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Eat 'em up! Eat 'em up!
 These proud UH Cougar football players take the field for the annual Bayou Bucket game against crosstown rival Rice. Despite a valiant, hard-fought effort, the Coogs came up a little bit short, losing 21-14.
 Photo by Pin Lim



With each passing year, people, ideas, and places change -- hopefully for the better. In the past seventy-five years, the University of Houston has gone from the small Houston Junior College to the proud research institution we know



Oh, say can you see?
 An American flag waves proudly on a car in the parking lot. Many students showed their patriotism with flags and other automotive decor.
 Photo by Lorrie Novosad



Say What?
 Junior Kelly Robertson pauses for an interview after the Bayou Bucket game. The Bayou Bucket was probably the most enthusiastically-followed game of the season.
 Photo by Brian Viney

today. Through the years, the University has become an integral part of the Houston setting, giving back to the community with its art, its research, and its distinguished graduates. Likewise, it is the University's goal to help its students grow into mature individuals, prepared for the life ahead of them thanks to their time here at UH. As we reflect back on the changes of the past seventy-five years, we can be proud to know that the University has come so far, and that we were able to be a part of its history.



Standing tall
 Senior media production major Rich Risma and senior pre-business major Kusum Desai hang out on a desk in the Daily Cougar office.
 Photo by Pin Lim



Play it Loud

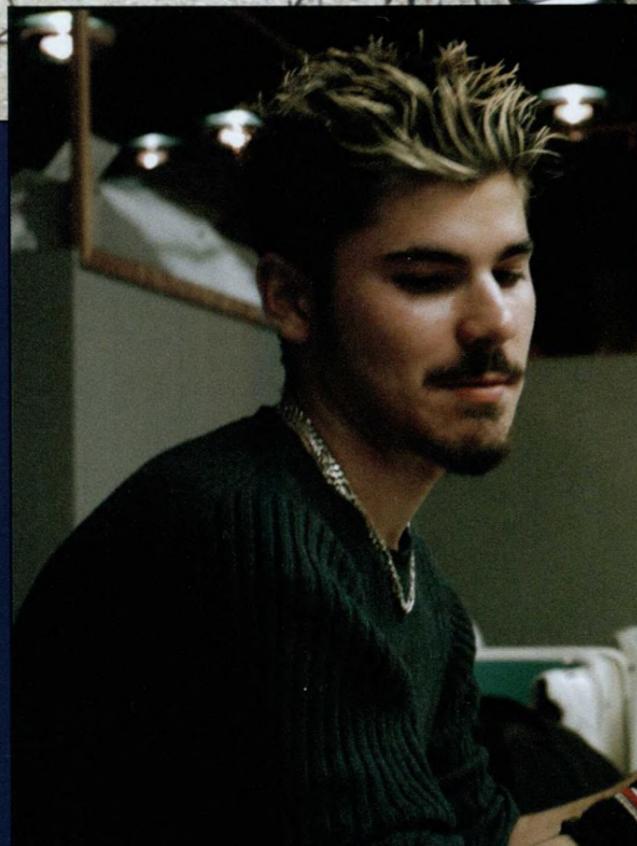
The New Jack Hippies, comprised of lead guitarist Guy Schwartz, vocalist Heath Spencer Philip, bass player Roger Tauz, drummer John Chupin, and keyboard player Chaz Nadege, played outside the Communication Building. Several professors cancelled class so the students could enjoy the music.

Photo by Kena Alvarado

The Face of Determination

Sophomore civil engineering major Carl Bishop contemplates the many questions of life while taking a break from intense studying. UH students often needed a break from overzealous professors who were notorious for handing out massive amounts of mind-numbing homework.

Photo by Azel Augustin



Stunned

A group of students gathers around a television in the lobby of one of the dorms, watching the news on the morning of September 11. After the attacks, students worked to help New Yorkers rebuild, participating in blood drives all over campus, and making donations to various charity organizations.

Photo by Kena Alvarado

Take Your Pick

Judith Steinhoff, a professor of art history at UH, peruses through a selection of fine, handmade pottery at the University's Clayworks sale. Faculty members could often be found at student events on campus, and many of them took advantage of opportunities to mingle with students.

Photo by Azel Augustin



Is this thing turned on?

Junior construction management majors Frederick Mitchell and Michael Anderson get a little outdoor practice as part of their surveying class. UH offered a variety of courses and majors that attracted scholars and students alike from across the country and around the world.

Photo By Pin Lim



Oh, it's so amazing

This bovine beauty shows off her beautiful assortment of flowers during the Houston Cow Parade. Locations all over downtown Houston were decorated with these colorful cows, and children and adults alike were impressed and entertained by the clever creations.

Photo By Kusum Desai



Whose that damn dipstick?

A UH student hopes that his casual dress will keep him cool as he changes his own oil under the sweltering Houston sun. Hot temperatures nine months out of the year were a way of life at the University of Houston, and students were forced to find some way of keeping themselves cool for the long walk between classes.

Photo By Pin Lim



Acce, ma! Not more Shalhosjora!

Graduate student Aaron Reynolds examines his newest reading assignment while graduate student Charlie Alcorn contemplates becoming a hermit. The English department was notorious for assigning students many different books to read and essays to write, driving some students to the brink of insanity.

Photo By Azel Augustin

Student Life

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. We've all heard it. For the students at any college campus, those words take on new meaning -- especially around exam time. UH was, of course, no exception. Fortunately, the students found a wide variety of ways to spend their time outside of classes. Whether it was before class, during breaks, or in the evenings, campus life definitely extended beyond the classroom. From organized activities with large groups of people, to study groups in front of the library, to people walking around campus, apparently talking to themselves (with a wire hanging from their ear), there was always something to see at UH.

still moments



Come and Get It

Students wait in line for lunch at the ever-popular Chick-Fil-A. This was the only fast-food place at the UC which served chicken, and one of the few that accepted credit cards. Consequently, there was almost always a line.
Photo by Kena Alvarado

Aww!

A squirrel pauses from a busy day of stealing Cheetos from unsuspecting students. The squirrels could be found all over campus, climbing trees, playing, and looking for handouts.
Photo by Kena Alvarado.

Shhh, Here He Comes!
 This Science of Nutrition class waits patiently to meet their professor. Students were always curious and maybe even nervous to meet their new professors. Would they be nice? Would they be boring? Would they teach well?
 Photo by Kena Alvarado



FIRSTDAY

Students shuffle through UH's highest enrollment in years

We Have to Read All That?

This Set Design class looks nervous about starting off this semester as the professor goes over the course syllabus. Professors were notorious for not sticking to their syllabi, but when they put off tests or eliminated quizzes, it was not such a bad thing.
 Photo by Kena Alvarado



The first day of school at any major university is always a hectic event, as students struggle to find a decent parking space and hurry to their first classes, all the while longing for the easy days of summer when life seemed so much simpler. Wednesday, August 22, 2001 marked the first day of classes for students of the University of Houston, and considering the circumstance under which the opening of campus occurred, this year's first day went off without a hitch.

For its seventy-fifth anniversary, UH welcomed to campus its largest enrollment since 1992, as 33,019 students registered for classes. Despite this 2.8 percent increase in enrollment over the previous year, most students had few problems finding a parking space and making it to their first-day classes on time.

Some returning students, however, had their universe altered forever at the terrible discovery that some of the most popular hangouts on campus were still closed, casualties of Tropical Storm Allison. The University Center Games Room was closed for almost the entire first semester, and the University Center Satellite was shut down for virtually the entire year by severe flooding which damaged a retaining wall.

Raquel Khanji, a junior engineering major, said, "The University of Houston did a fabulous job getting everything back in shape for the first day of school. Really, in my three

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years here, this has been the smoothest one yet."

Despite the trials and tribulations of going back to school, many students were excited to be back at UH. Most used the first day as an opportunity to meet new friends and catch up with old acquaintances.

The first day of school is looked forward to by many, dreaded by some, and typically enjoyed by all. Despite increased attendance and continuing repairs from Allison, this year's first class day went even more smoothly than most expected. *Story by Matthew E. Caster*



One... Two... Three... Catch!

These Cougars are moving into Moody Towers. Those who packed a lot and had to climb the flights of stairs in Moody Towers were in for a chore. The secret to on-campus life was packing light and leaving with more souvenirs and memories than you came with.
 Photo by Brian Viney

Taken by Storm

On Thursday, June 7, 2001, most of the students attending summer classes at the University of Houston scarcely noticed the rainy conditions that had begun earlier that week; the occasional downpour is just a part of life in Houston. All that evening, and into the morning of June 8th, the rain continued to fall. When all was said and done, over a period of three days, Tropical Storm Allison dropped almost forty inches of rain on the UH campus. When the waters finally receded, the damage was unfathomable. School was cancelled for a week to allow cleanup crews to get as much of the campus operational as possible. When school reopened a week later, more than two hundred classes had to be relocated. By the end of the fall semester the damage could still be seen around campus.

Total cost of the damage caused by Allison may never be known, although the university officially stated the losses to be in excess of \$175 million dollars. In the basement laboratories of buildings all over campus, thousands of hours of painstaking research were washed away. Virtually the entire UH O'Quinn Law Library was destroyed by the floods.

Among the two most damaged buildings on campus were the two student centers: the University Center and the University Center Satellite. But, by the end of the year both of these facilities had reopened some of their services.

The need for office space prompted the creation of the University Center Village, a collection of temporary buildings assembled hastily before the beginning of the fall semester.

"It really is remarkable, given all the damage, how quickly UH was able to recover and reopen for the students," said John Terracina, a senior marketing major.

It may take several years before everything on the University of Houston campus recovers from the wrath of Allison, but our hats must be tipped to everyone who brought everything back together so quickly so that higher education would continue at UH. *Story by Matthew E. Caster.*



To High Ground!

Flood damage crews salvage what they can from the wet and soggy Satellite. Almost everything was destroyed and had to be replaced. Photo by Pin Lim



No More Satellite!

Emergency crews work on the damaged UC Satellite. The renovation took all year long, and it is due to be reopened in August 2002. Photo by Kera Alvarado



Mr. Clean Mr. Clean!

What a mess! The clean up crews mop up the last bit of flood waters in the Student Publications Business office. Photo by Pin Lim

Heads Up!

An oak lies on its side, a victim of the Tropical Storm Allison floods. In her wrath eleven lives and hundreds of homes were lost.

Photo by Pin Lim





Here is your Change!

A hungry student gets a sweet treat at the Ritazza Cafe. The cafe was the only place in a five mile radius to get Krispy Kreme doughnuts. Photo by Kena Alvarado



Red Bull to go Please!

Students stop off at the StopGap for a snack on the go. And with the Satellite closed, it was also the only place on campus to buy cigarettes. Photo by Kena Alvarado



Six Coffees Please!

A student orders an early lunch at the UC's Ritazza. The hole-in-the-wall coffee shop provided a gourmet venue for all those sleepy coffee lovers. Photo by Kena Alvarado

The Way to Lunch!

Lunchers stop by a lonely Subway station for a quick sandwich. With the Satellite closed for the fall semester, these random snackeries popped up everywhere. Photo by Kena Alvarado



Hold the Mustard!

With all the hustle and bustle of the UC at lunch time, it's a wonder that the employees get all those orders right. Those hard workers deserve three cheers. Photo by Kena Alvarado



Mmmm...Pringles!

This student chooses a vending machine snack. The vending machines here could be tricky to operate, demanding everything from exact change to perfectly crisp dollar bills. Photo by Kena Alvarado

food service vendor) was not doing the program to receive profit. Instead, we were providing a service to UH students. Our revenue was \$600 to \$700, which was not very much," said Nick Lula, Chartwells Resident District Manager.

Junior Psychology major Adelina Longoria said, "I have tried everything there is on campus." After sampling the food at the Back Porch, Longoria decided it was too expensive to buy regularly. "The prices are similar to the ones throughout campus," said Lula.

"The University should cater prices for students," said Longoria. "They are not reasonable for what you get." Longoria went on to say that while the Satellite used to serve good sandwiches, they still did not beat the ones served at the UC. And for cheap food on campus, there was no substitute for Taco Bell.

Horizons, located in the Moody Towers, featured an array of

This Is Express?

Students wait in line at high noon at the Chick-Fil-A in the UC. As far as speed, Chick-Fil-A had the other UC restaurants beat. It really was an express eatery. Photo by Kena Alvarado

food venues which catered to dorm residents. The Conrad Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management housed Eric's Restaurant. Each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Eric's presented the International Dinner Series, which featured a variety of different themes and cuisines.

In short, the dining services provided by the University's campus were loved by some, hated by others, yet necessary to all. Story by Jackie Gil.

Food as Diverse as Its Campus

Hurry Up, I'm Already Late!

Perhaps the best thing about being stuck on I-45 in traffic at seven-thirty in the morning is the spectacular view of the Houston skyline. While traffic on the ridiculously meager-laned road never moved faster than thirteen miles per hour, it took travelers very close to those beautifully lit downtown skyscrapers.

Photo by Azel Agustin



CHAOTIC

The University's Commuters battle Houston Traffic

There's No Turning Back!!

This was the harrowing view commuters saw every morning coming to classes. Every road from Katy to Clear Lake was bumper to bumper as Cougars tried to get to class. And then came the trying task of finding a parking spot. It was almost enough to turn the most avid drivers into walkers.

Photo by Azel Agustin



All of us, at one point or another, have either done it, thought about doing it, or cringed at the thought of doing it. Most of us did it. The University of Houston had one of the largest commuting populations of any school in the nation. An estimated 80% of the 33,000 UH students commuted to school at least twice a week, thereby contributing our fair share to Houston's traffic problems. A relatively small number of students chose to avoid all the hassles of commuting by living on campus or nearby.

UH's reputation for being a commuter school caused several problems on campus. First and foremost was the unpredictability of Houston traffic. UH students commuted from all over the Houston area. Some students drove to school with relative ease on Texas 288, while others may have spent more than an hour trapped on the treacherous Katy Freeway. This unpredictability often required that students leave their homes sixty to ninety minutes before their class started, just to ensure they made it on time.

Another problem frequently encountered by UH commuters was the dreadful parking situation on campus. In the fall of 2001, the university issued almost 30,000 parking permits to students expected to fill the 20,000 parking spaces on campus. The theory, of course, was that there would never be a time when all students were here at the same time, so the situation would work itself out. This resulted in a lot of walking from the outlying lots by students as the regular student lots filled up quickly.

SWITUMMOO

Roger Burnside, a freshman university studies major who commuted from Spring said, "The hardest part about going to a commuter campus is the hassle associated with getting a decent parking space. Sometimes I have to walk more than a mile from where I park to my first class."

Commuting was often more of a necessity than a desire for students on campus, and with the deadly combination of Houston traffic and UH's overcrowded parking lots, commuters learned quickly to leave home early and wear comfortable walking shoes. *Story by Matthew E. Caster*



I Should Have Taken A Taxi!

With the traffic bad from six a.m. to seven p.m., highway games became a great way to stay awake and fend off boredom. Several commuters invented a game involving memorizing licence plates, but those who couldn't car-pool had to stick to billboard reading.

Photo by Azel Agustin

Forging the Frontier

Senior Greg O'Malley, a finance and marketing double major, is one of the mysterious and enigmatic Frontiersmen, who make school spirit a way of life. "It's the oldest tradition on campus, and I'm proud to be a part of it," O'Malley says. Started in 1948, no other tradition on campus can boast either the longevity nor the mystique of this duster and five gallon hat clad group.

The Frontiersmen were seen running the flag at the football games, sounding "The Blaze", and standing on the field next to the football team. "I love it. Aside from the perks of being on the field for the games and traveling with the team, it's just great to put on all the gear and do all the things we get to do. I like being a part of it," said Kevin Crawford, a senior kinesiology major.

The football games weren't the only place that the Frontiersmen were spotted, however. Not only did they support the entire athletics department, the Frontiersmen could be found both at Cougar Craze, Frontier Fiesta, and anywhere school spirit was needed. The mission of the Frontiersman, according to Crawford, was to first support school spirit, then the athletics department, and finally Frontier Fiesta, where those old-west throwbacks built a jail to raise money for the scholarships the Frontier Fiesta supports.

Incoming freshman were introduced to the Frontiersmen on the first day of orientation, when members of the organization came in full dress to give the history of the school and the Cougar Paw. For anyone who wanted to know why they were so dedicated to the school and school spirit, Crawford proudly told them, "The Frontiersman take on the history of the school and make it a personal goal." Go Coogs! *Story by Richard Whitrock*



Hey Ladies!

Kevin Crawford gets a little distracted and narrowly misses a trip as he runs by the Cougar Cheerleaders, who are supposed to distract the other team.

Photo by Lauren Wilson.

Will We Ever Score?

Trent Henry, Joe Sims, and Greg O'Malley take a breather between touchdowns. They had to all ways be on their toes for the referee's call.

Photo by Lauren Wilson.

Uuuuhhhhhh!

The flags fly proudly across the field at the TCU game. They always seemed to glow in the stadium lights.

Photo by Lauren Wilson.

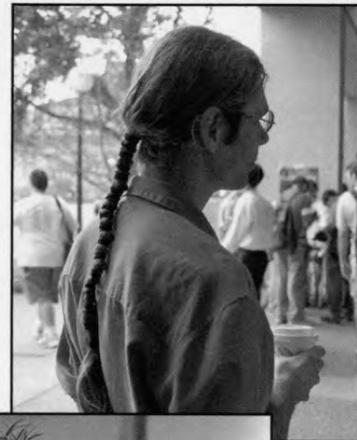


Scoooooooooore!

The crowd cheers on Mike Kiser, the spirited Frontiersmen, as he runs the flag across the field after the Cougars score a touchdown.

Photo by Lauren Wilson.





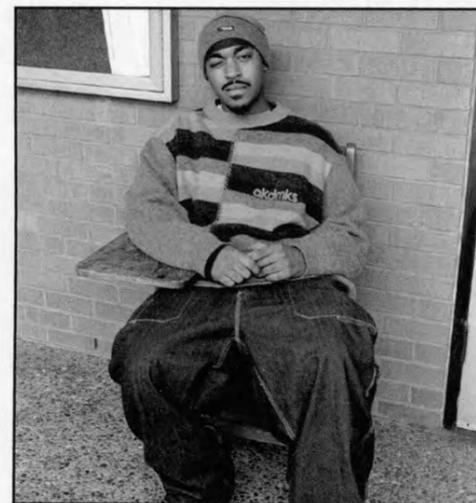
Hats Are Back!

Junior Kathrine Young, a Psychology major, shows off a trendy beanie hat. A great way to stay warm, beanies could be bought at your local clothing retailers. Photo by Kena Alvarado



Rapunzel Rapunzel!

This student dazzles the class with her luxurious curls. Long hair was in on the fashion scene last year. Everyone from Nicole Kidman to Julia Roberts had long locks. Photo by Kena Alvarado

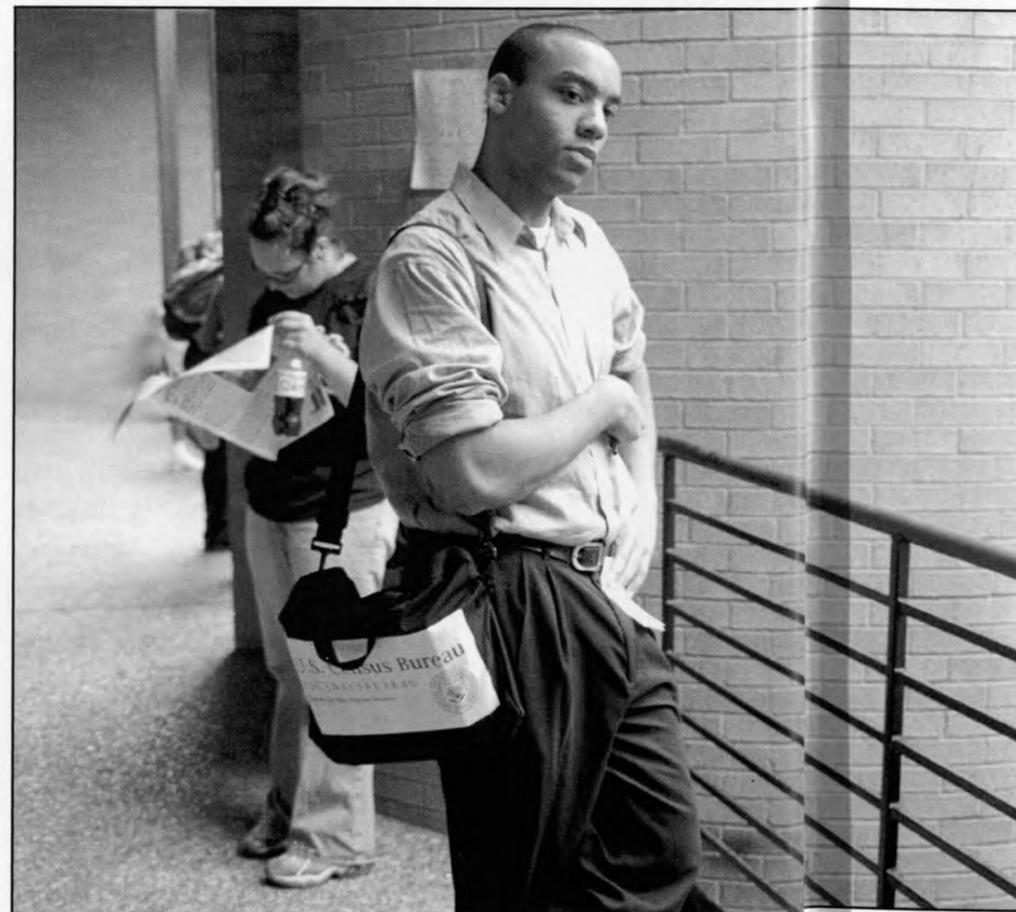


Comfort Is the Key!

Art History major Rudolf Onasis relaxes in his hip Adidas and loose pants. Adidas has broken away from the sports world and now makes casual wear. Photo by Kena Alvarado

Love That Hair!

Junior Biology major Tommy Tran sports that wet spikey look. This hairstyle has been popular for years and may not go out for quite some time. Photo by Kena Alvarado



Now That's A Braid!

Thorsten Lorenz, a senior Music/Computer Science major, wears his long hair in a braid. Braids have been popular for centuries and will probably never go out of style. Photo by Kena Alvarado



What Did You Say?

Sophomore Theater Arts major, Brandon HERNSBURGER passes the time of the long walk between classes with his walkman. Good idea, Mr. HERNSBURGER. Photo by Kena Alvarado

Did students overwhelm themselves on trendy fashions last year? For both girls and guys, fashion was everything from hair to shoes, and any final touch accessories. So what was in for the fall semester?

The UH campus could be described as an eccentric runway because of the variety of styles worn by many students, every single one unique.

"It is a great way to express personality and creativity," said Coantry Dayn-Ryan, a freshman consumer science major.

Certain factors determined individuals' style. For Dayn-Ryan it was "mood" that played a major

role for her in fashion. She had many styles depending on her mood because there were days when she wanted to feel comfortable and relaxed, yet trendy. Then there were days when she wanted to be glamorous. She said she wanted to open a fashion business and was therefore taking consumer science, the closest degree to fashion. "I did alterations to most of my clothes. I either painted on them or cut them. I like to do my own designs because I like to be different. I received a lot of compliments and people have asked me to alter their clothes as well," said Dayn-Ryan.

Stylish clothing for some students was trivial, but they considered hygiene a major focus on their style. "Hygiene is really important. For me looking nice was being well groomed; having

I Know I Look Good!

This student models a more professional look in the Agnes Arnold Building. While some students preferred to be comfortable in class, others wanted to look their best. Photo by Kena Alvarado

my clothes ironed and smelling nice," said Anna Paul, a sophomore business marketing major.

Because everyone is unique, the fashion do's and don'ts varied from person to person. Paul said that she did not understand why some students did not take time out of their morning to come to school looking decent, but she did admire the students who constantly looked practical. Junior industrial engineer Lorenzo Xavier Cano said he had his good and bad days. Cano said that school was a good place to look for the latest fashion because it gave him ideas of how to create his style. Despite everyone's differences, stone-washed jeans seemed to be the most popular apparel among students last fall. *Story by Jackie Gil.*

Students dress to Impress

So, What Are You Doing Tonight?

Richard Estess, a junior Business major chats on his cell phone outside the Science and Research building. It was very distracting walking around campus as everyone seemed to be talking to themselves. Especially confusing were the ear phones that allowed people to talk without holding the phone.

Photo by Kena Alvarado



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Cell Phone Mania Takes the Campus Hostage

Tonight? I'm Free, How About You?

Dara Daniel, a junior Public Relations major, rests under a tree and converses on her cellular phone, coincidentally, in the Communications building courtyard. Ironically, it was virtually impossible to get a signal around the Communications building. All that communicating must have crowded up all the radio waves.

Photo by Kena Alvarado



We've all been a witness to one of the most common occurrences on campus: just as the professor is leading in to the most interesting and thought-provoking lecture in American history, the mood is broken and the train of thought derailed as someone's cellular phone begins chiming J.S. Bach's Toccata and Fugue in G-minor.

As we plowed head-first into the new millennium, cell phones became a basic part of college life, as essential to current college students as slide-rules were to students of the last generation. Many students found that without a cell phone they would be out of touch with the ebb and flow of college life.

On the one hand, cell phones were very useful for keeping in touch with family, friends, and fellow students. As the cost of owning and using a cell phone dropped, some college students found that they didn't even need another phone that plugs into the wall. Additionally, cell phones provided an aura of security on campus.

However, many students were simply unwilling or unable to turn their cell phones off during classes. This led some professors and students to push for restrictions on cell phones in class. This movement grew as cell phone ringers diversified and became more distinct in a class full of students. Many professors went to interesting lengths to ensure that cell phones did not interrupt their lectures.

James Watson, a sophomore history major, cited an interesting example: "The professor had grown tired of cell

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phones interrupting his class time, so he informed us that he would answer the next time someone called. Sure enough, he did, and from that point forward, everyone kept their cell phones silent."

The future of cell phones on college campuses was certain, however, as most students appeared to support the added convenience and safety cell phones contribute to the university. It seemed as though professors are just going to have to grin and bear it when cell phones ring in their classes. *Story by Matthew E. Caster*



Waiting for That Important Call!

Senior Scott Pride studies History, his major, while making sure he doesn't miss a single call. While most professors adapted to cell phones interrupting classes by ignoring them, some took cell phone ringing prevention to extremes. One professor refused to finish teaching until the culprit was removed from class.

Photo by Kena Alvarado

Homecoming 2001

Homecoming week is filled with Cougar spirit events and is one of the many traditions celebrated throughout the year.

On the morning of Monday, October 15, the lively homecoming Golf Cart Parade began its route across campus to promote the homecoming events. They were decorated by the campus' Greek organizations and gathered an admiring crowd as they tooted by. Some students, who were drawn by the candy and prizes being tossed from the carts, even followed them to their next class. Others, like the Bleacher Creatures, marched proudly along side the carts to show their undying support. The carts ended the parade at the University Center where they were met by Coach Dana Dimel, Athletics Director Elwyn Lee, the Vice President for Student Affairs William Munson, and the Homecoming Committee. Here, they gathered in the Arbor for the official Homecoming kick-off and pep-rally.

Other students demonstrated their Cougar pride by attending and being involved in the various homecoming activities such as the Cougar Comedy Show, the Cougar Club Tailgate, or the "Strut Your Stuff." The organizations that met the judges' criteria had a chance to strut their stuff with skits, dances and yells at the Cougar Club Tailgate. After each organization's performance, judges gave out trophies.

Ruben Valencia, Program Director of La Comunidad said the main highlight of homecoming week was tailgating. This year La Comunidad tailgated with the Hispanic Media Association for the first time. "Tailgating enabled students to show school spirit and pride because organizations came together and as a group supported the home team," said Valencia.

The most anticipated event, however, was the Homecoming football game. We battled Cincinnati in an intensely played game. Despite the loss, the Homecoming spirit could not be squandered. Merry Coogs still tailgated into the night and fun was had by all. *Story by Jackie Gil*



March Men, March!

The Phi Kappa Theta men march in the golf cart parade and show off their Cougar and American pride. They were quite a rowdy bunch.

Photo by Lorrie Novosad

Out of This World!

The Zeta Tau Alpha women show their Cougar pride at the step show in the Cougar Comedy Club showcase.

Photo by Brian Viney

Get Jiggy With It!

The women of Delta Zeta get down with their routine in the step show. The winner took home a good-sized trophy.

Photo by Brian Viney



Coming Through!

The Homecoming parade slowly wanders through the campus showing off the cleverly decorated carts.

Photo by Lorrie Novosad.



Let it Snow...?

Just when it seemed as though the fall semester would never end, the sanity of countless UH students was saved in a flash of brilliance by winter break: a month-long rest period devoid of classes, tests, commuting, or any of the other hassles of college life. The last finals of 2001 were given on December 13th. After that, students were free until the first day of the spring semester: January 14th, 2002.

Students used this free time in many different ways. Many students felt that the holidays were a time to be with their families. "This year especially, it was really important for me to be at home with my parents and brother," said Camille Rogers, a sophomore university studies major. In light of the tragedies in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania, many students agreed that spending time with close family members and friends would be a top priority over the break.

Some students spent the winter break at work, saving up money for yet another semester of frivolous college spending. Others took the time to relax, slow down, and unwind before the opening of classes. Skiing was the escape of choice for junior biology major Justin Trent, a native of Colorado who was not used to prolonged absences from ski resorts. "Winter break is my only chance during the year to really get back to what I love to do," he said.

Sleep seemed to be a choice very highly esteemed by a number of UH students over the break, their eyes still bloodshot from late nights of studying right before finals. Studying ahead for the next semester, however, seemed to rank low on everyone's list of priorities.

No matter how students and faculty members spent their vacations, whether it was with family or coworkers, friends or strangers, everyone agreed that winter break was a great chance to catch up on a little bit of lost sleep, take it easy for a while, and start the spring semester off on the right foot. *Story by Matthew E. Caster.*



Light me Up!
Downtown is lit up with over a million Christmas lights. TXU took the bright opportunity to advertise their company.
Photo by Lorrie Novosad



Lady Liberty Walks!
The Statue of Liberty roams downtown during the Thanksgiving Day parade. She was not allowed to drive the float since Liberty is blind.
Photo by Pin Lim



You're on Thin Ice!
A determined little boy learns to skate at the Dynegy Ice Plaza. Though it is more popular up state, skating is chock full of wet, cold fun.
Photo by Lorrie Novosad

Timber!
Houstonians skate under the annual Christmas tree on the Galleria ice rink. The trees are usually over three stories high.
Photo by Lorrie Novosad



Party like it's 2002!

The student publications department whoops it up at their annual Christmas/New Year's party. Food and entertainment were a must at any of the local parties, and this party had some of the best eats around

Photo by Pin Lim



The New Year often marks a new beginning for many people, including members of the UH community. 2001 was a trying and turbulent year for many students and faculty members, including the normal traffic and parking hassles of the campus, the difficulty of courses, a winless football team, and, of course, the tragedy of September 11th. Many saw the dawn of 2002 as a chance to right the wrongs of the previous year.

Students on campus celebrated the coming of the New Year in many different ways. "It's a party that only happens once a year," said senior marketing major Seth Morgan. "You've got to get out there and take advantage!" Some students, like Morgan, went to local clubs or bars and partied until the wee hours of the morning. Others gathered with a few friends in their homes or apartments to watch the ball drop in Times Square. Still others spent the evening with family members, quietly contemplating a year of unprecedented events in our nation.

One of the staples of New Year's Day is the making of New Year's resolutions. When asked what New Year's resolutions she had made, sophomore architecture major Dianne Rothman replied, "My grades weren't exactly what I thought they should be last semester, so this year I'm resolving to study harder and do better in my classes." Similar sentiment was reflected around the campus by many students.

Other popular resolutions on campus included promises of weight loss, living healthier, being

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Ring in the New Year with style and pizzazz

more committed to family and friends, and striving for success. Despite the inherent difficulties of sticking to those resolutions for the rest of the year, most students seemed optimistic that 2002 would bring better times.

The evening of December 31, 2001 was a time of reflection, introspection, and anticipation for the coming year. No matter how students spent their New Year's Eve night, everyone seemed to awaken the next morning (or, in some cases, the next afternoon) with a renewed sense of focus and hope for the New Year. *Story by Matthew E. Caster*

Brrr!

Sophomore psychology major Afshana Haque shops with her cousin in a coat shop in New York City. Both girls had perfectly fine coats of their own, but it was cold outside and they needed a place to thaw out.

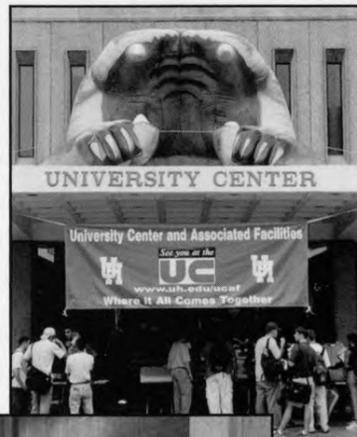
Photo courtesy of Afshana Haque



Light my fire.

Freshman architecture major Richard Whitrock (far right) and junior petroleum engineer Matthew Caster (kneeling) pose on New Year's Eve with two friends and celebratory cigars. Many students chose to spend the evening with friends. The cigars, by the way, are not lit.

Photo by Kena Alvarado



We Will Never Forget!

A somber crowd respectfully listens at the UC Patriotic gathering. The event was held shortly after the Sept. 11th tragedy to remember lost family and friends and to pay tribute to America. Photo by Lorrie Novosad



Its called Escargot!

Students get the chance to try the worlds exotic foods at the UC's international food festival. No one was sent to the hospital for food poisoning and all went well. Photo by Jennifer Gibbs



You Make Bath Time Fun!

Determined students dive for the prize. The UC was packed as students huddled around trying to see what all the commotion was about. Even 104 KRBE was there to promote the new coffee drink 'Java'. Photo by Kevin Harwerth

Smokey The Bear!

Biology major Shan Mangham passed out flyers during the 'Great American Smoke-out'. Originally aimed at kids, the program's coverage was extended to people of all ages. Photo by Lorrie Novosad



Its the Inflat-a-ugly!

A giant inflatable monster roosts on top of the UC advertising the 'Return of Island Duck'. This "Survivor" event gave students the chance to win fabulous prizes. Photo by Kevin Harwerth



I think I'll stop for a drink!

The Cougar band marches proudly through the UC to raise school spirit. The woodwind section has to be in excellent shape to march all around campus and toot their horns. Photo by Lorrie Novosad

The devastation of Tropical Storm Allison haunted the UH community and its buildings for the entire school year. The UC Satellite was the most affected throughout school, and being the official vendor of the northwest side, it was greatly missed. Because of this, any hungry student was forced to meander all the way down to the University Center, making it the single most popular hangout here on campus.

Sophomore Levi Adkison, IST major, thought that "The UC is a cool place to relax and relieve school stress." Many students went to the UC to dine

alone or meet their friends for a quick meal between classes. Adkison said when he ate by himself he thought about life and got a chance to attend the array of events that the UC had regularly. One of these activities was a fraternity rush mart that he thought was a "good idea."

Members of the UH community were encouraged to attend any special gathering or event taking place inside the University Center. Guest speakers also came to talk about issues that they thought should be addressed. The Guatemalan human rights activist, Jennifer Harbury, spoke in the UC to question CIA actions.

Informative booths were also setup, such as the American Smokeout, where the Health Care services provided information to

99 Red Balloons Go By!

The UC was a colorful place to visit while the "Return of Island Duck" challenge dominated the decor. The music was blaring, the food was cooking, and the students were having a blast. Photo by Kevin Harwerth

warn students against the dangers of smoking.

There were even art fairs where students could make their own arts and crafts. Senior Vanessa Lee, a multimedia production major, said she went to a craft fair, and she thought it "was cheesy, but they had free stuff."

But the UC wasn't all about fun, learning and promotions. There were serious ceremonies, gatherings, and meetings held in the lobby and many rooms of the building. One such event was the remembrance memorial of those lost in the September 11 tragedy. The vigil was held there because it is heart of student collaboration and campus information.

Story by Jacqueline Gil

UC, the Place to Be

I Like to Ride My Bicycle!

Officer Diego Tristan patrols Robertson Stadium on bicycle. Bicycles provide officers with a quick and sensible way to maneuver campuses, downtown streets, and crowds with out the restrictions of other kinds of transportation.

Photo by Brandy Stoesz



There has always been a major concern over the safety of college campuses, and our campus was no exception. Because of this concern, the University took steps to ensure that the campus was as safe as possible, with plenty of lights around the grounds and a police department on call whenever needed. Jamila Musa, a sophomore fine arts major, said she never needed assistance, but she was reassured by the option to get an escort at night.

Student workers helped carry out the operations and support service areas of the campus police department. Cougar personnel served as additional eyes and ears for the department and reported suspicious people or activities to police staff members. They also performed a variety of community services such as jump-starts, jimmying locks, escorts, and handicap assistance. You could recognize the Cougar Patrol personnel by their red shirts, hats, and photo identification cards.

But not everybody felt safe. Media production student Ronnie Rodriguez said that last fall he was a car theft victim. "They took my CD player. I don't know what time this happened because I was here all day long," Rodriguez said.

Several random crimes sprees took place last year. There was a rash of break-ins in all the parking lots. Only a few radios and CD's were taken and no suspects were apprehended. Also, there was the devastating loss of the treasured Hakeem Olajuwon jersey. There were no suspects, as the jersey was poorly guarded, and was never recovered.

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How safe was our campus in the year 2001-2002?

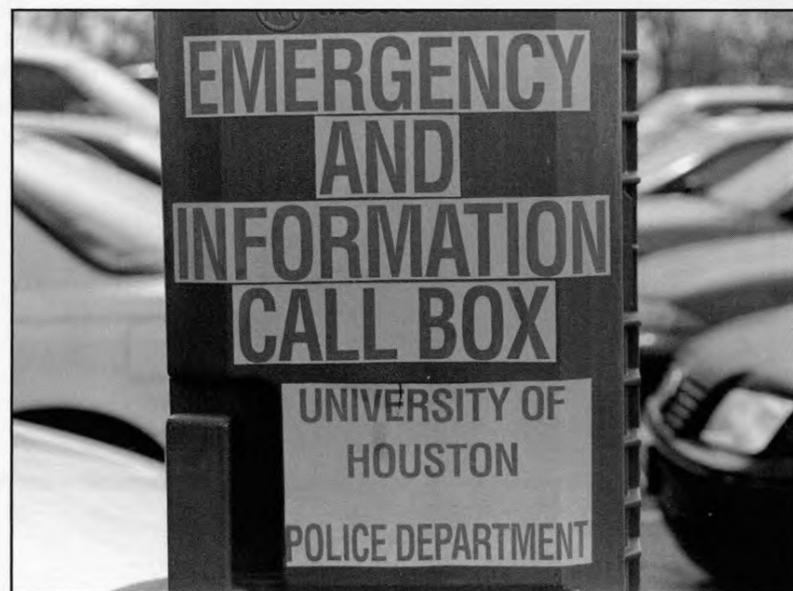
Most surprising, though, were the armed robberies that occurred near Moody Towers. One student, was taken to an ATM and made to withdraw hundreds of dollars in exchange for keeping her car. No one was hurt in these robberies and once security was beefed up the assaults ended. Aside from these sparse attacks most crime was petty theft, such as stealing all the fire extinguishers from the dorms.

Federal law requires that all U.S. universities make their campus crime data available to the public, and each year the campus collects and publishes the information on the website at <http://www.uh.edu/admin/police/offense.htm>. *Story by Jackie Gil*

Do Those Things Really Work?

A brave emergency call box stands amidst a sea of busy students, waiting patiently to be needed. These boxes were stationed in every major parking lot to provide anyone in trouble with quick easy access to the police. And yes, they do work.

Photo by Brandy Stoesz



Oh No Was I Speeding?

An officer patrols on foot and leaves his faithful side kick behind to guard the parking lot. Sometimes just the presence of a police vehicle can turn away crime. When criminals see those signature lights they think twice about their actions. After all, the law could be nearby!

Photo by Brandy Stoesz

After Sept. 11

The 2001-2002 school year was filled with unprecedented events in the world which kept students and faculty alike riveted to news media, wondering what could happen next. It was a time of massive changes in the political, social, and economic state of the entire planet.

Members of the UH community were stunned and saddened on September 11, 2001, at the news that the United States had been attacked by Islamic extremists who hijacked jetliners and crashed them into both of the World Trade Center towers in New York, and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. The Pentagon was heavily damaged by the attack, and both of the 110-story towers of the World Trade Center collapsed.

The death of more than 3,000 Americans on that dark day in September rallied all Americans behind President George W. Bush as he vowed to rid the world of terrorism once and for all. Less than a month after the attacks, the U.S. Armed Forces were engaged in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

The attacks brought about a new sense of awareness in the United States. In an address to a joint session of Congress on September 20th, President Bush announced the creation of a new cabinet-level position called the Office of Homeland Security. This new position was responsible for coordinating the efforts of the FBI, CIA, and other law enforcement agencies to ensure the September 11th attacks would not be repeated.

Afghanistan was not the only nation targetted in the war on terrorism. Other nations, including Iraq, Iran, Syria, North Korea, and The Philippines were given an ultimatum: eliminate terrorism within your borders, or the United States will do it for you.

At the end of the spring semester, the rubble was still being cleared from the southern tip of Manhattan, although plans for future skyscrapers and a memorial at the site were already being made.

This was a difficult year, but the challenges presented to the UH community and the nation as a whole only resulted in a people more united than ever before.

Story by Matthew E. Caster.



Change to Boot!

The local fire department collects funds for the firefighters lost in the Sept. 11th tragedy. Hundreds of brave firemen lost their lives in the effort.

Photo by Walter Coreas



Take a moment...

The Houston Cougar Marching Band pauses for a prayer. Many students were deeply moved by the Sept. 11th attacks.

Photo by Pin Lim



Light and Salvation

Students gather with a professor outside the Wortham Theater for a short candlelight vigil and a reading of the 27th Psalm.

Photo by Pin Lim

We Salute the lost!

Flags fly at half mast on Sept. 13 during the national day of remembrance. Bushels of roses lined flag pole bases all week long.

Photo by Rich Risma



What is this thing for?

Senior Computer Science major Fhad Khan sells authentic Islamic treasures on Islamic Awareness day. The MSA sold goodies, antiques, and even did tattooing to educate students about the Islamic way of life, because sometimes, activism is education. Photo by Kena Alvarado



The University campus consisted of thousands of different types of students. One of our most celebrated traits was our diversity. Every student that attended classes last year had a different background, political stance, and beliefs. Often when such diversity mingles clashes of opinions can become a problem. Most students, however, chose to take some nonviolent actions to inform other students of the controversy. College campuses have been historically renowned for protesting and are often the starting point for revolutionary ideas. Cougars were no exception. Many controversial things hit the fan last year and everyone had an opinion.

An enormous amount of activism was spurred by the Sept. 11 tragedy, and some violence did erupt. Just after the incident a rash of violent acts against members of the Muslim community were being verbally abused and attacked. Many Muslim students had to be escorted to class. The Muslim Student Association jumped right to work advocating that they too were harmed by the attacks and in no way supported what happened. Also activists jumped into action about the debate of how America should act. Cars were decorated and graffiti expressed colorful opinions. Of course there were also the inevitable political debates and the close mayoral election had every one talking. Even the Yankee's defeat at the Pennate divided the student population.

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Students unite to educate their peers on community issues

WITOLORY

The UC was the most popular place to change people's minds and hold protests. A hungry student could barely wander down there without being handed some flyer advocating some subject. Sophomore, Education major Kit Drexler said "Every time I walked to the UC I was handed a flyer about some meeting or association." She said it always made her feel like she should participate in something. Whatever the controversy students had an opinion and being college, they expressed it with a vengeance. *Story by Brandy Stoesz*

All you need is love!

Paul Schwartz sits outside the UC, spreading his message of peace and love in the aftermath of September 11th. Some students with a cause simply staged their own demonstrations, rather than waiting for a group to work with them. Photo by Rich Risma



Can you believe it?

Three passersby inspect the anti-abortion display set up outside the library. This protest, staged by a group known as Survivors, was one of the most controversial events held at UH, sparking countless debates among students of all political ideologies. Photo by Lorrie Novosad



Woo-hoo!

Mike Shaw and Yara Swank are proud of their performance as they end their dance with a flair. Participants of the shows rehearsed for a long time before going up on stage. Photo by Lauren Wilson



Don't hit your finger!

A worker hammers away during the construction of Frontier Fiesta. The construction took weeks to complete, but the finished product was well worth the effort. Photo by Pin Lim



Careful with that saw!

Students work together in the construction phase of Frontier Fiesta. While some students grew tired of the hard work, others enjoyed the process and took great pride in their efforts. Photo by Pin Lim



Whew!

Two performers end their routine on an energetic note. The performances required precision and lots of practice, but the students still managed to maintain their energy. Photo by Lauren Wilson



No, I really have no money!

Sig Ep Bill Kelly performs in "Clue", as the DA. Students enjoyed the opportunity to dress up in clothes they would NEVER wear out in public otherwise. Photo by Lauren Wilson

Talk to me

Becky Pangman listens intently to what Tony Harris and Blake Austin have to say. The skits were one of the most entertaining part of the Frontier Fiesta experience. Photo by Lauren Wilson



tures Broadway-style variety shows, free concerts, and a cook-off that features some of the world's best Chicken, Brisket, and Sausage.

The fraternities and sororities compete against each other in the design and construction of "Fiesta City," which usually goes up two weeks before the show opens. In 2002, the best front award went to Sigma Phi Epsilon and Delta Zeta. The most spirited award went to Alpha Chi Omega and Sigma Chi. The best overall variety show award was given to Phi Kappa Theta and Zeta Tau Alpha, who did their show based on James Bond and Austin Powers. Sig-Ep and Delta Zeta finished second with their show based on the board game "Clue."

One of the most pleasant surprises about the 2002 Frontier

Fiesta was the fact that, for the first time in recent memory, nice weather accompanied the event. "It rains every year at Frontier Fiesta, but this year it was actually dry," said Lauren Wilson, a junior marketing major and member of the Delta Zeta sorority.

The theme of the 2002 show was "Beyond All Borders," and this was reflected in the many concerns which featured Tejano, Country, and R & B performers. "My favorite concert was Roger Creager's performance. The crowd and the music made it really easy to get into the Frontier Fiesta spirit," said Wilson.

Story by Matthew E. Caster

The Greatest Show

Begun in 1941 as a means of attracting high school students to the University, and once billed by Life Magazine as "the greatest college show on Earth," Frontier Fiesta was one of the most exciting aspects of life at UH. The 2002 Frontier Fiesta, held on the grounds of Robertson Stadium, was no exception as thousands of UH students, alumni, and faculty, as well as members of the Houston community packed into "Fiesta City" March 21-23.

The show is primarily put on by the UH Greek community, which begins preparing for the event in December. The show fea-

But really, sequins?

Lindsey Carroll and Jade Daniels check out a dress in their rendition of "Clue". The shows required a great deal of preparation, but were always a big success with the audience. Photo by Lauren Wilson

Oh, no! More Disco!

Members of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity shake their booties right before the UH Homecoming game. Almost all of the fraternities on campus participated in the festivities, which included a dance competition.

Photo by Lauren Wilson



“Fraternity” comes from the Latin word which means brotherhood, which is exactly what some members of the UH community became a part of when they decided in the first few weeks of each semester that they would try to join one of UH’s many Greek organizations. With more than a dozen nationally recognized fraternities on campus, the Greek community was a lot more active than some may think.

Critics of fraternal organizations have argued that they serve no useful purpose and merely give college men an excuse to get together and drink to excess. However, these people failed to realize the ways in which the campuses many fraternities gave back to the campus during the 2001-2002 school year.

Some of the larger groups on campus, such as Phi Kappa Theta and Sigma Phi Epsilon, participated in many community service activities including picking up trash around campus, donating time and fundraising for various charity organizations, and conducting blood drives for the victims of the September 11th tragedy. But some of the greatest contributions from the Greek community on campus occurred during the special UH events which were held throughout the year.

During UH’s annual Homecoming Week, fraternities participated in many events intended to fuel school spirit and show off for alumni and potential students what the UH community has to offer. Nearly every fraternal organization on campus marched in the Homecoming Parade as it wound its way through campus. The fraternities also competed against each other in several events, including decorating the University Center and showing off their school pride at the Homecoming Pep Rally.

BROTHERS

UH's many fraternities do more than just party

There's the checkered flag!

A brave member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity races around the track during the Phi Kap 500. The event was great fun for participants, and raised a great deal of money for the Children's Miracle Network.

Photo by Lauren Wilson



FIESTA

The other major event for the UH Greeks was none other than the greatest college show on Earth: Frontier Fiesta. Nearly ten fraternities participated directly in the event, helping to build “Fiesta City,” choreographing a multitude of variety shows for the public’s entertainment, and showing off their culinary skills in the event’s cook-off. “It’s a lot of hard work setting Fiesta City up in only a matter of days, but when you’ve got the help of your brothers, it makes it a lot easier and a lot more fun,” said William Sykes, a member of Pi Kappa Phi.

Greek life is a unique experience where college men get the chance to know real friendship and be a part of a close-knit family with similar ideals, values, and goals.

Story by Matthew E. Caster



You goin' down, fool!

Boxers from different fraternities prepare to square off in the ring during Sigma Chi Fight Night. The event, held during the fall semester, raised several thousand dollars for various charitable causes in the Houston community.

Photo by Lauren Wilson

We are family

For some young ladies on campus who wanted companionship and a unique college experience, the solution was to join one of the campus' many sororities. The unique and rewarding experience of being a part of these organizations was more than just a feeling of belonging to a group of great friends; it was about that group going out and accomplishing great things for the good of the community as a whole.

The University of Houston had a very active Greek community during the 2001-2002 school year, led by numerous sororities on campus who worked very hard to lend a hand wherever it was needed on or off campus. Some sororities helped with fundraising and blood drives for the city of New York after the World Trade Center tragedy.

Many of the sororities on campus, including Phi Mu, Delta Zeta, and Chi Omega provided valuable community service to the areas surrounding the University. Some volunteered their time to tutor students at local elementary and middle schools, while others helped out at local homeless shelters, nursing homes, and hospitals.

UH's many sororities also helped coordinate various activities associated with Homecoming, the Frontier Fiesta, and other campus events. Sorority sisters did not just limit themselves to their group, but also joined other campus organizations, spreading their sense of community and friendship to other groups throughout the University. "It's a great chance to get out there and help people. It makes you feel really good afterwards," said Lisa Roberts, a member of Chi Omega.

The UH Greek community as a whole benefited from the activism, the inspiration, and the generosity of the many sororities on campus. The bonds forged between sorority sisters were as strong as any family's, and lasted a lifetime.

Story by Matthew E. Caster



A kickin' good time

The girls from Zeta Tau Alpha perform at Frontier Fiesta. The Fiesta was one of the year's most important events for many sororities.

Photo by Lauren Wilson

Can you believe it?

Heidi Selseth, Ashleigh Lenamond, Erin Nance, and Josalind Anderson laugh over memories inspired by a picture at the Delta Zeta Pi display.

Photo by Lauren Wilson

Showing off

Members of Sigma Gamma Rho hang out by their rush display. Rush events allowed other students to learn about each sorority.

Photo by Lauren Wilson



Line it up

A hopeful golfer takes her shot at the Delta Gamma Putt-Putt event. This was one of DG's philanthropy events.

Photo by Lauren Wilson



Cultural exchange

Senior computer science major Fahd Khan explains a display to passersby on Islamic Awareness Day. This was an opportunity for Muslims to share their beliefs and traditions with the rest of the students on campus.

Photo by Kena Alvarado



As students left home to gain an education, broaden their horizons, and prepare for their future, they took with them many things from home. Among those things are clothes, money, and maybe a piece of furniture or two (if they were lucky). They also brought with them their heritage, their traditions, and their faith.

There was an astounding variety of beliefs held by the students at the University. Aside from the many major religions represented, students had different ways of practicing those religions. Some students dressed according to guidelines given by their beliefs; others wore jewelry to express their faith, and still others wore no sign at all. Some practiced their religion privately, while others attended regular services.

For students who lived on campus, there were many opportunities to meet up with people of shared beliefs. There were on-campus Bible studies, Muslim services in the A.D. Bruce Religion Center, and many special events orchestrated to observe various holy days and celebrations. Many students formed smaller, individual groups in order to worship together. These groups often met in dorms or in one of the popular meeting places on campus, such as the Cullen Fountain.

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*Students express their beliefs
in various ways*

In observance

A student receives ashes on her forehead on Ash Wednesday in the A.D. Bruce Religion Center. Ash Wednesday signified the beginning of Lent, and was taken from the Scripture, "Dust you are, and dust you shall return."

Photo by Lorrie Novosad



RELIGION

With such a large number of students, it was sure that newcomers could find others who chose to worship as they did. And no matter what faith they espoused, the diverse nature of the student body allowed them the confidence to practice that faith openly and in whatever way they chose.

Story by Ashley Grubbs



A solemn occasion

A group of students gather in remembrance of the September 11th tragedy. In times of crisis, students often found their faith to be the only refuge from the uncertainty and sadness they faced around them.

Photo by Pin Lim

Spring Break 2002

The floodgates holding back the surge of college students eager to blow off steam from mid-terms and the pressure of college classes came one week early for UH students last year. March 4 through 8 offered these stressed students a rare choice: ski or sunbathe? Parts of the U.S. were still sufficiently frozen for winter-sports getaways, while much of the southern U.S. and popular spring break destinations like Cancun were hot and sunny enough to get a tan. Houston, however, had a late-surging cold front that ruined many college student's spring break plans. "I had planned to spend my entire break in Galveston hanging out on the beach, but it was too freakin' cold at mid-20's. Some friends and I went to South Padre instead, though, so it wasn't too bad a loss," said freshman University Studies major Chris Halket. No matter what students did over their break, they sure didn't complain about having one. In fact, with the increased number of absences the following Monday, many students may have tried to do both choices and even lengthen their break. Still other students opted for a third choice. Quoting the infamous line from the movie "Office Space," sophomore Political Science major Garrett Tuttle said "I did absolutely nothing, and it was everything I thought it could be. Well, I did get drunk." Cheers!

Story by Richard Whitrock



Stayin' Home

Jade Daniels, Yara Swank, Fara Ebrahimi and Lisa Cast pause during a fundraiser over the Break.

Photo by Lauren Wilson

Fun and Sun!

Danielle Dommel and Jennifer Holmes take a dip during their Spring Break trip to Cancun, Mexico.

Photo by Lauren Wilson

Who! What a rush!

Chrissy Richardson comes down from parasailing in Cancun, Mexico. Many students went to other countries for the break.

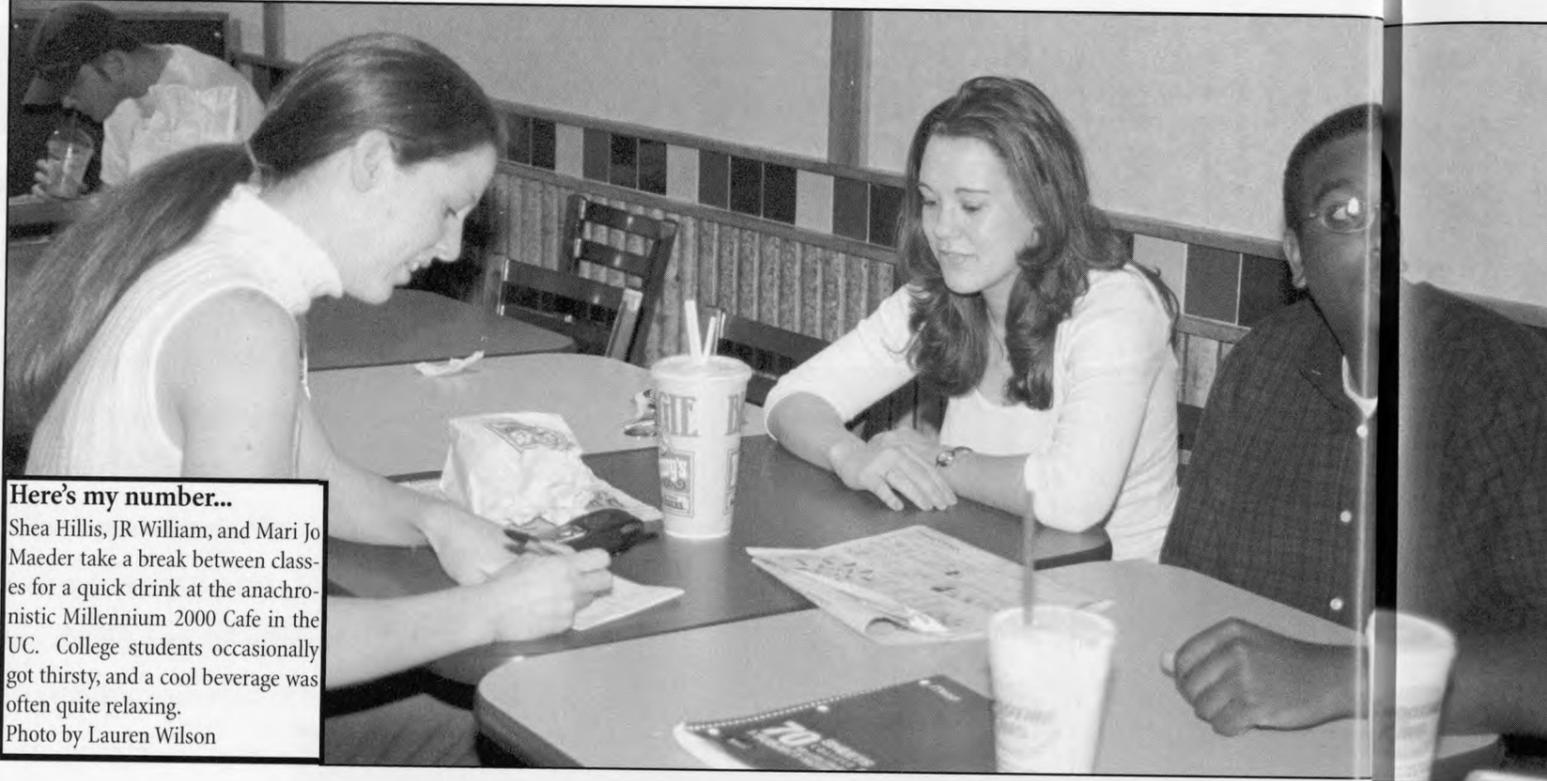
Photo by Pin Lim



Traveling abroad

Junior communications major Melissa Kristzal and senior English major Logan Pierce pose in front of the Eiffel Tower in Paris. Courtesy of Logan Pierce





Here's my number...
 Shea Hillis, JR William, and Mari Jo Maeder take a break between classes for a quick drink at the anachronistic Millennium 2000 Cafe in the UC. College students occasionally got thirsty, and a cool beverage was often quite relaxing.
 Photo by Lauren Wilson

In one of the darkest revelations ever to come forth, UH students arrived on campus for the first day of the fall semester to find that the University Center Satellite, one of the most popular places on campus to eat, watch TV, study, or just relax, existed no more. Well, at least not for the next year or so.

Students wondered how they would survive without a Taco Bell on campus, or how long the waits for the pool tables at the UC would be without the tables at the Satellite. Fortunately, UH students managed to survive this minor inconvenience, as there were multiple places on campus where the void left by the Satellite's absence could be filled.

The University Center remained the most popular place on campus to chill out, especially after a refurbished UC Games Room, complete with pool tables, arcade games, and an 8-lane bowling alley reopened during the fall semester. There was also the World Affairs Lounge in the UC underground, which provided a cozy place to study or catch a quick nap between classes.

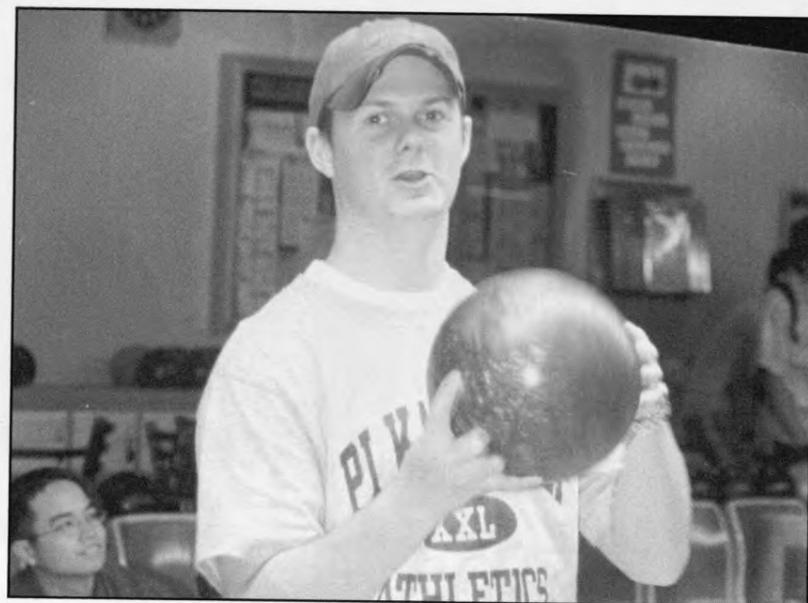
In an effort to ensure the food service capacity of the University was not diminished, Chartwells, the campus' food service provider, opened up a small snack bar in the Technology Breezeway, about 500 feet away from where the Satellite once operated. Restaurants in Moody Towers like Kim Son also proved to be popular places for students to unwind and grab a quick bite to eat.

CAMPUS

Even without the UC Satellite, there's still stuff to do

All ten at once... just watch

Brett Westbook lines up his shot at Cougar Lanes in the University Center Games Room. Students often spent a great deal of time in the bowling alley, alleviating stress from classes, traffic, and overzealous college professors assigning way too much homework.
 Photo by Lauren Wilson



STUDY

Students looking to relax in a quieter, more formal atmosphere often wound up in Eric's Restaurant, located on the first floor of the Conrad Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management. The crisp, refreshing environment offered an escape from the other, cafeteria-style hangouts on campus, and gave students a great chance to unwind.

Most students, however, couldn't wait for the UC Satellite to open again, with its new, wider variety of eateries and places to meet friends for a Starbucks Mocha.

Story by Matthew E. Caster



Just lightly poke it...

Cong Nguyen prepares to sink the eight ball in the corner pocket while others behind him relax in the arcade. Many students used the UC Games Room as a place to meet friends and have a good time when not studying or doing homework.
 Photo by Lauren Wilson



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A typical Friday scene, the parking lot is open for the taking. It would probably remain so for the rest of the day, as the majority of students took Fridays off -- whether or not they had class.
Photo by Kena Alvarado

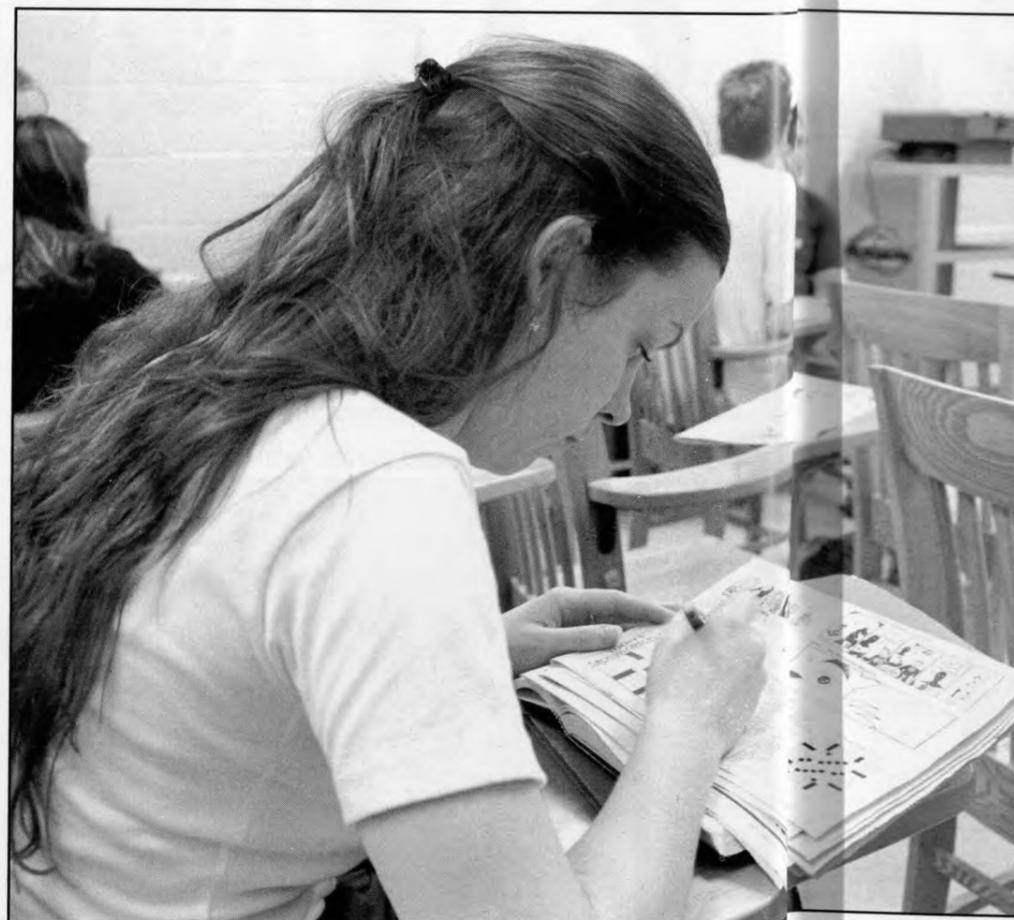


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A mob of students waits in the "line" at Wendy's for their food, while a few students make a desperate attempt to get through the crowd to some other destination.
Photo by Kena Alvarado



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Students cross at a crosswalk in a steady stream on Cullen. The lighted crosswalks were the safest for pedestrians, as cars occasionally breezed right through stop signs.
Photo by Lauren Wilson

3
A parking lot is, as usual, packed to capacity. The parking problem gave rise to "vultures", or people who parked in the rows between cars waiting for a space to become available.
Photo by Lauren Wilson



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Possibly the most famous statue on campus, "Sandy in Defined Space" sits in her spot outside the Science and Research building. Many students, however, did not know the statue's name.
Photo by Lauren Wilson



5
Sophomore accounting major Stacie Graham, graduate Spanish student Jennifer LeBlanc, junior theatre major Lannie Felan, and junior media production major Elizabeth Collins check out the news in the Daily Cougar.
Photo by Kena Alvarado



6
Senior theatre major Christi Waldon works on the Daily Cougar crossword puzzle. While most students put the papers away when the professors entered, some continued even during the lecture.
Photo by Kena Alvarado

If a student suggested to a friend that they meet "at the naked girl statue", both people were sure to make it there. Everybody knew that if you were in a hurry for lunch, you'd better not go to the UC at noon². Everybody knew that they needed to allow at least a half hour to find a parking space³...except on Fridays, when the lots were sure to be nearly empty⁴. Everybody knew that the Daily Cougar newspaper was a great place to find out the happenings on campus⁵...and the crossword puzzle was a great way to pass time during class⁶. If a driver stopped at a stop sign in front of a crosswalk, everybody

knew that it could be several minutes before he would be able to proceed⁷. And everybody, from the youngest member of the on-campus day care to the oldest professor, knew to keep their Cheetos away from the squirrels.

Story by Ashley Grubbs

Everybody Knows...

In a world where things were constantly changing, and people began to feel as though there was nothing they could count on, there were always a few things at UH which were absolutely certain. Not only were these things as dependable as a clock (not a campus clock, though), they were truisms with which nearly everybody on campus was familiar. Read on for a list of these tidbits of information, then follow the number to the corresponding picture.

Keeping balanced

Sophomore biology major Madeline Uy keeps herself balanced during one of the class exercises. Students enjoyed the yoga, which gave them exercises that were often very different from the traditional calisthenics offered by other groups. Photo by Kena Alvarado



BALANCE &

Several groups sponsor yoga classes

A reflection of health

Instructor Pam Rossman leads her class in yoga stretching activities. The different activities offered in yoga classes allowed students to focus their minds, relax, and get a low-impact workout all at once. Photo by Kena Alvarado



When the stresses of tests, the fatigue of studying, and the boredom of life in general became too much, students just had to escape. To this end, the UH Women's Network, Instructional Fitness, and the Wellness Center teamed up to offer free yoga classes twice a week. These classes were offered at no charge in the Garrison Gym to UH faculty, students, and alumni. There was no registration required for the hour-long sessions, and people could come and go as they pleased throughout the year.

Students came to these classes for various reasons. They offered an opportunity to escape the stresses of every day life, relax, and focus their energy on something fun. Since they were only an hour long, it was easy to drop in between classes on Tuesday or Friday, allowing the participants to rejuvenate mid-day.

Some students wanted the chance to experience the yoga craze, but could not find the time or money to take such classes at their local gym. Since the classes were free, the students did not have to strain their finances, and because they were in the middle of the day for such a short time, it was easy to work the sessions into their busy schedules. Many students appreciated this opportunity to try a new activity without skipping a few meals (or classes) in order to make it work.

The classes also offered a unique form of low-impact exercise, helping the students maintain strength and flexibility. This was a great option for the student who wished to get in shape, or maintain his or her figure, without

YOGA

getting hot and sweaty. Even students who claimed to hate exercise could have a good time in this class.

As was the case with most extracurricular activities, the yoga sessions offered an added bonus of meeting new people. The relaxed atmosphere facilitated talking and hanging out, and since it was right around lunchtime, it was easy for students to go for a bite to eat before or after the classes.

Story by Ashley Grubbs



Reach for it!

Students in the yoga class stretch before they begin the other activities. Even though the workout in yoga classes were different from others, they still required basic stretching at the beginning to avoid injury. Photo by Kena Alvarado

Study hole

A campus resident studies his textbook for a class while enjoying the fresh air outside one of the residence halls. The students who lived on campus did not necessarily spend all of their time shut in their dorms.

Photo by John Patrick



LIVING IN

UH's non-commuters enjoy on-campus life

Mmm, Blue Bell!

A student bags her purchase in the OB quick mart -- a pint of Blue Bell ice cream. The small stores located in the residence halls allowed campus residents to grab a quick bite to eat, or stock up on food for their rooms.

Photo by John Patrick



Even though UH was known as primarily a "commuter" campus, there was definitely a significant number of students who lived in the dorms on campus. The Moody Towers and the five buildings in the Quad were packed with students who spent nearly all of their time on campus -- living, eating, studying, and sleeping on UH grounds.

Students chose to live in the dorms for various reasons. For students without a car, life was inordinately easier if they did not have to ride the Metro bus, or bum a ride from friends to get to class. The proximity to their classes was also an advantage to the dorm-dwellers, as they got to sleep in a little later before class. "I just get up, jump in the shower, and throw on some clothes. It's fifteen minutes, tops!" said freshman university studies major Suzie Body. Students who lived off-campus, especially those with a long commute, had to get up much earlier to allow time for the drive.

Some students preferred the dorms for the more complete "college experience". Living in such close proximity to other students gave them a chance to meet new friends, find study partners, and simply to feel more like a member of the UH community. These students were also the ones who were the most available for the many on-campus activities which took place throughout the year. Since they did not have to worry about beating traffic, making it home for dinner, or sticking to their ride's schedule, they were able to hang around for the concerts, visiting speakers, different parties or special events. Many students did not even know about some of the pro-

THE DORM

grams that their classmates attended until the next day.

Whatever their reason for living on campus, the students who did so enjoyed many benefits which their peers may never even have appreciated.

Story by Ashley Grubbs



Courting the electorate

A student decorates a sign on one of the announcement boards, advertising a candidate for one of the Resident Hall Association offices. The election of these officers was important to the residents, because it determined who would be representing their interests.

Photo by John Patrick



Mmm, peanuts!

A squirrel enjoys a handout from a passerby. Students enjoyed the opportunities to feed the squirrels, all the while wondering: do they ever eat, like, acorns and stuff?

Photo by Kena Alvarado



Just chillin'

This squirrel sits on a bench -- almost like a human! The squirrels often used different facilities on campus which were built for the human occupants.

Photo by Kena Alvarado



Peek-a-boo!

A squirrel looks out from its vantage point in a tree. The squirrels were not shy, and often stared down the students who watched them go about their lives.

Photo by Kena Alvarado

Hanging around

A squirrel pauses as it plays in a tree. Many students caught themselves staring out the window at the squirrels' antics rather than listening to their professors lecture.

Photo by Kena Alvarado



Hi there!

A squirrel looks up at the camera. The campus squirrels did not seem to be afraid of cameras, people, rolling backpacks, or anything else people brought with them.

Photo by Kena Alvarado



Hey, fast food!

This squirrel examines a Wendy's cup, possibly trying to figure out how to get it back to his tree. Finger foods were not the only snacks taken by the squirrels -- they often set their sights on bigger prizes.

Photo by Kena Alvarado

Though the college experience was different for every student on campus, there was one aspect of UH life with which students, faculty, and alumni alike were very familiar: the squirrels.

These cute, cuddly little denizens of the campus showed up wherever trees, bushes, or food was present. "The campus squirrels always seem so friendly. They'll eat Cheetos right from your hand," said fresh-

man university studies major Sasha Smith.

The students enjoyed the opportunities to watch the little critters play and eat. Many students spoke of times when they had more fun looking out the window at the squirrel acrobatics than listening to their class lectures. It was also a sort of rite of passage for students to feed the fuzzy little Cheetos thieves -- with or without the student's consent. The squirrels were notorious for following around any student carrying something that might resemble a meal, and taking any food that

Diggin' in

This squirrel understands the importance of protein in a balanced diet. The squirrels were often fed by people on campus, but clearly, if need be, they could fend for themselves.

Photo by Kena Alvarado

they could get their paws on. "They really like Corn Nuts," said sophomore music major Jennifer Welch. "Once a couple of squirrels raided a bag I had sitting next to me." These fearless creatures were sometimes an annoyance, but they were a fixture of the University scenery, and the campus would not have been the same without them.

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They're Everywhere!

The ubiquitous squirrels

75 Years Old!

Much to the disbelief of many UH students, the University was around even before they began attending classes. While it was easy to forget that, the school's 75th anniversary was a difficult thing to ignore during the week-long celebration held by the University administration. "Sometimes it's hard to believe there was no University campus 75 years ago," said UH president Arthur K. Smith. "Where we are standing right now was in fact a swampy tract of land populated with oaks, pines, and other native trees and shrubs."

The celebration, called "UH Through the Decades", showcased photo essays of the major events which have affected UH throughout its history. The visitors to the event enjoyed the chance to learn some of the history that they might never have discovered otherwise.

To make certain that the students took notice of this huge event, decorations were placed in the UC, around the Cullen Fountain, and in other popular meeting places. Many groups arranged programs to contribute to the celebration. Such organizations included the Good News Gospel Choir, who sang at the event, and the UH Jazz Orchestra, who performed.

Students crowded the Cullen Family Plaza in their eagerness to take part in the festivities: the music, the fun, and the free food. Lines wrapped around corners as people waited patiently to sample some of the huge amount of free Tex-Mex. "This event showed the spirit of UH," said freshman mechanical technology major Hiu Li.

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Oldie but goodie

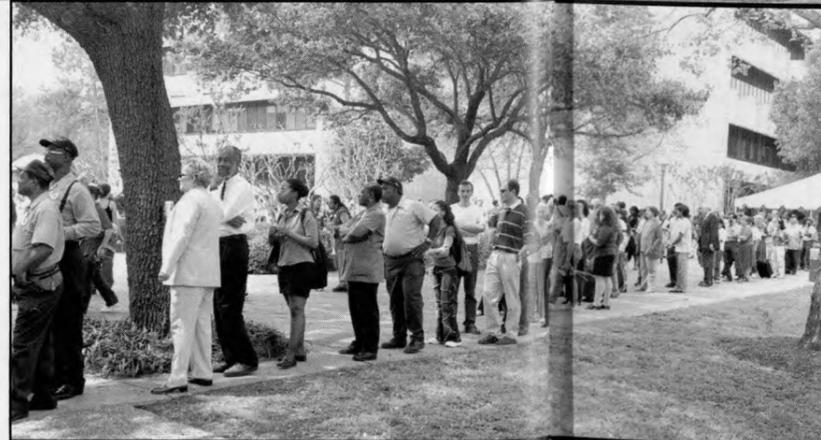
People enjoyed their lunch at tables set up in front of the anniversary sign. The sign bore the official 75-year logo, and hung on the building all week. Photo by Kena Alvarado

Imagine all the people

A huge number of people stand in line for food. The lines were even longer here than at Chik-Fil-A, but at least the food was free. Photo by Kena Alvarado

Flowers everywhere!

Students sell flowers to celebrate the 75-year anniversary. People used this opportunity to get flowers for themselves or for loved ones. Photo by Kena Alvarado



It's that old?

A visitor to the celebration examines a display board. The different displays gave people information about the history of the University. Photo by Kena Alvarado



The Next Step

Finally. After years of homework, tests, skipped classes, repeats of the classes skipped, exams that kept getting in the way of parties, three different changes of majors (only to end up back with the first choice), and a panicky, jam-packed final semester, thousands of UH students were able to shrug on their gowns, grab their caps, and move forward into the next era of their lives.

Graduation was truly one of the few universal goals on this campus of varied ideals and diverse opinions. For some students, the four years spent in classes flew by in a near blur. For others, the five, six, seven or more years here seemed to have lasted an eternity. Many students felt as though they had been here for the larger part of their lives. Some students were receiving an advanced degree, and many of the graduates had been returning students, working while going to school to enrich their lives and, often, the lives of their families.

As should be expected from a school with such a notable faculty as ours, the graduation ceremonies boasted some very important commencement speakers, such as Apollo 13 astronaut Fred Haise, who spoke at the Law Center commencement. Following a short video of Haise's experiences as an astronaut, he emphasized in his address that "failure is not an option." General Commencement speaker Jack J. Valenti urged his listeners to choose a career that "stirs your passions." The inspiring words of the various speakers, and the elation that comes from wrapping up one's college years, made the commencement ceremonies especially memorable to the graduates.

Story by Ashley Grubbs



Yay, Dad!
Hung-Chung Huang's 3-year-old daughter Juliane kisses him after he receives his doctorate from the Department of Biology and Biochemistry. Photo by Thomas Shea

We are gathered
Several of the 5,688 graduates listen to Valenti's commencement speech, which advised them not to "take a job just for the money." Photo by Thomas Shea

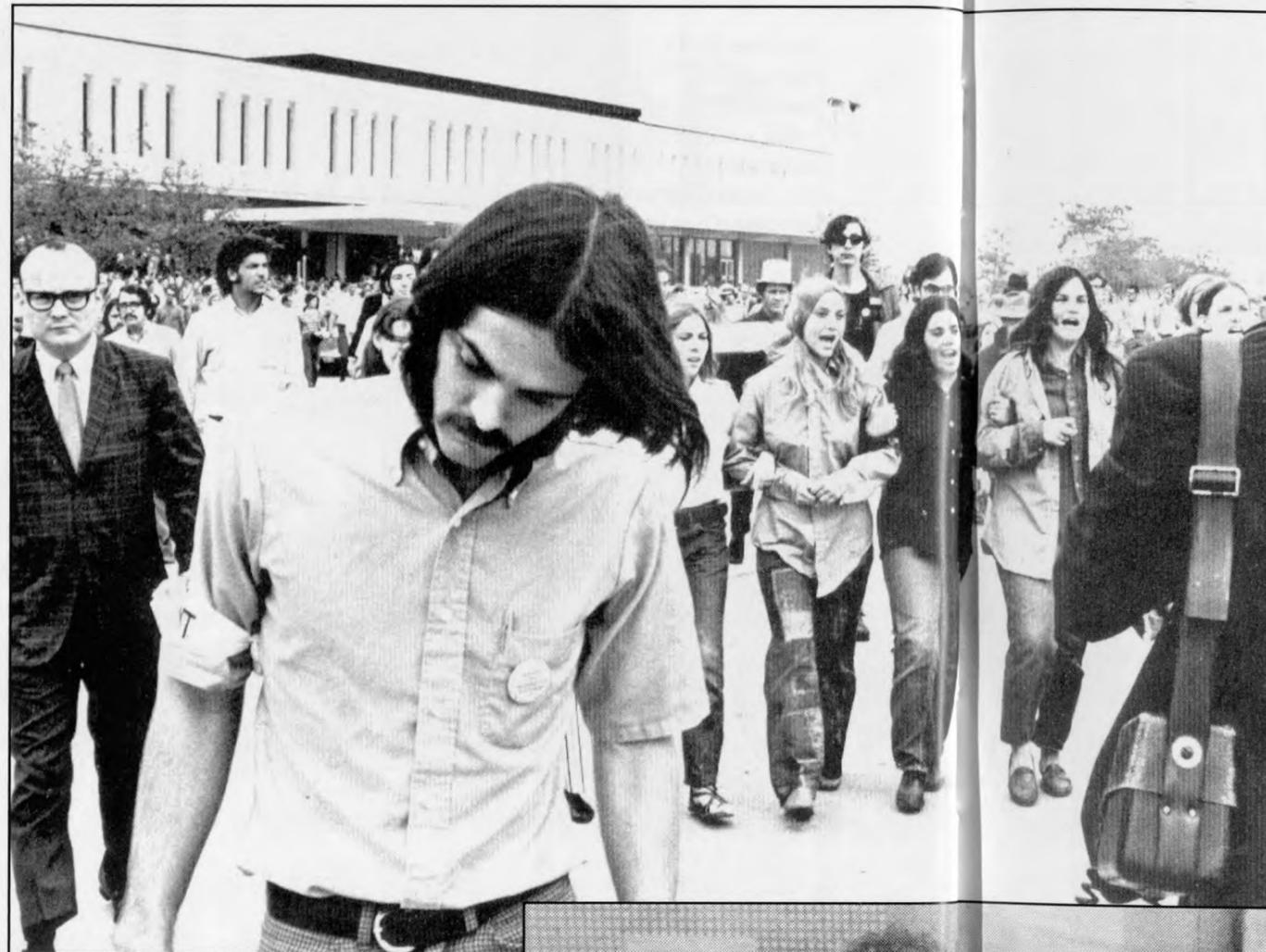
Last-minute fix-up
Jeffrey Spratlin, who received his bachelor's degree in Earth science, adjusts his graduation cap before General Commencement. Photo by Thomas Shea



Success Story

Graduates listen to a speech from Jack J. Valenti, a UH Alumnus and president and CEO of the Motion Picture Association of America. Photo by Thomas Shea





1970

A student joins in a large on-campus protest. During this tumultuous time in history, this protest could have been about anything from the environment to drug laws to the war.

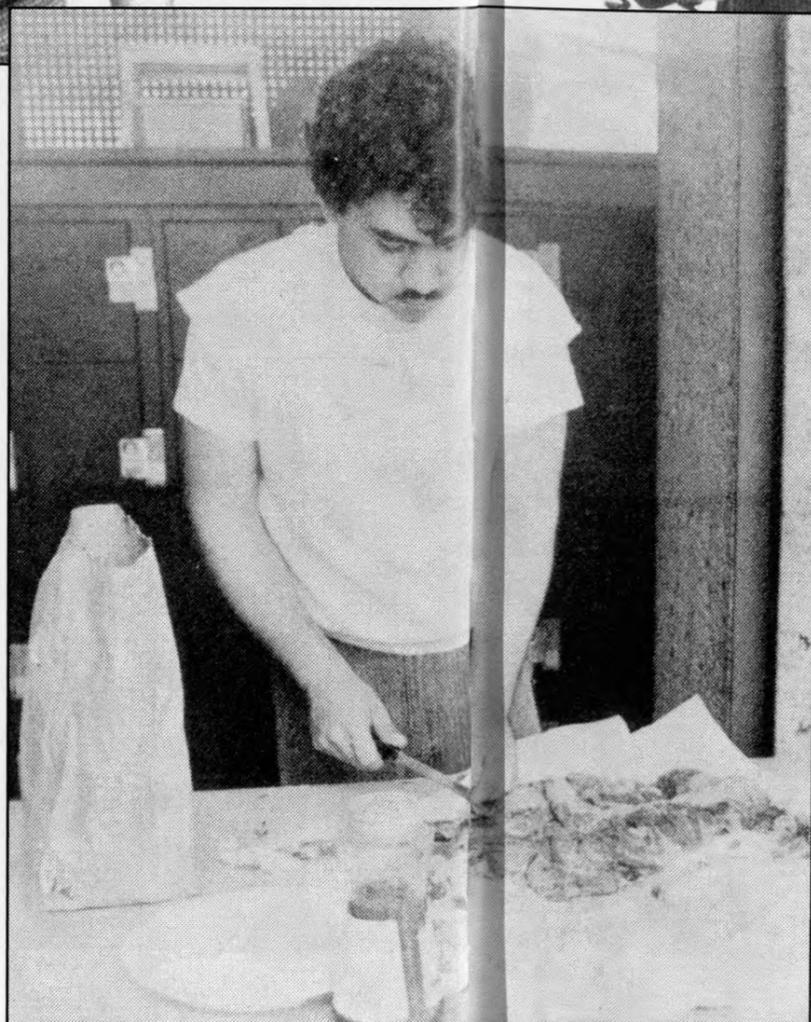


1950

Two students pause in their walking to look up at the inscription on the Ezekiel Cullen building. This building has been an integral part of Cougar lives for decades.

1985

A student prepares food for an on-campus event. Food has been a prominent fixture at every major campus event since the University's founding.



1953

Mrs. Marianna Uray pauses from her work as a campus operator. Even back in the 50's, students earned extra money by getting part time jobs on campus.

Student Life

in the past

Since the University of Houston was founded in 1927, some aspects of what students do on campus have changed, while others have not. The university grew steadily and quietly, without attracting too much attention for the first few years. The 1950's saw UH's campus community thrust into the national spotlight when Life Magazine featured our school's Frontier Fiesta as "the greatest college show on earth."

The sixties and seventies were just as turbulent at the University of Houston as they were at most other colleges throughout the nation, as drug use became commonplace and anti-war demonstrations protested our nation's involvement in Vietnam. Students not interested in that were finding new places to spend their free time on campus, as the University Center and University Center Satellite provided entertainment and enrichment options never before available on campus.

Things calmed down during the eighties and nineties, as UH tried to fight its "Cougar High" reputation. The percentage of students living on campus dropped significantly as more and more students found commuting from Houston and the surrounding suburbs more convenient, and often cheaper, than living in the dorms.

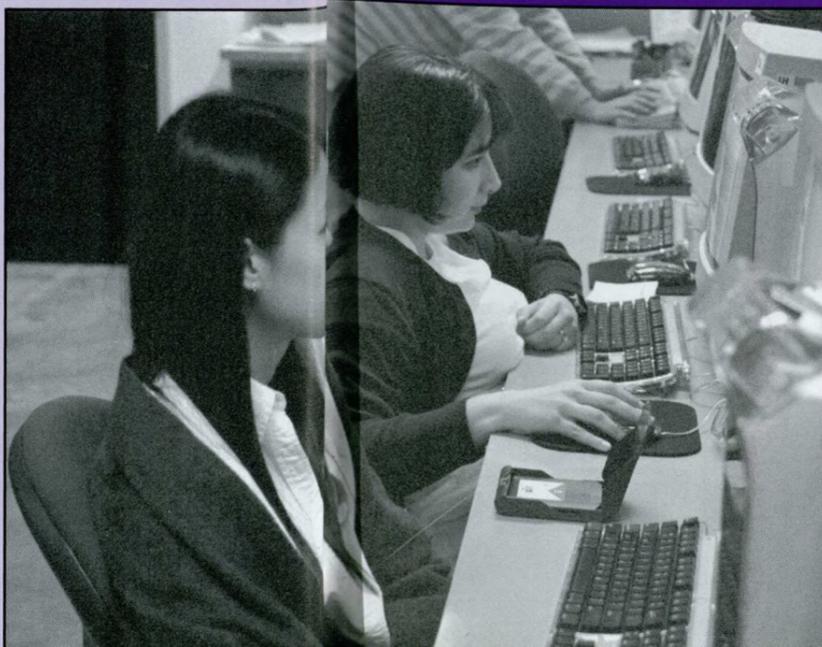
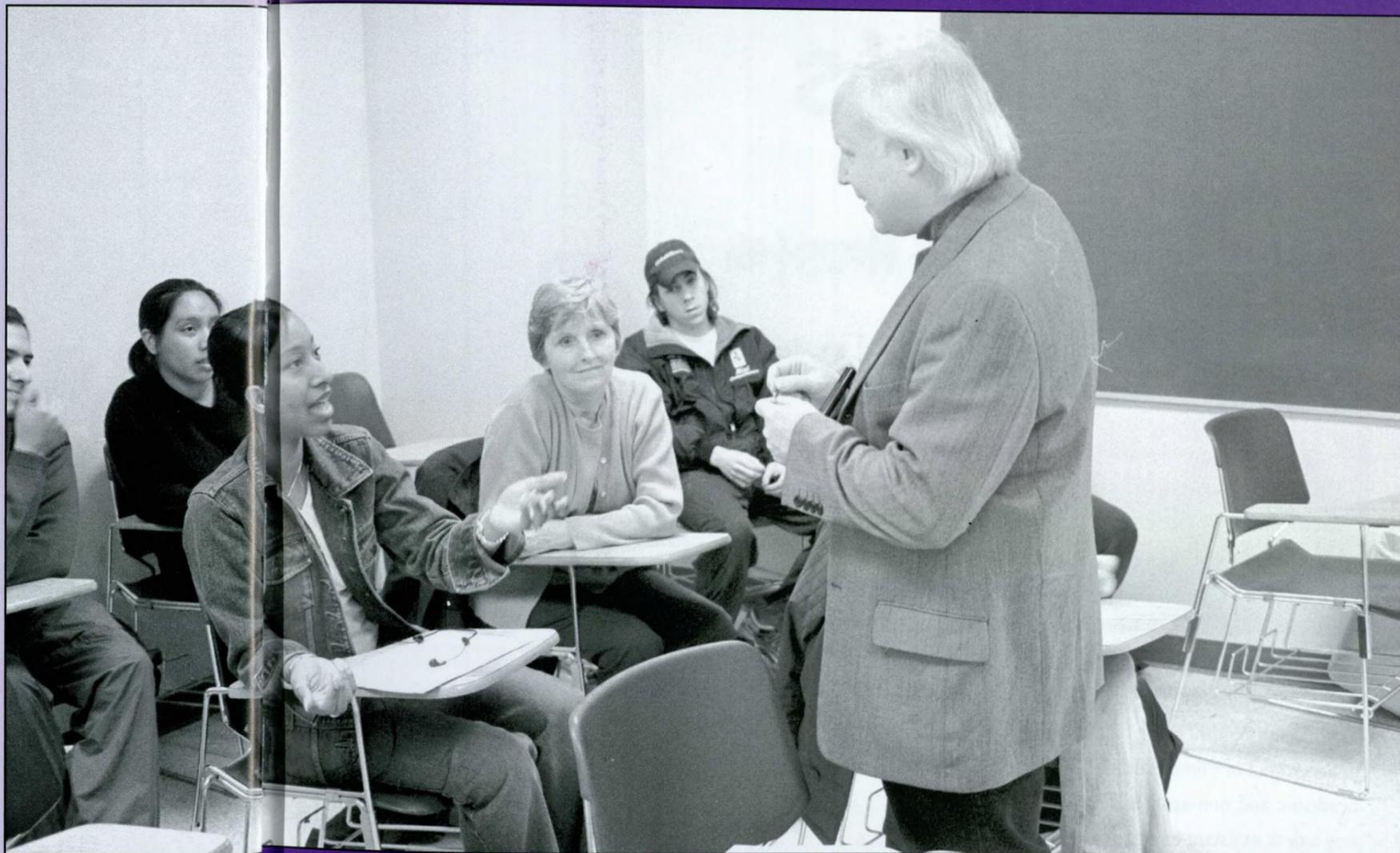
As the new millennium dawned, Cougars found campus life to be just as exciting as ever, with a newly refurbished University Center, a rebuilt UC Satellite, and a brand new, state of the art Campus Recreation Center being built. UH Students knew as well as anyone how to get the most out of college life.

Matthew E. Caster

Academics

Like any other institution of higher learning, the University of Houston's primary goal is to educate and enlighten the minds of its students. Through the tireless efforts of determined professors, UH students depart for their widely-varied career choices with a preparedness and sense of accomplishment that few universities around the nation can equal. With the highest enrollment in almost a decade, and the largest staff of professors and graduate students in the school's seventy-five year history, UH was able to offer a variety of classes that catered to the interests of virtually any student. What's more, the University's commitment to excellence inspired greatness from each of the colleges on campus, as many of the majors offered were ranked amongst the top programs in the world. The University of Houston truly set the standard for all urban research universities.

Academics



Homework every night?

Professor Kevin Rigdon prepares his set design class for the rigorous school year ahead. UH students, the best and the brightest, were always up to the challenge.
Photo by Kena Alvarado

What happens if I click this?

These Cougars are hard at work in one of the University's many computer labs. Many students often had to spend hours familiarizing themselves with new technology.
Photo by Kena Alvarado

Work-study Students

The University of Houston employs and trains students

What does every college student need but never has enough of? Give up? The answer is money! Whether you like it or not, college students need jobs. Fortunately, the University of Houston offered many choices for the employment challenged.

The first option was Federal College Work-Study. Work-study has to be awarded to you through the financial aid process. The total award is divided between the fall and spring semesters.

Secondly, the University of Houston offered many on-campus positions that did not require being offered work-study. Kirk Olson worked on the servers at the School of Communications. These positions were in all departments, both academic and non-academic, around the campus. An example of this position was a desk assistant in one of the residence halls on campus. Freshman psychology major Jeanne Sadberry is a desk assistant in Moody Towers. She said she loved her job because, "It allows me to study while I'm working."

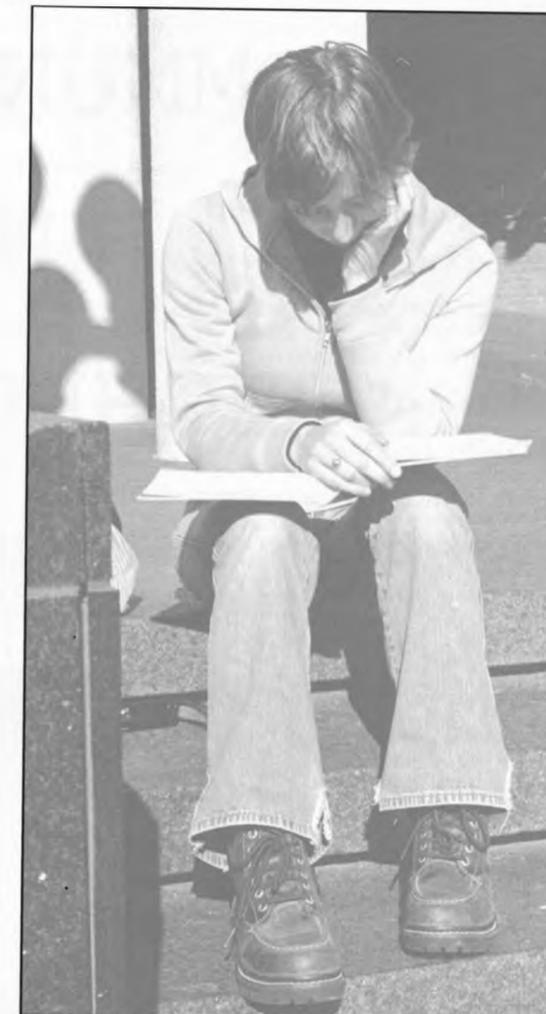
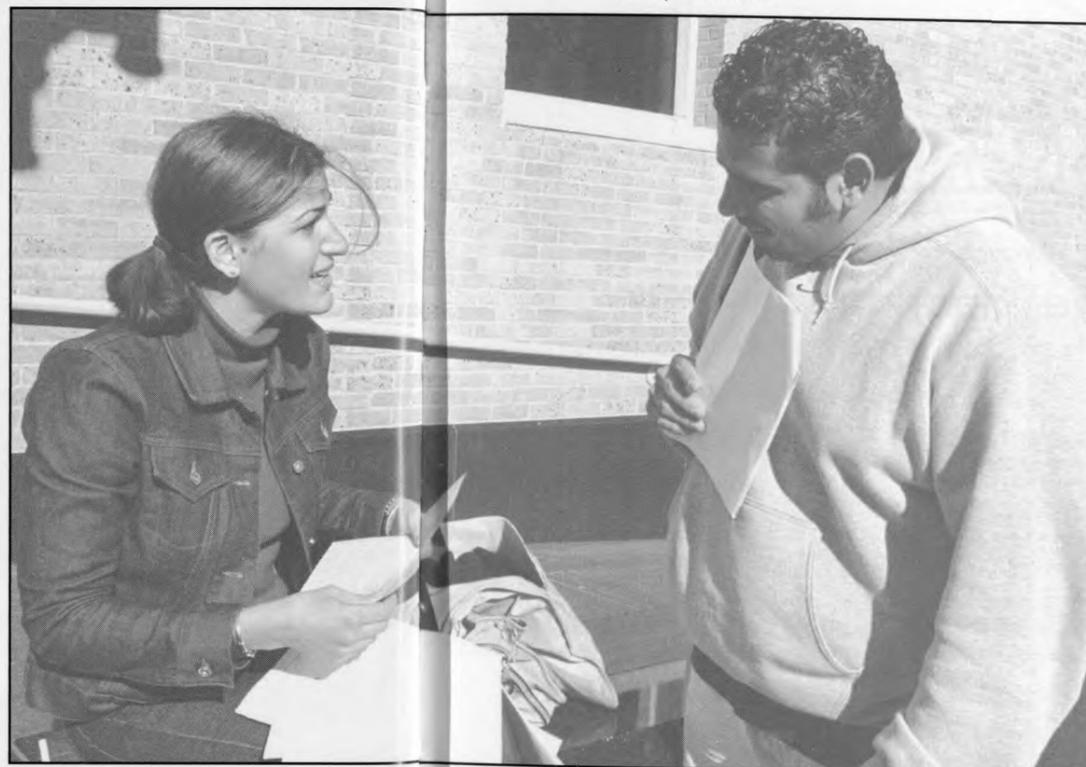
For students looking for other options, there was the possibility of a student leadership position such as chairperson of the Council of Ethnic Organizations or one of the directors of Frontier Fiesta. These jobs offered an excellent opportunity to learn leadership and management skills while earning a paycheck.

The University Career Services Center, located in room 106, Student Services Center, offered students these and other jobs. The CSC offered many services such as career counseling, vocational testing, job placement, internships, and much more. Undergraduates and graduates were always welcome to come by and utilize its resources.

-Richard Whitrock

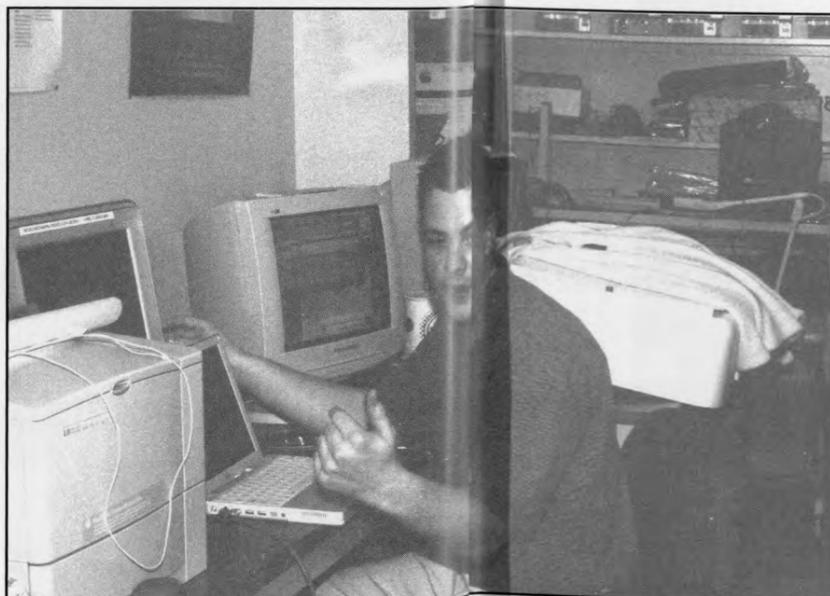
That was a hard test!

Junior MIS major Luna Taha and junior finance major Manuel Alvelar discuss their upcoming final exams. Students easily made friends during classes since they often shared common interests.
-Photo by Kusum Desai



I will make an 'A' on this exam.

Maartji Melchior, a sophomore business major, sits on the steps outside the Architecture Building studying for exams. When the days were nice enough outside, students would study for their finals while basking in the sun.
-Photo by Kusum Desai



No I won't fix your computer!

Quentin Elliot works on maintaining the communications server for the School of Communications. Students work on campus through work-study programs to make some extra money.
-Photo By Erin Nagy



Yea, let me see your card.

Freshman computer engineering technology major Tony Tran mans the front desk at the campus central computing site. Most work-study jobs allowed students to study with only an occasional interruption.
-Photo By Azel Agustin

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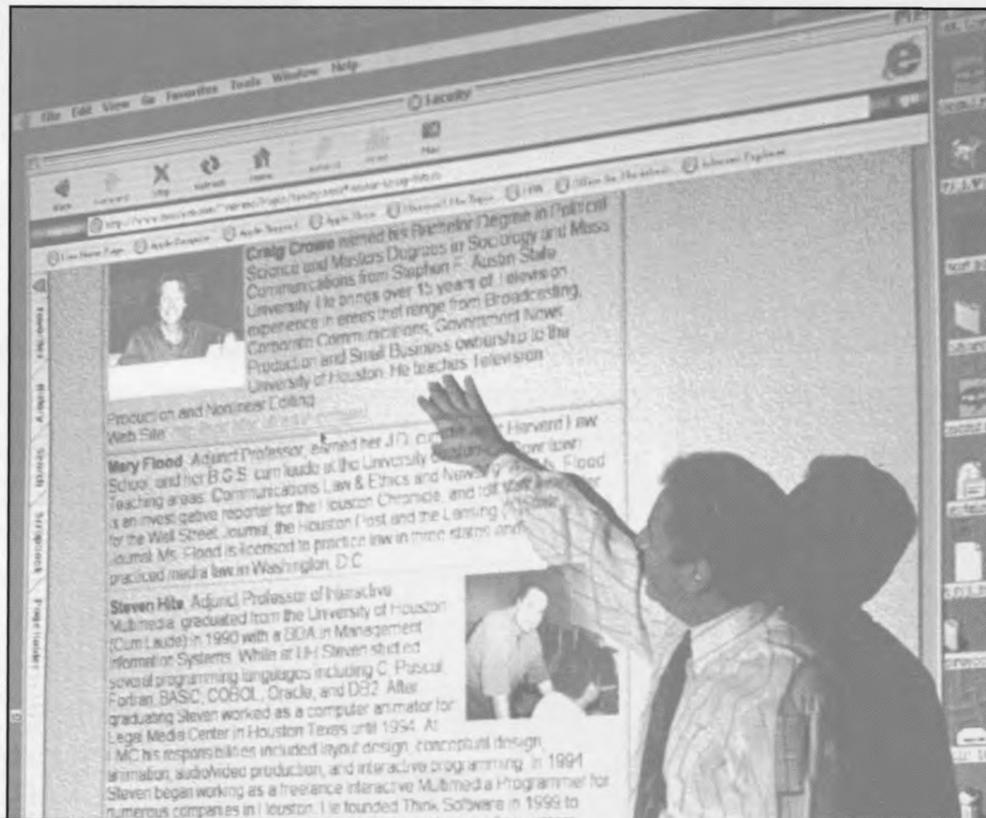
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<Students gain experience designing web pages in the real world>

"Our site is the best, really!"

Chris Piñon, senior media production major, explains how his group laid out their website for Web Technologies II. Three groups presented their websites in front of the communications instructors for critique.

-Photo by Erin M. Nagy



"No, I want your plan in by this afternoon!" Shawn McCombs speaks to the group leaders on their deadlines and the work they have left to do. The leaders met frequently to discuss their progress with McCombs.

-Photo by Erin M. Nagy

"Shhh, don't tell any of the other groups that our site is better!"

The Media Mongrels, one of the groups in the Web Technologies II class, discuss their upcoming deadline. The groups often met with their leaders to find out what was on their calendar of due dates.

- Photo by Erin M. Nagy



"Using the web as a means of communication is different than using television or other media," Shawn McCombs, an instructor in the School of Communication said. As the Internet and multimedia became more like a way of life, the School of Communication began offering more courses based on how the internet and web design work.

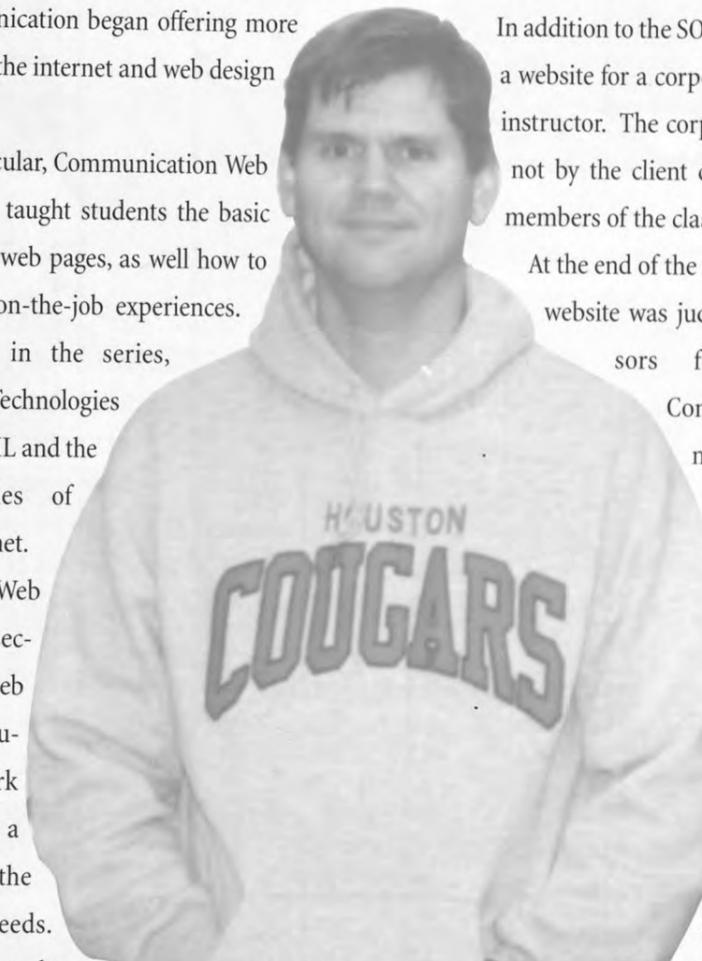
Two classes in particular, Communication Web Technologies I and II, taught students the basic know-how of creating web pages, as well how to respond to real-world, on-the-job experiences.

The first class in the series, Communication Web Technologies I, taught students HTML and the ethical responsibilities of working with the internet.

Communication Web Technologies II, the second part, focused on web design as well as the students having to work with a client to create a website based on the client's wants and needs.

Students that took the class built on what they learned in the Web Technologies I class, and worked in groups to build two websites.

Throughout the semester,



I am the Man!

Shawn McCombs poses for a quick shot in the lime light. Students looked up to McCombs as a confidant as well as a teacher.

-Photo by Erin M. Nagy



"Whooooaa! Dude!"

Paul Zimmer, a senior media production major, helps lay out a page for his groups web site. The students used GoLive in order to complete their websites.

-Photo by Erin M. Nagy

the groups competed with each other to create a new design for the School of Communication's website using Adobe GoLive 5, an HTML editor that made building a website more efficient.

In addition to the SOC site, each group designed a website for a corporate client, selected by the instructor. The corporate sites were critiqued, not by the client company but by the other members of the class during the final.

At the end of the semester, each group's SOC website was judged by a panel of professors from the School of Communication. The winning website was then adapted to fit the needs of the school and used as the school's home page.

"The class was very challenging but we learned how to work together in groups and learn some new software helpful in making a webpage," said Chris Piñon, senior Communications major said.

-Erin M. Nagy

Lights! Camera! Action! Log on?

Ever wonder how movies such as The Mummy and Rush Hour are made or who comes up with the idea? Ever wonder how things are run behind the scenes?

"Lights! Camera! Action!" as the directors say, is not what media production is all about. In part it is, but senior Gustavo Serrano says it is more to that than just standing behind the scenes. It involves a lot of work, Serrano said.

"One person cannot do it alone. First there has to be a place where a TV show could be aired; then there has to be money involved in order for the TV show to be made; and then an idea has to sell. There also has to be talented and skilled people to run all of the equipment, everything from lights to audio," Serrano said.

Students who pursue a media production major will acquire the skills to create commu-

nications using audio, video, photography and computer graphic techniques. This will give media production majors the tools that will be used throughout their careers.

Adrian Chavana, a freshman audio production major, had the opportunity to intern for Pacifica 90.1 FM radio station. The position allowed him to work in the control room.

"This was a good opportunity, but it came at the wrong time because it interfered with school,"

Yes! We are filming!

Monica Narvaez, senior media production and broadcast major, rolls the camera for her media production class. Media production students learn many facets of filming.
-Photo by Kena Alvarado



said Chavana.

"The thing that I like the most about media production is the opportunity to be creative because every production is different and you interact with different people all of the time," Serrano said.

"I would recommend students in this field follow their heart and be the best they can be. Not every director or producer in the making will make money, but if you have a passion for it then one day you will be very successful."

I encourage everyone to be more involved in school, network and remerge up on (their) dream(s)," Serrano said.
-Jackie Gil

We should change it to yellow.
Media majors work on editing the show they are filming. The students learned how to edit the broadcasts they worked on in class.
-Photo by Kena Alvarado



The button is stuck!
Monica Adams, senior media production major works the equipment to edit the broadcast for the class. Multiple types of equipment were used to edit the filming done by the students.
-Photo by Kena Alvarado



I can explain that to you.
Instructor Craig Crow talks to senior media production major D'Juan Baham about the broadcast equipment. Media productionists learned how to use different equipment to produce a television show.
-Photo by Kena Alvarado



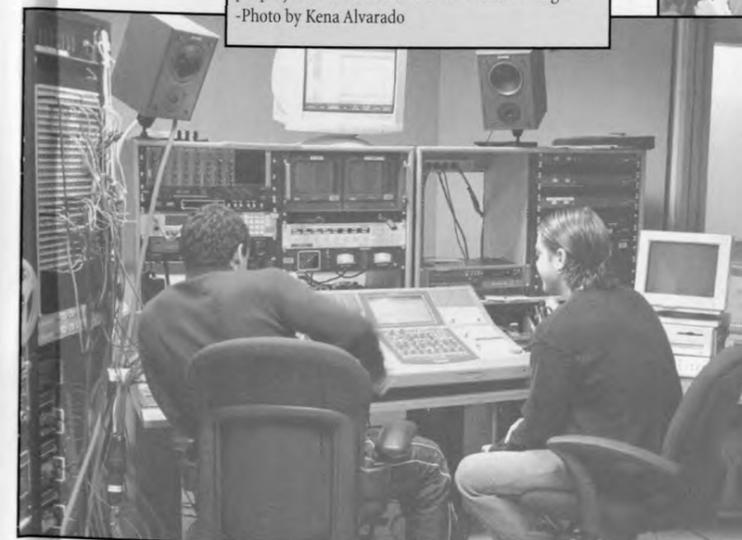
Let's replace that clip.
Tai Paschall, senior media production major produces the broadcast his class is working on. Productionists learned the insides of producing a broadcast for T.V.
-Photo by Kena Alvarado



Excuse me? What did you say?
Senior media production majors Jason Uguri and Sarah Mumtaz work out their stuff for the camera. In filming a broadcast show, media productionists also had to see what it was like to be on the other side of the camera.
-Photo by Kena Alvarado



Yep! Let's relax for a second.
Carlos Cuevas and Mark MacInerney, senior production majors take a breather from editing. Sometimes people just need a break from broadcast editing.
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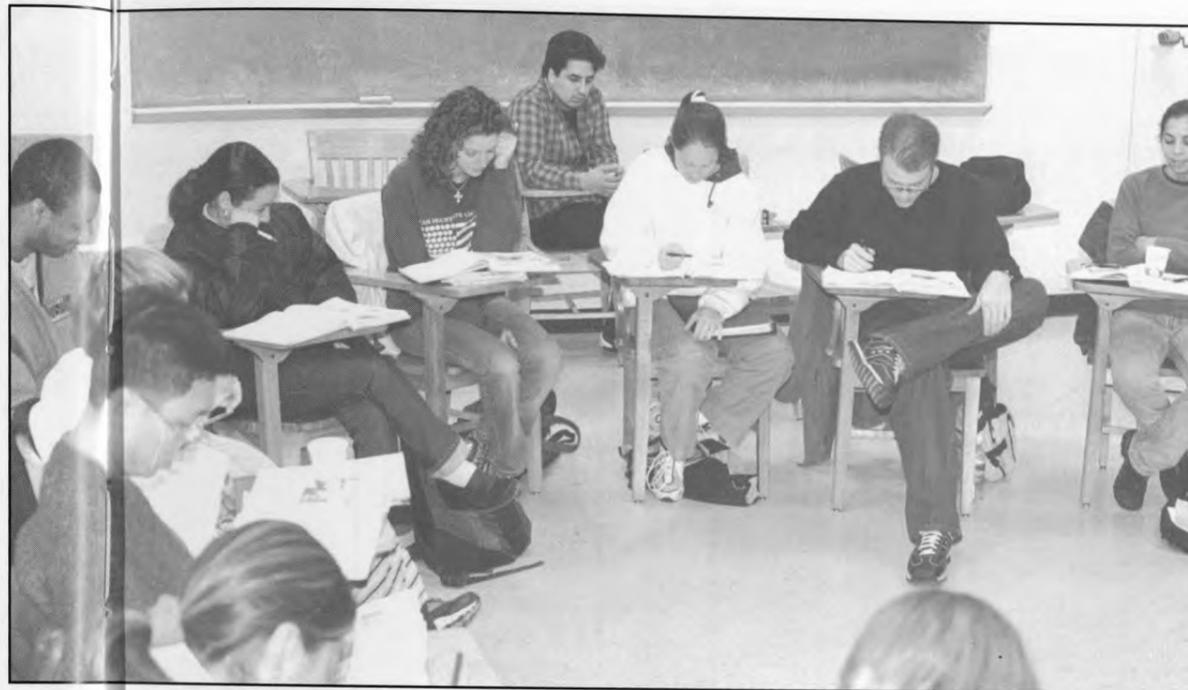


¿Quieres hablar español?

Spanish instructors ready students for a breaking of the language barrier



Very little english spoken here!
Begur, a town off the coast of north western Spain, has very few english speakers. Students often traveled abroad to learn Spanish by constant exposure to the language.
-Photo by Michelle Lehmann



¿Como se dice...?
Students in Sra. Alvarez's class read questions from the book. Students would have to read and answer the questions in Spanish.
-Photo by Michelle Lehmann

The Spanish-speaking population in Houston is tremendous; a handful from Spain, some from South America and the Caribbean, and many from Central America. Often the language barrier created confusion with the lack of the ability to communicate. Spanish instructors like Señora María Alvarez tried to break down that barrier.

"By breaking down these barriers we seek to promote tolerance and understanding among us, so that the result will be a more harmonized and united community," Alvarez said.

Some majors, like communications, required a language as part of the core requirements. Many students, especially in Texas, chose Spanish.

Beginning in the spring semester of 2001, the Spanish classes at UH were required to use the books *¿Sabías Qué...?* and *¿Qué te Parece?*. They emphasized speaking Spanish in class more than the previous books (which stressed the written language). But some students found it was hard to learn the language unless they spoke it on a daily basis.

"It's hard to learn Spanish in school, because you only spend one hour of class time speaking it," senior media production major Ashly Alberto said.



OK, Let me explain this in English.
Sra. Alvarez explains to her students the differences between the verb endings in Spanish and English. The multiple verb tenses in Spanish often confused students.
-Photo by Michelle Lehmann

However, the instructors believed that more class discussion in the language they were studying added to the experience, and enabled students to learn more effectively.

-Michelle Lehmann



Yummy!
Green beans, corn bread stuffing, yams and turkey fill tummies at the School of Human Nutrition and Foods Luncheon. The luncheons are held every Wednesday at noon in the Isabel S. Camron dining room.
-Photo by Michelle Lehmann



This isn't bad, huh?
Senior nutrition major, Edlyn Bustamante and her sister Daniela Bustamante visit during the luncheon. The students were allowed to have visitors to experience what they learned throughout the semester in their nutrition classes.
-Photo by Kena Alvarado



...High Carbs...
Wendy Mikalouis, an exercise science graduate student, gives her presentation to the class. Students had to research their subjects and present them in their classes.
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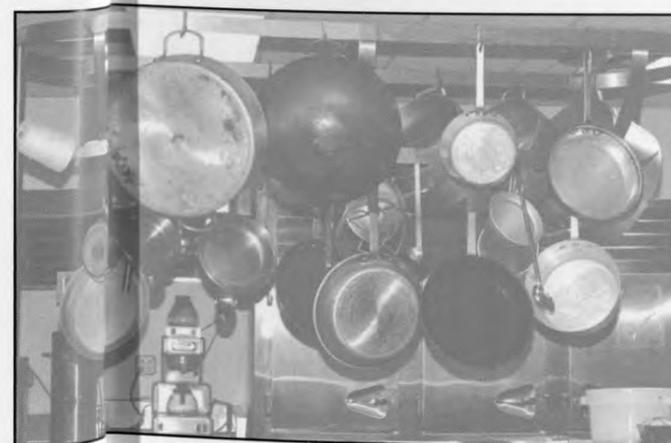
The hectic pace of college life was only surpassed by the speed vendors could whip up foods rich in fat and carbohydrates. An age of fast foods and preprocessed foods created an easy detour from maintaining a proper diet when students rushed to meet deadlines and crammed all night for exams; fulfilling basic nutrition requirements became an important consideration in the lives of college students.

"Nutrition is very important, particularly to those looking into healthcare careers," said Kimberly Matalon, Associate Professor of Nutrition.

The School of Human Nutrition and Foods, which is a part of the American Dietetic Association, offered a B.S. in Foods and Nutrition that met the requirements for medical school, optometry, dentistry, pharmacy, and some nursing schools.

Food and nutrition majors are eligible to apply for internships in this very competitive field. After the completion of the internships and completion of the degree plan, dietitians had their choice of jobs in a health conscious society that offered good salaries and plenty of opportunity for promotion. Most graduates went into hospital careers, although some went into the food service industry.

-Tom Carpenter



Yea, we make the 'yummy'.
These pots and pans are used to make the food that students eat during the luncheon. The students used their nutrition knowledge to work with instructors to make meals for the luncheons every week.
-Photo by Michelle Lehmann



And that is the way to healthier living.
Masami Mizukami, a senior human development major, explains his research to his class. Student learned a lot from each other during these presentations.
-Photo by Kena Alvarado

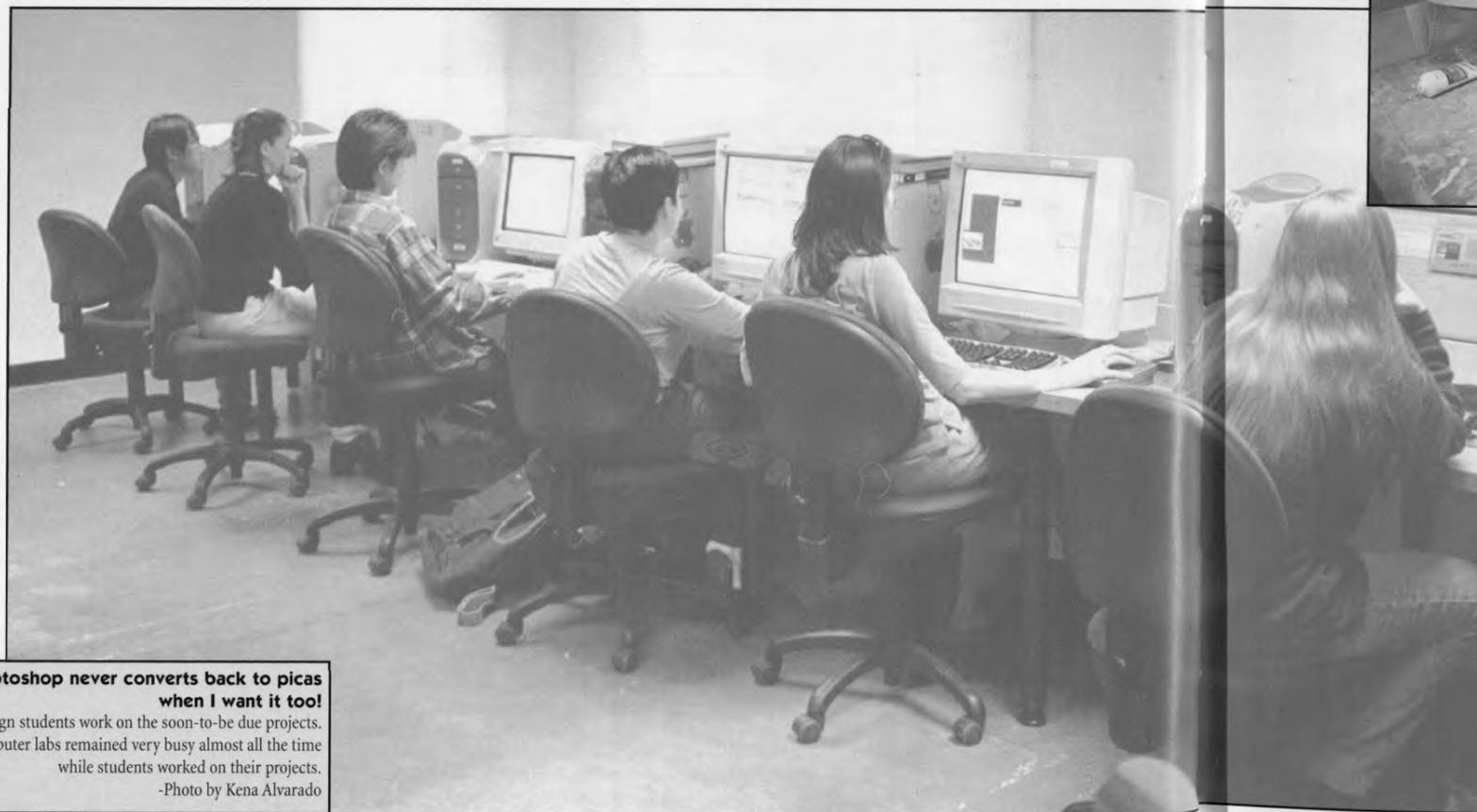
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The School of Human Nutrition and Foods cooks their way into a healthier world.

The Real Art Know-it-alls

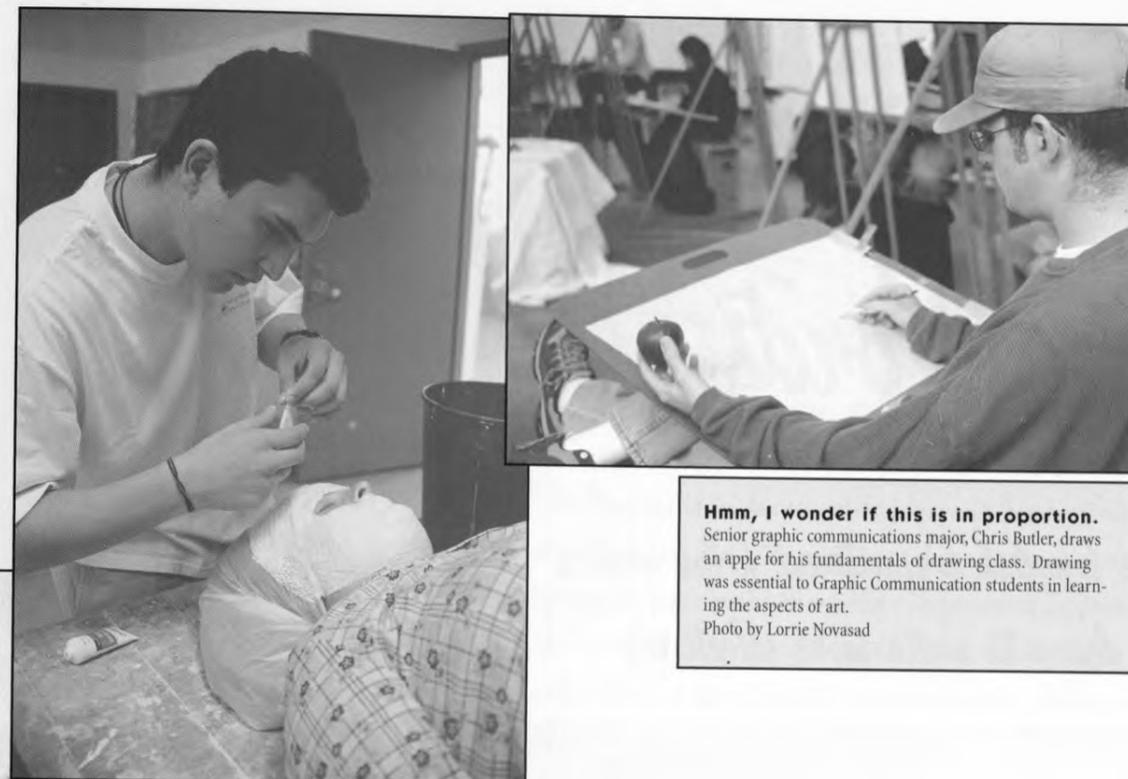
Graphic Communications opens doors for students that could take them a long way



Darn it! Photoshop never converts back to picas when I want it too!
Graphic design students work on the soon-to-be due projects. The computer labs remained very busy almost all the time while students worked on their projects.
-Photo by Kena Alvarado



...tweet...tweet...tweet...TWEET!
The courtyard which is surrounded by the Fine Arts Building provides sunshine and some local noise. The Courtyard served as the center of the building, giving students place to breathe fresh air.
-Photo by Kena Alvarado



Hmm, I wonder if this is in proportion.
Senior graphic communications major, Chris Butler, draws an apple for his fundamentals of drawing class. Drawing was essential to Graphic Communication students in learning the aspects of art.
Photo by Lorrie Novasad



Can you hurry? This feels wierd.
Sophomore graphic communication major Karl Zummallen puts strips of plaster on junior graphic communication major Jenny McClure. Graphic Communication students had to learn other aspects of art to gain a better understanding of Graphic Design
Photo by Lorrie Novasad

"The Bachelor of Fine Arts Program in Graphic Communications at the University of Houston provides the student with the methodologies and techniques to become a graphic designer able to participate and elevate the design profession."

These words, taken from the graphic design website, offer only a taste of what students go through to major in graphic design. Freshman and sophomore years consisted of classes learning painting, drawing and other art mediums.

During the first two years students had to prepare a portfolio which goes up for review by the instructors at the Graphics Communications School. If they passed the review then they were accepted into the next two years, what they call "Block." If not, they had to improve their artwork and put it up for review the next semester.

Junior and senior years were taken up with "Block" which included intense focus on subjects such as typography and web design. All of their hard work was showcased in the Senior Show.

Their portfolio presentations at the end of each semester were a source of both pride and angst for students, and upon the culmination of their efforts, seniors had their work presented in a group exhibition. For many, the Senior Show was one of the most rewarding (and taxing) experiences of their lives.

After graduation, students could find jobs as graphic designers, layout designers, Web designers and so on. If students took their degrees to a higher level, some of them could even be working on the production of another Pixar movie.

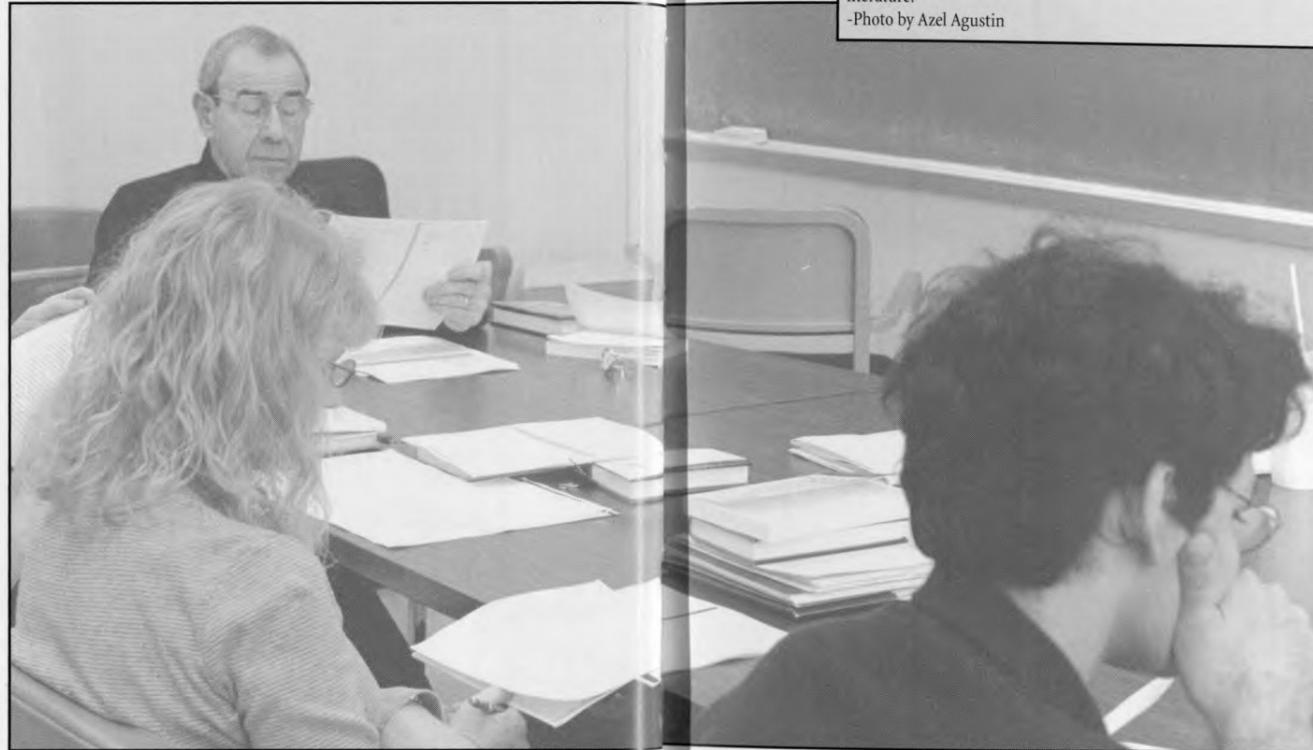
-Richard Whitrock

Creation above Words

The English Department helps writers learn to write more effectively



Yes, but there are always ways of improving poetry.
Associate professor Helena Mera speaks with senior creative writing major Jay Galic about poetry. Creative writing students were always able to learn new methods of increasing their writing skills.
-Photo by Azel Agustin



...and that concludes The Diary of Anne Frank.
Professor Daniel Stern discusses the Holocaust with students in his Literature of the Holocaust class. The English department had all types of classes ranging from the Creation and Performance of Literature to The Book and Beyond, a class discussing the history of literature.
-Photo by Azel Agustin



Shhhhh! I can't hear her!
Roxana Robinson reads her Poetry at the Poetry and Prose meeting. Students gathered to see different people read and perform at the meeting.
-Photo by Chris Galloway

“Writing poetry let me express the way I felt about the world,” said senior informational technology major Richard Arredondo, “I really enjoyed learning how to write it better.”

Dr. Cleghorn’s classes surprised everyone. Students went into his classes with differing pictures in mind, not quite all having the same expectations, but everyone was surprised and thankful for what sophomore creative writing major Ashley Grubbs described as “one of my favorite classes of all time.”

The University of Houston’s creative writing department is consistently ranked as one of the top programs in the country, and with classes like Creation and Performance of Literature it’s no wonder. Students wrote poems and short stories for the class (with a heavy emphasis on poetry), and critiqued others’ work as a daily class project. Everyone had their work critiqued, and everyone learned what went into writing poetry.

“Poetry is an art that takes time and effort, and it is continually revised,” said Dr. Cleghorn. The process of poetry revision was given a special emphasis in the class workshops, and all who took the class benefited from it. UH can look forward to a bright future of young writers thanks to classes and professors like these.

-Richard Whitrock

It is a rewarding career

The Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management offers one of the top educations in its field in the country

"The Conrad N. Hilton College continues to be one of the premier institutions for hotel and restaurant management. We take pride in the fact that we are staying competitive in the distance education environment by offering our Master of Hospitality Management program online. We are also proud that this year we announced the opening of the Wine and Spirits Management Institute. This is a historic and unique collaboration between industry and academia that will offer a certification program in Commercial Beverage Management."

-Dr. Agnes DeFranco, Associate Dean, Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management

Students in the Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management were a part of one of the top ranked programs in the country, which offered majors in three areas: lodging management, food service management, and general courses.

Established in 1969 and consistently ranked in the top five nationally, the College of Hotel and Restaurant Management had both a history of excellence and a future of further potential. Not only did it have an excellent reputation, but the college itself was a model of diversity that provided experience and education that couldn't be found in a classroom.

Students that graduated from the Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management didn't need to fret about a finding a job; the college placed over 95% of its students and emphasized companies that provided career paths and not just jobs. Furthermore, 55 companies recruited from the College of Hotel and Restaurant Management, which provided students with a wide range of options. The college resided in the Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management Complex.

Valued at \$22.6 million dollars, the complex featured an operating hotel with 86 guest rooms, 35,000 square feet of meeting and convention space in 25 rooms, two full-service restaurants, and many other impressive highlights that left no question as to why it was considered the finest training facility in the world. Add to this the fact that it was the only college in the world to give in-depth analysis of every course on a yearly basis, and utilized industry representatives in its review. Students were guaranteed an education that was both comprehensive and up-to date. Most students agreed that the school was challenging.

"It's really difficult, I was surprised at how in-depth it is. The classes are so specific, they really prepare you for the business," said Tyler Williams, a freshman with the College of Hotel and Restaurant Management.

-Richard Whitrock



Prestige at its finest.

The Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management stands firm as one of UH's most prized possessions. The building has served as a symbol of hard work and integrity for those who have graduated from the school.

-Photo by Kusum Desai



Mean green cookin' machines.

Senior Hotel and Restaurant Management students Raymond Vandergaag, Jeff Leichter and Jason Morgan discuss and prepare for an upcoming event at Barron's restaurant. Barron's gave students first hand knowledge of how to run a restaurant effectively.

-Photo by Calvin Ho



The customer is always right.

Professor Ron Jordan explains to his Systems of Accounts in the Hospitality Industry students the importance of number sense in hospitality. Students had to learn how to keep financial records in order to run a successful business.

-photo by Calvin ho

Behind the Scenes of the Theatre

There's more going on behind the production of a play than most people think

I think they should do a production of *Cats*.

Mouse, one of the two cats that hunts for mice, props himself up on top of one of the chairs in the Wortham Theater. The two cats have become part of the theater as much as the actors and the stage crew.

-photo by Michelle Lehmann

The University of Houston School of Theatre offered a wide variety of courses for the undergraduate student. Ranging from Intro to Theatre to courses such as Stage Combat, Production, Pantomime, Scenic Design, Costume Design, and Playwriting, students had lots of fun while learning about the intricacies of theatre. Most of the students agreed that the department was one of the best in the country.

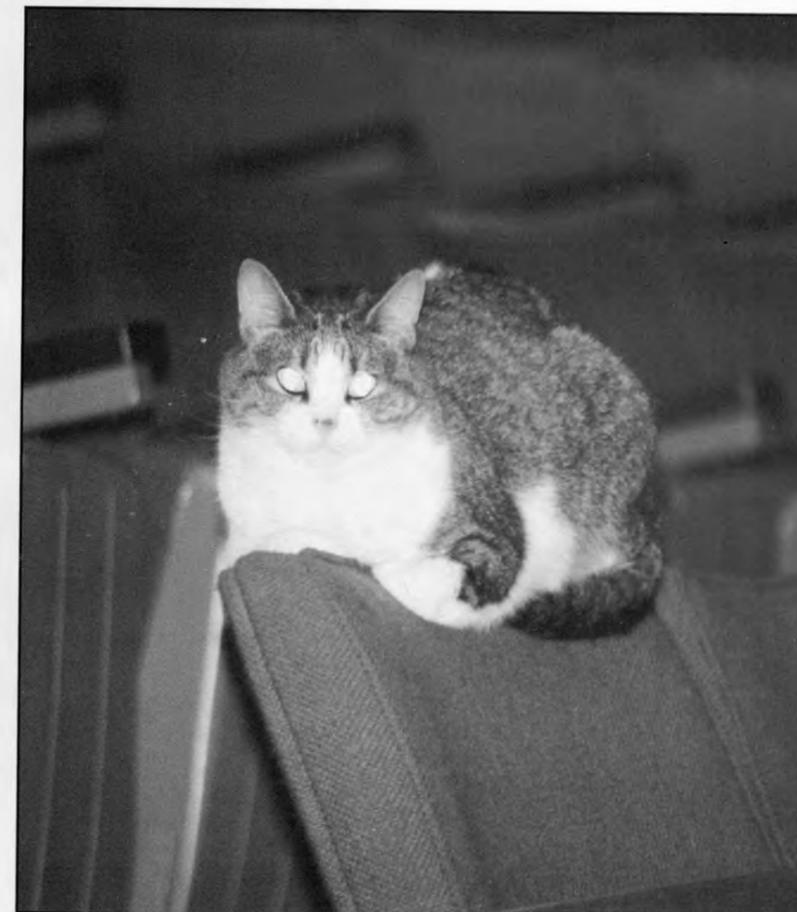
"I think we are one of the best and most under-publicized departments in the state," said sophomore theater major Jennilyn Comstock.

To have a real understanding of what went on behind the plays, students were able to gain hands-on knowledge of set building, costume design and lighting. The control was not only in the hands of the actors.

"The actors don't realize we could just turn the lights out if we wanted," said Comstock.

Students were involved in many small plays as well as four large productions during the school year. They also include themselves in small productions of children's plays shown throughout the summer. Most productions were located in the Lyndall Finley Wortham Theatre complex that was built in 1977 and was newly remodeled in 2001 after the flood of Tropical Storm Allison, further enhancing the theater's up-to-date technology.

-Richard Whitrock



When students walked onto the stage of a theater, they didn't realize the dedication and work that the production crew expended for the actors to make the play successful. Students in theater actually knew what kind of work was put into the production of a play.

"It takes a lot of collaboration and compromise in order to tell the the story well. You need to do what is necessary for the good of the show," said Nicol Beck, a junior costume design major.

Many classes were offered to help students in that understanding.



Can't...get...this...nail...out.

Freshman theater major Art Ornelas works on completing the set for *Our Country's Good*. The set for a play is as important to the success as the actors.

-photo by Yvonne Feece



It's so small!

Junior costume design major Nicol Beck, explains her set design to her class. Theatre majors were required to take set design as part of the curriculum for theatre.

-photo by Kena Alvarado

Where it all begins...

Scene shop foreman Drew Hoover has his backstage scene shop packed with relics from past sets. This was where the students worked on the set for the productions.

-photo by Michelle Lehmann



Shhhh! I'm working

Sophomore theatre major Jessie Hood mixes paints to finish up the sets of *Our Country's Good*. Students worked on many aspects of designing set for productions, including appropriate colors for the set.

-photo by Yvonne Feece

I love my job!

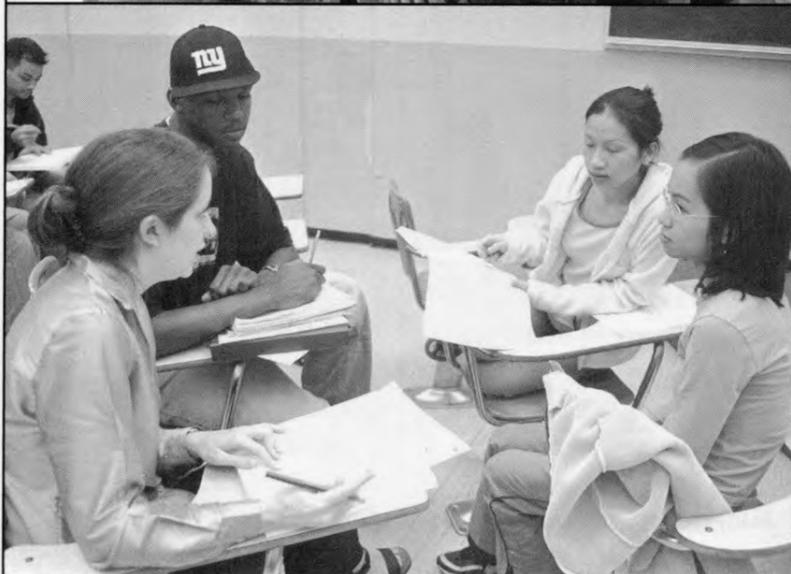
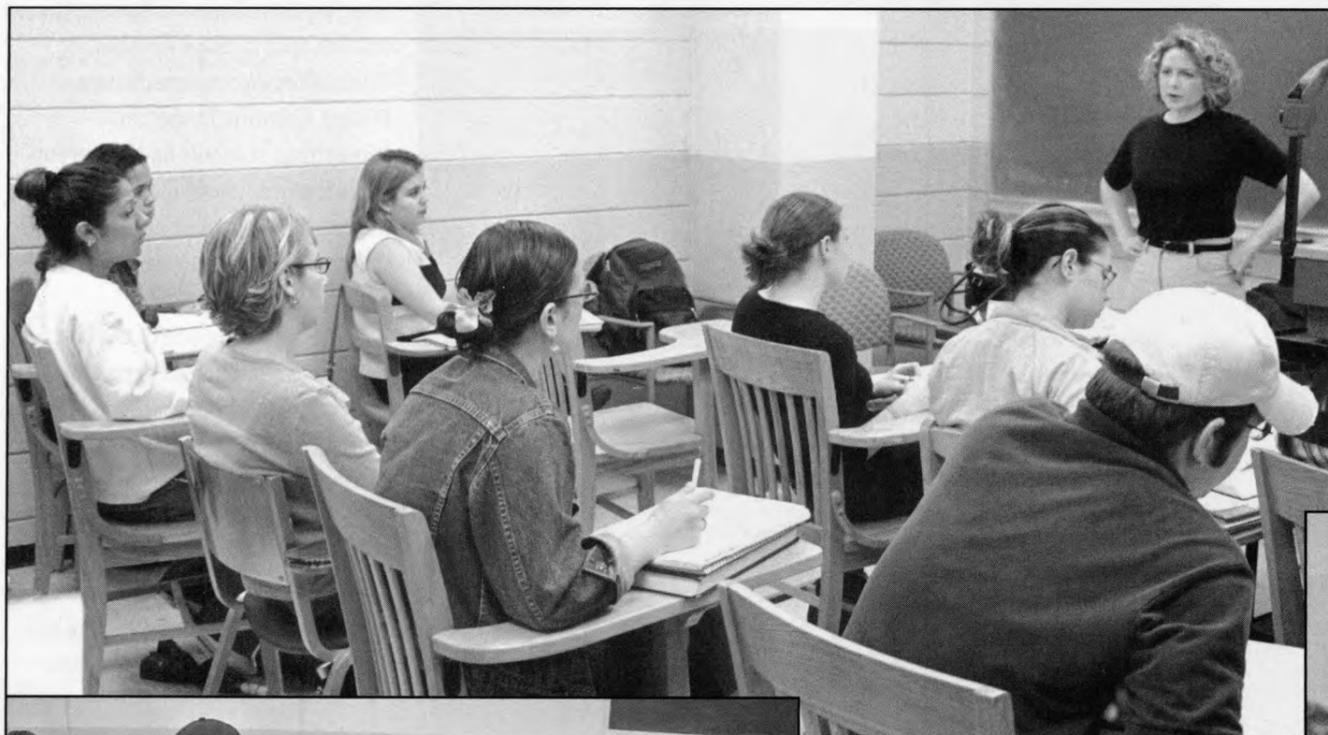
Senior English and anthropology major Able Windam has a job working the welding equipment in the scene shop. Some students actually had paid jobs in building the sets for productions since it was such hard work.

-photo by Michelle Lehmann



Understanding lies within...

The College of Psychology enhances students understanding of how people interact



Understanding abnormalities...

Students listen as Professor Llewlyn explains abnormal psychology to her class. Abnormal psychology was an important part of the general field.

-photo by Kena Alvarado

Culture explains why we are the way we are.

Junior psychology major Jeremy McGuire, senior biology major Ann Nguyen, sophomore chemistry major Hanh Nguyen and senior psychology major Demitri Locus explain how they are going to work out their presentation for their cultural psychology class. Students from all majors took psychology to enhance understanding of their own majors.

-photo by Kena Alvarado



Mucho info...

Students in an abnormal psychology class take notes on the lecture given. Students had to refer to their notes sometimes, since the constant discoveries in the world of psychology were not always in their texts.

-photo by Kena Alvarado

According to the University of Houston Handbook, psychology is the study of human behavior and social action in a variety of environments. By this definition students have found that the idea of psychology is the key to understanding the world around them.

Students had to take a wide variety of classes to learn to understand people around them, including interacting with fellow employees in the workplace.

"After I took psychology, I was able to learn how to deal with people in my classes better," said Erin Nagy, a senior public relations major.

Communications students took psychology to help them better understand their audiences. For instance, psychology helped advertising majors understand the demographics of their audience. Also, education majors had to take the classes to understand what could be going on in the minds of their future students.

Technology students took the classes to better understand their employees in future work places.

"When I am ready to go into my future job, I will remember everything that I learned in my industrial psychology class," said senior information technologies student Katherine Yin.

These classes were also designed for students inside

I can't wait until this is done

Senior psychology major Isis Loucel works on a paper for one of her psychology classes. Students had to write many papers in their classes to deepen their knowledge of how the mind works.

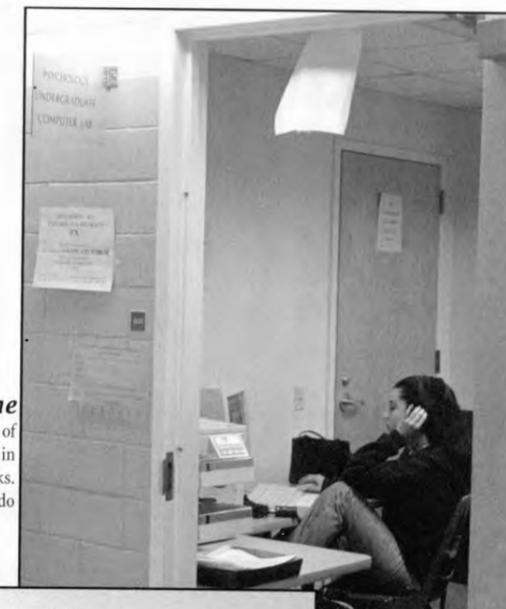
-photo by Kena Alvarado

of the School of Psychology. Psychology had many disciplines such as behavioral psychology, industrial psychology and leadership psychology. Students could concentrate their studies in any of these areas.

Many students on the UH campus were psychology majors. The degree helped them prepare for later degrees in social work, medicine and administration. Many students had aspirations to further their degree into social work and law.

"My degree in psychology will be helpful in the understanding of my future in social work, and hopefully my future aspirations as a lawyer," said senior psychology major Jessica Molina.

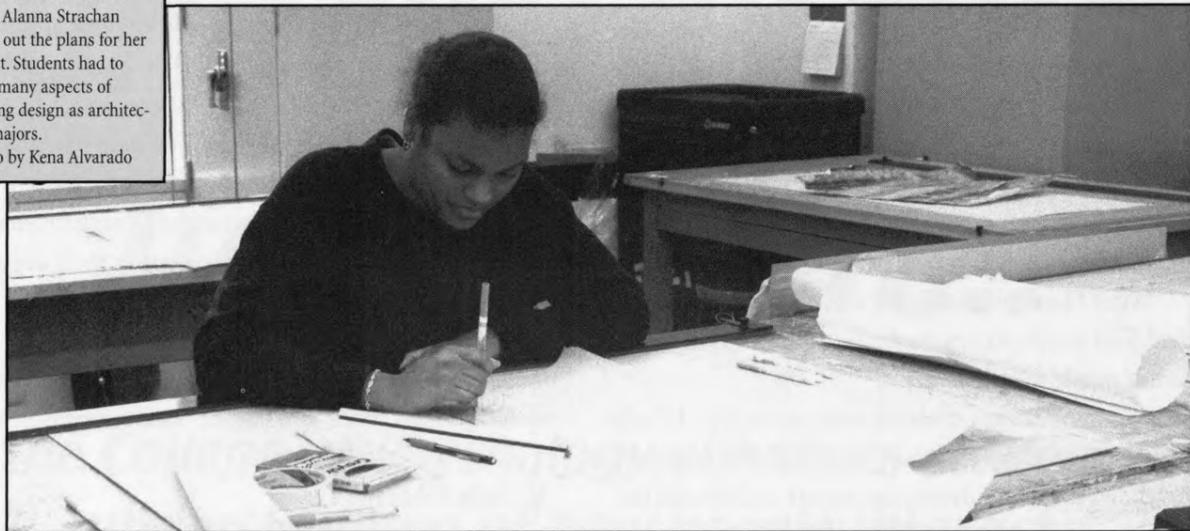
-Michelle Lehmann



Straighter, straighter!

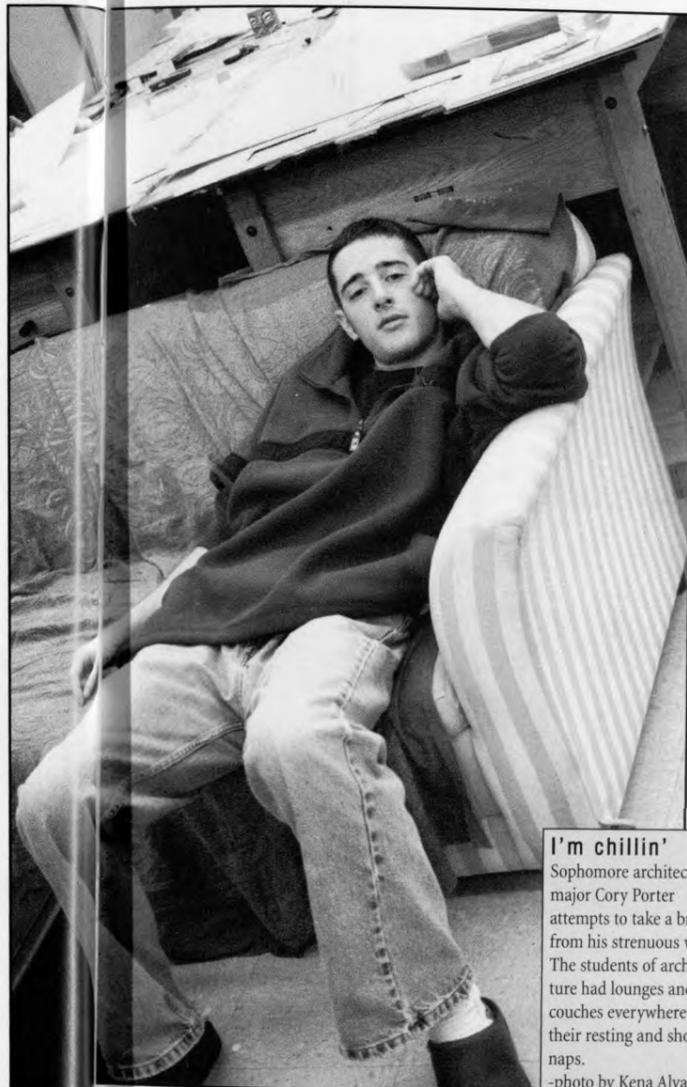
Sophomore architecture major Alanna Strachan draws out the plans for her project. Students had to learn many aspects of drafting design as architecture majors.

-photo by Kena Alvarado



Building a strong foundation

Architecture students emphasize hard work and creative thinking skills to assure themselves a strong future.



I'm chillin'

Sophomore architecture major Cory Porter attempts to take a break from his strenuous work. The students of architecture had lounges and couches everywhere for their resting and short naps.

-photo by Kena Alvarado

If anyone walked into the Architecture Building at any time, day or night, they would have probably found students working on projects for their upcoming deadlines. Half of the time there were students napping in the lounges and taking breaks from their strenuous work. For all this hard work, eventually some of these students may have become as famous as the great Phillip Johnson, architect of the Williams Tower and the building used by the Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture.

"We aren't just taking tests, we are building something that deals with creativity and self-expression," said sophomore architecture major Carrie Lust.

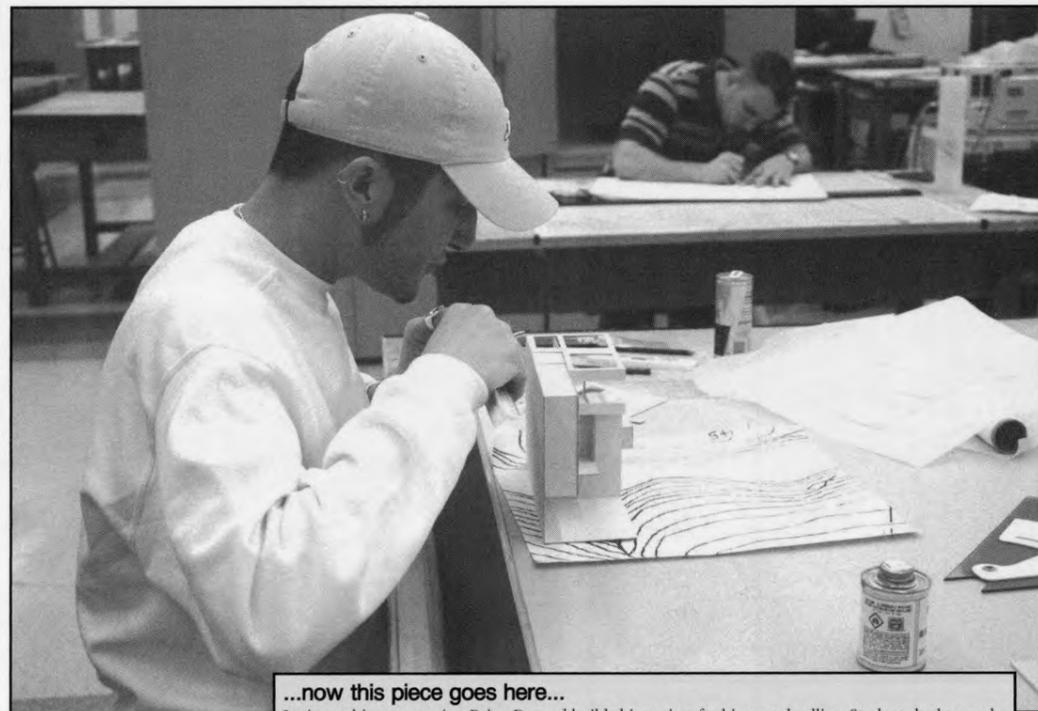
There are two degree plans available from the college. One was a five year professional bachelor's degree that forced the students to put pride, creativity and hard work into their learning and projects. At the end of each year, students crossed their fingers in hopes that after the faculty of the College of Architecture reviewed their work they will be accepted into the next year. With this degree, students were ready to be examined for the National Architectural Accrediting Board's (NAAB) license. Once students obtained their license, they were ready to call themselves architects.

The second type of bachelor's degree was a non-professional four-year degree that did not require faculty review. The Bachelor of Science & Environmental Design did not offer a license since it was not a professional degree. Students could, however, move into a masters program to obtain the knowledge they needed for their NAAB license.

Both plans were efficient for gaining experience through a highly acclaimed program.

"Architecture as a major gives you hands-on experience instead of having to spend hours reading," said sophomore architecture major Casey West.

-Michelle Lehmann



...now this piece goes here...

Junior architecture major Brian Durand builds his project for his next deadline. Students had to work on many projects, all of which went up for review by the faculty to pass into the next year.

-photo by Kena Alvarado

Sticky Stuff

Senior architecture major Peijien Joyce Yen glues yet another piece on to her project. Architecture seniors saw the end of five years of study was close at hand.

-photo by Kena Alvarado



Wow! Now that's impressive!

A student peers down the vast expanse of the inside of the Architecture Building. The building was designed by Phillip Johnson in 1986 for the College of Architecture.

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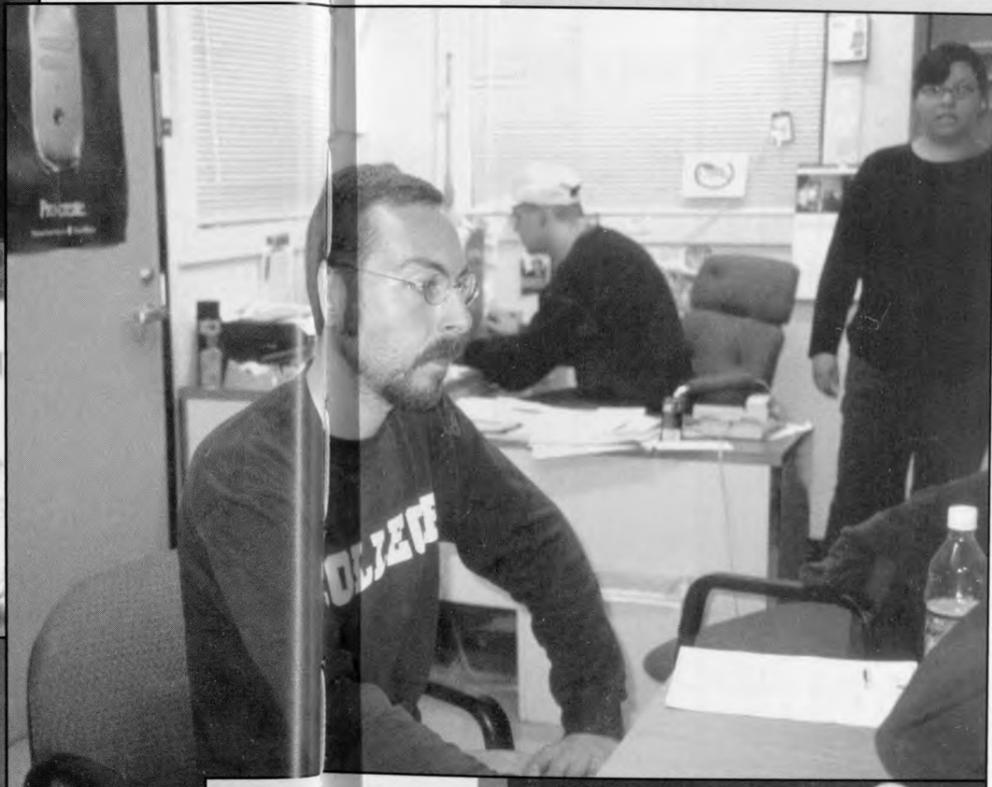
WHAT TO DO, WHAT NOT TO DO...
 Junior Morgan Camp scans the Empire Cafe to make sure there are no tables that need to be bussed. Students found coffee shops like this one to be great places to work.
 -photo by Yvonne Feece



LET'S CHECK THOSE FEET!
 Senior kinesiology major Alexa Ramirez helps a patient at the Work Ready physical therapy clinic. Students often worked jobs within their own majors to gain experience in their field.
 -photo by Yvonne Feece



WILL THAT BE A VENTI OR A GRANDE?
 Sophomore Reagan Hillman completes a transaction at Starbucks with her customers. Students found that Starbucks was a great place to work at since they offered stock in the company, great pay and tips.
 -photo by Yvonne Feece



READ THE MANUAL!
 Senior media production major Kirk Olson awaits senior psychology major Jessica Molina's help in the communications lab. Some students found work on campus for extra spending money and bills.
 -photo by Erin Nagy



HERE'S YOUR CHANGE SIR. HAVE A GREAT DAY!
 Freshman architecture major Sally Wood returns change to a customer at Stephanie Leigh's. Many jobs like Stephanie Leigh's gave students the opportunity to work around their school hours as well as a well paying job.
 -photo by Erin Nagy

HARD WORKERS

WORKING STUDENTS SIGNIFY WHAT THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON AS A COMMUTER CAMPUS IS ALL ABOUT.

Waking up in the morning was hard for students when they worked and went to school. Many would oversleep for class or work because they were up all night studying.

Students experienced this almost daily on the UH campus. Many students paid their own bills. Either they were paying off a car, loans or living on their own away from their parents. Some students were parents. Some students had more than one job so that they could live comfortably. This busy schedule was a way of life on campus.

"Working and going to school is hard to do. I have bills to pay, classes to take, jobs to go to. My life is so busy, I hardly have time to sleep," said senior psychology major Jessica Molina.

There were many places throughout the city who hired students, since they were willing to work the more odd schedules so that they could go to school.

Stephanie Leigh's, a small chain bakery and coffee shop downtown, offered either early morning schedules from 6-12 for students who had classes in the afternoon and 12-4:30 for those with morning classes. They even paid much higher than minimum wage. Kroger offered free benefits for their employees and a more diverse working environment as far as job duties went.

Of course, there were the coffee shops. Most shops offered competitive salaries plus tips and the wonderful aroma of coffee floating endlessly through the air.

There were also students who took on their own businesses or who already had a degree in something else and were in school obtaining a second degree. For instance, senior media production major Michael Brims had a degree in English that he received while he was still in Germany. He used that degree to help pay his bills by teaching German on campus.

"I really love teaching, and the job helps pay for most of my school and living expenses," said Brims.

These hard workers knew that working and going to school was a challenge, and many graduates had found that having good grades and a busy lifestyle looked good on their resumé's.

-Michelle Lehmann

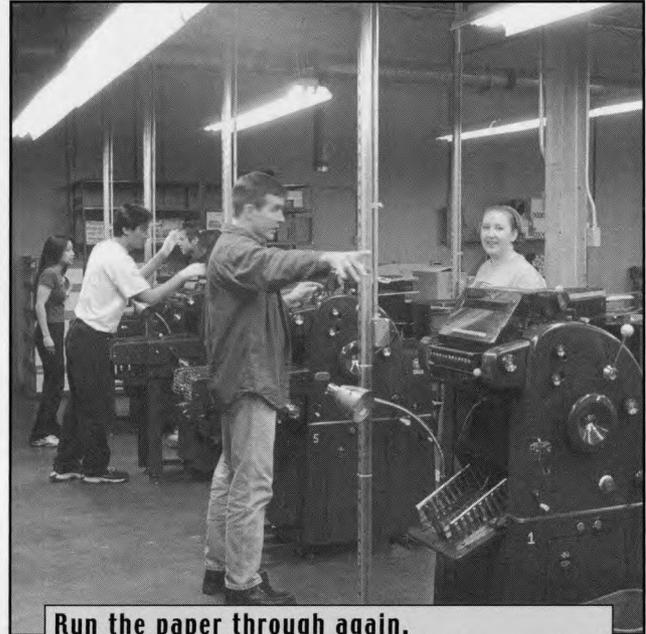
Graphic Communication Technology

Students actually learn how to use heavier equipment other than computers.



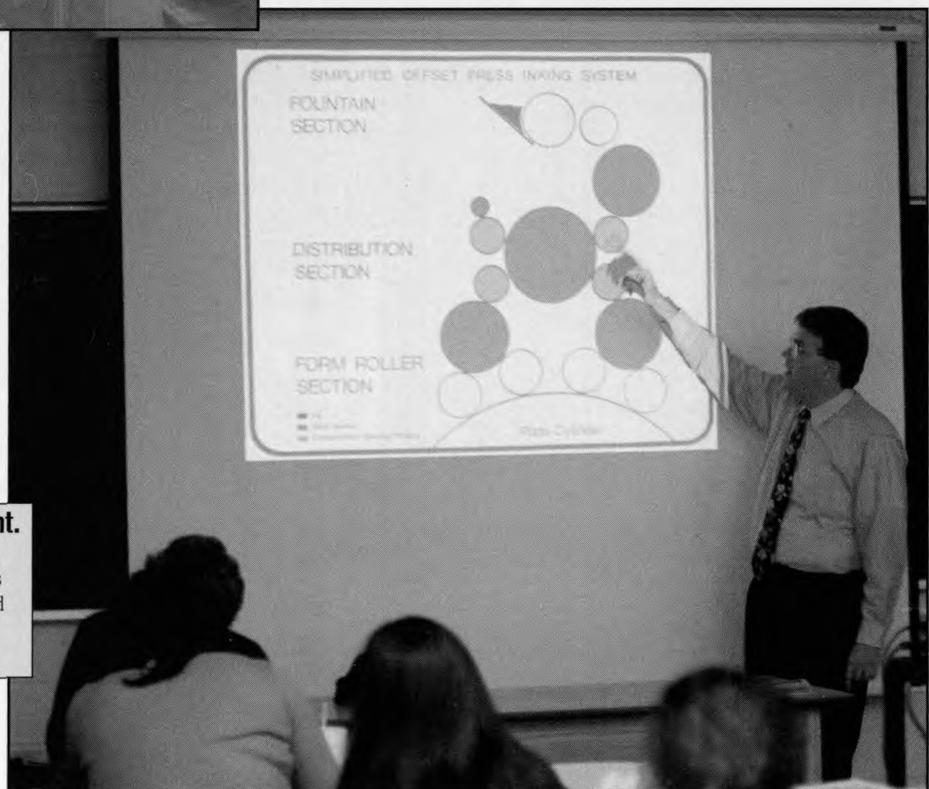
Almost ready.

Senior IST major Lan Chau prepares his press for printing. Students learned how to ink the presses and keep the ink running smoothly.
-photo by Kena Alvarado



Run the paper through again.

Lab instructor Harald Halliday explains that ink in a press can get stuck in it and needs to be cleaned for efficient printing. Students learned how to clean the ink rollers with the different chemicals used for the process.
-photo by Kena Alvarado



Bad metal makes for bad print.

Professor Jerry Waites explains the ink rollers to his students in class. Students learned why certain types of metal held ink better than others.
-photo by Michelle Lehmann



There's a paperclip stuck in it!

Senior IST major Vivian Nguyen and senior technology, supervision and leadership major Prince Alvior both search through the presses to learn how it works. Students had to learn what could go wrong with the presses, as well as what they were capable of.

-photo by Kena Alvarado

There was more to advertising than just graphic design and grabbing peoples attention. What about the medium used to advertise or spread news? For example, this book was obviously a part of print media. What about the technology that was involved in printing this book? Somebody had to learn how to run the printers to print off these pages.

The Graphic Technologies Department within the School of Technology taught this exact subject. Within the program, student were able to learn how to use the printing press machinery, updated graphic design technology and how to manage the basic setting of print technicians.

The program was under the Technology Leadership and Supervision program which instructed students on how to manage and run the presses or to manage an office for a graphics or printing firm. Classes like Graphic Comm., Image Technology I and II,



So far, so good!

Senior graphic communications major Ray Hatler keeps an eye on his press while he prints up letter head pages. Students gradually learned how the presses worked as the semester rolled on.

-photo by Kena Alvarado

Press Technology I and II and Casting in Graphic Communications taught students how to work a press and gave them a better understanding of imaging and graphics.

"The program teaches you how to anticipate the outcome and production of graphical images," said

senior information systems technology major Jennifer Purifoy.

The man who put the most behind getting the program that finally established in 1993 is Dr. Jerry Waites. Waites was asked to join the university as a tenure-track faculty member in 1990. With the help of many organizations that wanted to start a degree plan for print technology in Texas, he built a highly respectable and rapidly growing program here at the University. Even the students within the School of Technology agreed that Dr. Waites is the backbone of the program.

"Dr. Waites is the core of this program. He teaches and

inspires you - not many people can do this," commented Purifoy.

With this degree, students felt like they were able to move into a fun and workable job enviroment with a great education under their belts.

-Michelle Lehmann



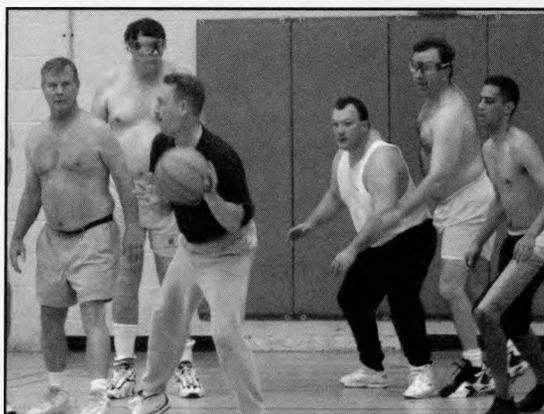
It's sooo in there.

Professor Feldavich goes for a lay-up againts to score the tenth point during an NBA game. Some of the players had a great time and really got into the game.

-photo by Hoang Nguyen

Make way for a different NBA!

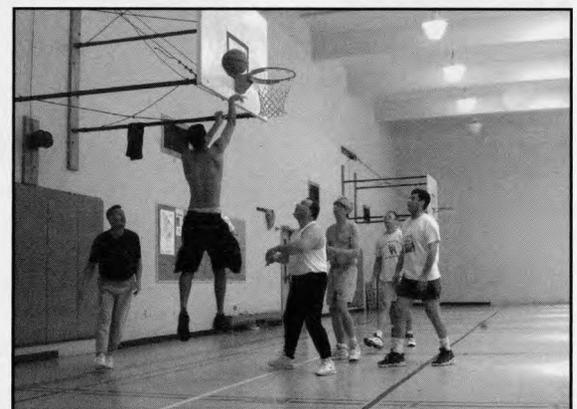
The faculty, staff and alumni gathered to form the Noontime Basketball Association



Definitly gonna go for it!

A player in the shirts teamdodges the other players as he dribbles toward *the shirts* ten point victory. The players played until they scored ten baskets and then moved on to another game.

-photo by Hoang Nguyen



Maaan, I'm soooo gonna make it.

A skins team memebr take a high shot at a basket for the *skins*. Instead of having constant teams, the players were either *shirts* or *skins* for distinction.

-photo by Hoang Nguyen

Ever wonder where many U.H. professors spent their lunch breaks last year? Who would have thought of going to Garrison gym to find them playing basketball?

They called it the NBA, or the Noontime Basketball Association. At noon every weekday students could find the faculty, staff and alumni players dukin' it out between shirts and skins.

They seemed to find the matches a great way of exercising, relaxing and just having a great time outside of the work place.

"It's not boring like a lot of other exercises," said communications professor Ted Stanton.

The game worked by two simple rules. The first rule was that the first five players to show up are shirts and the second five are skins. Once there were ten people present, the game got underway and they played until one of the teams made 10 baskets. If players five more came then they went in and played for the losing team. If less than five came then the members of the losing team participated in a shoot-out which determined who else got to play. The losers of the shoot-out sat out a round and the winners stayed in with the new players.

The other rule was that the players called their own fouls instead of the players from the other team. This way there was little fighting and the players were forced to be honest.

"I think those two rules make it more fun and more

fair than the usual pick-up playground games," said Professor Stanton.

This history of the NBA was quite interesting as well. Around 1968 some engineering instructors would get together and play basketball off campus either in the morning or the evening. Marvin Reichle of the physical education department called these players and

asked them if they wanted to join other faculty and staff members at noon in Garrison Gym. From then on the gym was reserved for the players of the NBA to blow off some steam between classes.

Many alumni and some students have played with them as well. For instance, All American Elvin Hayes, UH past players Olie Taylor, Clay Holster, Lyndon Rose and the professional NBA's Steve Newcomb have all graced the UH NBA's court. Hakeem Olajuwon (in his soccer days as a goalie) played with the NBA before he was heavily acquainted with basketball. Maybe that was what inspired him to play the game!

Professors had lives, too. The faculty blew off steam and the alumni found time to participate in campus activities. Students should have kept in mind that between noon and

one every day their instructors were off playing basketball.

-Michelle Lehmann



Yep, i got this one!

The shirts go for yet another score to try and one-up the skins in a noontime game. The players felt like the games were good for exercise. -photo by Hoang Nguyen



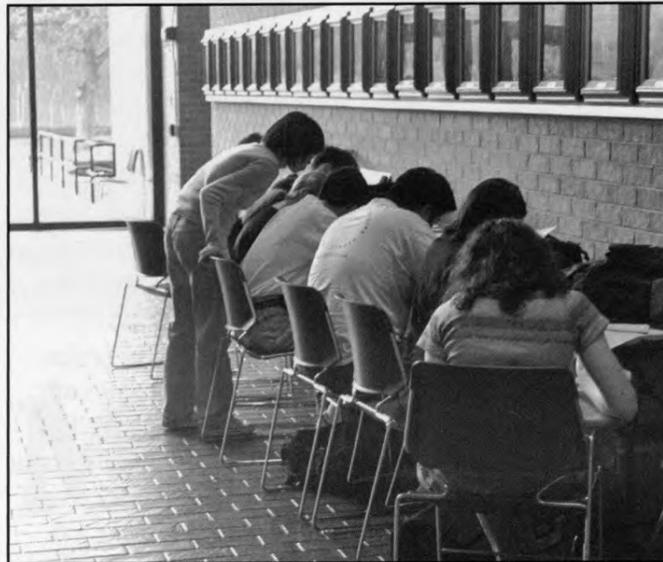
Let me pass!

Players try to dodge each other to score the tenth goal before they go back to work. Teachers felt like the games helped them blow off the steam that students don't know they have.

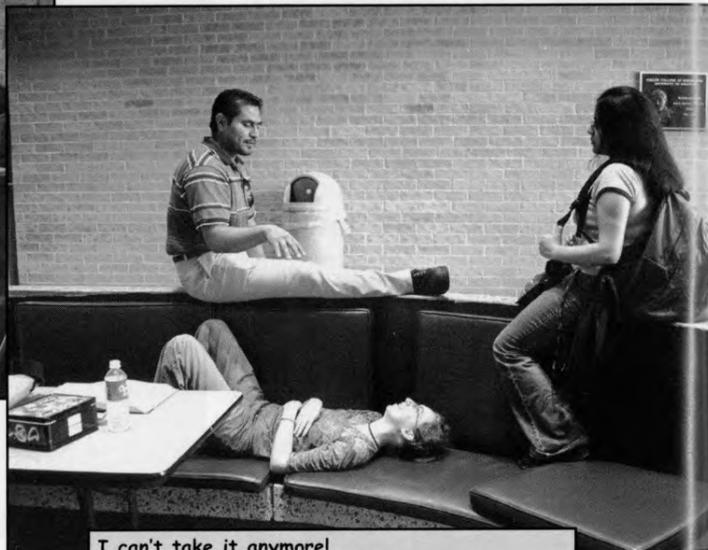
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Letting go

Engineering students can put aside their studying long enough to have some fun



Study, Study, Study!
A group of engineering students meet for a group study the day before a mid-term. Students found that study groups were a great way of relaxing and sharing information for classes.
-photo by Kena Alvarado



I can't take it anymore!
Senior mechanical engineering major Joe Rodriguez talks to junior mechanical engineering majors Carolina Rodriguez and Kristen Moorman, while Moorman lays down for a break in "the Pit."
Students spent much of their time meeting, mingling and studying in "the Pit" of the Cullen College of Engineering Building.
-photo by Kena Alvarado

If you've ever spent thirty hours a week doing homework for an entire semester... if you've had Saturday exams every week for a month... if you've ever asked a professor to give his lecture in English instead of Greek, you might be an engineer.

Engineering in its many forms, including mechanical, civil, electrical and chemical, was among the most challenging majors college students pursued. The homework was often long and tedious, the lectures confusing, and the tests unbearable.

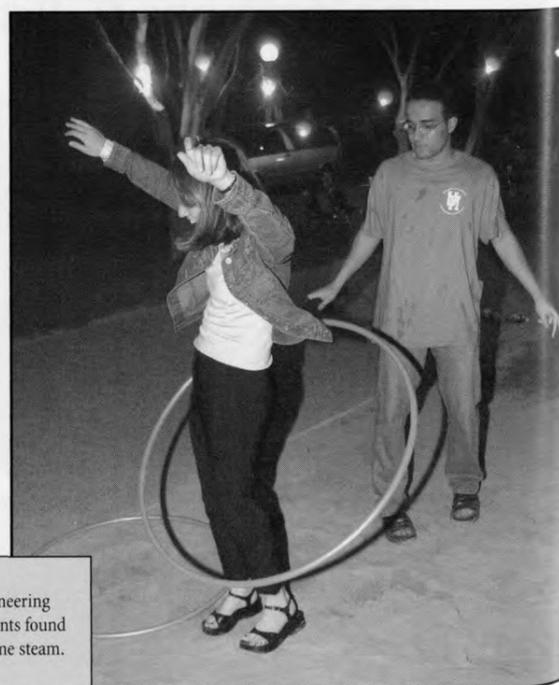
But UH engineers knew what steps needed to be taken to ensure their academic excellence did not come at the expense of relaxing, unwinding, and having a bit of fun.

At random intervals between

endless hours of studying in "the Pit," a lounge area located in the Cullen College of Engineering Building, engineering students would take a break from studying to try and remember what life was like before Thermodynamics, Transport Phenomena, and Solid Mechanics.

The Engineering department also hosted various events throughout the year to help engineers relieve some stress. These events included the infamous BOS (beginning of semester) and EOS (end of semester) parties, not to mention a Chili Cook-off in mid-March.

After all, even engineering majors had to unwind occasionally.
-Matthew E. Caster



Hoopin' it up!
Graduate marketing student Hai-Vy Nyuyen and junior electrical engineering major Nnamdi Mnbuihe challenge each other with hula hoops. Students found the Engineering Department's Chili Cook-off to be a time to let off some steam.
-photo by Pin Lim



Fresh air!
Electrical engineering graduates Bhanu Prasad and Srivatsan Mani meet to study for a test. Students sat outside on nice days so that they could take in fresh air while studying.
-photo by Kena Alvarado

Precision is the key

Junior biology major Danny Fetro carefully mixes chemicals for his chemistry lab. Students had to make sure they mixed chemicals right since any wrong move could be disastrous.
-photo by Kena Alvarado



Biology and Chemistry

Biology and Chemistry prepare students for outside majors.

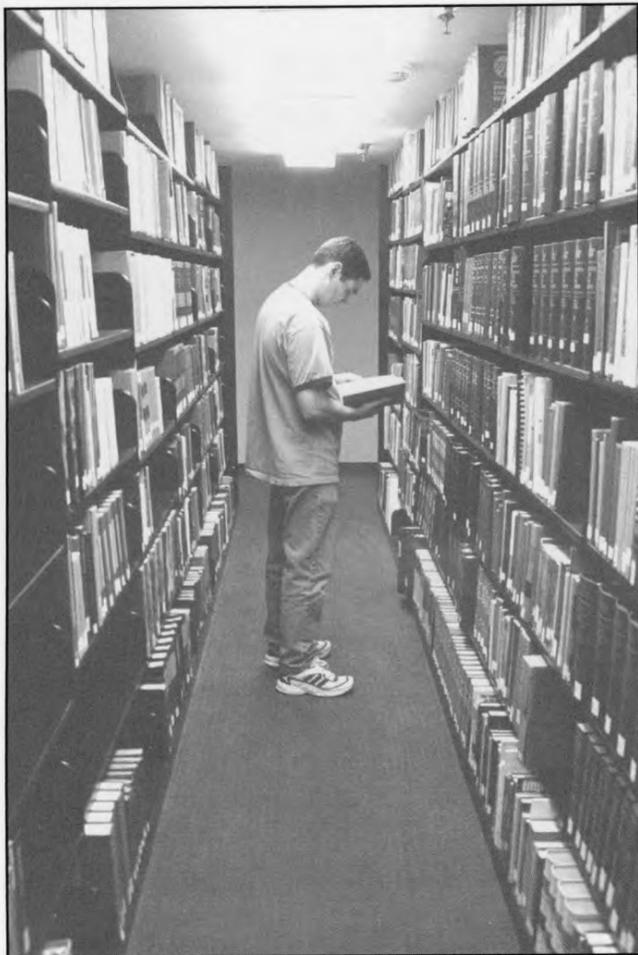
The biology and chemistry programs at UH focused on preparing the students for problems they would face in their chosen fields. From the meticulous human anatomy classes for future doctors to loathed organic chemistry classes for future chemists and chemical engineers, UH sciences constantly challenged their students' minds (and

patience).
Not all classes in chemistry and biology were hated and feared, though; students often enjoyed the rigorous challenges offered by the departments.

"Biology is a tough subject to learn, but it's worth it," said junior biology major Jessica French.
-Richard Whitrock

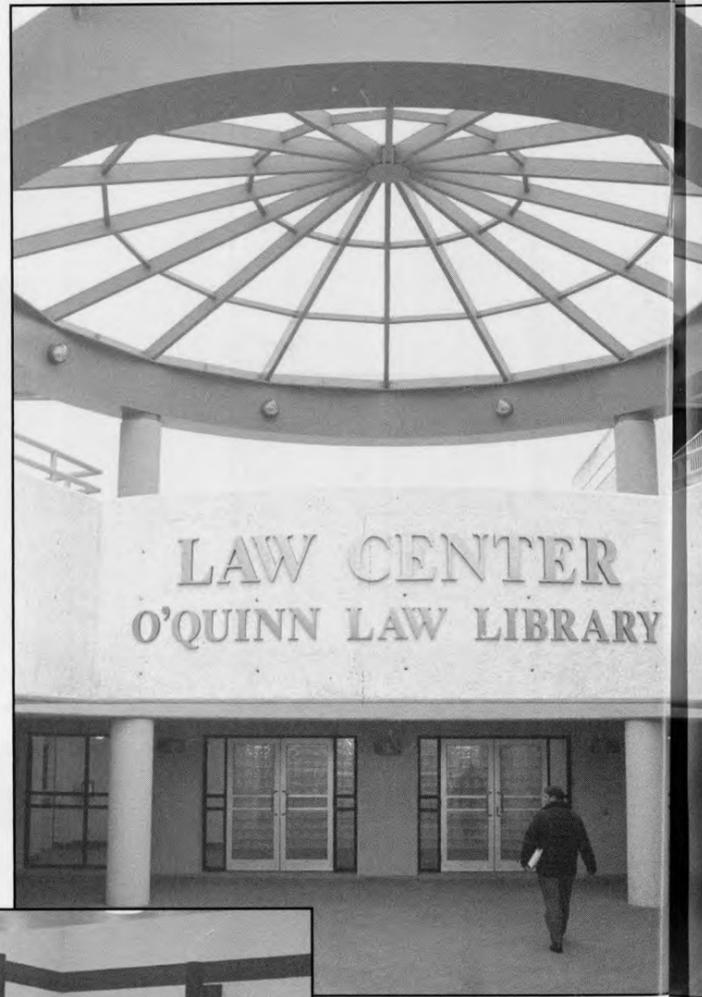


No explosions!
Students in the chemistry lab prepare to experiment with mixing chemicals. Chemistry students often used their knowledge of which chemicals reacted well together to understand chemical reactions.
-photo by Kena Alvarado



***sigh* Here I go again.**

Masters of law student John Wray makes his way to the library for a full night of studying. Aspects of law were so intense and information-packed that many students would stay up well into the night to assure better grades on their tests.
-photo by Kena Alvarado



...definitely outdated by today's standards.

First year law student Patrick Traister looks up an amendment for a paper he has to write for one of his law interpretation classes. Much of the time law students spent on campus was in the library.
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We shall sleep soon...

Law students occupy the desks at the O'Quinn Law Library to write papers and study for upcoming tests. The library was filled with books and other information that helped students research in-depth on whatever law subject they liked.
-photo by Kena Alvarado

Studying Law

Students at the School of Law study to obtain their degrees in a top-notch academic setting

I was up all night studying for that test...

Students discuss grades they obtained on their last tests. It was important for law students to retain the information that they learned in their classes.
-photo by Kena Alvarado



Studying and being up all night was not new to law students at the University of Houston. The library always had a sea of students coming in and out, trying to keep up with their classes.

Most of the work that the students had was geared toward finals and term papers for their chosen courses. Most of what they had to do before finals included going to class and studying while out of class to review what they learned during their lectures.

Students found that cramming only helped them hold the information they needed to last them a few short hours, instead of a lifetime. If they wanted to retain the information, they had to expose themselves to the information constantly.

Professors taught the classes with a more direct competitive edge than many colleges on campus. Instead of just lecturing, the instructor tried to involve students in the lecture by asking opinions and questions on what they learned or what they thought.

Answering the questions intuitively and intellectually was essential to keeping up with the competition between students in the school.

"A lot of professors will make you jump through hoops in class and you don't want to look like a fool in front of the next guy since it's very competitive. You have to be good at what you do and stay on top of the materials that you are given so that you can answer the tough questions," said masters of law student John Wray.

One more interesting aspect of law was that every major on campus touched on the many facets of how the law affects their majors. Businesses always needed law interpretation to make sure they didn't break laws. Psychology proved to be a good undergraduate degree so that lawyers could understand people.

"Everything in life encompass law. It plays a major role in everybody's life," said second year law student Claudia Henry.

-Michelle Lehmann

Seeing is believing

The School of Optometry's high quality equipment and classes shed light on a fascinating subject

Optometry is the primary health profession dedicated to caring for the sense of vision. The American Optometric Association defines optometrists as "independent primary health care providers who examine, diagnose, treat and manage diseases and disorders of the visual system, the eye and associated structures as well as diagnose related systemic conditions."

The University of Houston College of Optometry offers the O.D. (Doctor of Optometry) degree after four years and two summer terms of intensive study. Admission to the four-year professional degree program is dependent upon having first earned a baccalaureate degree.

The curriculum provides students with the

"I still see you."
This is a human eye being prepared for dissection in one of the optometry labs. Students gained a diverse education to prepare them for the future in their field.
-photo by John Garves - School of Optometry



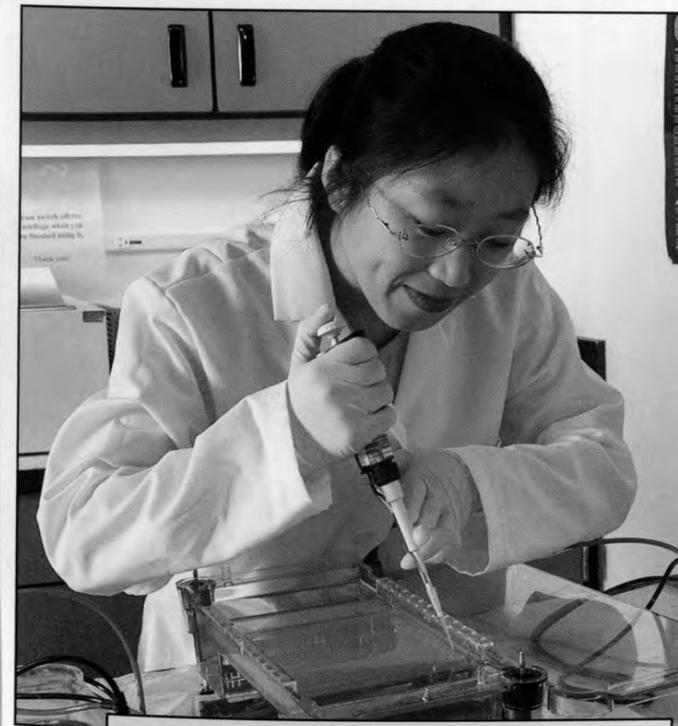
skills and knowledge to function competently in any of the diverse roles within professional optometry.

Optometrists practice individually, in group practices with other optometrists and alongside medical practitioners in interdisciplinary health clinics in large and small communities in Texas and across the United States. According to Dr. Paul Pease, Director of Student Affairs & Admissions, the college has a total of 3043 graduates who practice in 49 states and 23 different countries. Pease said that the college is generally recognized as one of the best programs in the country. The college offers graduate training leading to both the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees.

"Students get first hand experience with patients at the University Eye Institute on campus and further clinical experience during their fourth year internships at some 95 different settings throughout Houston, the nation, and the world," Pease said.

The college was established in the fall of 1952 and will celebrate its 50th anniversary during the 2002-2003 academic year.

-Michelle Lehmann



Just a squirt...
Optometry grad student Ying Pei loads gel into this tank to help her visualize DNA. Testing for DNA was essential in the understand of human vision.
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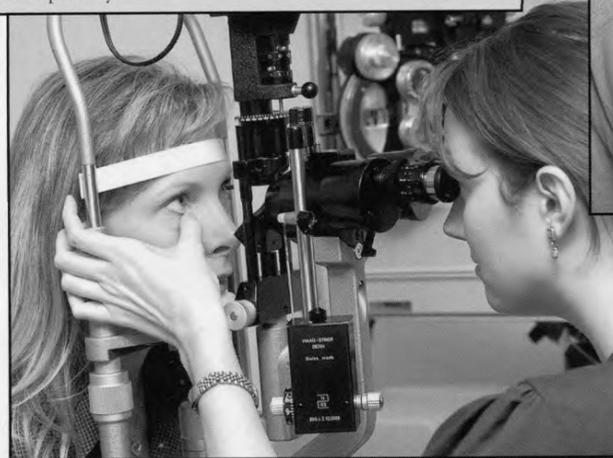
Too...interesting...for...notes
Students attempt to take notes in their Pediatric Optometry class. Sometimes the students were so interested in their class, they forgot to take notes.
-photo by Kena Alvarado



This piece moves like so...
UH faculty member Dr. Adrien Glasser explains the scanning laser device for measuring optical quality of lenses to graduate students Abhiram Vilupuru and Assersanjeew Kasthurirangan. The faculty at the school put much of their time into teaching the students about the optometry equipment.
-photo by John Garves-School of Optometry



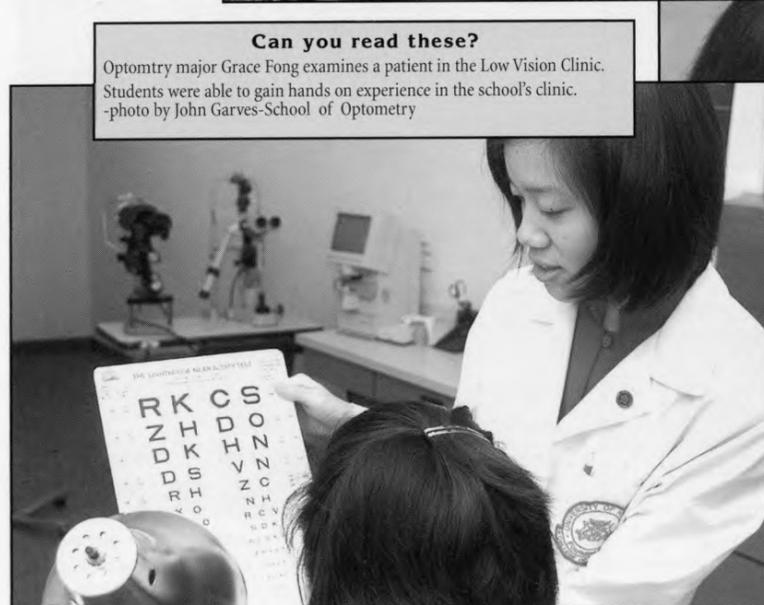
Don't ever push that button.
Dr. Scott Stevenson, a UH Optometry faculty member shows grad student Frank Visco how to operate the Eye Movement Recording instrument. Students learned about all the equipment that optometry used.
-photo by John Garves-School of Optometry



Hmmm...I see
Optometry student Deborah Broussard gets a practice eye exam from optometry student Nicole Soto. Students were able to practice on the equipment they were later going to use.
-photo by John Garves-School of Optometry



Hold still
Dr. Pat Segu, an Optometry faculty member, examines a patient at an optometry externship site. The faculty members used their experience with the equipment to enlighten to the students within the school.
-photo by John Garves-School of Optometry



Can you read these?
Optomtry major Grace Fong examines a patient in the Low Vision Clinic. Students were able to gain hands on experience in the school's clinic.
-photo by John Garves-School of Optometry

Growing opportunities

The Bauer College of Business offers a wide range of classes for all majors

The Bauer College of Business received a grant that allowed the school to update their facilities and gave the students an overall better degree program. One addition to the school was the AIM Center for Investment Management, which created a better and more efficient learning environment for students.

The AIM Center consisted of a 16 station trading laboratory, "an executive conference room with video-conferencing capabilities and a 36-seat classroom," according to the AIM Center web site. Also, a video wall of eight 52" flat plasma monitors provided a dynamic and colorful look at the day's events. "The video wall is the first of its kind in North American business schools intended for persistent and ever-changing donor recognition and display of real time business news and financial data," the web site stated.

The college offered classes and many types of degrees to the students of UH. It offered Accounting and Taxation, Finance, Decision and Information Sciences and Marketing and Entrepreneurship. Information Technologies also offered certificates in a Program for Excellence in Selling, Entrepreneurship, American Humanics Certificate in Nonprofit Organizations and Management. The school helped prepare students for a better future in business.

"Some of the classes that I have had have helped me to change my manner of thinking. They have forced me to think outside of the box," said senior management information systems and marketing major Alex Federovitch.

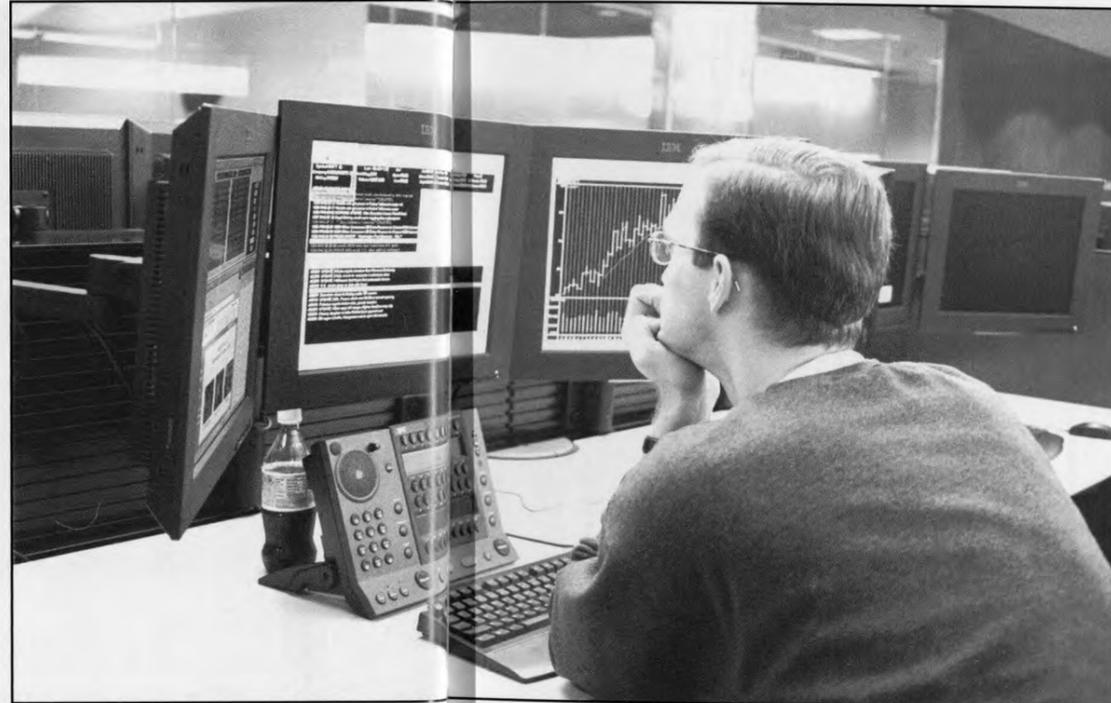
The Bauer College of Business also had classes for students not pursuing business majors. For instance, many advertising majors minored in marketing since advertising and marketing are so closely related. Students in the School of Technology would take accounting classes since it was part of their degree plans.

"Accounting was really hard, but it taught me the use of numbers for a business. As a manager in technology it's cool to learn all the aspects of how businesses make and manage their money," said senior information technology major Katherine Yin.

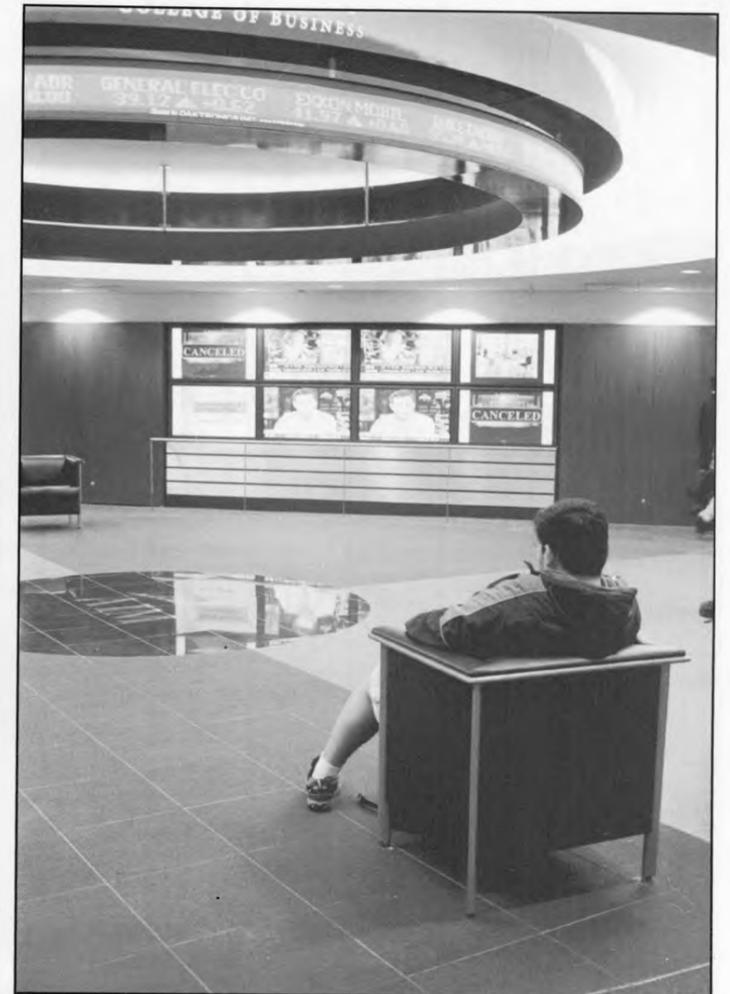
For many, the college turned ordinary college students into apt and knowledgeable business people. With the new curriculum and the new facilities students were able to make the best of their education.

"The college is raising the standards for all of its students to help better prepare for the business world," said Federovitch.

-Michelle Lehmann



Dreaming of Wallstreet
Tom Rourke, a doctor of finance student, checks his finance reports. Students in finance often had to rely on these strange machines to get their work done.
-photo by Kena Alvarado



Soooo, what do we do?
Junior finance major Nate Combs, junior marketing major Peter Flood, senior marketing major Julian Muñiz and senior accounting major Denisse Ferland discuss a business project for their class. Students met regularly in the library and the labs to discuss their group projects.
-photo by Kena Alvarado



Where's that pen?
Students in Intermediate Accounting prepare to take notes for their class. Many Accounting students had a great deal of studying to do for their Saturday tests.
-photo by Kena Alvarado

Man, always sensational...always!
Freshman computer science major Nima Hajazimzanjani rests and watches the news between classes. Business majors often kept up with business and world news for their classes.
-photo by Kena Alvarado

Jazzin' it up

Jazz at the Moore's School of Music teaches students to play like the pros



Right on beat
Sophomore music major Gary Bacom practices jazz on his drums. Students found that the more they practiced, the better they became at their instrument.
-photo by Kena Alvarado

More than dark glasses at night, black and gray clothing and big cups of cappuccino, jazz has a rich history in America. From New Orleans flash to California cool, jazz runs the gamut of chic society.

The jazz program at the University of Houston brought it all together to study both classic jazz and impromptu jam sessions. UH students that wished to be a part of these jazz classes had to audition for admission, but classes were offered for almost all skill levels.

The jazz program at the Moore's School of Music made it extremely attractive for campus musicians. The most unique aspect of the jazz program centered on one musician and his skills, original work, and choice of past works, who then performed with the students.

Last year, Conrad Erwick was chosen as the centerpiece for the jazz program. Erwick, a groundbreaking trombonist, was "one of the most outstanding Jazz musicians of our time. His work requires the highest level of skill to play and proves that the trombone can

still be played in the modern jazz style that requires faster notes and beats," according to jazz instructor Noe Marmolejo.

As is necessary in jazz, Marmolejo cautioned that students who wanted to enter the program "must be able to improvise." The jazz classes involved a wide range of instruments, including trumpets, trombones, saxophones, pianos, guitars, bass, drums, and more. Junior music education major Jaime Peters described how she was introduced to jazz and music when she said, "once in middle school some guy told me I couldn't play the sax because I was a girl, so I set out to prove I could. I plan to teach music when I graduate."

While jazz was the main focus for these classes, the pieces chosen by that year's selected musician and students ranged from swing to hip-hop, funk, and ballads.

"It's a very strong group of musicians that I am proud to be involved with," said Marmolejo.

-Richard Whitrock

I love my sax

Music education freshman Jose Vasquez, the first to become a musician in his family, practices the sax between sets. Many students followed their dreams by going to school for what they really wanted to do, like becoming a musician.
-photo by Kena Alvarado



Where's Louie?

Jazz ensemble instructor Woody Witt conducts the jazz orchestra. Most of the jazz students played in an orchestra to improve their ensemble skills.
-photo by Kena Alvarado



Tall light fixture

Students linger around the side of the Moore's School of Music building after their classes. Some students would meet in the park next to the school to discuss where their band would meet next.
-photo by Erin Nagy

More Web Technologies

Media students learn valuable life lessons and more about media ethics



Taping leaves on a tree!

Students in Web Technologies III discuss how the web site should be tweaked to make it easier to navigate. Students learned many aspects of the web, group work and deadline skills in the class.

-photo by Erin Nagy

The School of Communications had a special problems class in its curriculum during the spring semester. Advanced Web Design, a course developed by Dr. David Donnelly, was a computer intensive class that allowed students to work together to create a web page that would be used by college students as a media research and reference site. This semester's project dealt with media ethics and the responsibilities of the media to accurately portray our society.

"I was able to learn a lot about media ethics from the research I did in this class," said senior media production major Michael Brimms.

Students enrolled in the class developed their web design and group work skills in Information and the Web, and Web Technologies II, which were prerequisites.

"I think so far the most educational part of this class for me was learning how to work with people in a group 'nobody-decides-till-we-all-agree situation,'" said junior interpersonal communications major Jenny Tenneberger.

Computer know-how and an eye for design and layout were not the only things required of the eight people in the class. They also had to be able to work together effectively and rely on each other for feedback.

-Erin Nagy

This campaign will be the best!

PR students await their group leader so they can discuss the presentation of their campaign. The Campaigns class gave students the opportunity to compete against one another, sharpening their skills.

-photo by Erin Nagy



Waiting...

Students in the Advertising Campaigns class wait for one of the groups to present their part of the whole campaign. Students broke up into teams to do one part of the advertising so that the work load was focused for the people within the groups.

-Photo by Erin Nagy



Wow! That is so great.

One group in the PR campaigns class listens to see what the due dates for their presentations are. Students had to present their final campaign to the class for comparison, and for the final grade.

-photo by Erin Nagy

Advertising and PR Campaigns

Two classes plunge into business practice by creating real campaigns

Students in both public relations and advertising were able to gain hands-on experience in campaigns classes. Both concentrations gave the students the assignment of assembling a campaign based on what they learned in their classes.

Professor Jay Mower's advertising students received hands-on experience with a campaign for Banc of America, Bank of America's investment services.

"It is a great experience because there are a lot of ideas throughout the course (COMM 4361) and the students create special advertisements," he said.

Every year the campaigns were unique: from cars to the Red Cross to selling Hallmark cards across the country. Last year there was a different perspective to the advertising campaign because a specific part of Banc of America Co., was being promoted.

The Advertising Campaigns class applied the creative, media, and strategic advertising principles to the campaign which were learned in the fall semester of 2001. The students wanted to make people aware of the investment services the company had to offer, such as getting advised by investments counselors.

"At first we all started out not liking it," said Mower. "Metaphorically speaking, the class is like the New England Patriots, the 2002 Super Bowl champions. They come out as a team and won as team and that is what the class is doing."

There were three main groups: the creative media group, promotions and public relations. Each group was assigned different tasks. Employers recognized this opportunity as a positive experience and students were considered more employable especially since they competed nationally.

Advertising wasn't the only communications class that competed for a great campaign. The Public Relations Campaign class also competed amongst themselves to develop a campaign. The students in the class were to come up with a workable and seemingly successful campaign for the for Eastwood Health Clinic.

"I really feel like Campaigns has taught me how to be the best I can be as far as promoting people and businesses," said senior public relations major Erin Nagy.

Students gained valuable experience through their research. Also, the networking connections they forged helped them with possible job opportunities. The group-oriented nature of the class resulted in occasional conflicts between passionate people, but all in all, it was an enjoyable and valuable learning experience.

-Jackie Gil

AN ANTHROPOLOGIST'S PHOTO ALBUM

A TRIP TO NICARAGUA PROVES TO BE A LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR THESE ANTHROPOLOGISTS



QUÉ ES ESO!

A group of elementary students in San Ramón peek at the Anthropology students to say Hola! The UH students were able to get a taste of the local people of Nicaragua. -courtesy of Cheryl Guine



UHM, LIKE GRRRR OR SOMETHING

These two *Ateles Geoffroyi* monkeys sit and wait to see the action the anthropology students have in store. The students weren't able to get to close to these long legged creatures, since they have been known to bite. -courtesy of Cheryl Guine



SMILE PRETTY!

This Cupuchin is loving the chocolate the anthropology students gave him. Most of the monkeys crawled up to the students to see what they had to eat. -courtesy of Cheryl Guine



OH! LOOK! LOOK!

The anthropology students take pictures of the monkeys from their boat. Students used their photographs to go into more depth in their studies. -courtesy of Cheryl Guine



TIGHT QUARTERS

Cheryl Guine and a colleague chill out in their quarters. The students had small but decent accommodations in Nicaragua. -courtesy of Cheryl Guine.

Last summer a group of college students from around the state took a trip to Nicaragua for anthropology research. The research for many of the students including senior anthropology major Sheryl Guine was the learning experience that they waited a lifetime for.

"The trip was a great cultural experience. The field research, especially studying the monkeys, was fascinating," said Guine.

Guine's concentration was on monkeys within anthropology so she was able to focus on the students boat ride to Monkey Island. There were many different types of monkeys on the island including; *Alloutta Palliata*, *Atles Geoffroyi* and the one pictured above, the *Capuchin*.

"The monkeys were very habituated which means they were accustomed to humans, and were not really afraid of us," said Guine.

The students stayed in small cabins near the rainforest where they were able to hike into the forest. They also spent some time with each other just having a good time or discussing their

research.

The students were able to study the culture of the people of Nicaragua. They interacted a small group of elementary aged children close to the area they stayed.

"It was pretty interesting to meet the some of the people from Nicaragua. They were interesting and we were able to find out more about their culture," said Guine.

Anthropology students also had an exciting opportunity to interact directly with history in the form of the Levi Jordan Plantation in Brazoria. The plantation dated back to 1848, when it was built by Levi Jordan, his family and the people who worked there -- as slaves and later as sharecroppers.

"It's been an eye-opening experience from what we have been taught. We are finding out and proving that [the slaves] retained most of their cultural aspects and continued to practice them, even if they had to hide them," said Paula Dickens, a master's degree student in anthropology.

-Michelle Lehmann





We are in good shape

Military science students take their morning run before the rest of the day begins. Military personnel were required to keep up with their physical training as well as their grades in their other classes.

-photo by Kena Alvarado

The men and women of the ROTC program may not have been hailed awake by drill sergeants, but training still began at 6:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. With this early rising students in the training still received a similar experience to the actual military.

Students who were enrolled in the military science program endured a strict physical training regimen that included running, sit-ups and other exercises that promoted physical and mental stability. For some students, this extensive workout was both exhausting and rewarding. They found that the discipline helped them maintain focus with their studying as well.

“Waking up early and exercising regularly instills a

certain discipline that can be applied to study skills and organizing one’s priorities,” said senior media production major Christian Blevins.

Physical training, in addition to strengthening the body, helped students to clear their minds and focus on impending tasks. Students even learned this in their physical education classes, but these particular students experienced it everyday. Many students understood that the exercise was good for them mentally.

“Physical training is beneficial not only to the physical body but to our minds as well,” said Blevins.

The military science program offered courses such as Introduction to the Army and Marksmanship, Survival and Unarmed Self-Defense, Military Leadership Development, Basic Camp and Advanced Military Science.

One of the main goals of the program was to develop and motivate both men and women to become physically, mentally and technically competent, in order to acquire positions in the Army, the Army Reserve and the National Guard.

In addition to providing UH students with the leadership skills that were necessary to succeed in their personal and academic lives, the ROTC program also provided them with the motivational tools that helped them strive for success in their military careers.

“After the initial shock of being told what to do, it gets to a point where you are actually building character and self esteem. You actually get to where you go beyond what’s expected of you; you get to where you set goals for yourself to be better than what’s expected,” said biological psychology major cadet Steven McAfee.

-Erin Nagy



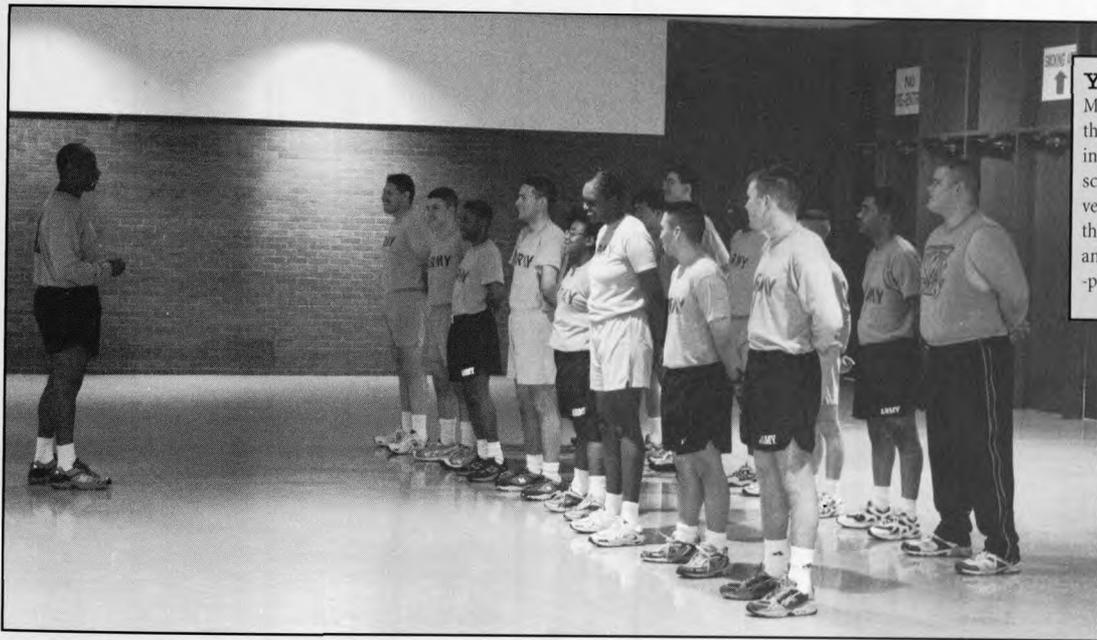
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Students do sit-ups for physical training, while others hold their feet down. Physical training was important to the health and fitness of military science.

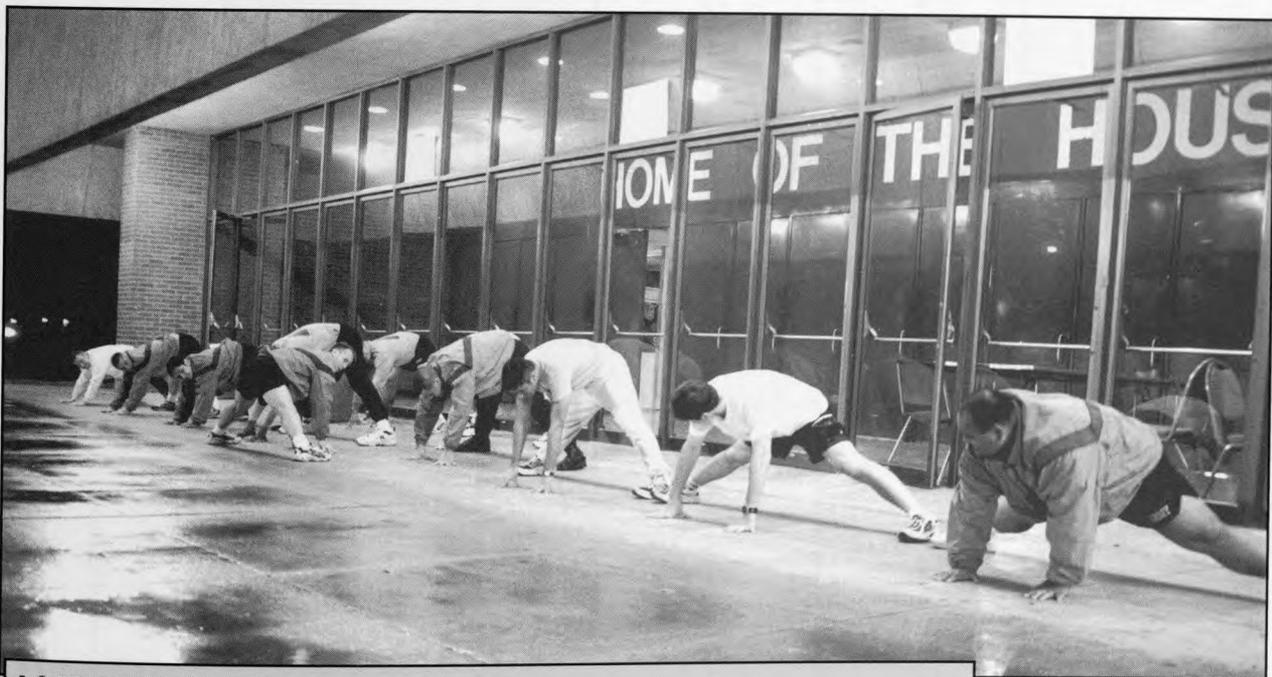
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Hoppin' to it!

Military science students found that they acquired more than just physical training



Yes Sir! Here Sir!
Military science students wait for their names to be called out during roll call. The campus military science department ran the classes very similar to armed forces like the Army, the Navy, the Marines and the Air Force.
-photo by Kena Alvarado



1-2-3-4, 1-2-3-4. Hup! Hup!
Military science students stretch before they do their morning run. Military science included a lot of physical dexterity and mental determination.
-photo by Kena Alvarado

1966

Bob Allison examines a reading on a machine in his chemical engineering class. This instrument, which seemed so high-tech at the time, was hopelessly outdated a few years later.

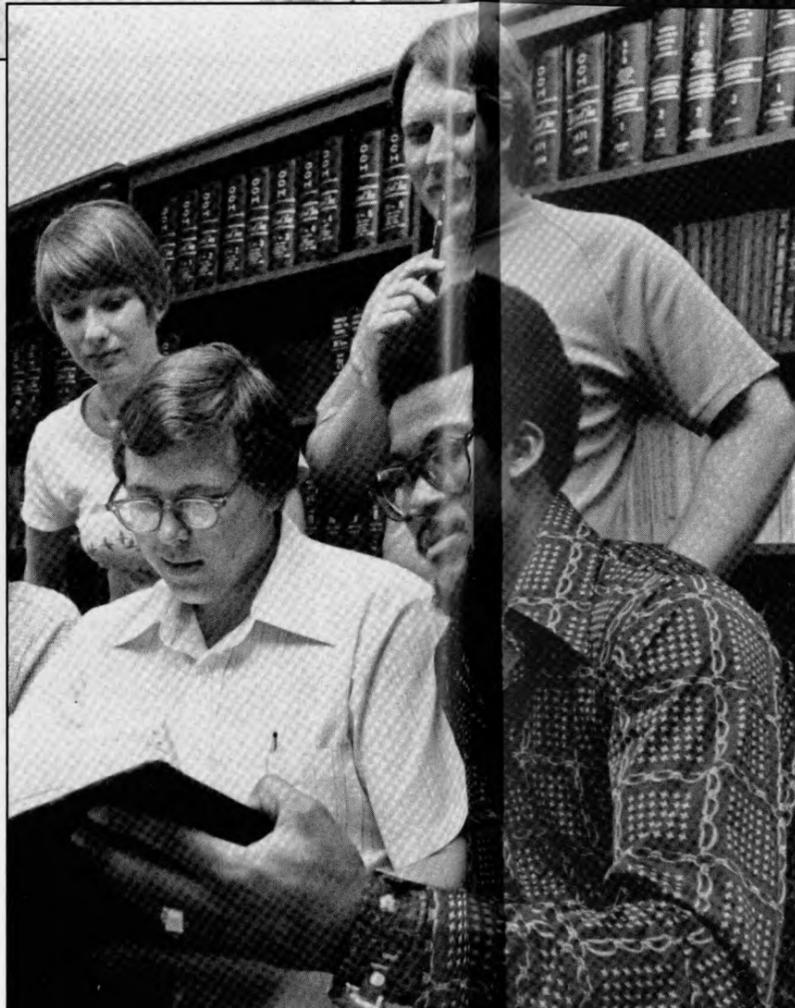


1953

Students learn how to use a brand-new television camera. All through the years, the University was committed to providing its students with the best equipment possible.

1979

A group of business students in the library studies together for a test. Study groups were a tried and true way to prepare for midterms, finals, and other exams.



1991

A student enjoys a shish kabob as she takes a break from studying for her classes. Food was, and always has been, an integral part of the studying experience.

Academics *in the past*

Some things never change. Classes were still hard, often harder, than they were when the school was first founded. Some professors still had zany idiosyncracies that drove students crazy. Everyone spent too much time doing homework, and not enough time having fun. The collegiate experience was all about learning, however.

The first academic building for the University of Houston was the Roy G. Cullen Memorial Building, erected in 1927. Shortly after that, the Science Building was added. Others followed as the school grew larger and more diverse, offering a greater choice of majors and ever-harder classes. The faculty grew along with the students, making for a comfortable, friendly learning environment for everyone.

During the fifties and sixties, the university really began to grow, as numerous buildings including University Center, Hoffman Hall, and Science and Research were added to the campus, vastly expanding the number of classes and the number of students on campus. The university added programs for engineering and music majors, and expanded its liberal arts program.

As the oil boom took off during the 1980's, the university was recognized amongst the leaders in the nation as a science, research, and engineering school. Architecture was added as a major, and the beautiful new Architecture Building was erected to house the new school.

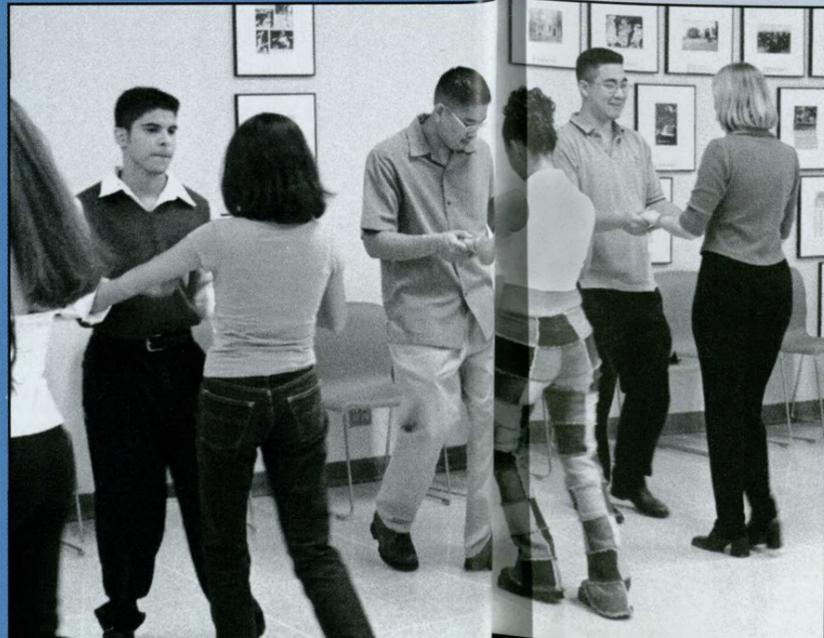
As the twentieth century drew to a close, campus enrollment exceeded 33,000 students, not to mention a premier faculty with big names like Paul Chu, a pioneer of superconducting materials, Edward Albee, who wrote "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolfe?" and Michael Economides, a world-renowned petrochemical engineer. Our school lived up to its motto during the first few years of the new century: learning and leading.

Matthew E. Caster



Sassy!
The Buggy Beauties do their best to support the football team in the Homecoming parade. UH had many organizations which encouraged school spirit.
Photo by Lauren Wilson

Step, 2, 3, 4
Students test their skills at the Hispanic Business Association's Salsa Night and Fundraiser. The event gave the students a chance to cut loose a bit.
Photo by Azel Augustin



Almost as widely varied as the student body on campus, the number of groups, clubs, and associations at the University of Houston ensured that any student would be able to find a group of people with similar interests. With well over one hundred different organizations on campus, there really was something for everybody. Various academic organizations on campus enabled students interested in a common career to learn from older and wiser students about the benefits and consequences of their choice of profession. Others sought ethnic organizations that allowed people of shared heritage to get to know one another. Still others were just looking for people as enthusiastic as they were about, well, anything. The variance amongst the University's many organizations helped to provide a truly enriching experience for all who sought the comraderie and company of their fellow students.

Public Relations Student Society of America

PRSSA makes connections for the future

Are you a Public Relations major? Are you racking your brain trying to find internships and job placement? Well look no further! The University of Houston chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) is here to help.

"PRSSA membership opens the door to a network of support and contacts to aid in my job search and teaches practical skills in resume writing, interviewing, and much, much more," said senior public relations major Teneshia Eleby.

There were immense benefits to being a PRSSA member. A mentorship program set undergraduate members up with professional members of the national organization of the Public Relations Society of America. PRSSA members were also treated to interesting and informative speakers like Ben

Wheatly, President of the Houston chapter of PRSSA, and "Technology Evangelist" Michael Garfield.

Additionally, there was a National Conference held annually for PRSSA members which provided priceless information and introductions to contacts that could be of great use in the future. This year's conference was held in Atlanta. It is held in a different city every year and so not only was it informative, it also gave members an opportunity to travel.

"Networking is a vital part of any profession. The contacts our members make almost always lead to internships or future employment. There is much to be gained from meeting others who share an interest in your field of study."

-Cassandra D. Jones

"Can I Help You?"

Junior public relations major Fabian Sifuentes gives potential Cougars some information on the Public Relations Student Society of America. PRSSA and many other campus organizations set up booths during the annual "Cougar Preview" to get their names out to hundreds of young high school seniors considering the University of Houston as their choice for the upcoming year. Photo by Kena Alvarado



"We're on CNN!"

Senior Shaily Jariwala, junior Dara Daniel, senior Tracy Van Assendelft, and junior Fabian Sifuentes, all public relations majors, pose with the hosts of the popular CNN show *TalkBack Live*. Members went to Atlanta, Georgia for a PRSSA National Conference in fall 2001. When they weren't in sessions, they went out to have some fun.

Photo courtesy of PRSSA



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"Which group was that?"

Senior public relations major Kelly Papinchak (center) waits her turn to announce some information about the Public Relations Student Society of America. Numerous Communications Organizations attended a mixer at Jillian's and each organization's president stood up, named his or her organization and told everyone a little bit about it. Photo courtesy of PRSSA

Clay Works

The Fine Arts Department Shows Off Their Talent

In room 124 of the Fine Arts Building, student members of Clay Works busily created pottery designs under the watchful eye of Huey Beckman, the ceramics professor.

Clay Works was a ceramics organization that began in 1969. After a few name changes and idle years, Clay Works re-emerged in 1993 as a ceramics tradition.

The organization was student-run and mainly consisted of ceramics students, although students with majors such as jewelry-making and sculpture were part of the organization as well. The organization required only one's interest for membership.

Liz Faicy, a member of Clay Works, said, "Anyone with a desire to create ceramic pieces, no matter what their major or skill level, is welcome to join."

Every semester, the organization held a ceramics sale. The fall sale was held November 27-29 in the atrium of the Fine Arts Building. The three-day event featured advanced ceramics students' work, and work from other students who created exceptional pieces.

"It's about a two-week process to get our actual sale setup, however it is a project we concentrate on for most of the semester because it is our main fundraising event," said junior Lilly Lee, a ceramics major.

This year the Ceramics sale featured guest artists Laura Smith, a ceramics teacher at the

University of Houston, and Robbie Wood, a University of Houston alumnus. Other newcomers included students from the print-making and jewelry-making departments. The profits from the sale went towards purchasing art supplies and bringing guest speakers to the fine arts department.

"We invite guest speakers to come and tell



Pretty Pots!

Displayed here are some of the pots made by members of Clay Works. There weren't just pottery majors in this creative organization, students from various art majors joined in the fun and learned how to make lovely works of art, like the pots in the picture above.

Photo by Azel Agustin

us about new and interesting techniques they've come up with. By listening to their ideas we get a feel of what's going on outside of University of Houston in the ceramics field," said senior ceramics major Jessica Wasiak.

-Dionne Victor



Pottery For Sale!

Senior sculpture major Jennifer Tieman and junior sculpture major Lilly Lee take their turn to attend to the Clay Works "Ceramics Sale" stand. The members helped interested customers find pieces they liked, gave them the price, and rung up the sales.

Photo by Azel Agustin

Keeping track

Post-baccalaureate student Elizabeth Faiz presides over the ceramics sale. No one walking by could pass up the eye-catching display without at least stopping and glancing at the incredible pieces. Students used multiple designs and colors to express their creativity.

Photo by Azel Agustin



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Secretary

Jenny Higgins

Working Out The Kinks

The Institute of Industrial Engineers Attends Conferences & Wins Competitions

When it absolutely, positively has to be optimized and organized as quickly as possible, whom are you going to call? The Institute of Industrial Engineers specialized in "working the kinks out" of all industrial operations, increasing efficiency and making everything cheaper and faster. The University of Houston's chapter of IIE gave industrial engineering majors at UH the opportunity to learn about their chosen field.

Industrial engineers who joined IIE received many benefits from the organization. They had the opportunity to serve as research assistants for professional industrial engineers. They also got special access to tour petrochemical plants and refineries, providing real-world enrichment for what they learned in the classroom. In addition, during the monthly meetings of the IIE, guest speakers from local industries were invited to share their expertise.

UH's Institute of Industrial Engineers is amongst the most recognized in the nation. Every spring, IIE mem-

bers from around the country compete in a "simulation competition" where teams are asked to solve a real world industrial problem by simulating a solution. UH's team routinely places in the top ten in the nation. The team also represented our university at the Industrial Engineering Regional Conference, and winning at the regional level means a trip to the National Conference. In the last twenty years, the UH chapter of IIE has placed first at the National Conference three times. They also competed in the university's intramural softball program.

The forty-five members of the University of Houston's Institute of Industrial Engineers were a very proud, tight-knit group. The organization's president, Hashir Saleem, said, "Every industry that is looking to stay in business will have an industrial engineer on staff. Companies that don't hire an industrial engineer to keep everything running smoothly get taken over by companies that have."

-Matthew E. Caster

Wow, How Interesting!

Students and staff members from the Department of Industrial Engineering watch and learn from a guest speaker at a banquet held by the IIE. IIE invited guest speakers from all over the nation to come and speak on occasion.

Photo courtesy of IIE



Keeping Members Informed

John Powers, Executive Director of IIE, gives students and peers a presentation at an IIE Student Chapter Banquet. Powers came all the way from Atlanta, Georgia. IIE often invited guest speakers to help educate its members and faculty about the goings-on in the world of industrial engineering. Photo courtesy of IIE



Leading the Group

Advisor Dr. John Hunsucker, Dr. L. Shulze, Executive Director of IIE John Powers, senior distribution & logistics engineering Major Jeff Slade, senior industrial engineering major Johanna Chouman, senior industrial engineering major Hashir Saleem, Dept. Head Dr. Hamid Parsaei, and IIE Conference Chairperson Katherine Kinser all stand together for a photo at an event held by IIE. Photo courtesy of IIE

Officer List

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Vice-President:

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Treasurer:

Robert Whitaker

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Talisha Poe

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Casey Watts

Webmaster:

Yogesh Bhutani

Faculty Advisor:

Dr. John Hunsucker

Muslim Students Association

MSA helps Muslim students feel right at home

One of the most active organizations on campus was the Muslim Students' Association (MSA). Unlike most other organizations, MSA required absolutely nothing to join; one simply asked to be added to the mailing list and attended activities that MSA hosted, and they were considered "in".

"We're always doing things around campus, like monthly dinners, interfaith dialogues, the 'Da'wa Table', Jummuah, and occasional social events," said sophomore psychology major Afshana Haque, co-president of MSA.

MSA's primary goal was to cater to the needs of the many Muslim students on campus. For example, they set up two general locations, in the A.D. Bruce Religion Center and on the fifth floor of the M.D. Anderson Library on campus, for students to go pray. They held freshman orientation in the summer, two weeks before school started, so Muslims could meet other Muslims attending the University, help each other set up schedules, and buy and sell books. They also provided Jummuah: Jummuah is the special Friday prayers in which Muslims are required to hear a sermon and then pray in congregation around noon.

"It's great that we have Jummuah on campus because it is difficult to get out of class and go find a mosque in time. By the time you finally do get there, you've missed the prayer," said freshman psychology major Ridwan Khan.

One major event for Muslims is Ramadan, the month of fasting. And when it was time to break fast often many students were still on campus, but they had no fear because they knew MSA provided Iftaar (the meal with which muslims break fast); and of course, it was on the house!

Another aspiration of the MSA was Da'wa, educating others about Islam. MSA usually set up a "Da'wa Table" every Wednesday and Thursday at the UC or in the PGH Breezeway to distribute pamphlets, books, and to provide people with information about Islam.

"For the purpose of raising awareness about Ramadan, we just had a special 'Da'wa Table' on November 15th during which we set up the PGH Breezeway with Islamic posters, art, books, pamphlets, food, and we were also selling henna designs for a small price to raise funds for upcoming events. It was a great success and we had lots of fun," said sophomore pre-dentistry major Leya Khan.

-By Sadaf F. Farooqui

"Dinner Time!"

Freshman psychology major Umaima Jafri fills up her plate with delicious chinese food at a dinner provided by MSA. MSA held monthly dinners for its members. The dinners gave Muslim youth at the university a chance to socialize with other Muslims.

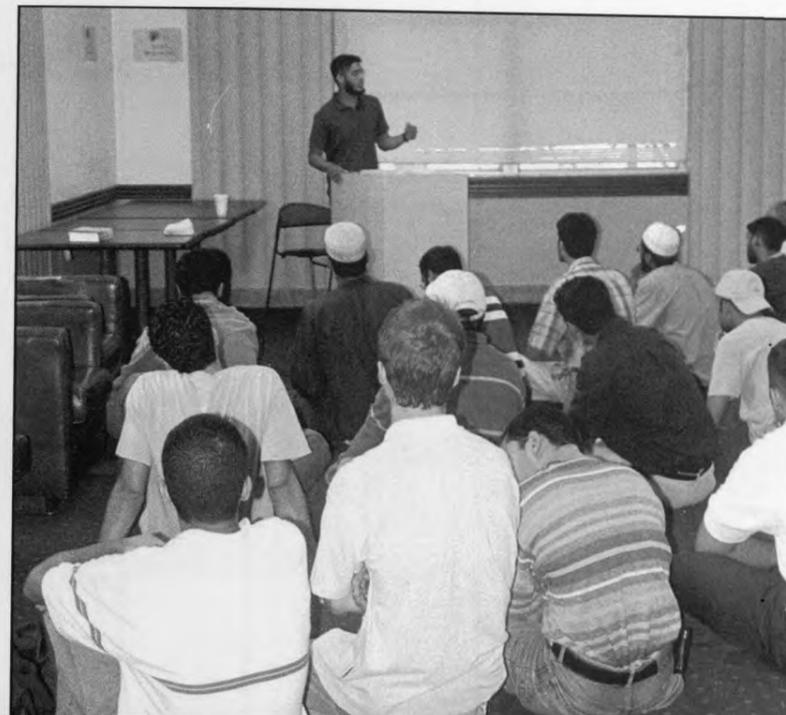
Photo by Sadaf Farooqui



Shhh...Listen!

Senior computer science major Kashif Mumtaz gives the sermon for Jummuah prayers at the Quad. It is very important, especially for men, to attend these special Friday prayers in a congregation, and so it was great that it was provided on campus for those who didn't have time to get to a mosque. Different people gave the this religious speech on Fridays throughout the school year.

Photo by Lorrie Novosad



Nice Design!

Junior psychology major Wajiha Waheed puts henna on the hands of sophomore university studies major Julie Nieto. On November 15, 2001, MSA put together a special Islamic awareness setup to tell people about the upcoming month of Ramadan. It was in the PGH Breezeway and others on campus had the opportunity to come eat Arabic food, get some henna designs on their hands and feet, and learn a little something about Islam.

Photo by Kena Alvarado

Officer List

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Mudassar Khan Al-Hindi

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Qasim Maudoodi

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Sarah Khan

Activities

Coordinator:

Saad Yusuf

Treasurer:

Mahjabin Khan

Public Relations:

Muhammad Arshad Khan

University of Houston Ambassadors

UH Ambassadors show and tell all

Everything that you could ever want to know about University of Houston is known by a select group of people. Who are they? They are the University of Houston Ambassadors. Do you remember those upbeat people in the red and white shirts at Cougar Preview? They knew the answer to every question you had about the University of Houston and knew how to get around this campus without getting lost.

In 1984, the Office of Admissions and Campus Activities formed the Ambassadors. Their job was to show the prospective students and their parents around the University of Houston and fill them in on all the advantages of attending UH. They also tried to make transfer students feel better while they were trying to get through their Transitions program.

"Cougar Preview is our biggest event because we can promote UH to many people

all at once," said President David Edmonson, a senior political science major.

Cougar Preview is held each semester; this year it provided important information to prospective students and their parents. The one-day event included campus tours, advising, and tours of residence halls. Prospective students could also get their credentials evaluated for admission to the university all in one day.

"Cougar Preview was the deciding vote for me between all of the schools I was considering. It was extremely informative and the Ambassadors were very helpful," said freshman MIS major Krystal Agyemang.

The Ambassadors also guide the daily campus tours, attended college nights, and visited high schools to inform potential newcomers about the University of Houston.

-Cassandra D. Jones

"Who's ready to go see UH?"

Students and parents attending the Cougar Preview 2001 wait for the UH Ambassadors to show them around the campus. The Cougar Preview was one of the biggest events for the UH Ambassadors because it was the best opportunity they had to talk to prospective students and tell them all about the many advantages of going to the University of Houston.

Photo by Kena Alvarado



Bulls-eye!

Junior human development and family issues major Laura Eaton, sophomore political science major Miller Mata, and sophomore psychology major Kimeya Courts-Chapman tune up their archery skills. The UH Ambassadors went on a retreat during the fall semester of 2001. The members did archery, rock climbing and other team-building activities so they could all get to know their fellow ambassadors. Photo courtesy of UH Ambassadors



"And that is our lovely campus!"

Students take a last look around the campus as they complete their tour of the University of Houston. The UH Ambassadors were particularly famous for their tours. They were the ones who took prospective students and other visitors around the campus and showed them what they were missing.

Photo by Kena Alvarado

Officer List

President:
David Edmonson

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Sabrina Holub

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Tammy Cameron

Events Coordinator:
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Parliamentarian:
Abby Dudziak

Ambud Coordinator:
Nafis Bhuiyan

Historian:
Beth Payne

Advisor:
Linda Garza

Pre-Law Preparation

Phi Alpha Delta Helps Members Get Ready for a Future in the Legal Profession

The University of Houston's Pre-Law Society, Phi Alpha Delta, prepared its 2001 members for their future in Law School by providing them with valuable information.

The members had the opportunity to tour law schools and for the first time, they were welcomed by the UH Law Center for a Tort class sit-in. Members also participated in mock trials and in the Trial Advocacy Institute's Jury Selection Panel, took mock LSAT exams, and had group meetings with guest speakers like Councilman Quan.

Phi Alpha Delta wasn't all work though; the organization also provided entertaining events, such as movie night, for their members. This year for their movie night, the members selected *Double Jeopardy* (as stated by Paramount Pictures, the movie bases its theme on double jeopardy law that comes into play nearly every day in courtrooms across America).

The members of the Pre-Law Society also held a canned food drive for Food for Kids in Houston for local charities.

Wendy Miller, president of PAD, said the organization can proudly boast that members include senators such as Hillary Rodham Clinton, Supreme Court Justices and 6 past presidents. With such a track record, she implied, the organization could provide a valuable networking opportunity for the members.

The fall semester was a time of resurgence for the Phi Alpha Delta UH chapter because the organization temporarily dispersed due to the graduation of the 2000 officers.

"Dr. Carp took it on himself to breathe life back into PAD," said Miller, "He brought together the executive board of Farah Paliwala, David Edmonson, Narciso Jaramillo and himself to take on the challenge for the fall and spring semesters. And we did."

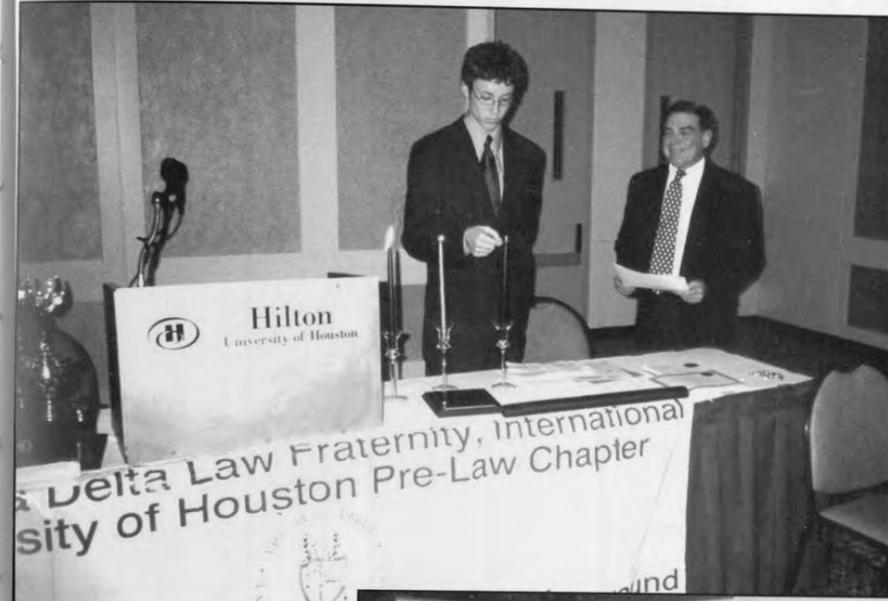
-Jacqueline Gil

Helping out

PAD members sit and wait to be instructed at the "Giving ABC" Book Drive which was held to benefit UH's Child Care Center. The group donated in excess of 250 books to aid the center, which lost all of its library books in Tropical Storm Allison. Photo courtesy of Phi Alpha Delta



Be Carefull
Dr. Carp watches as the Executive Vice President, senior political science major David Edmonson, lights the candles at PAD's 2001 Initiation Ceremony. The ceremony was held at the UH Hilton Ballroom this year with a guest speaker. Photo courtesy of Phi Alpha Delta



Preparing for The Test

Former Princeton Review Representative Bud Barry teaches LSAT strategies to PAD members. PAD held different activities throughout the year to help its members prepare to take the infamously difficult exam. Photo courtesy of Phi Alpha Delta

Welcome!

Senior philosophy major Wendy Miller and junior MIS major Joe Michael Lamb sit at the registration table and welcome members and guests to the 2001 Initiation Ceremony. The semi-formal ceremony opened with a social. Photo courtesy of Phi Alpha Delta

Officer List

President:

Wendy Miller

Executive VP:

David Edmonson

Secretary/Treasurer:

Farah Paliwala

VP of Recruiting:

Narciso Jaramillo

Faculty Advisor:

Robert Carp, Political Science

American Marketing Association

AMA-UH teaches members about the ins and outs of marketing in the real world

With over 11,000 members nationwide in over 300 chapters, the collegiate network of the American Marketing Association (AMA) was one of the most established organizations on campuses around the U.S. The University of Houston's chapter of the American Marketing Association (AMA-UH) provided students from any major with a variety of activities that were important in the world of business.

AMA-UH helped students understand aspects of the business world, such as advertising, research, sales, product design, and management. However, since marketing is involved in so many different types of businesses, it could be useful information to practically everyone.

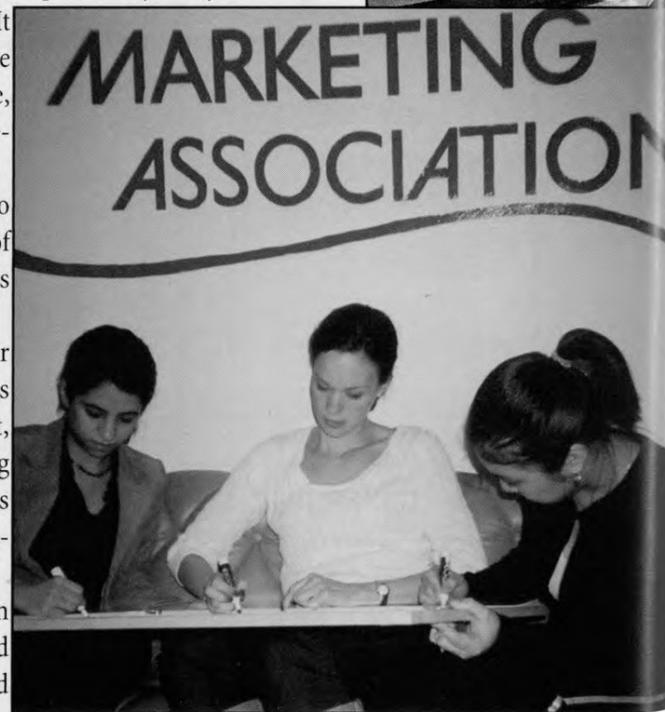
AMA-UH also takes part in a national conference each year. It is held annually, usually in April, in various cities. This year the conference took place in Orlando, Florida. At this conference, members attended seminars, luncheons, banquets, award ceremonies, and informative presentations.

"Last year our conference was in New Orleans and we got to hear speakers talk about their area of business. It's always a lot of fun because you get to meet new people and learn different things about marketing," said senior marketing major Rachel Zick.

Anyone interested had the opportunity to join for \$60 a year or \$55 a semester. A year's membership got members many things including a monthly issue of Marketing News, an employment kit, access to the AMA national job bank, and discounts on marketing journals. The best part about joining, however, was that members were able to be part of a respected organization of marketing professionals.

"I really enjoyed being a part of AMA, especially since I was an officer. I got to deal with different kinds of people and learned leadership skills that I know will be useful to me in the real world of business," said junior marketing major Mariam Ahmad.

-Sadaf F. Farooqui



Preparations

Marketing majors junior Mariam Ahmad, senior Rachel Zick, and senior Maria La write down information for the upcoming meeting on the AMA board. The American Marketing Association, whose office was located in room 107 Melcher Hall, always kept a board with information outside of the room to keep members and others updated on events and meetings. Photo by Sadaf Farooqui



Happy Valentine's Day from AMA

Junior marketing major Leah Lu wraps up some flowers to sell at the AMA setup for Valentine's Day. AMA and many other organizations reserved tables at the University Center on February 13th and 14th to sell flowers and other Valentine goodies. AMA sold roses, daisies, candy, and raffle tickets to win two tickets for the upcoming Wu Tang Clan Concert. Photo by Sadaf Farooqui



"Let me show you all how its done!"

Students from AMA, along with other various organizations, learn how to dance at a social. AMA was often doing things to get involved with other organizations on campus to get their name out there and have some fun. This was a social they did with a few other organizations in the fall semester of 2001 that took place in the University Center Underground. Photo by Kena Alvarado

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Rachel Zick

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Cindy Ly

VP Membership:

Esmeralda Ortiz

VP Communication:

Jessica Terry

VP Programs:

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VP Socials:

Mariam Ahmad

Faculty Advisor:

Niladri Syam

Student Video Network

SVN gets back on its feet

Anyone want to watch a movie? Anyone want to learn how to make the movie? Well that's exactly the type of opportunity the Student Video Network (SVN) provided students with. SVN is an organization dedicated to getting student programming on television. The organization gave students a chance to experience hands-on training in video production in front of and behind the camera with professional equipment. Everyone was welcome to join. SVN offered a wide variety of programming including music videos, prank shows, and even movies.

This year, however, SVN was faced with a greater challenge than usual. It was a victim of the horrible floods Houston experienced in 2001. All the equipment they had was ruined in the flood, including the studio they used in past years. They had to work hard to get everything cleaned up and back on track.

"It was quite difficult to get set back up this year because we had to get all new equipment. Since we had so much to replace, there was also a lot of research time involved in trying to figure out where and how to get the right equipment at affordable prices," said senior media productions major Jason Ugorji.

Despite all the damage it had to recover from, the

members of SVN got it back up and running again. They even began a major project with the organization: a brand new, completely digital T.V. station. They still weren't totally set up though; SVN members didn't have their studio so they temporarily (for this year) met on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3-4 pm in the Student Program Board room.



"And that's how you fix the lighting."

Senior media productions major Jason Ugorji, SVN Executive chair, teaches his fellow SVN members including senior linguistics major Dan Satterfield, graduate student of photography Ed Mackey, sophomore english and media productions major Robbie Meckna, and freshman media productions major Fred Luchena the ins and outs of lighting when filming.
Photo by Kena Alvarado

"We lost our studio in the floods, so we had to spend a whole semester rebuilding SVN, but we're almost back on our feet now and working on new projects," said junior media productions Kena Alvarado.

-Sadaf F. Farooqui

Officer List

Executive Chair:

Jason Ugorji

Technical Director:

Al Bahami

Advertising Director:

Elizabeth Collins

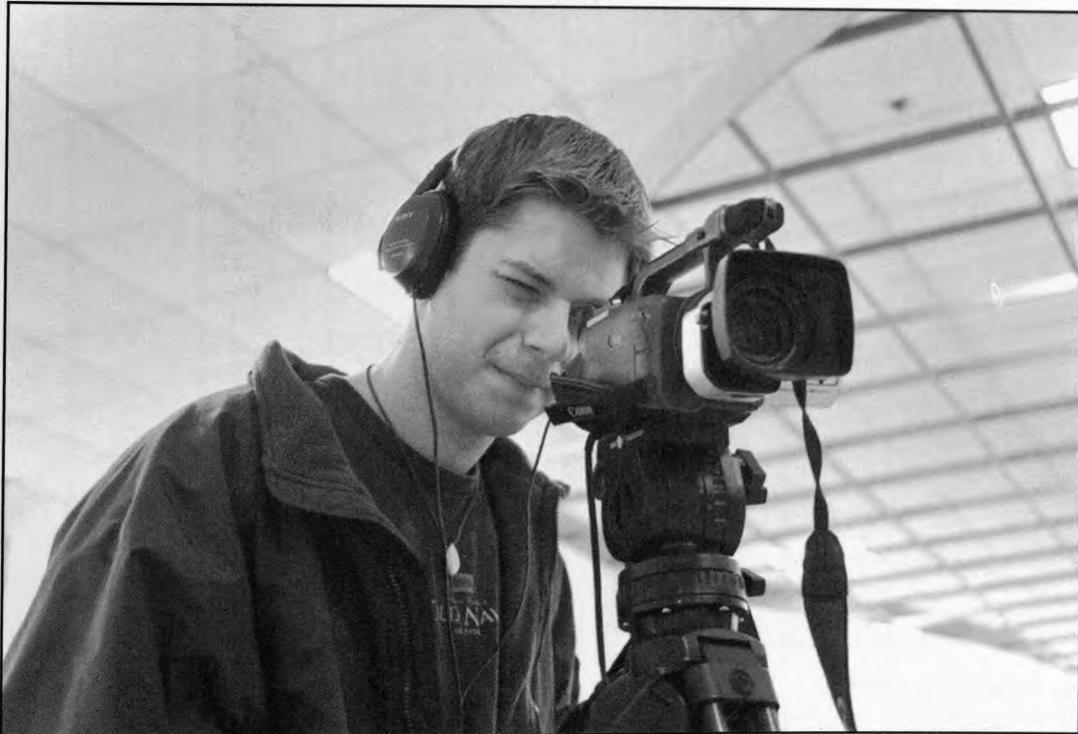
Program Director:

Kena Alvarado

"Take One!"

Junior theatre major Loudres Tapia sets up the freshman media productions major Fred Luchena to tape the next shot. SVN filmed a movie this year and many of their scenes took place in the Millennium Cafe in the University Center.

Photo by Kena Alvarado



"Recording!"

Senior linguistics major Dan Satterfield takes his turn at the camera. SVN members did lose a lot of their equipment in the floods Houston faced in 2001, however they were lucky enough to gain access to professional equipment from their places of work. Since many of them were already media productions majors they already knew how to handle the equipment and were very thankful to have it.

Photo by Kena Alvarado

Cougar Bowling Club

UH's best bowlers strike it up every Monday night!

Every Monday evening in the University Center Games Room, students gathered to participate in a sport filled with the essential elements of competition: teamwork, sportsmanship, a desire to win, and cold beer. Members of the UH Cougar Bowling Club engaged in this friendly competition at Cougar Lanes because to them, bowling is more than recreation: it's a passion.

Bowlers from beginners to experts participated in the 3-game league, and competed for awards given at the Cougar Bowling Club banquet each April. Awards given included league champions, high game, high series, and Cougar Bowler of the Year.

The competition between the 8 three-man teams fueled camaraderie between bowlers, and friendships were forged which carry on away from the alley. "It's a great chance to unwind, do something I really enjoy, and hang out with some great people," said Carl Bishop, a junior civil engineering major.

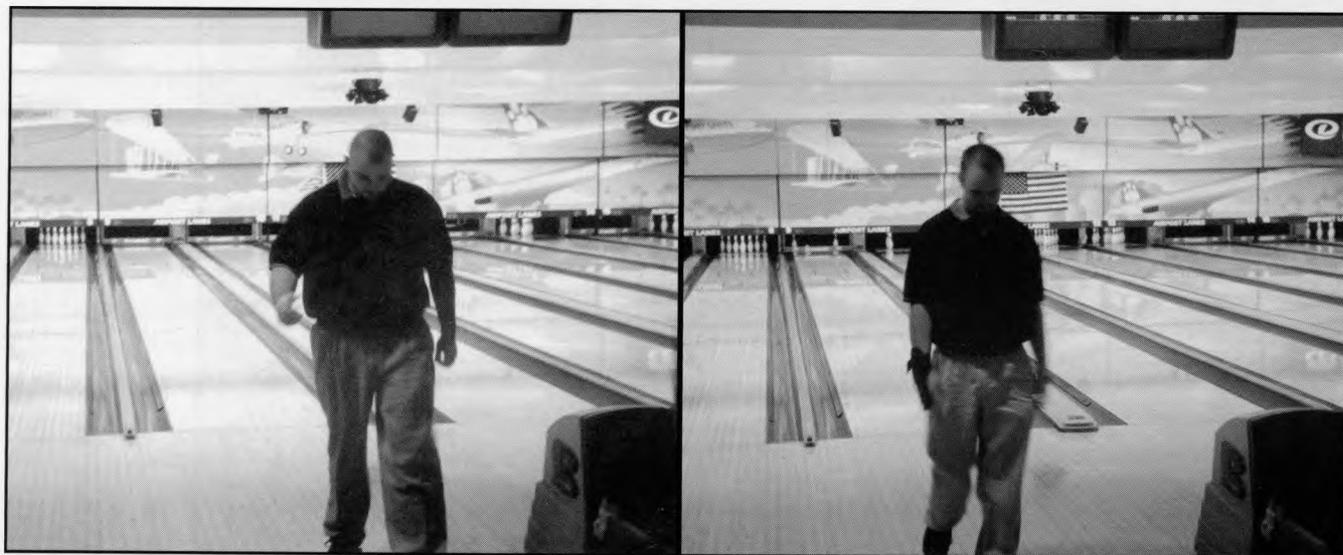
The top bowlers in the CBC were eligible to participate on the UH Cougar Bowling Team, and had the opportunity to compete against the best collegiate

bowlers from all over the country. This included local tournaments and events all over the country. The 2001-2002 Cougar Bowling Team competed in tournaments in Austin, Amarillo, Atlanta, St. Louis, and Las Vegas, among other places.

The team competed valiantly throughout the season, including several top five finishes and qualifying for College Bowling USA's Sectionals Tournament in Oklahoma City. A strong performance at Sectionals earns a team the right to compete in the National Bowling Championships. Junior architecture major Brad Baines pointed out, "There was a much greater commitment by team members this year, and I think that only helps our chances next year."

For some, the CBC was a chance to relieve some stress. For others, it was a chance to improve their bowling skill. No matter what their reason for joining up, everyone enjoyed the bowling experience at Cougar Lanes. Come on, Coogs... strike it up!

-Matthew E. Caster



The thrill of victory vs. the agony of defeat

Junior architecture majors Brad Baines and Chris Makara walk away from their first ball with very different results. Baines savors his strike while Makara ponders his trademark pocket 7-10 split. CBC members often had miniature competitions amongst themselves to help them get ready for the real competitions against other bowling clubs.

Photos by Matthew E. Caster

"A little to the right!"

Sophomore Marcus Starkey watches his ball, hoping to pick up his spare. The members enjoyed practicing, not only for their simple love of the game, but also because, as with any game, practice helped them tune up their skills.

Photo by Matthew E. Caster



Officer List

President:

Allen Bishop (Fall '01)

Matthew E. Caster (Spring '02)

Vice President:

Chris Makara

Secretary/Treasurer:

Brad Baines



Say Cheese!

The Cougar Bowling Club members pose for a quick group picture at the Sunshine State Classic in Orlando, Florida. CBC members competed all over the country, including a nationwide tournament which was held in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Photo courtesy of Cougar Bowling Club

Hispanic Media Association

HMA members get involved!

In the spring semester, the Hispanic Media Association (HMA) toured Channel 13 and got a taste of real media life. Earlier that afternoon, before the members' arrival at the studios, there was an explosion near Highway 288. This offered good experience to the students when they saw behind-the-scenes footage of the live event on the 5 p.m. news. They were able to tour Channel 13 and got to talk to anchor Art Rascon and Blanca Beltran, the associate producer of the Debra Duncan Show and former HMA president.

Rascon said, "HMA witnessed the chaos of live coverage where everything is fast paced."

Other events that highlighted the year included the first annual UH School of Communication mixer (in which HMA, PRSSA, AAF and IABC participated) at Jillian's. Students networked and interacted with other students in the School of Communication.

"Since I've been here in school I haven't seen organizations or students come together like the mixer," said senior Jesse Farias, a print journalism major.

Farias said he was not involved in any organizations his junior year and so this year he felt that he needed to participate in clubs and activities around school. For the first time, the organization also took part in other school events such as tailgating with la Comunidad, a community-service organization.

President Guadalupe Valencia is proud of this year's group involvement. From 10 members early in the year, HMA grew to 30 active members by the end of the year.

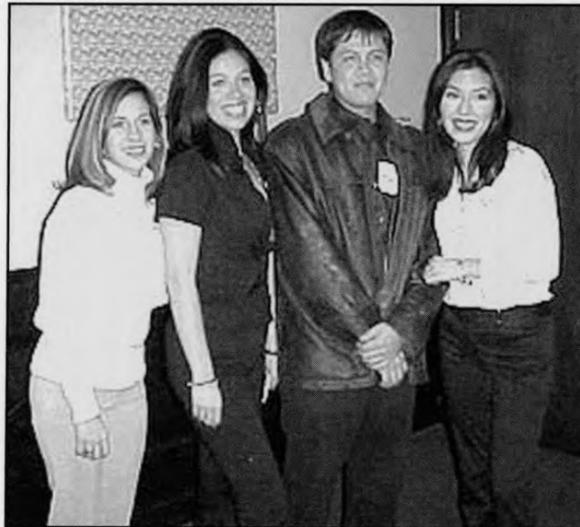
"The organization has familiarized itself with the institution," said Valencia. "When there is a strong organization there is a stronger university."

The organization serves as an extra curricular activity for media students and helps them meet professionals in the field.

-Jacqueline Gil

"Now, Just the leaders"

HMA officers and seniors Maria Corrales, Lupi Valencia, Gus Serrano, and Tamara Riddle all pose for an "officer group shot" at the first Annual SOC mixer in Fall of 2001. The mixer took place at Jillian's on November 29. Photo courtesy of HMA



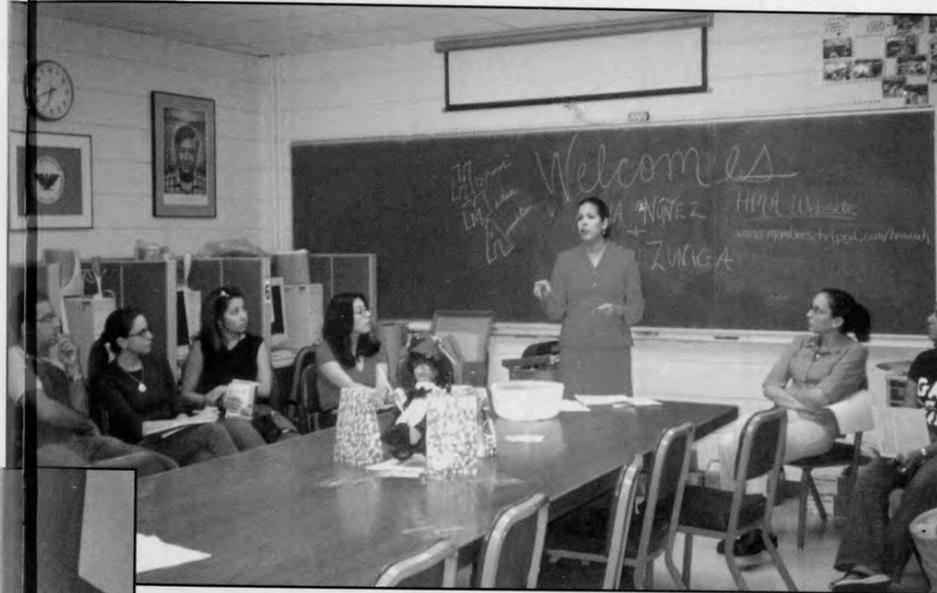
"OOPS!"

Lupi Valencia and Josh Willoughby, both senior media productions majors, pick up the fundraiser money that accidentally fell out of the bag as they were trying to count it. Like most other organizations, HMA was always doing things to raise money. In the fall they held a bake sale. Photo courtesy of HMA

Opportunity knocks!

HMA members listen intently and take detailed notes as Public Affairs Director Anna Nunez from El Dorado Communications tells them about job opportunities in the media. Members had multiple opportunities throughout the year to listen to guest speakers who provided them with a lot of valuable information for the future.

Photo Courtesy of HMA



"Gather 'round all!"

HMA members get together for a memorable photograph with Joann Zuniga from the Houston Chronicle and Anna Nunez from El Dorado Communications. Members had many occasions on which they got to meet other people who were already quite successful in the media world. This gave HMA members a chance to ask important questions and find out more about their major and field of interest.

Photo courtesy of HMA

Officer List

President:

Lupi Valencia

Vice-President:

Maria Corrales

Secretary:

Donajih Rodriguez

Treasurer:

Gustavo Serrano

Historian:

Tamara Riddle

Judo Club

Members learn new moves

Forget Jet Li and Jackie Chan, Todd Calwell is the real deal. As the chief instructor of the University of Houston Judo Club, Calwell can make grown men cry. He has 24 years of martial arts experience under his multiple-discipline belts, and uses every bit of it to carve the Judo Club into a fighting icon.

"We train hard from beginner to advanced fighters to be the best," says Calwell.

The Judo Club attended 3 competitions this year in Dallas, San Antonio, and Houston with strong showings at each competition. Despite the relatively small squad, they placed third in team competition at San Antonio's Southwest Championship and even had a female member place second in the men's division at a Dallas tournament. Judo competitions, though divided into men's and women's categories, allow women to compete with men.

According to Judo Club president Jason Ugorji, "The Judo Club offers true full contact sport as well as low contact grappling, but is one of the most intense full contact organizations on campus." Ugorji, a senior

video broadcasting major at UH, can be found training with the rest of the Judo Club's dedicated members on Monday's and Wednesday's from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and at the open mat Saturdays at 1:30 p.m. in room 205 of the Melcher Gymnasium. The Judo Club, despite its name, doesn't focus on just one discipline, however.

"We teach multiple styles because no one style is enough to really be complete with all the disciplines out there. The competitions we go to and the style of fighting we practice is true self-defense, it's what you would use in street fighting. It's a lot like Ultimate Fighting Championship," Ugorji points out.

Calwell emphasizes personal instruction and has his students constantly working with a partner, but does not teach using a kata. He emphasizes the importance of flexibility in combat instead of being trapped by the traditional forms that katas enforce, and encourages sparring instead. If nothing else, the Judo Club has plenty of action for everyone.

-Richard Whitrock

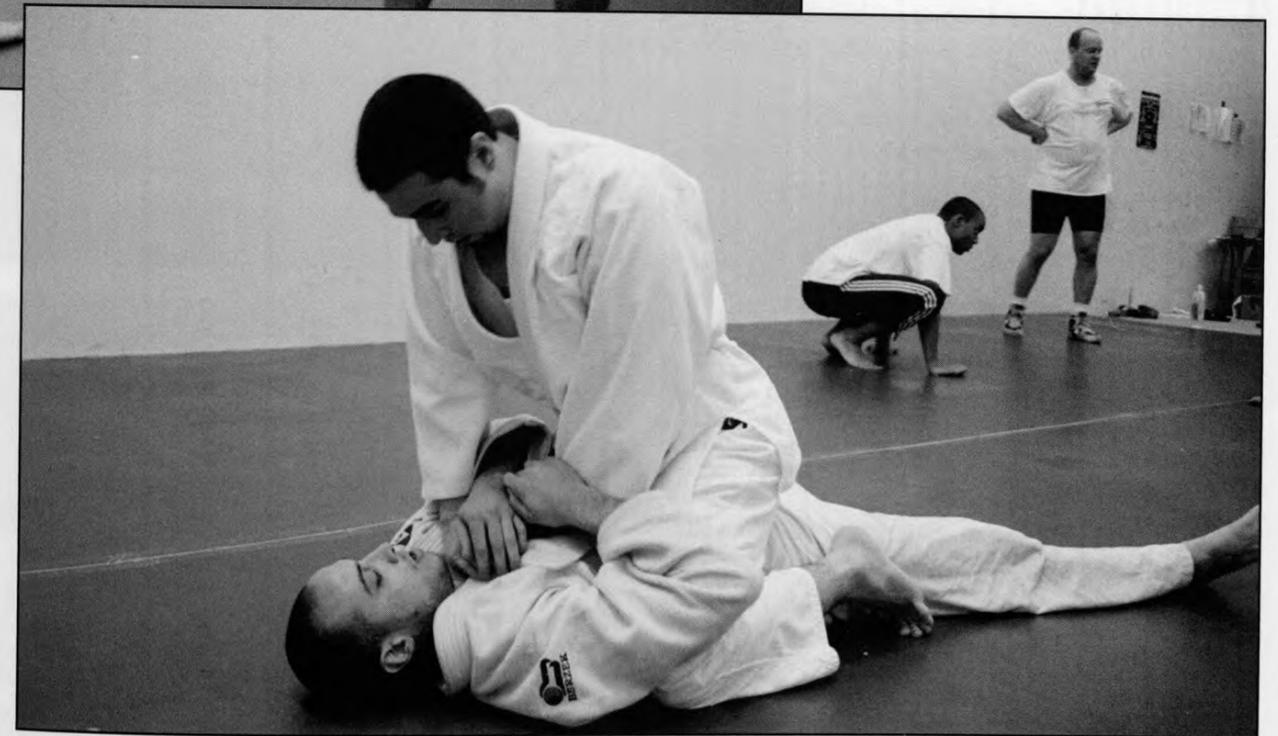
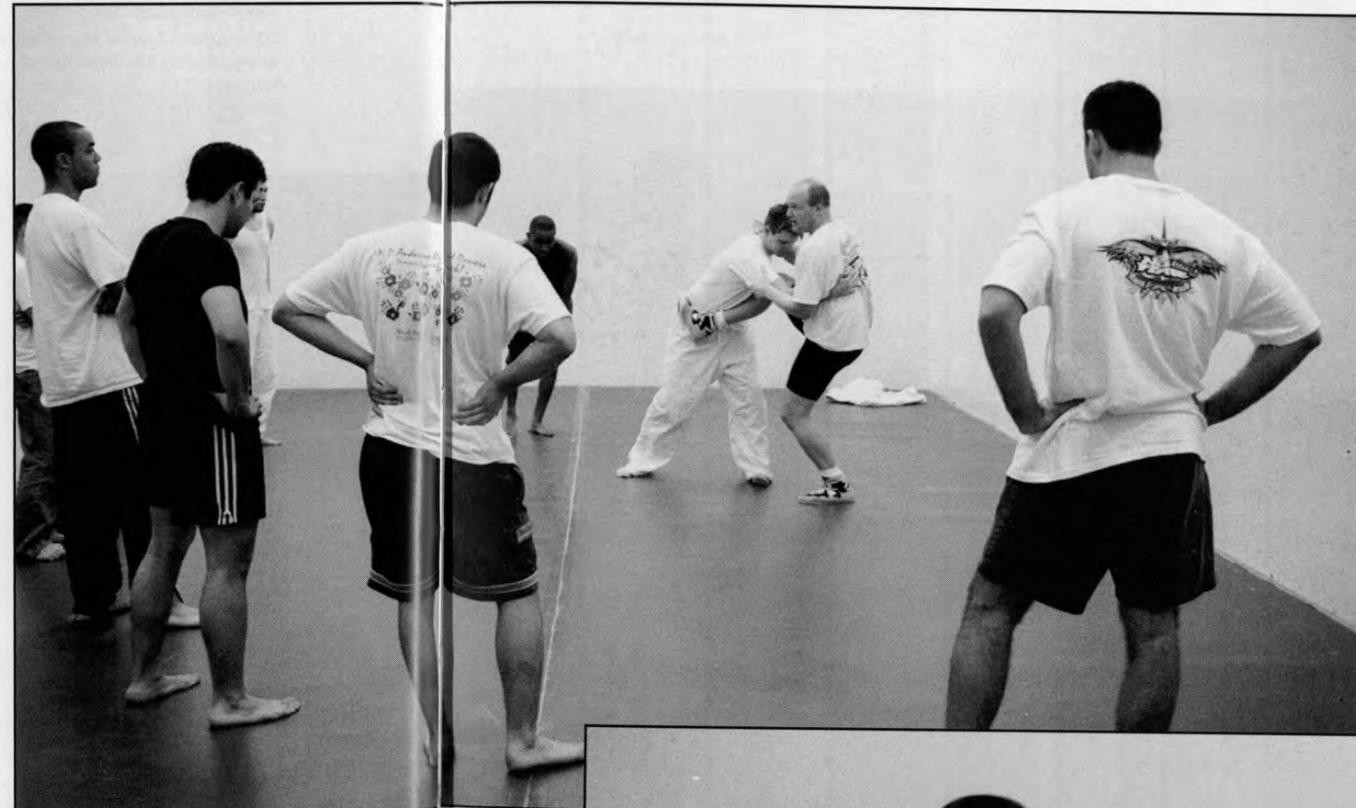


"Ah, that really hurts!"

David Turnquist takes a moment to recover after a tough wrestling match. Sometimes members would get hurt during practice and needed time to heal after going down.
Photo by Kena Alvarado

"C'mon, you can take him!"

The class watches as the instructor shows them a new move. All the learning in the Judo Club was primarily taught through demonstration.
Photo by Kena Alvarado



Watch and learn

Instructor Todd Callwell uses freshman creative writing major Andrew Sall to demonstrate moves to the class. Students learned a lot from the instructor and each other.
Photo by Kena Alvarado

Officer List

President:

Jason Ugorji

Vice-President:

Andrew Sall

Secretary:

Christian Uluh

Graduate School of Social Work Association

GSSWA lends a helping hand

The transition from undergraduate work to post-graduate work can be incredibly stressful and demanding. With its part-time and full-time students, the Graduate School of Social Work was no exception. The Graduate School of Social Work Association (GSSWA), which was more than 200 members strong, provided mentoring and meeting times that were convenient so everyone who wanted to attend was able to. It encouraged students to participate in the school's governing body and community service, which would help them as future social workers.

According to Annemarie Redelmeier, GSSWA's president, the organization was "a way to give students a voice" through Council Meetings and "News and Notes," a weekly newsletter.

This year, the student association focused on community involvement. The volunteer activities included working with the Hospice Foundation of America and the office of Garret Coleman to enroll children for health insurance. The Hispanic Student Association and Sea Change, two subgroups, worked with the Houston Hispanic Forum and compiled events for World AIDS Day respectively. The Hispanic Student Association also had a mentoring program, Students Caring for Students; it was a program established specifically for new students.

GSSWA worked to gain total inclusion, and Barbara Rivas, president of the Hispanic Student Association says that her subgroup's goal is "to be able to promote inclusion of Hispanics."

-Dionne Victor

Coming to America

GSSWA members smile as they welcome happy foreign exchange students who recently came here from Hong Kong to study and learn more about American Culture. GSSWA had a party for them on February 13, 2002.

Photo by Yvonne Feece



"Ok, so you all understand what I'm saying?"

Dr. Patrick Leung explains his point of view on various issues to members of the GSSWA. Even though a lot of the people involved with GSSWA were students, many members of the faculty also joined into the organization's events.

Photo by Yvonne Feece



Mingling

Foreign exchange student Bikin Leung meets faculty member Patti Chemali. A lot of the faculty and students in GSSWA were very helpful and assisted the exchange students with information about the university and other important educational issues.

Photo by Yvonne Feece

Officer List

President:

Annemarie Redelmeier

Vice President:

Joni Ogle

Secretary:

Jane Hoffman

Treasurer:

Chritine Kobes (Fall '01)

Monica Teinert (Spring '02)

Alpha Epsilon Delta

Supports future UH M.D.s

To some, it may seem hard to believe that there are those out there who actually envision themselves staying in school to achieve advanced degrees. Anyone who aspired to become a doctor was naturally forced to resign themselves to this fate. For times when the thought of additional schooling in the medical industry seemed a bit imposing, pre-medical majors on campus could always turn to Alpha Epsilon Delta (AED), the University of Houston's only nationally recognized pre-med association.

The organization provided

many services to its members informing them of the benefits and rewards of their chosen profession. Guest speakers were invited to lecture the group about how to survive the rigors of medical school, among other topics. Additionally, tours were arranged which permitted students to investigate various medical schools around the state, as well as many of the hospitals in the Texas Medical Center.

AED also permitted pre-med majors to meet others who shared a similar interest in their field of study as well as offer help and advice on difficult home-

work or projects. "We participated in various campus events as well as community service projects. One service activity we particularly enjoyed was the Multiple Sclerosis Walk," said junior biology major Ravish Kapoor.

At times, the work required even to get in to medical school seemed imposing. Thankfully for UH students, Alpha Epsilon Delta provided the support they needed to make it through some of the hardest classes our school offered.

-Matthew E. Caster



"Look at this car!"

AED members gather around a gorgeous red Porsche they shined up during a carwash fundraiser held at Wal-Mart. AED also held a bake sale in March for fundraising purposes. Besides fundraisers, they also held socials and took a trip to Southwestern University for a conference hosted by the Student National Medical Association. Photo courtesy of AED

"Welcome to our office"

Junior human development major Terry Agbara, biology major Prishal Chetty, graduate Alyssa Tran, senior psychology major Tina Pariani and senior biochemistry major Kelly Phan pose in the AED office. The AED office, located in room 120 of the Science Building, provided members with a place to take care of AED business, work, or just hang out.

Photo courtesy of AED



Officer List

President:

Deepa Reddy

Vice-President:

Alex Olsen

Secretary:

Kelly Phan

Treasurer:

Tina Pariani

Historian:

Prishal Chetty

Reporter:

Ravish Kapoor



"Merry Christmas from AED!"

AED officers and members take a moment to pose for a picture during a Christmas Social they held during the fall. Even though they spent a lot of time preparing for medical school, they still made time for the more important things in life.

Photo courtesy of AED

UH College Democrats

The College Democrats strive to spread strong democratic values

The UH College Democrats tried to enlighten students about democratic values and how these values were common among all people. The organization was built upon the idea that all people deserve to live in equality and freedom. The democrats didn't only focus on politics though; they also held a toy drive for Christmas, cleaned up part of Greens Bayou, and also enjoyed an evening together at the movies.

"The College Democrats is an organization that expresses the ideology of the Democratic Party and a place where students can express their views and opinions freely, as well as help the community through clean-ups, toy drives and many other community oriented events," said junior William Banks, a political science major.

The organization did many things to keep its members informed and to communicate the democratic ideology. They held debates and brought people who exemplified the Democratic values to campus. The College Democrats of UH



also volunteered for judicial, senatorial, and gubernatorial candidates as an organization. They believed, if elected, these candidates could help spread democratic values, values also strongly held by the College Democrats of UH themselves.

"The welfare of all the people must not be discarded in order to fulfill the wishes of the privilege, the wealthy," said sophomore communications major Nick Somarakis.

-Sadaf F. Farooqui

Exciting, yet exhausting

College Democrats president sophomore Nick Somarakis, a communications major, carries a canoe back from the bayou with other members of the group. During the clean-up at Greens Bayou, the Democrats picked up litter and also had a little fun canoeing. Picture courtesy of College Democrats of UH

Shooting a commercial

Members of the College Democrats of UH walk side by side with the candidate for Texas Governor, Tony Sanchez. This is a picture taken from a shooting of a television commercial the College Democrats did with Sanchez, who went on to win the Democratic primary for Texas Governor. Photo courtesy of College Democrats of UH



Officer List

President:
Nick Somarakis

Vice-President:
William Banks

Secretary:
Chris Galloway

Treasurer:
Rebecca Guerrero

Public Relations:
Abby Dudziak



"Come join us!"

Members from the College Democrats of UH pose next to their stand at Cougar Preview. The organization participated in various events around campus to promote their party's ideals. Photo courtesy of College Democrats of UH.



"Hehe...cool!"

College Democrats of UH advisor Victor Villarreal and sophomore communications major Nick Somarakis laugh at a witty comment made by a co-member at one of their meetings. Photo by Kena Alvarado

Student Government Association

SGA gives Cougars a voice

On a campus as populated as the University of Houston, students need a voice, and a means of influencing school policy to make certain their best interests are kept in mind. To that end, the UH Student Government Association (SGA) made certain that students had a hand in policy decisions on campus.

The purpose of the Student Government Association was basically two-fold. First, the organization gave students a means of expressing concerns and opinions about the everyday operation of the UH campus. "It gives students a chance to protest university decisions which do not benefit them," said SGA Public Relations Director Hill Powell. Second, it attempted to cater to the needs of students, ensuring that everyone at UH was comfortable and happy.

Several key accomplishments defined the SGA during the 2001-2002 school year. The organization took a trip over to Austin during the fall semester to appear before the Texas Legislature and appeal for UH to receive Tier I funding. They were also instrumental in the relocation and preservation of Frontier Fiesta, the greatest college show on earth.

Involving both UH students and students from area schools, the SGA's "Cougars that Care" program provided after-school enrichment including organized fishing trips and Astros games.

The 33 members of the SGA were elected each spring to serve the following year. They typically met every other Wednesday to discuss issues vital to student well-being on campus. If something about the University of Houston was of concern, one of the best ways to broadcast that concern was through the UH Student Government Association.

-Matthew E. Caster

"It's a sand mound..."

SGA members unite to build a nifty sandcastle on their retreat. SGA members took care of business but also made time for fun.
Photo courtesy of SGA



"Officers, smile!"

The SGA officers pose for a group shot. Even though SGA had 33 elected officials, the officers were the ones who had to handle all the big issues that confronted SGA during the year.
Photo by Yvonne



"Any other suggestions?"

Freshman political science major David Burkey, pharmacy graduate Bruce Hoffman, junior business major Bret Liberatore, and senior business major Jeff Hill conduct a Student Government Association meeting. SGA had many meetings to address new issues that frequently arose during the year.
Photo courtesy of SGA

Officer List

President:

James Robertson, Jr.

Vice-President:

Brandon Butler

Student Regent:

Faisal Zahed

Director of Finance:

Temitope D. Ayoola

Speaker of the Senate:

Dawona Miller

Director of Public Relations:

Hill Powell

Chi Omega

Lending a helping hand

Established in 1895, and with over 170 chapters and a quarter million members nationwide, Chi Omega was the largest National Pan Hellenic sorority in the United States. The 45 members of the University of Houston chapter were among the most active students on campus, participating in numerous activities which benefited the UH community.

Chi Omega's goal was to help young women improve themselves and get involved in several areas such as career development, scholarship, community service, and campus activities. Many members of Chi Omega were also members of other student organizations on campus. "Personally, it's one of the best decisions I've made at UH. I've gained so much from it. I met lots of new friends, and I have made some wonderful contacts," said sophomore communications major Lisa Roberts.

Chi Omega members took an active role in



Chi Omega's Philanthropy

Senior education major Angelica Parle and senior interior design major Courtney Richardson stand by the sign for the Foundation for the Retarded. Some of the sororities on campus worked to raise money for special foundations, and Chi Omega's philanthropy was the Foundation for the Retarded.

Photo courtesy of Chi Omega



"Gather around the sign everyone!"

Members stand in front of their Chi Omega letters for a picture during the week-long event "Derby Days". It was an event held for the Children's Miracle Network. Photo courtesy of Chi Omega

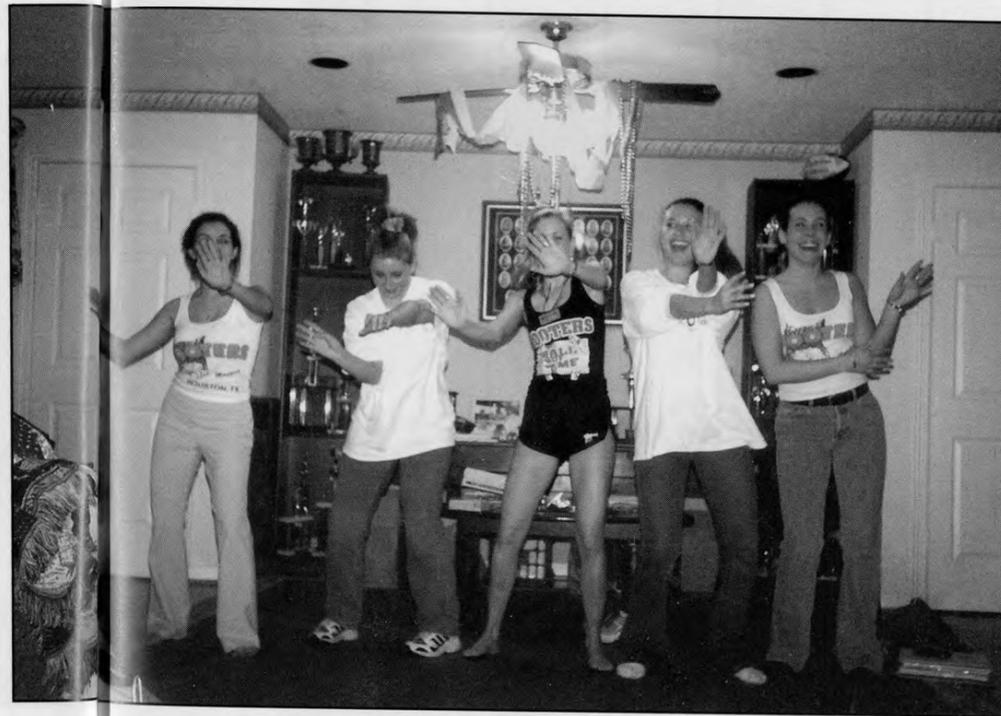
various philanthropic endeavors throughout the Houston area including volunteering at local centers for the mentally disabled and generous financial support of the Houston Make-A-Wish Foundation.

They also participated in many UH Greek events including Frontier Fiesta and the White Carnation Ball. On the third Thursday of every month during the spring semester, the sorority hosted the "Chi-O Carnival" and invited other fraternities and sororities on campus to join in the fun. During Homecoming Week festivities, the Chi Omega sorority took first place in the annual banner competition, and second place overall. Famous for instilling its members with an excellence sense of responsibility and community, Chi Omega was one of the most active and most esteemed sororities on the UH campus.

-Matthew E. Caster

"Ok, we almost got it girls!"

Sophomore communications major Lisa Roberts, senior psychology major Alecia Jenkins, junior kinesiology major Elizabeth Dunham, sophomore communications major Mariana Gomez, and sophomore sociology major Jennifer Martin work on a synchronized dance routine wearing tank tops and t-shirts from the popular Hooters restaurant. The owl was Chi Omega's mascot. Photo courtesy of Chi Omega



"C'mon, push harder...we can win this!"

Chi Omega members push a huge ball through muddy water to win the game of Pushball, a game a lot like soccer but with mud and a much bigger ball. This was a philanthropy held by Delta Upsilon during the fall semester.

Photo courtesy of Chi Omega

Officer List

President:

Sarah Bellard

Vice-President:

Stacie Graham

Secretary:

Jennifer Martin

Treasurer:

Crissy Pampell

New Member Educator:

Lindsey Dominic

Personnel Chair:

Marina Trininic

Recruitment Chair:

Annie Gamboa

Panhellenic Chair:

Ana Aleksic

Omicron Delta Kappa

ODK looks for leaders

Founded in 1914 by 15 student and faculty leaders, Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) grew to 258 circles on college and university campuses nationwide. ODK, The National Leadership Honor Society recognized and encouraged superior scholarship, leadership and exemplary character. ODK was the first nationwide college honor society set up particularly to recognize and honor those who display meritorious leadership and service in extracurricular activities.

Juniors, seniors, graduate students, faculty, staff, administration, and alumni were welcome to join the honor society.

However, they had to rank in the upper 35 percent in scholarship, of and you are required to show leadership in athletics, community service, journalism, speech, mass media, and/or creative, and performing arts. ODK helped its members develop as both members of the college community and contributors to a better society.

Because of the organization's high standards, membership in ODK was a mark of highest honor. It gave members the opportunity to make friends and connections with over 20,000 people held in high esteem by those on campus, recognition by

leaders nationwide, and the chance to continue contributing to UH as an ODK alumni.

"I joined Omicron Delta Kappa so I could meet new people who are also involved in leadership organizations like myself. I feel that being a member of ODK has helped me make a lot of friends and many useful contacts as well. And at the same time I got the opportunity to further my knowledge and sharpen up my leadership skills," said Bill Kelly, the organization's president.

-Sadaf F. Farooqui



ODK Spring 2002 Initiation

Spring 2002 ODK president Jeffery Hill, mechanical engineering alumnus Carl Krueger, and professor of pharmacy and spring 2002 faculty advisor Dr. William C. McCormick take a moment to pose for a pic at the ODK Spring 2002 Initiation. It took place on Monday, April 8, 2002 at Religion Center.

Photo courtesy of ODK



"ODK welcomes all new initiates!"

Dr. Jeffery Hill, ODK president, presents a proclamation to Honorable Paul Colbert, former member of the Texas House of Representatives 1981-1982; he was a former alumnus of ODK as well as a University of Houston alumnus. Mr. Colbert was the keynote speaker at the initiation.

Photo courtesy of ODK

Beautiful banquet music

Dr. Estess concentrates on playing the organ at an ODK banquet. Talented faculty, students, and alumni usually got a chance to show their stuff at ODK meetings and organization activities.
Photo courtesy of ODK



"Hey...where's the food?"

Students and members wait to eat and get the party started at the ODK 2002 Spring Initiation. It was a great occasion, 27 student leaders or creative artists and athletes were initiated into the ODK society.
Photo courtesy of ODK

Officer List

President:

Bill Kelly

Vice-President:

Jeff Hill

Faculty Secretary-Treasurer:

Dr. Irving M. Rotham

Faculty Advisor:

Dr. William C. McCormick

Fall 2001

Discussion Chair:

Jennifer Stephenson

Spring 2002

Discussion Chair:

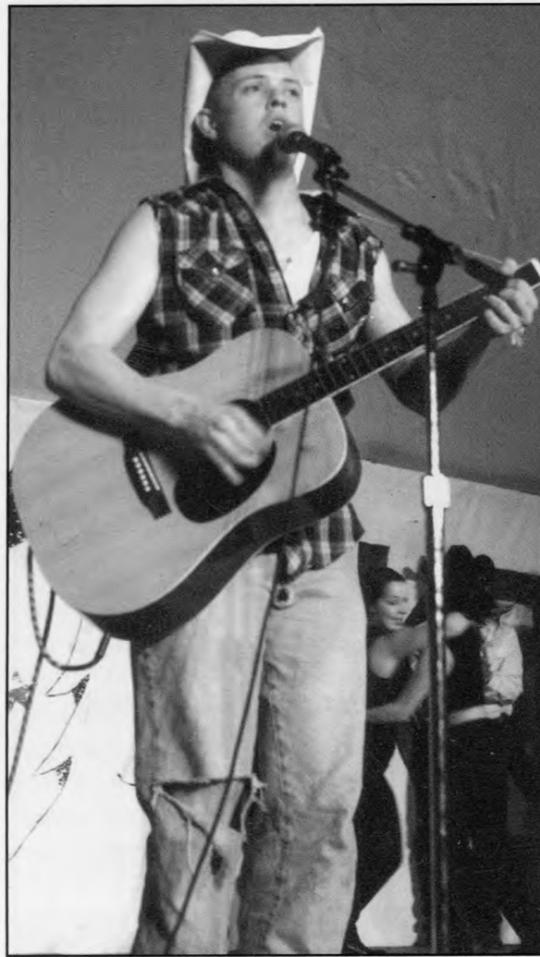
Sandee Chew

Initiation and Banquet Chair:

Catherine Barry

Senior Scholar/Leader Award Chair:

Amy Tan



"Drunken Cowboy"
 Junior corporate communications major Sam Moore performs a solo at Frontier Fiesta. Sam was one of the original 18 members when Pi Kappa Phi recolonized at the University of Houston in Spring 1999.
 Photo by y Donald Scherer

Pi Kappa Phi

Now it's official

On November 10, 2001, Pi Kappa Phi finally received its charter and became an official fraternity at the University of Houston.

"That night was incredible. There was an indescribable amount of pride and brotherhood, as well as an unparalleled since of accomplishment. God bless Pi Kappa Phi!" junior corporate communications major Sam Moore said.

Pi Kappa Phi first started at the University of Houston in spring of 1999 as a colony, but that status did not stop them from working hard for the University. To become a recognized fraternity on campus, they had the raise \$1,000 for PUSH America and have at least 35 members with a 2.5 G.P.A.

Aside from their many successful philanthropic adventures, Pi Kappa Phi was active in campus sports and were an integral part of Frontier Fiesta.

"Many other fraternities had counted us out a year ago, and did not think we would make it. Last semester we received our charter, and this semester we participated in

Frontier Fiesta. This was the second best weekend I have had as a Pi Kapp." Donald Scherer, senior media production major, said.

Pi Kappa Phi also had a strong showing at the Phi Mu basketball tournament; they won second place and were awarded Best Overall and Most Spirited of those at the tournament.

The members of Pi Kappa Phi also worked for the community. They worked with PUSH America, an organization focused on serving people with disabilities. Pi Kapps from around the country raised money and awareness and volunteered in different ways for the philanthropy each year.

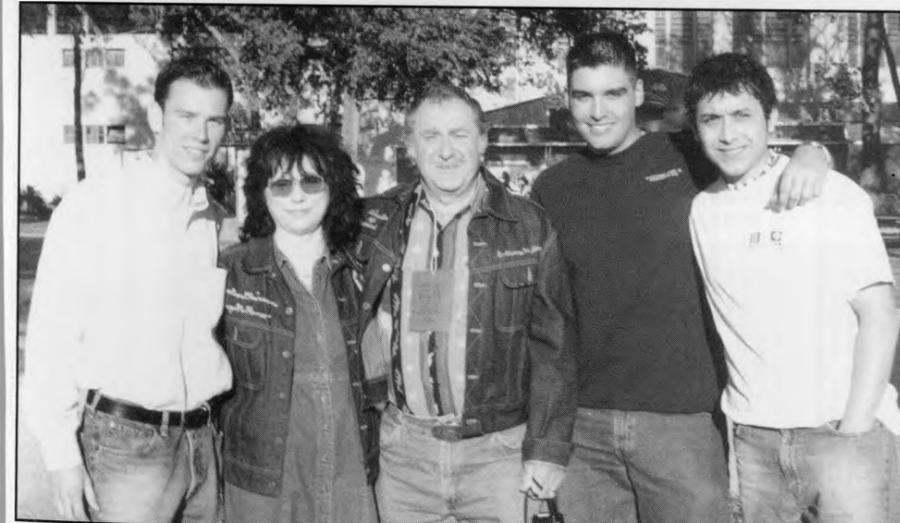
Every summer there were two different bike trips and members of the University of Houston Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi were involved with each of these. Last summer Patrick McEuen road his bike from San Francisco to Washington DC and this summer, the founding Archon, David Dalton rode the same trip with 70 other Pi Kapps in the summer of 2002.
 -Richard Whitrock



Taking On DC
 Members of Pi Kappa Phi ride into Washington DC after being on the road for 2 months. The Journey of Hope was started in 1987 by Bruce Rogers and now 70 Pi Kapps ride their bike from San Francisco to Washington DC.
 Courtesy of Pi Kappa Phi

Founding Fathers Forever Immortalized

November 10, 2001 was a day that re-founding fathers of Pi Kappa Phi would never forget because this is the day they got their charter back. Pi Kappa Phi originally came on campus in 1956, but lost the charter a few years later.
 Courtesy of Pi Kappa Phi



The Old Meets New

Senior architecture major Patrick McEuen, Mr. and Mrs Anthony Romeo, and junior architecture majors Robert Olvera and Johnny Moreno pose for a historic picture. Romeo was one of the original members of Pi Kappa Phi when came to the University of Houston in 1956.
 Photo by Donald Scherer

Officer List

Archon:

Patrick McEuen

Vice-Archon:

Jarrod Portelance

Treasurer:

Joe Hykle

Secretary:

Nate Pryor

Warden:

Adam Radle

Historian:

Patrick Ortiz

Chaplain:

Sam Moore

PUSH America:

David Dalton

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

New organization meets for discussions

"The InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at the University of Houston is a Christian evangelical and interdenominational campus ministry. Our goal is to focus the message of God's love through Jesus to the students at UH," stated the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (ICV) website.

The organization was started on this campus in 1998 quickly grew. Students involved in the organization basically just get together and discuss the many facets of denominations within religion and have a great time with each other.

Freshman Pre-Med student Abbi Hoffpauir said, "I came from Tennessee and I did not know anyone. InterVarsity provided a place for me to meet new people and to grow spiritually. InterVarsity has really helped me adjust to college life."

The organization held dinner meetings and group prayers Monday through Friday. Also, the some of the members got together every Wednesday night to play basketball on the court between The Towers and The Quads.

"God has used InterVarsity to change my life. This summer I will be going on a mission trip to Mexico City, something I never thought I would ever do. Once I graduate I am planning on going on to staff with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship to do ministry to the fraternities and sororities," said one member.

InterVarsity also went on four retreats -- two each semester. They planned to send two students to Mexico City over the summer to work with kids there. This has been a focus of InterVarsity since it started at the University of Houston.

Senior math major Dan Tiefa said about his trip to Monterey over Spring Break, "I really enjoyed the interaction with the kids and the ability the ability to

cross language boundaries.

The organization was a part of the Interfaith Fellowship of Evangelical Students started in 1877 by the base organization British InterVarsity ("inter" meaning amongst and "varsity" meaning college level students). It grew to more than 34,000 ICV students across the nation.

-Michelle Lehmann



Seeking God

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship has daily prayer meetings at the Religion center on campus. These meetings were the foundation of the ministry since it started at the University.
By Donald Scherer

Playing With Finger Paints

InterVarsity staff worker Josh Howell paints with kids in Monterey, Mexico during a spring break mission trip. InterVarsity focused heavily on mission work.
Courtesy of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship





A get-together

After a week at Chapter Camp full of fun and fellowship, everyone gets ready to go home. Chapter Camp was a chance for students from around the Texas area to get together have a great time.
 Photo courtesy of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship



Taking It To the Hole
 Students enjoy their weekly basketball game. Wednesday night games were a tradition and a great way for IV to witness to the campus for the past 4 years.
 Photo by Donald Scherer

Officer List

Large Group Coordinator:
 Brittany May

Small Group Coordinator:
 Ana Graves

Prayer Coordinator:
 Lydianne Nelson

Special Events Coordinator
 Sam Garcia

Baptist Student Ministry

On a mission...

In the fall of 2001 Baptist Student Ministry (BSM) welcomed a new Baptist campus minister. The youthful Jason McCall and his wife Amanda joined the organization, which brought a new beginning to BSM.

"His young age brings a fresh perspective to a post-modern campus," said Senior Media Production major and BSM president Carlos M. Tovar.

McCall worked hard to bring in new ideas to the students. For Spring Break the BSM went to Mission Arlington, which helped the community of Arlington in a number of ways.

"These students gave up their vacation to go work at Mission Arlington," said Tovar.

The organization gave the students many ways to get involved. For instance, they started nightly study groups

in the BSM building which gave students a chance to talk during their study breaks. They had a free lunch every Wednesday at noon, which was open to the public and featured different students speaking on various topics. They also held bible studies in the fall and times for prayer throughout the spring.

The students and the director for BSM set their goals high and worked very hard to make the organization more fun for the students.

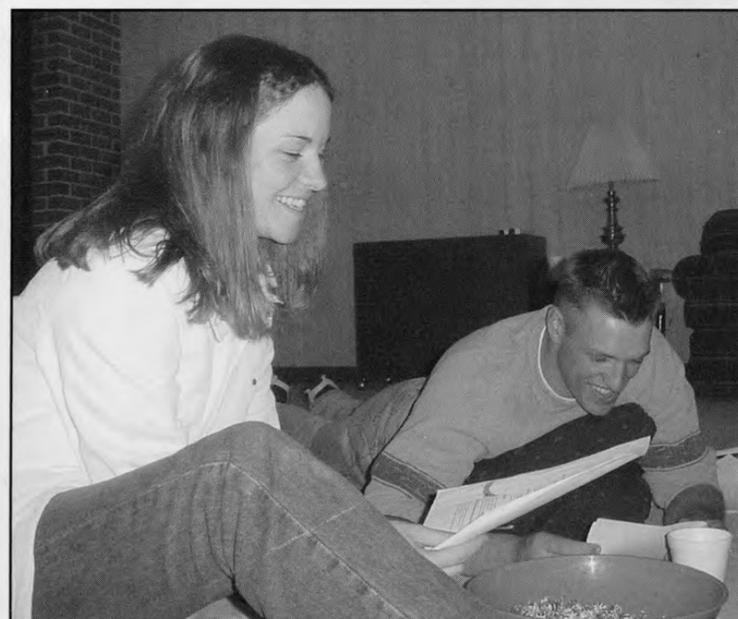
"In a nutshell, we truly want to make a difference on this campus. Jesus loved people and I tell you what, he's teaching me to love people too!" said BSM director Jason McCall.

-Michelle Lehmann

Awww! How sweet!

BSM Director Jason McCall and his wife Amanda pose for their "welcome to UH" picture. Students were very excited to see a fresh face join up with the BSM.

-photo courtesy of Baptist Student Ministries



Shhhhh, I'm trying to study.

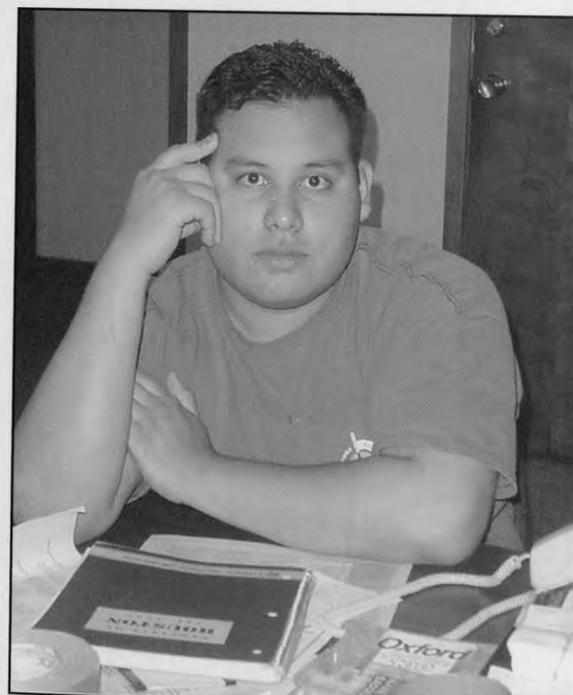
Senior history major Carrie Anderson and junior sociology major Josh Ballard study for their classes the during the BSM's Study Break. Students found this time to be a great way of relaxing while studying.

-photo courtesy of Baptist Student Ministries

Time for Prayer!

Students get ready for a campus prayer meeting at the BSM building. Students from around the campus gathered to pray weekly.

-photo courtesy of Baptist Student Ministries



To study, or not to study...

Senior film major Carlos M. Tovar contemplates when he will actually study. Students at the BSM had nightly study breaks which allowed them to lay back and chat a bit.

-photo courtesy of Baptist Student Ministries

Officer List

President:

Carlos M. Tovar

Vice-President:

Neil Moore

Special Events:

Carrie Anderson

Outreach:

Mike Todaro

Local Missions:

Ryan Inskip

Summer Missions:

Ryan Scrutchin (Fall)

Ashley Elliot (Spring)

Worship:

Kyle Montgomery

Coffeehouse Ministry:

Leticia Espinosa

Drama:

Kristin Verzwylvelt

Student Mentor:

Jimmy Sanders

Discipleship:

Ashley Elkot (Fall)

International Ministries:

Jeff Evans

Intramurals:

Wes Lantrip

Bauer College Of Business Ambassadors

Taking care of business

The Bauer College of Business Ambassadors (BCB Ambassadors) were a select group who represented both University of Houston and Bauer College of Business to the Houston business community at various events. With the help of the Bauer College of Business Ambassadors, events in the business school ran smoothly during the year. The BCB Ambassadors helped with many events this year such as the Bauer Scholarship Dinner, the Fast Tech 50 Event held at the AIM center, the Career Fair, Bauer College graduation, the AIM Center Grand Opening, and the Duke Energy reception for the opening of the Student Leadership Center in the Bauer College.

"The best event of the year for Bauer in my opinion was the spring Bauer College Career Fair. This was my favorite event because I really enjoyed talking with the recruiters and helping them. Actually, because the Career Fair demands so many volunteers, all of the Ambassadors get a chance to help out, which is another reason why it is the best event; also members get a chance to meet personally with the recruiters," said junior MIS major Ivan Bartonico.

The Bauer College of Business Ambassadors was an organization that voluntarily served various Bauer College events. The members were all students enrolled in the business school at the University of Houston, and maintained at least a 2.75 grade point average. All members were also expected to possess the willingness to volunteer. Of course, being a part of an organization directly connected to the business school the BCB Ambassadors also made sure their members always displayed a professional image and business-like manners; in fact they were required to spread a sense of pride, service and honor at every event.

The Bauer College of Business Ambassador were an elite group, and so it did have minimum requirements for membership, but it was still very culturally diverse and the organization was composed of many open-minded individuals. And despite the differences between races and cultures, they were all very close to each other.

"We are a closely-knit group of people. And when we volunteer, we work together as a team to get the job done right," said senior MIS and finance major Rajee Nellikkattil.

-Sadaf F. Farooqui



"Ok, let's get this meeting started!"

Junior operations management major Jamila Glover and junior accounting major Vy Nguyen get ready for a general meeting. BCB Ambassadors held meetings the first Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m.
Photo courtesy of BCB Ambassadors



"Sponsored by Duke"

Members of the BCB Ambassadors take a quick moment to make a memory at the Duke Energy reception for the opening of the Student Leadership Center in the Bauer College. The BCB Ambassadors often did things with the Bauer College of Business which involved big businesses around the Houston area.
Photo courtesy of BCB Ambassadors



"Party over here!"

The BCB Ambassadors stand close by to take a group shot at their fall 2001 Banquet. Even though they were a group who strove to excel in professionalism, they still knew how to have fun.
Photo courtesy of BCB Ambassadors

Officer List

President:

Rajee Nellikkattil

Vice-President:

Vy Nguyen

Secretary:

Media South

Fundraising Chair:

Shabana Nathoo

Historian:

Ivan Bartonico

College Advisors:

Kerry O' Neal

Colleen Schwarz

Finance Association

FA does it all

Are you a finance major looking for the perfect organization? Well the Finance Association (FA) at University of Houston is the one for you. FA was a student organization whose mission was to help its members develop a network in the finance field; the association wanted to help members gain a better understanding of where their future stands. And all the officers were very dedicated to their members and their organization.

"I joined FA to learn more about finance. I became an officer to make the organization better than it has ever been in previous years. It's a great organization for finance majors to make some useful contacts," said junior finance major Umair Khan, vice president of FA.

FA not only builds relationships with big companies like Dynegey and ExxonMobil, they also build strong relationships with the community. The members do many different activities throughout the year to achieve that strong bond, such as food drives, clothing donations, and general volunteer work. Other activities the association did during the year were Career Prep Day, Inaugural UHFA Basketball Tournament, and Frontier Fiesta. A great side effect of all these activities did were the friendships that developed.

"What makes this organization different from other organizations is that we work very well together as a team. Everyone, officers and members, make this organization great," said senior finance major Monique Mueller, FA president.

-Sadaf F. Farooqui

Perfect Attendance

Members of FA listen carefully as they are informed of upcoming activities. There were many members and most of them attended most, if not all, of the meetings.
Photo courtesy of FA



Chit chat

FA members stand around socializing after a general meeting. Frequent meetings were one reason why so many members were so close and worked so well together.
Photo courtesy of FA



"Ooooh, fishies!"

Members of FA decide to pose for a nice shot with the fish. One of the group trips the Finance Association took this year was to the aquarium. These are the kind of activities that helped build strong bonds between members.

Photo courtesy of Finance Association



"Ok, here's what we're gonna do..."

Junior finance major Umair Khan, the organization's VP, discusses the game with co-members. FA took part in this year's C.T. Bauer College of Business Softball Tournament.
Photo courtesy of FA

Officer List

President:
Monique Mueller

Vice-President:
Umair Khan

Treasurer:
Nimesh Bhakta

Secretary:
Ify Okwudarue

Corporate Relations:
George Siglar

Communications:
Sandy Nguyen

Public Relations:
Khoi Nguyen

Fundraising:
Tri Nguyen

Systems Integrator:
Percy Kapadia

Alpha Chi Omega

A-Chi-O shows off their school spirit

The Gamma Upsilon chapter of Alpha Chi Omega started off this fall semester with formal rush. For them it was a big deal and they worked hard to make it successful. Formal Rush is a week long event in which potential new members visit each of the sororities and see what they each have to offer. After a lot of hard work it was time to move on to Homecoming. During Homecoming all of the fraternities and sororities show their school spirit and Alpha Chi Omega was not going to be out done.

Every fall they host the infamous Mr. A-Chi-O contest. It was a contest in which guys competed for the honor of being crowned Mr. A-Chi-O 2001. It was a lot of fun and many of the different fraternities had a representative. All of the proceeds from this event went to help the Houston Area

Woman's Center. In the spring they held a "Hugs and Pampers" event in which members of AXO from all of the Texas chapters collected baby clothes, diapers and other supplies for young children. Their national philanthropy is domestic violence intervention and prevention. Besides hosting their own philanthropy they also took 1st runner up in the Delta Zeta philanthropy event and participated in several others throughout the year.

Freshman hotel restaurant management major Lizzie Gray, "I joined Alpha Chi Omega for the sisterhood and the life-long friendships that I will make."

Wrapping up the fall semester the ladies of Alpha Chi Omega got all dressed up for Allegro, which is their fall formal. It was a great way to finish off the semester and there were a lot of memories from that night.

Linnea Hinson, Senior Business Management, "I went through rush three years ago just to meet some new people...I had no idea how much I had to gain from Alpha Chi Omega when I joined. When I graduate in December '02, I feel that because of Alpha Chi I'll leave college a better person. Not only has Alpha Chi given me unforgettable memories, but I also feel that it has prepared me more for the real world."

As the Spring semester started they began working on Frontier Fiesta. Frontier Fiesta is a tradition at the University of Houston that has just recently come back to life after being dead for many years. This year AXO did Frontier Fiesta with Sigma Chi as they came away with the Spirit Award.

-Donald Scherer



Bid Night Fall 2001

The women of A-Chi-O hold up the well-known "sign of the cougars" as they stand in close for one memorable picture of "Bid Night Fall 2001". The A-Chi-O sisters were all very proud of both their organization and their university.

Photo courtesy of A-Chi-O

All dressed up

Junior elementary education major Natalie Higdem, seniors accounting major Kim Richards, political science major Josie Peltz, and hotel and restaurante management major Jessica Foltz put on their best smiles for a quick shot at the Allegro Formal. All the A-Chi-O members took out their nicest dresses and matching shoes for the occasion.

Photo courtesy of A-Chi-O



Boo!

Freshman engineering major Amy Coker, freshman university studies major Amanda Pena, and junior marketing major Andrea Beckman pose as the camera captures their creative costumes. The girls were all dressed up for their annual crush party; this year the theme of their crush party was Halloween.

Photo courtesy of A-Chi-O

Making a speech at the fiesta

Junior communications major Erica Hogan says a few words for her organization at Frontier Fiesta. A-Chi-O members were very proud of their sisters.

Photo courtesy of A-Chi-O

Officer List

President:

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Andrea Beckman

VP Intellectual Development:

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Emily Karlinski

VP Communications:

Lindsay Wilson

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Heather Meza

Phi Mu

Makes it a great year

The Alpha Pi chapter of Phi Mu had a great semester. They started off with a good formal Rush. There was a lot of work and preparation that went into it, but the ladies of Phi Mu really enjoyed this new member recruitment period. After RUSH was over, it was time to get the campus excited about Homecoming. All of the fraternities and sororities come together for a week of painting the campus, parades, and football. It was an exciting time and they really enjoyed themselves.

Phi Mu has two events a year that raise money and Awareness for the Children's Miracle Network. The first is always held during the fall semester. It is the Phi Mu Greek Feud, which is based on the game show Family Feud. Every fraternity enters a team, and they answers questions about different topics. This year's winner was Sigma Phi Epsilon. In the spring they have their annual basketball tournament. There was strong competition between all of the teams. Pi Kappa Phi won the overall trophy and Sigma Chi won first place basketball.

Sophomore Communication Corporate Communications major Brittany Chenevert said, "My most memorable moment was when Pi Kappa Phi gave us a bid for Frontier Fiesta. The whole fraternity came in and got down on one knee, and that was the start of a great Fiesta. They are such gentlemen."

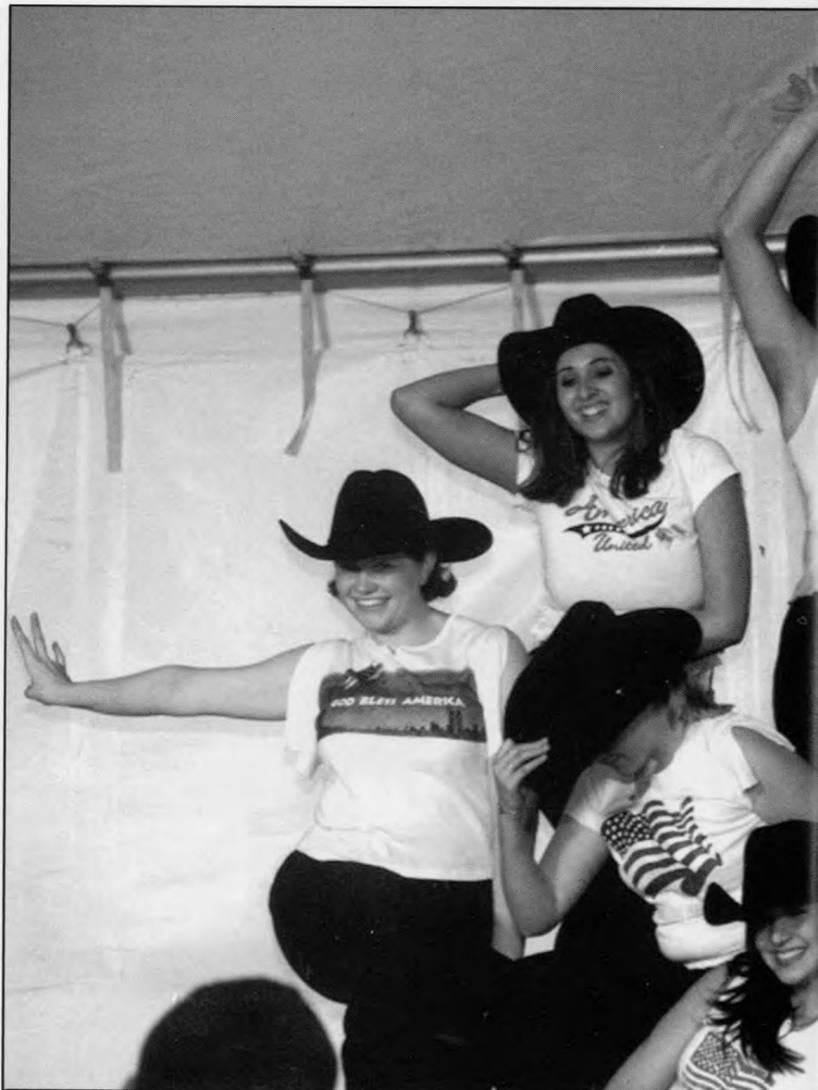
After Phi Mu accepted their bid it was off to work on Frontier Fiesta. Frontier Fiesta is an event that takes months to plan, organize, and prepare for. After two months of dedicated work it all comes down to three days. It is a way for the organizations to showcase everything what they have worked so hard for. This year the team of Phi Mu and Pi Kappa Phi won first front up.

-Donald Scherer

A night out

Sophomore communications major Katie Hirschheim, human development major Amy Nelson and Geology major Sheila Echols, both sophomores, get ready to go out for a night on the town. The girls of Phi Mu were really close because of the bonds they formed through associations in the organization.

Photo courtesy of Phi Mu



Sisters!

The sisters of Phi Mu take a break from studying to go out for dinner. Some of the best times in a sorority is when the sisters get together and go out to eat.

Photo courtesy of Phi Mu



Keeping score

Junior biology major Vanessa Garcia, junior accounting major Bethany Williams, junior finance major Cathy Allspach, junior theatre major Audi Resendez sit, watch, and keep score as Phi Mu and other organizations play a friendly game of basketball. All the organizations were always setting up intramural games for the sake of socialization and interaction. Photo courtesy of Phi Mu

Woohool

The ladies of Phi Mu pose in their cowgirl hats at the annual University of Houston event, Frontier Fiesta. All the organizations had members who dressed up in interesting western clothing and performed. Photo courtesy of Phi Mu.

Officer List

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Azy Pirnia

Vice President:

Cathy Allspach

Secretary:

Melissa Moser

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Meghan McDermott

Delegate:

Elizabeth Hendley

Phi Director:

Cassie Valk

Rush Director:

Lindsey Johnson

Victory Campus Ministries

VCM Spreads the Gospel on Campus

As students come from around the world to go to a new school, they often feel lost or isolated in the crowds.

Victory Campus Ministries (VCM) offered students a sense of family, and a place to grow through discipleship. Every Wednesday night they met in the University Center for the "Edge", a time of worship, fellowship and outreach.

"We want our relationships to reflect the love of Christ. We have a common vision to reach this campus so that we can share how our lives have been changed by the love of God," said senior psychology major Susan Barra.

VCM focused on evangelism and spreading the gospel on the University of Houston Campus. In October they held the Week of the Supernatural. It was a week of outreach to the students, faculty and staff of the campus. They had guest speakers each night and a magic show during the day in which they invited people to come out that night. They also had a media presentation about the existence of the supernatural and its portrayal in the movies.

"The different way the outreach was presented made it entertaining and fun to participate in. I never knew that magic could be used to share the gospel," said junior MIS major Ryan Long.

Over Spring Break they did an outreach in Alvin. It was a time in which they used open-air preaching, testimonies and videos to share the gospel.

"Hells Bells", one of the videos, looked at how music and other media affect the lives of students. Every evening Matt Rash, the VCM staff worker, gave a talk and the students put on skits.

"One thing I liked was being able to see the spiritual needs of the students, being able to speak into their situations and showing them God's light," said senior media productions major Henry Esparza.

VCM is associated with Morning Star Christian Church and they also worked with several other campus ministries. Their main partner was Champions for Christ, which focused on doing ministry to the athletes of this campus. They also have ministries specifically focused on International students and art students. Victory Campus Ministries was home to everyone who is looking for spiritual growth and discipleship.

-Donald Scherer



Friends

Senior psychology major Susan Barra, senior psychology major Shanna Miller, junior business major Keandra Ewing share a moment under the shade. Being in VCM, brought many members closer and build friendships.
Photo courtesy of VCM

Leading the group

Senior marketing major Jerret Sykes leads worship during the Spring Break outreach in Alvin. VCM often did various things to keep students excited about the organization and prayer.
Photo courtesy of VCM



Prayer & Worship

Members of Victory Campus Ministry praise God during a campus outreach. VCM often encouraged its members to pray and get involved in worship.
Photo courtesy of VCM

Officer List

President:

Oubong Ekpin

Vice President:

Alison Matlack

Secretary:

Monica Adams

Campus Minister:

Matt Rasch

"Smile everyone!"

VCM members pose for a group picture during the week of the Supernatural. It was a time in which they saw God do many supernatural things.
Photo courtesy of VCM

Lutheran Campus Ministries

A home away from home

For both students who lived on campus and those who did not, the Lutheran Campus Ministries (LCM) lounge was available whenever they needed it. They could play games on the Playstation, relax away from noise, or take a nap. It was a place that often accommodated all kinds of students from diverse backgrounds and cultures, giving them a place to grow as a group.

Freshman university studies major Will Landefeld said, "The Lutheran Office is a great place to kick back, and play the latest video games with my friends."

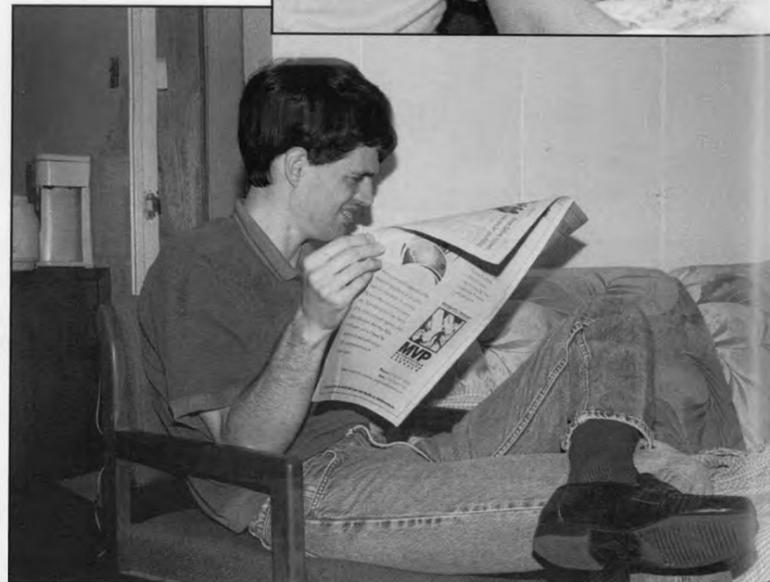
Besides the fellowship, LCM also held a luncheon once a week. The luncheon was open to all University of Houston students, staff, and faculty. This luncheon was particularly popular with International students.

LCM frequently teamed up with United Campus Ministries (UCM) for activities, including a yearly ski trip. This year's trip took place during winter break. Some were experienced and some were just learning but regardless the trip was a lot of fun and an exciting experience for all. After a long day on the slopes they spent some quality time in prayer and worship; there was a guest speaker for each night, including Kurt Neiber, the campus minister.

"Kurt is not only our friend but he is also someone we can talk to about spiritual issues. If we have any questions or problems then Kurt is always there to help us out or to be an ear to listen," said Junior computer science major Vincent Siu.

Finally, the most important part of the LCM is the discipleship and the spiritual growth encouraged by the organization. The group helped this growth along by witnessing to students one-on-one, answering questions and sharing their own experiences. For the students who were already members of the group, there were discussions, Bible studies and worship sessions to help them learn more from one another and to develop in their own spiritual walks.

-Donald Scherer



Reading and relaxing

Senior electrical engineering major Ken "Woodsy" McClead goes through the newspaper as he relaxes in the LCM office. The office was a convenient, homey place for members to come and just hang out.
Photo by Donald Scherer



Lunchtime!

Members get food at one of the weekly luncheons. LCM held luncheons every Monday at noon in the religion center.
Photo by Donald Scherer



Just chillin'

LCM members sit around the office chatting and playing video games. One aspect of LCM the members that students liked so much was being able to go and unwind in the office with other members and friends.
Photo by Donald Scherer

Officer List

President:

Graham Farra

Vice-President:

Ken "Woodsy" McClead

Secretary:

Dan Tiefa

Campus Minister:

Kurt Neiber

Pi Kappa Alpha

PKA gets busy

The Epsilon Eta chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha (PKA) was founded at the University of Houston in 1956 and had a long history of tradition here at the University of Houston. They strove to attain academic excellence and service while keeping their social aspect alive. This year PKA was involved in many different philanthropic events.

"I joined Pi Kappa Alpha to have a chance to bond with people who share common interests and career goals with me," said senior Finance Major **Montague Morgan**. "My brothers are guys that will be there for me in my professional and personal life for years to come."

During the fall semester they held an event called "Adopt 2001" in which they succeeded in finding homes for numerous babies and young children. They worked with other Greeks on campus to help find families for kids without parents. In the spring semester they

worked with the Bellaire Optumus Club to build bleachers and grandstands for the Bellaire Little League Baseball Association. This was a time of service and brotherhood as they worked to help others.



Adopt 2000

Pi Kappa Alpha members happily pose with some of the children that were present at "Adopt 2000", which was a program arranged to get 2000 children adopted. PKA was the program's main coordinator, they were in charge of getting all the volunteers together from the many sororities that participated. Photo courtesy of PKA

However, Pikes (members of PKA) did not forget their social nature during this service, especially when Homecoming rolled around. It was a time for the campus to catch the spirit and celebrate the tradition that has been a part of this university for so many years. Pi Kappa Alpha participated in several different parts of Homecoming, including the

Homecoming golf cart parade and Paint-the-Campus.

"My favorite games are when the University of Houston plays Rice University. If it is Football, baseball or any other sport I am there. It is even more fun when we

win." said senior Exercise Science Major **Kaleb Baun**.

During the spring semester, Chi Omega and Pi Kappa Alpha joined together to put on a Variety Show for Frontier Fiesta. This was one of the most popular endeavors, as it gave the group the chance to

show off their creativity. They worked for about two months to write a script and learn dance routines. It was also a chance for alumni to come out and participate in the event with Bar-B-Q cook-offs and other events. This year's Frontier Fiesta was a hit and Pi Kappa Alpha was glad to be a part of it.

-Donald Scherer

Important people

Pikes pose with their academic advisor and assistant dean for math and science, Dr. John Hardy. They all posed for a quick shot while they socialized at the "Alumni Smoker" alumni event. Photo courtesy of PKA



"One...two...three...GO PIKES!"

The guys of PKA prepare to begin an intramural volleyball game. Most, if not all, of the fraternities were played. Organizations on campus were always getting involved in intramural sports to get to know other fellow cougars. Photo courtesy of PKA



The Gong Show

Junior management major **Worden Babcock** takes the stage as Tom Jones, with fellow Pikes as his backup singers at the Delta Zeta Gong Show. The program was a variety show philanthropy event Photo courtesy of PKA

Officer List

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Dean Smith

Treasurer:

Andrew Loesch

Catholic Student Organization

CSO celebrates 25 years

One of the more active religious groups on campus this year was the Catholic Student Organization (CSO). CSO offered students a variety of activities in hopes of helping them build supportive relationships, explore Catholic traditions, and help others; but their main goal is to bring people together and have a good time. Some of the activities that CSO participated in this year were the Thanksgiving potluck, the Catholic Student Organization yard sale, the Young Adult Leadership workshop, the Intramural softball tournament and Spring "Study" Retreat. One of their most important events, however, was a benefit dinner held in April to mark a quarter century of Catholic connections.

The Catholic Newman Center Benefit Dinner was held to celebrate the bond that was forged within the Catholic community due to the Catholic Newman Center's establishment. The Benefit honored two special members of the community this year: George and Kay Martin, to say thanks for the couple's contribution over the past years.

"The Catholic Center just celebrated a quarter-century of the building's presence on the University of Houston campus. We are looking forward to sending a group of students to 'World Youth Day' this summer with the proceeds from the benefit. We serve students of all nationalities, and we truly have an international community of faithful individuals," said campus minister Lubna M. Nabi.

The Catholic Newman Center itself, which was dedicated on February 8, 1976 and paid off by August 1981, was the pride and joy of the Catholic community. It was a place for students to retreat from the hectic schedules of class and work and it was open to all who needed it.

Senior sociology major Catherine Barry said, "The center is like a home away from home. And it means different things to different people; for some it is a place to hang out, for others it's a place to celebrate their faith and connect with fellow Catholics or peers."

-Sadaf F. Farooqui

It's showtime!

Sophomore interior design major Jennifer Nieto, senior biology major Denise Calvo, campus minister Lubna Nabi, and sophomore consumer science and merchandising major Julie Nieto pose in costumes they wore to do a rendition of a classic 1942 musical. They performed at the 25th Anniversary of the dedication of the Catholic Newman Center. Photo courtesy of CSO



Volunteering & Celebrating

CSO members relax after a long day of volunteering as waiters and waitresses at the 25th Anniversary celebration of the dedication of the Catholic Newman Center. CSO along with the rest of the university's Catholic community held a benefit for two honored members on April 19, 2002 to mark a quarter-century of Catholic connections. Photo courtesy of CSO



"Ok...so what's the game plan?"

CSO members talk over their current score during the break in their intramural softball game, which included several different organizations on campus. The season was 5 weeks long and CSO participated in four games. But it didn't really matter who won or lost, they were just there to have fun. Photo courtesy of CSO



Post Game Time

After their softball game the members were ready to eat, chill, and chat, so they decided to go out together for dinner. CSO did many things together in light of fellowship, like the intramural softball tournament they joined other organizations in. Photo courtesy of CSO

Officer List

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Denise Calvo

Vice-President:

Canh Lien Nguyen

Secretary:

Katherine Escudero

Treasurer:

Rebekah Mason

Public Relations:

Richard Chapa

Campus Ministers:

Fr. John Boll

Lubna M. Nabi

The Daily Cougar

The UH "Chronicle"

It's no secret that students at the University of Houston trust fair and balanced news about what's going on around them. When such information was required, one need look no further than one of the more than 50 bins located around campus.

The Daily Cougar has been a fixture on the UH campus since its inception in 1934. In the years since, the paper has grown considerably in size, added occasional color pictures and advertisements, and given countless students an opportunity to learn the intricacies of producing a daily newspaper.

The Daily Cougar staff consists of an editor in chief, a managing editor, several section editors, and over 50 writers and photographers. These proud employees devote a tremendous amount of time to capturing in words and pictures the many events which take place on this campus.

The Daily Cougar is certainly well known for its diverse selec-

tion of opinion columnists, cartoonists, and news writers. The daily crossword puzzle also offers countless students on campus a source of entertainment between classes.

Nikie Johnson, the editor in chief of The Daily Cougar, often dealt with incredibly long nights, sometimes remaining in the newspaper's office until three o'clock in the morning.

"The Daily Cougar is a lot like a big family. I will always remember the people I've worked with here, and the camaraderie between us. That's what made this experience worth it, I think, for everyone here."

After some initial controversy, the newspaper's torch was passed on to the capable hands of Keenan Singleton. The goal of the newspaper has not changed: if newsworthy events happen on campus, the proud members of The Daily Cougar will be there to cover it from beginning to end.

-Matthew E. Caster

Fast and furious typing

Staff writers Geronimo Rodriguez, a junior creative writing major, and senior communications major Kristin Buchanan quickly type up stories for their approaching deadline. The writers usually had to have their stories in early so the editors would have time to check them and correct any mistakes.

Photo by Lauren Wilson



Officer List Fall 2001

Editor in Chief:

Nikie Johnson

Managing Editor:

Audrey Warren

News Editor:

Ken Fountain

Sports Editor:

Tom Carpenter

Entertainment Editor:

Keenan Singleton

Opinion Editor:

Cara Sarelli

Features Editor:

Nikki Dowdy

Assistant Editor:

Ed De La Garza

Chief Copy Editor:

Ellen Simonson

Photo Editor:

Pin Lim

A hundred and one phone calls

Junior photography and art history major Brian Viney gets on the phone to get times and locations for pictures he has to take. It was quite difficult to get everything one needed for photo opportunities and stories, so the phones were usually in use by photographers, writers, and editors.

Photo by Lauren Wilson

Officer List Spring 2002

Editor in Chief:

Nikie Johnson

Managing Editor:

Keenan Singleton

News Editor:

Ed De La Garza

Sports Editor:

Christian Schmidt

Entertainment Editor:

Jason Consolacion

Opinion Editor:

Cara Sarelli

Chief Copy Editor:

Ellen Simonson

Photo Editor:

Lorrie Novosad

The Houstonian

The yearbook celebrates 75 years of UH

If you are currently reading this, then you are probably somewhat aware that the University of Houston has its very own yearbook. For the last sixty-nine years, this publication has chronicled the events and people who have walked through this fine university.

The yearbook wasn't just about slapping together a book talking about what's happened on campus over a period of twelve months. It was about a group of students coming together to create a legacy for themselves, and striving to live up to the fine tradition established by previous yearbooks.

The legacy of the 2002 Houstonian Yearbook was more than the book itself... it was the legend of zany happenings which routinely interrupted the serious business of actually producing a yearbook. Occasionally writers and editors were jolted away from their computers by sailing balls of paper and tape as well as occasional shouts of "You're Fired!" from the senior editors.

Despite the occasional disappearance of writers and photographers, not to mention the routine demonic possession of cameras, the yearbook managed to stay ahead of its deadline schedule throughout the semester thanks to the tireless efforts of the High Priestess of the Yearbook (Ashley), her devoted indentured servant (Matthew), and the dedication of her over-worked, underpaid section editors.

"The yearbook gave me a unique ability to apply materials I learned in my other classes, and taught me how to work with other people to create a great finished product," said Michelle Lehmann, the Academics Editor. Many staff members learned valuable lessons about dealing with others and interacting with fellow Cougars.

Working on the Houstonian Yearbook was a rewarding experience for all those involved, instilling discipline, knowledge, and a little bit of fun into everyone who worked on it. People also learned to duck when whizzing balls of paper and tape came sailing toward them.

-Matthew E. Caster

"Nice layout!"

Academics Editor and senior media productions major Michelle Lehmann, staff writer and senior English major Crystal Doucette, and Organizations Editor and sophomore business major Sadaf Farooqui examine a spread for mistakes. Section editors often looked over one another's spreads to help reduce errors by the time they reached the senior editors.

Photo by Kena Alvarado



Office Humor

Sophomore creative writing major and Editor in Chief Ashley Grubbs, junior petroleum engineering major and Managing Editor Matthew Caster, and freshman architecture major and staff writer Richard Whitrock enjoy a moment of humor in the office as they write stories and look over complete spreads. The Houstonian staff had fun, but kept in mind the deadlines they had to complete as well.

Photo by Kena Alvarado



Officer List

Editor in Chief:

Ashley A. Grubbs

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Matthew E. Caster

Photo Editor:

Lauren Wilson

Academics Editor:

Michelle Lehmann

People Editor:

Cortney Martin

Sports Editor:

Lacie Burke

Organizations Editor:

Sadaf F. Farooqui

Student Life Editor:

Brandy Stoesz/Ashley A. Grubbs

Community Editor:

Crys Lewis/Matthew E. Caster

"Looks good to me."

Sports editor freshman Lacie Burke looks over her tennis team spread for any minor mistakes that may have been overlooked. All the section editors had to fix and edit repeatedly to make sure their pages were perfect.

Photo by Kena Alvarado

1945

The Veterans' Club poses for a group photo. After WWII, there was a large influx of veterans who were returning to pick up their education where they left off.



1969

Members of the Baptist Student Union serenade attendees of their weekly luncheon. This luncheon was a tradition that lasted many years after its inception.

Organizations *in the past*

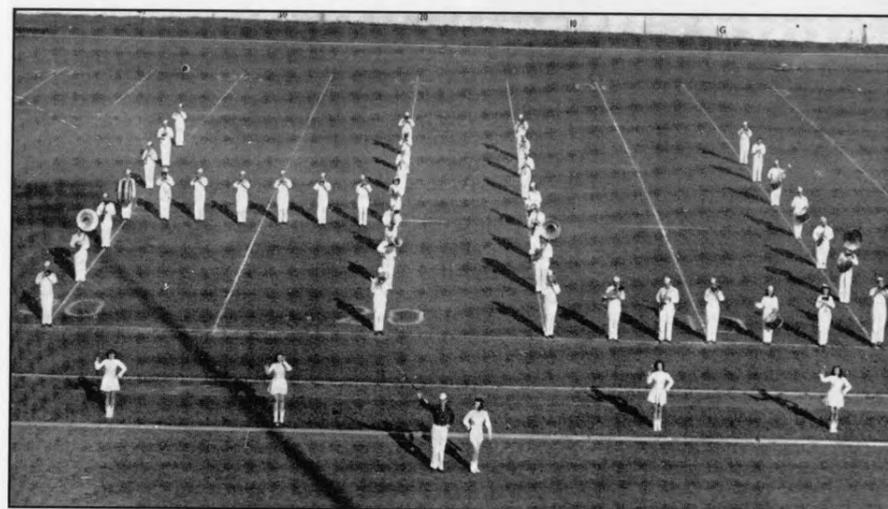
College life was more than just hard classes, dweeby professors and having no money. Most students felt the need to be a part of some sort of group on campus. Nearly everyone felt the need to mingle with people who shared a similar heritage, creed, interest or hobby. Since the founding of the school, many different organizations were available for students to find others like them. Some of these organizations had been around since 1927, while others were fairly new.

Many of the older organizations on campus, such as the UH Cougar Marching Band, the Frontiersmen, and the Student Government Association (formerly the Students Association) had longstanding traditions of excellence in service to the UH community and helped to inspire and educate their members. Other organizations, such as the Pep Club died out, only later to be replaced by organizations like the "Bleacher Creatures."

As the campus grew and diversified, other groups opened chapters on the UH. Organizations like the Black Student Union, the Muslim Student Organization and the Hispanic Media Association helped the University to grow and prosper with as diverse a student body as could be found at any school in the country. People who wanted to have fun with people of similar faith had various options on campus, such as the Baptist Student Ministry. Other groups formed around common interests, such as the Fencing Club, the Cougar Bowling Club, and Clayworks. By the turn of the century, more than 120 student organizations were registered with the University, and it was easy for all students on campus to find a group of people that shared similar inclinations.

The vibrant and diverse organizations were among the most visible ways in which the University of Houston could show off the talent and scholastic aptitude of its students.

Matthew E. Caster



1947

The band ends a rehearsal in the formation similar to the "UH" which was familiar to students in later years. This picture shows how much smaller the band was so long ago.

1984

A "Houston Honey" (possibly a precursor to the Cougar Dolls) pauses during a performance. Many of the organizations of the past have been replaced by more contemporary groups.



People

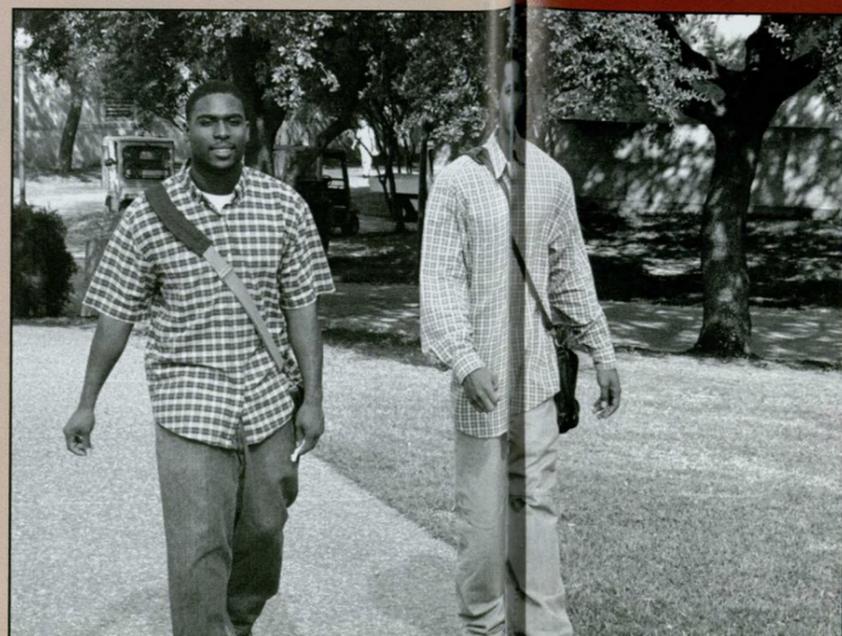


Dig in!

Two students enjoy the culinary masterpieces created at the Hilton hotel on campus. Many of the students appreciated having alternatives to the UC for their meals. Photo by Michelle Lehmann

Out for a stroll

Senior mechanical technology major Darryl Scott and junior civil engineering major Jason Brown walk to class. The scenery made the treks across campus more pleasant. Photo by Kena Alvarado



People

The University of Houston is more than just some random college in the shadow of one of the most beautiful skylines in the world; UH is a community which brings together some 50,000 students, faculty and staff members from all different walks of life. Indeed, this university distinguished itself as one of the most diverse schools in the nation. Many students at the University of Houston came from local high schools, but students enrolled from every state in the nation, and from more than one hundred countries around the world. This arrangement brought together a multitude of different ideas, languages, and cultures in the same place, and allowed UH students a diverse educational experience that few other universities around the country could match. The wide variance in lifestyles amongst students and faculty members offered a unique experience at the University of Houston which proved that the whole really was greater than the sum of its parts.

Freshmen

Lacie Burke
Communications
Douglas McGee
Pre-business
Lydia Segers-Banova
Pre-pharmacy
Brandy Stoesz
Photography
Lindsay Watson
Art

**Richard Whitrock**

University Studies
Amy Zamarripa
Industrial Distribution
Edna Zatarain
University Studies
Sophomores
Torrey Beckham
Pre-business
Matthew Bohot
Computer Science

**Hector Doria**

Finance
Sadaf Farooqui
Pre-business
Rebecca Forte
Pre-business
Jacqueline Gil
Communications
Ashley Grubbs
Creative Writing

**Cassandra Jones**

Communications
Cortney Martin
Creative Writing
Cirilo Ojeda
University Studies
Tony Zamarripa
University Studies
Juniors
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Media Production

**Kena Alvarado**

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Pre-business
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Mechanical Engineering
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Petroleum Engineering
Nicole Csabai
Pre-business

**Carroll Do**

Pre-business
Oliver FASTERLING
Electrical Engineering
Yvonne Feece
University Studies
Nora Frankian
Psychology
Gloria Lewis
Biology



The Great Meeting Place

Freshmen find ways to connect with other Cougars



Hello, ladies...

Sophomore political science major Nick Somprakis says hello to other students at the UH Valentine's Day Organizations Expo. Such events helped new students get to know their fellow Cougars throughout the year.

Photo by Sadaf F. Farooqui

With a student body larger than the population of many of Houston's suburbs, UH is by no means a small school. For a freshman entering the university after leaving a small, comfortable high school, however, that number seemed to grow into the millions.

Meeting new people, making new friends and becoming more familiar with the campus were just a few of the challenges faced by freshman early in the year, and many learned early on that it takes willingness and an open mind to get to know people.

"It's kind of hard to get to know people at this school, especially since most of the

students don't have a lot of involvement on campus," said sophomore university studies major Carmen Lightfoot, reflecting on her experiences as a freshman.

Most students found their classes to be the best way to get to know others, chatting with people who sat nearby and using homework as fodder for conversation. Others, however, discovered more on-campus options for meeting people.

Sophomore university studies major Courtney Wheeler speculated that living on campus might have given students a very different college experience than commuting, as those who came home to the residential halls were surrounded by their fellow students night and day.

"If you don't live on campus, you probably just go to your classes and then go home, so there aren't a lot of opportunities to talk to new people," Wheeler said. "If you live in the dorms, you'll spend a lot more time with your classmates."

Joining clubs also proved to be an excellent way of meeting others, and many new students turned to the numerous bulletin boards on campus to find people with similar interests.

by Cortney Martin

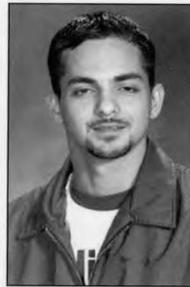


Join the club...

In the case of senior pre-business majors Shavaun Batiste and Zarina Khan, who work together on a fundraiser's promotional banner, club activities provided plenty of opportunities to mingle with others. Both affiliated with the Center for Entrepreneurship, the girls got to know one another and fellow club members through activities and promotions.

Photo by Cortney Martin

Melissa McGaughey
University Studies
Claudia Pineda
Biology
Benjamin Ross
Educational Leadership and
Culture/CMP
Lauren Wilson
Communications
Katherine Yin
Information Systems Technology



Seniors

Christine Acosta
Biology
Brandon Adjei
Entrepreneurship/Management
Nkiruka Awuegbo
Management Information Systems
Sabah Albader
Mechanical Technology
Beatriz Aleman
Media Production



Tatiana Alexander

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Ryan Alvey
Political Science
Jessica Amezcua
Political Science
Khalid Amiri
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UH Students
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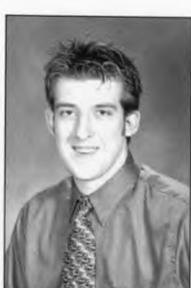
Why did
YOU
choose
UH?



"I came for the great theatre program, and to be taught by Edward Albee."
Gregory Hundernar
freshman, theatre/creative writing

"I came to study in the best theatre department in the United States."
Lourdes Tapia
junior, theatre

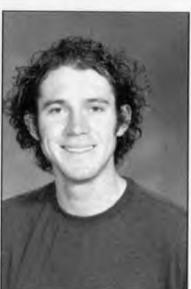




Wendy Anthony
Psychology
Obinna Anyigbo
Economics
Johnny Araj
Hotel and Restaurant Management
Erick Armentroat
Communications
Sumiko Armstead
Biology



Temenit Asgedom
Biochemistry
Folahan Ayoola
Biochemistry
Crystal Bacak
Interdisciplinary Studies Education
Carol Balwant
Finance
Angela Banks
Management



Frank Barnes
Information Systems Technology
Stephanie Barrett
Human Development and Family Studies
Brooks Bassler
Entrepreneurship
Mollie E. Bauckman
Biology
Monique Beiswenger
Psychology



“I came here because I wanted to meet new people but still stay close to home.”

Derrick King
freshman, business marketing

“I came to UH because I wanted to study with Tim Hunter in the music department.”

Sarah Smith
sophomore, music



“I came here because it was the closest thing to home, and I didn’t want to leave Texas.”

Martkeyet Gaskin
senior, consumer science

Chandi Jones

Making her mark on the court and in the record books

Chandi Montrease Jones, whose father, Assistant Women's Basketball Coach David Jones, affectionately calls "Binky," wrapped up the 2001-02 collegiate basketball year with 2002 Conference USA Player of the Year accolades and more than 1,000 points in her collegiate career. The All-American who admires the determination of Michael Jordan achieved these honors after tearing her ACL in January 2001.

"My heart dropped," Jones said. "But I really stayed strong for my mom and dad. They're the ones that were really down."

Jones' close-knit relationship with her father and her mother, Janice, who sang the National Anthem at one of the home games this season,

was a strong point for the sophomore and helped her return to the court this season ready to give her all. Jones' parents still live in her hometown of Bay City.

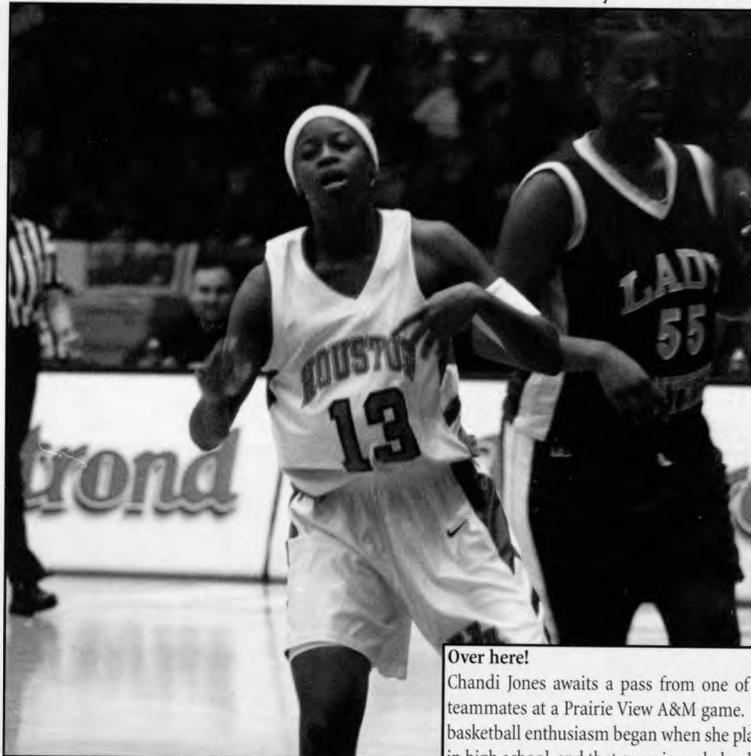
"Now I want them to move here (to Houston)," Jones said. "At least get an apartment."

For five months, Jones and her teammates endured 6 a.m. practices, 8:30 a.m. classes, Friday-Sunday games on the road and traveling by bus and plane for as long as 10 hours. All of the work was worth it, though, as it led the team to a 26-8 record and runner-

up place in the 2002 Women's National Invitational Tournament.

In the off-season, with no practices or games to occupy her time, Jones' mind turned to ideas on youth entertainment philanthropy after she goes pro.

"I've been thinking about going back to Bay City and building something like a Dave and Buster's down there," Jones said. "We really



Over here!

Chandi Jones awaits a pass from one of her teammates at a Prairie View A&M game. Her basketball enthusiasm began when she played in high school, and that experience helped her to keep her focus through the years.

Photo by Lauren Wilson

don't have anything for the young kids to do. We only have a bowling alley and some pool tables. We used to have a skating rink when I was growing up but then they closed it.

"There's really nothing to do in Bay City," Jones said. "I want it to be a hang out place."

What brought this up?

"So far I've been having so much time on my hands I don't know what to do," Jones said. "[The team doesn't] know how to act. We just sit in the house and do

nothing."

Jones and the rest of the Lady Cougars did far from nothing, with finals and conditioning for the upcoming season just around the corner. Jones planned on participating in the long jump for the UH women's outdoor track team. Jones won state titles in long jump and triple jump for Bay City High School all four years, 1997-2000.

"I quit track when I was younger," Jones said. "I used to always get beat in long jump and I hated getting beat."

Jones returned to the sandpit in seventh grade, determined not to be bested in any jumping events, although her technique was a little different.

"I'm weird. I jump off my right leg," Jones said.

While she was working on another UH athletic achievement, Jones was invited to try out in May for the

2002 USA Basketball Women's Youth Championship Team. After such a long, eventful season and the upcoming competitions ahead, one would think that Jones would be ready to take an athletic hiatus. Not so.

"I'm always ready for basketball," Jones said.

by Crystal Doucette

“My heart dropped [when I tore my ACL in January, 2001]. But I stayed strong for my mom and dad. They’re the ones that were really down.”

-- Chandi Jones



Outta my way!

Jones sweeps right past a rival player at a game against Cincinnati. In February, Jones earned the title of fastest player ever to eclipse the 1,000 point plateau in Conference USA history, as well as the Lady Cougars’ history.

Photo by Lauren Wilson



Go Chandi, go Chandi, go Chandi, GO!

Jones prepares to dazzle UH women’s basketball fans yet again in a game against Prairie View A&M. Jones was among the top players on the season’s roster.

Photo by Lauren Wilson

The All-American girl...

A Prairie View A&M player has nothing on Jones. The forward/guard was the first Lady Cougar ever to win All-America honors, as she was named Second Team All-American by the Women’s Basketball News Service.

Photo by Lauren Wilson





That's what friends are for...

Senior human nutrition and foods majors Ngocdieu Nguyen and Ingrid Ramirez share a laugh at lunch time. Like many students, the two met in class and became friends shortly thereafter.

Photos by Cortney Martin

"Let's be friends..."

Friendships form in class and elsewhere on campus

Rising early for 8 a.m. classes and studying into the wee hours of the night may be hassles that every college student knows all too well, but most would certainly agree that those pains somehow became a little more bearable when good friends were around.

Whether frantically jotting notes in class, enjoying lunch at the UC or gazing impatiently at their watches in the seemingly endless bookstore lines, students almost always found time to make new friends and catch up with old ones.

As junior pre-business major Quynh Nhi Tran pointed out, school often presented the only opportunity some friends had to connect.

"I don't get to see a lot of my friends as often as I'd like, especially my friends from high school," Tran said. "It's always nice to run into someone you know on your way to class, even if you just get to say hello for a second."

Friendships on campus were even more important to those who juggled both hectic class schedules and commitments to outside jobs. Just having someone who could share class notes made life much more convenient -- as well as enjoyable -- for these busy students.

Daily, groups of friends met up in the UC or library lobby to share stories and prepare for class together. Bonding over shared anxieties, like approaching exams and demanding professors,

classmates formed friendships that grew stronger over the course of their time in class together.

"I usually always get to know people in my classes. That way, I'll have someone who may be able to help me out, and vice-versa," sophomore music major Ermelinda Hernandez said. "By the end of the semester, you get to know people pretty well, and it can be fun to get together to study when finals come around."

by Cortney Martin



Girl talk

Junior journalism major Helen Jensen compliments senior journalism major Coral Duran on her casual outfit. These friends often found time to talk in the Communications Building courtyard between classes.

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Carolina Benal
Spanish
Alicia Blankenship
Education
Bridgette Bolden
Psychology
Norma Bonica
Technology Leadership and
Supervision
Michelle Bouldin
Psychology



Dawn Brewer
Finance
Grecia Brecino
Industrial Engineering
Tynisha Brooks
Psychology
Nancy Brown
Psychology
Chrissie Burdis
Psychology



Erin Burney
Elementary Education
Michael Burns
History
Sherry Burr
Computer Science
Terry Burton
Political Science/Sociology
Brandon Butler
Finance



Cheryl Cabusas
Psychology
Tania Campos
Human Nutrition and Foods
Nona Caradine
Health Promotion
Tory Carmon
Management Information Systems
Mary Carradine
Computer Engineering Technology



Richard J. Cartaxo
Anthropology
Andre Carter
Electrical Technology
Angela Carter
Marketing/Entrepreneurship
Susan Castano
Communication Disorders
Brian Castillo
Mechanical Technology



Cindy Castillo
Marketing
Sergio Castillo
Industrial Distribution
Veronica Chairez
Human Development and Family
Studies
Ying Chan
Accounting
Aisha Chatman
Psychology

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What will
YOU
remember
most about
the past
year?



"I will remember the great chemistry class I took. I wish I could take it again."

Kevin Carter
sophomore, chemical engineering

"The thing I remember most about last year was Tropical Storm Allison and my car getting flooded."

ChiChi Naujiuba
junior, computer engineering technology



Sonia Chavez
Print Journalism
Eno Chen
Marketing/Management
Huichun Chien
Accounting
Kristy Choate
Human Nutrition and Foods
Dora Ann Cisneros
Psychology



Edward Cleveland, Jr.
Mathematics
Hiba Codore
Biology
Sharon Colbert
Psychology
Kevin Collins
Civil Engineering
Shakaala R. Collins
Biochemistry



Robert A. Compean
Psychology
Tanya Conway
Finance
Alexandra J. Corona
Bilingual Elementary Education
Debbie Coronado
Industrial Distribution
Michelle Coroneos
Public Relations





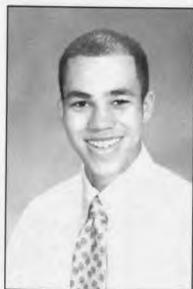
“I remember how weird the security increase at the towers was.”
Stephanie Smith
junior, corporate communications

“I remember the beginning of feeling very uncertain about getting a job. I’ve never had to worry about it, but after September 11, everything changed.”

Ye Zheng
senior, computer science



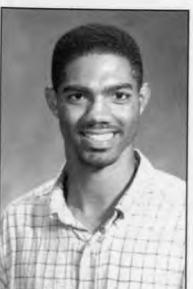
“I remember feeling terrified about leaving home, and having no idea what to expect.”
Gernay Mitchell
sophomore, business administration



Ronald Cotton
Biology
Larandol Cowart
History
Joseph R. Coym
Mathematics
Georgia Cruz
Biology
Oliver Cruz-Milan
Hotel and Restaurant Management



Marc Culpepper
Mechanical Engineering
Brian Daly
Chemical Engineering
Guillermo Davila
Industrial Distribution
Michael A. Delgado
Marketing
Karrah Demaris
Accounting



Darryl Derrilloux
Kinesiology
Paresh Desai
Computer Science
Dana Dessardo
Human Development and Family Science
Ali Dhanani
Computer Science
Lisa Dickey
Biology



Making the grade

Senior media production major Sharon Hodges prepares for a career behind the scenes of the entertainment industry in her TV2 class. A returning student, Hodges spent time in the Navy and at other colleges before transferring to UH.
Photo by Azel Agustin

Back to School...Again

Returning students seek new opportunities

When many people think of a college student, they automatically picture a recent high school graduate with little or no experience in the work world, yet many UH students simply did not fit this mold. A large portion of the student body was comprised of returning students, those who have gone to college previously, pursued careers and opted to return to the university in search of new opportunities.

Senior media production major Mel Prescott did not decide to return to school until after he found success in his chosen career. Once a mechanical engineering and fine arts major at UH, he began working in the film industry in 1980 and hoped that a degree will bring him even greater success.

"I want to learn how to write and produce for the industry, so I've been shopping around to find the best professors and take the right steps to complete my degree plan," Prescott said. "I'm hoping to get into graduate school for the JDMDA program, which will give me all the background I need with the industry's legal workings."

By his senior year, Prescott had been working in special effects for about 13 years and found that his knowledge of engineering and science from his early days at UH has been useful. He made the most of the college credit hours he earned the first time around and took 21 hours a semester to complete his degree plan as quickly as possible.

His classmate, Sharon Hodges, had a slightly different attitude about her return to the university, but her ambi-

tion was just as strong. Hodges dubbed herself "a returning returner," as she attended a few different colleges and altered her career plans more than once. Once she began attending UH in 1999, however, her determination to earn a degree in media production set the course for her future.

"My interest in media production was really sparked during the time I spent in the Navy. I was an interior communications electrician, and we did a lot of the things that they teach in the media production program at UH," Hodges said.

Once an accounting major, she spent 10 years in the Navy and did contract work as an electrician afterward. It was that job that brought her to Houston, and eventually to UH. As a senior, her ultimate goal was to stay in Houston and become a production assistant, and someday, a writer and film director.

Returning to school had been one of Hodges' goals for quite some time before she ever enrolled, and she decided to take time off of work to devote 100 percent to her studies. Prescott, however, still remained active with his film industry career, although he only took on smaller jobs so he could focus on his classes.

Although both students had been successful in the university setting before, like many returning students, Prescott and Hodges felt a new enthusiasm the second time around. Both attributed their renewed motivation to their previous experience not only as college students, but as working adults.

by Cortney Martin

Just a click away...

Mel Prescott stays behind the computer and on top of his 21-hour courseload despite his other commitments. Although he attended UH after graduating high school, Prescott returned to the school years later with different career goals.

Photo by Azel Agustin



Not the typical classroom

Prescott works with production equipment to enhance his knowledge of the movie business. An experienced worker in the special effects industry, Prescott returned to UH to obtain a degree in media production.

Photo by Azel Agustin

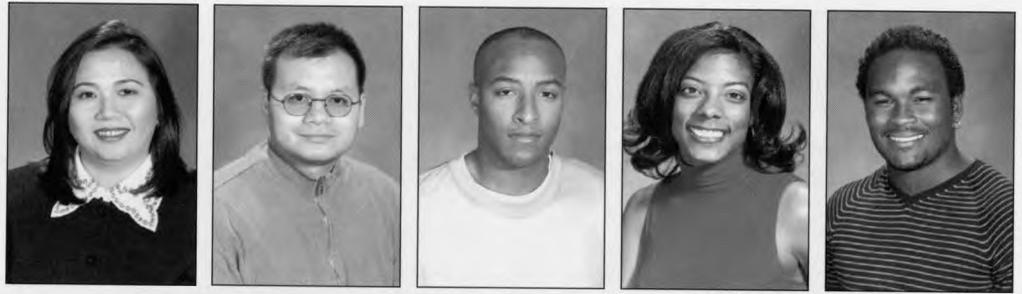
They make it look so easy

Hodges and a classmate concentrate on finishing a project for their TV2 class. Although she tried other careers in the past, Hodges decided that media production was her niche when she enrolled at UH.

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Cecilia Do
Chemical Engineering
Chinh Doan
Information Systems Technology
Marc Dockery
Management
Pamela Dyer
Health Promotion
Richards Edwards
Finance



Tony Edwards
Accounting
Tiffany M. Engelking
Interdisciplinary Studies
Raymundo Escamilla
Management Information Systems
Virginia Esparza
Spanish
Giselle Espinoza
Biology



Lidia Espinoza
Psychology
Teresita J. Espinoza
Spanish
Breanna Fair
Psychology
Naomi Fernandez
Communication Disorders
Blanca Flores
Information Systems Technology



Christina Flowers
Journalism/Media Production
Candice Floyd
Psychology
Cindy Fox
ENTR
David Fox
Graphic Design
Jose Fuentes
Management Information Systems



Emily Galvin
Management
Henry Garcia
Accounting
Jasmine Garcia
Biology
Katherine Garcia
Marketing
Lawanna Garner
Health Promotion



Diandra Garza
Graphic Design
Gina Garza
Economics
Erin Geiger
History
Jeanette Gil
Communications
Heather Gilder
Consumer Science and Merchandising



A Whole New World

Students learn from diverse mix of cultures on campus

When walking onto the UH campus for the first time, one of the first things one might have noticed was how much diversity existed within the student body.

People from all backgrounds attended classes and spent time afterward together, and many of those students admitted that they might never have known the friends they later made if they had not come to UH.

"I think this school is a great place to learn about different cultures, because so many people from various backgrounds are all over campus," said junior photography major Megan Shoop.

Like many of her classmates, Shoop grew up in an area with little cultural diversity, and she embraced the opportunity to broaden her horizons at UH. She cited the school's diversity as one of the main reasons she was attracted to UH.

Junior English major Sandi Gonzales attended a small junior college before transferring to UH, and a year after the switch, the school still felt very new to her. Every day she was impressed by her classmates' willingness to explore one another's cultures.

"I like the fact that everyone is so open to learning

about other people's backgrounds. There are things I might never have known, and I might never have asked if I weren't surrounded by people of all different races and religions," Gonzales said.

Both Gonzales and Shoop attended high schools in which the student body was predominantly comprised of one ethnic group and saw UH as a breath of fresh air.

"Because I went to a school where most people were the same color, I think I'm more willing to understand others," Shoop said. "Being open-minded can help everyone get along better."

by Cortney Martin



Something for everyone...

UH students from all backgrounds waited in line at the school's 75th anniversary party together. The celebration promoted diversity even further, serving Mexican food and treating party-goers to music from many different genres.

Photo by Cortney Martin

All together now!

Senior theatre/dance major Diane Hamden, senior architecture major Veronica Honstein and freshman hotel and restaurant management major Ciarra Martinez-Hill pose together at a recent club fund-raiser. School events brought friends of all backgrounds together.

Photo by Sadaf F. Farooqui



Elaine Giles
Broadcast Journalism
Aldo Gonzales
Finance
Victoria Gonzales
English
Christina Gonzalez
Human Nutrition and Foods
Maria Gonzalez
Media Production



Monica Gonzalez
Psychology
Jennifer K. Gore
Accounting
Lori Gorski
Accounting
Rose M. Govea
Biology
Ami Green
Consumer Science and
Merchandising



Lorie Grimaldo
Interdisciplinary Studies
Lakisha Grimes
Marketing
Lee Grover
Finance
Erin Guetzow
Psychology
Laura S. Gutierrez
Sports Administration



**UH Students
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**What is
the
biggest
lesson
YOU'VE
learned in
college?**



"I have learned the importance of
time management."
Mike Mills
senior, biology

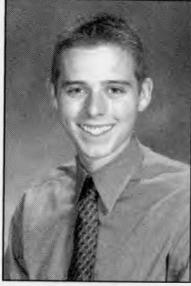
"I have learned the importance of
not procrastinating, especially not
waiting until the last minute to write
papers."

Lisa Martin
senior, corporate communications





Doris Guzman
Management
Tina Guzman
Hotel and Restaurant Management
Cheng-Ya Han
Marketing
Brenda Hancock
Marketing
Arsala Haneef-Khatri
Accounting



Matthew Hanegan
Mechanical Engineering
Candice Harker
Kinesiology
Valerie Harper
Economics
Quinesha Harris
Accounting
Lindsay Harris Vasques
Interdisciplinary Studies



Suboohi Hasan
English Literature
Shawn Haven
Chemical Engineering
Laura Hayes
Psychology
Damon E. Haynes
Political Science
Katherine Hendricks
Kinesiology



"I have learned to take responsibility into my own hands."
Kendall Williams
senior, psychology

"I have gained the ability to interact with all kinds of people from different cultures and backgrounds."
Dimas Cardoza
senior, finance



"I think that a college career is not limited to just a classroom, but involves growth and social interactions that help you in the future."
Angie Guerra
senior, business

Sara Jaffer

Reviving the SPIRIT of Volunteerism

Between a hectic school schedule, outside jobs and a strong commitment to her family, it would have been difficult to imagine Sara Jaffer having time for much else.

The junior political science/history major put volunteerism at the top of her list at a young age, however, and remained dedicated to helping others even as a busy college student.

"I've been doing volunteer work since I was about 10 years old. My younger brother has a disability, so I've been working on the Down's Syndrome picnic and coaching Special Olympics for years," Jaffer said.

For Jaffer, helping others came naturally, due to her commitment to her younger brother and other siblings. The oldest of four, she was often more than just a big sister, helping out when her parents were busy with their independent business.

Her close ties to her siblings were precisely what compelled Jaffer to begin working as a Special Olympics coach. When her brother became active as a competitor, Jaffer, then 17, jumped at the opportunity to volunteer.

As a coach for the Spring Branch Bears, Jaffer trained middle school and high school students in various athletic events. Although she admitted that the job required quite a commitment, she wouldn't have traded that experience for the world.

"I get so much from working with these kids. One day, when it was sunny outside for the first time in a while, one of my athletes made the comment that it was a pretty day, then he added that every day is a beautiful day," Jaffer said. "It was just a small comment, but it opened my eyes. Now I try to look at life that way."

The Special Olympics athletes

on Jaffer's team looked up to her as a role model, friend and teacher, and their influence was equally special to her, she said.

Even though her own brother was handicapped, working with disabled children helped her to learn about other kinds of disabilities and the way they affected people's everyday lives.

In addition, Jaffer was able to learn even more about the struggles and successes of the mentally handicapped through her work with yet another volunteer organization, Best Buddies.

"Best Buddies pairs high school and college students up with adults who have a mental handicap," Jaffer said. "For our buddies, it was a great way to get out and be social, because a lot of them never had the chance."

Jaffer worked with Best Buddies through UH's Metropolitan Volunteer Program and would have been content to stay involved with the program forever had her other obligations been different.

"I wasn't able to spend as much time with my buddy as he deserved, because it was getting too hard to keep my grades up, too," Jaffer said. "But I still love volunteering, and Special Olympics means a lot to me. I can have the worst day, but when I go see my athletes, everything is great again."

by Cortney Martin



A moment of glory

Sara Jaffer, right, poses with winning members of her Special Olympics team after a day of competition. Jaffer became involved with the organization when her younger brother, seen here in front of her, began competing as an athlete.

Photo courtesy of Sara Jaffer



Yay for teamwork!

The Spring Branch Bears, Sara Jaffer's Special Olympics competition team, gather at a 2001 kickoff event. Jaffer said that athletes can try as many sports as they would like and get to compete at various times throughout the year.

Photo courtesy of Special Olympics of Texas, Area IV

“I still love volunteering, and Special Olympics means a lot to me. I can have the worst day, but when I go see my athletes, everything is great again.”

-- Sara Jaffer



Buddies having fun

Students at UH's chapter of Best Buddies work on a project with the partners assigned to them through the program. Jaffer and many other students got the chance to help mentally handicapped adults like these through the Metropolitan Volunteer Program. Photo courtesy of Best Buddies UH

Rockin' Out...

Music is more than a hobby for some students

From garage to studio, all bands started somewhere. For Kai Freund, his musical journey began where most do: a need to express oneself.

Freund, a sophomore pre-business major, said, "Music is a mode of expression that I enjoy; it allows me to focus my positive energy and both create and communicate at once. Music, and specifically for me, drumming, is a perfectly unique experience."

Freund's band, Plexity, formed in late 2000 when he got together with bandmates Derek Winfree (lead guitarist), Sachin Shah (rhythm guitar), and Preston Ginn (rhythm) for a few jam sessions.

"Our chemistry was unbelievable," said Winfree.

Both Shah and Ginn were also registered UH students, and despite also being students were completely committed to Plexity.

"We'll take this band as far as it will go," says Freund.

It took Plexity a year and half before they started playing shows in the Houston area, but by early 2002 they were a regular weekend sight at Cardi's at the corner of Bissonnet and 59.

"We are absolutely dedicated to doing our music right, and taking a year and a half to work on the band shows in our performances," said Winfree.

"It's always hard to categorize your music. Our music is based on feelings and emotions, from anger to love and respect," he said. "Your emotions are endless, and so should your music be. Originality is important to us."

Mirroring that sentiment, Freund attributes hard work and chemistry as the reasons that Plexity became one of the hottest bands in Houston.

by Richard Whitrock



Loud enough for ya?

Sophomore pre-business major Kai Freund shows off his drum skills at one of Plexity's shows. Freund and his bandmates made time for both music and school as the band garnered attention through local shows.

Photo courtesy of Plexity



Where's the tour bus?

Plexity members Kai Freund (far left), Preston Ginn (second from left) and Sachin Shah (far right), shown here with their bandmates in 2001 are talented musicians and UH students. The band formed in 2000 and began regularly playing at Cardi's, a Houston club, in 2002.

Photo courtesy of Plexity



Sarah Herd
Political Science
Omar Hernandez
Marketing
Xiomara Hernandez
Interpersonal Communications
Michael Hickey
Marketing
Anthony J. Hickman
Informations Systems Technology



Amy Higgins
Elementary Education
Aulonq Hila
Political Science
Danyale Hill
Accounting
Elise Jody Hill
Art History
Sally Hill
Communications



Stacy Hill
Psychology/Political Science
Thu Hoang
Accounting
Adriana Holguin
Hotel and Restaurant Management
Tanya Holmes
Communication Disorders
Gina Hopper
Finance/Marketing



Megan Horacek
Communications
Vanessa Houck
Technology Leadership and Supervision
Donna Hounihan
Chemistry
Amanda Hoyt
Finance
Lan-Hsin Huang
Management Information Systems



Rodney Hughes
Finance
Aime Hurtado
Interdisciplinary Studies
Ashfaq Hussain
Psychology
Hai-Dang Huynh
Accounting
Kelvin Imo
Biology



Nada Isa
Management Information Systems
Felix Islas
Sociology
Reinaldo A. Isturiz
Accounting/Finance
Monica Jones Jackson
Interdisciplinary Studies
Rose Jennings-Edwards
English/Creative Writing

UH students
speak...

What
class have
you
enjoyed
most?



"I enjoyed my math classes, 1313 and 1314. They were fun and not as hard as I expected them to be."

Melissa Graciano
freshman, university studies

"My poetry writing class was cool, because it taught me to write better, and I needed to learn."

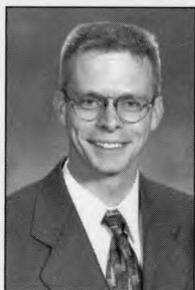
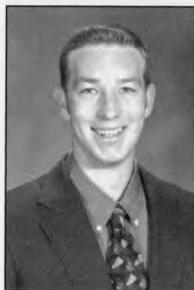
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junior, psychology



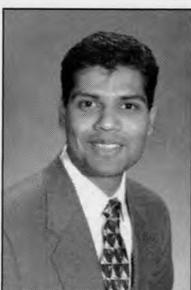
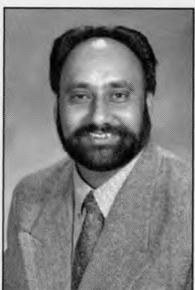
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Trina Johnson
Sociology
Charllette Jones
Communications



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Mechanical Engineering
Francisca Juarez
Information Systems Technology
Jonathan Jukdowitz
Accounting/Finance
Danaya Kachornvanich
Marketing/Management



Ahmad Kafarni
Architecture
Parmjit Kang
Civil Engineering
Shailesh Kapadia
Computer Science
Haley Keeton
Management
Rashunda Keggler
Marketing





“My graphics class has been my favorite. It was very hands-on, and we worked with different media. It was a challenge, and I like that.”

Cindy Vernor
junior, university studies

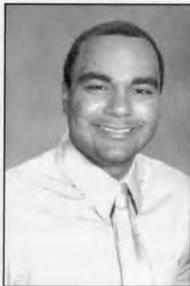
“I’d have to say my Mass and Heat Transfer class was my favorite. I’ve done very well in there, and the subject is a lot of fun for me.”

Shane Mansur
junior, chemical engineering



“My Psych of Personality class was my favorite. It was a lot of fun and really interesting.”

Hazel Arguelio
senior, psychology



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Farid Khosravi
Economics
Kimberly Kovar
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Finance
Jennifer Le
Accounting



A man of many talents

Junior psychology major Michael Twigg enjoys the outdoors on a nice day. Left paralyzed from a motorcycle accident six years ago, Twigg still enjoys extreme sports as a spectator.

Photo courtesy of Michael Twigg

Michael Twigg

Bringing a new meaning to determination

For many college students, getting up for early classes and studying into the night are the biggest obstacles to success. Honors College student Michael Twigg, however, proved that a high level of determination can put even the most daunting tasks within reach.

Twigg, a junior psychology major, entered the university in the Fall Semester of 1999, after moving to Houston from his hometown of Reno, NV. It wasn't until his sophomore year, however, that he entered the Honors College.

"I didn't learn about the Honors College until late in my first year, but I saw it as a chance to be something more than mediocre," Twigg said. "In high school, I was never a great student; I didn't even think I'd be going to college."

After graduating, Twigg joined the Navy, but he was hardly the determined individual he would later become. He headed home shortly thereafter and began working for a title company.

It was nearing Twigg's 21st

birthday when his life took a dramatic turn that ultimately made him stronger. While racing motorcycles with friends, he experienced a serious accident that left him paralyzed from the chest down.

"I had a really bad attitude when the accident first happened, but I began to appreciate my life a lot more. I'm a very lucky guy," Twigg said.

As a result of the accident, he made it a priority to enjoy every moment of life. Beginning his first semester of college, Twigg maintained a 4.0 grade point average. As the end of his junior year approached, his plans included applying to the Harvard School of Education and possibly becoming a high school teacher.

Although he named psychology as his major, Twigg's interests spanned a broad range. He began his first book, which he described as science fiction with a religious theme, influenced by Anne Rice, Stephen King and C.S. Lewis.

A talent for web page design

also surfaced when Twigg made it one of his hobbies following the accident. His small business, EPhire, has designed pages for the Honors College and Texas Adaptive Aquatics.

Family was also a major part of Twigg's life, especially since he became a husband and father. He and his wife, Elizabeth, were married in August 2000 and had a daughter, Isabel, just over a year later.

"I love hanging out with my wife," Twigg said. "A lot of guys say that just to say it, but I'm serious. She's my best friend."

The Honors College honoree for outstanding 2000 - 2001 newcomer, Twigg also considered Psi Chi, Phi Kappa, National Collegiate Scholar and National Merit Scholar to be among his major accomplishments.

"There is so much more to life than I ever knew," Twigg said. "I work a lot harder now. A few years ago, you'd never have believed I'd be Mr. Go-Getter today."

by Courtney Martin



Smile for the camera!

Twigg, seen here on Thanksgiving, 1999, looks forward to spending time with his family when he is not at school. A native of Reno, NV, the Houston resident is now married and has a young daughter.

Photo courtesy of Michael Twigg

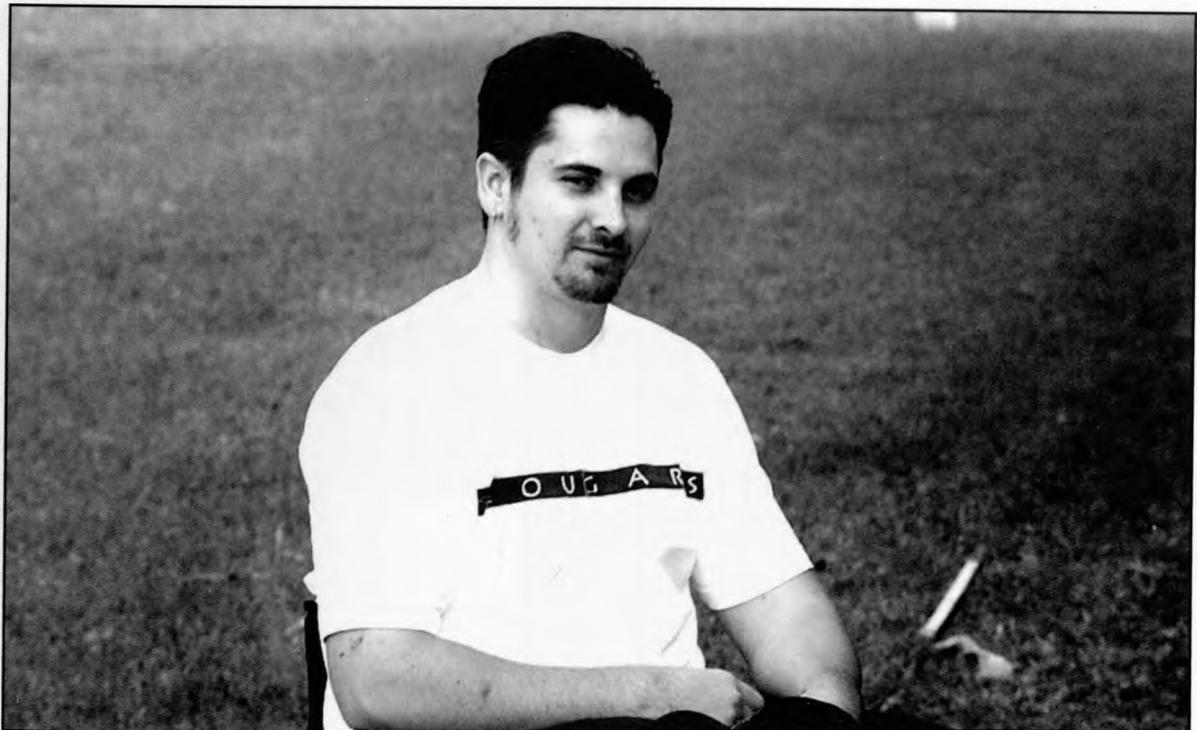
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-- Michael Twigg

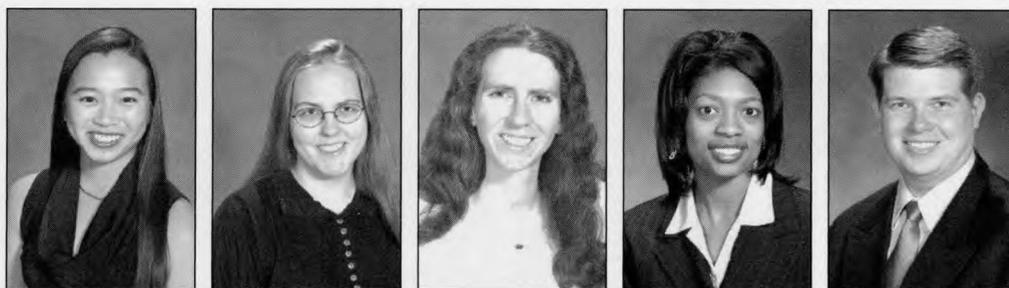
Taking a breather

Between his handling Honors College coursework, being a new parent and writing his first book, Twigg doesn't have many chances to relax. After he finishes college, he plans to remain in the school environment, teaching high school honors classes.

Photo courtesy of Michael Twigg



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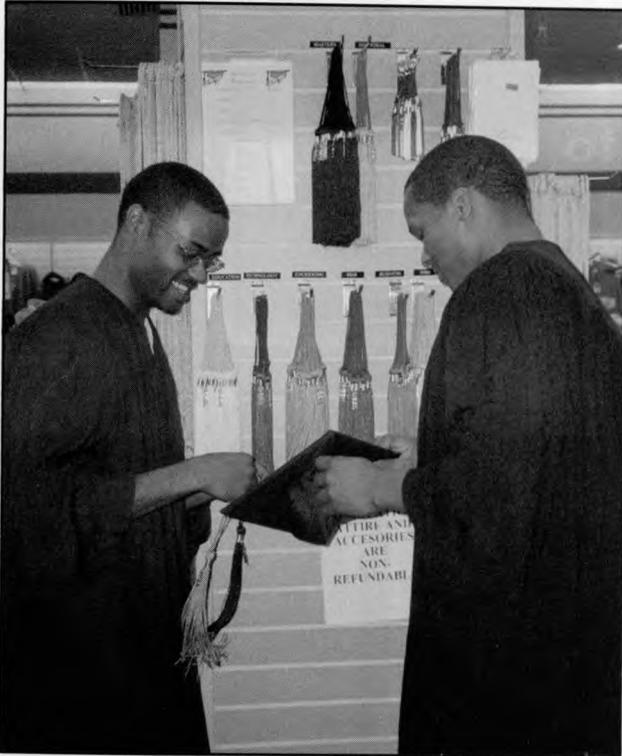


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The Future's So Bright...

Seniors imagine life after graduation



They come with hats, too?

UH Bookstore employees LaThurmon Bone and Timothy Williams check out the caps and gowns to be worn by graduating seniors. Picking up graduation attire was just one of the many concerns of 2002 graduates.

Photo by Cortney Martin

If the transition from high school to college was difficult, the changes that many seniors were forced to make as their graduation approached were monumental.

All throughout the year, seniors worried about the possibilities for life after graduation, and the thought of not graduating led many to work harder than ever.

"I really have to work hard this last semester to get my grades where they need to be," said senior kinesiology major Sony Ok. "My graduation is depending on how I do."

With the pressures of school and post-graduation preparation piling up, finding time to relax and have fun was more important than ever.

Seniors made the most

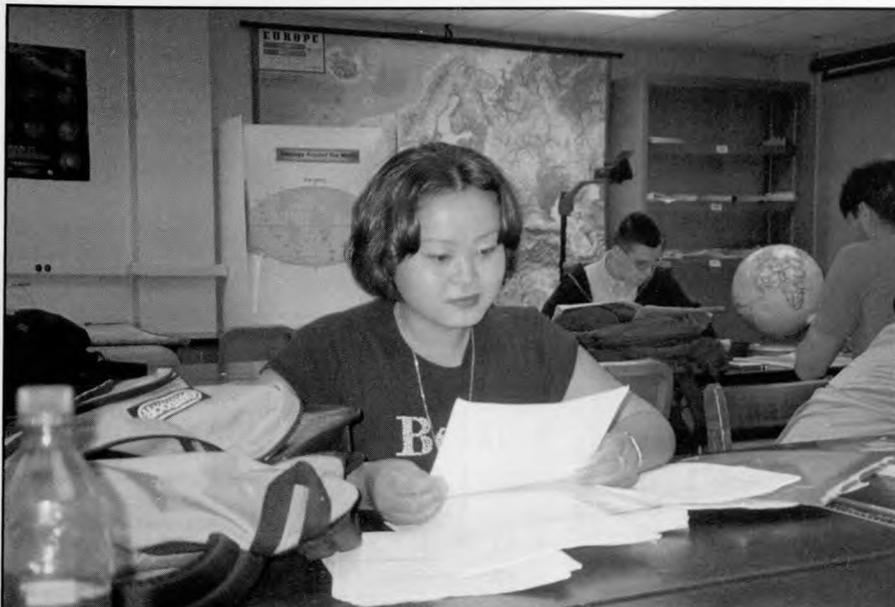
of their time on campus, and some got ready to bid UH a final farewell, as big career plans were already under way.

Others, however, would not be leaving UH so soon. Many students opted to remain at the university for additional semesters, whether to complete their remaining senior requirements or to pursue higher education in graduate school.

"I'm a senior, but I will still be at UH for at least a little while longer," senior geosciences major Kara Golembiewski said. "I changed my major, so a lot of work still needs to be done before I can graduate."

Ok said that if her final semester went well, she, like many enthusiastic graduates, would be putting her degree to use immediately.

by Cortney Martin

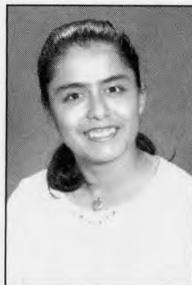


Gotta get to work!

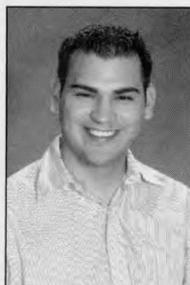
Senior kinesiology major Sony Ok gives her geology notes one final look before a quiz. Ok, like many seniors, made her grades a priority as graduation drew nearer.

Photo by Cortney Martin

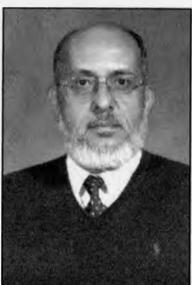
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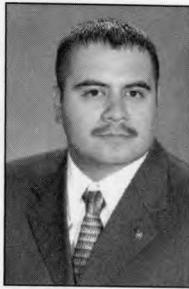
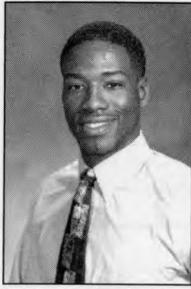
What would YOU change about UH?



"I'd make parking permits less expensive. It's ridiculous to pay nearly \$100 when most of the time you can't even find a place to park."
Torrisha Avinger
freshman, biology

"I think changes need to be made with instructors. A lot of them know the material they are teaching, but have no idea how to teach it so that students also understand it."
Chris Woodard
sophomore, mathematics

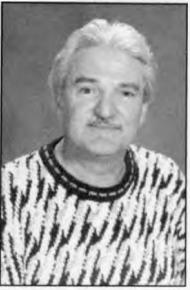




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Erin Nagy
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Rajee Nellikkattil
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“Too many jaywalking tickets are being issued. People are crossing the street to get to class, and they get stopped for jaywalking.”
Chrishonda Crawford
junior, political science

“There needs to be more parking. People have problems finding spots, they get tickets, plus it makes them late to class. Something needs to change.”
Ivan Valverde
junior, communications



“Fee bills are sent to the students too late. It seems like we get our bills and then have to pay within just a few days. We should have more notice.”
Christine Rouno
senior, psychology/sociology



Dahlia Kelada

Paving her own road to success

Senior advertising and corporate communications major Dahlia Kelada was one of the most bright and determined individuals at UH. Kelada's ambitions, in fact, brightened her love for business.

"I have always been very business-oriented," said Kelada.

As a child she even learned she could make money in school by selling candy to the other kids in school at a 200% mark-up from the original price.

In her early college years she attended San Jacinto and UH simultaneously while handling an outside job. Kelada also had an interest in anything to do with NASA and their research, so she got a job with NASA.

"People don't realize how important the space program is and that so many things like Velcro have come from there. They don't realize that these things came from the space program. That's why I love it so much, because you see things before they come out to the public. That's one of my favorite things," said Kelada.

During her later college years she put her energies into her small business, *Virgofleur*, where she put her business and advertising skills into fresh starting businesses, consulting them with marketing, advertising and web design.

With her degrees, she hoped that someday she would be able to work for a business-to-business advertising company, where she could act as a liaison between her company and another. Her degree in advertising will help her to understand successful advertising, and corporate communications should teach her strong human interaction skills. She really just wanted to interact with people as much as she possibly could. "I love people!," she said.



Her first and main goal when she got out of college was to open her own business. She acquired a license to do so to have a Mediterranean apparel and accessories shop somewhere in Harris County by September 2002. This was the beginning of her big dream to open her own business, though she had many others in her future.

"I would like to open my own business when I am still young because it will make me feel like I have accomplished one of my many goals I have made for myself," said Kelada.

Alongside Kelada's business ventures, she gave much time to her many hobbies. She enjoyed painting, playing and composing her own piano pieces and playing clarinet. She directed and acted in her youthful life as well. She loved to discuss her interests, like NASA, Arabic and French, and computers and graphics. She has a younger brother who was a chemical engineering major at UH.

by Michelle Lehmann

A professional image...
Senior advertising/corporate communications major Dahlia Kelada not only stays on top of her studies, she runs her own business. Kelada's work experience also includes a job with NASA.
Photo courtesy of Dahlia Kelada



A much-needed vacation
Kelada relaxes during one of the few opportunities she has to spend time away from school and the office. Kelada juggled a hectic course load as a double major and independent business owner.
Photo courtesy of Dahlia Kelada

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-- Dahlia Kelada



Sitting pretty
A native of the Houston area, Kelada interrupts her busy lifestyle for a moment to enjoy the day. Although she intended to graduate from UH in December 2002, Kelada will have her new business venture off the ground by September.
Photo courtesy of Dahlia Kelada

Hang on tight!
Kelada and friends enjoy a turbulent trip down the Colorado River. When Kelada is not busy with her school work or commitments to her job, she spends time with her family and close friends.
Photo courtesy of Dahlia Kelada

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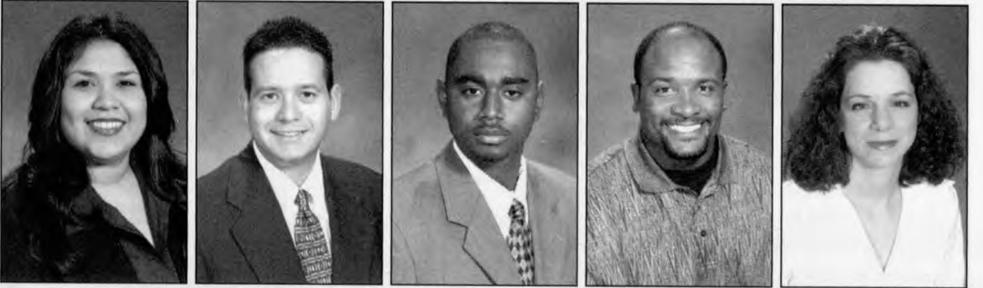
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Andrew Perales
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Esther Perales
Interdisciplinary Studies
Anita Perez
Advertising
Nadia D. Perez
Information Systems Technology
Amy Phan
Accounting
Donny Phan
Computer Engineering Technology



Kicking back

Students look for time to relax

Between doing homework, studying, keeping outside jobs and getting a healthy amount of sleep, many UH students found it difficult to make time to relax and enjoy themselves.

Nevertheless, every Cougar had his or her own way of relaxing after class was over, even if it just meant taking an occasional night out with friends.

Many students frequented UH's own gathering place, Coog's, in the UC Underground. Others, however, opted to hit the Houston bar and club scene, unwinding by enjoying a few drinks and dancing the night

away.

"I find that I'm going out more now that I'm in college," said freshman university studies major Liza Hernandez. "It seems like it's more important now that I have that time with no books, no homework around."

Whether it meant all-out partying with a lot of people or enjoying an intimate, quiet dinner with a small group of friends, students gained a whole new appreciation for free time.

For those who also balanced jobs and other obligations, the idea of free time was even more

Sophomore computer science major Rudy Ybarra knows this lifestyle well; he lived it for his entire first two years of college and said that sleep gained a whole new importance in his life at that time.

"My friends know not to call me at home, because if I'm there, it's pretty much a guarantee that I'm asleep and do not want to be waken up," Ybarra said. "I go to school in the daytime and work all night. It's hard because I want to see my friends, but I know I need my sleep."

-- Courtney Martin

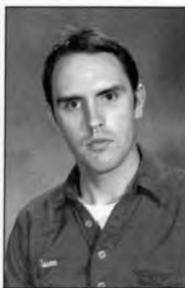
of a foreign concept. Usually, these students utilized their time outside the classroom and workplace for one thing -- sleep.



Caught in the act

Sophomore computer science major Rudy Ybarra gets caught taking a break from his school work at a local bar. Many students chose hot spots like this one to unwind and temporarily forget the hassles of school.

Photo by Courtney Martin



Jean Daniele Phillips

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Dawn Piccolini

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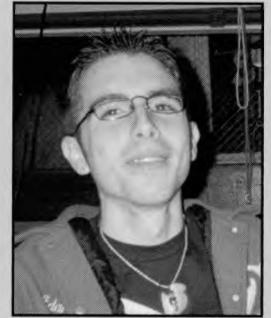
What will you do during summer vacation?



"I will take what I have learned and apply it to areas outside of school. In college, I have gained strength and learned not to be afraid of challenges."
Maranda Smith
senior, marketing

"I'm going to devote more time to my dancing. I am already taking a class, but the extra practice will be good for me."

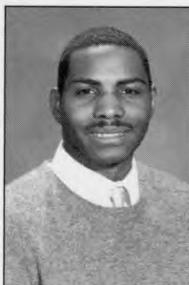
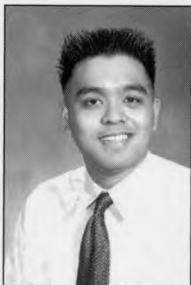
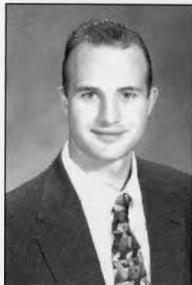
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freshman, dance



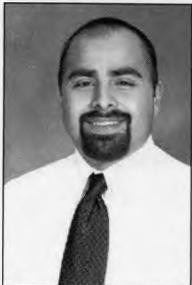
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"I'll be able to spend more time with my boyfriend. I never see him since I'm in school and he's working. We might go to Mexico this summer."

Miranda Cisneros
sophomore, theatre

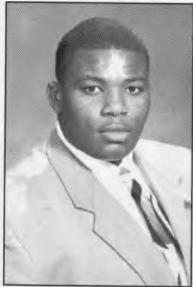
"Working, working, working. I haven't had time to keep a full-time job during the school year, so the extra money will be nice."

Moses Gonzales
junior, computer science

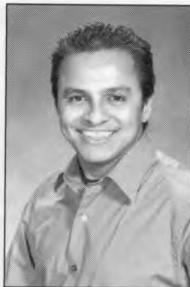


"Finally, I'll be able to relax. I go to school, and I also work at a school, so my summer will be free. I'm looking forward to more time with my son."

Gabriela Tovar
freshman, biology



James Robertson
Management



Juan Rodas
Broadcast Journalism



Araceli Rodriguez
Psychology/Sociology



Edna Rodriguez
Photography



Elias J. Rodriguez
History



Juvenicio Rojas
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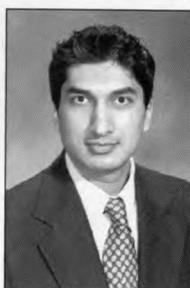
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Masayuki Saito
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Raul Saldivar
History/Philosophy



Hashir Saleem
Industrial Engineering

"It's a family affair..."

Students make time for family commitments

While many UH students spent their weekends club-hopping and living life without a care, time out of school had a very different meaning for another portion of the student body.

To those less traditional college students, weekends might have been more closely identified with changing diapers, having family dinners and helping work first grade math problems.

"We've had our hands full since we had our daughter," said junior psychology major Michael Twigg, who went to school while his wife, Elizabeth, stayed home with the baby.

"My wife was a UH student, but she had to take some time off for the baby," he said. "We are both learning that raising a child takes a lot of work."

Many UH students echoed Twigg's feelings about becoming parents, as college life for them meant not only lots of homework and studying, but handling those obligations in the middle of a busy, sometimes hectic family life.

Sometimes, being a student meant making sacrifices, although family commitments

usually came first as far as UH students were concerned. Often, compromise was the only answer.

"I am married, but my husband and I still haven't been able to have a real wedding like we want," said freshman pre-pharmacy major Lydia Segers-Banova. "It's just a matter of working it all out with money and school."

As Segers-Banova noted, being a student sometimes required serious cutbacks on what others took as everyday parts of life. Nice weddings, private schools for the kids and frequent evenings out just were not possible for some students who had to focus both their attention and their finances on school.

Students' family situations spanned a broad range, from childless newlyweds to parents of school-aged

them.

Whether they were finding time to spend with their spouses or trying to study for finals while helping their kids ready for their own, some Cougars proved that college success was not only for the young and commitment-free.

"Being married and having kids made it harder for me to get through school; I didn't finish in four years like most people do," said communications graduate Deanna Sheffield. "It took me awhile, but it was important that I gave enough of my time to my family while still finishing school."

--Cortney Martin



Family time

Family members of all ages know how to enjoy a sunny day. Many UH students found ways to spend time with their entire families at once, with weekend outings to local events.

Photo by Lauren Wilson

children. Everyone, however, made the necessary efforts to thrive in the ways that were most plausible for



She's SOOO tall!

These UH youngsters (and their mothers) found someone they could "look up to" at Frontier Fiesta. Students who had children appreciated the kid-friendly events at the annual on-campus festival. Photo by Pin Lim

Yee-haw! at UH

These father and son cowboys check out the offerings at Frontier Fiesta 2002. This was one of the few opportunities for UH students who were also parents to bring their children to school. Photo by Pin Lim



Mom, didn't you tell me not to talk to strangers?

This young visitor to the Houston International Festival will have nothing to do with a larger-than-life Uncle Sam. UH students who studied all week long looked forward to events like this one, where the whole family was welcome. Photo by Lauren Wilson

Summertime blues? Hardly!!!

Students look forward to vacation at semester's end

They were selling their books back, looking for summer jobs and celebrating the end of finals. The arrival of summer meant many things to UH students, but one could safely say that it was a welcome change for most.

Sophomore mathematics major Chris Woodard was just happy that summer would mean cutting back on gas money for the drive to and from school.

"I live in League City, and it's a long drive to UH everyday," Woodard said. "When summer gets here, I definitely won't miss sitting in traffic everyday on (Interstate) 45."

Many students were glad that summer would give them more time for their other interests, as well. With studying out of the way, they could concentrate on their friends, families, hobbies and jobs.

After all, it was a widely-held belief that change is healthy, and a little shuffling of the daily routine was exactly what a lot of Cougars needed to help break the end-of-year monotony.

In fact, summer not only meant short-term jobs for students, it often meant an introduction to the real world. Following spring graduation, many students felt themselves about to face "adult life" and began

making the moves that would launch their careers.

"I'll probably get a job at a holistic wellness center so I can use what I've learned as a massage therapist and kinesiology major," said senior Sony Ok. "It's a small step, but it's one in the right direction."

Those who were not graduating or seeking summer jobs might not have said goodbye to UH at semester's end. Summer school promised to keep plenty of students on campus and busy with their studies before their classmates returned for the fall.

-- Cortney Martin



Enjoying the great outdoors

A group of UH students stand outside to take advantage of a sunny day near the end of the spring semester. By spring, many students were anxious for summer to arrive. Photo by Cortney Martin



Hello summer, goodbye UH!

LaThurmon Bone checks his graduation gear out in the mirror at the UH bookstore, where seniors picked up their caps and gowns at the end of the year. The final days of the semester meant not only vacation for many students, but also graduation. Photo by Cortney Martin



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UH Students Speak...

How do you spend your free time on campus?



"I don't spend as much time on campus now that I've moved back to Houston. I moved back home after transferring from SMU."
Benjamin Grafton
sophomore, pre-pharmacy

"I study for my classes whenever I need to, but I usually find my friends to talk or go have lunch."
Eleonor Lorett
freshman, university studies





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Accounting
Esperanza Vredenberg
Psychology
Chong Wang
Computer Science
Jessica Wasiak
Sculpture
Miho Watanabe
Business



“I devote a lot of time to my music. After all, I did come here from UH Downtown because I liked the music program.”
Jeff Tedder
junior, music

“Free time? I never have free time on campus. Most of the time, I’m actually late to class because it can be so hard to find a parking space.”
Robin Hill
junior, university studies



“I work on my studies. I have learned that if you don’t work really hard in school, you won’t succeed and enjoy the full benefits of a college education.”
Byron Scott
junior, psychology

"GO COOGS!" VS.

THE ONGOING DEBATE:

As diverse as the student body might have been, one subject seemed to pit students against one another in two distinct categories. To put it simply, there were those who had school spirit, and those who did not.

The lack of school spirit on campus was a major concern for many of the sports-enthusiast Cougars who attended football games and homecoming events and wore their school t-shirts and hats with pride.

These students expressed frustration as their less-spirited peers breezed by The Daily Cougar sports page to get to the crossword puzzle with little concern for the latest football scores or baseball game's outcome.

"It makes me mad that our athletes don't get more recognition than they do," said senior English major Crystal Doucette. "We have some good athletes in this school, and nobody supports them because they have no school spirit."

While many students stood in agreement with Doucette's remarks, a seemingly greater number was not bothered at all by the lack of school spirit. Those students, however,

expressed little interest in school sports or campus activities.

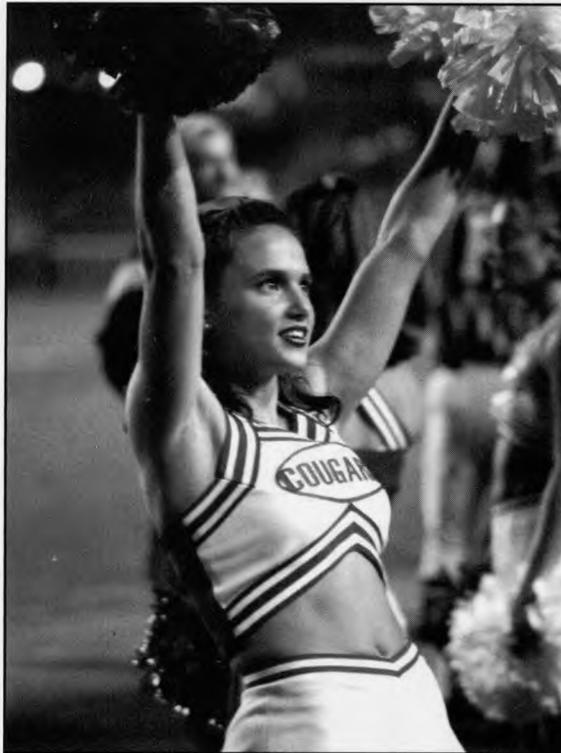
"I had a little bit of school spirit in high school, but it never seemed like such a big deal to me. People at

UH generally don't come to school to have fun. I come to get my education, then I go home and have fun there," said freshman sociology major Daniel Perry.

Those who were determined to spread their spirit had no reason to lose hope, though. Sometimes, school spirit just naturally developed as students spent more time on campus.

"I never went to a single football game during the entire time I was an undergraduate," said graduate political science major Crys Lewis. "I started going once I was in grad school, and it turned out to be a lot of fun."

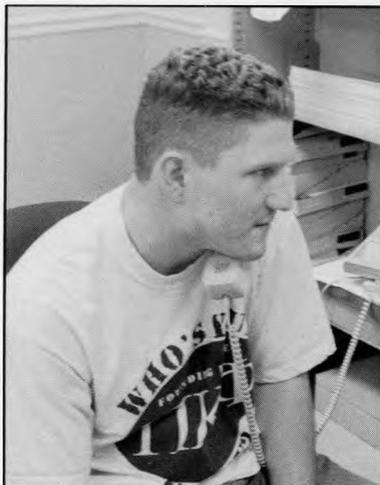
--Cortney Martin



Hooray for spirit!

This UH cheerleader beams brightly at the crowd and encourages everyone to show some school spirit. Although spirit was heavily promoted by some student groups, many still felt that team spirit was a rare commodity at UH.

Photo by Lauren Wilson



Let's get some spirit in this school, stat!

"This school is seriously in need of some more school spirit. It's like nobody here cares about supporting our teams," said senior media production major Donald Scherer. "I went to Dulles High School, one of the biggest football schools in this area. When I got to UH, it just blew my mind how few people were into that."

"WHO CARES?"

DO UH STUDENTS HAVE TOO LITTLE SCHOOL SPIRIT?



School spirit makes you do crazy things. This colorful group of Cougars, the infamous Bleacher Creatures, cheer for their team despite a losing football season. Students who had school spirit did not let the disappointing outcome of these games bring them down, however, as many cheered in the stands at every UH game. Photo by Lauren Wilson



Gimme some spirit!

UH cheerleaders shake their pom-poms and show off their moves to get the crowd ready for action at a Cougar football game. Although UH football fans packed into Robertson Stadium at games throughout the season, few boasted as much team spirit as the cheerleaders.

Photo by Lauren Wilson

School spirit? What's that?

"This school is ridiculously short on school spirit, but I can't really say anything, because I don't have much of it myself," junior physics major Abe Peña said. "I prefer UT football over UH's any day, and what's sad is that I can wear my UT shirt to school, and nobody will even say anything about it."



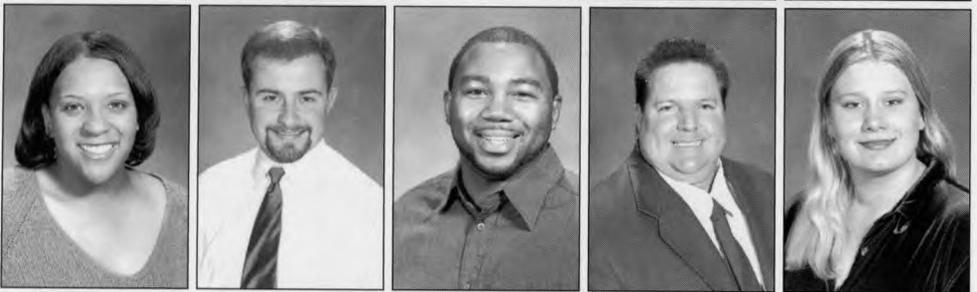
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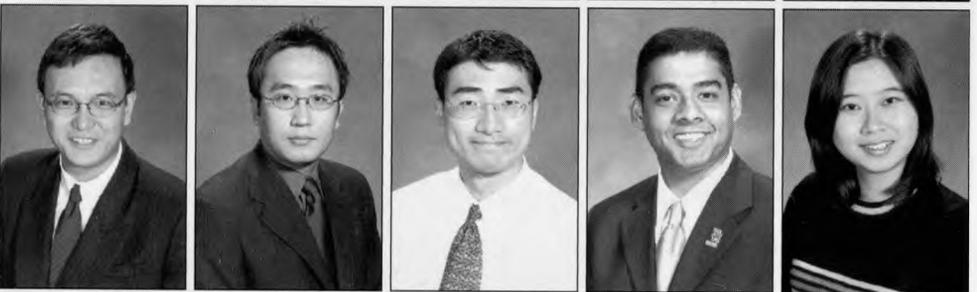
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Chemical Engineering
Richard F. Dole, III
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Ken Fountain
Communications
Terry Kidd
Information Systems Technology
Kasanee Kritayakirana
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Brenda Monsalve
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"The kind that never ends..."

Cougars make good on "let's keep in touch" promises

Everybody who ever went to high school knows the routine. Friends sign each other's year-books, hug at graduation and promise to keep in touch forever. Then, a year later, that vow is only a faded memory.

Fortunately, many UH students did not have to travel too far from home to go to college, and many of their old friendships were able to sustain the changes.

"Most of my friends from Pasadena still live there. A lot of them are in community college and live at home like I do, and the ones who went off still e-mail me sometimes," said sophomore university studies major Tina Orosco, a 2000 graduate of Pasadena High School.

While keeping in touch with friends who moved out of town proved to be a bit

more difficult, most Cougars agreed that access to computers has made it easier to chat about college life and arrange holiday and summertime get-togethers.

-- Cortney Martin



We still got it...

Sophomore university studies major Tina Orosco, far right, joins some old friends from Pasadena High School in a karaoke contest. Many students found time to catch up with non-UH friends when campus life was not too hectic.

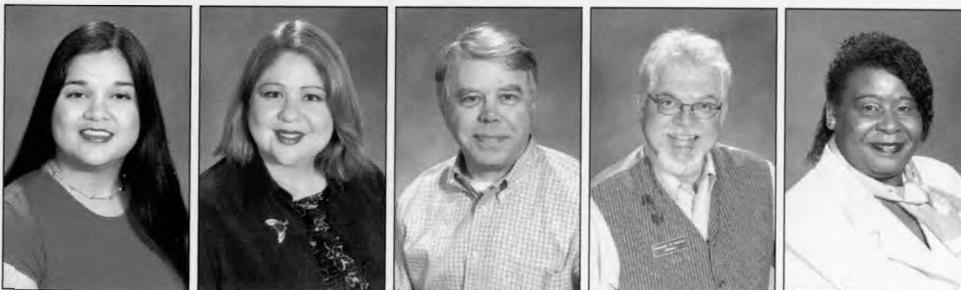
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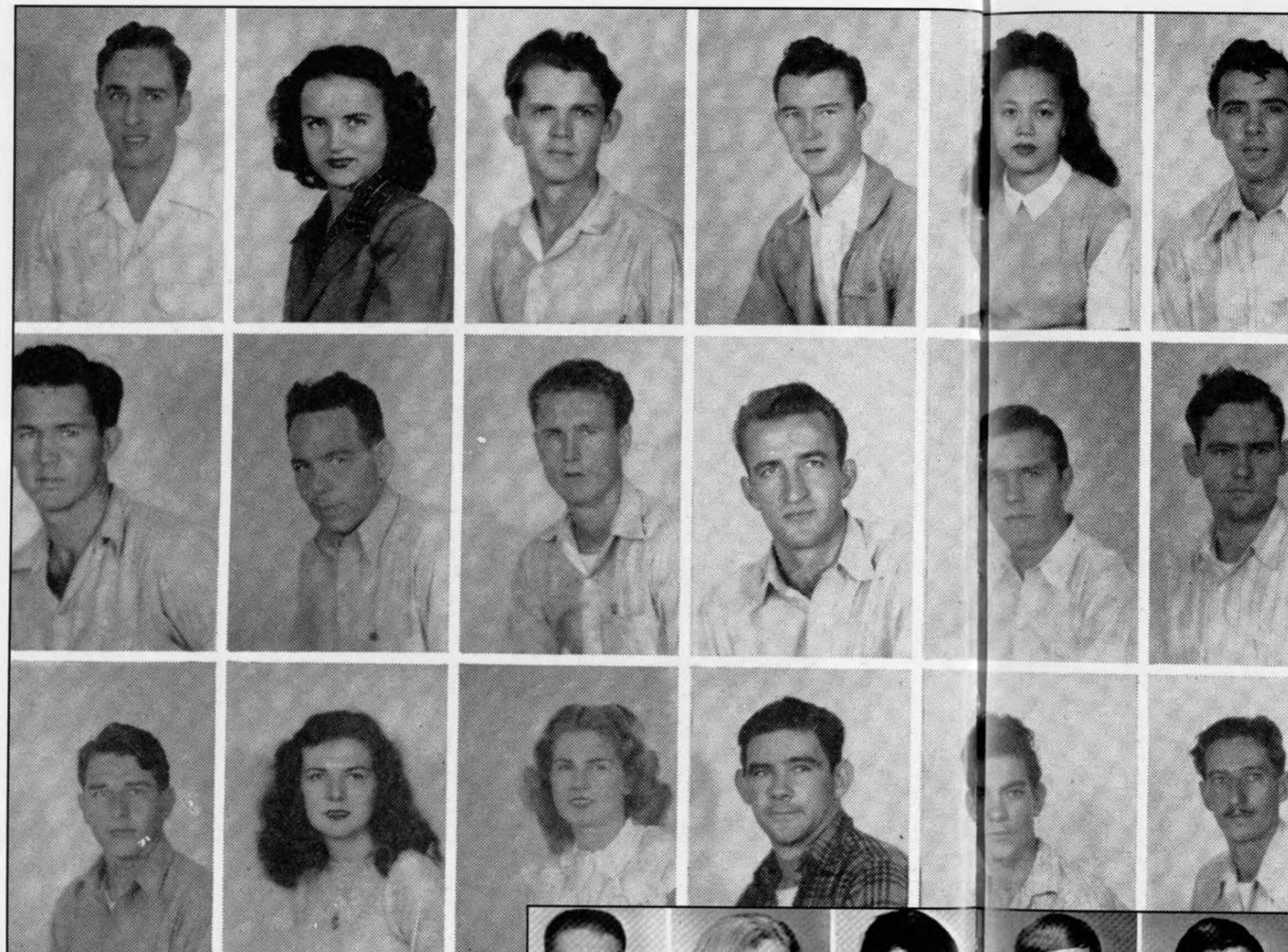
Just like high school -- again

Freshman university studies major Star Stewart, left, gets to feel like a high-schooler again as she prepares to go to her friends' prom. Stewart found it relaxing to be around people who were not caught up with the hassles of college sometimes.

Photo courtesy of Star Stewart



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Barbara V. Rivas
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Dick Cigler
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Edward Lukasek
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1947

Students were wholesome and boy/girl-next-door. Men wore close-cropped hair and well-cared for clothes, and women's hair was long and soft, and their clothes were feminine.

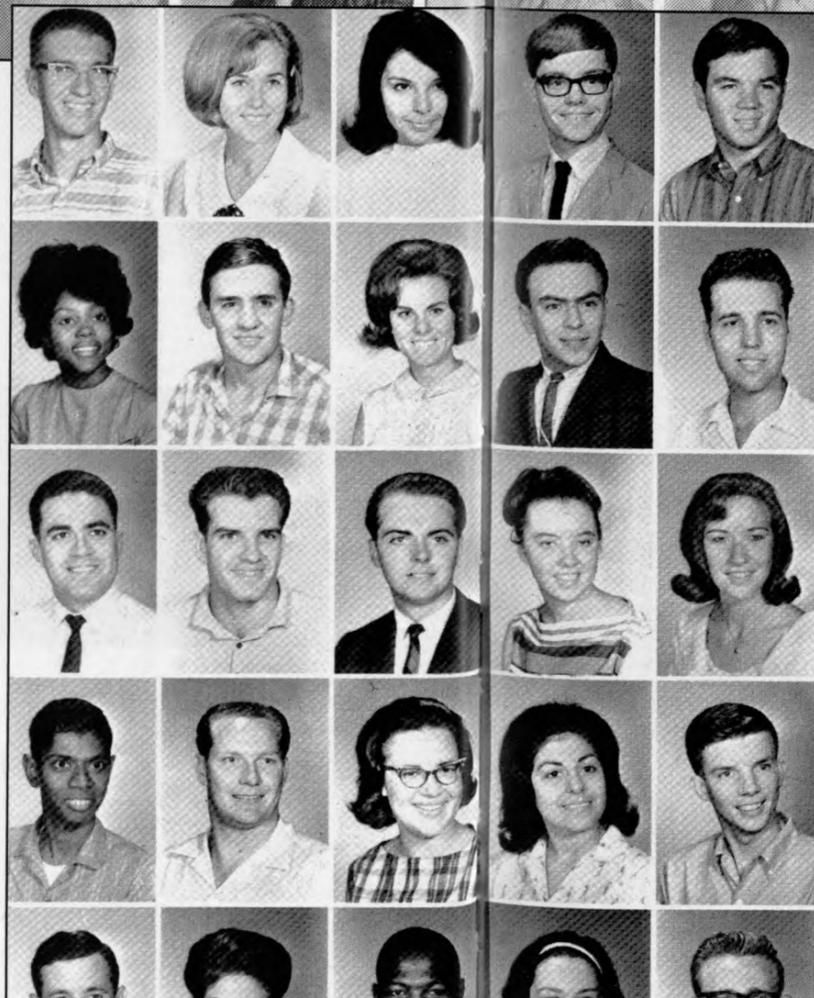


1976

For several years, it was all about the length. Long hair, long pants, long sleeves -- all on both sexes. For an added twist, long skirts regained popularity with women.

1966

While men fashioned their hairstyles after Elvis, women teased their hair for the popular "flip" style. These girls probably had no idea that the style would be adapted -- with strikingly different results -- in the eighties.



1986

Androgynous was the look for the times. Men's hair got longer and women's either got shorter, or much, much bigger. Casual clothes were sporty and could fit either men or women.

People *in the past*

In the first seventy-five years of the University of Houston, nearly a quarter million students graduated from our proud university. Even more, perhaps even one million others, have been a part of the UH community for one reason or another. What started out in 1927 as a junior college with only a few dozen students grew into the third largest university in Texas, with almost 33,000 students enrolled, in only seven decades.

Many famous names, like basketball star Hakeem Olajuwon or Stuart Ostrow, who has gone on to produce several major Broadway plays such as "1776," have been a part of the UH community either as students or faculty. But the University was more than just famous names; the classroom setting benefitted from our school's multicultural, multilingual community.

Beyond doubt, the University of Houston's greatest strength was the fact that its student body grew more diverse with each passing year. Initially a predominantly white school, UH quickly became an educational center for Hispanics, African Americans, Asian Americans, and Europeans. By serving as a center of international scholarship to all who attended, the University was able to offer a unique cultural experience to each student in attendance.

By the 2001-2002 school year, the University of Houston boasted the most diverse student body in the country, as students from all fifty states and more than eighty nations around the world were enrolled as students. This diversity was also reflected among the school's instructors who gained experience from universities as well as employment all over the world.

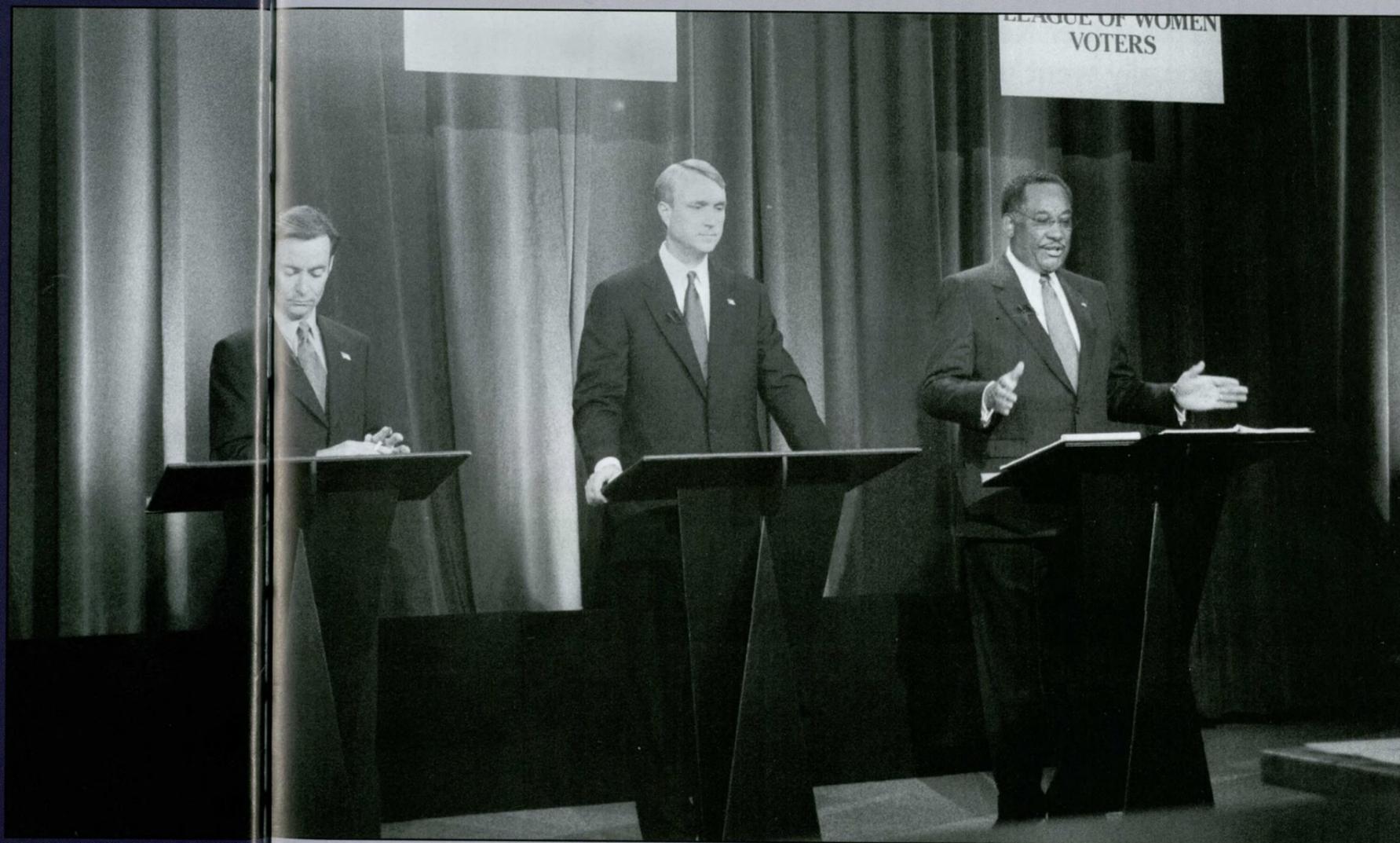
Through the first seventy five years, many famous names have walked through the halls of Ezekiel Cullen. Many great minds were educated in the classrooms all over campus. Many great discoveries were made in UH's many laboratories. What else but greatness can we expect from UH students over the next seventy five years?

Matthew E. Caster

Community

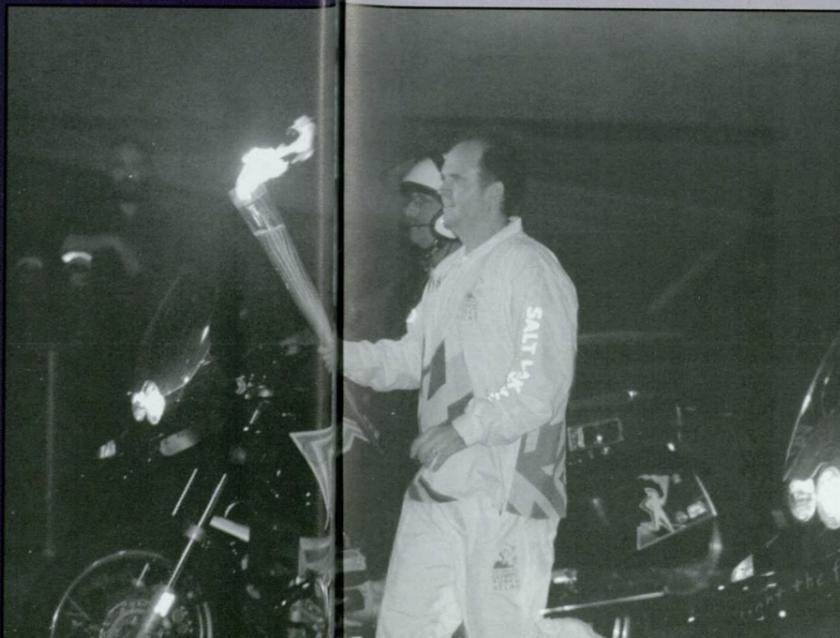
Nestled in the shadow of the glorious Houston skyline, the University of Houston inhabits one of the most exciting cities in the world. In 2001, the City of Houston celebrated its 165th anniversary, and many took time to reflect on how far the city had come in so short of a time. From a tiny settlement on the banks of Buffalo Bayou, Houston had blossomed into a city with a burgeoning skyline, three domed sports stadiums, and various nicknames such as “Space City” and the “Energy Capital of the World.” And right in the middle of this bustling center of commerce sat the University of Houston, one of the premier urban research institutions in the country. The city of Houston provided an excellent backdrop for the educational experience offered by UH; with both entertaining and enriching activities abounding nearby, there was always a place for members of the UH community to go for a little rest and relaxation.

Community



Say what?

Mayoral candidates Orlando Sanchez, Chris Bell, and Lee P. Brown debate the issues during the closest election in Houston's history. Brown was re-elected by a slim margin.
Photo by Pin Lim



Blaze of glory

The Olympic Torch proudly winds its way through the UH campus in early December. The 2002 Olympic Winter Games were held in Salt Lake City, Utah in February.
Photo by Pin Lim

So when does this thing start, anyways?

People set out lawn chairs and relax as they wait for the balloons to lift off. The weather was warm and the sky was sunny, a perfect day for ballooning.

Photo by Rich Risma

Intrepid writer Ken Fountain actually went up as a passenger in a hot air balloon. Said Fountain, "It was one of the most horrible experiences of my life."

...Blowing in the wind

Balloons float serenely together, like a flock of birds in flight. Or something.

Photo by Pin Lim



Ballunar Festival

Each August, in conjunction with the annual open house of NASA's Johnson Space Center, the Clear Lake area plays host to the Ballunar Liftoff Festival, a gathering of hundreds of ballooning enthusiasts from around the country.

The event included Balloon Glows at dusk, when festival attendees witnessed pilots firing propane gas into the unfurled balloons, which were tethered to the ground. The area became a multi-colored panorama resembling an otherworldly landscape.

But the real fun belonged to the pilots, and those lucky enough to snag a ride with them. Each morning and evening the balloonists participated in launch contests.

The object of the contest was for the pilot to navigate his or her balloon toward a predetermined set of coordinates to drop a marker closest to a large orange "X" painted on the ground, usually in an open field or a track. Before the launch they were briefed by officials on wind and weather conditions.

Then the race began, first to find the best spot from which to launch. Once in the air, the pilot had to use his or her own knowledge, skill and luck to get closest to the mark.

The pilots were competitive, but not fiercely so. At the mercy of the elements, they good-naturedly accepted their fates when the target passed tantalizingly out of reach.

After the markers were dropped, the trip evolved into a leisurely-paced sightseeing tour, with the balloons bobbing over houses and skimming the edges of trees, their pilots exchanging pleasantries with onlookers.

Just as all good things must end, the balloonists finally picked a good landing spot and made the often bumpy return to earth.

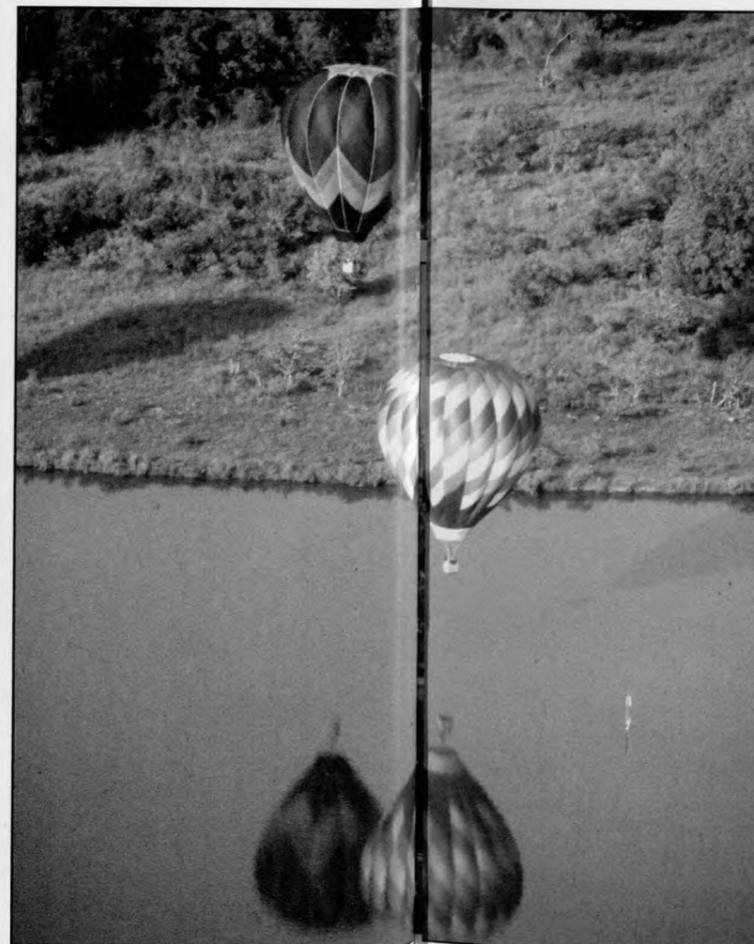
- Ken Fountain



Don't look down ...

Two balloons pause over a body of water. Their reflections can be seen on the surface below.

Photo by Pin Lim



Grand Prix Houston

During the first week of October the streets of downtown Houston were transformed into a twisting, ten-turn labyrinth that challenged the skills of the greatest race drivers in the world.

The Oct. 4-7 Texaco/Havoline Grand Prix of Houston (THGPH) was the 17th of 22 races during the 2001 Championship Auto Racing Teams FedEx Championship Series. It attracts more than 2.5 million spectators from four continents. An additional 1 billion viewers in 195 countries and territories watch the series on television.

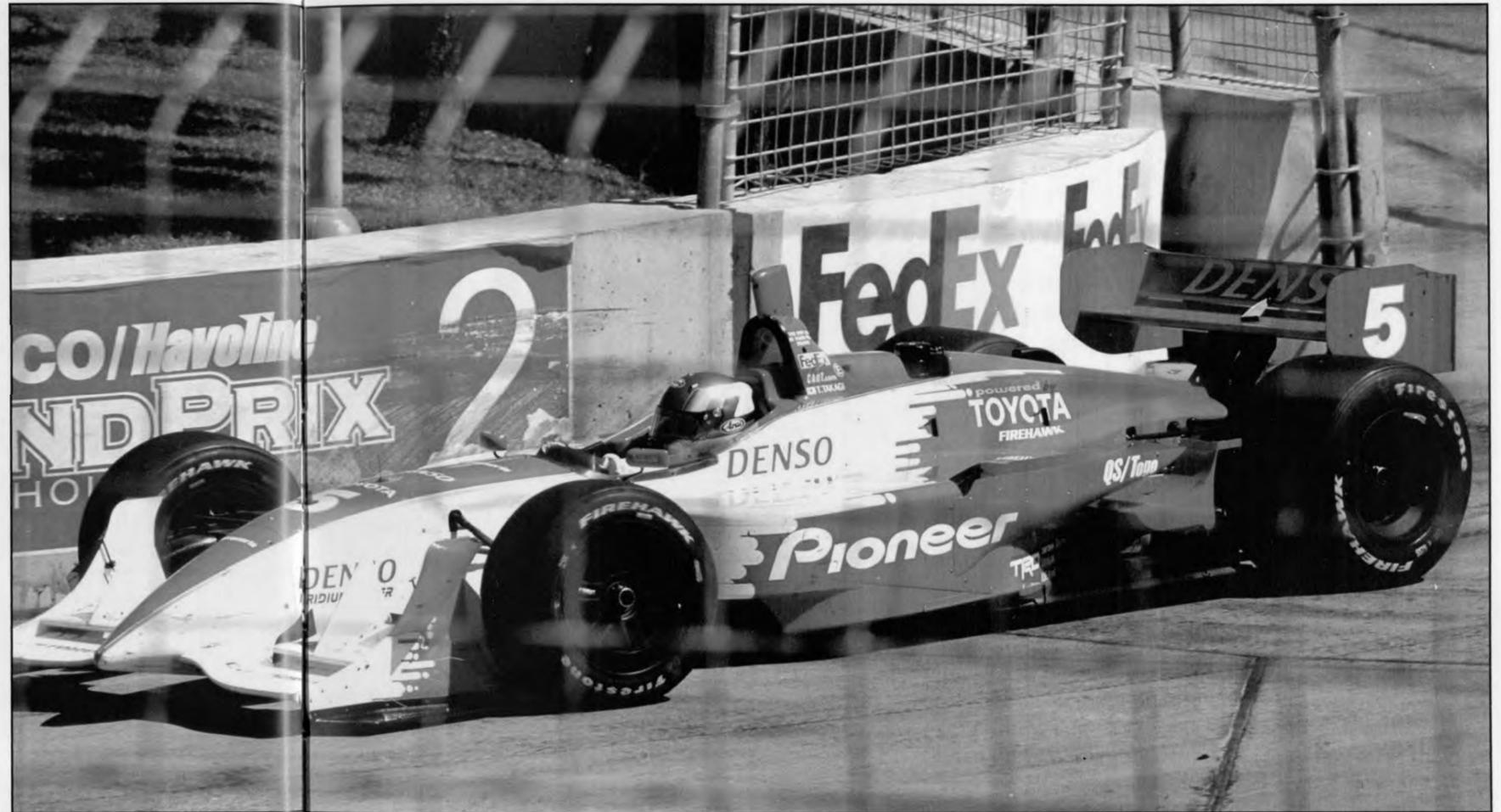
When the green flag dropped to begin the THGPH, the thunder created by the roar of the fastest cars on earth echoed through the canyons of downtown Houston, reverberating between the towering skyscrapers that distinguish the Bayou City from every other city in the world.

The 1.53-mile course was centered between the George R. Brown Convention Center on the east, Root Park on the south, Enron Field on the north and the Houston skyline on the west. Pit Lane was on Chenevert in front of the George R. Brown Convention Center. The back straightway where the bullet-shaped cars could reach speeds in excess of 175 miles per hour was a seven-block stretch on Austin between Clay and Texas.

Transforming 40-square blocks of a city into a racecourse was a mammoth undertaking. Race organizers built eight skyboxes, 34 suites and four pedestrian bridges to expedite entry to the inside of the circuit. In addition, 2,000 five-ton concrete barriers custom-built for the Grand Prix, as well as protective debris panels and 12,000 tires, were placed around the track to increase fans' safety.

Metro ran shuttles from seven locations to two downtown sites near the racetrack so more than 200,000 spectators could watch the race and pre-race qualifying. Racing aficionados watched the field of 27 international drivers and teams from one of 30,000 grandstand seats located around the racetrack, and, in the spirit of the event, they left the driving to Metro. That is, everyone but Brazilian Gil De Ferran let Metro do the driving. De Ferran won the Fourth Annual THGPH.

- Tom Carpenter



Zoom, zoom!

Cars zoom through the streets of Houston during the Houston Grand Prix. The event took place over three days and is an annual event. Thousands of people crowd the streets to watch one of the country's most popular sports.

Photos by Lauren Wilson



Brown for mayor!

Lee Brown's campaign put out many signs along streets and walks. His supporters decorated Houston with propaganda that advertised his name to all passerby.

Photo by Kevin Harwerth



And the race is on!

Mayoral candidates Orlando Sanchez, Chris Bell and incumbent Lee Brown spar with verbal swords during the mayoral debate. After the first round of voting, Bell dropped out of the race, leaving the playing field to Sanchez and Brown.

Photo by Pin Lim



Sanchez for mayor!

Houston is the fourth largest city in the United States and was home to one of the most fiercely contested mayoral elections in the country. This election received national attention when it was mentioned in the Washington Post.

Photo by Kusum Desai



2001 Elections

The 2001 Houston elections saw six mayoral candidates, many city council seats up for grabs and a few interesting propositions. The three major mayoral candidates were incumbent Lee P. Brown, and two city council members, Chris Bell and Orlando Sanchez. Interestingly enough, each candidate was of a different race, Brown being black, Bell being white and Sanchez Hispanic. Bell and Brown were the two liberal-to-moderate candidates, while Sanchez was a staunch conservative.

After the Nov. 7 election results came in, only Brown and Sanchez were left on the playing field. The runoff occurred on Dec. 1. Brown won with 50.7 percent of the vote, Sanchez had 49.3 percent. If Sanchez had won, he would have been the first Hispanic mayor of Houston.

Some politically charged propositions that came up were the votes for light rail and a proposition (Proposition 2) that would limit health benefits for the partners of city workers.

Propositions 1 and 3 dealt with light rail. Proposition 1 called for voter approval of any future extensions of the line that's already been laid out. Proposition 3 called for a referendum to decide on whether or not the existing construction should be torn up. Proposition 1 passed.

Proposition 2 applied to same-sex partners and common law marriage partners; however, the wording confused many voters. The voters did not know if voting for the proposition would allow benefits for partners, or if voting against would. Many misread the proposition and thought it was a vote against homosexual couples only. Regardless, it passed.

- Crys Lewis

"I want to commend Orlando for a tough campaign," Mayor Lee P. Brown said upon his reelection, "I know, like all of us, he loves Houston."

Texas Renaissance Festival

There was something in the air this year that made the Texas Renaissance Festival a bit more special -- and it wasn't the unexpected chilly weather of the first weekend -- it was ... magic!

The theme for this year's festival was "The Magical Realm," chosen to construct an enchanting and beautiful garden that would add a tranquil ambiance to the annual festival.

"We are excited about our new shows and setups, especially The Magic Garden," Marketing Director Orivis Melvin said. The Magic Garden was designed to honor the magic that exists in the New Market Village and The Magical Realm.

"The garden has been discussed for about a year and a half and was George Coulam's idea," he said. Coulam, owner and president of T.R.F, enjoys gardening and has designed lovely gardens for the festival, including the Rose Garden, the Water Garden, the English Garden and this year's highlight, the Magic Garden.

"I have visited the most beautiful gardens in the world and I want to share the best of what I have seen with our guests," said Coulam.

Festival floriculturist Virginia Spinks called the gardens "a gardener's dream hidden in a recreated 16th century village."

"It's a nice stroll through the gardens, kind of romantic," Dennis Cowan, a patron from Lafayette, La., said.

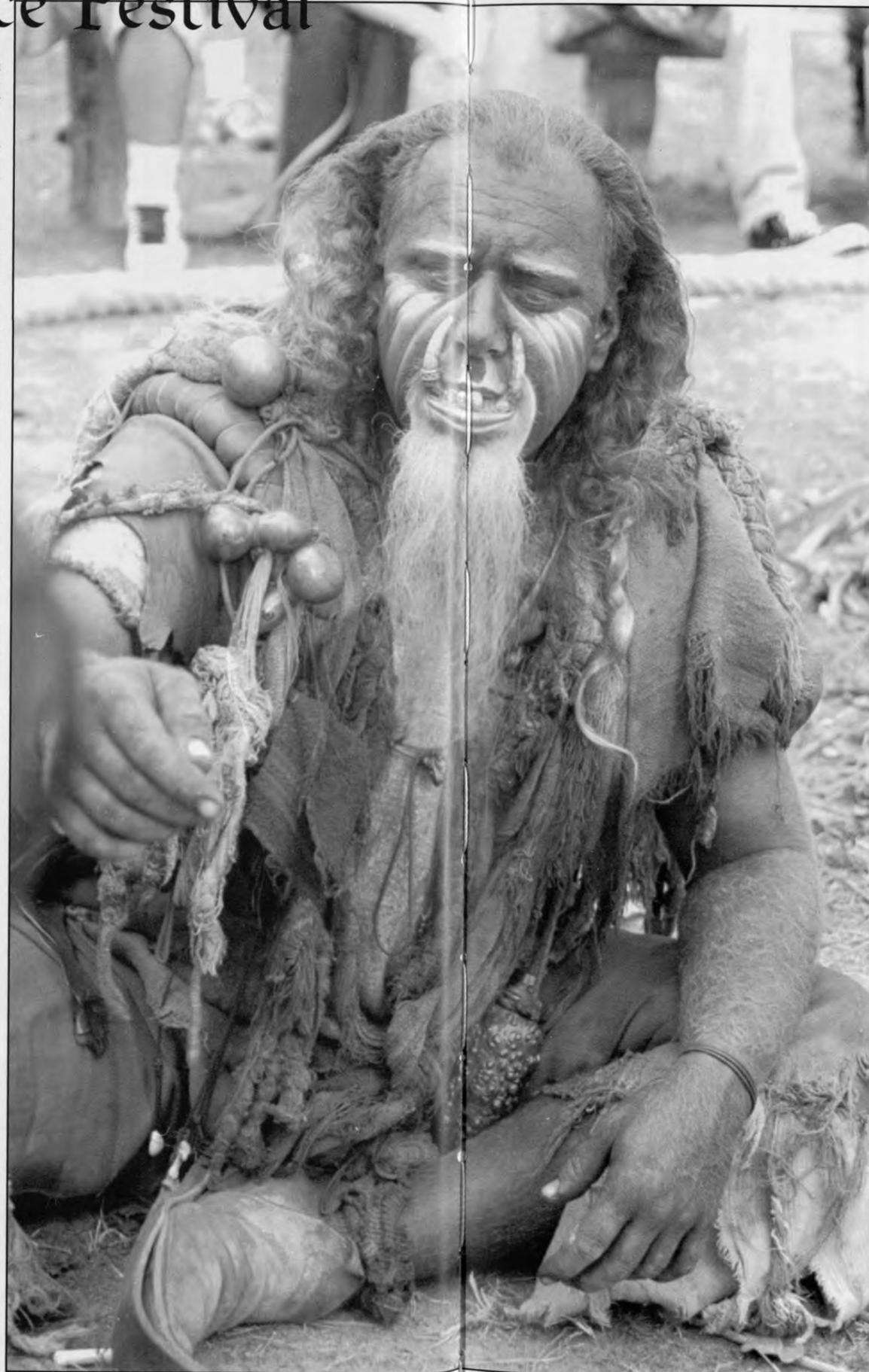
But there were new attractions this year that guests were also drawn to, like Mourgoth's Outworld Adventure, Arsene Dupin, Isaac Fawlkes, Wine, Women and Song and The Naughty Nymphs.



Scotland the Brave....

Richard Kean plays the pipes as the Loch Dhu dancers perform to the music. The Loch Dhu Dancers are an energetic dance troupe that choreographs a number of their own dances. Richard Kean is a talented piper and is a member of the groups Tartanic and Jiggernaut.

Photo by Kusum Desai



Ommm....

A local troll maintains a peaceful expression in the chaos of Sherwood Forest. He delighted the children who visited with his unique performance.

Photo by Kusum Desai

"Have at thee!"

Members of the Society for Creative Anachronism battle it out during a chivalric match at the festival. The SCA is a worldwide non-profit organization that studies the Middle Ages and Renaissance through reenactment.

Photo by Kevin Harwerth

Cindy Bagwell of Houston said she especially enjoyed the new act, The Naughty Nymphs. "I'm looking forward to seeing it next year," said Bagwell. Bagwell was one of the many patrons who played dress up at the festival.

"About a quarter of the people here today are in costumes, and we always enjoy and appreciate their enthusiasm," Melvin said. He was also wearing renaissance fashion.

Some of the returning acts included The Dead Bob Show, a festival favorite. It's a skit that includes a sarcastic and mischievous skeleton dummy that causes guests to blush and chuckle by embarrassing members of the audience.

Cast in Bronze was expected to be another success this year, Melvin said. Last year "the audience was mesmerized by the unique sound of the carillon." (A carillon is a stationary set of chromatically tuned bells in a tower, usually played from a keyboard.)

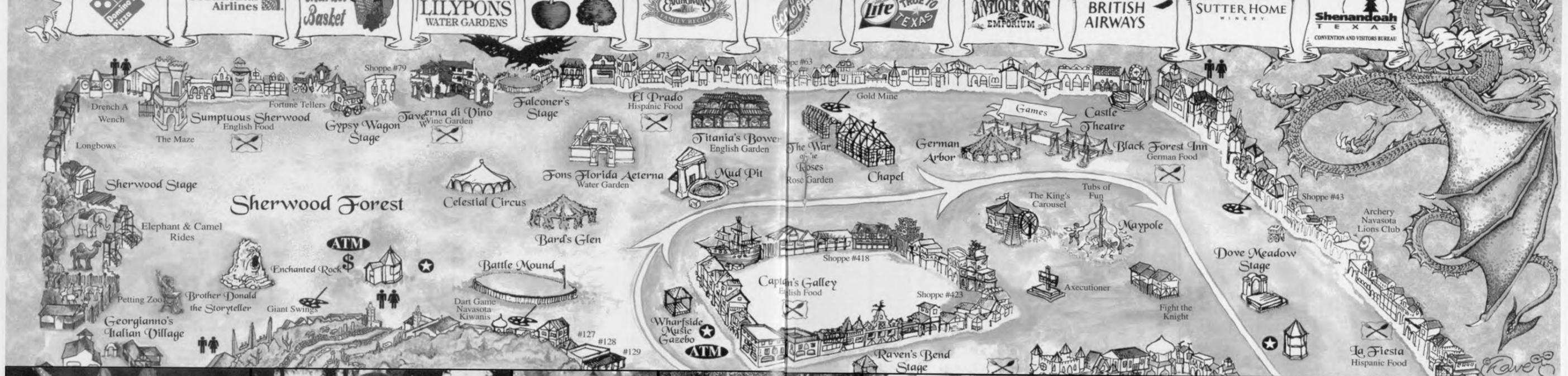
Over by the sounds of tambourines was Holly Mathys, from San Antonio. She and her friends were tempted to dance along in the Gypsy Dance Theatre. "I decided to bring some friends along to show them how neat the festival can be," she said.

While some enjoyed the shows, others enjoyed munching on turkey legs, sausage on a stick and mufaletta sandwiches, among other ethnic foods. Many other patrons took pleasure in getting their faces painted, bodies tattooed in henna, hair braiding and having their fortunes told by gypsies.

Artisans and craftspeople also enthralled visitors with jewelry, leather clothing, hats and sculptures, as well as many other things. The little ones were also amused by the acts of jugglers, magicians, musicians, puppet shows and, without a doubt, the elephant rides.

Not only was the festival full of magic this year, but as always, it was packed with splendor!

- Lupi Velancia



HOUSTON TEXANS

On Oct. 6, 1999, professional football returned to Houston when the National Football League Owners voted 29-0 to grant the NFL's 32nd franchise to Houston and Bob McNair for an incredible record amount of \$700 million dollars.

Determined to create a first-class NFL operation, McNair hired Charley Casserly on Jan. 19, 2000, to be the team's first Executive/General Manager. Casserly was an integral cog in the Redskin organization that captured Super Bowls XVII, XXII and XXVI.

The first city to build a domed stadium one-upped itself by creating plans to build the world's first retractable-roof football stadium next to the Astrodome. On March 9, 2000 McNair and the city of Houston celebrated the official groundbreaking of the new 69,500-seat state-of-the-art facility where the team will begin play in 2002.

The excitement of professional football in Houston increased Sept 6, 2000 when the team was officially christened the Houston Texans, appropriately enough before thousands of fans at a downtown rally on Texas Avenue. Reliant Energy leaped aboard the Texan bandwagon when they signed a 32-year agreement and acquired the naming rights for the football stadium and sports, entertainment and convention complex formerly known as the Astrodomain Complex.

Casserly named Dom Capers as the club's first head coach on January 21, 2001. Capers coached the expansion Carolina Panthers to the NFC West title and a berth in the NFC Championship Game in 1996.

Houston's re-entry into professional football created an instant rivalry between the Texans and the Tennessee Titans, formerly the Houston Oilers, when the NFL announced its realignment plan for 2002. The Texans join Indianapolis, Jacksonville and Tennessee in the AFC South.

Houston's successful return to the National Football League was further realized as the team made the first pick in the 2002 NFL draft.

- Tom Carpenter



Go Team!

The Texans cheerleaders keep score for a gymnastics tournament. Although at this point only the cheerleaders have been picked, the team should be drafted soon.

Photo by Kevin Harwerth



Texans' fashion show...

The jersey unveiling was an important event for the soon-to-be Texans' staunchest supporters. It had originally been set for Sept. 12, but after the World Trade Center and Pentagon tragedies, it was rescheduled.

Photo by Rich Risma



"I wanna be a Texan..."

The new football uniforms are modeled by Texans-wannabes. The team's colors inspire patriotism, with their red, white and blue jerseys.

Photo by Rich Risma

Westheimer Street Festival

For the second year in a row, the Westheimer Street Festival, or “West Fest,” was exiled to Allen Parkway. This year’s festival, in comparison to years past, was nothing special. The most colorful and eclectic people that Houston has to offer were seemingly absent from this year’s event. And the events that normally get people talking were virtually nonexistent.

“West Fest” was held on Saturday and Sunday, Oct 20th and 21st, near Eleanor Tinsley Park. Admission was \$5 and the event promised loads of music, food, vendors and events such as the Ladies’ Wet T-shirt contest and the Men’s Fine (Butt) competition. However, the most entertaining thing in both of these contests was the Master of Ceremonies, who kept trying to round up contestants by dangling the \$100 prize in front of them. Other events included a “Break Dance Challenge,” a jousting contest and a “Rain Forest” where festival goers could escape from the heat.

With three stages and over ten bands, the music portion of the festival was the only thing that weekend that did deliver on its promises of excellence. Saturday’s musical acts included, on the Cannabis Odyssey Stage, Fault Havoc, Geek, Hoka Voodoo, DJ Sociopath, Why Get Blowed?, Given, Carolyn Wonder and Faceplant. On Sunday, Sense of Urgency, DJ Alibi, Dub Tec/Counter Intel, Four, Superna, Why Get Blowed?, Given, The Ghetto Puppets and Mean Peace took the stage.

Despite its efforts to recreate the same atmosphere and craziness that the festival had while it was being held on Westheimer, this year’s sparse crowd and a lack of promotional efforts on the part of the organizers made this year’s “West Fest” lackluster in comparison to years past.

- Erin Nagy

Rock on!

Various bands played during the run of the festival, adding to the atmosphere.

Photo by Kena Alvarado



Peace out, man.

Tie-dye is always in style, as evidenced by this hippie’s dress at the popular West Fest.

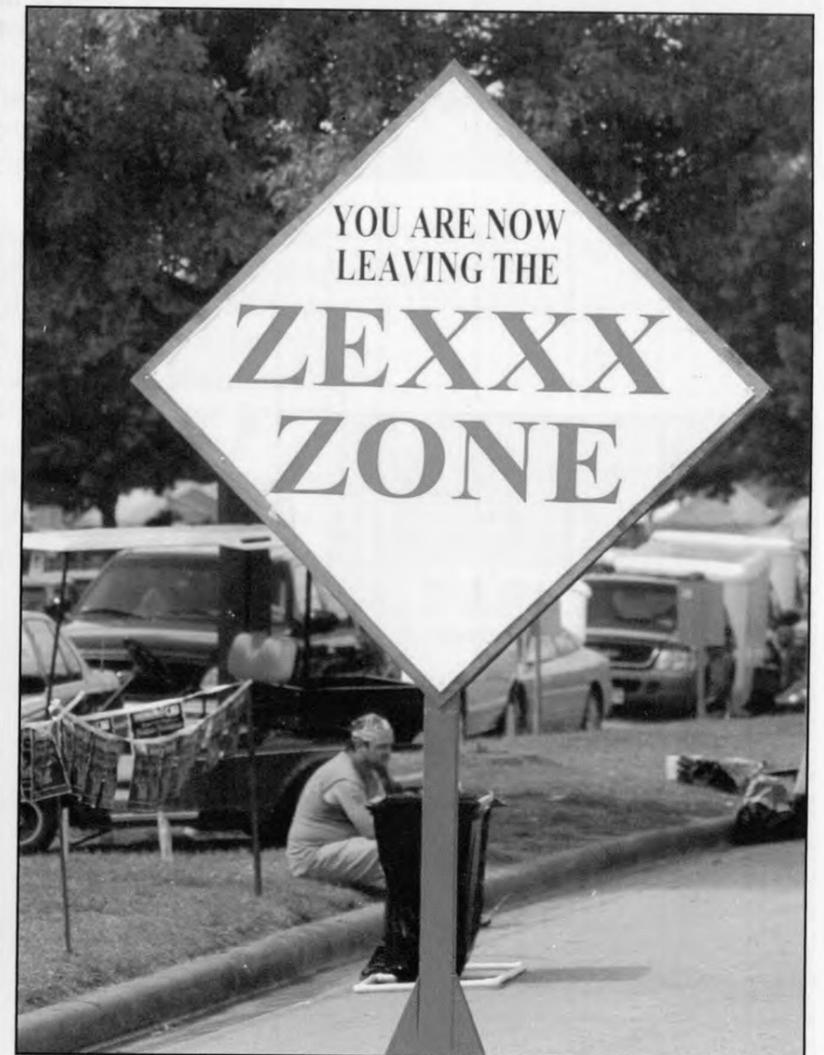
Photo by Kevin Harwerth

Writer Erin Nagy didn’t enjoy the West Fest as much as she had in years past. Said Nagy, “In the past, West Fest has been really good, but this last year wasn’t that great. There were less colorful people and more preppies.”

Twilight Zone it’s not...

This sign indicates the exit of the festival, as well as implying something completely unrelated ... or is it?

Photo by Kevin Harwerth



Haunted Houston

Houston is home to the Astros, NASA, the San Jacinto monument and ghosts. That's right, the Bayou City is home to hundreds of spirits. One of Houston's most haunted places is the downtown Spaghetti Warehouse. Before it became one of Houston's favorite restaurants, it was a pharmaceutical company. It was during this time that the first ghost sighting was made.

A manager who was closing up one night at the pharmaceutical warehouse got into the elevator to make his way to one of the floors in the warehouse. The elevator malfunctioned and it went crashing down to the bottom floor, killing the man inside.

The elevator shaft was removed, but it seems that the man's spirit still remains. It is also said that the man's wife haunts the Spaghetti Warehouse, as well as a handful of other spirits. Employees and customers have experienced equipment turning on and off, items being moved from where they were placed and the feeling of being watched. Some employees have even heard their names whispered when no one else was around.

Another Houston building that seems to have unwanted guests is the Carlos Garcia Realty building in southeast Houston. The two-story building houses several offices. Many years ago, when the company first started, a realtor was working late at night. He had a heart attack and died in his office. His body was found the next morning. It is believed that he now haunts the building late at night.

WooOoOoOooOo....

The Spaghetti Warehouse in downtown Houston is one of many haunted places in the Space City. How far will you go for good Italian food?

Photo by Calvin Ho

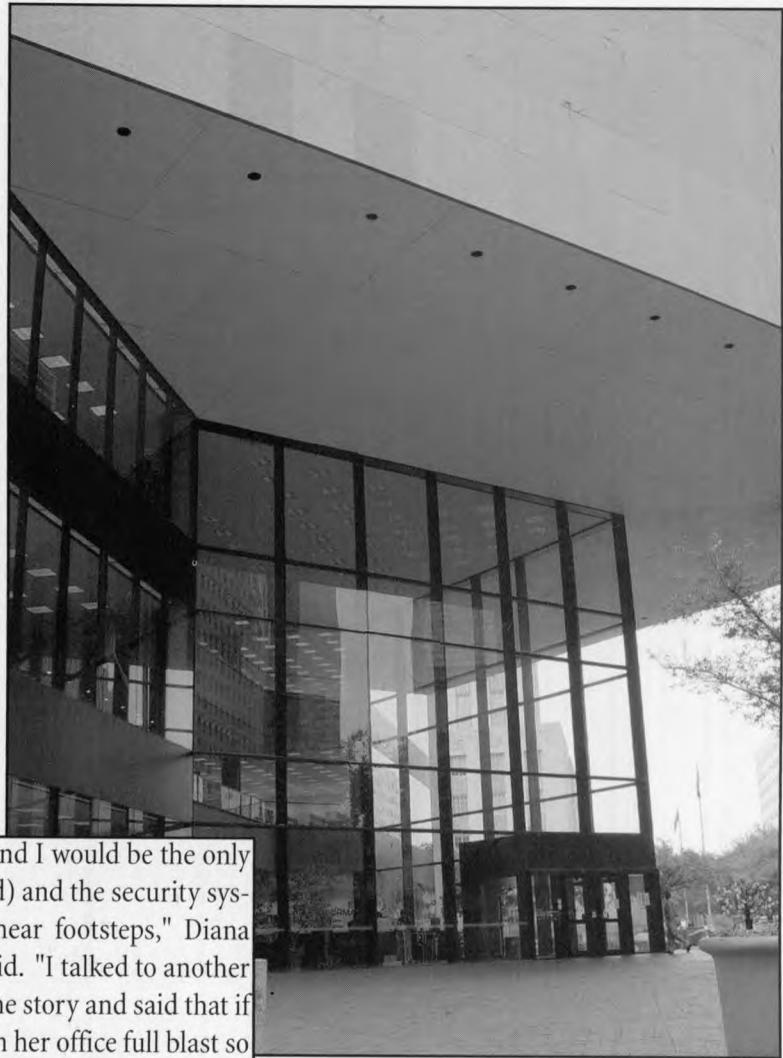


Maniac Mansion?

The Houston Public Library is home to many ghosts, including one with a penchant for music. A former janitor plays the violin after all of the visitors have gone home.

Photo by Calvin Ho

Writer Linda Canales didn't actually observe any of the ghosts herself. However, she did meet some people who were convinced that the various places were haunted. "I do believe in ghosts, I just haven't met one yet."



"I worked here sometimes late at night and I would be the only one in the building. All the doors are lock(ed) and the security system is on, but from downstairs you can hear footsteps," Diana Rodriguez, a former Carlos Garcia realtor, said. "I talked to another realtor about what I heard and she told me the story and said that if she has to work late, she turns on her radio in her office full blast so she can't hear the footsteps."

Some other interesting hauntings around Houston are the Battleship of Texas which has a ghostly sailor; the KLOL building in Montrose which has a number of strange occurrences every day such as elevator malfunctions, ghost sightings and stuffed animals moving by themselves; and the Houston Public Library with the spirit of a janitor that likes to play the violin after everyone has gone home. One more hot spot for hauntings is Old Town Spring.

Old Town Spring is a little community of antique and craft shops just outside of Houston. It was once a real town and many of its structures are over one hundred years old. Some of the places that are supposedly haunted there are The Cat House which has the spirit of a little girl who likes to play in the upstairs loft. There is also the spirit of "Old Man Wunsche" who haunts the Wunsche Bros. Cafe. During Old Town Spring's Frontier Days, people have reported seeing the spirit of a civil war soldier.

Do these spirits of Houston and its surrounding communities actually exist, or do Houstonians have overactive imaginations? Try visiting one of the places mentioned above and make your own conclusion.

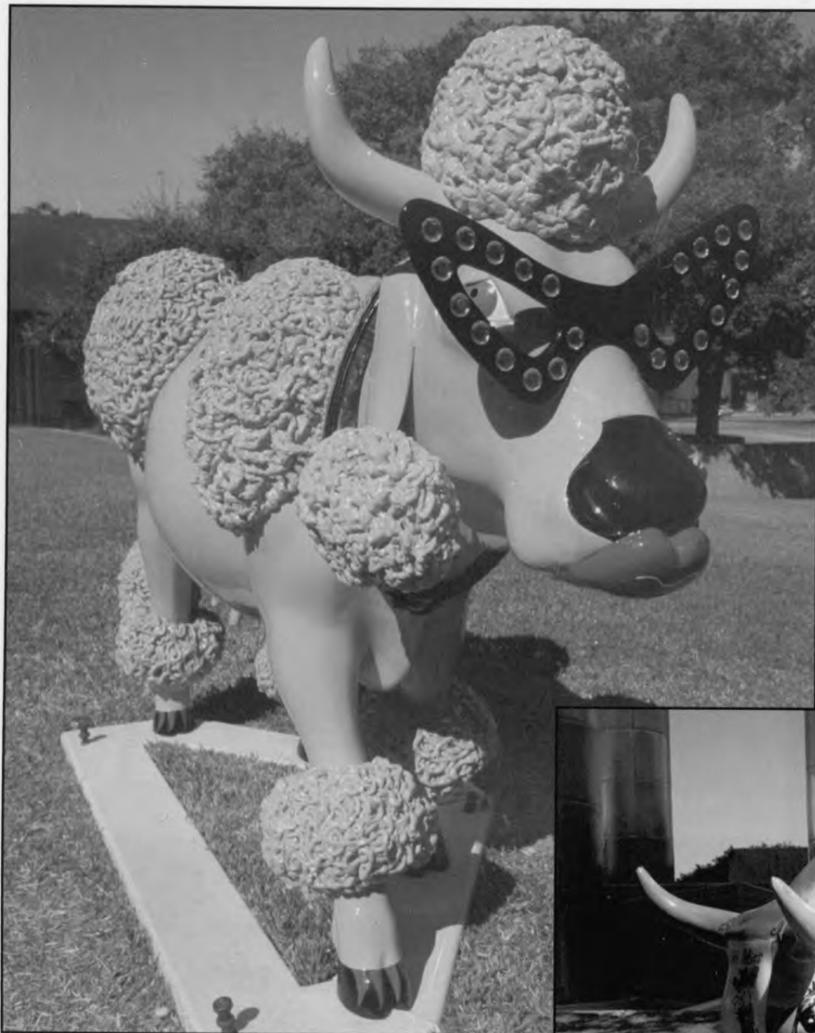
- Linda Canales



Spirits of the past.

Downtown Houston is also home to many different spirits, although many still disbelieve. Although they don't come out that often, multiple sightings of the various spirits have been reported.

Photo by Calvin Ho



French Moodle

This cow is stepping high as she surveys her surroundings. Artist Donna Lane Vadala made her a bright pink so she would stand out for all to see in her position near the Enron Building, downtown.

Photo by Kusum Desai

Grazin' on the Grove

An interesting cityscape is painted upon the side of this grazer from its position near downtown Houston. Viewers could almost see the flowers growing around its feet. This cow was painted by Allison and Louis Brandt and rested in Tranquility Park.

Photo by Kusum Desai



Georgia O'Beefe

This cow seems to take a leisurely approach to life as it stretches out by Allen Parkway. The flowers are bright and cheery, bringing smiles to all observers' faces. Daniel Kallie, the artist, was inspired by Georgia O'Keefe's work.

Photo by Kusum Desai



Cow Parade Houston

Cow Parade Houston came in a large herd of over 300 cows. The cows were placed all over Houston, from uptown to downtown to the Medical Center, attracting people from all over to look at them in all their glory.

It is a unique public art exhibit of life-sized fiberglass cows designed to celebrate art in the community. The beautifully decorated, fun-looking bovines were placed all over Houston from Sept. 6 through Nov. 7. Artists from all over, from the undiscovered to the highly acclaimed, submitted designs. Once reviewed and approved, they were selected by sponsors to be transformed into the bovine beauties that Houston enjoyed for two months.

The cows came in three poses: grazing, sitting and standing. These hollow, unpainted fiberglass cows weighed approximately 100 pounds. The standing cows were approximately 8' long, 5' high and 2.5' wide. When installed in their exhibit locations, the cows were attached to a metal base so they wouldn't "walk away."

Each cow, or herd of cows, had a sponsor or patron. These sponsors participated on different levels, from Herd Sponsor to Parade Cow Patron. Sponsors may have their cows designed by their own artist, or may select designs from those submitted to Cow Parade. The sponsors include: corporations, community groups, individual merchants and private citizens. Some patrons are Duke Energy, Reliant Energy, BP America, Inc., The Houston Chronicle and many more.

After their two-month long debut, the cows were not simply discarded. Some of the cows will be sold at Sotheby's auction, while others were sold on the Amazon.com Internet auction site. The cows benefit the Texas Children's Hospital and the Texas Children's Cancer Center. The Building for Children campaign supports the \$345 million dollar expansion and capital improvements program now under construction at the Texas Children's Hospital complex in the Medical Center.

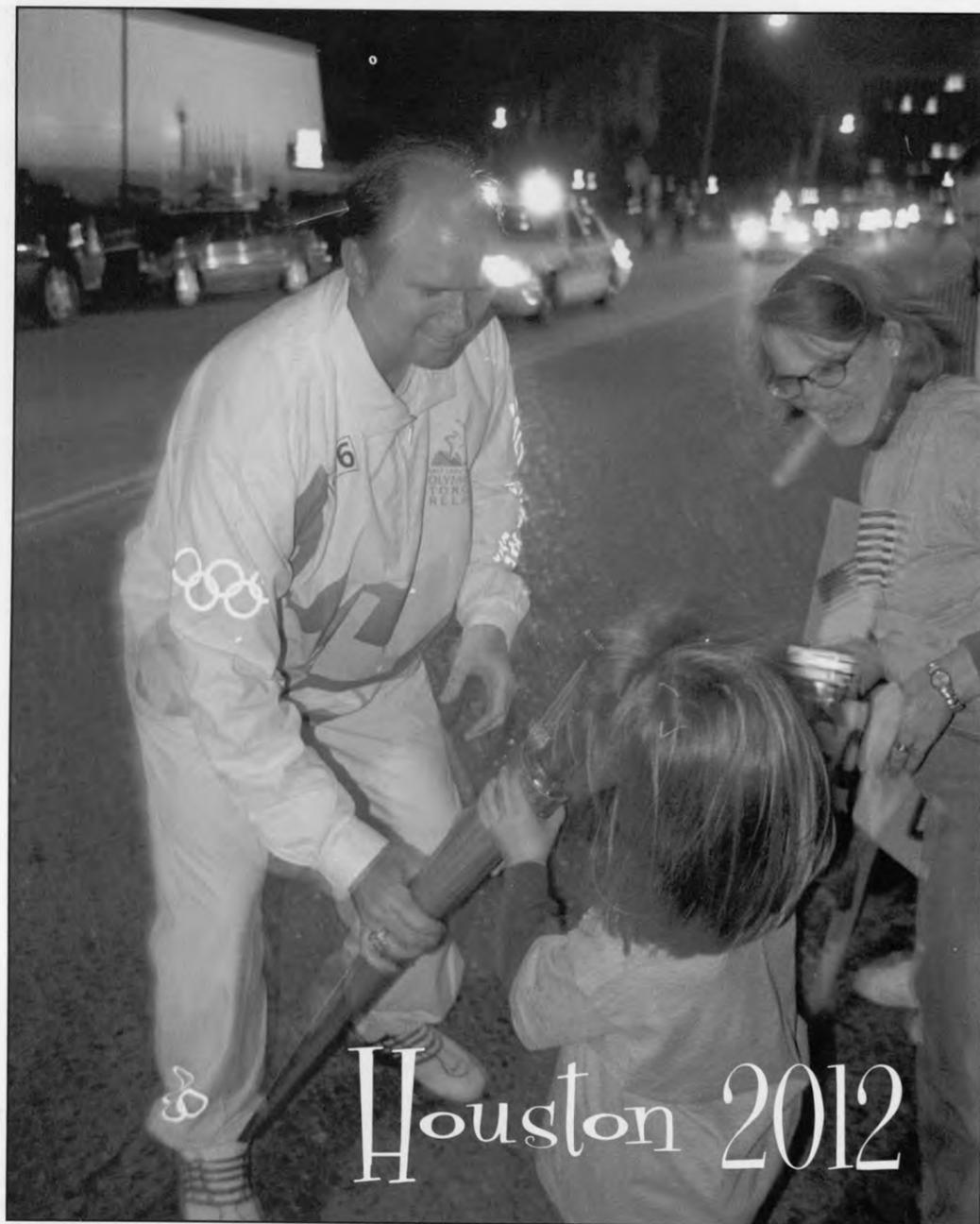
- Kusum Desai



Deep in the Heart of Texas

This cow has a musical nature and calmly observes passing traffic from where it was located off Allen Parkway. It wasn't as unique as some of the cows, but did add a certain flavor to the Houston landscape. It was painted by Gayle F. Boggess.

Photo by Kusum Desai



Don't play with matches....

The torch went through Houston during the Olympic torch relay. Here, Lane Speaker, one of the torch carriers, shows the torch to a little girl.

Photo by Ken Fountain

Swifter. Higher. Stronger.

Hotter? More mosquito-infested?

In October 2001, the city of Houston made the first cut in the race between American cities vying to host the 2012 Olympic Games. Eight cities had submitted bids, and four cities (Houston, New York City, San Francisco and Washington, D.C.) remained after one round of eliminations.

Included in Houston's bid was a proposal that would make the University of Houston, as well as neighboring Texas Southern University, the site of the Olympic Village. The athletic arenas would include Reliant Stadium, the Compaq Center, the Johnson Space Center and Galveston Bay.

The bidding process was a long and detailed one that officially began for Houston in 1997 (but had been in the works for years even before that) and could last until as late as 2005. The Houston 2012 Foundation, the organization in charge of promoting Houston to the United States Olympic Committee, submitted a 679-page

formal bid in 2001, and would hear the final decision from the USOC in fall 2002 (each country was allowed to nominate only one city for each Olympics). If Houston was chosen, it would have some tough competition from other cities around the world.

The arguments for and against Houston were pretty strong. Proponents of the idea who thought the city would have a good chance cited Houston's multiculturalism, the number of possible venues, and prominence in medicine and energy, among other factors, as good reasons that made the Bayou City the prime candidate for hosting the Olympic Games.

Naysayers argued that Houston was too hot, humid and polluted to be a realistic host city. The venues would range over an extremely broad expanse of the city and Houston did not have a good public transportation system. Texas also had a bad international reputation for its death penalty stance. The 2002 Winter games were held in Salt Lake City, and the International Olympic Committee doesn't often put the Games in the same country so close together. Also, with the events of Sept. 11, 2001, many felt New York City would get the automatic vote.

But Atlanta, host of the 1996 Games, is just as hot and humid as Houston; the city's light rail system was expected to be up and running by 2012 and if Beijing, which had a bad reputation for human rights violations, could host the 2008 Games, then why couldn't a Texas city get them?

Despite all the arguments on both sides, no one could dispute that it would be an honor of the highest magnitude to host the Olympic Games.

- Nikie Johnson

On him! Before he gets away!

Rugby visited UH's Robertson Stadium when the U.S. Eagles and the South African Springboks fought it out. While it wasn't the Olympics, it was another international event.

Photo by Kevin Harwerth

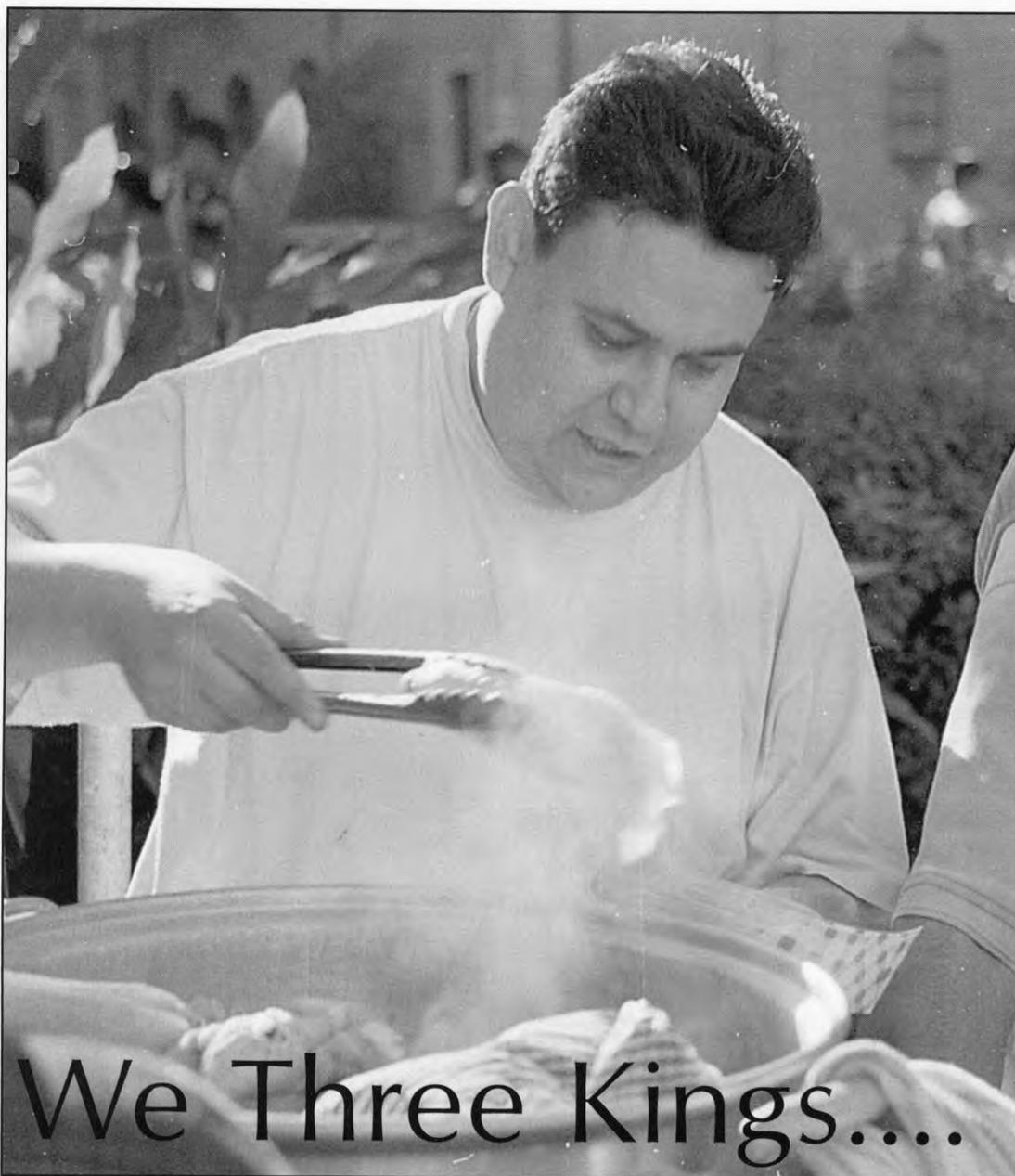


Just Breathe....

The Reese Gymnastic Cup was held at Hofheinz Pavillion. It was an international event and strengthened Houston's bid for the Olympics.

Photo by Kevin Harwerth





That's some good eatin'.

This reveler eyes his corn with anticipation as he takes it out of the pot. Houston weather proved favorable for this event and allowed patrons to go about in jeans and T-shirts.

Photo by Pin Lim

Celebrated mainly by Catholics, as well as a few Christians from other denominations, the Three Kings Festival was created in honor of the legendary kings that visited the infant Jesus as mentioned in the Gospel of St. Matthew. It is also a festival closely associated to the Hispanic culture here in the United States, as it is mainly observed by the Hispanic community. The festival fell on January 6th, twelve days after Christmas.

Sponsored by Fiesta and various Hispanic business organizations, this year's festivities were held at Houston's City Hall. January 6th was not only a Sunday; the day was also doubly blessed with great weather. The festival was to last for nine hours, from eight in the morning to five in the afternoon. By noon, the place was already packed with thousands of people surrounding the reflection pool.

As with any celebration that attracts a good crowd, food vendors were out in full force. For those who really wanted a taste of good Mexican food, this was indeed a festival not to be missed. From fajita tacos to elope, the food was not only tasty but also colorful. "I have been here since eight this morning with my family," said Eric Gonzales. "We are all here for the cake."

That takes the cake!

The cake is measured by judges from the Guinness Book of World Records. And it tasted good, too.

Photo by Pin Lim



The “cake” in question was of course the Three Kings Cake, or Los Tres Reyes, the main course of the festival, which is what most of the celebrators were there for. The cake was laid out continuously on long tables that surrounded the reflection pool two times. One could not help but wonder how long the cake was and how many bakers were needed to make it. While no official word was given, one spectator did note that the festival organizers try every year to get into the Guinness Book of Records.

At three o’clock in the afternoon, representatives from the organizers appeared with mock crowns to cut the cake. After which, pieces of cakes were distributed to the excited onlookers. One might have even drawn comparison to passages in the Bible of some great feast or to the act of communion. The Three Kings Festival is one of those rare festivals that draws the best out of a great culture, and more importantly, free cake.

- Pin Lim



Help yourself...

The gorgeous feast is seized upon by hungry participants. Just wait’ll you see dessert...

Photo by Pin Lim

Season's Greetings

The holidays in Houston are never dull, as this photo montage will testify. There was ice skating, Christmas tree lights, and, of course, the big Thanksgiving Day Parade. Many people celebrated their holidays with a subdued merriment, considering the Sept. 11, 2001 incident. While it did affect everyone in the city, the city and the country as a whole valued their time spent with family even more this holiday season.

The Thanksgiving parade went off without a hitch, and many popular floats returned to the streets of Houston. Santa Claus made his traditional appearance near the end of the parade to give everyone Christmas greetings. While Santa is a symbol of the rampant commercialism that has become part of the season in years past, the children love to see him, because it means that Christmas is really coming.

Besides that, the day after Thanksgiving marked the official beginning of the shopping season. Reports came in on all radio stations of parking lot conditions at different malls around the city (and



Here we come a-wassailing

The Budweiser Clydesdales march proudly in the Thanksgiving Day parade. The beautiful horses are a symbol of something that good college students everywhere pay homage to -- beer.

Photo by Pin Lim



Glory in the Highest

Houston City Hall looked positively splendid for the holiday season. Decorated with lights and foliage, at night the reflecting pool made the whole scenario look ethereal.

Photo by Lorrie Novosad



Merry Christmas!

Above: Santa waves as he winds his way through town in the Thanksgiving Parade. The float is a mainstay of the Houston event and will continue to be so in the future.

Photo by Pin Lim

Right: Ice skaters enjoy the crisp air downtown as they skim the icy surface of the rink. Many people wouldn't believe that there could be ice skating in Houston, but we have pictures to prove it!

Photo by Lorrie Novosad



in Houston, there were many malls to cover). City streets became decked with lights and ribbons, and even City Hall was outfitted appropriately for the yuletide season. While United States forces crept towards Afghanistan, people at home prayed for their soldiers, in between rounds of fighting the crowds at the Galleria and other shopping centers.

Also, the holidays marked the end of the fall 2001 semester, which was greatly anticipated by most of the students. And the holidays indicated that the 2002 Olympics weren't that far off in the future. However people chose to celebrate their time off, everybody enjoyed the opportunity to get away from their responsibilities for a little while.

- *Crys Lewis*

O Christmas Tree...

The lights decorating this Christmas tree dazzle the eye as they twinkle merrily. There were many Christmas trees set up throughout Houston, but this particular one resided in the Galleria.

Photo by Lorrie Novosad



9-11-01

It was once said that life in America could be divided into two distinct eras separated by the Civil War. A third epoch could be added to the history of our great nation as events unfolded on one calm fall morning. The tragedy that befell our great nation on September 11, 2001 began at 8:46 a.m. Eastern Time as American Airlines flight 92 was hijacked by Islamic fundamentalists and slammed into World Trade Center 2, the second tallest building in the United States. Twenty minutes later, another airplane hit World Trade Center 1. Over the next hour, hundreds of firefighters raced up the stairwells to fight the raging fires now burning a thousand feet above the southern tip of Manhattan.

Millions across the nation became fixed on their radios and television sets watching the horror in New York unfold, word came that a third plane had struck the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., killing more than 180 people. Shortly after that, a fourth plane that was hijacked crashed in a field in Pennsylvania after brave passengers on board fought with the terrorists for control of the plane, and prevented it from harming any civilians on the ground. Just when it seemed things couldn't get any worse, Tower 1, and then Tower 2 collapsed in ruins, killing about 2,830 people from over 80 countries around the world.

The immediate aftermath of these terrorist attacks was a cornucopia of fear, anger, hatred, and utter disbelief. American life was turned upside down in a heartbeat, and as night fell over the remains of the World Trade Center,



The World Trade Center...

Before September 11th, two towers stood proudly against New York City's skyline. The ruins of the World Trade Center, commonly referred to as "Ground Zero," became hollowed ground where thousands of civilians from more than eighty nations perished.
Photo by Steven R. Lewis



God Bless America

Drivers speed under a decorated overpass on Interstate-10. After the September 11th terrorist attacks the country became united in its grief for the overwhelming tragedy of the destruction of the World Trade Center. Flags flew proudly in front yards and in front of businesses throughout the city as Americans mourned the loss and longed for justice.

Photo by Max Lacayo

many were still watching TV, thirsty for any information they could get. All air travel across the nation was suspended for the next week, as the FAA struggled to implement tougher security at the nation's airports.

The world rallied to the side of the United States, and Americans were touched in the following days by the condolences of other nations, and the playing of the Star Spangled Banner at Buckingham Palace in Great Britain, the Eiffel Tower in France, and the Brandenburg Gate in Germany. Flags flew at half mast for several weeks following the tragedy, and they were everywhere. Many stores and websites reported six to eight week backlogs on flag orders, as demand for "All-American" merchandise skyrocketed.

The city of Houston was no exception, as flags waived proudly in front of businesses and bumper stickers appeared on cars proclaiming proud slogans such as "These Colors Don't Run." Houston's Bush Intercontinental Airport was hailed as one of the safest airports in the country.

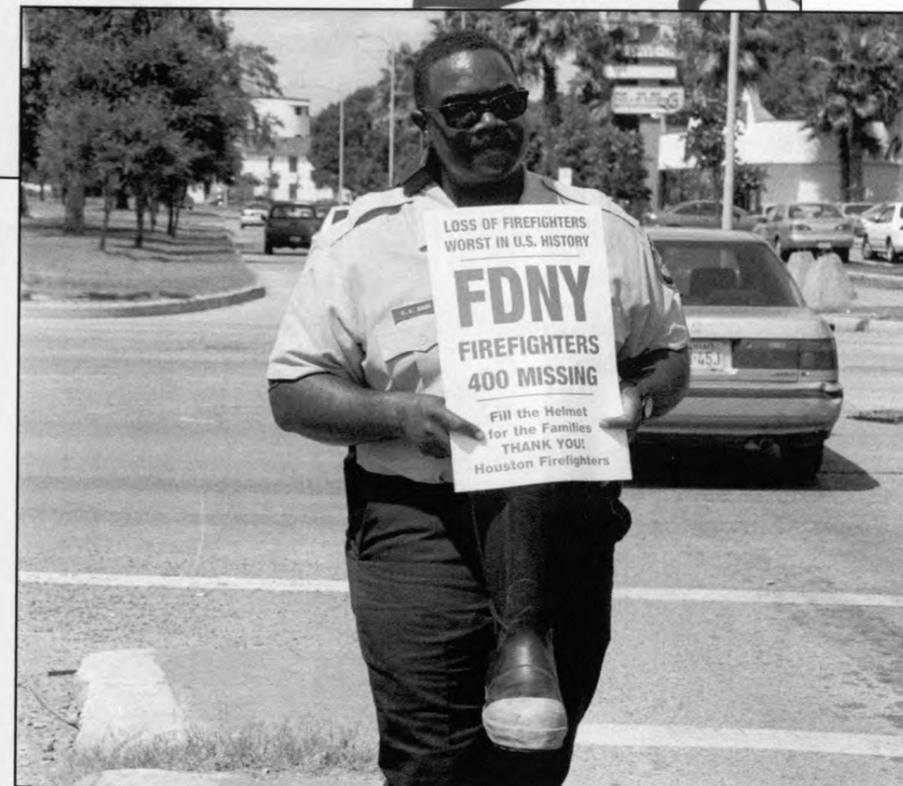
Americans were indivisible in the pursuit of justice for the perpetrators of the terrible tragedy of September 11th as they have never been before. This atrocity has established itself as one of the most defining moments in our nations history, and from America's saddest moment came America's finest hour: when we united in the face of overwhelming horror to eradicate the evil of terrorism from the world forever.

Story by Matthew E. Caster



“We are not deceived by their pretenses to piety. We have seen their kind before. They are the heirs of all the murderous ideologies of the twentieth century. By sacrificing human life to serve their radical visions, by abandoning every value except the will to power, they follow in the path of fascism, Nazism, and totalitarianism. And they will follow that path all the way to where it ends, in history’s unmarked grave of discarded lies.”

-President George W. Bush
September 20, 2001



Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

Among the most anticipated and exciting events in the Houston area, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo (HLSR) is world famous for the quality of riders, the spectacular concerts, and the presence of the world's best barbecue. The 2002 Rodeo had all of this and more as it celebrated its final year inside the "eighth wonder of the world," the Reliant Astrodome. The HLSR relocated to the new Reliant Stadium in 2003.

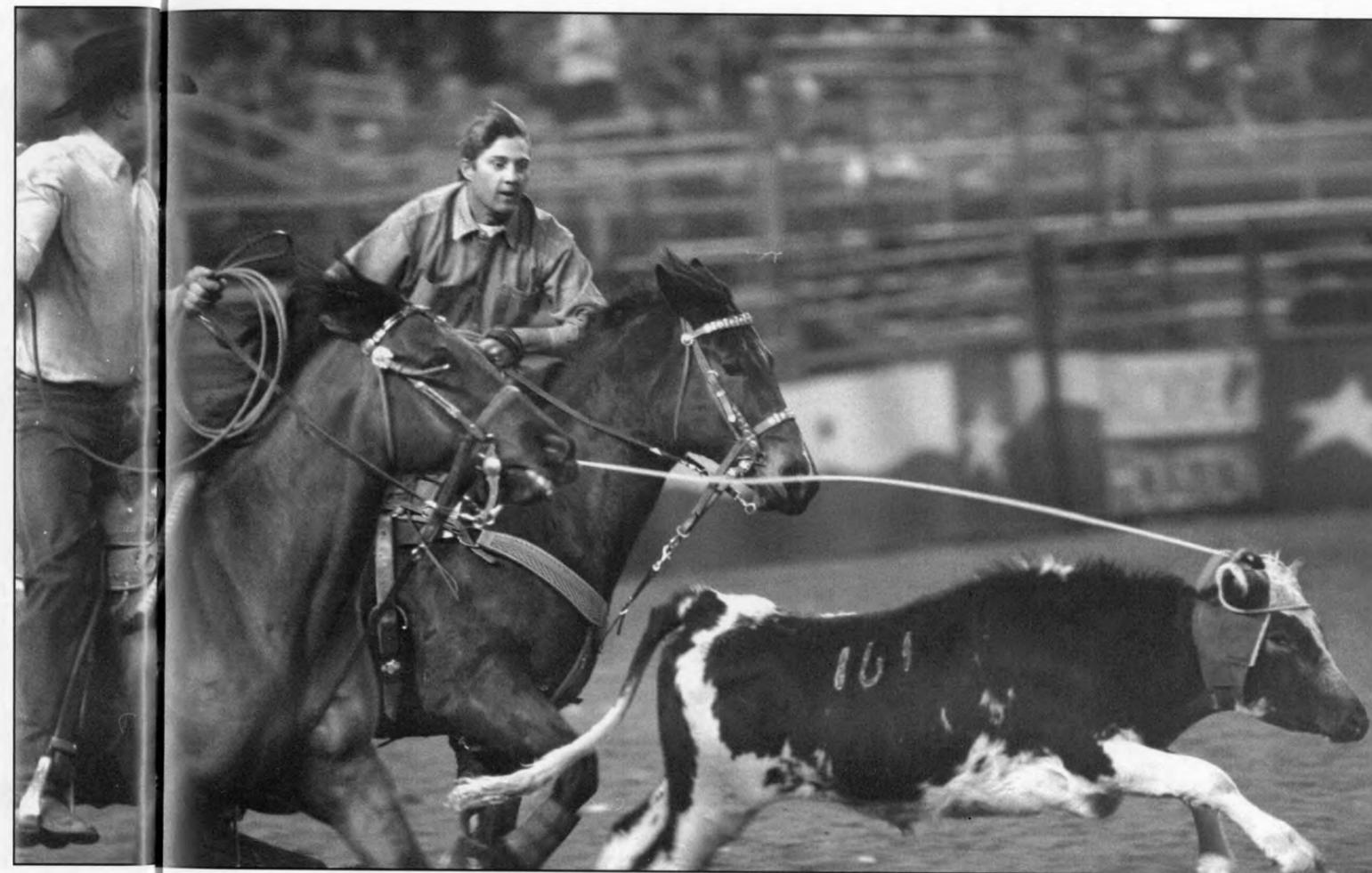
Seeking to be a part of the history of this Houston tradition, enormous numbers flocked to the Dome to be a part of the last Rodeo to take place there. The all-time single event attendance record was shattered on the final night of the Rodeo, as over 68,000 turned out to see George Strait. Overall attendance exceeded 1.5 million for the entire three weeks of the event. This number was not as great as has been seen in previous years due to parking concerns at the Dome because of construction.

George Strait was not the only big name performer at the rodeo this year. Country superstars Clint Black, Alan Jackson, and The Dixie Chicks lit up the stage to the delight of fans. Even ZZ Top, Neil Diamond and REO Speedwagon stopped in to perform. All in all, the choice of musical acts featured at the Rodeo was the most diverse in recent memory.

But the Rodeo is about more than just concerts. It gives some of the best cowboys and cowgirls nationwide a chance to compete in front of a large audience for prizes, and also helps to raise scholarship money for students who hope to go to college. "I went to the Rodeo the night Bob Dylan performed. He put on a great show, but even he couldn't hold a candle to all the cute cowboys," said freshman hospitality major Denise Busch.

The Rodeo was a Houston institution in transition in 2002, and even as the show closed, many were already looking ahead to the 2003 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in the new Reliant Stadium.

- Matthew E. Caster



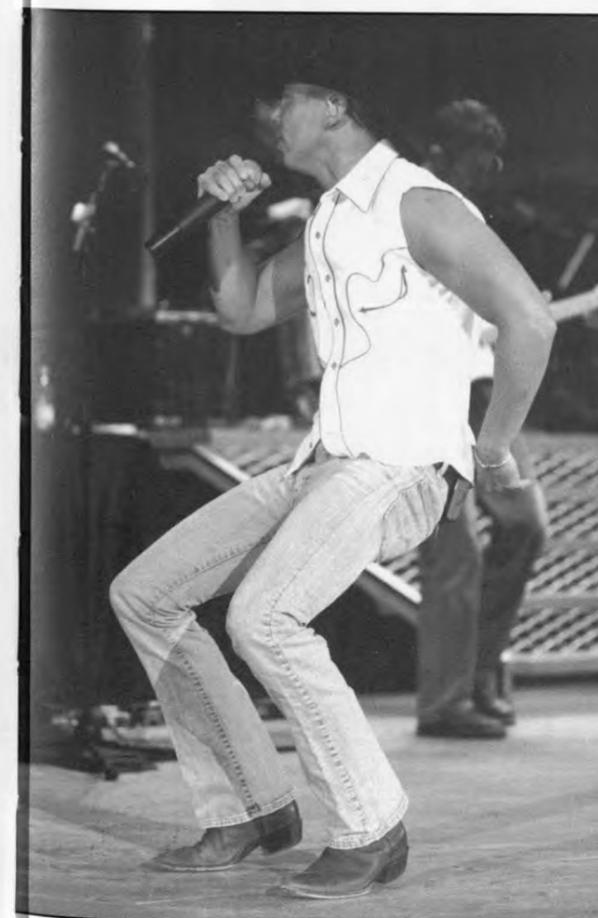
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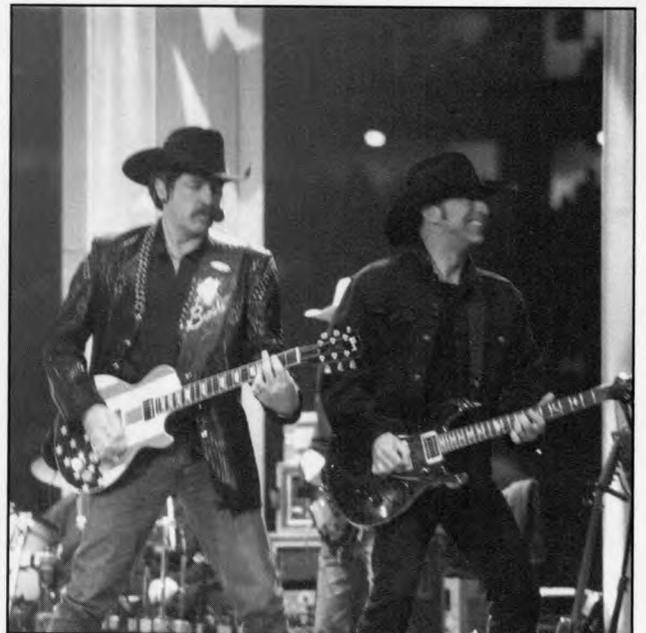
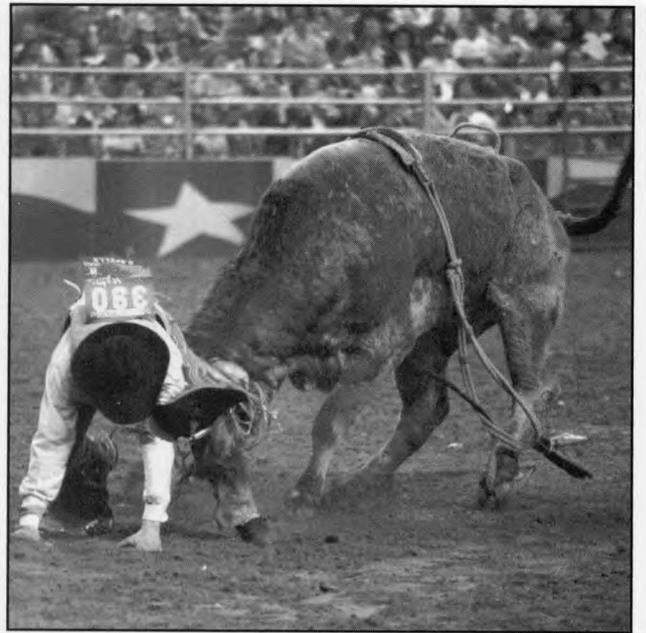
(Above) Cowboys chase a runaway cow enthusiastically as their lassoes fly through the air. No farm animals were hurt, although several humans suffered injuries through the course of the rodeo.

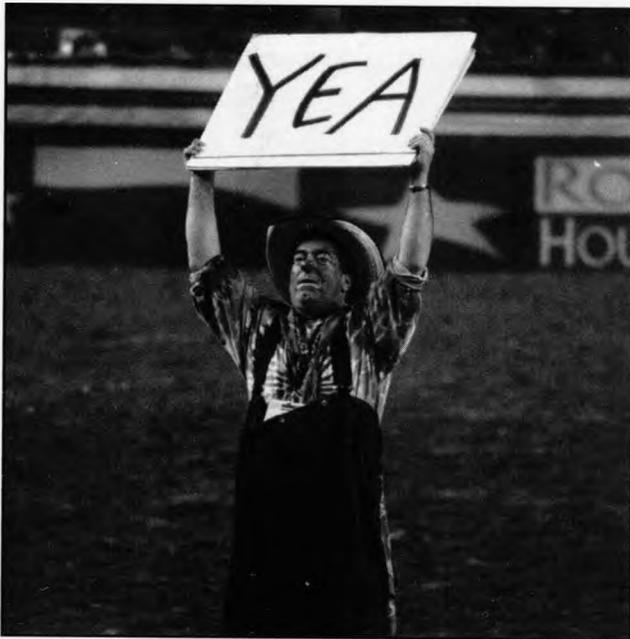
(Left) Country artist Kenny Chesney struts his stuff in the Astrodome during the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Chesney was one of many performers at this year's event.

(Bottom) A foolhardy cowboy takes a ride for his life as a stallion bucks in an attempt to knock him off. The Rodeo was a chance for Houstonians to see some of the best bronc-busters around.

Photos by Kevin Harwerth







BP MS-150

THOUSANDS TAKE PART IN A GRUELING RACE TO BENEFIT MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS.

Multiple Sclerosis is one of the most debilitating diseases people can suffer from; an illness that affects hundreds of thousands of Americans each year. There were very few treatments and no proven cures, though research continued tirelessly as the new century dawned. But such research requires large amounts of money. It was for this reason that MS-150 bicycle races have popped up across the nation. By far, the largest bike race in the nation was the annual Houston-Austin trek sponsored by British Petroleum.

At the 2002 MS-150, which took place April 20-21, more than 10,000 riders and an additional 5,000 volunteers participated to raise money for this worthy cause. The money raised from the 150-mile bike ride was donated to charities which help do research for Multiple Sclerosis. In the end, more than four million dollars were raised from the event.

The bike race began bright and early, with a 7:00 a.m. start time from two locations in the Houston area. More than 8,000 riders began their journey from Tully Stadium, just off of Dairy Ashford. Due to space constraints at Tully Stadium, for the first time riders gathered at a second location; an additional 2,000 riders gathered at Rhodes Stadium in Katy.

Day One of the trip was approximately 100 miles to the town of La Grange, Texas. Most of the riders who participated in the event made it to this quiet town in the Texas Hill Country by around 4:00 that afternoon. The trip was graced with gorgeous weather, and the riders were blessed with the added bonus of seeing Texas' famous wildflowers in bloom for most of the trip.

Day Two of the journey stretched from La Grange all the way to Austin, a trip of approximately fifty miles. An early start time was of some bother to most of the riders, but the early arrival time in Austin that resulted seemed helpful. After people began arriving in Austin, bus rides were arranged to take riders and their bicycles back to Houston. Almost everyone had finished the race and was on their way home by 5:00 that evening.

Overall, the race was a stunning success, and a great deal of money was raised for a very noble cause: that of bringing some relief to those suffering from Multiple Sclerosis. But in addition to raising money, everybody who participated had a chance to meet some new friends, and got one heck of a good workout.

Story by Matthew E. Caster

MILE 34 - STARTING TO CRAMP UP A BIT

Showing off his Texas pride, this rider bravely endeavors across fields of beautiful wildflowers to raise money for a cause he holds dear to his heart. Many riders and volunteers in the event felt a special connection to the cause for which they were raising money.

Photo by Matthew E. Caster



MILE 119 - MOMMY, ARE WE THERE YET?

Though these riders said they felt great and were ready and willing to finish the race, other riders battled exhaustion and dehydration. 150 miles is quite a trip, after all, but the company of friends and family often eased the toll the ride took on the participants.

Photo by Matthew E. Caster



MILE 178 - HEY, WAIT A MINUTE!

As the ride seemed to stretch on interminably, many riders found strength, determination and resolve through knowing what they were raising money for a great cause. More than four million dollars was raised by this event, and more than 10,000 riders made the voyage between Houston and Austin.

Photo by Matthew E. Caster

MILE 0 - LINED UP, READY TO GO

Riders in the British Petroleum MS-150 line up at Rhodes Stadium in Katy to begin their grueling 150-mile ride to Austin. Many riders admitted it was their first time participating in the event, and expressed uncertainty about how difficult riding a bicycle for 150 miles would be.

Photo by Matthew E. Caster



Houston International Festival

Houstonians of all ages come together to celebrate diversity in a time of international community and camaraderie

As one of the most diversely populated cities on earth, Houston was a prime example of the American "melting pot" mentality, as people from many different cultures came together to share their lives with one another in our community. Never was this diverse sense of community more apparent than at the annual Houston International Festival.

Downtown Houston came alive for two weekends in April as thousands of people gathered to celebrate the international heritage of this great city. The money raised from the event was donated to international agencies and relief funds. The festival was complete with various performers, lots of loud music, and an extraordinary variety of food and drink from virtually every cuisine on earth.

Each year, the festival chooses a different nation or culture to focus on. The theme for the Houston International Festival was originally the nation of France. However the events of September 11th and the global unity that followed inspired the festival organizers to open up the event to any and all cultures who chose to participate.

"I thought it was a wonderful event, seeing everyone come together like that. I really enjoyed myself a lot," said sophomore university studies major Suhash Patel, a UH student who attended the first weekend of the event. "There was just so much stuff to do, and so much great food to eat. I may have to come back next weekend!"

Many performances were staged during the two weekends of the festival. On the El Paso Corporation's International Dance Stage, the Pareia Hellas Greek Folk Dancers wowed the audience with several authentic Greek dances. The Texas Stage played host to one of the most popular shows of the event, featuring the band Zydeco Outlaws and their unique blend of Cajun Rock.

The food at the event was as diverse as the people who came to partake. European, African, and Asian cuisine was well represented and greatly appreciated by the thousands of Houstonians who sampled the various foods. One popular booth featured fantastic miniature Quiches that were, in the words of one festival-goer, "to die for."

One of the most enjoyable events every year in Houston is its celebrated International Festival, which serves as indisputable evidence to the entire world that people from various cultures can live together and not only tolerate one another, but thrive together.

Story by Matthew E. Caster

Roots

Several people curious about their pasts approach a genealogy booth to find out the origins of their last names. Though the food and the performers often got most of the attention, there were many other things to be done at the festival, including learning about one's past.

Photo by Lauren Wilson



What a crowd!

Thousands turned out the final two weekends in April to partake in the International Festival. The food was of particular interest to most of the members of the public who turned out for this unique cultural experience.

Photo by Lauren Wilson



Play that funky music!

The Zydeco Outlaws perform at the Houston International Festival in front of a crowd of hundreds who gathered to hear good music and eat great food. Money raised from the event went on to benefit several different charities around the world.

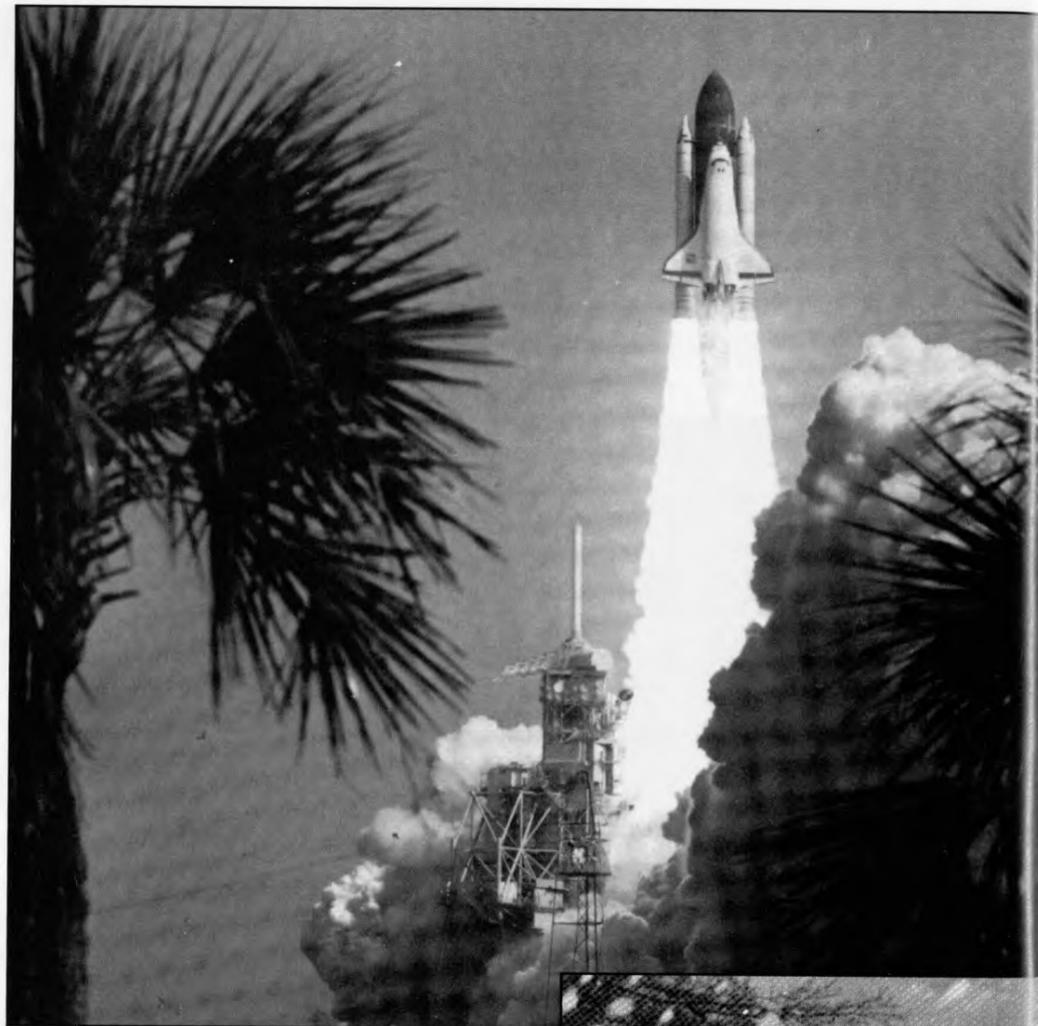
Photo by Lauren Wilson

Hooray for Cajun Food!

Houstonians line up at a food booth at the festival to partake in some deee-licious cajun food. Many different foods were available from a variety of booths set up all over the festival grounds, and there was no shortage of new cuisines and new tastes to experience.

Photo by Lauren Wilson





1990

Space Shuttle Discovery blasts off, carrying a five-man crew and a tracking and data relay satellite. The crew returned safely after a successful five-day mission.



1970

A member of the Rational Youth Movement burns a Viet Cong flag -- an interesting parallel to the controversial burning of American flags common to the opposing viewpoint.

Community *in the past*

The population of the city of Houston when the University was founded was just less than 400,000 people. By the school's 75th anniversary, Houston had burgeoned into a sprawling metropolis with nearly four million people in Harris County alone. Many things changed in Houston over the years, making the city one of the most diverse and vibrant in the nation.

The early years of UH saw a school surrounded by a modest city and a great deal of farmland. There were many occasions when horse-drawn carts were as likely to be seen as cars on the town's major roads. Towards the middle of the century, Houston's reputation as a center for the petrochemical industry grew, and several companies such as Chevron, Texaco, and Shell based their headquarters downtown.

In the 1960's, Houston gained worldwide notoriety as "Space City" as the Johnson Space Center served as Mission Control for NASA's Apollo space program which saw twelve Americans walk on the moon. The Richmond Strip became the social center of the city, and the Eighth Wonder of the World, also known as the Houston Astrodome, was erected on the newly completed 610 Interstate Loop.

The 1980's were a turbulent time for the Houston community, as the Oil Boom was quickly followed by the Oil Bust which saw the city's energy sector decimated for a years. Things had basically recovered by the 1990s, as the Houston skyline was now dominated by commanding skyscrapers.

As the new century began, Houston was home to three domed stadiums, several "Megamalls," and one of the world's most diverse populations. What better place could the University of Houston have called home for its first, as well as its next 75 years?

Matthew E. Caster



1987

This mural was painted at the Riverside Apartments, a few minutes away from campus. Artworks like this one have been a fixture in the Houston area for years.

1960

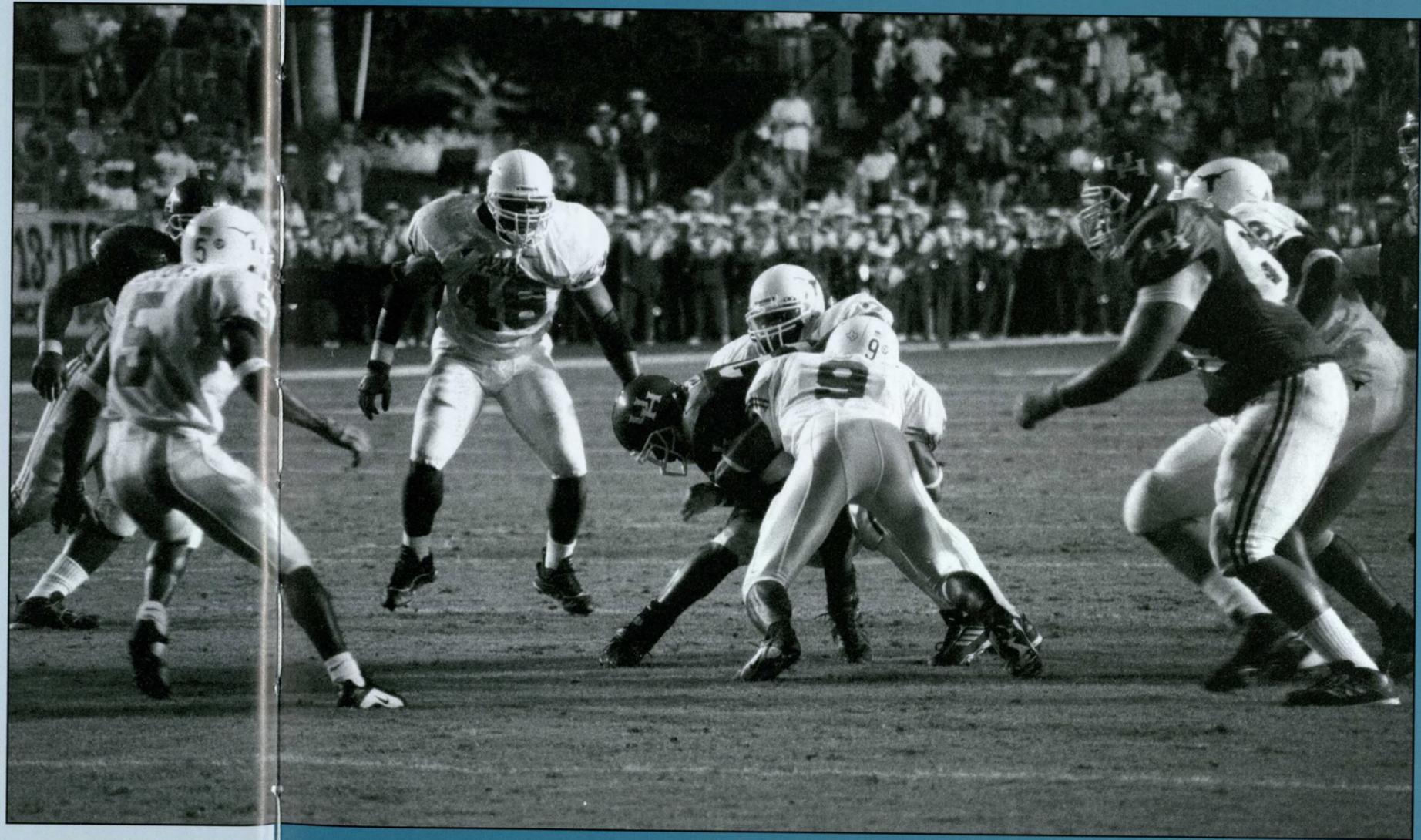
One of the rarest events in history occurs right in our own back yards, as several inches of wet, soggy, delightful snow drifts slowly down upon the University of Houston.



Sports

Believe it or not, the University of Houston has one of the most enduring athletic traditions of excellence in the country. The football team had a tough go around in 2001, but the University's other ten NCAA sanctioned sports kept the school in the national spotlight for most of the year. UH teams have always been recognized for their commitment to sportsmanship and hard work on the field, as well as academic excellence off the field, and this year was no exception. Despite fielding a relatively young, inexperienced team in almost every event at which UH competed, the Coogs accomplished many great things, and showed that in future years, they would be a force to be reckoned with. Whether we won or lost, every one of the fierce competitors who battled it out defending the University of Houston's pride showed that Cougars who stick together can accomplish greatness no matter what.

2001

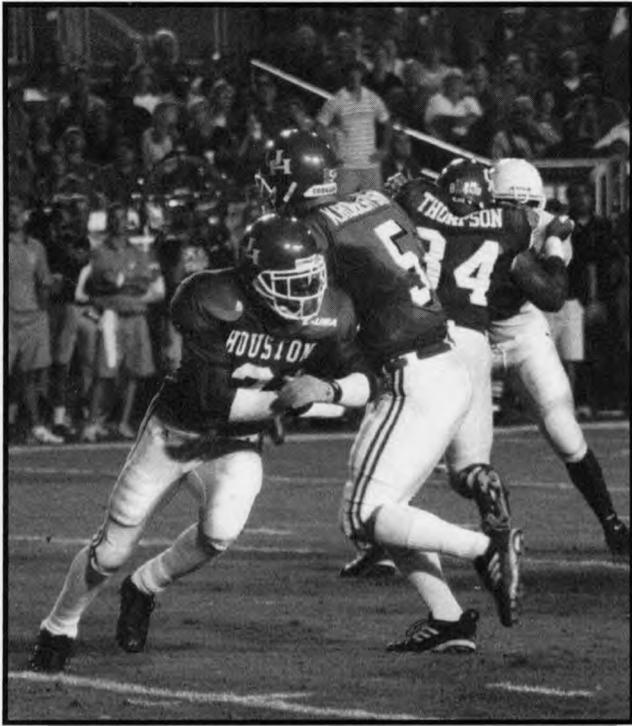


Wha... did we score?

The UH football team proudly battles the Texas Longhorns at Robertson Stadium. Despite their high national ranking, the Coogs gave UT a tough fight.
Photo by Lauren Wilson

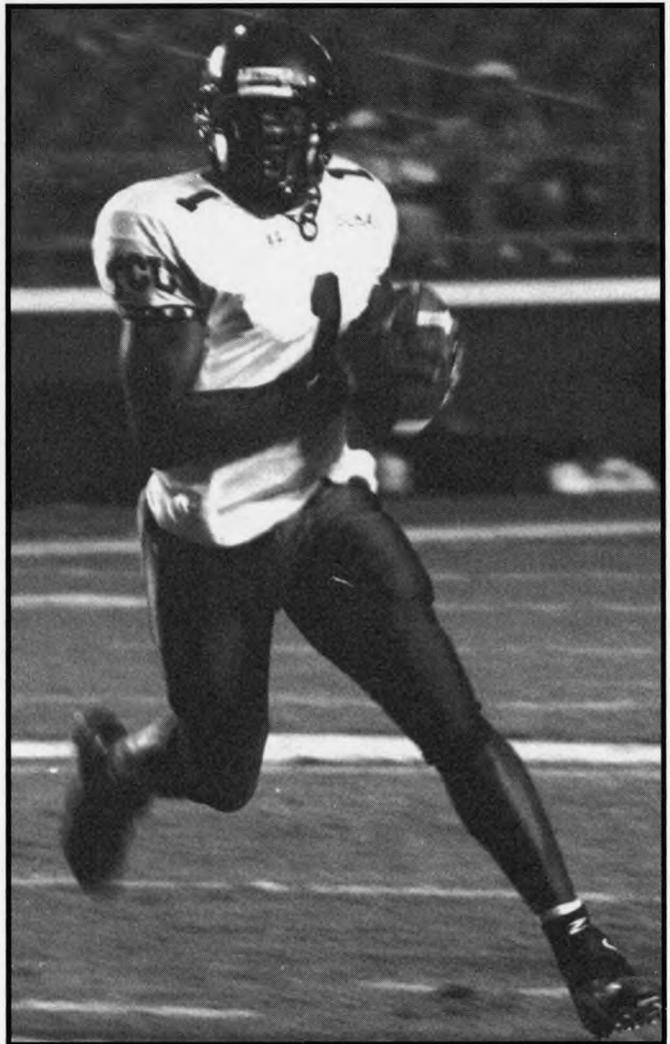
GOAL!

The UH women's soccer team tries to put one past the goalposts in this game against Memphis. UH's reputation for fine athletes was upheld by men and women alike.
Photo by Kena Alvarado



(Above)Senior Leif Penn and junior Kelly Robertson quickly move into their positions. (Right)Junior Joffrey Reynolds runs the ball downfield during the game against TCU. Reynolds ran 76 yards for a touchdown, the longest of his career and the longest by a Cougar player this season.

Photos by Lauren Wilson



TRIED & TESTED

STAR ATHLETE

"As for the quarterback position, we were steadfast in standing behind **Kelly Robertson**," coach Dana Dimel said.

"He was the nation's seventh-best passer in terms of passing yards when he went down and I wanted to give him a chance to play down the stretch," coach Dana Dimel said.



Using defense skills, the UH teammates tackle the UT longhorns fighting for possession of the ball. Senior Lee Ingersoll, head of the defense, lead the defensive line towards a loss. Photo by Lauren Wilson

Run & Hide

The Learning Experience

Maybe it was karma: returning the favor after years of terrorizing opponents during the run-and-shoot years.

Maybe it was the years of poor relationships with local high school coaches that severed vital recruiting ties.

Or maybe it was just a bad year.

Whatever the reason, UH football suffered its worst season in 53 years (at least record-wise) and plummeted to the depths of Division I-A with a 0-11 record.

There were close games, a 29-28 homecoming loss to Cincinnati, a 21-14 defeat to the hands of crosstown rival Rice and a patriotic bow to Army 28-14. There were the closer-than-you-think games, like a 53-26 loss to the top-five

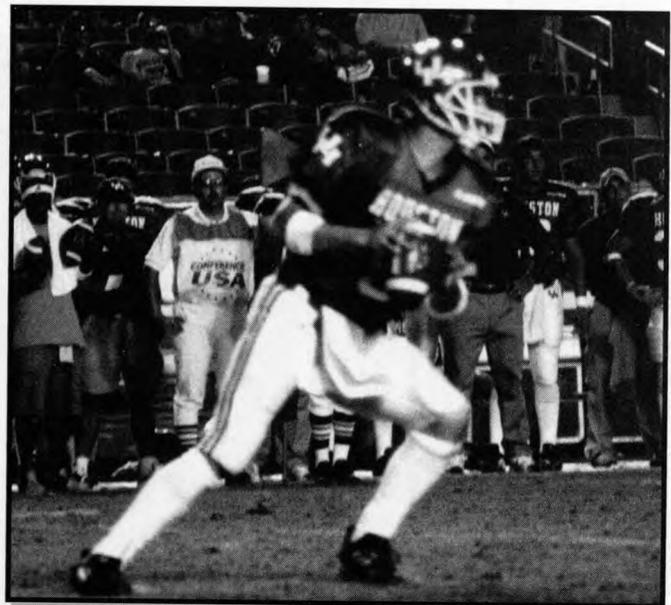
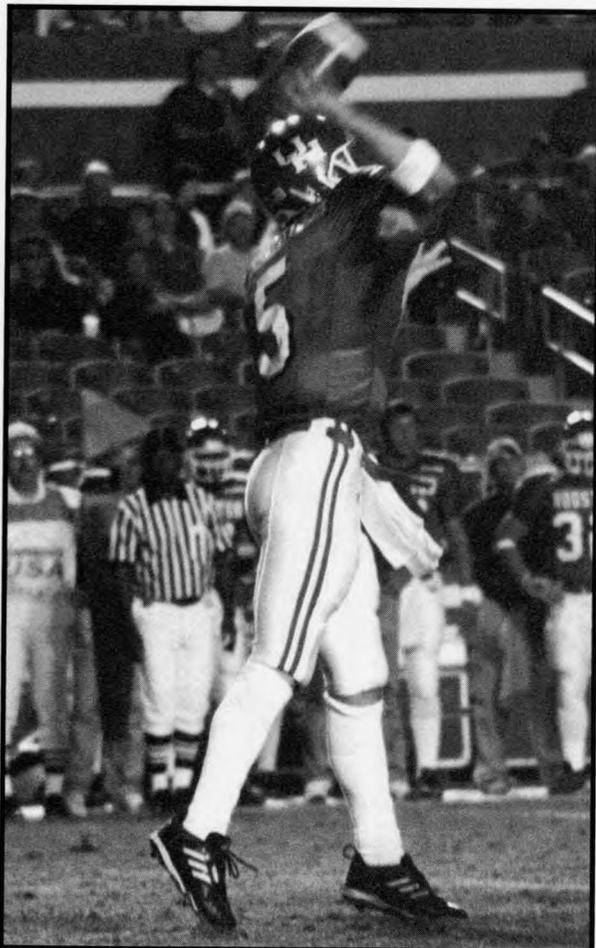
ranked Texas Longhorns, a 35-10 loss to the Conference USA champion Louisville Cardinals and the 43-21 loss to Alabama-Birmingham.

And there were the blowouts. Namely to the hands of Southern Miss (58-14) and South Florida (45-6). The season wasn't all doom and gloom however. Senior receiver Orlando Iglesias broke the school record for career receptions (222) and was named to the C-USA All Conference second team.

Junior safety Hanik Milligan narrowly missed breaking the single season tackle record by three takedowns (174).

Junior running back Joffrey Reynolds rebounded from an injury plagued year and had some dominating performances. He rushed for 818 yards this season at 4.5 yard per carry average.

by Keenan Singleton



(Left) Junior Kelly Robertson passes the ball to his teammates during the game against TCU. (Above) Junior Kelly Robertson runs with the ball.

Photos by Lauren Wilson

Hard Ball

by Keenan Singleton

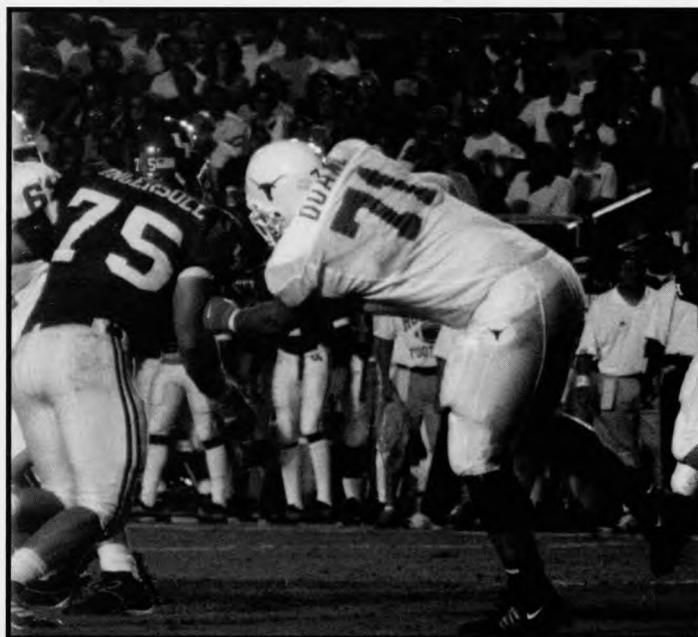
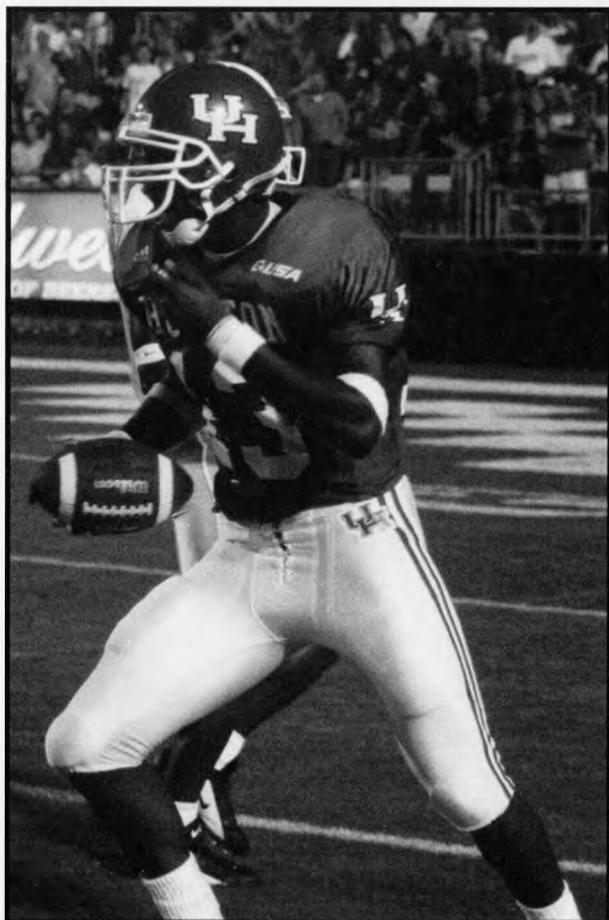
The "Texas Trifecta"- a three-game home series against the Rice Owls, the Texas Longhorns, and the Texas Christian Horned Frogs, was more than a just a trifecta of losses for the Cougars; it was a mini-rebirth of the once proud Southwest Conference that disbanded in 1995.

Rice, our cross-town and most traditional rival, used more than just their triple-option offense to defeat the Cougars, they also threw in some new wrinkles into their run-dominated offense. The Cougars would come back to make the game interesting in the final quarter, but would still lose the treasured Bayou Bucket (awarded to winner of the annual Houston-Rice

game) for the second straight season, 21-14.

Nationally televised on ESPN2, the Cougars shocked the world a little more than a week after the Sept. 11 attacks. They embarrassed the fifth-ranked Longhorns for much of the first half before turnovers and big plays put the game into Texas' favor, 53-26.

Texas Christian, a team searching for a new identity after the departures of All-American tailback LaDainian Tomlinson (now a member of the NFL's San Diego Chargers) and their head coach, Dennis Franchione to Alabama, entered Robertson Stadium for the first time ever. The Horned Frogs would go on to defeat the Cougars, 34-17.

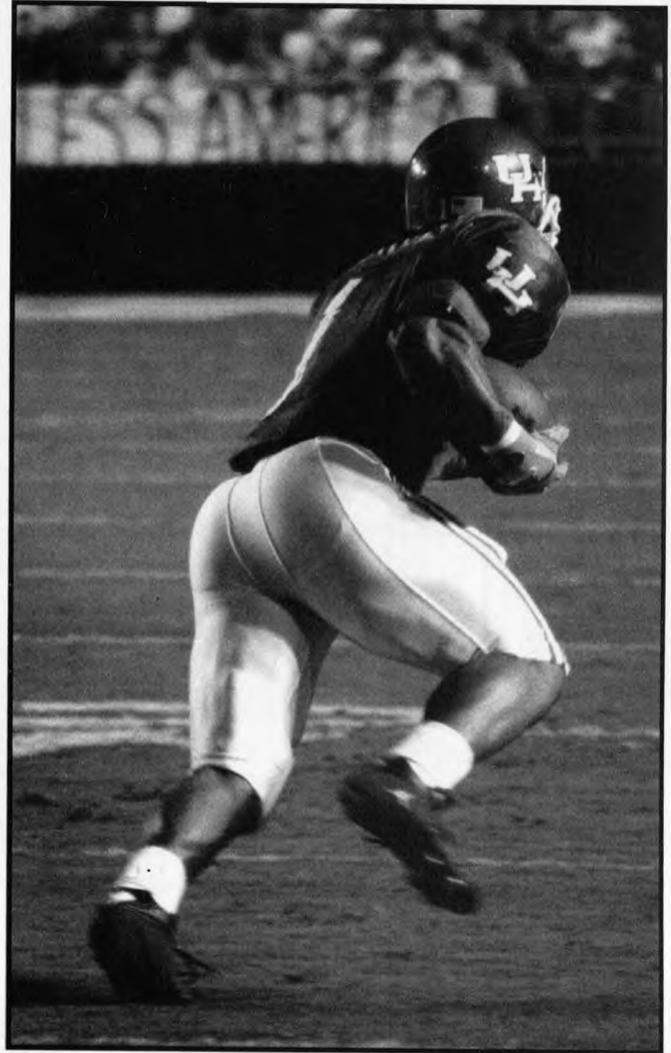


(Left) Junior Brian Robinson prepares to celebrate a brilliant catch. (Above) Blocking the offenders, senior Lee Ingersoll uses offense skills during the UT game.

Photos by Lauren Wilson



(Above) Junior Kelly Robertson throws a pass during the TCU game. (Right) Junior Joffrey Reynolds runs with the ball towards the goal against the UT Longhorns. He jumped passed his Texas opponent on his way to a 38-yard touchdown reception from Kelly Robertson during the first quarter. Photos by Lauren Wilson



SCORES

Rice 21	UH 14
Texas 53	UH 26
Texas Christian 34	UH 17
Army 28	UH 14
Memphis 52	UH 33
Cincinnati 29	UH 28
Southern Mississippi 58	UH 14
South Florida 45	UH 6
Louisville 34	UH 10
Alabama-Birmingham 43	UH 21
Georgia 35	UH 7



Striving to catch the ball to make a touchdown during the UT game, sophomore Brandon Middleton receives the ball. Houston's Kelly Robertson connected with Brandon Middleton on an 80-yard score and finished 23-of-32 for 364 yards and three touchdowns, with one interception. Photo by Lauren Wilson

THE LONG RUN

The UH men's and women's cross country teams entered the 2001 season with a lot of questions that needed answers. Both teams lost top runners to graduation and fielded squads composed primarily of sophomores and freshmen.

Head coach Theresa Fuqua's women's team surprised Conference USA with a fourth place finish at the C-USA championships October 27 in Greenville, North Carolina. Senior Monica Reyna helped her younger teammates learn what it takes to compete at the college level by her steady performances and robust work ethic.

"Monica's the best," Fuqua said. "Her attitude and leadership are invaluable to our team."

Sophomore Jessica Oakes took her race to another level and became the leader of the pack. Oaks placed first at the Houston Invitational and finished 19th at the C-USA championships to pace the Lady Cougars.

Men's coach Howie Ryan redshirted All-Conference USA cross-country star senior Mike Olague to enable Olague to compete next season with a team that gained valuable experience as freshmen and sophomores. While the men didn't enjoy the success their female counterparts achieved, the future is bright. A year's experience and the return of Olague promises the Cougars will be a force to be reckoned with next season.

By Tom Carpenter



Leaving the opponents behind her, junior Julie Perez moves in towards the finish line ahead of the game. The entire Cougar squad finished in the top 61 of 101 competitors in Conference USA, and the top six finishers finished in the top half of the pack.

Photo by Pin Lim



Aiding each other in moral support, the Cougar cross country runners encourage each other strongly as they head to their goal. Accomplishing their goals was one of the main focuses of Houston Cougar teams.

Photo by Pin Lim



Running for the goal, the UH cross country teammates strive to endure the home stretch to the finish line. The University of Houston women's cross country finished in eighth place at the NCAA South Central Regional Championships.

Photo by Pin Lim



Preparing for a long race, the cross country men line up with anticipation to the upcoming run. The Cougar men's team finished 10th in team scoring in the Conference USA meet, scoring 245 points and averaging 25:46 with their six runners.

Photo by Pin Lim

Season Outcomes

Men's

First Place	Houston Invitational
27th Place	Lehigh Invitational
13th Place	Texas A&M Invitational
16th Place	NCAA South Central Regional Championships
10th Place	Conference USA Championship

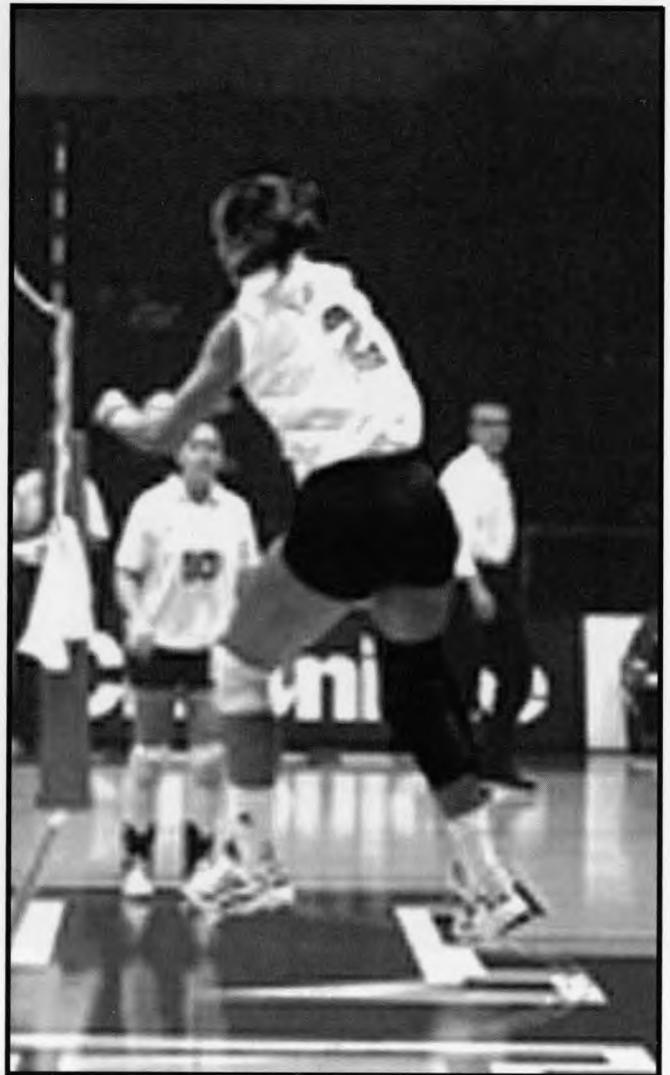
Women's

First Place	Houston Invitational
Third Place	Texas Collegiate Invitational
Ninth Place	Lehigh Invitational
Fourth Place	Texas A&M Invitational
Fourth Place	Conference USA Championship



(Above) Excited about their latest win, the UH volleyball players congratulate each other on their victory against DePaul. (Right) Senior Gabi Carbone prepares to spike the ball back against her opponent.

Photos by Kena Alvarado



(Left) Freshman Kristy Nilson flies into the air to strike back on the serve. (Above) Freshmen Loure Dews and Cielisse Schroeder anticipate the next shot. Photos by Kena Alvarado

SPIKES

BY **CRYSTAL DOUCETTE**

It was a year of firsts for Cougar Volleyball: the first time in 12 years it didn't make it to postseason play; the first time in 10 years it didn't participate in the NCAA tournament; the first Cougar to receive C-USA tournament MVP; and the first time a Cougar athlete played a sixth year in Division I competition.

Cougar Volleyball played host for the 2001 Conference USA Volleyball Tournament this season at Hofheinz Pavilion, Nov. 15-18. It was the second time UH held the tournament in the conference's seven year history. UH (16-11 overall, 12-4 C-USA) took the court on the shoulders of two returning seniors after seeing off four seniors last season. Gabriela Carbone returned to competitive play after ACL surgery during the off

season. Jennifer Wittenburg returned for a sixth year of collegiate play after losing a considerable amount of playing time to injuries.

Wittenburg, Carbone and junior-transfer Jennifer Tanneberger were named to the 2001 C-USA First All-Tournament Team. Wittenburg was also named tournament MVP, the first Cougar to receive the distinction in C-USA history.

Along with the tournament honors, Wittenburg was named C-USA Player of the Week twice this season, was named to the 2001 C-USA All-Preseason Team, and was named to the AVCA All-Midwest Region Team for the second consecutive year. Wittenburg led the league in kills with 6.27 per game, good enough for third in the nation. Wittenburg took

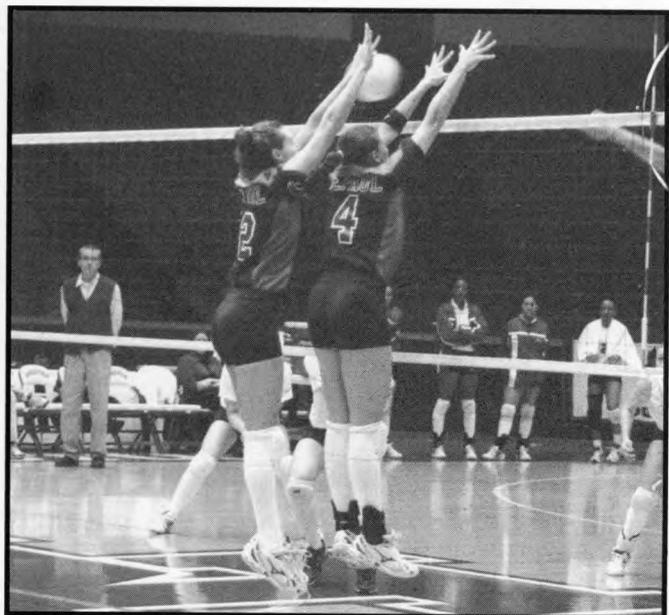
the UH record of most kills in a single season with 646.

Carbone and Tanneberger played in all 105 games this season for UH. Carbone, a native of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, led the Cougars in service aces and was second only to Wittenburg on the squad in digs with 330. Tanneberger was second in conference hitting percentage with .348.

Cougar Volleyball missed its 11th consecutive trip to the NCAA tournament, marking only the fourth season head coach Bill Walton didn't get his team to any postseason play since he assumed his current position in 1986. UH's 16-11 overall record is only the third less-than-20 win season in 16 years for the volleyball program.

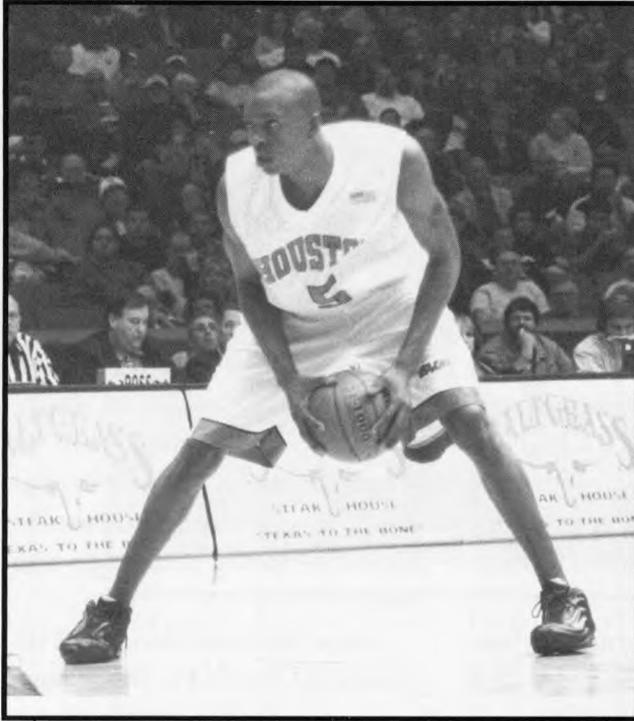
SCORE REFLECTIONS

Houston 1	DePaul 3
Houston 0	Marquette 3
Houston 3	DePaul 1
Houston 2	TCU 3
Houston 3	Tulane 0
Houston 3	Southern Miss 1
Houston 0	South Florida 3
Houston 3	UAB 0
Houston 3	Charlotte 0
Houston 3	East Carolina 1
Houston 3	TCU 0
Houston 3	Memphis 0
Houston 3	Saint Louis 0
Houston 0	Hawaii 3
Houston 1	Louisville 3
Houston 1	Cincinnati 3
Houston 3	Memphis 2
Houston 2	Tulane 2
Houston 2	Texas A&M 3
Houston 1	Kansas State 3
Houston 0	Washington State 3
Houston 3	Rice 2
Houston 0	Texas A&M 3
Houston 2	Stephen F. Austin 3



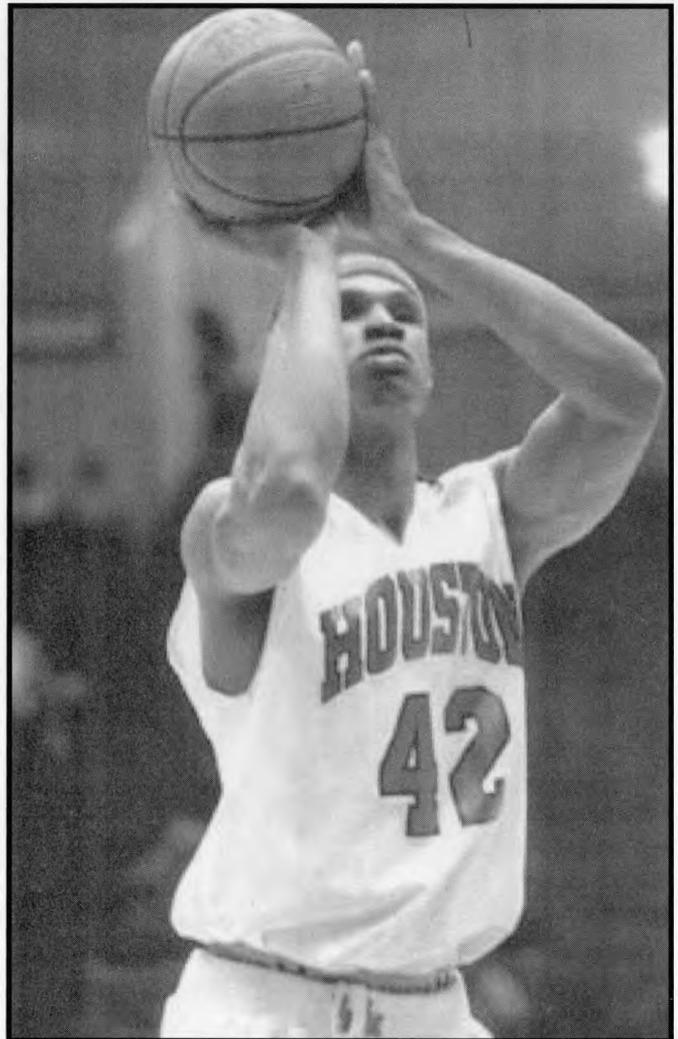
Senior Gabi Carbone and Freshman Cielisse Schroeder work together to block the oncoming serve during the TCU game.

Photo by Kena Alvarado



(Above) Junior Jeremee McGuire holds possession of the ball. (Right) Junior George Williams makes a free throw during the game against Southern Mississippi.

Photos by Lauren Wilson



SCORES

- Rice W, 62-61
- North Texas W, 75-69
- Texas Southern W, 82-79
- Texas Tech L, 71-64
- Southwest Texas State W, 89-62
- Louisiana State L, 73-69
- North Carolina State L, 67-66
- Tennessee State W, 91-60
- Saint Louis St. Louis L, 67-64
- Tulane New Orleans W, 69-66
- Cincinnati L, 83-62
- Texas Christian University W, 82-71
- A&M W, 99-85
- University of Alabama at Birmingham W, 80-71
- Southern Mississippi W, 74-66
- Memphis L, 84-66
- San Diego State L, 78-66
- Charlotte L, 83-68
- Texas Christian University L, 87-69
- South Florida W, 91-75
- Memphis W, 76-73
- Tulane W, 85-81
- East Carolina L, 63-46
- South Florida. L, 88-75
- University of Alabama at Birmingham W, 76-72



Taking out his opponent, sophomore Kevin Gaines thinks wisely about making his next move. The Cougars always worked together to use their best strategy plays.

Photo by Lauren Wilson

Wet & Wild

Getting Down & Dirty

Men's basketball finished with their best record since 1992-93, when they went 21-9. Marquette used its balanced offense to beat Houston 85-73 Friday, earning a berth in the Conference USA championship game. Cougars upset Tigers, 80-74. Men's basketball advances to the C-USA semifinals.

"I was willing to do whatever it took to put us in a position to win," Williams said.

Houston (18-14) made it to the semifinals for the first time despite a depleted roster and low expectations.

"The challenge was going on the road, taking care of the basketball

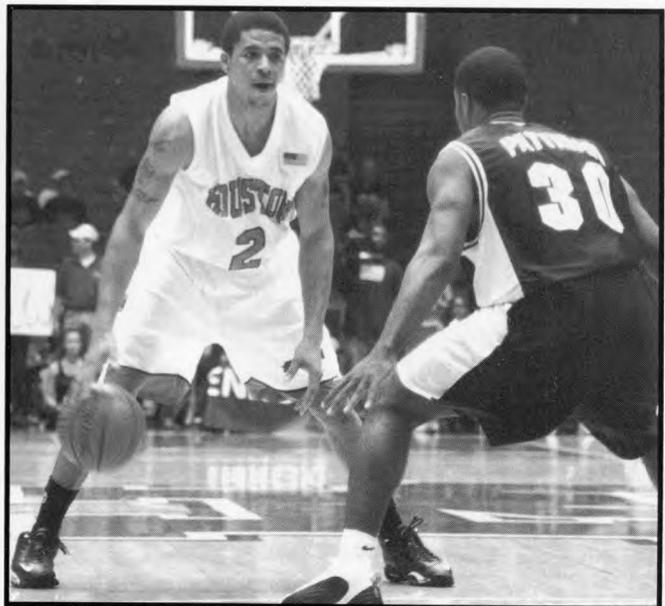
and staying aggressive," McCallum said.

The Cougars became only the third team this season to make half of its shots against Marquette. Houston shot 52 percent from the field -- but never stopped the Golden Eagles' offense for long.

"We are very excited to be in the NIT," Houston head coach Ray McCallum said. "I think we surprised a lot of people this season."

The Cougars enter the NIT with an 18-14 overall record and enjoyed their best showing in the Conference USA Tournament when they advanced to the semifinals.

by Lacie Burke



(Left) Junior Louis Truscott makes a free throw during the game against Memphis. (Above) Sophomore Kevin Gaines tests his opponent to decide which option to take in making it to the goal.

Photos by Lauren Wilson

New Heights

by Lacie Burke

In front of an energized crowd in their first home post-season game in school history, the University of Houston Lady Cougars went on a late drive as the game wound down to the closing minutes and took control en route to downing cross-town rival Rice by a final of 67-65 in the first round of the Women's National Invitational Tournament on Wednesday, March 13. Houston posted first post-season victory since 1991 over their cross-town rival Rice.

The Cougars went on to a birth in the WNIT Championship Game, securing the most wins in the teams history.

University of Houston Lady Cougar sophomore guard Chandi Jones, the 2002 Conference USA Player of the Year, received an

Honorable Mention on the 2001-2002 AP Women's All-America basketball team. She received this award through her endurance and dedication to her team.

"Never give up and always keep your head up," Jones said.

However, their experience of the team posed a few problems for the Lady Cougars.

"Being young, some times there were many challenges with our team," coach Joe Curl Said.

The girls were very young, with most players only 18 years old. That was where the coach came into play because he was always trying to keep things positive and improving each practice and each game.

"Our goal was to always finish in the top spot in the Conferences, and

if not, then certainly one of the top four spots," Coach Joe Curl said.

But more importantly than the record and their successes on the court, the Lady Cougars were also really working hard in the community and in the classroom.

"The Lady Cougars were always getting out into the community, and we asked each of them to put in a minimum of 50 hours of community service during the academic year. We had several of the girls with over 100 hours of community service, and none had under 75 hours," Coach Joe Curl said.

Additionally in the classroom, the team had at least six girls well above a 3.0 GPA, and their overall team GPA is a historically-high 2.94.

SCORES

Yale W, 61-59

Colorado L, 88-58

LaSalle W, 65-49

Texas A&M W, 68-30

Montana L, 72-93

Texas A&M L, 69-75

Texas Christian University L, 61-49

A&M W, 78-50

Louisville W, 71-68

Cincinnati W, 89-78 (OT)

East Carolina University W, 61-60

Charlotte W, 66-56

University of Alabama at Birmingham L, 86-55

South Florida W, 56-53

Tulane W, 85-74

Southern Mississippi W, 65-57

Saint Louis W, 79-71

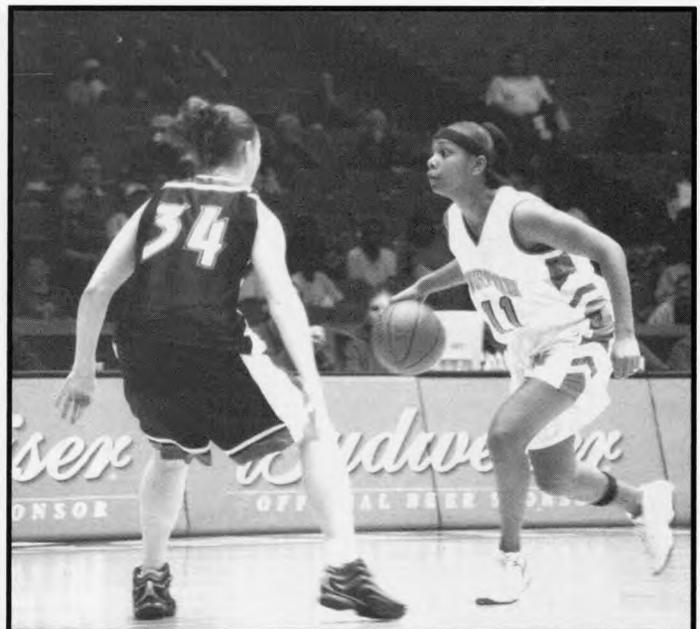
Memphis W, 84-70

Marquette W, 61-57

DePaul W, 80-73

Charlotte W, 68-65

Cincinnati L, 74-78



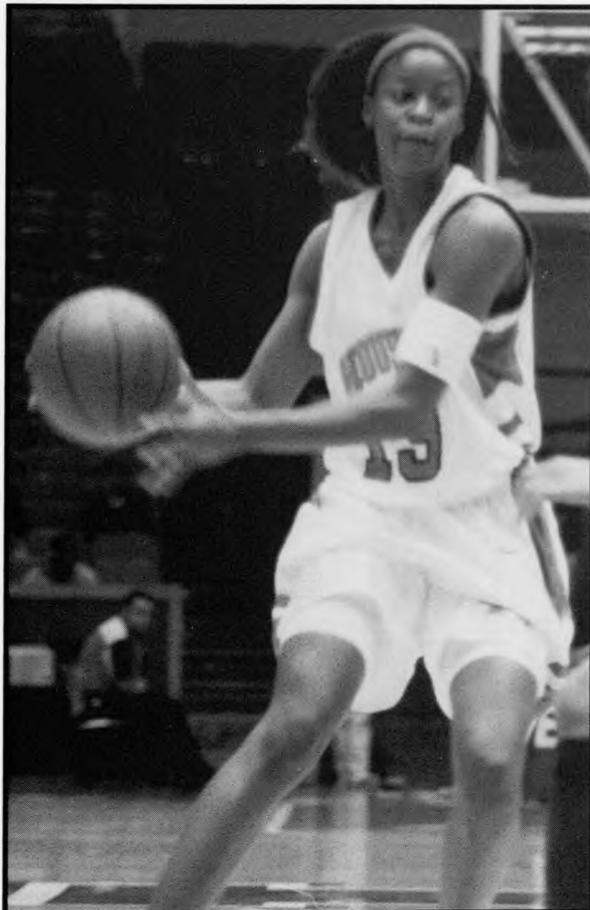
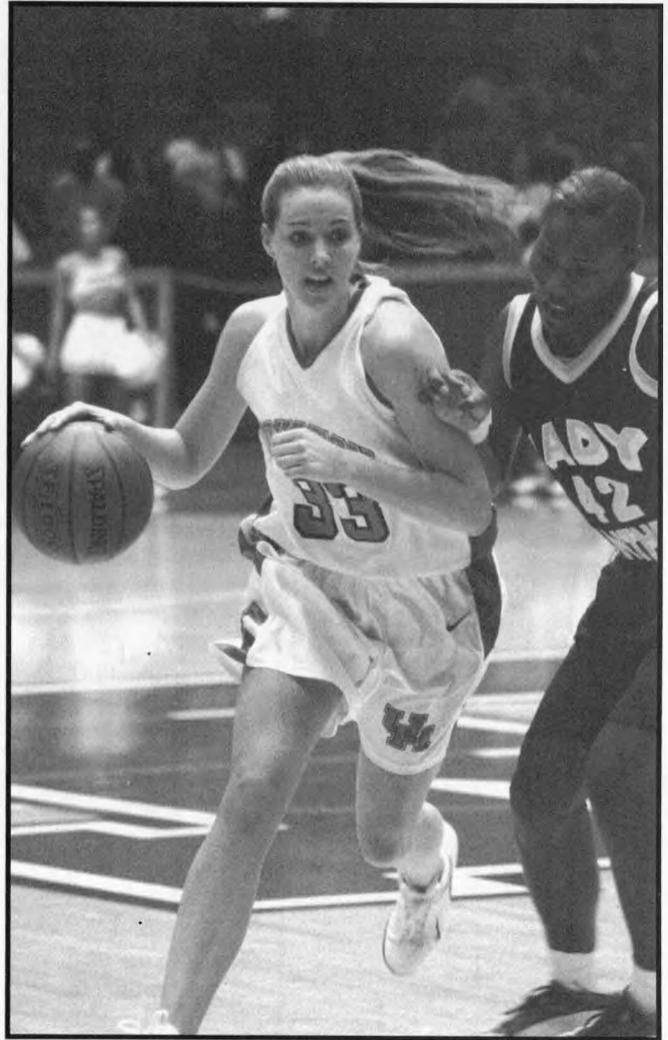
Sprinting around her opponent, freshman Shondra Bush quickly whips around to drive to the basket.

Photo by Lauren Wilson



(Above) Looking for some aid, freshman Sondra Bush searches out one of teammates for her to pass to. Sharing possession of the ball was always a key goal of the Lady Cougars. (Right) Blocking off her opponent from the ball, junior Angela Curl heads for the goal.

Photos by Lauren Wilson



(Left) Heading for the goal, sophomore Chandi Jones receives a pass from her teammate and sets off with the ball. (Above) Fighting for possession of the ball, sophomore Nicole Oliver guards her opponent closely.

Photos by Lauren Wilson

■ ■ ■ ALL IN THE FAMILY

Good chemistry, a positive attitude, great defense and powerful scoring are part of what makes a successful team. This season the Lady Cougar's soccer team encompassed all of those characteristics. Under the supervision and guidance of second year head coach Bill Solberg, they excelled as a team.

Women's soccer enjoyed a season that was hectic yet fruitful with a 6-4 Conference USA record and an 8-8-1 record overall. They also had the chance to play in the C-USA tournament this year, and as a family they succeeded.

This year, Coach Solberg took pre-season off campus. As the soccer team worked on defense and footwork they also worked on coming together as a family to reach a common goal. The work ethic that Coach Solberg, along with assistant coaches Joe Kirt and Crystalin Montgomery, instilled in practice could be seen in the team's play and selflessness.

"This past year, we have adopted a theme for women's soccer - family - and we bring it to every practice, on and off the field," said Solberg.

Freshman midfielder Nikki Hawkins, who started every game,

and with the help of her teammates scored the only goal in the double-overtime C-USA tournament game against Marquette, credits her triumphs and goals to the team working together.

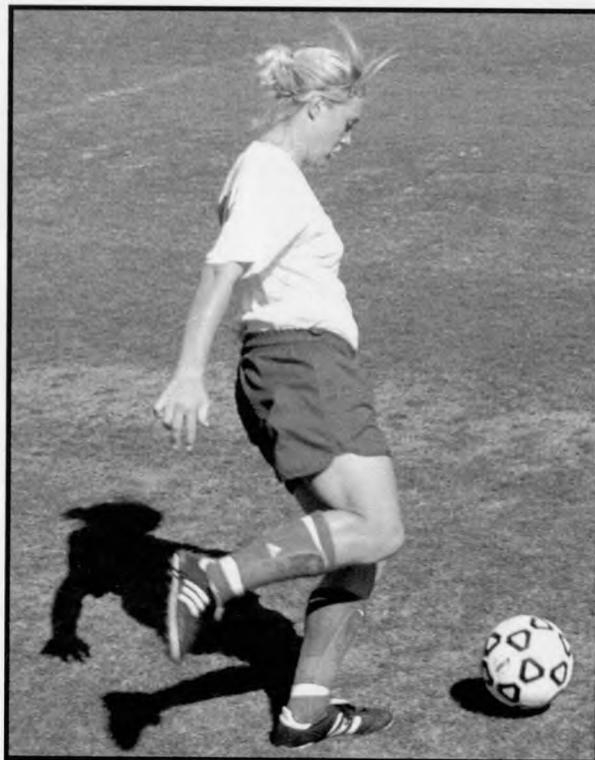
"It felt good - scoring always feels good-but it was not just me, I felt that it was the whole team," said Hawkins.

Senior midfielder and team captain Kara Bullinger was also a testament to the family that the soccer team has become. As one of the inaugural members of the soccer team, one of Bullinger's duties was to be a leader as well as a team player.

Beyond family, the Lady Cougars' soccer team brought an exciting style of play that, according to Coach Solberg, featured some of the best goals in the nation.

"Our best player is our team," said Solberg, who had many holes to fill as the first members of the soccer team left. Off-season emphasis will focus on chemistry, teamwork, and a positive attitude to give the Lady Cougars the defense and scoring they will need to continue succeeding on and off the field.

By Dionne Victor



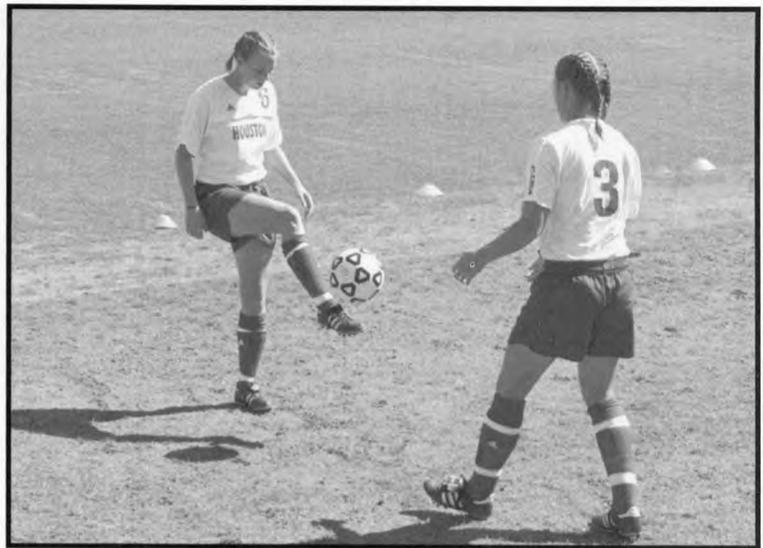
Focusing on the ball, true freshman Nicole Aubuchon passes the ball to her teammate with style and finesse. Lady Cougar Senior midfielder Kara Bullinger and forward Nicole Aubuchon were named third team all-Conference USA.

Photo by Kena Alvarado



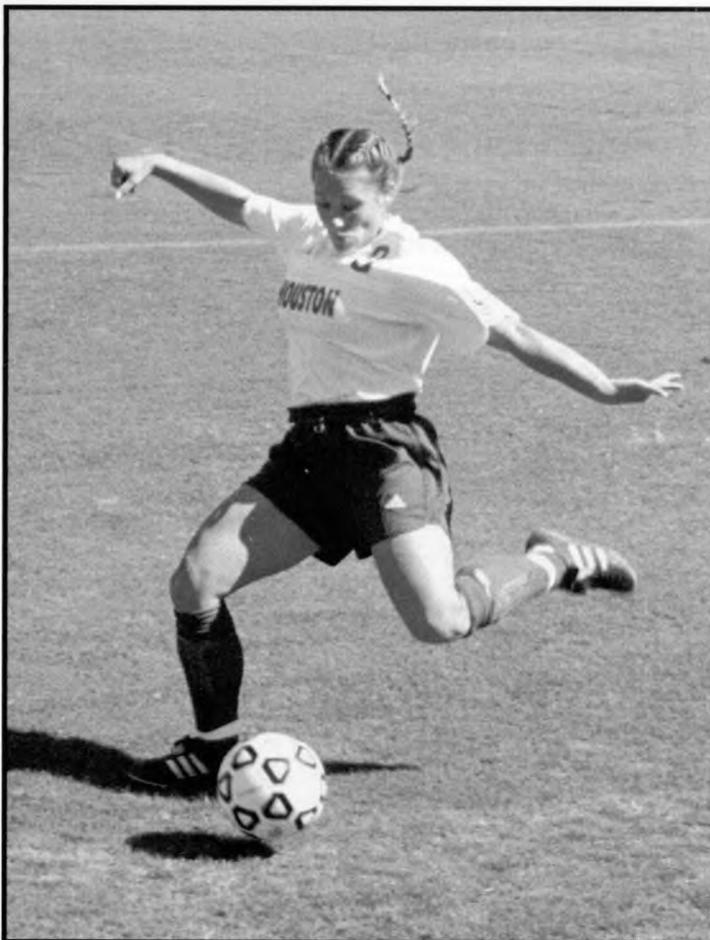
Displaying an instant turnaround, freshman Anne Gasser dives for possession of the ball, beating her opponent during the game against Southwest Texas. Unfortunately, fierce competition led the Lady Cougars to loss at 0-4

Photo by Kena Alvarado



Senior Juli Murphy uses her drilling skills to successfully send the ball to senior Carrie Evans. Working together on the field as well as off the field during practice allowed the Lady Cougars to play closer as a team.

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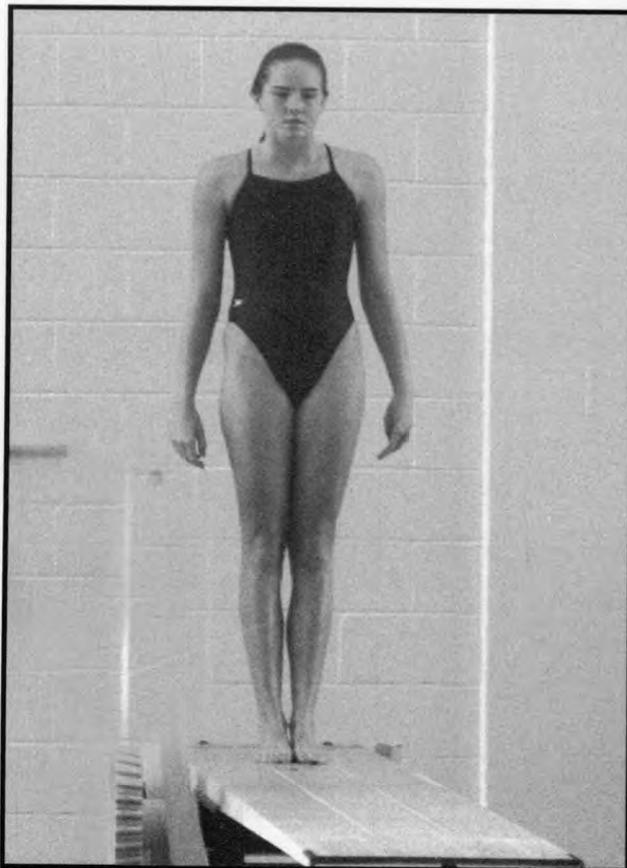
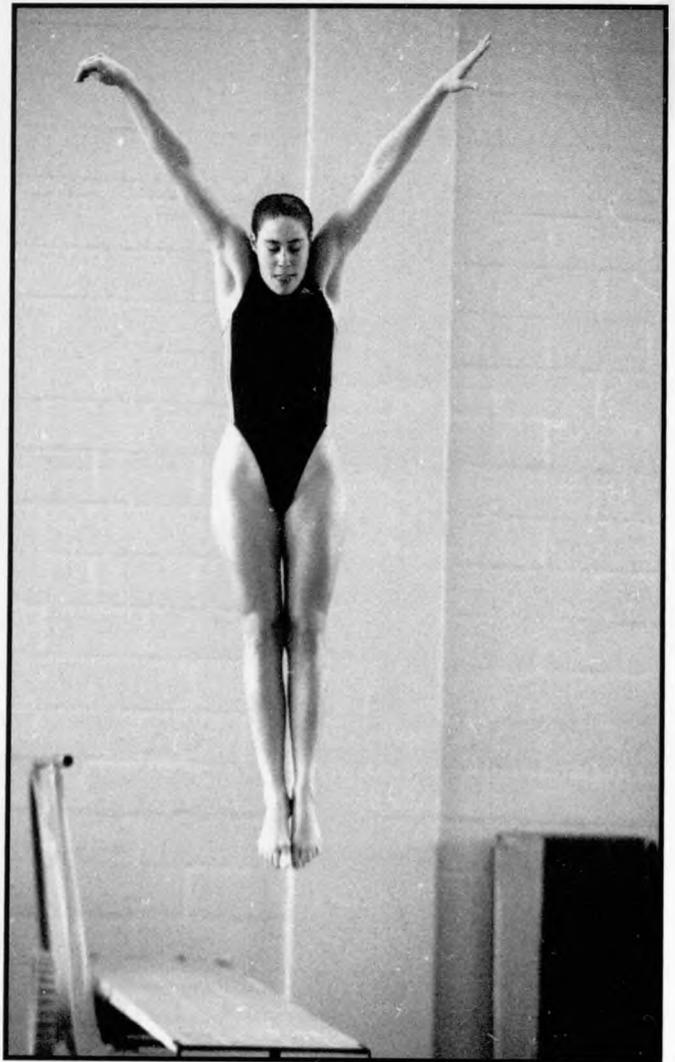
Taking advantage of her position, senior Carrie Evans acts on her initiative to make a powerful kick to her teammate downfield. She used her strength and power to target the ball successfully.

Photo by Kena Alvarado

Season Outcomes	
Opponent	UH-Opponent
Army	0-0
Rice	2-1
Southern Methodist	1-2
North Texas	0-3
Southwest Texas State	0-4
UTEP	3-0
Charlotte	0-4
East Carolina	0-1
Saint Louis	2-0
Marquette	1-2
University of Texas	0-4
Louisiana	0-1
South Florida	2-1
Memphis	2-1
Southern Mississippi	2-1
Tulane	2-0



(Above) Sophomore Corrie Phares races to the finish line during the butterfly stroke race. (Right) Sophomore Yulia Pakhalina swiftly prepares for the 3 meter dive meet during the competition against Southern Methodist. Photos by Walter Coreas



(Left) Concentrating deeply on her performance, freshman Lindsay Harvey prepares for the high dive. (Above) Sophomore Lucile Turpin demonstrates the breast stroke. Photos by Walter Coreas

SHARP STROKES

BY DIONNE VICTOR

Headed by swimming head coach Ginger Hurley, assistant coach Jeffrey Helms and diving coach Jane Figueiredo, the swimming and diving team performed well during the 2001-2002 season. In a team that returned fifteen letter winners from last season, the 2001-2002 season was a season of lessons, trials and victories.

As part of the growing list of firsts that Cougar sports teams have encountered is the first Conference USA swimming and diving championship which was held in Indianapolis on Feb. 16.

Backed by seniors Stacey Ebeling, Austinea Foglietta, Elissa Nelson and Linda Osborne as well as

sophomore diver, Yulia Pakhalina, the Lady Cougars team finished fourth out of six teams.

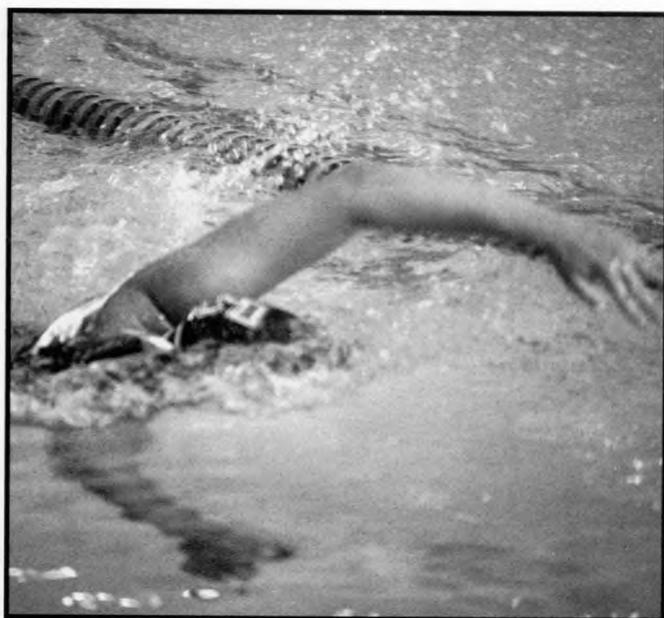
Nelson finished third in the 1650-yard freestyle with a time of 17:14:61, while Foglietta finished twelfth with a time of 18:19:57. In diving, three of UH contenders finished in the top five, first place went Pakhalina with a score of 371.05, divers Lindsay Harvey and Veronica Smith finished in third and fifth place respectively with scores of 279.05 and 266.15.

The 400-yard freestyle relay team made up of Nelson, Ebeling, Kristen Douglass and Kristen Bay was successful in a fourth place finish with a time of 3:36:72.

The team members and coaches alike walked away with C-USA accolades despite struggling through a 2-9 season. Pakhalina received the Women's Diver of the Meet and Women's Diver of the Year awards. Coach Figueiredo received her third Conference USA Women's Diving Coach of the Year and freshman Lindsey Harvey received the Freshman Diver of the Meet award.

On March 15, the Lady Cougars travelled to Fayetteville, AK for the NCAA Diving Zone Qualifiers.

Beyond swimming and diving, this season the team volunteered at the Regional Special Olympics Swim Meet held on Sept. 8 at the Don Cook Fort Bend County Natatorium.



Striving to swim ahead, Senior Elissa Nelson performs her freestyle.

Photo by Walter Coreas

SCORES

Louisiana State L, 156-84
North Texas W, 184-112
Louisiana State W, 197-90
Arkansas L, 199-95
SW Missouri State L, 95-45
Kansas L, 91-48
Nevada L, 98-80
Rice L, 88-149
Texas Christian L, 129-89
Southern Methodist L, 136-99
Texas A&M L, 151-128



(Above) Sophomore Jen Baccarani and senior Joanne Keene congratulate each other after their performance in a successful doubles match. (Right) Ready for some action, senior Joanne Keene prepares to swing back to overcome her opponent.

Photos by Kena Alvarado



SCORES

Tulane W, 4-3

Texas Christian University L, 5-2

University of Alabama at Birmingham W, 4-1

University of Texas at El Paso L, 4-3

Texas Tech L, 5-1

Southern Methodist University L, 5-2

Tulsa L, 4-3

Arkansas L, 5-1

Marquette L, 5-2



Striking her opponent with a powerful serve, sophomore Sarah Flood uses her strength to take the lead in the match.

Photo by Kena Alvarado

Perfect Match

Unbreakable Ties

Lead by a successful player of the week, the women's tennis team constantly fought hard to gain their victory. Their weapons included setting high goals as well as focusing on team unity.

"Unity was what made the team great and it took each team member giving up a part of themselves for that unity to be real. There has to be a common respect for each other and our differences. The common goal must be one that everyone on board desires to accomplish," head coach Jennifer Hyde said.

The University of Houston women's tennis team won 2 out of 8 divisions at the UH Tennis Fall

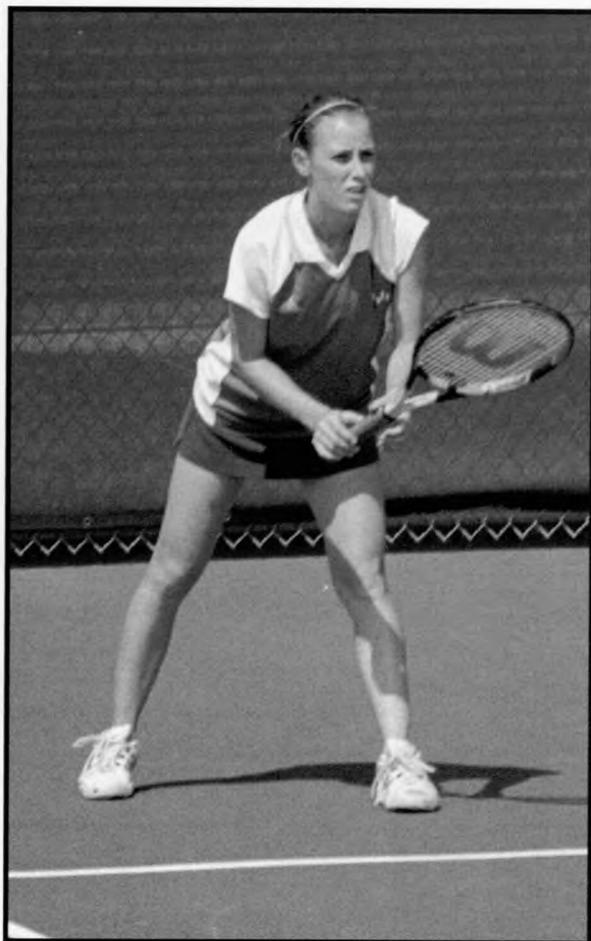
Classic. Schools that participated included SMU, Southwest Texas State, UTEP, UTSA, Texas Tech and Tulsa. Houston's Jen Baccarani was the Conference USA Women's Tennis Player of the Week for the period ending March 11. The junior closed the week on a three-match winning streak. She downed UAB, 6-2, 6-7, 6-3 and Virginia Tech, 6-2, 6-3. Against Penn State, Baccarani overcame a third set deficit to win, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3. In singles, Baccarani was 8-3 overall and 3-1 in Conference USA. She and Sarah Borwell teamed to go 9-2 in doubles matches.

The Houston Cougar tennis team finished a less than successful week-

end at home against Texas Tech and SMU. Playing without number one singles player, Sarah Borwell, the team struggled to win matched against their state opponents.

"I'm a true believer that if you are persistent, if you do everything in your capability to improve and if you are committed to it, you will succeed. It may only be incremental, but as long as you are trying to make yourself better each day you are going to improve not only in the sport of tennis, but also in everyday life." Hyde said.

by Lacie Burke



(Left) Concentrating hard, junior Karine Urbin sets up to return the serve from her Texas opponent. (Above) Freshman Kandace Ridgeway strikes back with a powerful overhand stroke.

Photos by Kena Alvarado

The Long Run

by Lacie Burke

In a meet reminiscent of the old Southwest Conference days, the University of Houston track and field squads went head-to-head with old foes Baylor, Rice, SMU and UT at the Houston Indoor Invitational, with the men capturing fifth place. On the men's side, the Cougars finished behind UT, Baylor, Texas-Arlington and Rice for the fifth place.

Pacing the men was the one-two finish in the triple jump by Jason Edwards and Sean Clayton. Edwards took first with his jump of 49-11.25, while Clayton was a close second at 48-6.75. Clayton also grabbed eighth place in the long jump with a leap of 22-11.00.

In the pole vault, which has historically been one of UH's top events, the Cougars placed one, three and five, as Daniel Patton cleared 16-00.75 for top honors. Tom Rusteberg cleared 15-7.00 for third, while Jason Myers rounded out the Houston scoring with his fifth-place vault of 15-1.00.

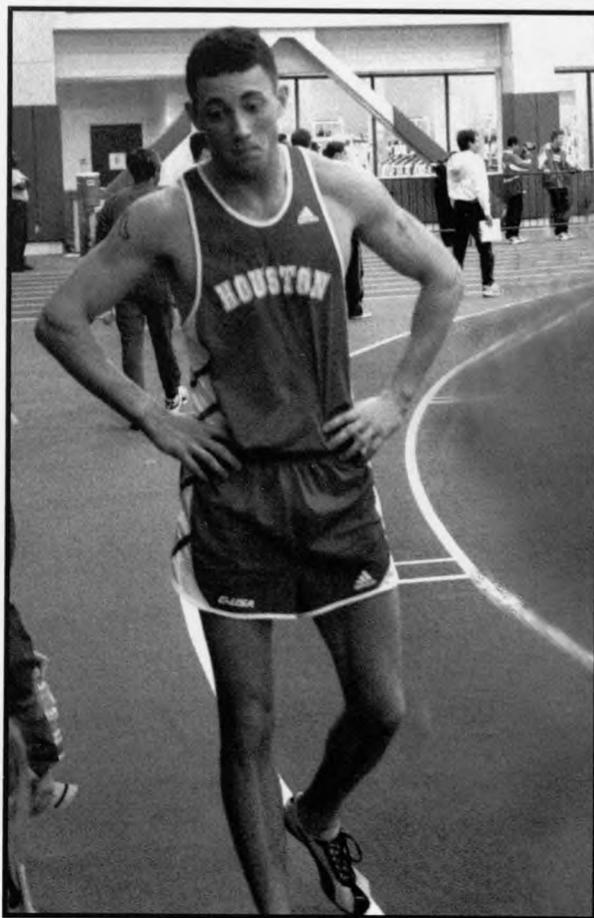
Rounding out the Cougar scoring on the men's side was Robert Foster (fifth in the 60 meters, 6.85), Tom Harper (5th-800 meters, 1:55.95), Milton Manson (7th-60-meter hurdles, 8.26), Kevin Ward (6th-mile, 4:27.05), Alex Winstel (7th-mile, 4:29.64).

Indoor Invitational on Saturday, January 26.

The University of Houston men's track and field teams traveled to Baton Rouge, La., where the Cougars competed in the LSU Purple Tiger Invitational on Saturday, January 26.

Houston's men's team was among 28 teams who competed in the LSU Purple Tiger Invitational. Besides Houston and LSU, other prominent programs at the meet includes the University of Texas men's team.

Houston finished fourth in the team standings at the Southwest Classic Indoor meet. TCU won the men's division with 96.50 points, while Abilene Christian was second with 87.50 points. Baylor was third with 61 team points and Houston was fourth with 47.50 points.



Sophomore Juan Gardenas reacts to his scores during the NCAA Championship. Houston athletes faced fierce competition with other schools and with themselves. Photo by Kena Alvarado



(Above) Trying to catch up, junior Robert Foster strives to run even faster.

(Right) Making his way around the track, sophomore Juan Gardenas leads the way during the relay race.

Photos by Kena Alvarado



SCORES

**Leonard Hilton Memorial,
4th Place**

**Conference USA Indoor
Championships 4th, 24.5 points**

**Conference USA Indoor
Championships 3rd, 84.5**

**Southwest Indoor Invitational
2nd Place**

**Houston Invitational,
2nd Place**



Pacing himself, sophomore Ronnie Martinez keeps his mind on the finish line as he comes closer to overtaking his opponent.

Photo by Kena Alvarado

THE LONG RUN

By Lacie Burke

Competing in their hometown, the Lady Cougars triumphantly conquered their rivals at the Houston Indoor Invitational against Baylor, Rice, SMU and Texas, where women captured fourth place.

Wrapping up the field events, with favorite and teammate Rhian Clarke out with an illness, pole-vaulter Jessica Edwards cleared 11-7.75 for a third-place finish. In the weight throw, Shayla Bowman rounded out the Cougar scoring with a sixth-place throw of 43-4.25.

The women received solid performances in most of the events, including the sprints, distances and field events. All-Conference USA sprinter Lauren Smith took second in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.53, while running a 25.01 in the 200 meters to earn fourth-place honors.

Krystal Ward continued her excellence, grabbing second place in the high jump with a height of 5-05.75 as well as an eight-place finish

in the long jump with a leap of 18-4.25.

In the distance events, Heather Howse captured second on the grueling 5,000 meters, finishing in a time of 17:56.37. Vanessa Golston took fifth in the 3,000 meters (10:59.06) and ninth in the mile (5:21.85).

Next up for the Cougars was a trip to Baton Rouge, where both the women's squads competed in the LSU Indoor Invitational on Saturday, January 26.

The University of Houston men's and women's track and field teams took limited squads to Colorado Springs, CO where they competed in the U.S. Air Force Open meet on Saturday, February 16.

The Lady Cougars also took a group of sprinters to the USAF meet after they finished second in the team standings at the Southwest Classic. Baylor won the women's title with 119 points, while Houston was second with 89 points.



Pushing off her feet, junior Shelley Keys jumps as high as she can to make it over. She then clears the hurdle with a perfect jump.

Photo by Kena Alvarado

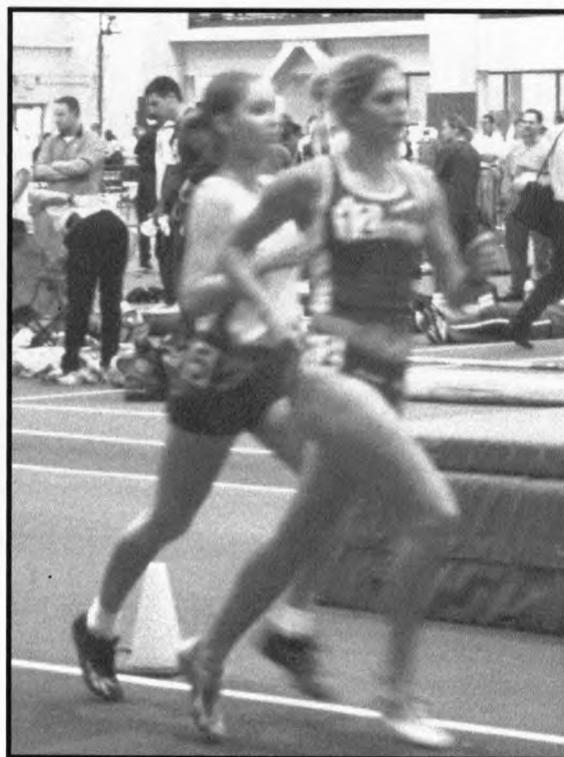


Making it over the bar through a burst of strength, sophomore Monica De La Hoya miraculously clears the height for a surprising score allowing her to advance to the next round.

Photo by Kena Alvarado

Using a quick surge of energy, junior Heather Howse passes her opponent and takes the lead.

Photo by Kena Alvarado



Running for the goal, the UH track teammate freshman Veronica Thomas strives to endure the home stretch to the finish line.

Photo by Kena Alvarado

SCORES

**Houston Invitational,
1st Place, 19 points**
**Texas Intercollegiate Invitational
3rd Place, 65 points**
**Lehigh Invitational
9th Place, 296 points**
**NCAA South Central Regional
Championships, 8th Place**
**Conference USA Championship,
4th Place**
**Texas A&M Cross Country
Invitational Results, 116 points**

STRONG STROKES

By Matthew E. Caster

Golf is a sport that strikes fear and loathing into men and women of all ages. With a simple pretext of using a stick to hit a little white ball into a three-inch diameter cup, what could be so hard? Yet even so-called "professionals" often find this task stunningly difficult. Yet there are those in the world who excelled at such a task. These people were the members of the University of Houston's Golf Team.

Infamous on campus for top finishes in almost every tournament it competed in, the UH Cougar Golf Team consistently ranked among the top programs in the nation. Several members of past teams have gone on to professional careers, and the 2001-2002 squad seemed destined to produce a few more.

The biggest tournament of the year for the UH Cougars was the Conference USA Championships, which were held at The Golf Club at Hidden Creek in Navarre, Florida. After five straight C-USA

Championships in proceeding years, the Cougars looked poised to repeat. However, a disappointing couple of rounds left the Coogs in 5th place with only one more day of the tournament remaining.

Accepting the call to action, juniors Simon Robinson and Brett Callas, along with sophomore stand-out Brad McIntosh, shot the best team round of the tournament on the final day, hurdling three spots to finish respectably as the number two team in the conference.

"It wasn't our best tournament ever but I was really proud of the way our team pulled together on the last round. We reminded the field that we're still tough competitors," said McIntosh.

With other top finishes throughout the year at various tournaments across the country, the University of Houston Golf Team stood out amongst all the rest as a team of selfless individual stars who put up terrific rounds together.

Season	Outcomes
	The Ridges Intercollegiate 14th
	Red River Classic Tournament 9th
	Waikoloa Intercollegiate 9th
	Southwestern Intercollegiate 12th
	Las Vegas Intercollegiate 8th, 877
	Morris Williams Intercollegiate 9th
	ASU Thunderbird/Savane Invitational 16th
	U.S. Collegiate Championships 5th
	Conference USA Championships 2nd



(Left) Junior Simon Robinson carefully concentrates on the ball guiding it into the hole. (Above) Showing off his swing, sophomore Brad McIntosh perfectly strikes the ball to send it flying. **Photo courtesy of Jeff Conrad**



Working together on a perfect round, sophomore Scott Ferguson contributes to the team as he prepares to fire his career-best shot.

Photo courtesy of Jeff Conrad



(Above) Senior Ali McDougall prepares to pitch the ball to the batter during the UT-San Antonio game. (Right) Sophomore Melissa Lynch steps up to the plate with a good attitude preparing herself to focus and concentrate on the game.

Photos by Kena Alvarado



SCORES

- Texas A&M Corpus Christi W, 7-0
- Oregon W, 2-0
- Southwest Texas State W, 5-0
- Southwest Texas State Univ. W, 9-1
- Baylor University L, 4-0
- Texas Tech W, 6-4
- Texas A&M Corpus Christi W, 2-1
- Sam Houston State W, 6-5
- McNeese State University W, 4-2
- McNeese State W, 2-1
- McNeese State L, 2-0
- Utah W, 6-2
- Stephen F. Austin University W, 14-0
- Stephen F. Austin W, 11-3
- Ohio St L, 5-0
- Northwestern State University W, 6-0
- Northwestern State University L, 7-2
- University of Florida L, 8-2
- University of Louisiana L, 3-2
- University of Louisiana L, 6-1
- University of South Florida L, 4-3
- University of South Florida W, 14-4



Doing her best, junior Amber King uses all her strength to hit the ball.

Photo by Kena Alvarado

Love of the Game

Swinging Away

With a new softball field, a new freshman class and new assistant coach Nicole Dickson, the Lady Cougars' softball team played by the old motto instilled in them by second year head coach Kyla Holas: Expect to win.

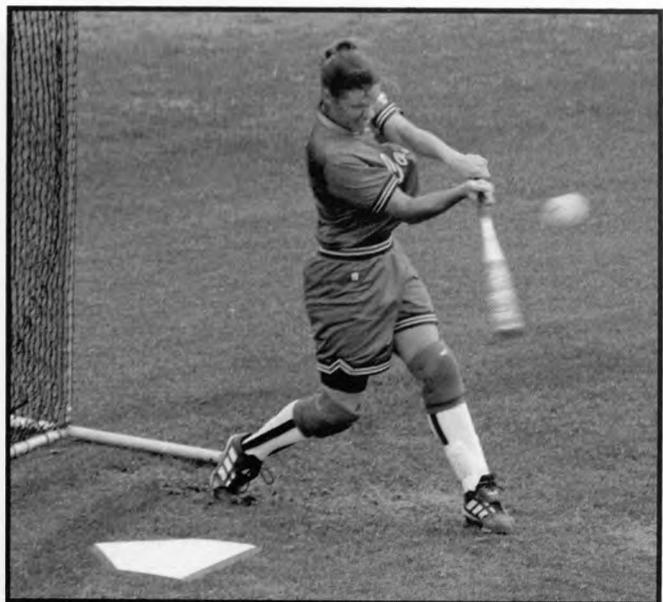
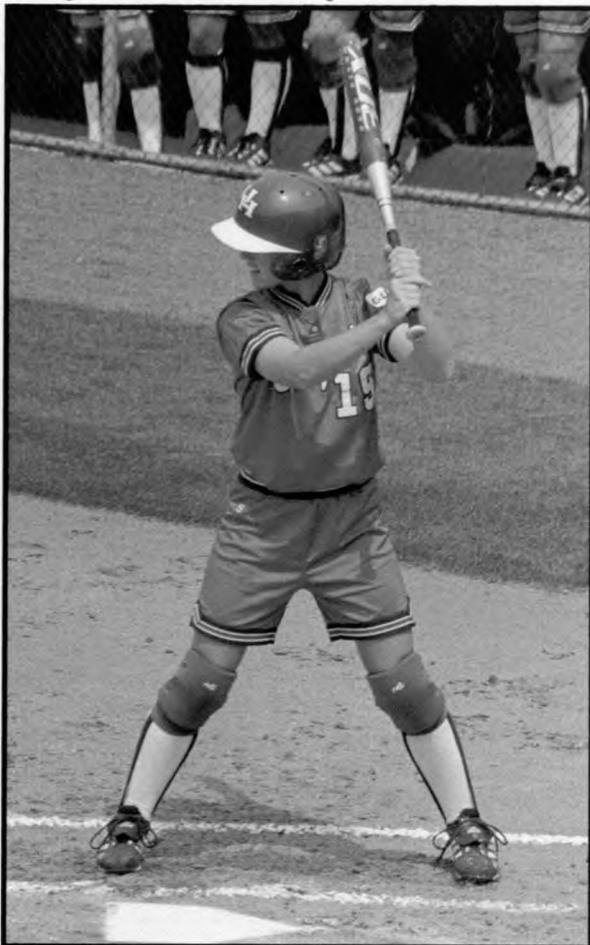
The addition of new players gave the Cougars an advantage because they could easily go to the bench for support or depend on their starters. Go-to girls in the first graduating class players such as off hitter, Riane Netardus, the starting second baseman. Leslie Seay, Tiffany Raburn and sack leader and catcher Keri Kubala also added depth and acted as leaders on and off the field.

Because they were always in game mode, even practices were

intense and the new field was an added luxury. The new field brought a new attitude, said Holas, even though the field was not finished by the beginning of conference season, having a home field lessens adversity and travel to and from practice fields which before seemed very time-consuming.

Adjusting to changes and staying in game mode has helped the team to add depth and to focus. As a young team, the Lady Cougars softball team with the help of coaches Holas, Dickson and first assistant coach Howard Dobson, focused on setting goals and winning conference play: "hopefully good things will come from that," said Holas.

by Dionne Victor



(Left) Facing the heat, sophomore Jaime Falco stands strong as she anticipates the pitch. (Above) Pinpointing the ball's position, senior Tiffany Raburn sends it flying. Photos by Kena Alvarado

Independent Women

Winning over the Conference

by Dionne Victor

During the Speedline Tournament in Plant City, Fla., which was the culmination of the Lady Cougar's tournament season, the team finished third and was an overall success with a 5-1 tournament record.

Conference play began March 12 at home against the Southern Mississippi Eagles. Last year's play gave way to expectations of a fifth place finish in conference for softball. But head coach Kyla Holas felt that this 2002 team far exceeded its forecasted placement and saw the team finishing third in conference, because they planned to continue to add depth through improving play

in practice and in games.

Now in its sophomore year of C-USA play, the team was still young and was concentrating on improving pitching.

"Pitching is first and foremost; you want to be the best, and to be the best you have to have the best pitching," said Holas.

On the other end of spectrum, the softball team's strong point was hitting, with the team's average above .300. In conference play, the team looked forward to playing DePaul and Southern Miss, two teams that set the standard for pitching and solid defense, according to Holas.



(Left) Running past the opponent, senior Leslie Seay quickly reaches the base in order to be safe. (Above) Coming together as a team, the Lady Cougars unite before the UT-San Antonio game.

Photos by Kena Alvarado



(Above) Senior Riane Netardus quickly throws the ball to her teammate from the outfield. Photo by Kena Alvarado
 (Right) Sophomore Candis Turnbo runs to reach first base.

Photo by Lauren Wilson



Playing the outfield position, Freshman Kim Nesloney instantly reacts as she scoops up the ball.

Photo by Kena Alvarado

EVEN MORE SCORES

- University of South Florida W, 6-4
- Florida International University L, 3-2
- Georgia State University W, 14-3
- Michigan State University W, 4-3
- Brigham Young University W, 7-4
- University of Maryland W, 3-0
- Speedline Tournament W, 7-5
- Maryland W, 0-3
- Southern Mississippi L, 5-2
- Southern Mississippi L, 10-4
- Southern Mississippi L, 8-2
- Texas A&M L, 6-0
- Charlotte L, 3-1
- Charlotte W, 9-1
- Charlotte W, 4-3
- DePaul L, 7-0
- DePaul L, 6-5
- Prarie View A&M W, 12-0
- East Carolina University W, 1-0
- East Carolina University L, 5-1
- East Carolina University L, 12-2

■ ■ ■ TRUE SURVIVORS

The University of Houston has a long and glorious history of athletic greatness. Though every sport has its good years and its bad years, every sport here proudly lives up to the Cougar tradition. Baseball is the exception to the rule, not in that they fail to make their fellow Cougars proud, but rather in the sense that they never seem to have a bad year. 2002 was no exception as the team once again demonstrated extraordinary talent and sportsmanship on the field of play, and assembled an absolutely marvelous season, to the utter delight of Cougar fans everywhere. The UH baseball team was phenomenal at home and on the road, winning yet another Conference USA title and advancing far into the

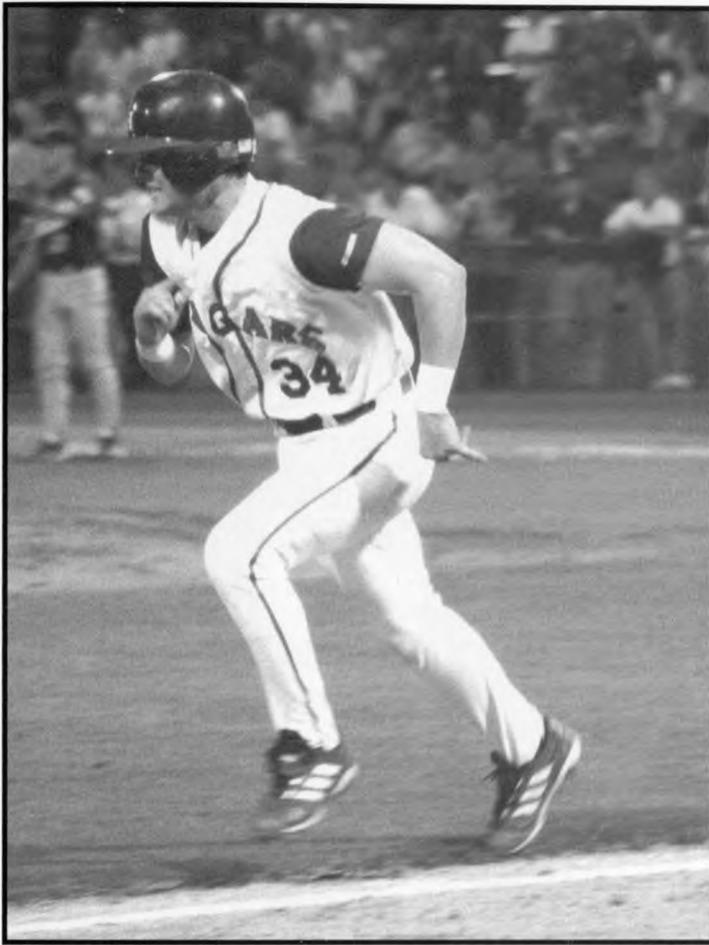
National Baseball Tournament. The Cougars finished with a marvelous 48-17 record, and won 15 out of their last 18 games. The Cougars, who ranked in the top ten nationally for virtually the entire season, fielded perhaps one of the greatest teams in history, with stand-outs like sophomore pitcher Brad Sullivan and junior catcher Chris Snyder. The team advanced all the way to the Super Regionals in the national tournament, before bowing out after consecutive losses to the eventual champions of the College World Series from the University of Texas. It was truly a year to remember for UH's phenomenal baseball team.

By Matthew E. Caster



Sophomore Austin Faught winds up his infamous split-finger fastball and prepares to gun it past an unsuspecting batter from the University of Texas. The Cougars showed unbelievable depth and talent at the pitching position.

Photo by Kevin Harwerth



Freshman Stuart Musslewhite hustles down the basepath after one of his fellow teammates hit the ball. UH's skill on the bases contributed to their phenomenal season.

Photo by Lauren Wilson

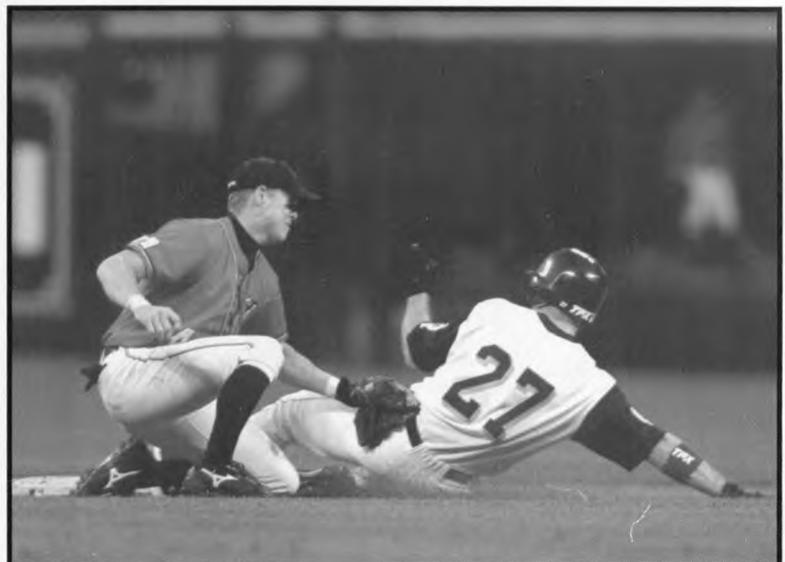
Season Outcomes

Rice L, 7-3
 Rice L, 3-1
 Tulane W, 8-0
 Tulane W, 11-1
 Tulane W, 11-3
 Fresno State W, 11-0
 Southern Mississippi W, 3-2
 Southern Mississippi L, 8-4
 Southern Mississippi W, 7-6
 Rice W, 1-0
 East Carolina L, 5-4
 East Carolina L, 11-4
 East Carolina W, 7-3
 Texas A&M W, 10-2
 Memphis W, 15-1
 Memphis W, 15-3
 Memphis W, 16-6
 Rice L, 7-5
 Cincinnati W, 10-2
 Cincinnati L, 11-10
 Cincinnati W, 10-1
 Sam Houston State W, 6-1
 Saint Louis W, 7-3
 Saint Louis W, 9-5
 South Florida L, 10-9
 South Florida L, 9-2
 South Florida W, 11-1



Junior Chris Snyder successfully steals second base in this game against the University of Texas. The UH vs. UT games created a great deal of stir in the area because both teams were among the best in the nation.

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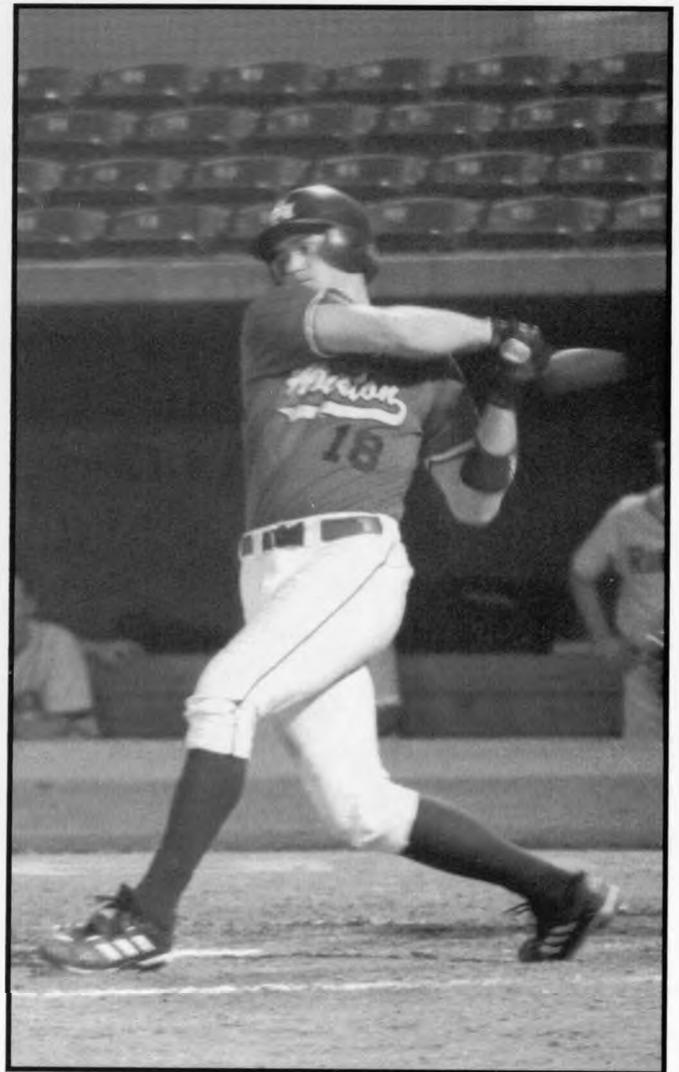
Junior Jesse Crain just manages to get back to the bag in time to avoid the tag from the second baseman during the UH-Baylor game.

Photo by Kevin Harwerth



(Above) Junior Jesse Crain goes for the double play at second base, and shows excellent form while doing so. (Right) Junior Chris Snyder sends another fly deep for the Cougars against Texas A&M

photos by Lauren Wilson



Season Outcomes

Charlotte W, 9-1
 Charlotte W, 8-4
 Charlotte W, 3-2
 Baylor W, 3-2
 University of Texas L, 7-6
 Texas A&M W, 2-1
 Rice L, 4-0
 Texas Tech W, 3-0
 Southwest Texas L, 4-3
 Baylor W, 10-4
 Louisiana State University W, 11-3
 Louisiana State University L, 8-4
 Louisiana State University W, 12-11
 University of South Carolina W, 9-4
 University of Louisiana at Lafayette W, 5-2
 University of Louisiana at Lafayette W, 7-3
 University of Louisiana at Lafayette W, 9-8
 University of Alabama at Birmingham W, 3-2
 University of Alabama at Birmingham W, 5-1
 University of Alabama at Birmingham L, 6-2
 University of Texas at San Antonio W, 5-2

BALLS

BY MATTHEW E. CASTER

Sure, the UH baseball team did great in 2002. Sure, they won another Conference USA title. Sure, they were only one win away from a trip to the College World Series. What's next for these guys? If their performance this year carries over to next year, quite a bit. UH had several all-Conference USA players, not to mention many other talented individuals who consistently showed both talent and teamwork on the diamond. Here's the best part: very few of them graduated.

Looking forward to 2003's baseball season, many Cougars already expected greatness from the UH

baseball team based on their tradition of excellence. But with a cast of young stars on the rise, the slight shortcomings of the 2002 season, losing in the Super Regionals to UT, would hopefully soon be overshadowed by a College World Series Championship in 2003.

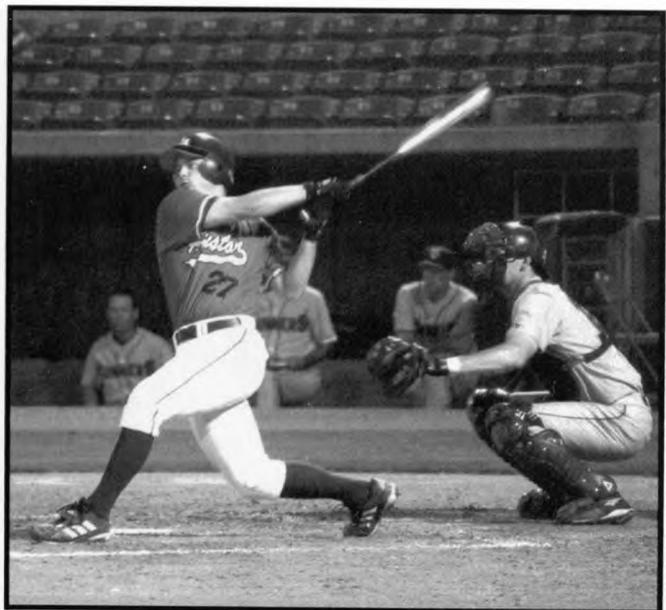
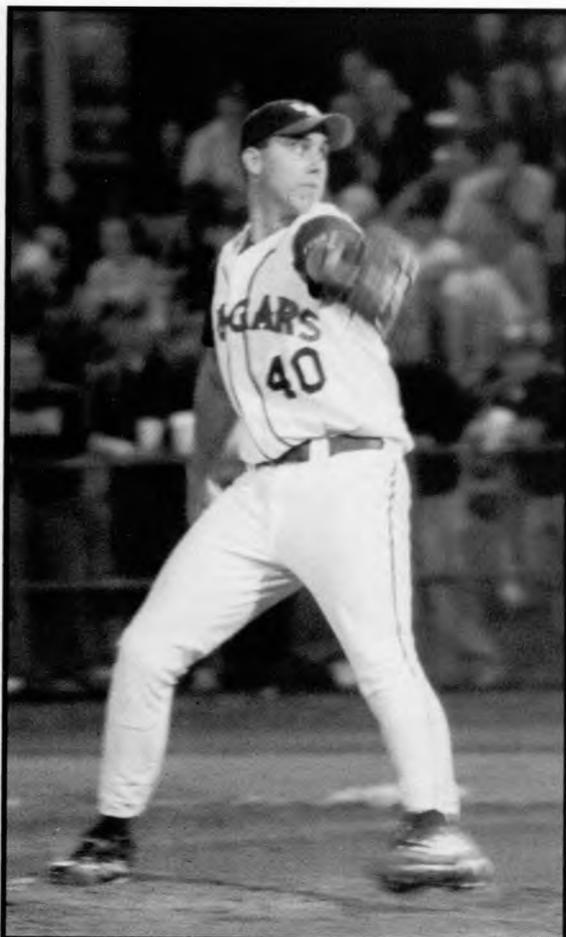
"It was a bittersweet experience," said sophomore Michael Bourn. "It was tough knowing that we played a great season but just couldn't pull it together against UT. It makes me want to win that much more next year."

Cougar Baseball fans were almost certain to see some fire-

works, as nearly the entire team was expected to return to the field for the Cougars in 2003.

"We had a great team this year, a lot of young guys got valuable experience this year," said sophomore Brad McIntosh. "But if you think 2002 was a good year for our team, just wait until next year. There are going to be some fireworks."

Anticipation for the 2003 season ran high on campus, as a school on the rise, establishing a tradition of excellence at the great American pastime. Cougar Field was a great place to be in 2002... expect even better in 2003.



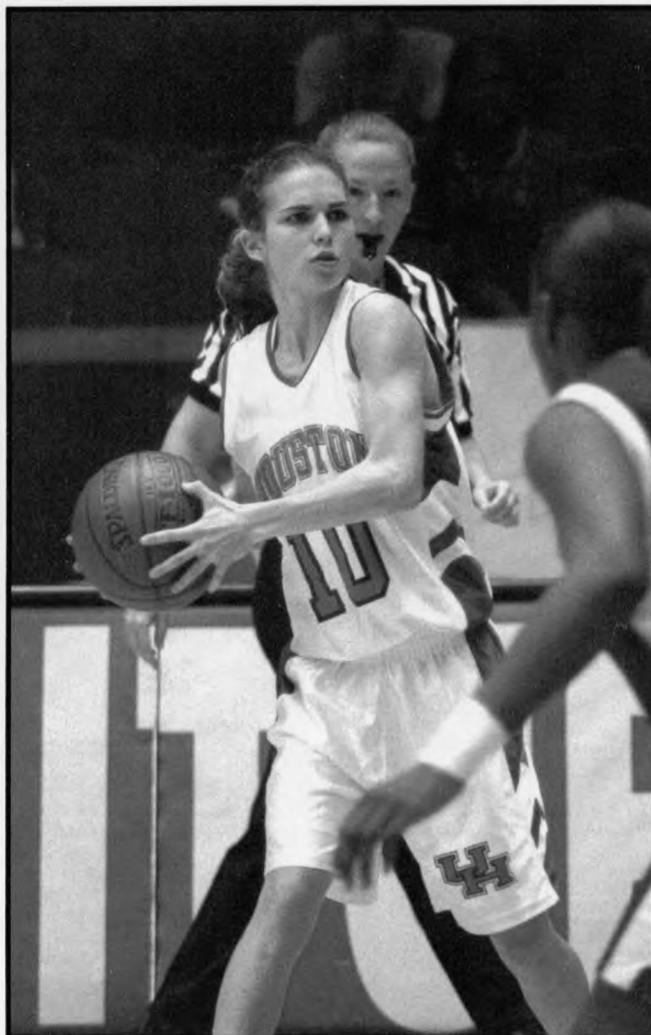
(Left) Freshman Ryan Wagner winds up and delivers a tricky change up. (Above) Junior Jesse Crain launches the ball over the left field fence as the Cougars go on to win another game.

photos by Lauren Wilson



(Above) Freshman Sara Hinkley uses her instinct to quickly move and pass the ball to her teammate. (Right) Fighting through a tough situation, sophomore Courtney Postner swiftly moves around her opponent.

Photos by Lauren Wilson



Caught up in the middle, the Lady Cougars work together to break free of their entanglement. The girls constantly performed their skills while also combining important teamwork elements.

Photo by Lauren Wilson



VICTORIES

Triumph in Glory

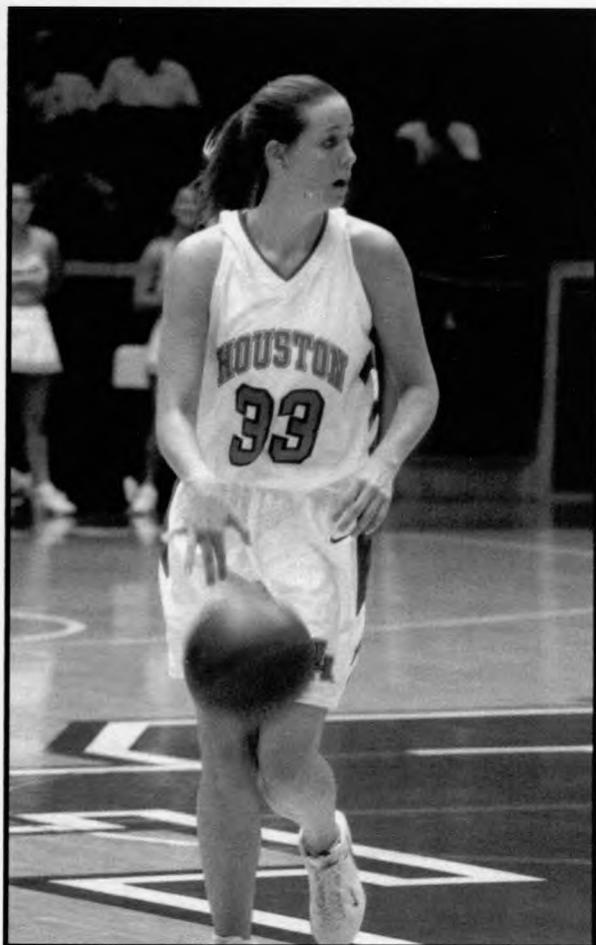
by Lacie Burke

Finally UH students had a reason to come to games, buy some popcorn, and cheer. The Women's basketball team inspired school spirit among many students due to their victories and accomplishments.

Upon closing out the regular season with an 11-3 mark against Conference USA opponents and a 21-6 overall record during the 2001-02 campaign, the University of Houston Lady Cougars earned a No. 2 seed and first-round opportunity in the Conference USA Women's Basketball Tournament. The Lady Cougars went on to land a victory in the first round and then lost to Cincinnati in the second

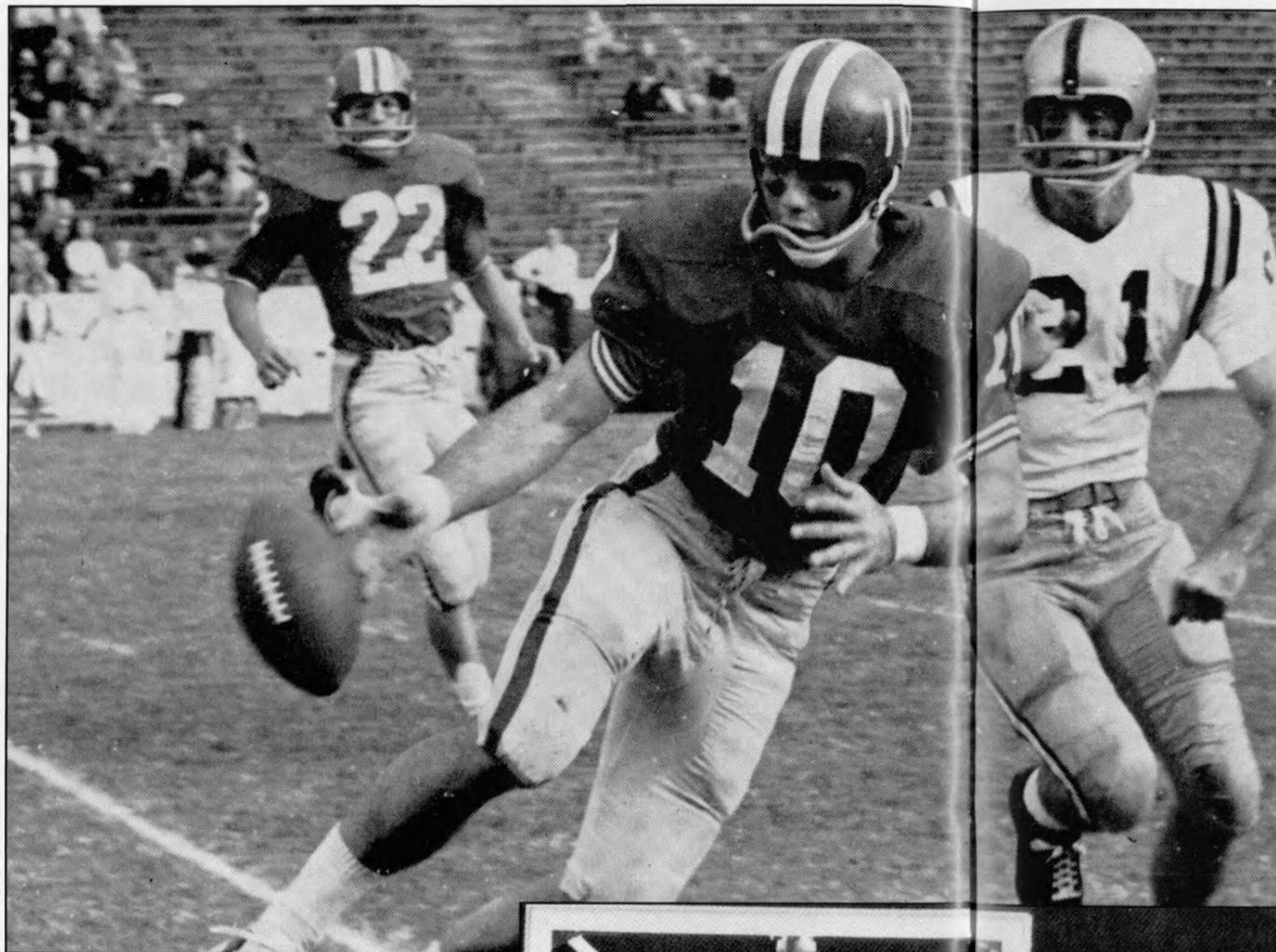
tournament. However, the girls also won the first four rounds of the WNIT Championship, and then barely missing the title to the Oregon Ducks.

Houston sophomore Chandi Jones also gave the UH student body a player to be extremely proud of. She was named a second team All-American and also received the organization's National Comeback Player of the Year award. The Lady Cougar sophomore was also named the 2002 Conference USA Player of the Year and received an Honorable Mention on the 2001-02 AP Women's All-America basketball team.



(Left) Seeking out her teammates, junior Angela Curl demonstrates her awareness of the court. (Above) Senior Valerie Muoneke strives to move around her opponent safely.

Photos by Lauren Wilson



1962

Larry Lindsey dodges a Florida State defender to get to the ball. Interestingly enough, UH won this game -- one of five wins in the season. Believe it or not.

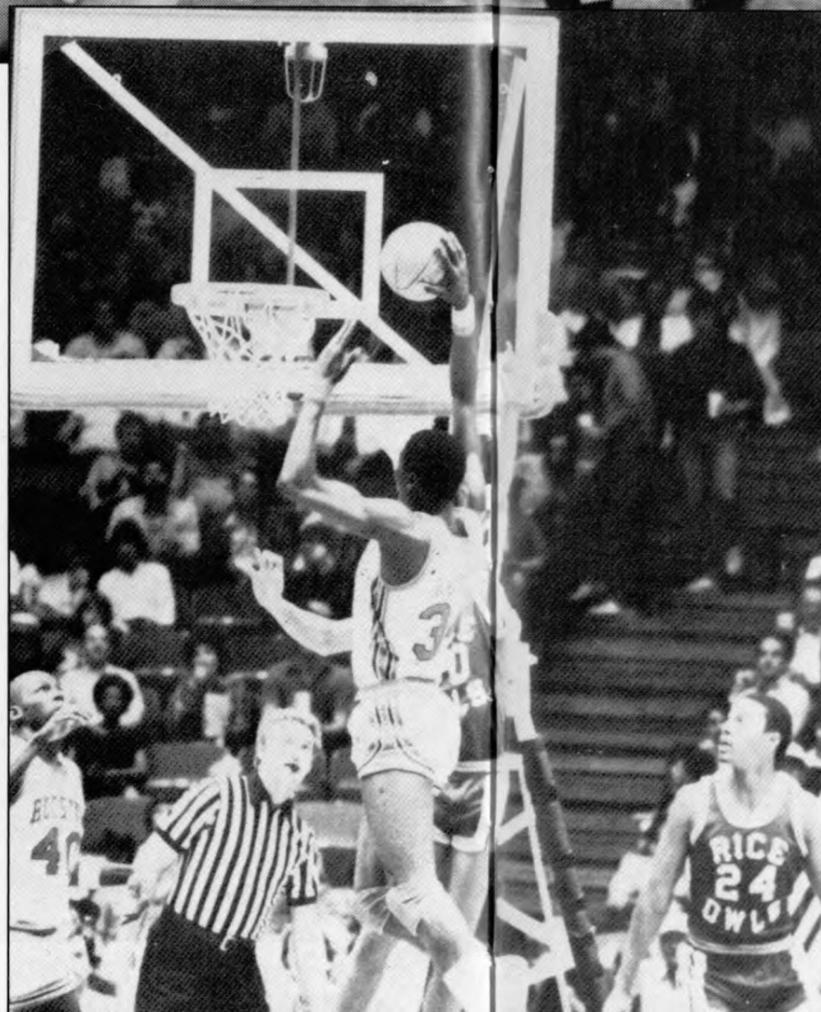


1973

A Cougar player swings at the ball in a game against Iowa State. This year's "new addition" to the team was a group of attractive bat girls, known as the "Dugout Darlins". Hmm.

1984

Hakeem Olajuwon sails over a Rice player to sink a basket. This was Olajuwon's last year with the Cougars before turning pro, and fans worried that his leaving would doom the team in years to come.



1955

Heeeeere's Shasta! The original school mascot poses with a friend for a picture. Back when the University actually had a living, breathing mascot, there were eight people entrusted with her care.

Sports *in the past*

The University of Houston has one of the proudest sports traditions of any school in the United States. No, really. Our school supported a variety of individual sports stars, as well as some great teams over the last seventy-five years, and despite somewhat dismal performances by the Cougars in recent years, the long-standing tradition of athletic excellence gives our athletes something to strive for.

Beyond doubt, the heyday of the UH Athletics program was during the 1980's. During this decade, many UH athletes who would eventually become superstars contributed stellar performances to the University. In the first half of the decade, a young man by the name of Carl Lewis took UH's track and field team to new heights with his outstanding athletic ability. He went on to compete in four Summer Olympics winning numerous medals.

Around the same time, UH basketball players like Clyde "The Glyde" Drexler and Hakeem "The Dream" Olajuwon were crushing all the competition in sight during the days of "Phi Slatamma Jamma." After several strong finishes in the NCAA Basketball Championships, these two went on to play in the NBA, and are ranked amongst the fifty greatest players in the history of the league.

There once was a time when our football team was a dominating presence in the Southwestern Athletic Conference, too. Running a "Run and Shoot" offense that was nearly impossible to stop, UH was a perennial hopeful for a berth in a college bowl game. In 1989, Andre Ware, the quarterback who orchestrated the Run and Shoot, was awarded the Heisman Trophy and flaunted as one of the best quarterbacks in the nation.

In the early days of the 21st century, enthusiasm in UH Athletics has somewhat dimmed, but there were still many talented athletes fighting for Cougar pride and striving for excellence.

Matthew E. Caster



Go America! Go Coogs!

During the homecoming pep rally, members of Phi Kappa Theta waved flags and sported their Cougar Paws. UH lost the football game, but the pride of these students could not be dampened. Photo by Lauren Wilson

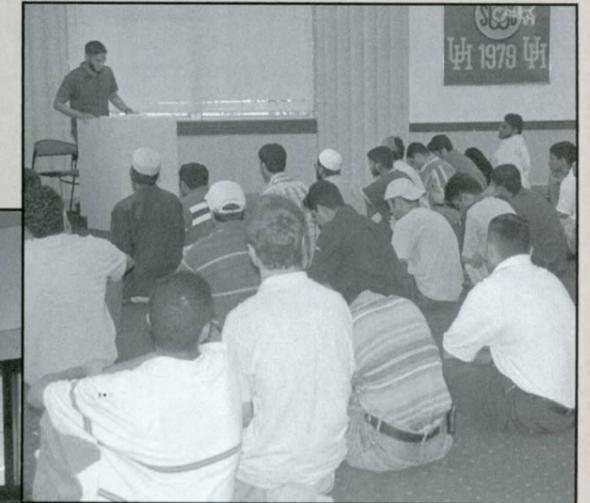
Full House

Cougar fans go wild as the UH Cougars take the lead just before halftime against the UT Longhorns. When all was said and done, UH lost 53-26. Photo by Brian Viney



Next on the agenda...

UH students gather in a meeting room in the Quadrangle to hear from a guest speaker. Most UH students made a conscious effort to stay informed. Photo by Lorrie Novosad



A little refreshment

After a pit stop to pick up a bite to eat, these students prepare for their next class. With the Satellite closed most of the year, dining options were somewhat limited. Photo by Kena Alvarado



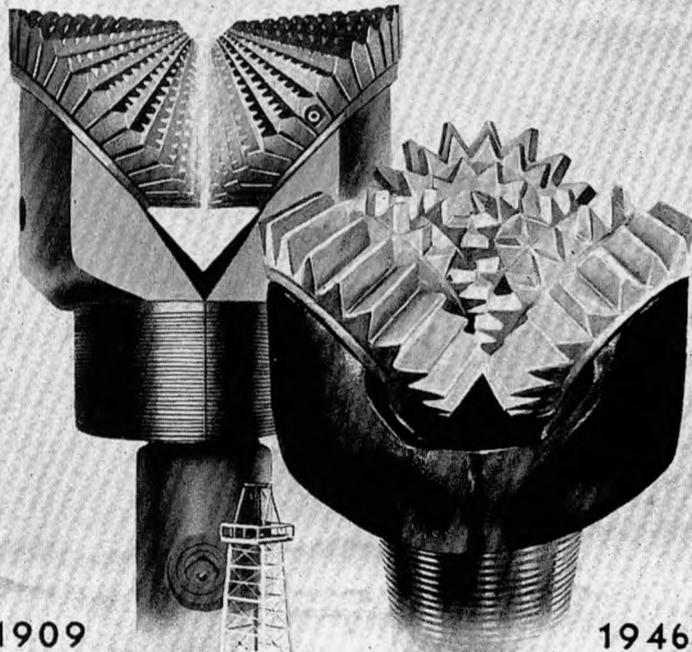
Chairman of the board

Students discuss what steps need to be taken to complete their graphic design projects. Some chose to start early, while others put it off until the last minute. Photo by Kena Alvarado

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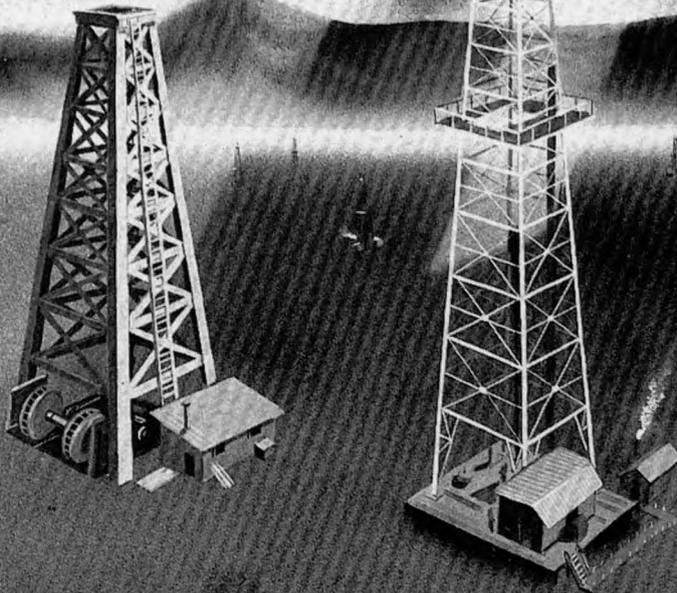
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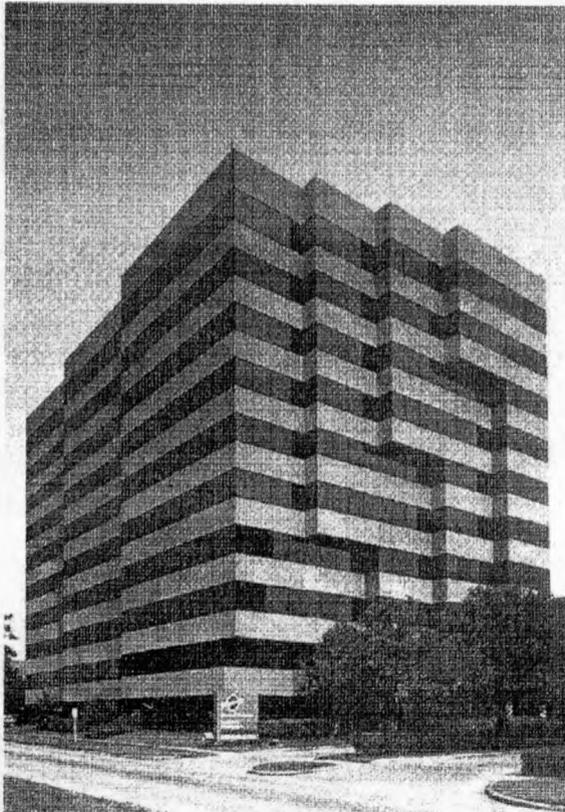
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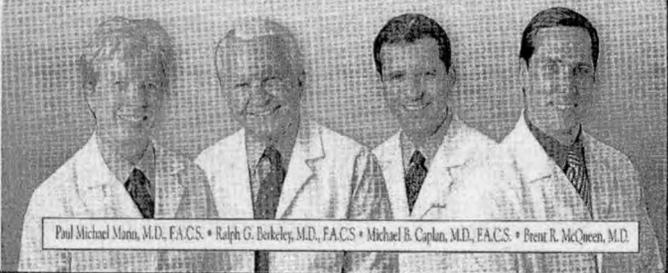
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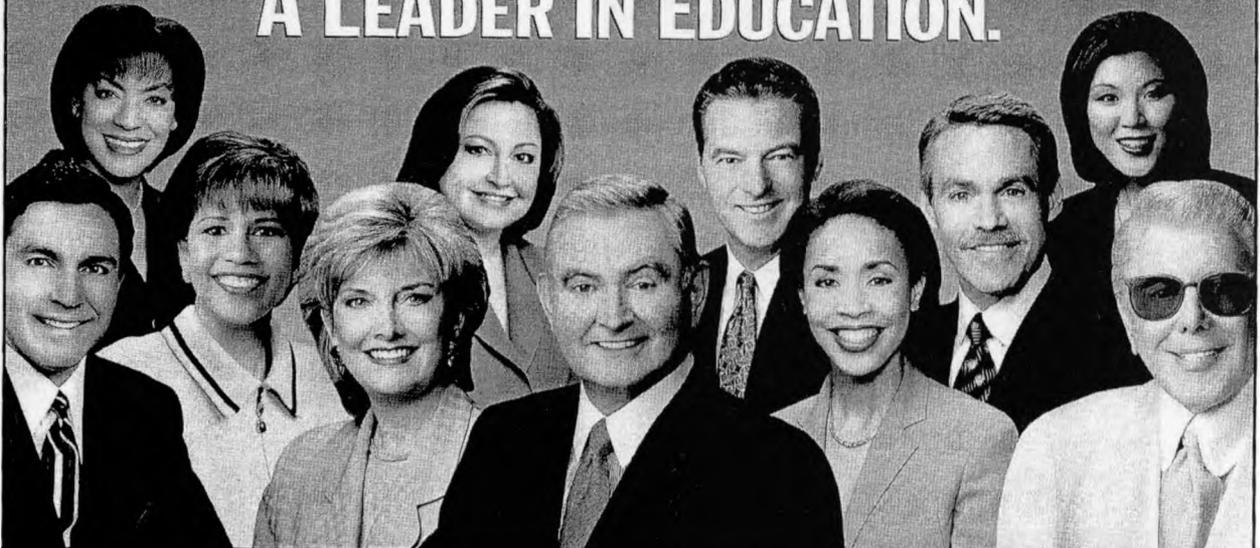
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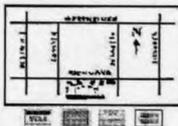
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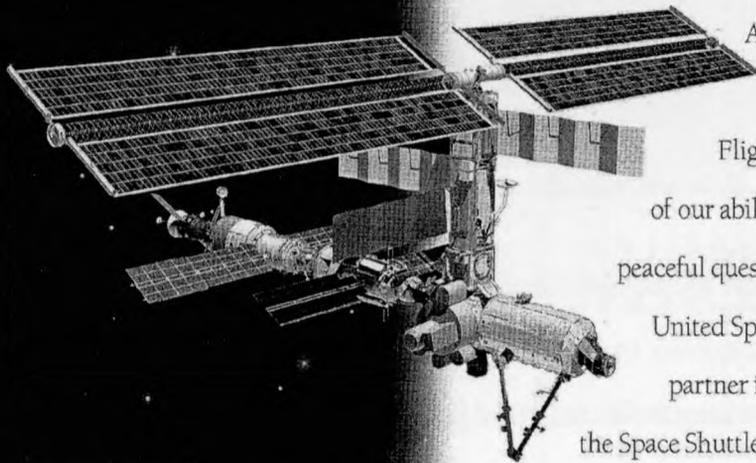
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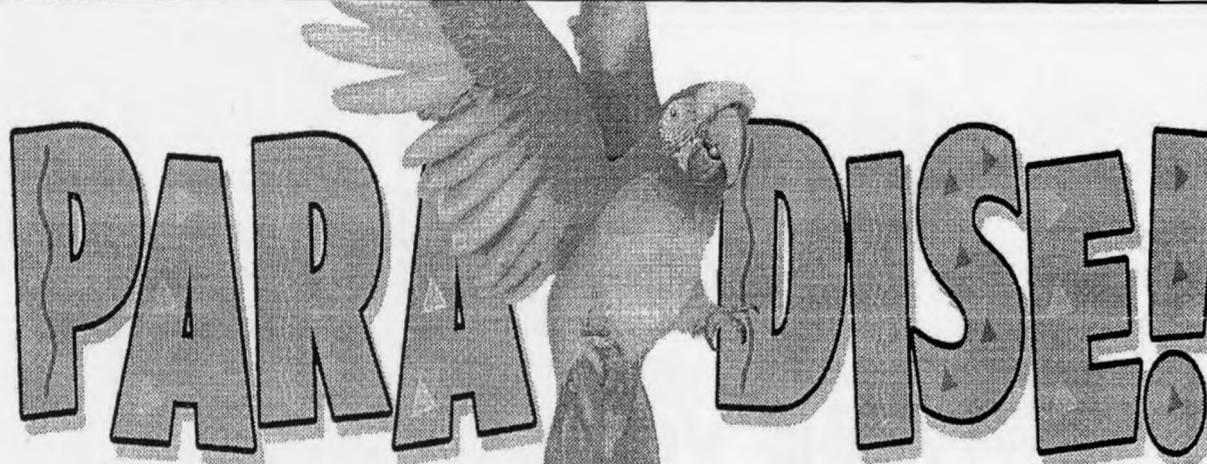
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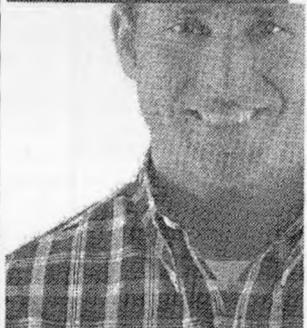
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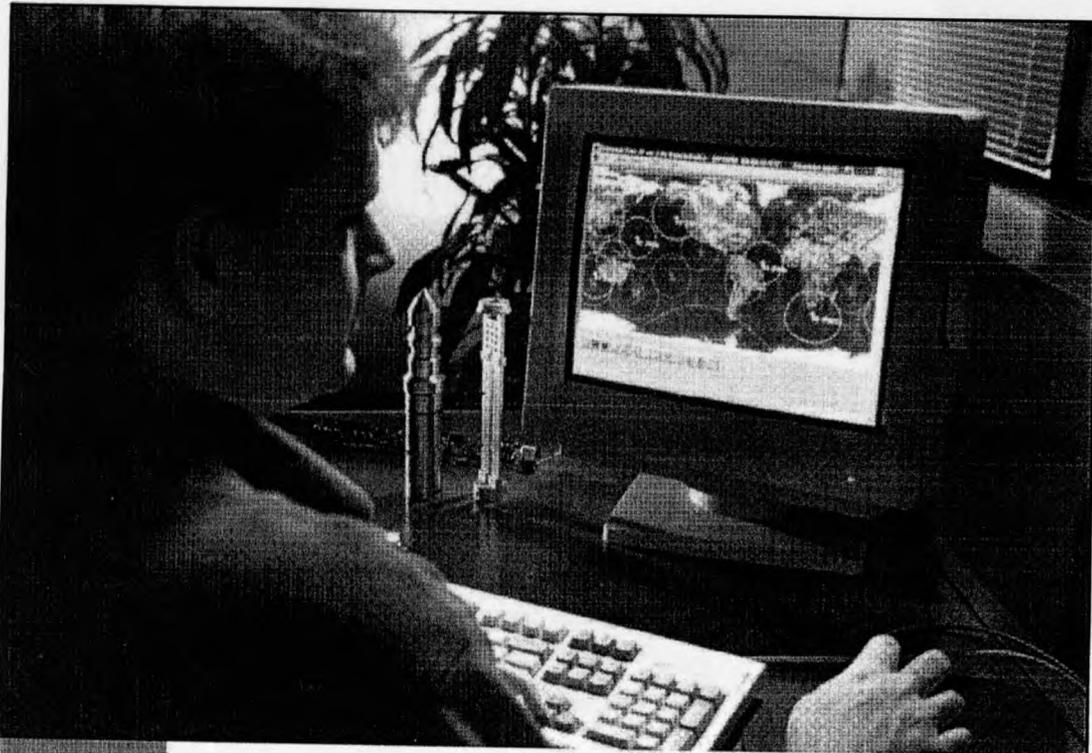
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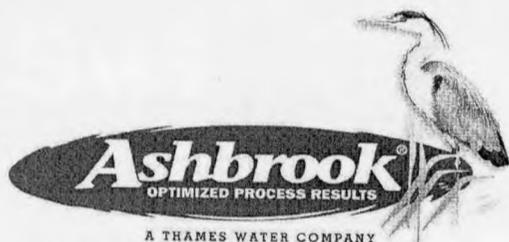
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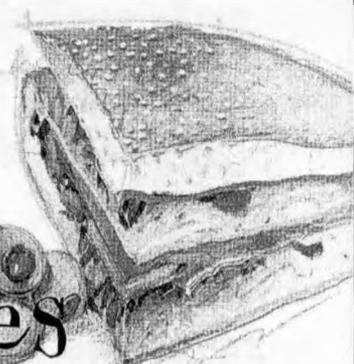
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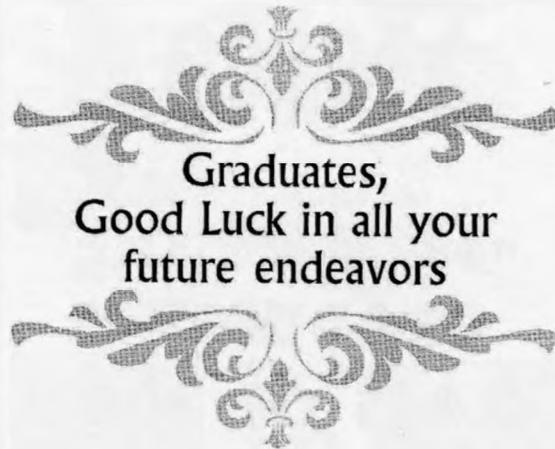
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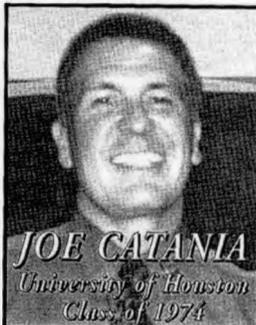


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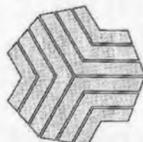


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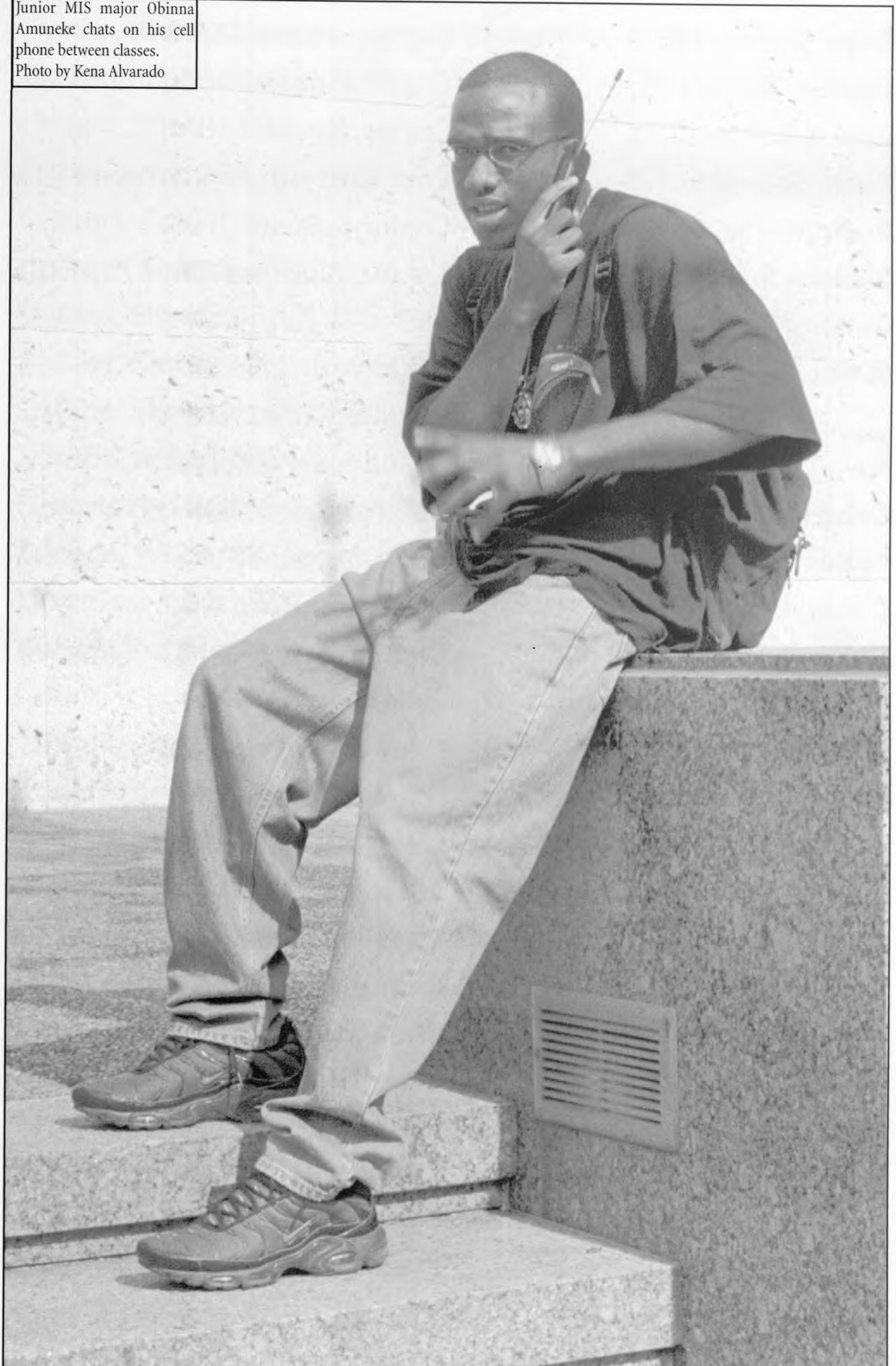
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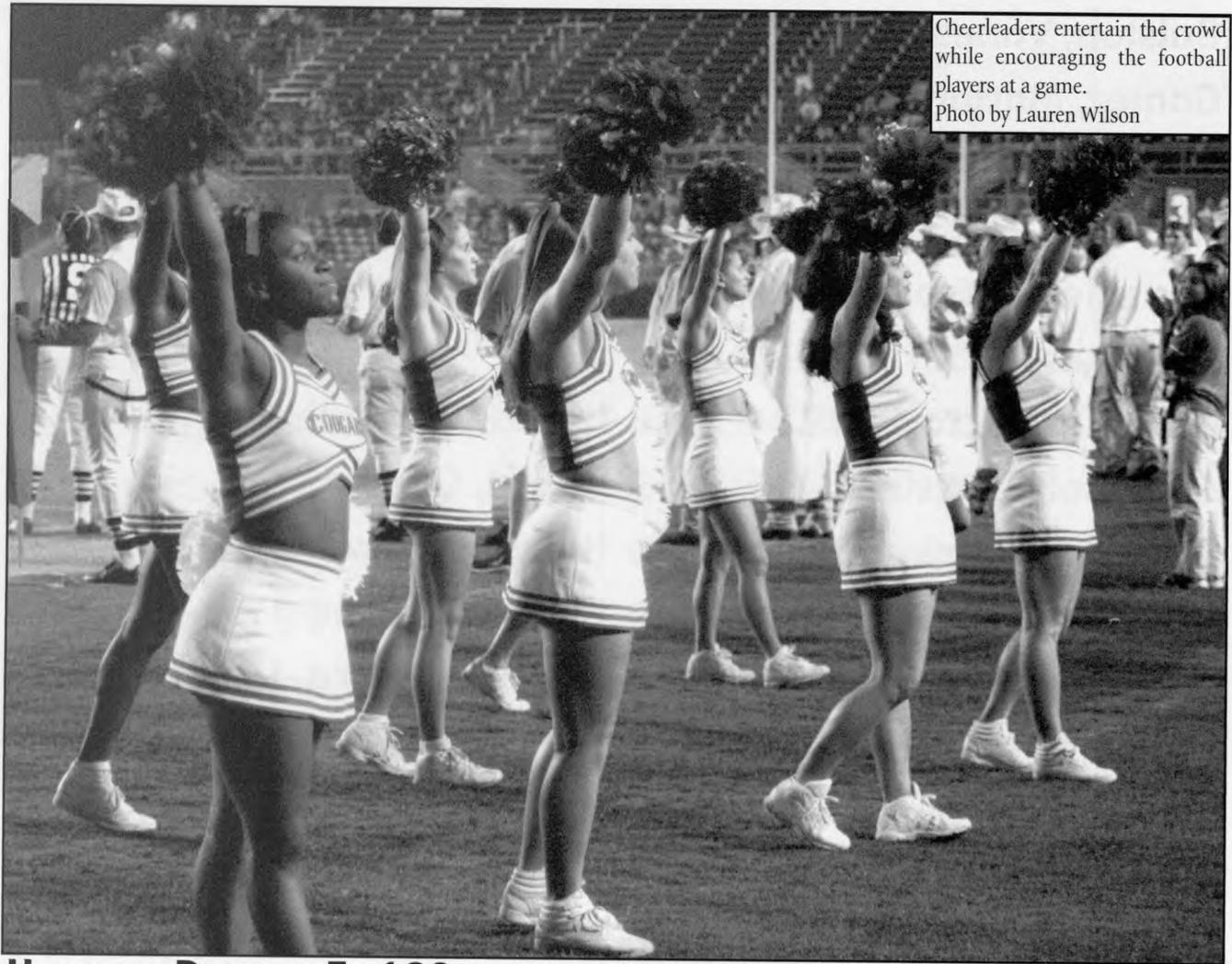
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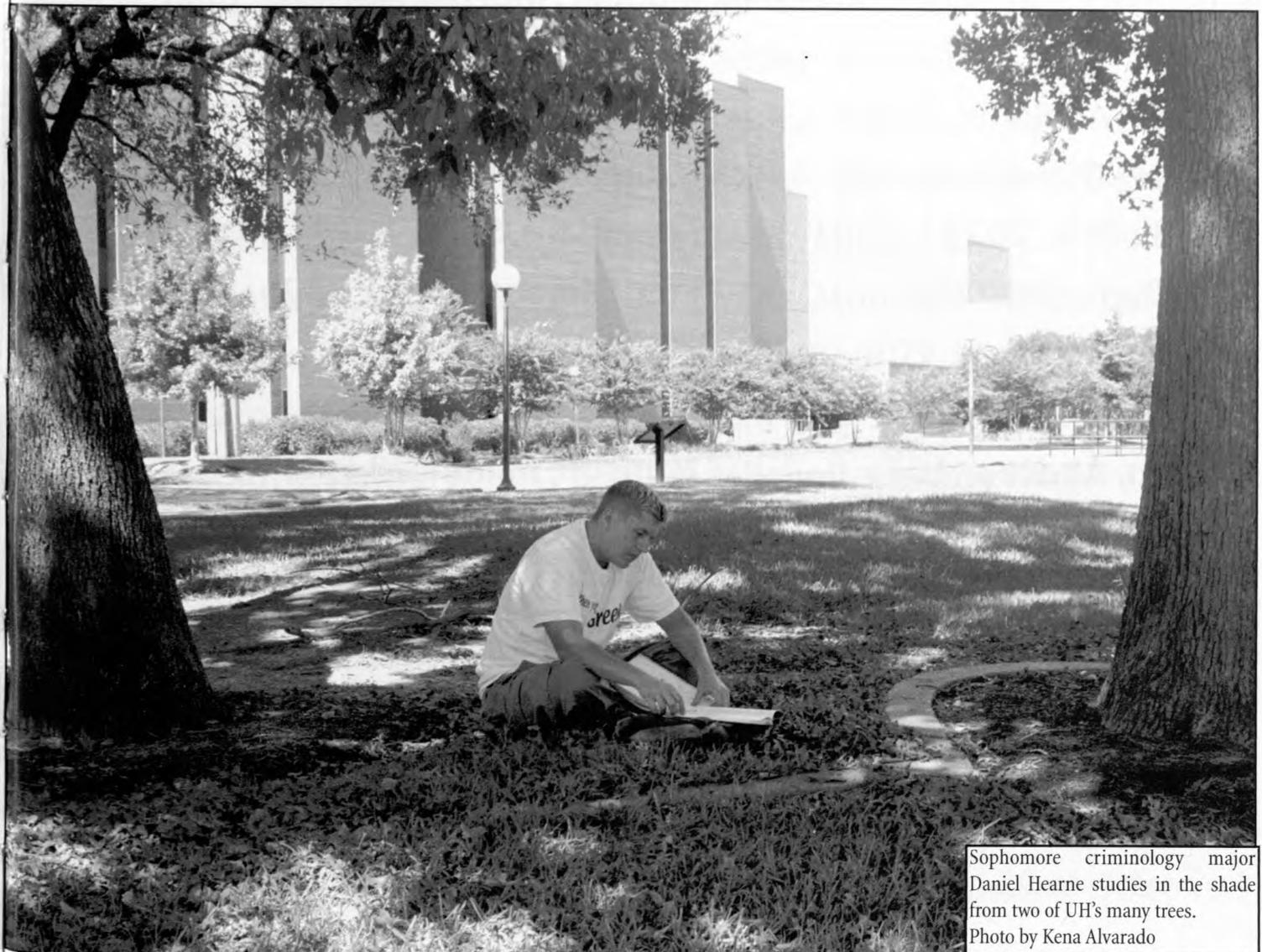
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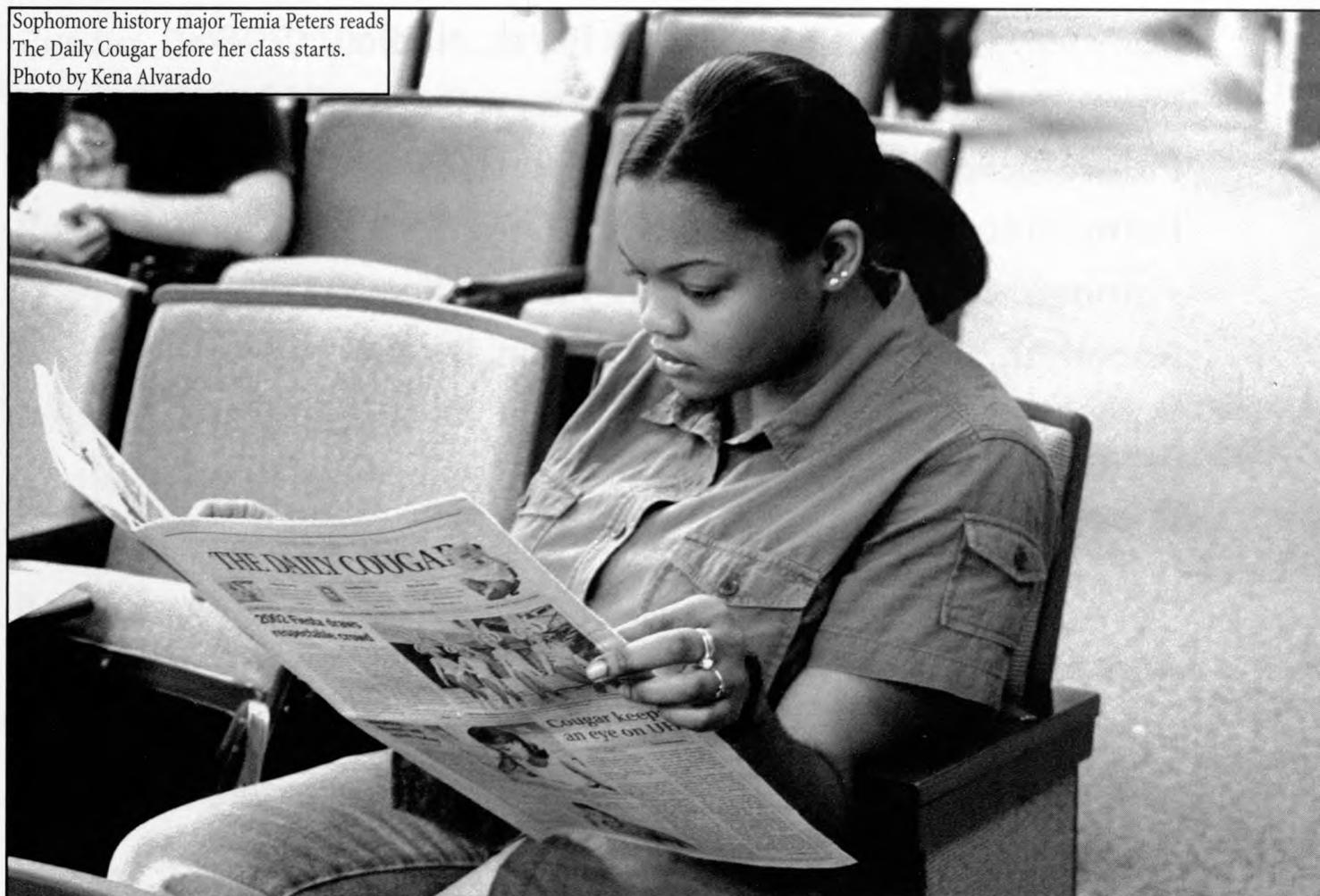
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Sophomore history major Temia Peters reads The Daily Cougar before her class starts.
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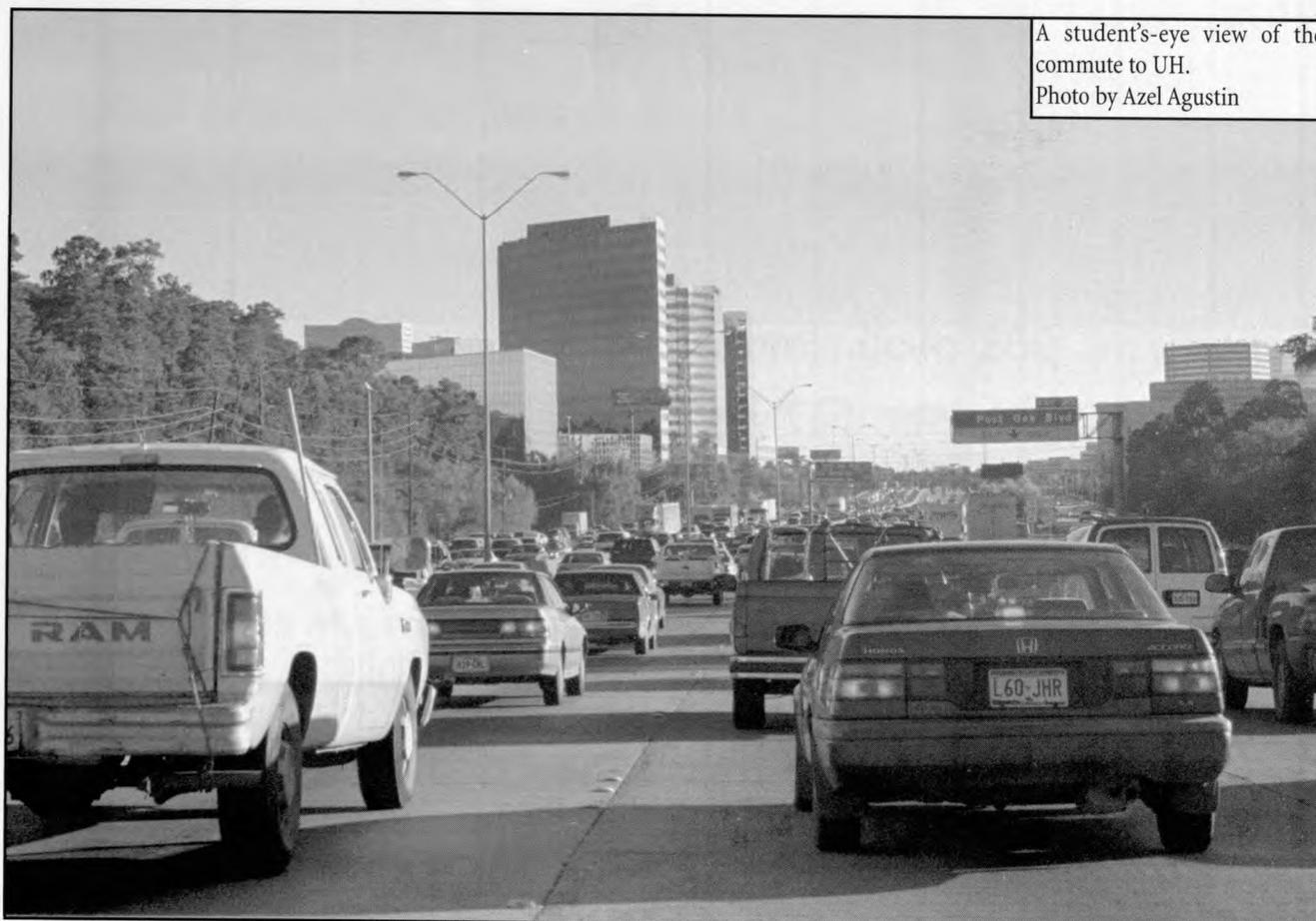
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The typical scene at the UC in the morning. Students often made their bookstore runs before their first classes to avoid the lunchtime rush.

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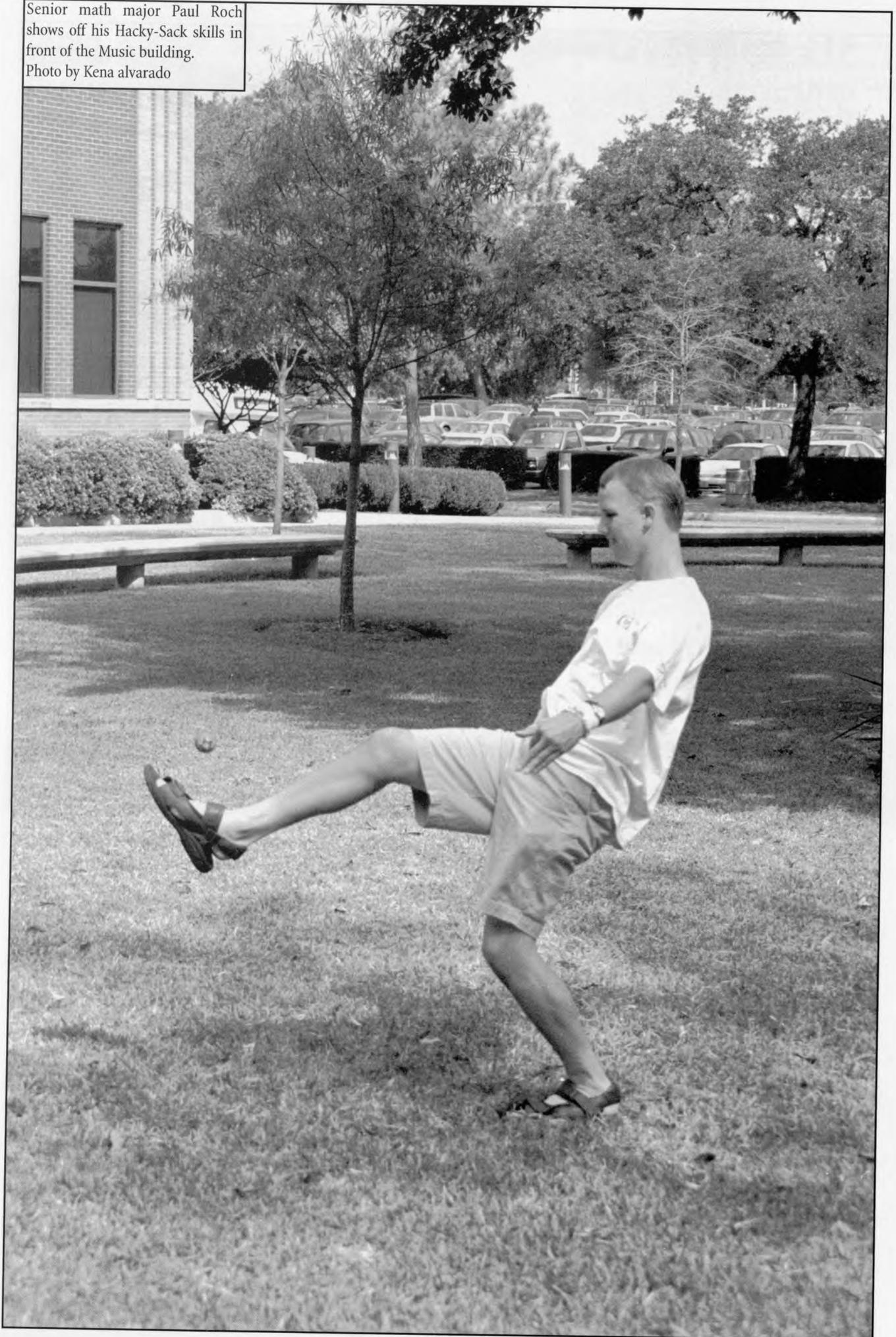
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The End *of the line*

There comes a time, when the last bubble on the last Scan-Tron is filled, the last paper is typed and turned in (in triplicate), and the last book is sold back (for about 78 cents), that students can finally take a breath, look back, and say, "YES! I'm DONE!" It's an important moment -- the highlight of each year. Whether it came at the end of the semester in May, or the end of the last summer session, we all treasured the feeling we got from knowing that in the morning, we would

not have to fight Houston traffic and UH parking. Whether students planned to sleep for three months straight, travel to far-away places, or conscientiously work to save money for the next year, each welcomed the change of pace.

As the year wrapped itself up, students were finally able to look back on what they had done with the last few months

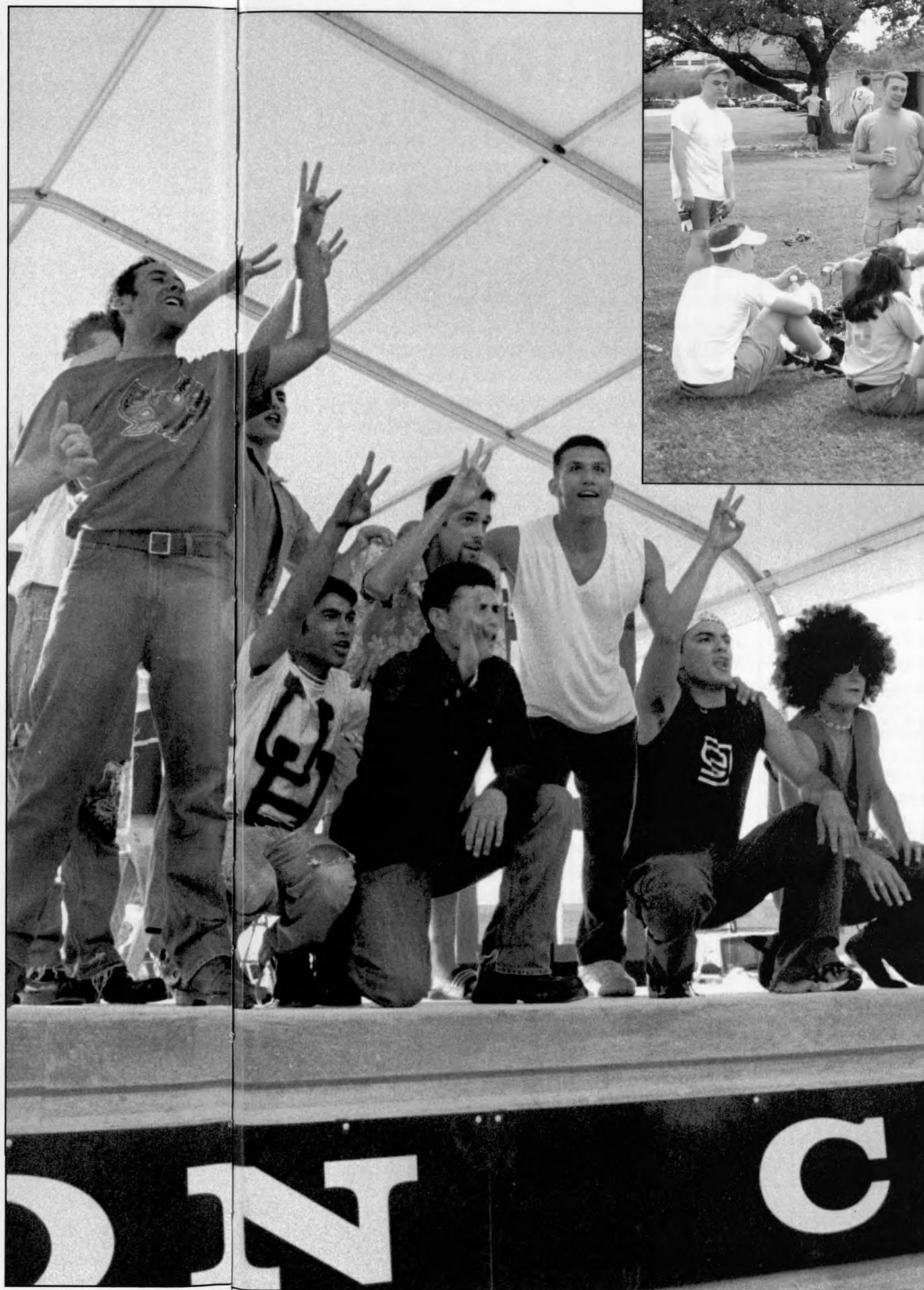
of their lives, and how it worked for (or against) them. They found that, incredibly, they actually remembered information from their first-semester physics class. They realized that maybe that interpretive dance class wouldn't do much for their pre-law degree plan (but hey, it was fun, right)? Now was the time to look objectively at the decisions made over the course of the year, and see the impact of those decisions -- be they good or bad. It was also the time to understand that whether the choices made were good ones or not so good, they led to experiences that made us stronger, wiser and more prepared for whatever the future held. When we look back on our college years, we should smile at our successes, laugh at our poorer judgements, and know that whatever path we took back then led us to where we are now.

-- Ashley Grubbs



Pocket-Sized Entertainment

Sophomore education major Michael Walker plays his GameBoy in the Wortham Theater lobby. Students often used their between-class breaks to kick back and unwind before their next hour of feverish note-taking.
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Break Time!

Participants of the Delta Zeta "Frats At Bat" philanthropy event take a breather from their afternoon in the sun. The event benefitted the Aurelia Juarez Law School Scholarship Fund.
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Whew!

Performers at the "Strut Your Stuff" Homecoming showcase finish their routine with flair. This show gave students to show off their spirit as well as their talent.
Photo by Lauren Wilson

Editor in Chief

Well, kids, it has been an eventful year, hasn't it? What with every last person (including myself, Dick and people who don't even work here) being fired each time they walked through the door, I suppose it's a wonder that we managed to get a book out in the first place. I guess sometimes it's a good thing that people weren't listening, Matthew.

If the constant firings weren't enough, we had to deal with the inexplicable -- but unbelievably loud -- banging coming from upstairs, an icy cold office environment, proofs that took three months to come back (and always arrived during a deadline), and missing pictures because our ghetto computers didn't collect right. On top of that, there was the combination photo week/deadline on Valentine's Day (sorry, Michelle), and of course, my freaking out. Ladies and gentlemen, I truly don't know how we made it through. And yet we did. We made it through in spite of pictures not coming out, writers falling off the face of the earth, messages that never seemed to get to the people to whom they were sent, club officers who refused to acknowledge us after agreeing to come for an interview, and scary darkrooms whose light bulbs kept disappearing. At least we always had Matthew's emails to look forward to.

I can't speak for anybody else, but I know that, despite occasional appearances, I had a really good time



Whew!

Editor in Chief Ashley Grubbs, incredibly, put a picture of herself on her page. This was done because Matthew threatened to find a picture and put it on himself, without Ashley's knowledge.

Photo by Amarinthia Grubbs (Ashley's mother).

this year. I learned some things that worked pretty well (offering pizza as incentive to attend meetings), and some things that didn't (simply calling meetings and expecting everybody to show up). And, miracle of miracles, I get to do it again. To those of you who are returning, God bless you all. Nobody knows better than y'all what you are up against. To those who are leaving the *Houstonian* in favor of a career, a part-time job that actually *pays*, or simply the opportunity to get away from me, I thank you for your hard work this year. I know it wasn't always easy, and sometimes it wasn't even fun, and I wasn't the easiest person to deal with all the time (no no, it's true). But I think it turned out really well in the end, and I believe each member of the staff has left his or her own mark on this book.

Despite my propensity for rambling, I realize that I don't have the space to thank everybody who worked on this book. There are, however, a few people who deserve some mention. Cortney, thanks for taking the People section -- otherwise, I'd have had to do it. Michelle, thanks for taking on extra pages, and thanks for listening to me whine. Lacie, thanks for doing the Sports section, because, yuck; and thanks for dealing with the fact that I had no idea what to do with any of it. Sadaf, thanks for hanging in there -- I know you felt like you got more than you bargained for. Lauren, thanks for hunting the Daily Cougar people down so I could bum pictures from them. Daily Cougar people, thanks for letting me bum the pictures. Kena, thanks for dropping everything to run off at my whim and take random pictures of things you didn't care about at ungodly hours of the morning/night. Richard, thanks for everything -- especially your persistence. And Matthew: thanks for dealing with me. Nobody else really understands what you had to go through in order to maintain my sanity (as well as your own). Thanks for putting up with things we both know you'd rather have walked away from, and for doing this even though you were never really interested. And thanks for coming back. And we're still not using Times New Roman.

It seems I've talked enough, everybody. For those of you who read the whole thing, I congratulate you. I'd give you a prize, but I'm all out of candy.

Managing Editor

I'm not a yearbook person. I wasn't supposed to do stuff like this. I'm an engineer, for crying out loud! Building power plants and driving chemical separations is easy. Editing a yearbook? That's hard.

I managed to get through a full year of it, somehow, and enjoyed myself enough that I begged Ashley to let me do it again after she got re-elected Editor in Chief. But enough of that nonsense; everyone's just reading this for the acknowledgements anyway, so let's get on it.

It feels like I wrote almost half the stories in this yearbook. The reason I did not write all of them is because we had a talented team of writers who took the stories I didn't want to. The most diligent of these just happened to be Richard Whitrock, who always put off his stories until just after the last minute, but still managed to astound me with his brilliance.

Thankfully, I did not have to take very many pictures for this book, because I'm a horrible photographer. Instead, we had a team of talented photographers to fill our pages with the pretty pictures in this book. Special mention must go out to Lauren Wilson, the photo editor, for saving us on numerous occasions and taking tons of sports pictures, as well as Yvonne, Pin, and of course, Kena Alvarado, our superstar and hero. She's also got a huge crush on me, even if she doesn't know it yet.

Our section editors kept things interesting. Brandy Stoesz had some brilliant layouts and wonderful pages, but unfortunately had to leave us mid-semester due to time constraints.

Crys Lewis also left us after I hanged her

freaky McDonald's doll from the rafters one too many times.

Michelle Lehmann never once turned in a page on time. However, she kept us informed of her progress, and put together a marvelous Academics section. Her yearbook enthusiasm can only be matched by my boss.

Lacie Burke impressed Ashley and myself by actually volunteering to take the sports section. Her brilliant layouts, wonderful captions, and stellar work ethic were phenomenal throughout the year.

Sadaf Farooqui got off to a rough start, but pulled everything together right at the end. She had the longest, and arguably the hardest section, but with a little help from Donald Scherer and Michelle, everything got done.

Cortney Martin wasn't even supposed to be an editor, but after our original People Editor quit the week before school started, her impressive application prompted Ashley and I to offer her the position. She accepted, and exceeded both our expectations with her punctuality, her dedication, and her page layout skills.

And then there's Ashley, my boss. Our relationship, or whatever, always kept the office just tense enough that no one ever knew what might come next. When I was a good boy, she rewarded me with popcorn and candy. When I was a bad boy, she scolded me until I assumed a fetal position in the corner and prayed for nuclear war. Most of all, she inspired me, taught me, and showed me that even an engineer can do this stuff. Thank you, Ashley.

Long live the Cat Master!



Taking a break

The stunningly handsome, extraordinarily talented Matthew E. Caster pauses for a moment to pose with his beloved "Cubby" doll. Caster's desk and bulletin board were always uniquely decorated with strange and mysterious items such as a bust of Augustus Caesar and a small white tile which reminded the world that "There's no one exactly like Matthew."

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Colophon

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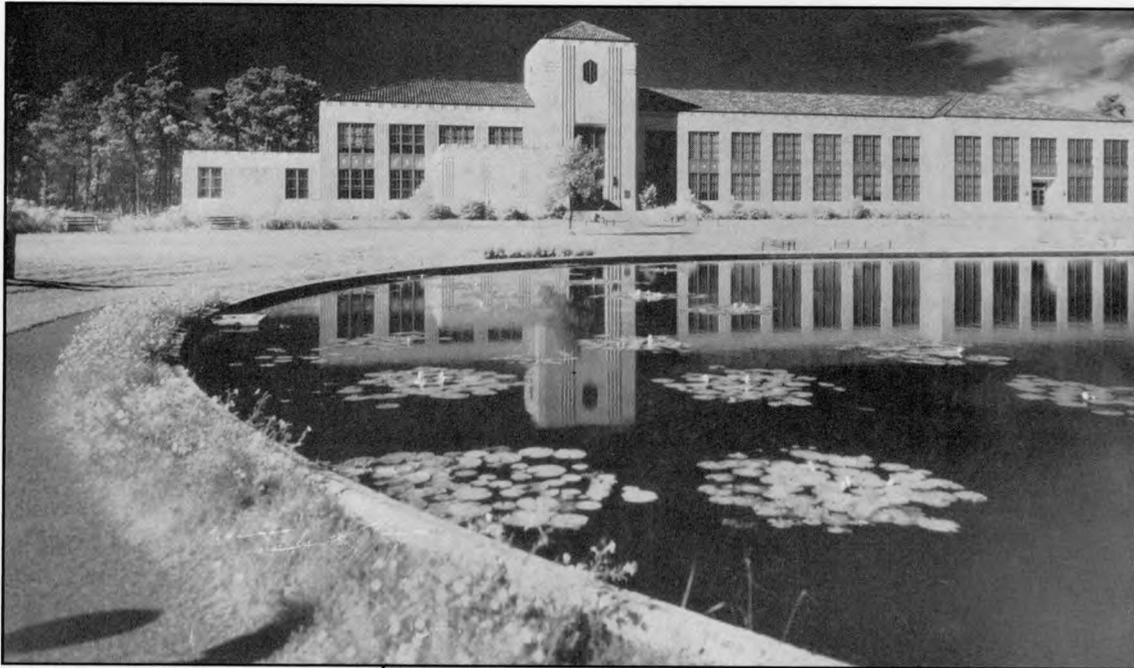
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Cougar Reflections: The Past & The Future

The Roy Gustav Cullen building is the oldest on campus. Shown here just after it was completed in 1927, it was the first edifice upon which the mighty Cougar tradition of excellence was built. As the new millennium dawned, the tradition continued with the construction of a new, state-of-the-art Campus Recreation Center intended to provide students with an ideal place to unwind on campus.

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