sun&Ski Sports, Bud Light and Kroger.

The festival gave Houstonians valuable information about how they can change their habits to help their environment. It also gave them a chance to kick back and have some down-to-earth fun.



Soul Decision gets the crowd moving with their own brand of pop music.
Photo by Brian Viney



Collective Soul rocked the crowd with their guitar-driven music.
Photo by Brian Viney

Hip-hop artist Wyclef Jean entertains the thousands that turned out for the Earth Day festivities.
Photo by Brian Viney

Mardi

Gras

Floats, beads and costumes draw thousands of Houstonians to Galveston to celebrate Mardi Gras

By: Ashly Alberto

The floats and costumes that define Mardi Gras rolled into Galveston again in February to help welcome in "Fat Tuesday."

The traditional holiday celebrated in a lot of Southern states, but of course the most famous Mardi Gras celebration is found in New Orleans, Louisiana. But, Galveston throws a great celebration as well.

Shouts of "Throw me something, Mister" could be heard all along The Strand as a parade of beautifully decorated floats and lively bands passed by throwing beads, cups and doubloons.

For those who work up an appetite at the parade, a lot of traditional cajun and other kinds of food were on hand. There were also plenty of beverages made available to wash down all the great food.

One of the most important foods at mardi Gras though is the King Cake. Tradition states that if you find the baby king in your piece of cake, you have to buy the next cake.

Mardi Gras has a long history in this country. The festival first came to New Orleans through its French heritage in 1699. Throughout the years, Louisiana natives have added to the festivities by creating krewes (organizations) that host parades and balls. The krewes elect a king and a queen that reign over the parade. When the

parade is over, the krewe throws a ball where the king and queen are introduced.

Typically, a parade consists of 15 floats and each float has its own theme. The floats are elaborately decorated with all kinds of colors and material.

Mardi Gras means "Fat Tuesday" and that is the official day of the celebration. But the parades start two weeks before Fat Tuesday. Fat Tuesday can be on any day between Feb. 3 and Mar. 9, depending on the Catholic Church because it is 47 days before Easter Sunday.

UH senior English major Ed De La Garza likes the fact that it is a two week celebration.

"A lot of festivals come and go in a day or a weekend. Mardi Gras is like a two week party."

Some of the fun of Mardi Gras is dressing up. Mardi Gras gives Houstonians a chance to dress in wild outfits and have fun. Masquerade balls have always been a part of the Mardi Gras tradition and are often held at various times throughout the two week festival.

Mardi Gras has often been referred to as the "biggest free show on earth." With thousands of Houstonians flocking to Galveston every weekend to check out the parades and parties, it is easy to see how Mardi Gras got that name.



A krewe throws beads to anxiously awaiting fans at one of the many Mardi Gras parades.
Photo by Pin Lim



Beads are a hot commodity at Mardi Gras. Parade watchers stretch to get as many as they can.
Photo by Will Cordray

A little girl gets a boost from her dad so that she can catch beads.
Photo by Pin Lim



Elvis impersonators dress up for the Mardi Gras fun.
Photo by Pin Lim

X-Seven

Wrestling fans, stars converge at the Dome for one of the year's biggest events

By: Ed De La Garza

"Wrestlemania 17 — no question, is going to be the biggest and without a doubt, the most electrifying Wrestlemania in the history of the WWF."

Those prophetic words were uttered by World Wrestling Federation superstar The Rock during a press conference as a way to hype what has become for wrestling fans, the "granddaddy" of all pay-per-views.

Calling the World Wrestling Federation's Wrestlemania X-Seven, held at the Reliant Astrodome on April 1 a success would be an understatement.

At 67,925, the announced attendance was listed as a new record for the Dome. It was good for a gate of \$3.5 million, not including merchandising and money taken in by area hotels.

Wrestlemania was a three-day experience, beginning with Axxess, a fan festival that featured stars mingling with fans, merchandise, interactive booths. The WWF's second-ever Axxess allowed people who may not have made it to Wrestlemania to get involved in the hype.

Fans from 38 different countries plunked down between \$20 for nosebleed seats to \$500 for ringside commemorative chairs.

It was a good showing for Houston that should bode well for our chances of getting future WWF PPVs at the Dome.

The WWF, known for its attitude — a mix of risque, "in-your-face" storylines, brought its superstars to Houston. Today's stars — Triple H, the Undertaker, Chyna and Chris Jericho were joined by former greats The Iron Sheik, Sgt. Slaughter, Mean Gene Okerlund and the Bushwhackers. The veterans participated in a short match highlighted by Slaughter's stirring victory.

Marked by wrestlers who risked injury by jumping off ladders and taking severe bumps, the event ended with two fan favorites — The Rock and Victoria native Steve Austin trading blows for the WWF's World Title.

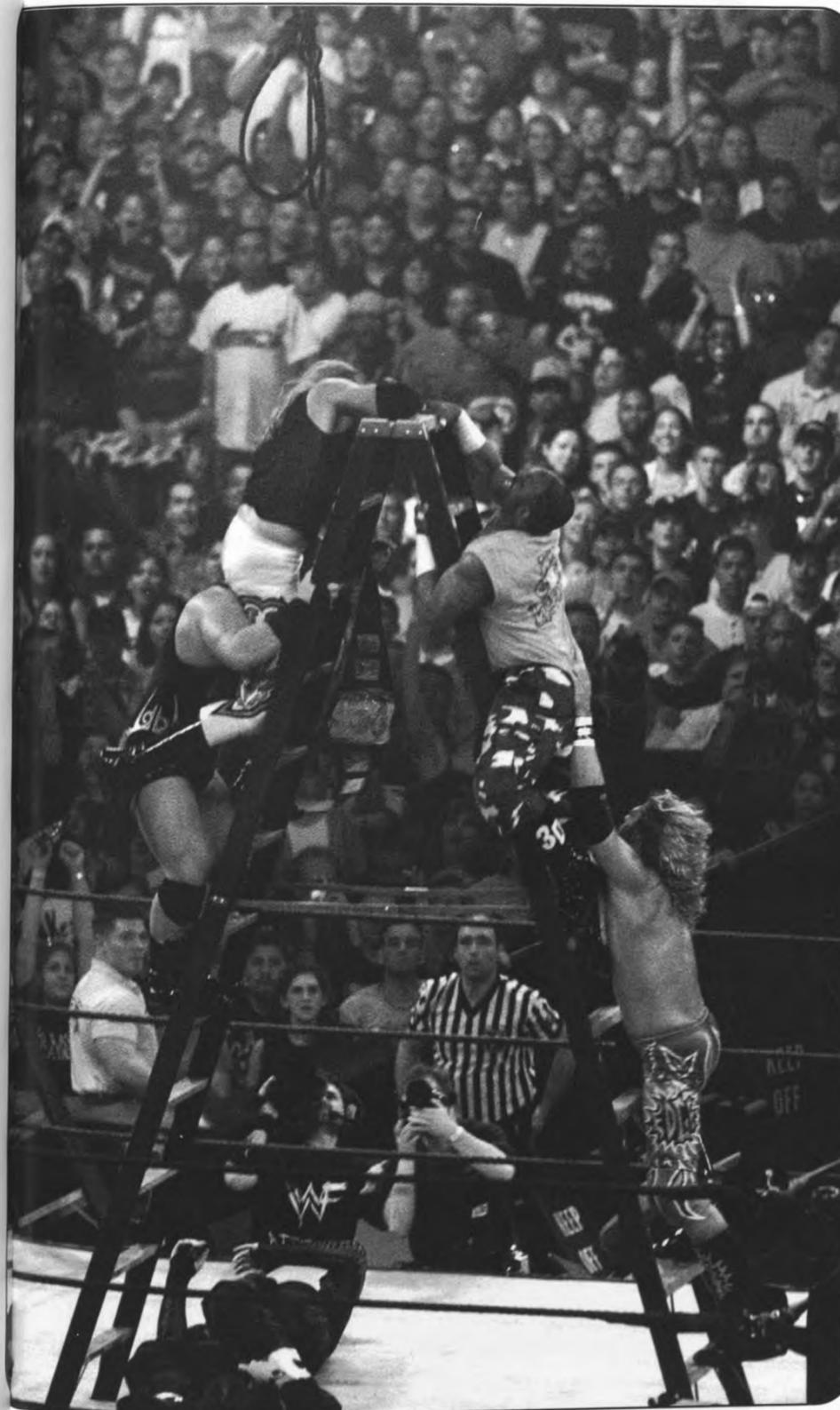
Wrestlemania even managed to shock fans when Austin turned from a face (good guy) into a heel (villain) midway through the match.

Though the home crowd still cheered the "Texas Rattlesnake," WWF owner Vince McMahon went to the ring to help Austin defeat The Rock.

Not only did the WWF give fans a well-scripted main event, but Austin and the Rock actually wrestled a good bout, worthy of headlining the card.

The WWF helped add another chapter in Houston's storied professional wrestling history — one fans aren't likely to soon forget.

D-Von Dudley prepares to land a devastating blow on Edge as Bubba Dudley holds him in place.
Photo by Pin Lim



Victoria native Stone Cold Steve Austin lets the fans know who is number one before his world title match between the Rock.
Photo by Pin Lim



Hometown favorite the Undertaker prepares to give Triple H the last riot during their match at the grand daddy of all pay-per-views at the Reliant Astrodome.
Photo by Pin Lim

Rhyno, Christian, D-Von Dudley and Edge battle for the tag team titles during a latter match at Wrestlemania X-Seven.
Photo by Pin Lim

St. Fest

"West Fest 2001" tempts thousands of Houstonians to spend their weekend in exile

By: Ashly Alberto

Celebrating its second year in exile, the Westheimer Street Festival welcomed hundreds of Houstonians to enjoy music, food and fun for a weekend in May.

The festival stretches for a mile down Allen Parkway and was packed with various booths containing crafts, food, drinks and palm reading.

More than 70 bands performed on various stages at the festival that has become known as "West Fest." The music that provided a soundtrack to the festival included alternative, rock, rap, techno and other eclectic musical styles.

Other forms of entertainment available included breakdancing and X-treme sports demonstrations. Contests were held for the enjoyment of both sexes with a wet t-shirt contest for the men and a men's fine ass contest for the women. And as always, the highlight of the festival is Miss West pageant. In the pageant, numerous drag queens vie for the crown and title of Miss West Fest 2001.

West Fest also offers educational programs to enlighten festival visitors. A discussion was held on "The Future of Marijuana" with Dr. Joel Hockman, law professor Buford Terre, Jerry Epstein of the Drug Policy Forum of Texas and Steve Nolan, president of Houston NORML. A heated debate was also featured between

George Washington and George W. Bush. The ex-president and current president debated citizens rights to grow and use the marijuana plant.

The sometimes risqué nature of West Fest doesn't stop many from making the festival a family event. There is plenty of entertainment set up for children. For instance, rock climbing, a moon walk, slides and swings were all made available for children to enjoy.

West Fest has had a long history with Houston and is looked forward to by many. The festival has most recently changed its title to the Westheimer Street Festival in Exile due to its change in location two years ago from Montrose to Allen Parkway.

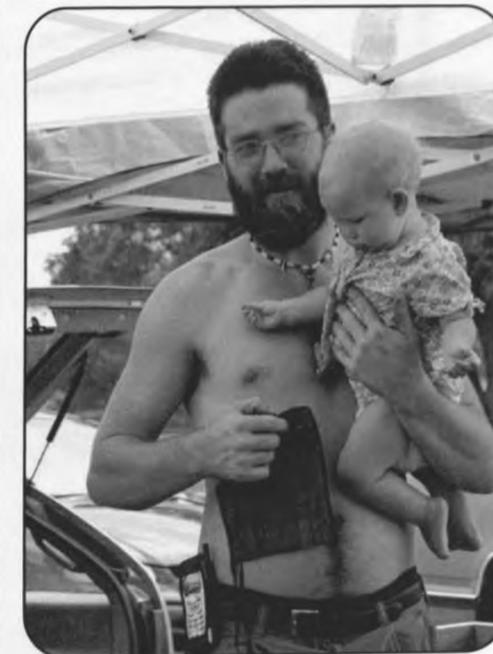
The Westheimer Street Festival began about 25 years ago as a block party but grew into a neighborhood event in Montrose. The festival was forced to change locations two years ago because the city council failed to grant festival promoters street closure permits because residents no longer wanted the event to take place near their homes.

Where the Westheimer Street Festival takes place isn't as important to Houstonians as the fact that it does take place because it is a fun and entertaining event. In exile or not, Houstonians will follow the West Fest to any location to enjoy good music, good food and good fun.

The band Gel was one of the many entertainers that rocked festival patrons at West Fest.
Photo by Ashly Alberto



A vendor straightens jewelry at her booth. Numerous booths were set up at West Fest and contained everything from jewelry to purses to African drums.
Photo by Ashly Alberto



West Fest gives families an opportunity to spend time together. A vendor feels it is also a chance to teach his daughter about sales.
Photo by Ashly Alberto

The city of Houston lingers in the background as Houstonians enjoy the festival.
Photo by Ashly Alberto

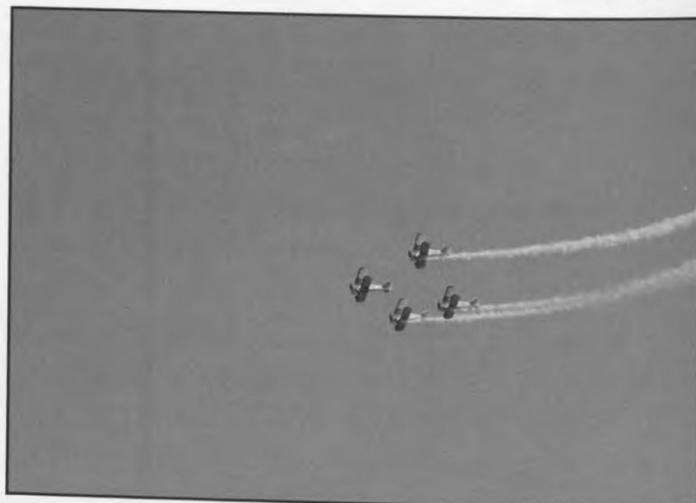


The 2001 Wings

Over Houston Airshow Festival in October attracted many visitors with its aerobic performances and up-close viewing of some of the world's most exciting places.

Patrons viewed World War II and modern-day military aircraft, a recreated WWII military camp and sampled food.

*Photo essay by Henri Chen
Layout design by Michelle Norton*



Birds of a feather

A group of World War II planes demonstrate their capabilities to a crowd of onlookers below.

In complete awe

A pilot admires the variety of planes at the air show as a patron passes by to view a plane.



Come on inside

Air show patrons wait outside of a plane to get the chance to examine its insides.

Open, open, open

Two little boys examine the inside of a jet by closely peering through its hood.



Examining the belly

Air show patrons walk under a plane and examine its engine and parts.



Freshman Finance major,
Stewart Clements practices his
bagpipe for a competition in
Salado, Texas.
Photo by Max Lacayo



People

The University of Houston campus is made up of more than just students.

UH is made up by mothers and daughters, fathers and sons, sisters and brothers.

The faculty at UH also lends a hand in creating a campus that's full of diversity. We have talented faculty from right here in Houston to faculty from the other side of the world. Each faculty member brings their knowledge to UH so that students receive the best education possible from UH.

UH has people of all races, genders, religions and much much more. We have artists and scientists. We have the shy and the dramatic. We have to students who learn and excel. We have everyone at UH and that's why it's home to so many students, faculty, administrators and alumni around the world.

No matter where a person is from or what they intend to do, if they hail from the University of Houston, then greatness is their destiny.

Whether
assuming
the role of a
Mother or a
Secretary,

Sandra Gates

she makes
no secret of
her power
to shape the
world.

Interview by Carolina Amengual
and Photos Courtesy of Sandra Gates

Q: How long have you been working at UH?
A: I started out as a part time receptionist in 1981. I moved into an executive secretary position. Then, eventually, I worked for all the presidents at one capacity or another.

Q: What made you become a secretary?
A: I don't think I planned it that way at all. It just happened. I was at home raising my kids and a call came. It was a friend of mine who worked here. I've been here ever since.

Q: What are the most outstanding skills required to work in this particular position?
A: You have to be very patient, calm and hardworking. You have to have a great sense of humour to work here. We laugh at ourselves all the time.

Q: Do you need to speak different languages?
A: He knows Spanish and, I think, some French, but I'm luck just to know Texan. I'm a native Texan.

Q: What is a regular working day like?
A: The phone rings constantly. Then there are many people coming in and out. A typical day is about many interruptions.

Q: What is it like when the president is not in the office?
A: We try to catch up, although the problem with him is that even if he's on vocation, he's on his computer e-mailing us stuff. He works seven days a week. So we overnight mail to him. He overnights it back. The work never stops.

Q: How do you feel working for someone who is always in the spotlight?
A: He's wonderful to work for, but it's hard to keep up with his energy. He's non-stop from breakfast meetings to evening meetings.

Q: The word secretary' comes from the word *secret*. Is there a lot of confidentiality in the office of the president?
A: Sure. There's a lot and we totally adhere to the confidentiality of any issue.

Q: Does that add to the stress?
A: No. We're very accustomed to that.

Q: What is the most challenging part of this job?
A: Just making sure that we get him to his appointments on time. Making sure we get all the briefing materials ready for him. He has a lot of speaking engagements. We have an executive speech writer who handles his remarks.

Q: What is the most rewarding part?
A: Making everything work. I also meet a lot of great people: staff, faculty, students, the media, people from the



Q: Do you have any kind of decision-making power?

A: No. Even all requests for appointments I clear them with him first.

Q: Does President Smith take your advice?
A: He may listen to me sometimes, but not necessarily take it. I try not to be too opinionated on things because it is not my place.

Q: What do you think President Smith would do in your place?
A: He wouldn't like it at all. He just wouldn't like setting up appointments.

Q: Although you are not planning to retire soon, what do you expect to devote your time to the day you leave UH?
A: I'll take time to spend with my granddaughter and work in the garden more.

Q: What should your successor be like?
A: A secretary or an administration assistant willing to work under a lot of pressure and be very flexible. It's hard work but very enjoyable.

Standing Tall

Sandra Gates takes pride in the work that she does for President Smith and the University.

Leader among her peers

Gates gathers with her colleagues for a group shot in her office.



Poet, writer,
traveller,
philosopher,
soldier,
worker, and

Tom Carpenter

gourmet
chef. A
glimpse into
the life of a
Renaissance
Man.

Interview by Pin Lim

Photos by Pin Lim and Walter Coreas

LP : Is there a favorite book you identify with?
TC : Jack London's *Call of the Wild*. It was my favorite book as a kid. It planted the seed of wanderlust in me.

Q : Your favorite decade?
A : Easy, the 60s. It was an exciting, vibrant period. Great music coming out of Motown and the incredible social interest. Nothing has come close to it since. I was a starry eyed teenager just watching it all happen.

Q : Do you have a word or phrase that you find yourself, or others, using that does not make sense?
A : I don't use it, but the word 'closure' drives me nuts. Also the rampant abuse of the word 'hopefully'. I wait hopefully for someone to use it correctly.

Q : Your earliest childhood memory?
A : That goes way back, around 1953 and the cornfields of Ohio. I was stretched out on the grass in our huge backyard at twilight, watching the stars pop out. I don't know where I was, or how I got there, but I was happy to be there. It was beautiful. What a way to start a life.

Q : Funniest word?
A : I have to say 'tb'. (For reasons of decency, the word cannot be printed).

Q : If you could live life all over again, what are some of the things that you would not do?
A : Now there's a category that's overflowing the wagon. I wouldn't have only one child, I'd have two, maybe even three.

Q : Can you name all jobs that you have held?
A : All of them? Does that include hoeing that garden as a kid? My first job was a summer job working for the city in Ohio when I was 16. Then the Marines, a civil service job welding in Galveston at Ft. Point, then 23 years as a union iron worker building towering skyscrapers and graceful bridges all across America, from L.A. to Washington, DC and just about every city in between. I was a night watchman for two years back in college. That was a great job, working the midnight shift, doing homework and walking under the moon and stars taking a break from studying.

Q : Can you name all the places you have been? I've been to a lot of places, more than most people, but less than many others. It's easier to break it down into continents. I haven't been to Africa, Australia or Antarctica, but I am hitting Africa and Australia after I graduate. [It's] a present to myself for staying in college and getting a degree in Journalism. The Antarctica will probably remain unseen. I



Q : What is the most memorable food that you would like to eat again?

A : That would have to be Thanksgiving dinner when I was a kid. My mom was the greatest cook that ever lived. It was a feast fit for a king, or a scrawny kid with a bottomless stomach.

Q : If you should die today and were to go to heaven, what do you think God would say to you when you see him at the Pearly Gates?

A : I'd like to think He'd say, "We've been expecting you." But he'd probably ask, "What are you doing here?"

Q : What other jobs would you like to sink your hands into?

A : I think being a Forrest Ranger would be an ideal job, and maybe teaching teenagers. I think that could be a real adventure.

Q : In your opinion, who is the most beautiful, ideal women?

A : That's easy, my Rainy Day Woman and Sophia Loren.

Macho Macho Man

Carpenter climbs a scaffold while looking smart in one of the many buildings he has worked on. He has developed a gut of steel after twenty years as a construction worker.

I am not Clark Kent

Carpenter at ground zero in El Salvador after the devastating earthquakes. A relief worker explains about medical and food supplies coming in from the UN.



Though barely a young lady, she embraces

Brook Sinclair

life like a lioness with no fear.

Interview by Tom Carpenter
Photos by Pin Lim

TC: If you died today and met God, what would you like to hear God say to you?

BS: Hi.

Q: What's your favorite sound?

A: Light Rain.

Q: What's your favorite curse word?

A: Ass. I use ass a lot. It's a curse word that I can get away with around my mother.

Q: What's your favorite music to dance to?

A: I'm a big fan of Mexican dances, the Cumbia, Meringue, Salsa... and I have taken a fancy to belly dancing lately.

Q: What would be your dream role as an actress?

A: I would like to be Jessica Rabbit.

Q: If you had a choice, would you rather live a short, glorious life or a long, uneventful life?

A: Long and uneventful, because what's uneventful to one person may not be to another. If you enjoy the simple

things in life, and take what you have and be happy about that, then that's something to be happy about itself and if you've lived long then you've won.

Q: What do you enjoy more, acting or working beyond the scenes?

A: I enjoy working behind the scene as a stage manager. I have to say, unfortunately, it's for the wrong reasons. It's for the power. I like being in control. I like being the one who people come to for advice, for questions, for decisions that have to be made. I have to say that when I'm a stage manager, when I say something, my thoughts, my opinions are honestly put into play. Questions that you pose when you're an actress go in one ear and out the other, because you don't know what you are talking about.

Q: How do you feel when you hear the applause of the audience?

A: It feels good. But honestly, the best thing is a laugh. Not just one person, but when the whole audience is chuckling and laughing and having a really good time.

Q: How do you see yourself in 50 years?

A: In 50 years I will be well established, either as a television of a movie production manager. I will be married and probably have one child. That child will be four by the time I am 50. I plan on giving birth really late.

Q: What do you think people would say about you if you should die today?



A: They'd say I was very odd. People would remember me for my random comments, my contagious smile, and for my wit and my charm.

Q: What's the funniest thing that has happened to you on stage?

A: It didn't happen to me, but it was funny. We were doing a show last fall and the costumes that we wore were built and designed to show the girls' bust. We were wearing push up bras and our busts were pushed way up to our necks. We're on stage and somebody comes off and said, "Oh my gosh, my boobs fell out of my bra. I don't know how long it was out there". At intermission, the stage manager walks up to her and said, "I could see your boobs".

Q: If you had a choice to do something else other than a performing artist, what would it be?

A: My initial goal was to be a marine biologist or a photojournalist. I think I'd probably be on the newspaper staff or working for the yearbook, writing about theater.

Q: If you could be any color, and combination of colors, what would you be?

A: I'd be multiple shades of blue. My arms would be teal, hands would be aqua blue. My head would be dark blue and my body would get lighter and lighter as it goes to my toes.

Dancing queen

Sinclair took part in a major dance production between the University of Houston and Rice University. This showed that Sinclair also had dance talent.

Smile and look sassy

Taking a break from her busy schedule of terrorizing actors, Brook poses for a photo shoot.



Far away
from home
and any-
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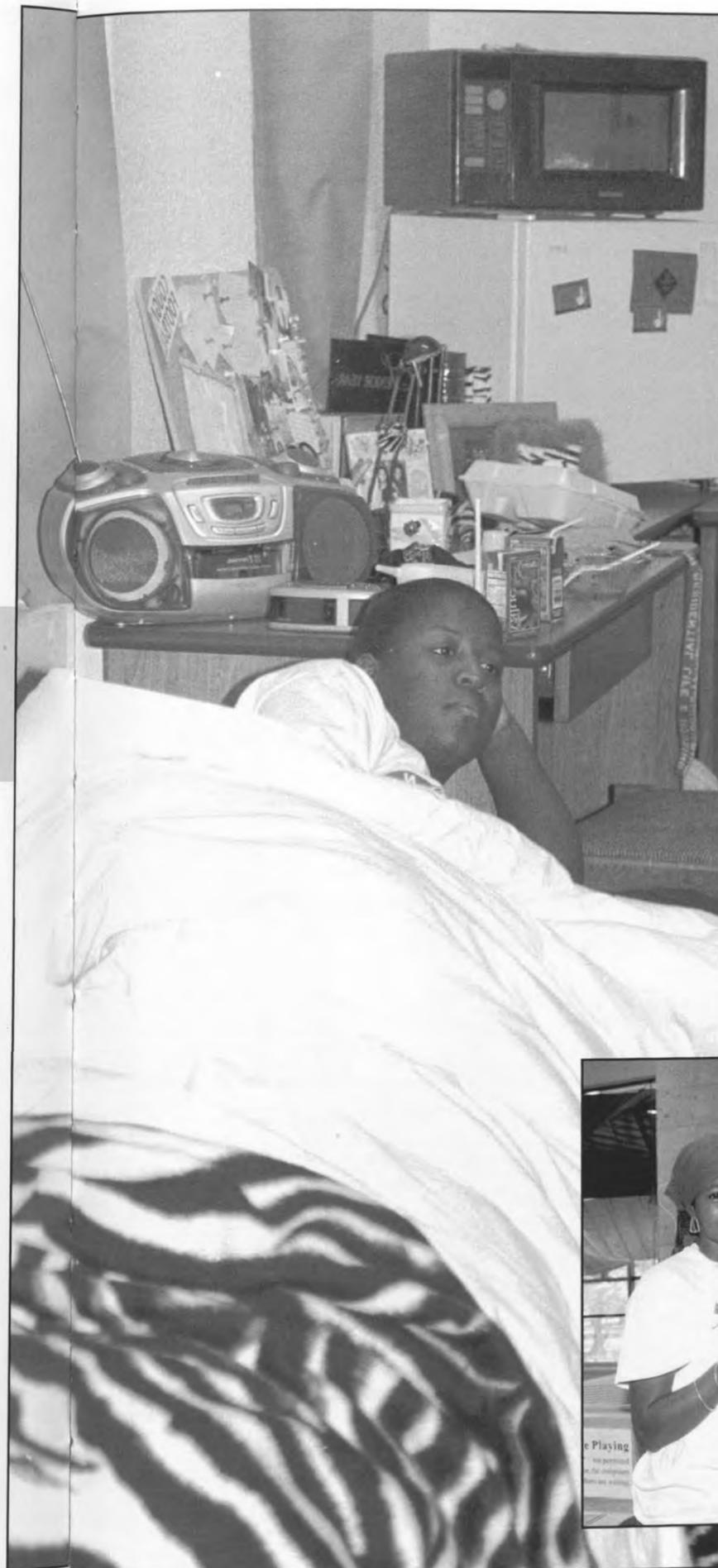
Obi Anyigbo

opens her-
self out to
be known.

Interview by Nikki Johnson
and Photos by Pin Lim and
Courtesy of Obi Anyigbo

- NJ: Where are you from?
OA: I'm from Nigeria. I've lived here for two or two and a half years now.
- Q: Why did you decide to live on campus?
A: I still live here because campus life is better ... so far.
- Q: How often do you go home?
A: Not very often, once a year if I'm lucky.
- Q: What was the hardest part of moving out?
A: Trying to pack all my stuff and get it all here. It was also hard having to leave all my friends and family behind, so far, far away.
- Q: What do you like most about living on campus?
A: Having all my friends five minutes away, and having people to talk to all the time.
- Q: What is the worst part of living in the dorms?
A: Being at the mercy of Residence Halls Association. That is the worst part of living on campus, guaranteed.

- Q: How is it sharing a dorm room with a roommate?
A: I've generally had good roommates, I generally get along with them. It's not that bad. You just have to get out of your room frequently.
- Q: What is a crazy thing you've done here that you wouldn't have done if you didn't live on campus?
A: Most of it isn't printable! Not printable at all ... I guess playing capture-the-flag at 2:00 in the morning is pretty weird, though.
- Q: Do you think it's easier or harder to make yourself go to classes since you only live 10 minutes away from all the classrooms?
A: It's much easier if you live on campus. I don't think anyone wants to drive here for classes. It's much easier to just wake up at 8:50 when you have class at 9:00.
- Q: What do you think it's like being a commuter?
A: Hard. Stressful. Commuters have to deal with traffic, their cars, stuff that we don't have to worry about. Most stressful thing for us is figuring out where we can go to eat.
- Q: Do you have a problem with the campus being in the neighborhood it's in?
A: Yes, I think it's mighty dangerous, and it doesn't make the students or administration sleep well at night. But I guess it can't be helped.



- Q: What's your worst parking story?
A: I was waiting for a spot, like 30 minutes, girl pulled in, honking, cussing, she went away. I would so do that if I had another car, if I didn't need the one I have.
- Q: What do you do between your classes to pass the time?
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Sleep...

Obi tries to decorate her room to resemble the comforts of her own room back home.

My friends and family

"Making friends and meeting new people are one of the most enjoyable experiences here." - Obi Anyigbo



One man
tries to
make a
difference
in a world

Carlos Monsanto

full of
chaos and
greed

Interview by Tom Carpenter
and Photos by Walter Coreas

Q: What's your favorite recipe?

A: That's easy, rice and beef tongue with a red sauce.

Q: If you weren't a teacher what would you be?

A: I would be a singer and a musician.

Q: Who inspires you?

A: My family.

Q: What do you think of the earthquakes in El Salvador and Guatemala?

A: There is a great deal of suffering. I know for a fact most of the people affected don't have anything.

Q: What caused you to be champion of the downtrodden

and oppressed?

A: People helped me. I had a lot of obstacles to overcome. Despite the greed and avarice in the world, people like to help other people.

Q: Are you content?

A: Not with the world.

Q: Why choose UH?

A: I love the diversity of the people. It's a very enriching experience. It's exciting to be at a university that is the most diverse in the nation.

Q: What has directed your life?

A: The problems that every race and people face to obtain simple justice, dignity and respect.

Q: Who's your hero?

A: We are all heroes in our own way. Just to live in this world makes you a hero.



Q: Any particular hero you admire more than any other?

A: There are lots of heroes, but courageous immigrants and particularly my mother. She was very heroic to me, raising me and caring for me.

Q: Any regrets?

A: None.

Q: Do you have a favorite sound or word?

A: Mujer, which means woman in English. It is such a beautiful sound.

Mambo King

Dr. Carlos Monsanto takes time out of his busy schedule to jam with the group "Celajes". Monsanto seems to have other talents besides teaching.

Making a Difference

Dr. Monsanto presents the a check to volunteers who were working to raise money to help victims of the El Salvador earthquakes.



In Memory

The Houstonian would like to take time out to remember those students, faculty, staff and retirees who have passed away this year.

Hermalinda Aguilar
Custodial Services - Retiree

Albert Roy
Retiree

Dr. Bernard Kirklin

Assistant Professor Emeritus - Mechanical Technology

Alissa M. Alban
Student

Jean Preston Lack
Professor Emeritus of Voice

John Stoerkel, III
User Support Technology

Kenneth D. Brooke
Student

Mary Curry
Assistant Professor - Sociology

William Simon
Professor - Sociology

Linda Dorff

Assistant Professor - Theatre

Burdette Keeland
Professor - Architecture

Caroline Morrison
Professor Emeritus - English

Aurelia Juarez
Student

Dr. Clay Allen Haney
Professor - Sociology

Joe McDonald
Athletic Department - Alumni

Herbert Curry
Associate Professor Emeritus - Mechanical Technology

Patrice Manice
Retiree

Dr. Louis Stern
Associate Professor - Economics

Benjamin Jones
Student



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Third year architecture students put the final touches on their X-ploratory Artifact project for class. The project required the students to work in teams which resulted in long hours both at their work stations inside the architecture building, at the art supply store or wherever they could find to work.

*Photo essay by Nora Segura
Layout design by Michelle Norton*



Measure twice ...
Senior architecture Joyce Filsinger carefully measures a board before cutting for her project.

Time consuming
Junior architecture major Jayena Mistry tediously glues small stones to her project to add detail.

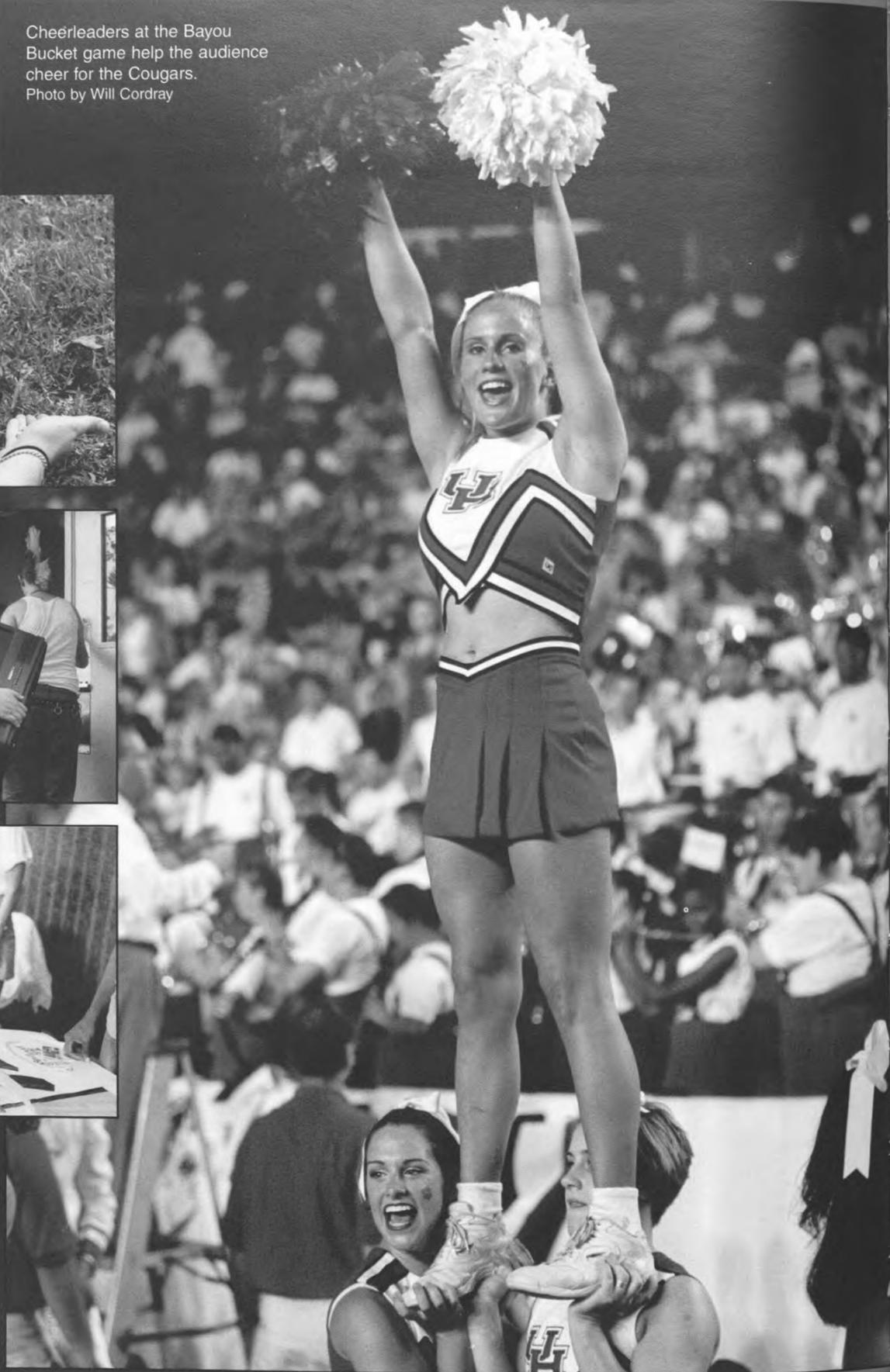
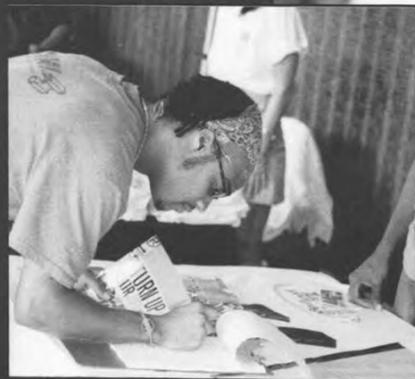


Same old drill
Junior architecture major Jayena Mistry drills a hole into a board as part of her contribution to the project.



Piece by piece
Senior architecture major Jennifer Whitfield carefully glues together pieces of cardboard for her project.

Cheerleaders at the Bayou
Bucket game help the audience
cheer for the Cougars.
Photo by Will Cordray

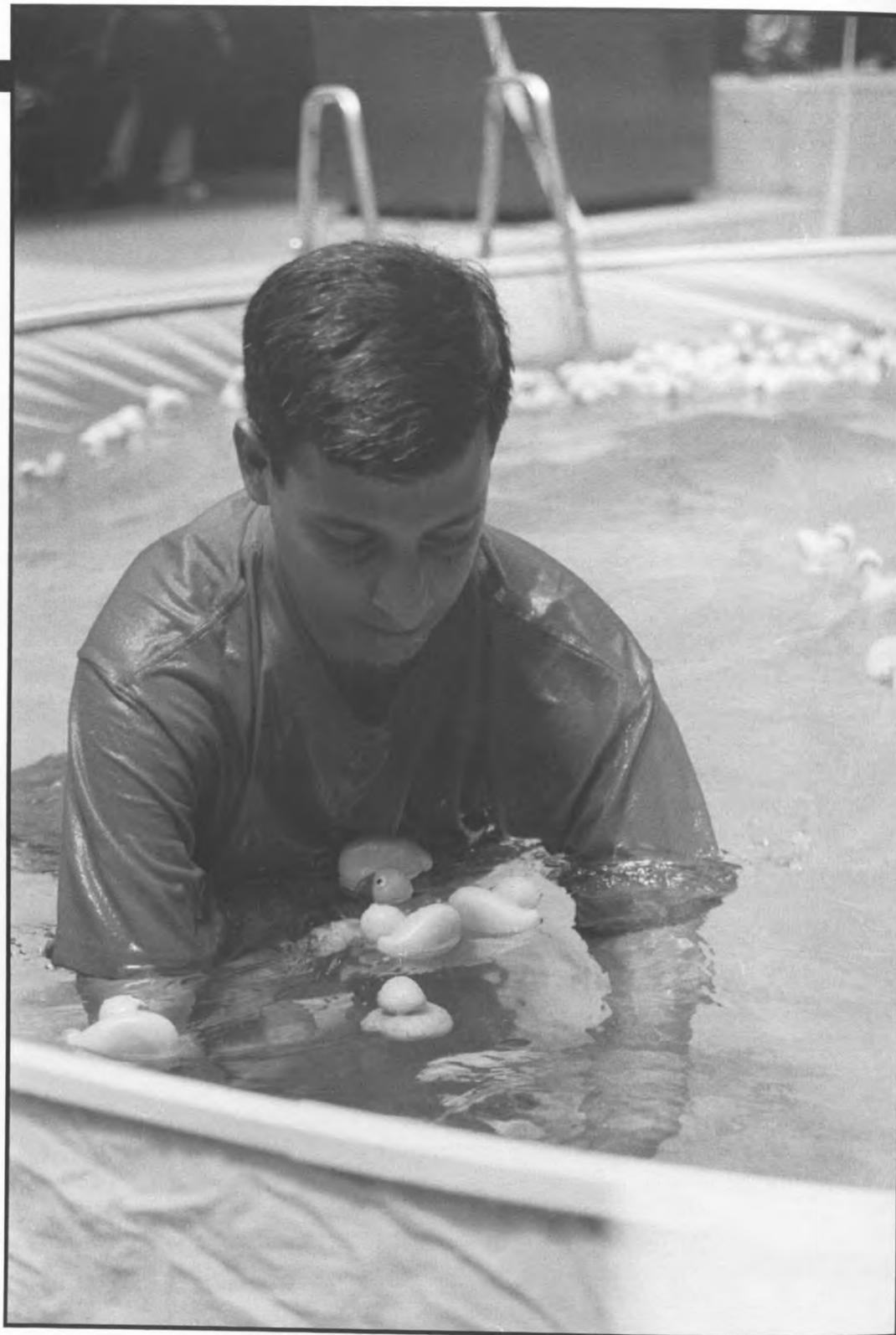


Looking Back

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Muhammad Rehman, a computer science graduate student, takes part in the Survivor activities at the UC.

Photo by Christy Varghese



ROTC set up a display just outside the M. D. Anderson Library on the first day of class to recruit students.

Photo by Pin Lim



During the UH vs. Army game the Army's Golden Eagle paratroopers sky-dived into Robertson Stadium.

Photo by Max Lacayo



Two dogs, named the "Dingos", shocked students when they attacked several squirrels on campus.

Photo by Pin Lim

2001

2001

In November MEXA held its annual Oxfam Banquet to help make students aware of hunger around the world.
Photo by Nora Segura



In October the Moores School held a jazz performance for students to listen and dance to before class.
Photo by Max Lacayo

The Theater Department held a costume sale just before Halloween. All the costumes were once used in the theater's productions.
Photo by Kusum Desai



During the Day of the Dead, MEXA had various tables set up as alters in the UC. These alters paid tribute to those who have passed on to the spirit world.
Photo by Pin Lim



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A member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity vowed to stay up in a scaffold for as many days as took to raise mon for the charity known as PUSH America.
Photo by Pin Lim



A caricature artist participated in the UC's stress free day by giving students something to laugh about: themselves!

Photo by Rich Risma



A visitor to the Shotokan Karate Open House tries out some self defense techniques against one of the instructors.

Photo by Pin Lim

Two students battle it out in one of the activities that CEO set up as part of its Cultural Festival in November.

Photo by Pin Lim

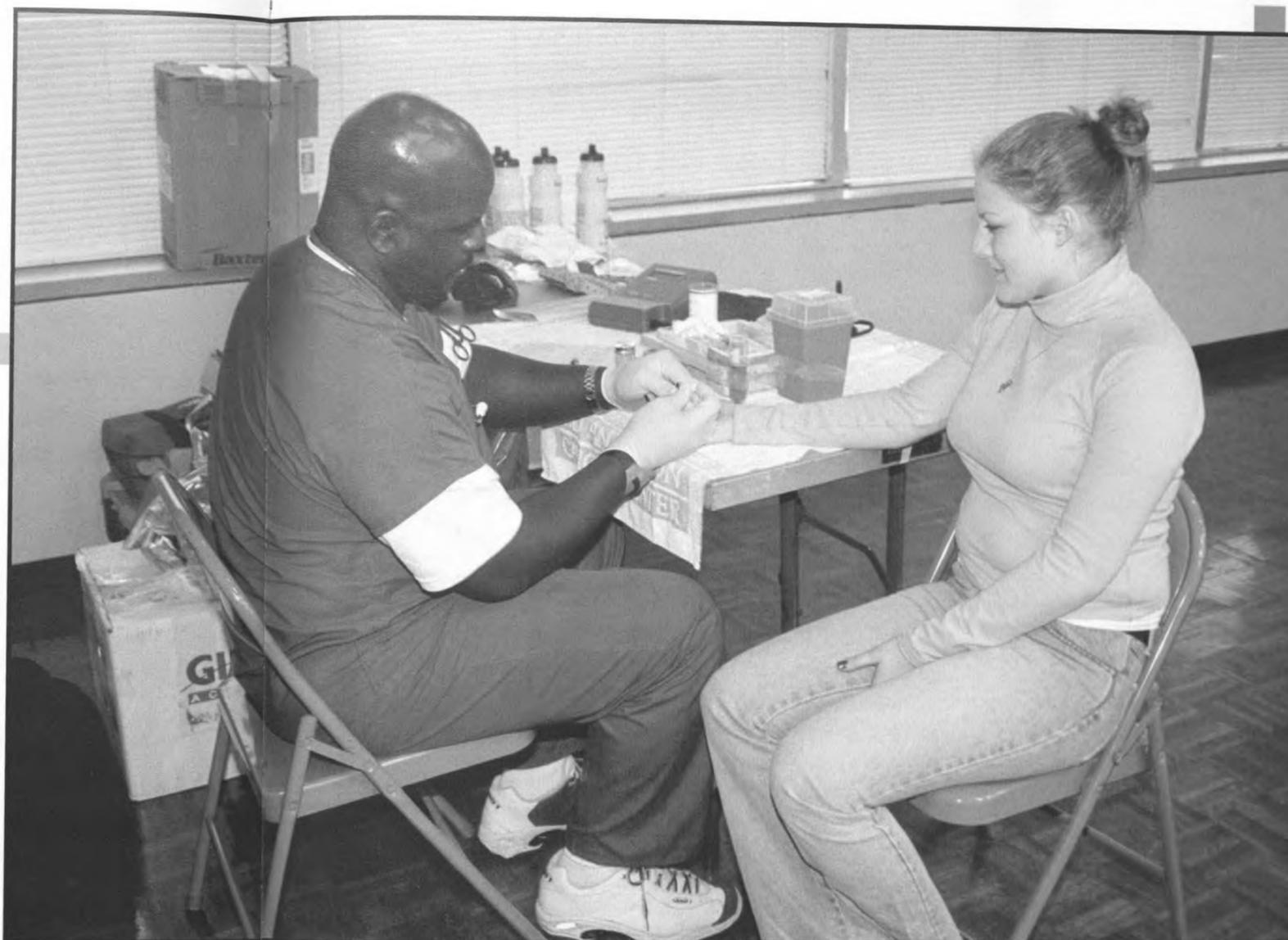
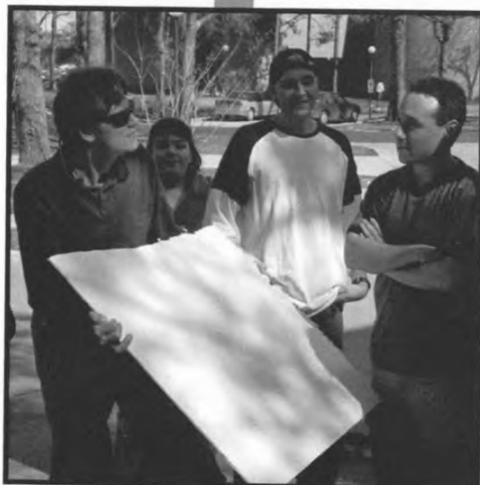


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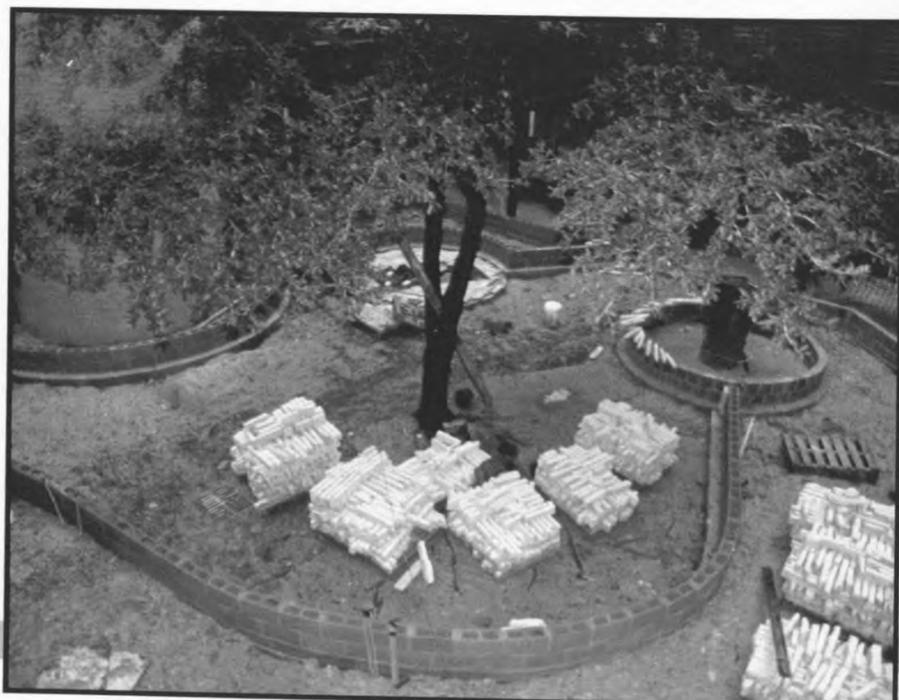
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EFP instructor Craig Crowe demonstrates to his class how to use a bounce board when working outside the studio.
Photo by Pin Lim

Students tried to help the Indian Relief Fund by setting up a donation table in the UC for students to make donations.
Photo by Kusum Desai



In January construction of the new Communications courtyard was still under way. The courtyard was completed a few months later.
Photo by Chris Galloway



Maria Bejarano from Thronton Studios helps senior Spanish major, Teresa Turnini, pose for her yearbook portrait in February.
Photo by Pin Lim

Carine Jouma, a senior finance major, helps Melanie Howard, a junior marketing major, donate blood during the RHA's blood drive.
Photo by Henri Chen

2001

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Benji John, an MIS junior, take a virtual reality ride at the Technology fair in the UC underground.

Photo by Christy Varghese



Governor Perry spoke to UH students on the importance of higher education in Texas and specifically at the University of Houston. Photo by Chris Galloway

Bill Balleza, from channel 2, and Minerva Perez, from channel 13, spoke to students who were interested in joining the TV news broadcast profession.

Photo by Kusum Desai



Robert Swenson, a pre-med student, attempts to climb the ROTC's wall. Many students attempted, but only a few were able to make it to the top.

Photo by Nora Segura

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In April the UH dance ensemble held a dress rehearsal for one of its productions.

Photo by Pin Lim



The popular band called Free Radicals performed for students in Coogs during March.

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Teen pop idol of the 80's, Tiffany, made a guest appearance at UH where she met many of her fans.

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Ashley Grubbs, a freshman English major, tells the Student Publications Board why she should be the next Houstonian editor.

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In April the University held a ground breaking ceremony for the new Rec center that was voted on last year.

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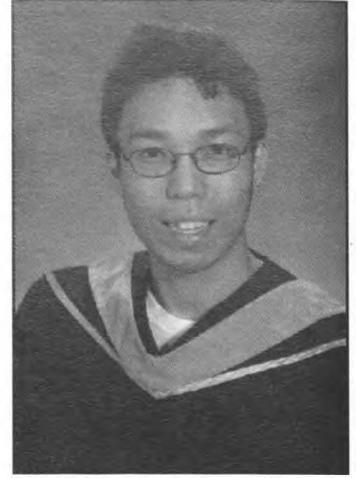
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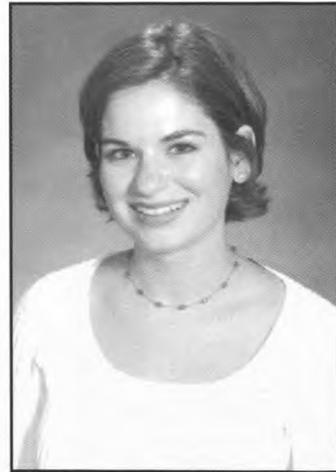
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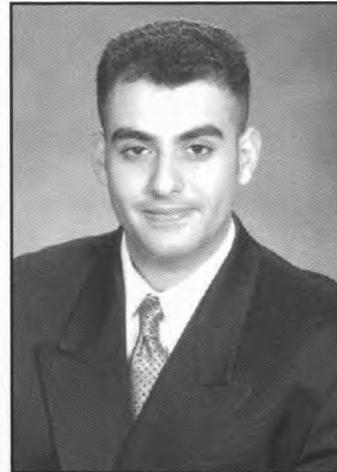
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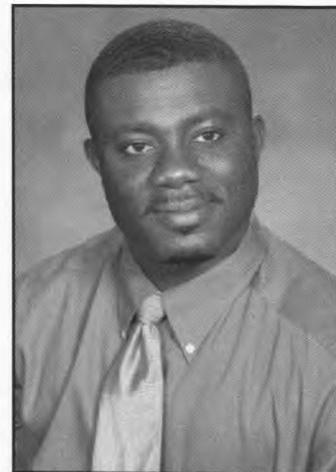
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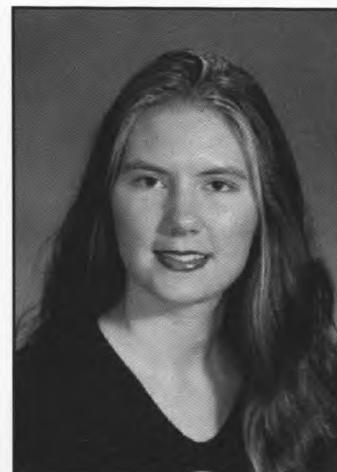
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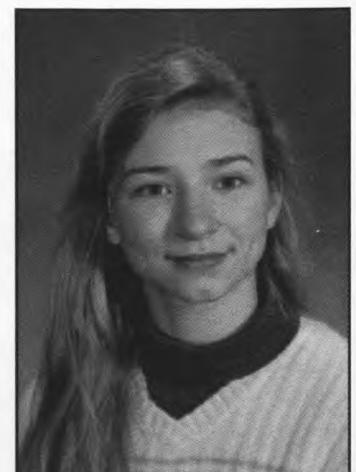
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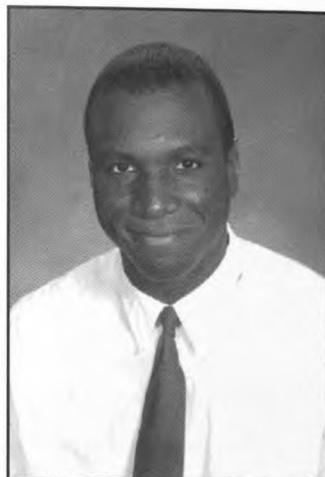
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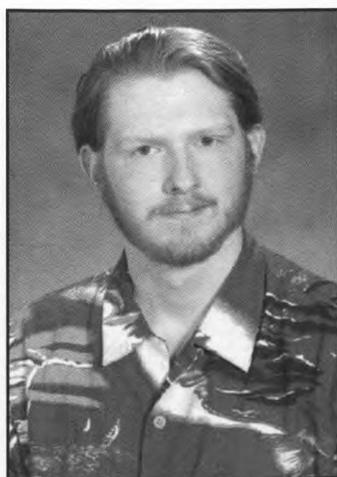
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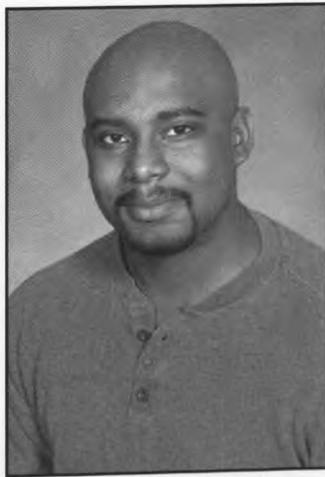
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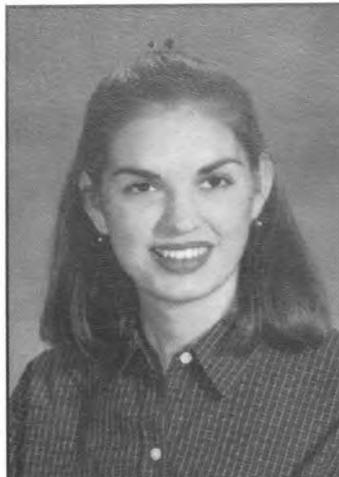
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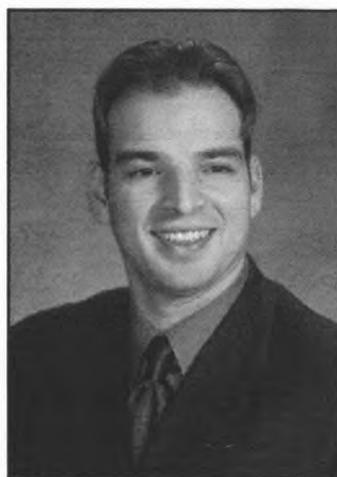
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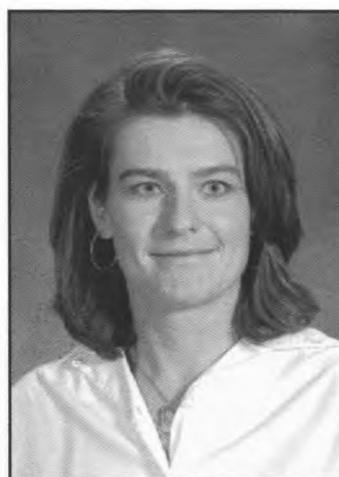
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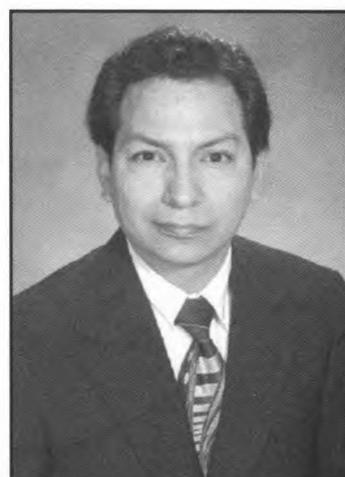
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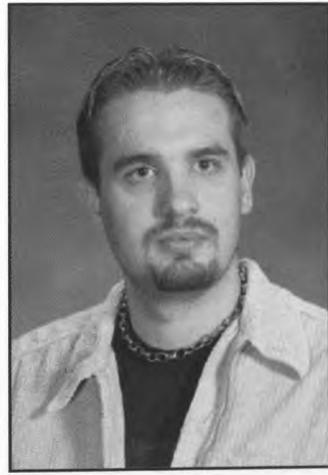
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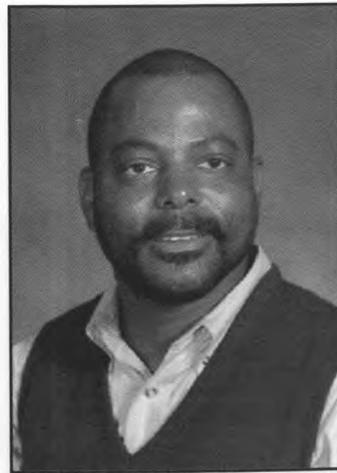
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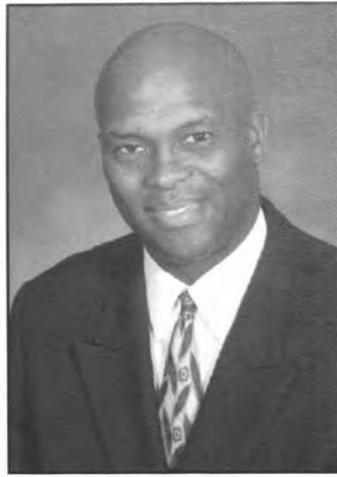


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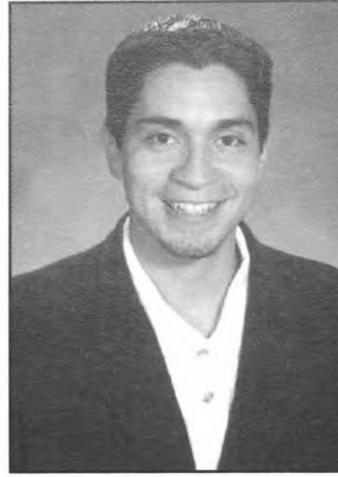
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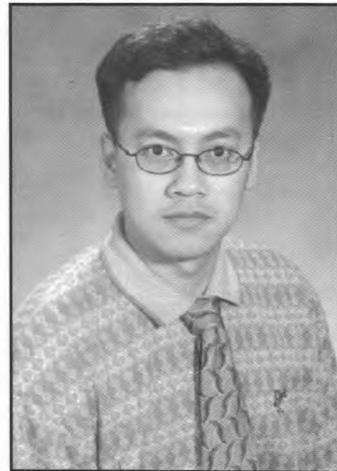
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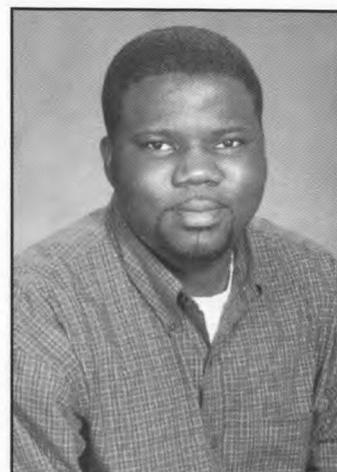
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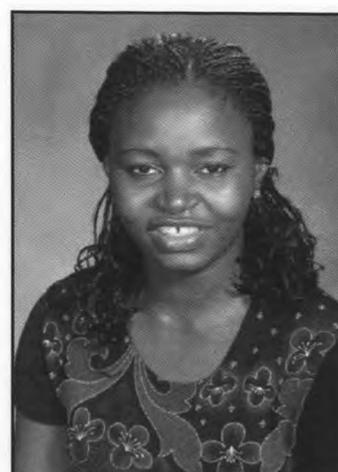
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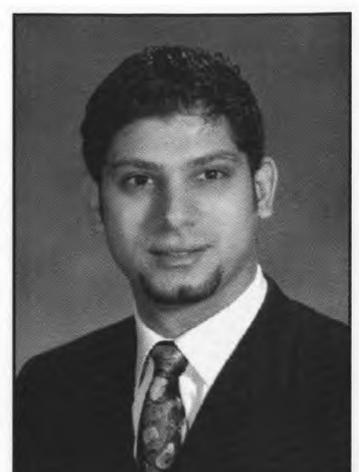
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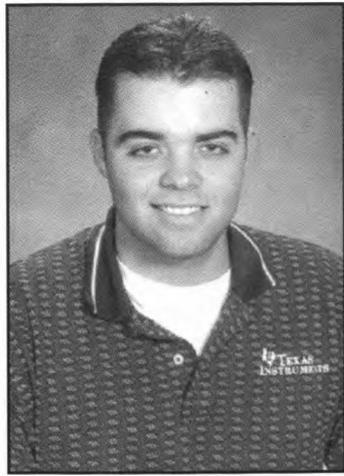
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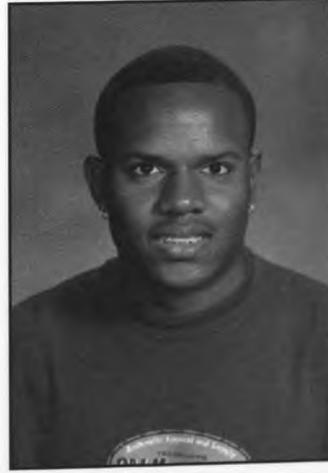
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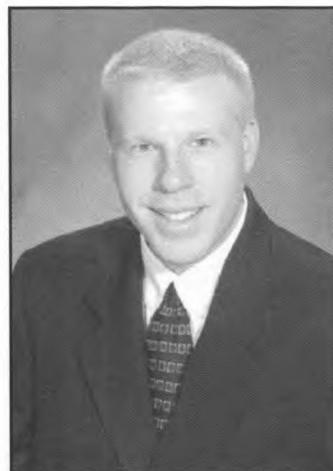
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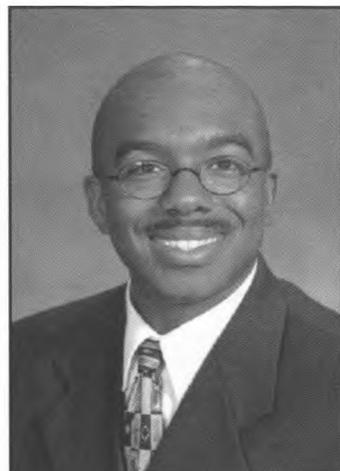
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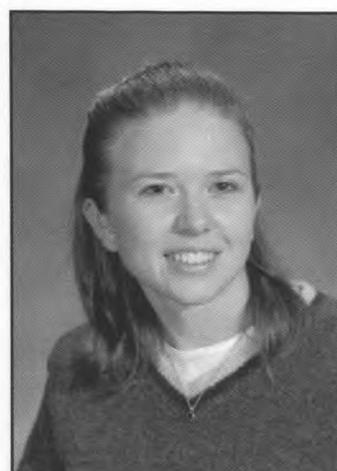
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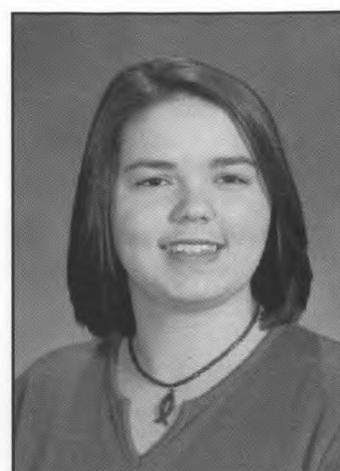
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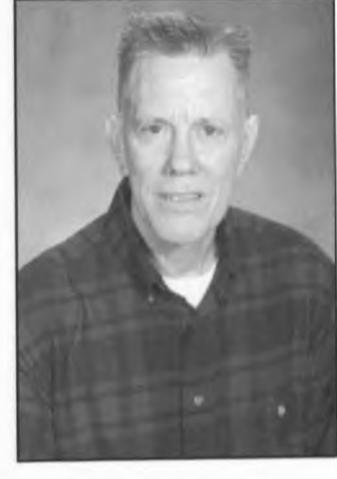
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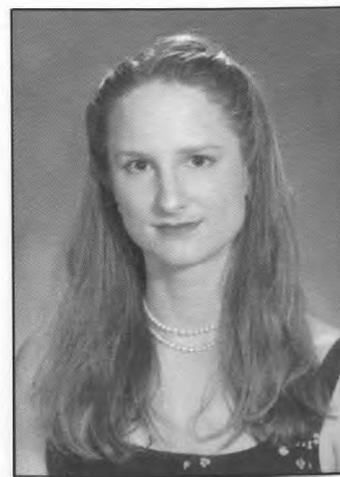
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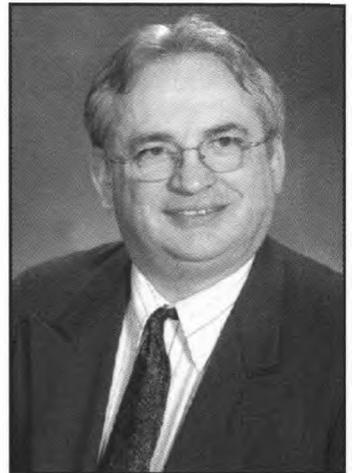
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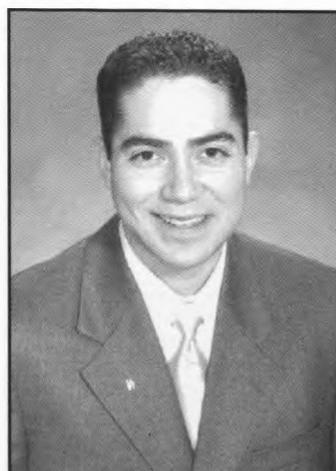
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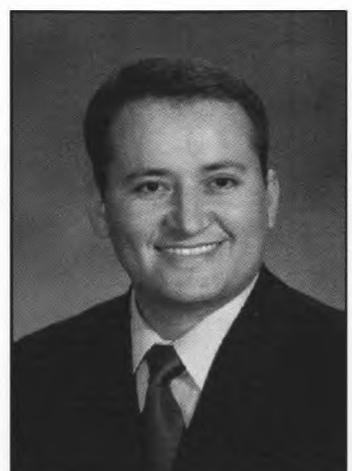
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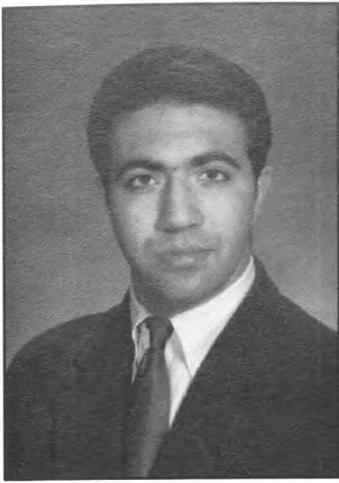
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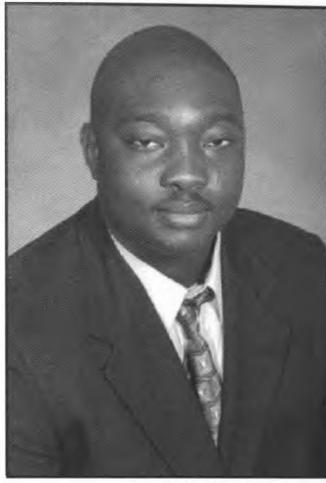
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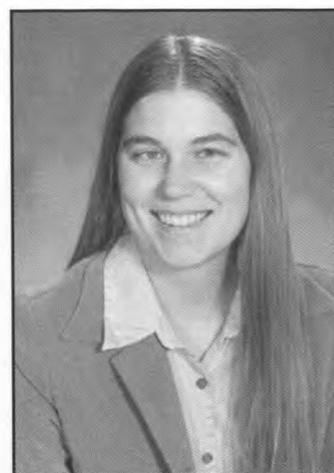
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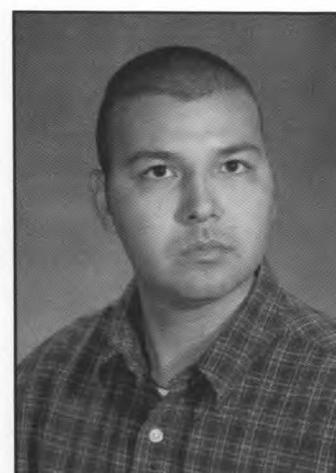
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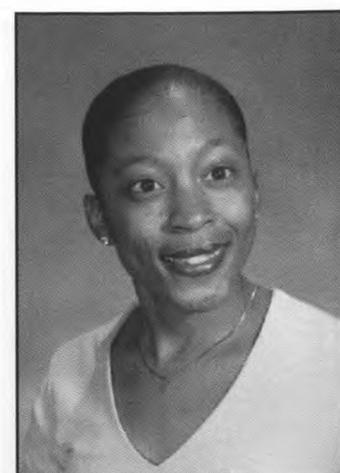
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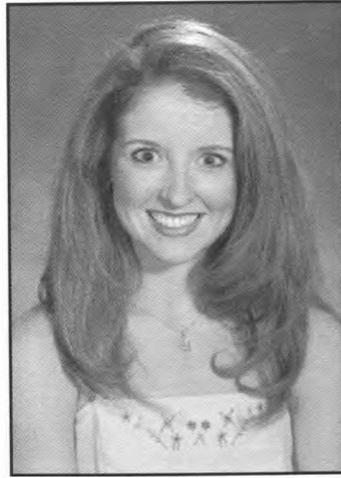
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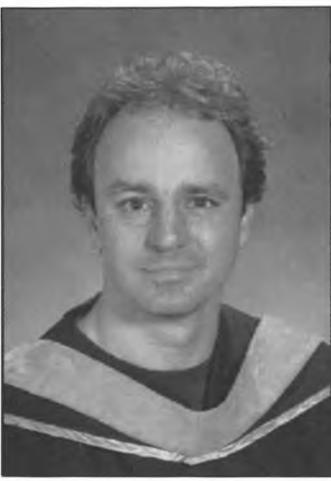
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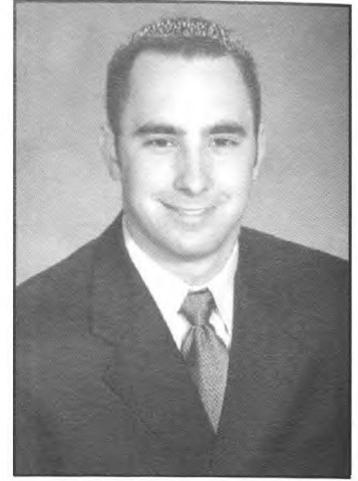
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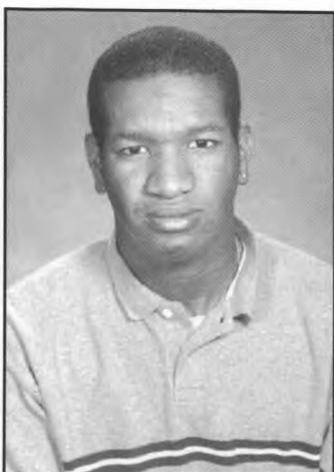
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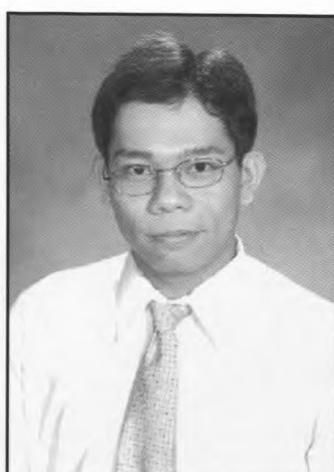
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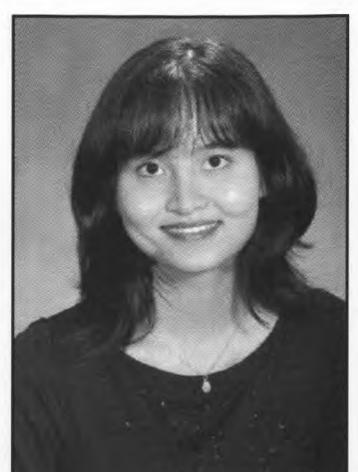
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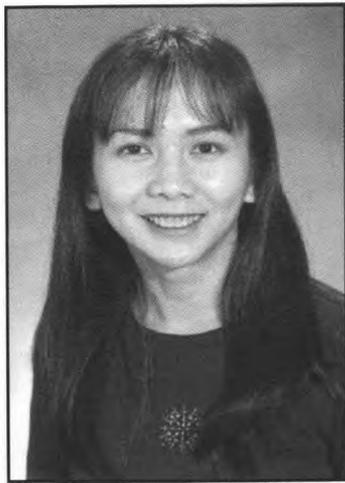
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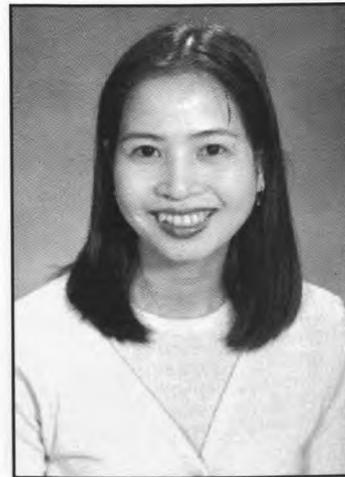
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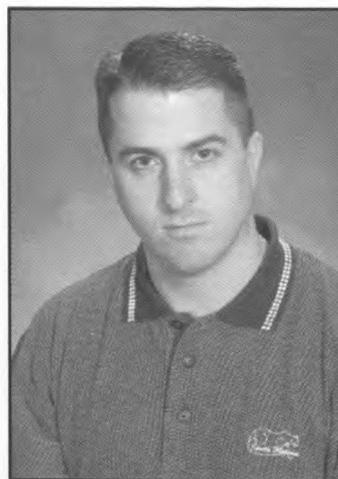
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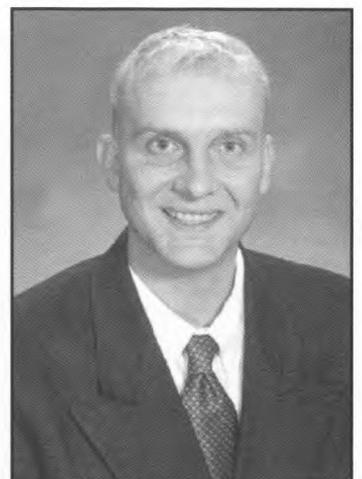
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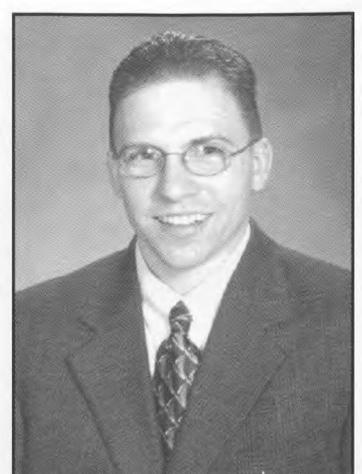
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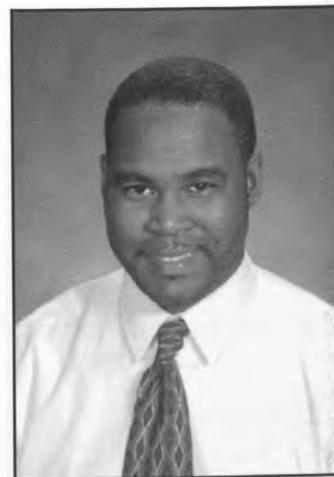
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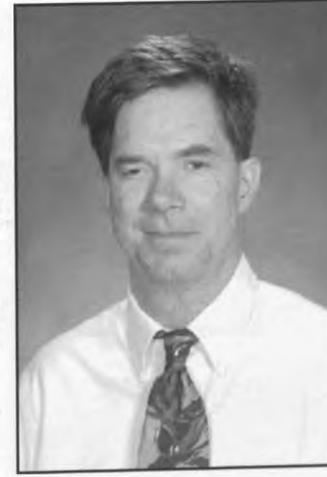
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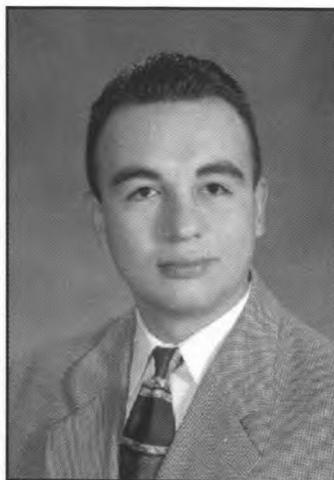
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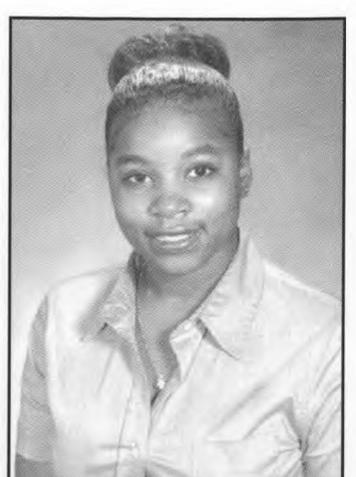
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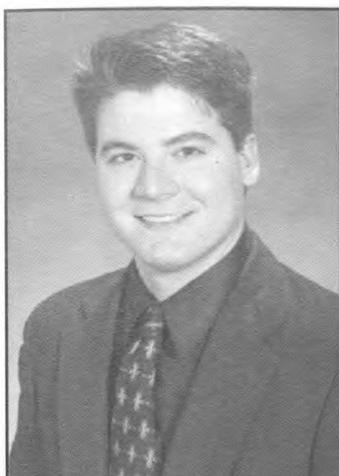
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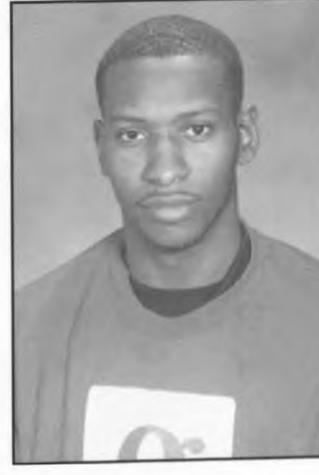
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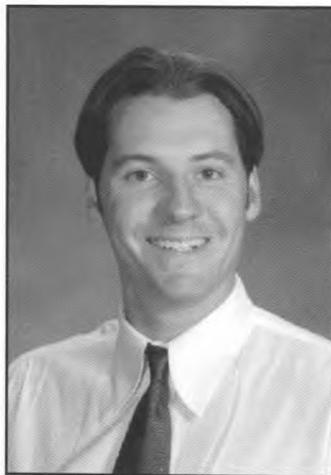
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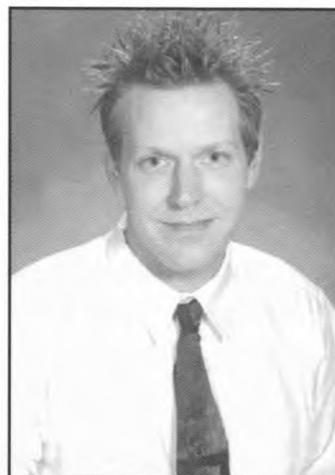
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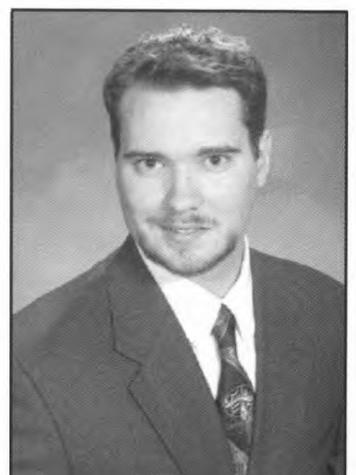
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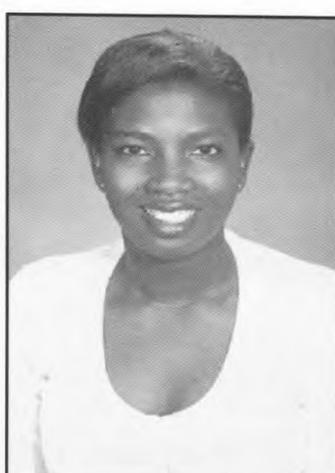
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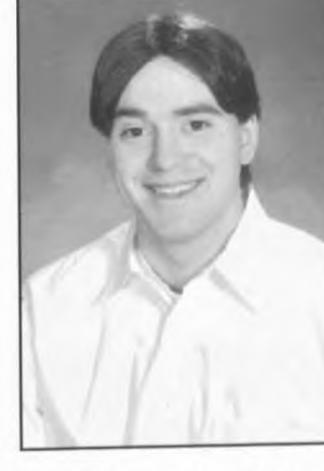
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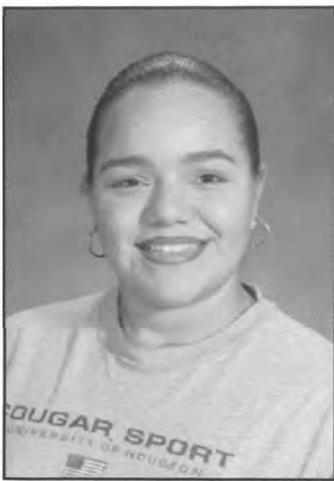
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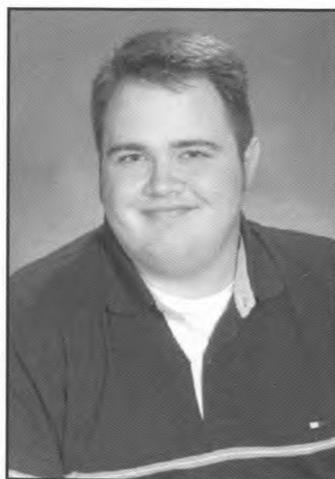
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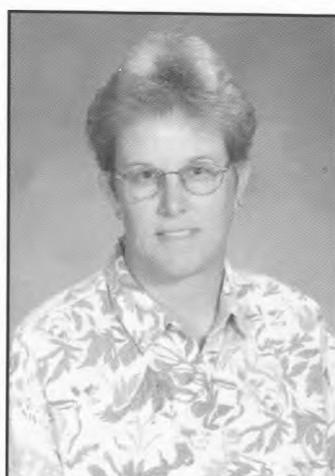
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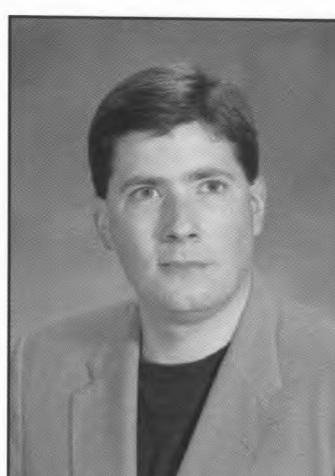
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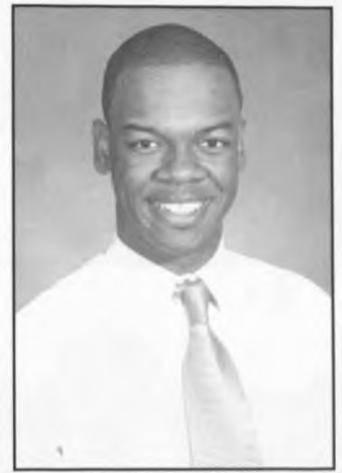
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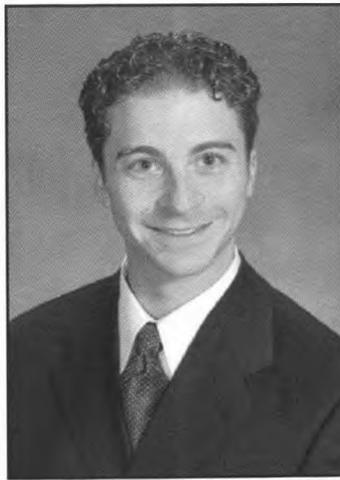
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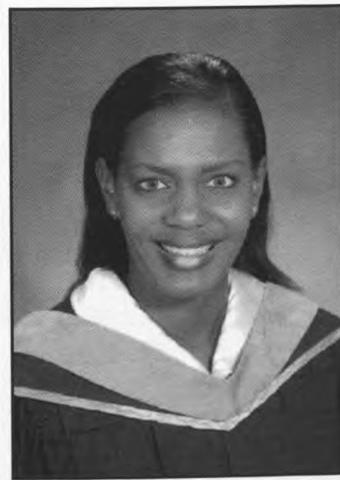
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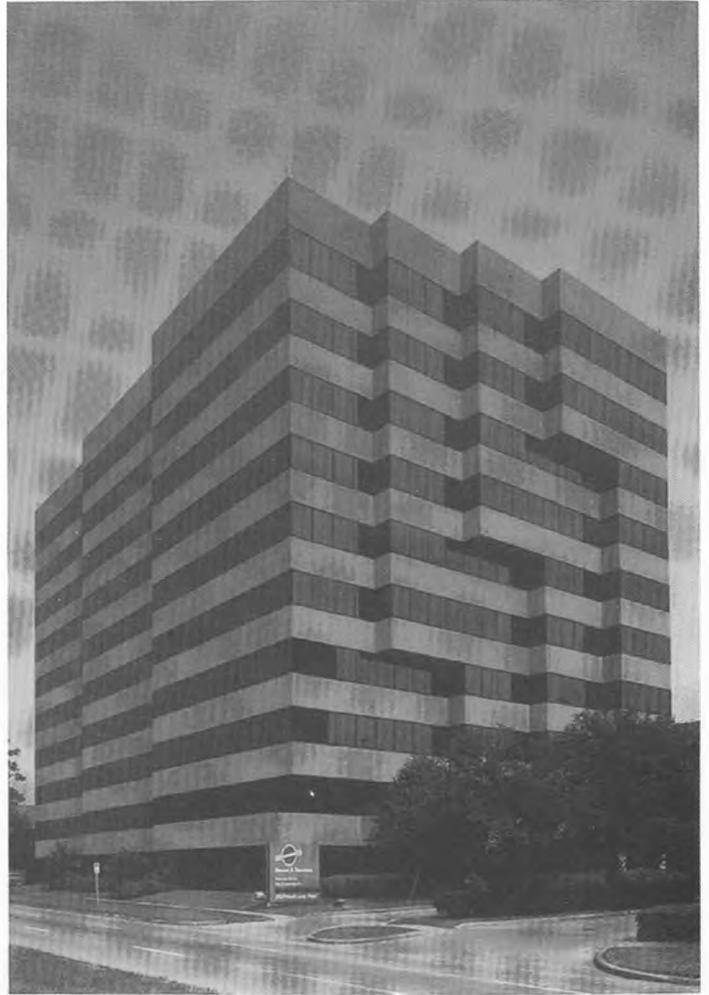
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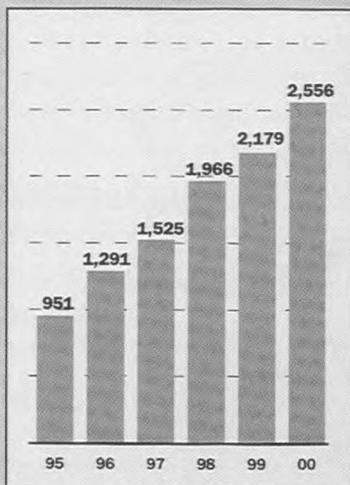
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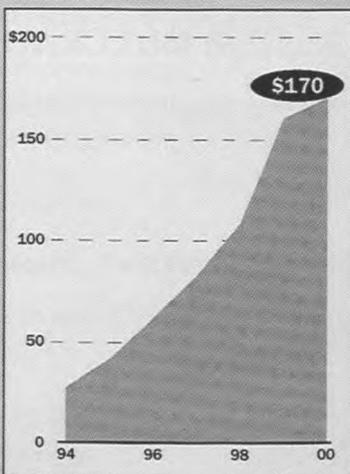
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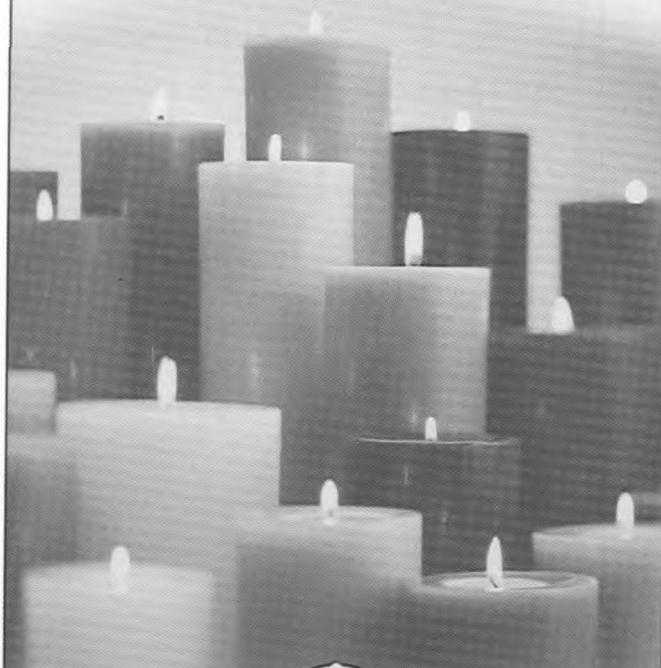
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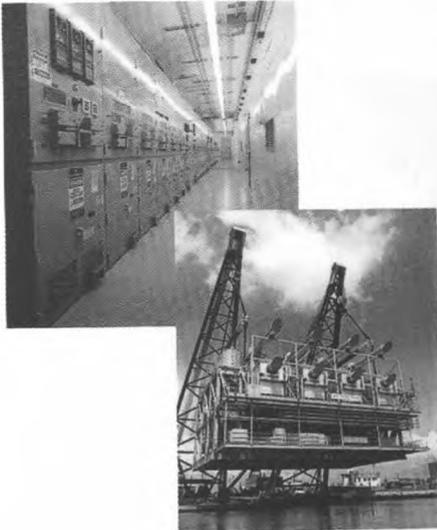
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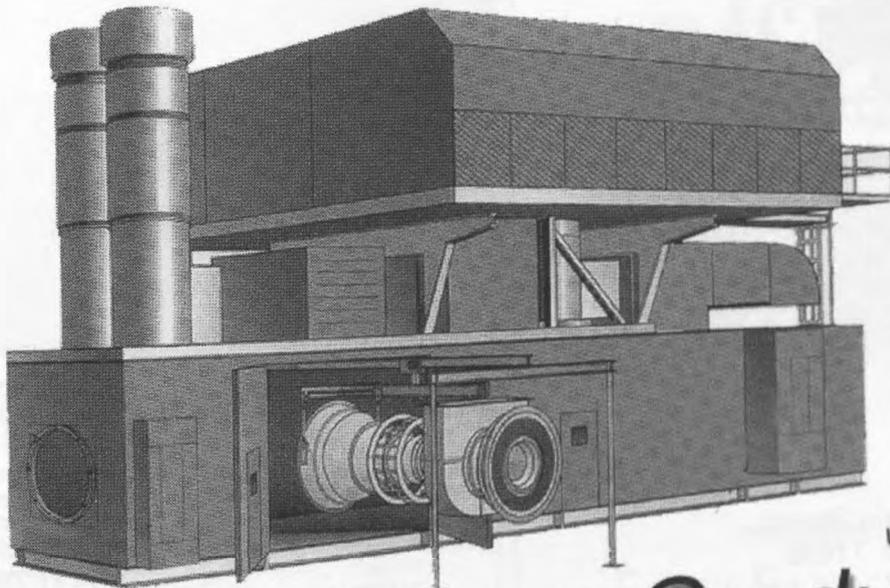
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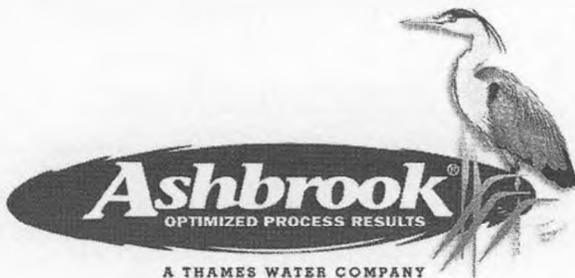
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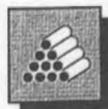
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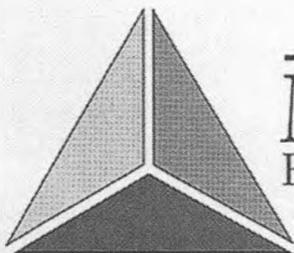
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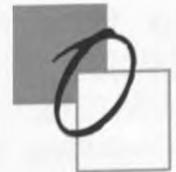
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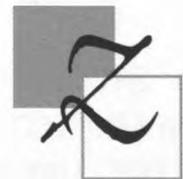


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Robertson Stadium never looked
so grand as it did the day the
Cougars faced off against Army in
September.
Photo by Pin Lim



Graduate Architecture students
lay bricks down to their structure
as part of their class
Photo by Chris Galloway



The year has come and gone. We all remember it like it was yesterday. Remember that first day of class in August. You couldn't forget all the tents set up around campus telling you how to get from one place to another or the free water to help make your first day a little easier.

That day came and went just like the year.

There are lot of memories that we will all share.

Like the time you took Spanish 2301 and realized your two years of high school Spanish weren't going to cut it. There was also the time you forgot

about that mid-term paper. How could you forget, it was on the syllabus? Well, we're only human.

But the memories aren't just those filled with stressful moments. There are joyful memories of tailgating just before the Cougars played Rice in the Bayou Bucket game. There's also the time your friends and you went to Frontier Fiesta.

Your life also didn't just center around UH it also involved your life off campus. Some of us worked part-time jobs as waiters and waitresses around Houston, while others worked at the Daily

The Wellness Center, UC and CEO held a United at the UC day with activities such as spray painting art.
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The Lady Cougars face the Jaguars in a basketball game in November.
Photo by Pin Lim



Cougar into the wee hours of the morning so that we could have our daily dose of Coogie and Ruth the Pig.

We've made friends and lost a few. We passed and we failed. We got tickets and towed on the worst days. We were broke most of the time. We joined a new organization. We spent \$400 on books and only got back \$5. We met friends for lunch at the UC. We were students living the lives of students. All of us individuals and at the same time all of us the same person.

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I was told I have to keep my good-byes short because of space limitations so here we go. After graduation I started looking for a job and am still looking for a job. So naturally I have had time to reflect over my years at UH and what they mean to me. And of course this past year has played a vital part of that history.

I would first like to say that I have enjoyed working with you Linda so much. You are very talented and ambitious and will make someone a great wife. Speaking of wife, let's not forget Pin. Pin, you will make someone a great husband. You are so full of energy even though you are never on time. You are an awesome photographer and I wish you the best of luck with whatever you choose to do in life. So Pin and Linda I will be there cheering you on at your wedding. You guys make a great couple.

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Well, due to space restraints, I cannot thank everyone individually but I do appreciate all of the help that everyone gave. Without the help of writers, editors and photographers this book would not have been possible. So thank you from the bottom of my heart. You definitely made my last year at UH a great one.

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Well, it took a while, but we finally finished the yearbook. It was a long process, but we all survived and I think we did a great job.

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I enjoyed working with everyone and I wish you all the best. I also hope everyone enjoys the 2001 Houstonian. It's done, finished and complete! So, I'm outta here!

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