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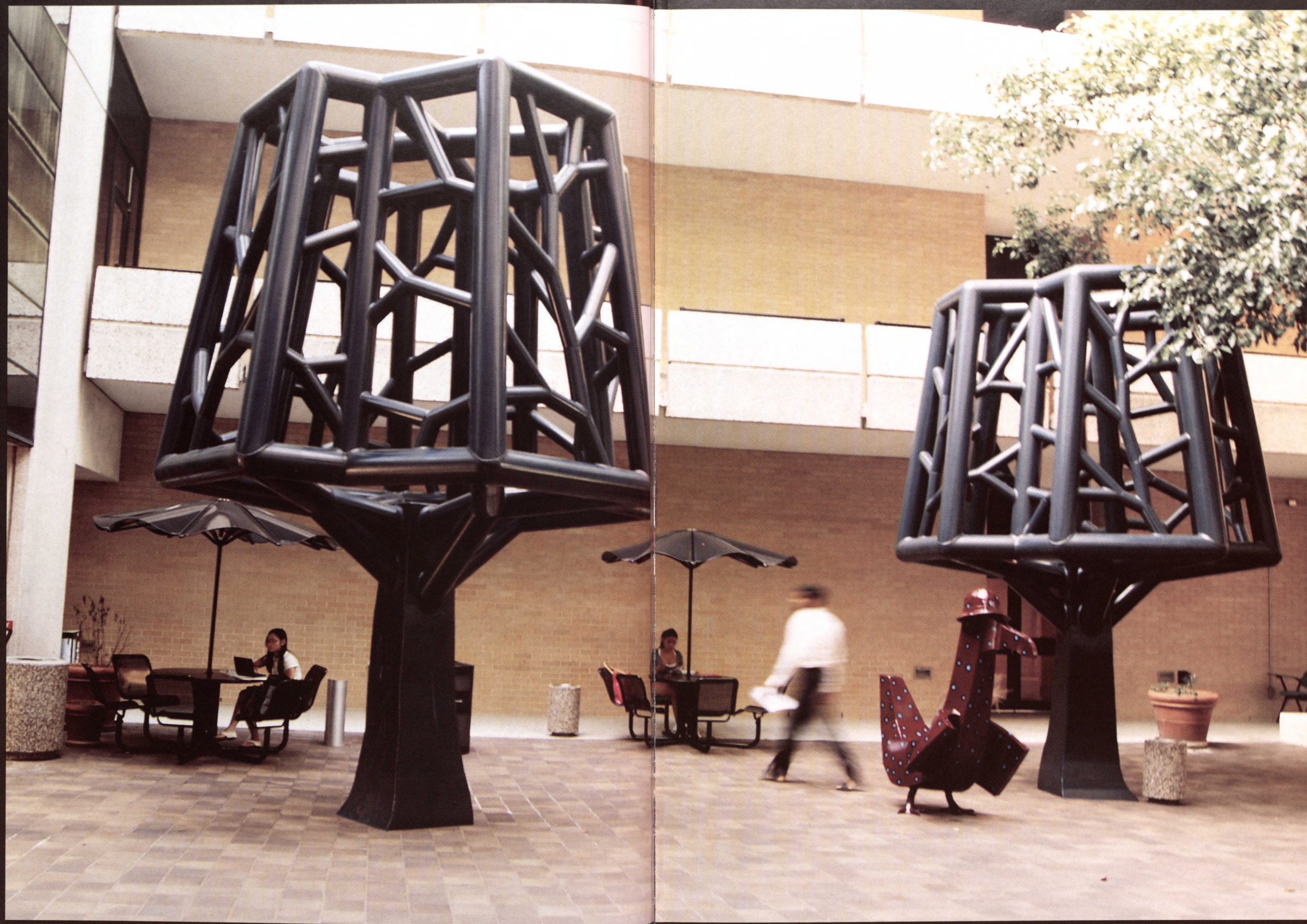
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Students posing for the UH My Bauer Pride Campaign Outside the University Center. *Courtesy of Chase Pedigo/ C.T. Bauer College of Business*



A sculpture made-up of old radio equipment greets visitors at the Melcher Center for Public Broadcasting Building. *Clarissa Arispe*

[NEWS]



The UH has seen a hike in enrollement by an estimated of 2,000 students in a semester, from 36,000 students in the fall 2010, to 38,000 in the Spring 2011. *Angelica Dominguez*

38,752 AND GROWING

University officials expect enrollment numbers to increase

By Jose Aguilar

The University experienced a record-setting year in terms of enrollment, but whether or not that growth would continue into the future was not easily predictable considering the looming budget cuts in state funding.

Total enrollment for Fall 2010 was 38,752. The total for the Spring semester had yet to be certified, but officials gave preliminary numbers of more than 37,300.

According to the UH Office of Admissions the number of new applications for Fall 2011 and the large increase in Spring 2011, indicate the Fall 2011 semester will be another one for the record book.

"The University of Houston is becoming the university of choice for many more prospective students from throughout the state, region, and even internationally, so under normal circumstance, we could top the 40,000 mark this Fall," Executive director of the Office of Admissions Djuana Young said.

However, Young said, many factors over which the University has little or no control of will come into play during the coming weeks and months, and could negatively impact enrollment at UH and throughout the state.

"For instance, if state and federal aid cuts are as extensive as projected, many students may not be financially able to attend UH or any other institution for that matter," Young said. "We hope this doesn't happen, but if it does we want our students to know that we are committed to their success as a student and will do everything we can to provide them the resources they need to continue their enrollment."

There have been many times where UH's enrollment has increased, but what makes this one exciting, Young said, is

that UH is seeing an increase after a few years of decreases in enrollments.

Enrollment increases are always viewed as a positive measure, Young said, simply because it indicates that there is greater interest in the University's quality academic programs and the collegiate experience.

"For the University of Houston, increased enrollment also produces a more diverse student population, a higher percentage of well-prepared students which will ultimately help to improve our retention and graduate rates, and of course, more tuition revenue," Young said.

Enrollment increases also bring challenges to the University, including parking, classroom and lab space, on-campus housing and food services, and, in general, continuing to provide quality services to more students and faculty.

"These are all good problems to have," Young said. "As the newest Carnegie designated Tier One institution continues to attract more and better students, we will continue to find more and better ways to serve them."

Although officials expect moderate overall increases to continue over the next several years, the majority of those increases will be primarily in graduate and professional programs.

The percentage of enrollment for graduate students is expected to increase from about 24 percent of UH's total enrollment to 30 percent during the next 5 – 10 years.

"As usual, long-term goals are subject to change as factors and circumstances in the state and the nation shift, but in any event, the University of Houston's future and the future of the students who enroll here is very bright," Young said.



Volunteers and Gulf Coast residents worked tirelessly to help save the wildlife affected by the BP oil spill. *Wikimedia Commons*

OIL OVERBOARD

Black gold infested the waters of the Gulf Coast and changed the lives of residents and wildlife for years to come

By Jack Wehman

On April 20, 2010, British Petroleum changed the world when the Deepwater Horizon oil rig suffered a blowout, killing 11 men. The blowout ruptured a pipeline located more than 3 miles below the Gulf of Mexico — and oil poured out for almost 3 months before the spill was finally contained on July 15.

The blown well eventually became the largest accidental spill in history — the US government's final estimate for the spill was 5 million barrels of oil. And although the spill was a tragedy, BP's seemingly never-ending public relations fiasco continued to antagonize the public during the months that oil flowed incessantly.

No man was in the spotlight more than BP CEO Tony Hayward, who was eventually removed from his position due to his responses to the disaster.

"I think the environmental impact of this disaster is likely to have been very, very modest," Hayward said in an interview with Sky Television. He also said "The Gulf of Mexico is a very big ocean" and that the amount of oil and other chemicals was "tiny" compared to the amount of water in the Gulf.

In January 2011, the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Spill and Offshore Drilling released its nearly 400-page statement on what exactly caused the blowout. It found that BP, Halliburton and Transocean had all disregarded key safety elements — and that the disaster would not have happened if the

companies had followed proper procedure.

For those along the Gulf Coast that were hit by the spill, though, liability and blame come second to the loss of a job.

"This is the worst possible thing that could happen to the Mississippi Gulf Coast," Mississippi resident Louis Skrmetta said in an April 29, 2010 *Houston Chronicle* report. "It will wipe out the oyster industry. Shrimping wouldn't recover for years. It would kill family tourism. That's our livelihood."

In response to the spill, BP created a \$20 billion fund to be used to clean up the Gulf. So far fishermen, tourism-based industries and wildlife preservation agencies have accessed nearly \$2 billion of the funds.

Even the money was not enough for some. Rep. Pete Olson, R-Sugar Land, said the account is basically a "privately funded, government slush fund that the administration is going to divvy out as they see fit," in a *Houston Chronicle* story.

The biggest problem of all, though, is the giant cloud of oil that still looms beneath the ocean's surface.

"By dispersing the oil at depths, you create smaller globules of oil and it makes the oil more likely to be affected by even the slow moving currents," said James Cowan, a professor of oceanography at Louisiana State University. "We just don't know where it is, and we don't know where it is going."



The class of 2014 moved into the newest housing complex, Cougar Village, in August 2010. *SeolHee Lee*

THE NEW FISH POND

University opens housing project exclusively for freshmen and honors students

By Darlene Campos

In August 2010, the freshman class of 2014 moved in to the University's newest housing complex — Cougar Village.

"In our quest to become a Tier One University, we needed to provide the right environment to our freshmen population," Interim Executive Director Javier Hidalgo said. "Cougar Village adds to the environment we already have on campus."

The seven-story, 1,000-room building was originally intended to house only incoming freshmen in order to promote unity among the newest Cougars. Administrators later made the decision to include students from the Honors College in the new dorms.

The \$50 million residence hall is a part of UH's Freshman Year Residential Experience; its objective is to ease the transition of incoming freshmen into college life. Students participating in FYRE have the advantages of moving in a week earlier than other students and being mentored or tutored by one of the two peer leaders assigned to each floor.

Cougar Village also features themed floors that allow students of the same major to live alongside one another. Cougar Village has floors dedicated to business, engineering and technology, communication, community service and honors.

"Theme housing is not a unique concept. It already existed on campus and in other universities. We expanded this concept to support the academic mission of the university," Hidalgo said.

Students pay \$2,475 per semester for a double room or \$3,218 for a single room. That makes a yearly rate of \$4,950

or \$6,436.

Cougar Village houses 1,132 students who have access to a computer lab, gym, laundry room, mail room, multipurpose room, a living-learning room, seminar room and a security desk for student safety. Each floor also contains two public kitchens, two study rooms and two student lounges.

"I love the rooms; the square footage is very nice," said biology freshman Aneice King. "I like that it's a safe building. For example, you have to swipe your card to use the elevators, and guests have to check in, too. It's a clean building, great floor plans, very sociable. The gyms are clean, all the equipment works, the kitchens are clean, and it's a very spacious place to live."

Yet, King added, the building is not without a few glitches.

"I chose to live here because it was a new place, but I think it was built too fast since things tend to break a lot here," King said. "The walls are also very thin and you can hear what's going on next door."

But for freshmen looking to hit the ground running in an altogether new environment, Cougar Village might be just the key to giving them a leg up on their peers.

"It's a great environment," pharmacy freshman Chibuike Prince Nnaji said. "I don't see any cons. I'm an RA, so I help teach other freshmen to watch who they're hanging with. I was actually placed to live here and I'm really glad I was."



Rice students and alumni alike were not shy about showing their discontent for Rice administrators selling KTRU to UH.
Courtesy of John Grungy Gladu

UNPOPULAR DEAL

Rice and UH administrators went under fire as many alumni from both universities contested the sale of KTRU

By Jack Wehman

Listeners of student-run radio station KTRU were dealt a setback when Rice University announced the sale of its radio station to UH on Aug. 16, 2010.

Rice students and alumni were not shy to let the university administrators know of their discontent; hundreds took to protesting and petitions to prevent the sale from taking place. The KTRU student staff went as far as seeking legal counsel from a Washington D.C. based law firm, Paul Hastings Law Firm, to combat the sale.

"Student broadcasting is non-commercial radio. It's something that's supposed to be an educational experience," KTRU Station Manager Joey Yang told *The Daily Cougar*. "It's a public service we do out of pure altruism and the fact that all that has to be sacrificed for a few million dollars, in my mind, is tragic."

The new acquisition also received some opposition from UH students and alumni, this was mostly due to the secrecy of the deal between the two universities and the price the University paid for KTRU, particularly during hard economic times, when UH administrators had to lay off staff and professors.

A group of UH alumni began an online petition condemning UH administrators for the way they handled the deal.

The petition states the "process never allowed for student input or a public discussion of the important issues involved in this permanent change to the Houston radio landscape. We urge UH to re-evaluate their decision and to restore openness and transparency to the university administration."

At a UH Board of Regents meeting in November, Rice alumnus Nick Cooper told Regents they should "be ashamed at the way the situation was handled." Numerous UH students spoke to

the Regents in KTRU's defense as well.

But Rice President David Leebron told the *Thresher* in their Aug. 27 issue that the confidentiality of the sale was necessary.

"You talk to anybody in business and they'll tell you about the importance of confidentiality in executing a transaction like this," Leebron. "But people who say you should never behave like a business have no clue what the complexity of the university is about."

UH officials did not let the controversy stop them from the deal they said would bring the University one step closer to becoming a Tier-1 institution; and in October the two universities finalized the deal for \$9.5 million, pending approval from the Federal Communications Commission.

In a Aug. 17 press release, UH President Renu Khator said, "The acquisition of a second public radio station delivers on our promise to keep UH at the forefront of creating strong cultural, educational and artistic opportunities that benefit students and the city of Houston."

According to the business plan provided to the Board of Regents, KUHF, the current UH radio station, "will service 100 percent of the debt from fundraising through the community." And the University plans to take on a 20-year tax exempt bond to fund the new station.

KUHF would take over KTRU's FM signal and broadcast tower. The station would be renamed KUHC, and would play classical music 24 hours a day. KUHF would then make 88.7, its original frequency, a 24-hour news station.

The protests were in some ways successful — KTRU will continue broadcasting both online and on the Pacifica network's alternate HD Radio station.



The mosque brought the issue of freedom of speech and religion to the center of the debate over the summer months in New York City.
David Shankbone/ Wikimedia Commons

CHURCH VS. STATE

People took to the streets of NYC and around the country over the controversy of an Islamic center being built near Ground Zero

By Alexandra Kuchik

Since the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the area where the World Trade Center towers once proudly stood has become hallowed ground for mourners, a memorial for the more than 3,000 people who lost their lives that terrible day.

As the ninth anniversary of the attacks neared, a heated debate arose in late August 2010 regarding plans to build an Islamic center and mosque blocks away from Ground Zero.

The idea of building the mosque was proposed by religious leader Imam Feisal Rauf and his wife, Daisy Khan. Their plan was to construct a facility similar to a YMCA that would include a theater, pool and mosque, as well as areas for Jewish and Christian worship. Rauf said the project was intended to create understanding.

However, opponents claimed the close proximity of an Islamic center to Ground Zero was insensitive and disrespectful to both the victims of the 9/11 attacks and their families. Some family members of 9/11 victims have spoken out against the building proposal.

Gila Barzi, who lost her son when the towers fell, told the Associated Press in August that Ground Zero "is sacred ground and it's where my son was buried...(the mosque would be) like a knife in our hearts."

Groups like Stop Islamization of America, which has created an online petition to stop construction of the mosque, argue that it is a slap in the face of Americans to allow a symbol of Islamic faith so close to where Americans were killed by Islamic terrorists.

But defenders of the mosque include President Barack Obama, who reminded the public that the religion of Islam is not the enemy.

"I recognize the extraordinary sensitivities around 9/11," Obama

said. "I've met with families of 9/11 victims in the past. I can only imagine the continuing pain and anguish and sense of loss that they may go through. But I go back to what I said earlier: we are not at war against Islam. We are at war against terrorist organizations that have distorted Islam or falsely used the banner of Islam to engage in their destructive acts."

Some UH students also stood up in support of the center, citing the freedom of religion guaranteed by the First Amendment. Some speculated that those that oppose the mosque do so because they fear or misunderstand the Muslim faith.

"This country allows for the practice of religion freely in our most fundamental governing document," political science senior Matthew Wheeler said.

Master of fine arts candidate Dane Wisher shared Wheeler's sentiments, saying that fear is fueling the fire.

"The current debate about the Ground Zero mosque — the term itself a misnomer — is representative of a dumbing-down of the public," Wisher said. "There is no rational debate occurring, only an opportunistic rhetoric of fear on one side and indignation on the other side, a side struggling for the words to respond to a group of people who will not listen thoughtfully or responsibly."

In a Sept. 8 interview with CNN's Soledad O'Brien, Rauf said he was willing to consider changing the location of the mosque but warned that such action could be misconstrued.

"The headlines in the Muslim world will be that Islam is under attack," he said. "If you don't do this right, anger will explode in the Muslim world."

Plans for construction of the Islamic Center have continued.



Quarterback Case Keenum was at the top of his game when an injury forced him to sit out and watch the rest of the season from the bench. *Gregory Bohuslav*

SIDELINED

Keenum forced to put football career on hold midseason

By Patricia Estrada

With thousands of Cougar faithful watching, the Case Keenum era seemed to come to an end when the star quarterback and Heisman candidate was taken off the field with a knee injury during a game against UCLA on Sept. 18 at the Rose Bowl.

Keenum would have to have reconstructive surgery to repair a torn anterior cruciate ligament suffered after an attempted tackle on UCLA linebacker Akeem Ayers.

Backup quarterback Cotton Turner also suffered a season-ending fractured clavicle, a quarter after Keenum's exit.

"I've seen a lot of crushing moments in Cougar football over the years," first-year law student Taylor Kilroy said. "But Keenum and then Turner going down was truly heartbreaking. We had all hyped up the year as our year, the year where Cougar football would gain some national attention."

At the time of Keenum's injuries the Cougars were ranked No. 23, and the talk around campus was that this would be the year the team would compete for a Bowl Championship Series berth. But the game against UCLA crushed all hopes of this happening, as it proved to be a symbol for what the rest of the season would look like for the Cougars.

The loss of their star quarterback and leader proved too much for the Cougars to overcome, and they finished the season with a 5-7 record.

Head coach Kevin Sumlin asked his players to step up their game after losing his starting and backup quarterbacks. Two of the players that were asked to perform and fill in at quarterback were true freshmen Terrance Broadway and David Piland.

Sumlin, Keenum and the rest of the team showed confidence in both freshmen.

"It's good seeing those guys succeed," Keenum told *The Daily Cougar*.

"I know for a fact they're a lot better along than I was at their age."

But some UH fans weren't as optimistic about having two freshmen fill in for Keenum and Turner.

Hotel restaurant and management senior Robert Watson said he doubted either freshman would have been able to have success that early in their collegiate careers.

"I didn't doubt their abilities," Watson said. "But I knew it was almost unheard of for true freshman quarterbacks to be successful under such circumstances."

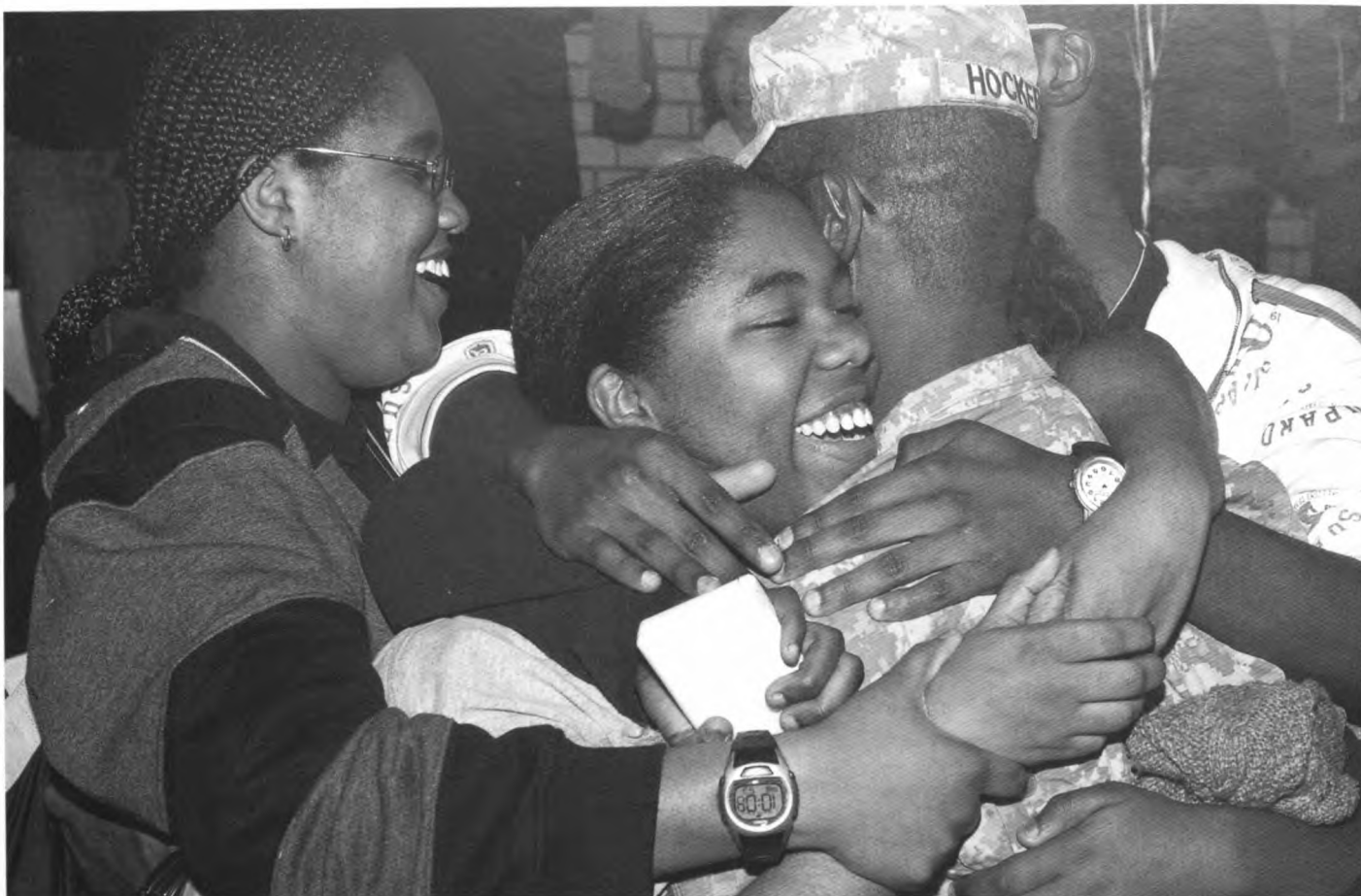
Psychology senior Varun Ambrose said he had faith in both freshmen and hoped the rest of the team would prove that Keenum was not the only reason UH was winning games.

"I definitely thought that UH had a chance," Ambrose said. "Since, I am a big believer that a 'we win with everybody' mentality is the best for any team. I believed we ought to be the team that can win with anybody at quarterback. Apparently I was wrong or I misjudged the depth of talent on the team." Keenum had to stand and watched on the sidelines and wait for the NCAA to decide whether he would be granted a sixth year of eligibility. On Jan. 15, fans and teammates rejoiced when the NCAA granted his appeal.

"(I was) ecstatic for him," Ambrose said. "He's a quick step in the right direction. But the idea that we don't have enough depth of talent still nagged at me."

Watson agreed that Keenum's return was good for UH, but he said he is skeptical that the quarterback will be able to quickly regain midseason form.

"Case means a great deal to UH football," he said. "(But) I am worried that his injuries are the start of a slippery slope leading to more severe ones. I hope he does well."



Family and friends rejoiced as U.S. combat troops began arriving home after President Barack Obama announced the end of America's combat mission in Iraq. *Wikimedia Commons*

COMING HOME

After 7 years of war, Obama ends U.S. combat role, says priority now is nation building at home

By Paola Estrada

On March 20, 2003, American troops made their way across the border from Kuwait to Iraq in what would be the beginning of a much-disputed war. Seven years later on August 31, 2010, President Barack Obama announced the withdrawal of American combat troops from Iraq, marking the end of America's combat mission in the country.

As the president addressed the nation from the Oval Office, the last of the U.S. combat troops were already on their way across the border once more — this time from Iraq to Kuwait.

"Operation Iraqi Freedom is over," Obama said. "The Iraqi people now have lead responsibility for the security of their country."

Nearly 100,000 troops were ordered out of Iraq following the president's address. Yet roughly 49,700 non-combat troops were left behind to assist and continue to train the Iraqi military, according to an Aug. 31 *New York Times* article.

"In the end, only Iraqis can resolve their differences and police their streets," Obama said. "Only Iraqis can build a democracy within their borders. What America can do, and will do, is provide support for the Iraqi people as both a friend and a partner."

Obama announced all U.S. troops were to withdraw by the end of 2011.

In an address to the Iraqi people, Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki echoed Obama's hope for Iraq.

"Iraq today is sovereign and independent. With the execution of the troop pullout, our relations with the United States have entered a new stage between two equal, sovereign countries," al-Maliki said.

But not everyone was so optimistic.

New York Times reporter Steven Lee Myers wrote in his blog that pulling out the troops before the Iraqi government was firmly in

place was a bad decision.

Anthony H. Cordesman, a military specialist at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, wrote in the *New York Times* on Aug. 21, "Political posturing is the norm in Washington, and claiming victory is far more popular than bearing the burden of leadership and dealing with reality. The Iraq war is not over and it is not 'won.' In fact, it is at a critical stage as at any time since 2003."

UH student Dan Wilden, an Army veteran of both the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, said "ending" the war was only political doublespeak.

"They just pull out the combat troops," he said. "What really happens is now it's a harder fight, and now we are not under the premises of being at war because we no longer have the big threat of saying, 'Hey, if you mess with us we are going to drop the infantry on you. We are going to drop the cavalry on you. We are going to take you out.' Now that's not there anymore. So now you just have this combat support unit that is there ... fighting with their backs against the wall, with one hand tied behind their backs. So the war is not over; it's just over on paper."

Overshadowing the announcement of the troop pullout was the news concerning the renewed focus on the war in Afghanistan. In his address, Obama reasserted his plan of maintaining troops in Afghanistan for a limited time only.

"As was the case in Iraq, we cannot do for Afghans what they must ultimately do for themselves," he said.

For many U.S. soldiers, the news underscored the fact that their homecoming was merely a temporary one.

"Everyone knows you are just coming home to go right back out to Afghanistan," Wilden said.



Construction began this year on an addition to both the Jack J. Valenti School of Communication and the Lamar Fleming building. *Yvette Davila*

LAYING THE WROUGHT IRON DOWN

University continues to grow in enrollment and infrastructure

By Darlene Campos

Since its start 75 years ago, the University has expanded with the additions of programs, services, degree plans and, most of all, buildings. Being the largest university in Houston, with a student enrollment of more than 38,000, expansion is almost unavoidable. As the student population grows, campus infrastructure must follow suit to accommodate the growing population.

In Spring 2010, construction began for a \$31.2 million, four-story addition to the Lamar Fleming Building that will include labs for chemistry and biology.

UH System associate vice chancellor and associate vice president of Plant Operations, David Irvin said the project will also house much-needed classrooms, labs and research facilities because the current space used for labs is limited.

Irvin said that the facility is in decaying conditions and not sufficiently ventilated, and safety violations exist.

The project also includes plans to renovate the existing building

to add more labs for the physics and geosciences departments.

Another big project underway for the University is the renovation and addition to the Jack J. Valenti School of Communication. Despite delays of almost a year, the \$3.3 million project officially began Sept. 20.

The project consists of a newly constructed media studio, a new entry, building façade, classrooms, media support facilities and renovation of the first floor staff and faculty offices.

Former Board of Regents Chairman Welcome Wilson said in 2009 that the project is small in cost, and the renovations are needed, but it does not "come close to meeting the requirements for the School of Communication."

Although officials say there are no other major construction plans set to begin this year, these are surely not the last. Plans for new projects are already underway and officials said funds are being raised to continue to improve the UH campus.



The world watched as each miner was safely brought back to the surface after spending 69 days trapped 2,300 ft underground.
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CHILEAN 33

A story that captivated the world and proved that happy endings don't only happen in fairy tales

By Sara Nichols

After being trapped underground for 69 days, the world watched on Oct. 13 as one by one, Chile's 33 miners emerged from the dark innards of the Earth.

The story of each man and their struggle to survive under such harsh conditions captivated the world.

Viewers watched for two months as the miners cheered their favorite soccer team, sang the Chilean national anthem and maintained their spirit and moral despite the conditions they faced. Their stories became a symbol of hope and perseverance, a tale that will not be easily forgotten.

As each man was lifted out, Chilean President Sebastian Pinera greeted each with a warm embrace.

"We had promised to look until we found them," Pinera told CNN on Oct. 14.

In Santiago, the Chilean capital, people watched the rescue on a big screen TV set up in a town square and celebrated and wept tears of joy as each miner was lifted up. People also celebrated in Chilean embassies around the world.

Pinera was on site nearly every day since the mine first collapsed until the last miner and rescuer was lifted up. It was his presence and commitment to bringing all the miners to surface alive that gave hope and faith to the families and the world that this story would not have a tragic end.

"The miners, their families, the rescue workers, the government and all the Chileans have shown unity, strength, faith, hope, that is recognized and admired by the whole world," Pinera told CNN on Oct. 9. "This shows that when Chileans unite for great causes, regardless how grand or ambitious they may seem, we are always able to reach our goals and conquer the highest peaks."

The rescue cost the Chilean government between \$10-20 million, and Pinera said, "it was all worth it."

Psychology senior Kathleen Cole de González closely followed

the news coverage of both the time during which the miners were trapped and the 22 ½-hour rescue mission to free them.

"I can only imagine that it must have been a rollercoaster of emotion going from fear of dying to hopes of rescue and back and forth and everything in between," Cole de González said. "I am sure it is an experience they will carry the rest of their lives."

As the miners emerged from the bottom of the earth, fears arose as to their physical and emotional well-being.

Cole de González said there are an infinite number of psychological effects that could result from the miners' time spent in a small, dark shaft 2,300 feet under ground, but a lot depends on the miners' experience, support and environment. She said part of the miner's ability to stay positive and keep faith is connected to the strong family values and traditions in Hispanic cultures, in which these are more important than independence and oneself.

"The Chileans are more collectivist; I could not say exactly how they must feel or felt," she said. "(But) I do not think an average American could spend 69 days with 32 other people in extremely close quarters without violence."

Cole de González also said she thinks the connected culture aids with the healing process, because the miners will have more people they can rely on for support — both emotionally and psychologically.

"In a collectivist society, people tend to recover faster when they have extreme familial support," she said. "I can only hope that any emotional or physical obstacles are recovered from quickly."

After the rescue, the miners have themselves become celebrities, not only in Chile, but also here in America.

CNN honored them at its annual Heroes ceremony in November at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles. All the miners walked out on stage to open the ceremony, carrying the Chilean flag and thanking the world for its support and well-wishes.



What first started as a student volunteer station now has grown to be a staple in Houston radio. *Clarissa Arispe*

ON AIR

UH public radio celebrates 60th anniversary

By Michelle Reed

When KUHF first broadcasted, it was a student volunteer radio station, working with equipment that often failed and spending weeks off air because of it.

Sixty years later, it has become one of the largest public radio stations in Houston.

On Nov. 20, the station featured a special program called "A Prairie Home Companion" to celebrate its 60th anniversary.

"We now have in 2010 — our 60th year — about 400,000 weekly listeners, which puts KUHF in the top-tier of radio stations in Houston," Senior Producer of News and Public Affairs Paul Pendergraft said. "It's an accomplishment for the little radio station at UH that has done a lot of really good work that Houston is acknowledging and recognizing. Now, we have a chance to celebrate it."

KUHF's first broadcast occurred Nov. 4, 1950 from the Ezekiel Cullen Building. The broadcast did not go off without a hitch, as it only lasted 30 minutes because the transmitter failed. The station would resume two days later.

"In the early days, it was a training opportunity for students to learn how to do what we are doing now," Pendergraft said. "It signed on in the afternoon after school, and it was on until 10 p.m. through midnight each night."

The early programming featured rock music, classical music

and even show tunes on Broadway. In 1976, KUHF received a grant from the Corporation of Public Broadcasting and was able to hire professionals to run the station.

Pendergraft said the format of the station was changed from mostly jazz to classical music in 1986, when KLEF, a commercial radio station, donated its entire music library of 25,000 records and CDs that were all classical to UH.

Despite the change, students still find the original aspects of KUHF captivating.

"I love that they have the NPR programming," public relations senior Kendall Zurbuchen said. "It lets me know what is going on in the world and gives me traffic and news updates."

As KUHF is the voice of the Houston Grand Opera, the Houston Grand Symphony and many other cultural arts, Pendergraft said he hopes students will be able to use it as a way to take part in their community.

He also said he hopes this achievement will help motivate more students to become interested in radio and participate in KUHF's active internship program.

"We're out there in a very public way waving the UH flag," Pendergraft said. "We want the students to recognize that they are a part of the UH family and we're all in this together."



Texas Johnny Brown and Milton Hopkins stand at the dedication plaque for Sam "Lightnin'" Hopkins memorial in the Third Ward. *Matthew Keever*

LIGHTNIN IN HOUSTON

A took a while, but city honors one of its music legends

By Matthew Keever

Twenty-eight years after his death, blues legend Sam "Lightnin'" Hopkins' adopted hometown finally laid claim to him.

In Third Ward, on the corner of Dowling and Francis Street, also known as Lightnin' Corner, a state historical marker has been raised in his honor.

"His music is life ... everyday life," Milton Hopkins, a cousin, said. "Any time you hear a Lightnin' Hopkins song, you can rest assured it's true."

On the morning of Nov. 13, hundreds of sleepy, music-loving Houstonians dragged themselves out of bed — aided by cups of coffee and plenty of cigarettes — to witness this benchmark achievement for Houston culture. Hopkins is the first musician to be honored by the state in Houston.

"It was just time for someone to remember what he gave, not only Houston and Texas but the world," said Eric Davis, a local blues enthusiast who, with the help of House of Blues, Live Nation, Project Row Houses and the Houston Blues Society,

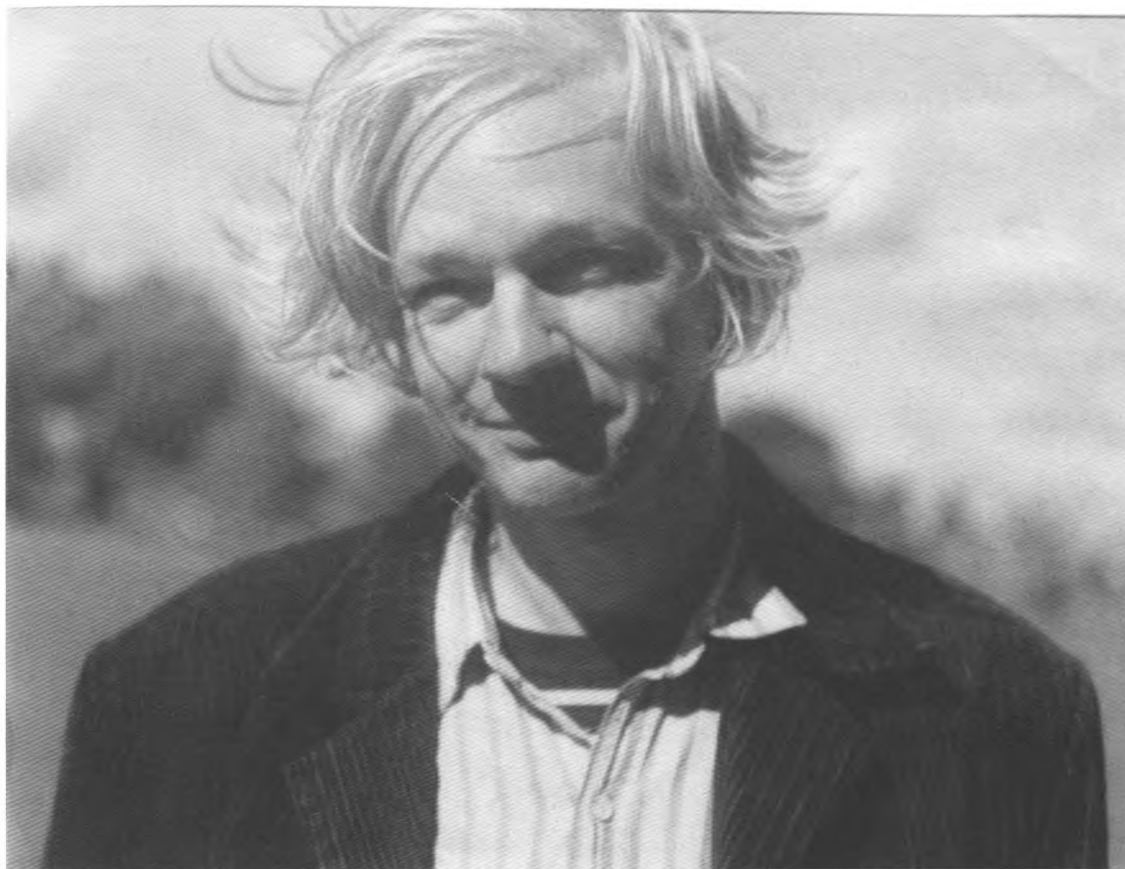
set up the event.

"I think it's a shame that we have let such important contributions to the cultural fabric of Houston, Texas and beyond go to the wayside," Davis said. "There's as much history here as there is in Mississippi."

Hopkins' contribution to jazz and blues earned him the reputation as one of the most compelling blues performer in the late 1960s. His music inspired legends such as Jimi Hendrix, ZZ Top, Bob Dylan, Ringo Starr and Red Hot Chili Peppers guitarist John Frusciante.

Before this marker, there was nothing in Houston to display Hopkins' contributions, accomplishments or keep a public record of his life, save for his gravesite in Forest Park Cemetery. His albums are available in stores, and his name is constantly brought up in the local music scene, but there was no indicator anywhere in the city.

There is now.



Wikileaks founder Julian Assange was investigated by the U.S. gov after leaking classified information on his website. *Courtesy of Wikimedia Commons*

SECRETS REVEALED

Website owner under fire after releasing top-secret government papers

By Taylor McGilvray

On November 28, 2010, WikiLeaks, a website dedicated to making government and corporate information public, leaked 220 diplomatic cables to newspapers such as The Guardian and The New York Times, in an event the media quickly labeled cablegate.

A diplomatic cable is a confidential message between foreign embassies and their parent country.

"The purpose of WikiLeaks is to promote justice by opening governments and powerful corporations," founder of WikiLeaks Julian Assange said in an email to Ecuador's El Comercio newspaper. "There is too much work done by these entities to hide information; information that should be known to the public."

Days after the leak, the domain name wikileaks.org was prevented from linking to its server, forcing the website to switch to a Swedish host under the domain name wikileaks.ch.

One after the other Paypal, Visa, Mastercard, and Bank of America all stop allowing transfers of money to Wikileaks.

The online hacking group Anonymous retaliated and showed their support for Wikileaks by cyber attacking the websites of these and other companies inhibiting the support of Wikileaks.

The country and the world quickly became divided on whether Assange should be applauded or arrested.

"If there is democracy, it must be a full one. Why did they jail Mr. Assange? Is that democracy?" Russian President Vladimir Putin said to ABC news. "You know what our villagers say: while someone's cow is mooing, yours better be silent."

Others were not as supportive, like Tom Flanagan, former adviser to Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

"I think Assange should be assassinated, actually," Flanagan said. "I think Obama should put out a contract or use a drone or something."

Supporters view Assange as a hero, fighting for true democracy and freedom of speech.

"So why is WikiLeaks, after performing such an important public service, under such vicious attack? Because they have ousted and embarrassed those who have covered up the truth," notorious filmmaker Michael Moore wrote in his blog. "WikiLeaks exists, in part, because the mainstream media has failed to live up to its responsibility. The corporate owners have decimated newsrooms, making it impossible for good journalists to do their job."

His opponents, however, have gone as far as labeling him a terrorist.

"Whoever in our government leaked that information is guilty of treason, and I think anything less than execution is too kind a penalty," former governor of Arkansas Mike Huckabee said to Politico. "They've put American lives at risk. They put relationships that will take decades to rebuild at risk... Any lives they endangered, they're personally responsible for and the blood is on their hands."

Bradley Manning, a United States Army soldier, was charged with transferring classified information to his personal computer and relaying the information to an unauthorized source — WikiLeaks.

Manning was recently removed from solitary confinement, according to the New York Daily News. He faces the death penalty for aiding the enemy.

Assange is currently being charged with sexual assault charges in Sweden, and cables continue to be released.

"If the truth we reveal mobilizes people to react against illegitimate government, then this is their choice," Assange said to El Comercio. "How the people chose to react to what they discover about their governments is up to them."



South Korean Island, Yeonpyeong was the site of an attack by North Korea, which left two people dead, and 10 wounded. *Courtesy of Wikimedia Commons*

TROUBLE IN ASIA

North Korea rises alert after bombing of South Korean island, fears of a third world war arise

By Zahra Ahmed

The bombing of the South Korean island of Yeonpyeong by North Korea worsened an already fragile relationship between the two neighboring Asian countries.

The November 23, 2010 attack left two South Korean marines dead and 16 others wounded.

South Korea responded by protecting its border with F-16 fighter jets and cutting off all humanitarian assistance with North Korea.

Tensions have always ran high between the two nations. After the Korean War, the United Nations Command (Korea) drew up maritime boundaries that were never agreeable to North Korea and post-war frictions between the two were irritated in the 1970s, with violence resuming in the 1980s.

Precise motives for the attack cannot be confirmed, but several theories exist.

North Korea was jealous of the acclaim that Seoul received after it hosted the G20 just two weeks before the attack. Jealousy over Seoul's success and the military ambitions of North Korea successor Kim Jong Un proved possible motives for the attack.

"Kim Jong Un is currently under the influence of more hawkish generals," says Cheong Seong-Chang, a senior fellow at the Sejong Institute, in an article for Time Magazine. "The son's power base is derived from the military, and the power of military is greater than ever."

The attack also occurred days after it was learned that North Korea was pressing ahead with its nuclear program.

The actions of North Korea were condemned around the globe.

"North Korea's indiscriminate artillery attack on Yeonpyeong Island is a clear military provocation on the Republic of Korea," Hong Sang-pyo, senior secretary for public affairs at the presidential office Cheong Wa Dae, said in a statement. "Furthermore, recklessly shelling against civilians can never be tolerated."

The U.S., a close ally to the South, also was quick to respond to the attacks.

"The United States strongly condemns this attack and calls on North Korea to halt its belligerent action," the White House said in a statement. "The U.S. is firmly committed to the defense of our ally, the Republic of Korea, and to the maintenance of regional peace and stability."

World leaders, including Russia and China, feared the worst and asked that the problem be resolved in a peaceful manner. South Korean President Lee Myung-Bak urged officials to "handle it well to prevent further escalation."

The violence between the two countries did not worsen after the attack. On January 20, 2011 optimism rose as South Korea accepted military negotiations with North Korea. Plans to discuss recent military provocations, denuclearization and maintenance of peace in regard to territorial disputed waters are on the agenda. In early May 2011, Lee said he was willing to open negotiations for a security summit with Kim, as long as he agreed to abandon nuclear weapons and apologize for the conflicts that occurred last year.

KHATOR RECEIVES TOP HONOR

UH president will represent the University as a board member for Federal Reserve Bank

By Daniel Renfrow

If you look at the front of a dollar bill, to the left of the somber looking president is a circle with a letter inside. It looks a little bit like a bottle cap. And, if you are holding a bill that contains the letter "K" in the circle, that bill is from the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. This isn't an arbitrarily placed letter, or a way to teach children the alphabet. It is a way to distinguish which bank the bill came from. However, from now on students can pretend the letter "K" stands for "Khator."

UH President Renu Khator has been appointed to the Federal Reserve Board of Dallas as a Class C director. There are three Class C directors for each bank who represent the public and are appointed by the Board of Governors. Each bank also has three Class A and three Class B directors who are elected by members of commercial banks in that district.

Khator's appointment is no small feat as the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas encompasses the entire state of Texas and parts of New Mexico and Louisiana.

"I am honored to receive this appointment, and I am proud to serve in this position that offers a major role in the supervision and regulation of the U. S. banking system," Khator said in press release.

Khator has been a major player in the University's ascent

to Tier One-research status. This appointment is undoubtedly a result of her hard work and can be added to her growing list of accomplishments.

"President Khator was appointed to the Dallas Federal Reserve Board of Directors to represent public interests within the district," Assistant Director of media relations for the University Shawn Lindsey said. "This involves decision-making and recommendations that are essential to maintaining the financial stability and economic vitality of this region."

As a Class C director, Khator will be taking part in decisions that will affect the entire U.S. banking system, as well as providing information about the economic climate of her district to the Federal Open Market Committee and the Board of Governors. The FOMC and Board of Governors will use this information to aid in making U.S. monetary policy decisions.

"This appointment is an honor, but it is a separate function from her role as Chancellor and President of the University of Houston," Lindsey said.

According to the release on the UH's website, Khator will be serving the remainder of a term that ends in December of 2011. After her current term has expired she will be eligible for reappointment to a full term.



UH President Renu Khator celebrates the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching ranking of UH as a top tier institution. *Courtesy of Thomas Campbell*

ONE STEP CLOSER

By Daniel Renfrow

UH reached a milestone this year as it became only the third public university in the state of Texas to be designated a Tier One research institution by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

This designation places UH in the ranks of the University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M in College Station.

Mark Smith, dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, said the designation is a great step in the University's pursuit of flagship status, but there is still a long way to go.

"I think in this economic time we have to worry about continuing to push for advancements. We need to push harder and be more creative," Smith said. "We need to make sure we are using our resources optimally."

Chemistry professor Rigoberto Advincula said that in order for the University to continue on its path to excellence, UH administration and Texas must continue to lay a good foundation for the University.

"Now is the time to establish good infrastructure. Not only physical, but actual core facilities, instrumentation, facilities that will allow researchers to try to do more work," Advincula said. "Now is a good time to ask what will be needed by the University to reach the next step."

Advincula is one of the many contributors in research advancement at UH; he and his students focus on research in polymer and nano-materials and their application for semi-conductors.

"The Tier One status gives recognition to what has been happening at the University of Houston for some time," Advincula said. "Tier One is somewhat of a cap on the feather of the University."

Assistant Chemistry professor Vassiliy Lubchenko said the Tier One recognition draws attention to the groundbreaking work that has been happening at the University for some time.

"Research is the only way to stay ahead," Lubchenko said. "We need a lot of long-term investment in academia."

Mathematics and physics junior Thomas Markovich said he is excited and proud that the University was able to achieve such recognition, and he looks forward to what comes next.

"I think it's cool that we got Tier One status. It is a big step, but we will have more important steps later on," Markovich said. "I think the University of Houston has a very bright future."

Assistant English professor Jennifer Wingard is currently working on a book that focuses on the city of Houston as a site of inquiry within the global economic and political discourses.

She said UH's new Tier One research status will affect not only the University, but also Houston as a whole.

"Houston is already known for the oil industry and the work of the medical center," Wingard said. "And even though it has a world-class arts community, highly regarded private universities and a historically black college, it is often overshadowed by Austin or Dallas as a site of artistic or intellectual community."

"The development of the University of Houston as a Tier One school and the University's deep ties to Houston will help draw attention to the various successful communities Houston has to offer," Wingard said. "The University of Houston and its ties to the various communities around Houston will help to diversify Houston's image."



Administrators, students, alumni and Shasta came out to celebrate UH's recognition as a Tier One University. *Courtesy of Thomas Campbell*



BUDGET CUTS AFFECTING UH

By The Daily Cougar staff

On November 12, Provost John Antel announced at a CLASS meeting that the University would be preparing for a cut in state funding for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. From then on University administrators would be looking for ways to not only make up the deficit, but also look for areas to cut or reduce spending and for additional sources of funding.

A letter signed by Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Joe Strauss dated Dec. 6 asked institutions to "take a broad view across all programs and services to find savings opportunities."

The state is essentially asking universities for a refund.

"To comply with the new state-mandated budget cuts for this fiscal year, we are going to be looking for cash to return to the state, fund balances and reserves," Communication Director Richard Bonnin told the Daily Cougar. "We will have conversations about furloughs and other actions that will produce cash, but we will not be looking for program or personnel reductions as part of this cut."

The University's total budget for the fiscal year 2011 was \$874.4 million, according to the Department of Administration and Finance. Of the revenue coming in, 22.4 percent is either state general revenue or state funding. The administration is expecting a 15 to 25 percent cut in state general revenue.

"Even if we have a 20 percent cut in general revenue, it does not mean we have a 20 percent cut in our total budget, because the general revenue is a subset of our total budget," Antel said.

While state general revenue only equates to 22.4 percent of the University's revenue, 81 percent of the state funds go directly to pay for salary, wages and benefits.

UH has already cut 133 staff jobs, according to Antel. Other changes in progress include reorganizing the IT department, fund balance management and instituting hiring limits. There is no hiring freeze, but Antel said that UH has slowed down on hiring new faculty.

"When we lose that money, you can see right away where that impact is going to be. It's really people we're talking about," Antel said. "There's just no way to avoid having to deal with adjustments in a workforce. That's why we've already made significant adjustments to the workforce here at UH."

Antel said that the worst of the layoffs could possibly be over, but plans for administrative consolidation could lead to further layoffs.

There will also be a delay in the mission for Tier One.

"We have to be realistic. We're going to get less money from the state. We're probably going to have to slow down in some areas," he said.

The greatest impact to UH students are a reduction in financial aid and a reduction in course section offerings.

"We will try to look at any course reductions with an eye towards minimizing the impact on students. We look at historical enrollments — student demand matters," Antel said. "We look at scheduling to make sure courses are available at various times and on various days. We look to maintain courses that students need to graduate."

Student Government Association President Prince Wilson has been vocal about his opposition to cuts in the University funding, because of the effects these would have on students — particularly, he said, the possibility of an increase in tuition.

"We are already facing fiscal issues due to the current state of the economy and it is not acceptable for the state to reduce our source of funding," Wilson said in a letter to the UH student body dated Feb. 16. "Our tuition will rise dramatically, important courses will be eliminated, student services will be reduced and many more significant factors of our education will be either completely removed or will face a reduction."

The administration hopes to ease some of this budget strain by generating revenue from other sources.

"One the things that public universities are looking at now are their program mix," Antel said. "It turns out because of the demographics and the age characteristics of the population, that we actually think we can generate some more revenue with getting more involved in what's called continuing professional education, and the classic and most important example of something we already do at Bauer very well is the MBA."

Another solution the administration is looking to is congestion pricing and discounts. Offering discounts to students for signing up for Friday or evening classes would help the University better utilize the facilities, Antel said.

"One of the priorities in the context of the cuts is to protect our educational mission. The students are why we are here," he said. "We have to protect that."

The only area that might not be affected if this occurs is the Athletics department. Bonnin said this is because the department is not directly funded by the state.

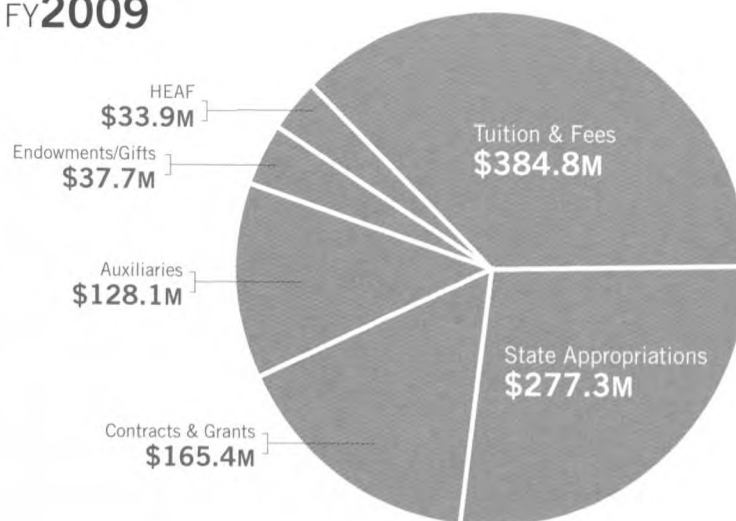
For fiscal year 2011, according to financial information provided by Cassie Arner, associate athletics director of communications, the athletics department's revenue has grown more than \$5 million in the last three years.

"We've gone from \$9.7 million in 2009 to \$15.7 million in 2011," Arner said. "When we can increase the amount of revenue we bring in, we can reduce what we're dependent on the University for."

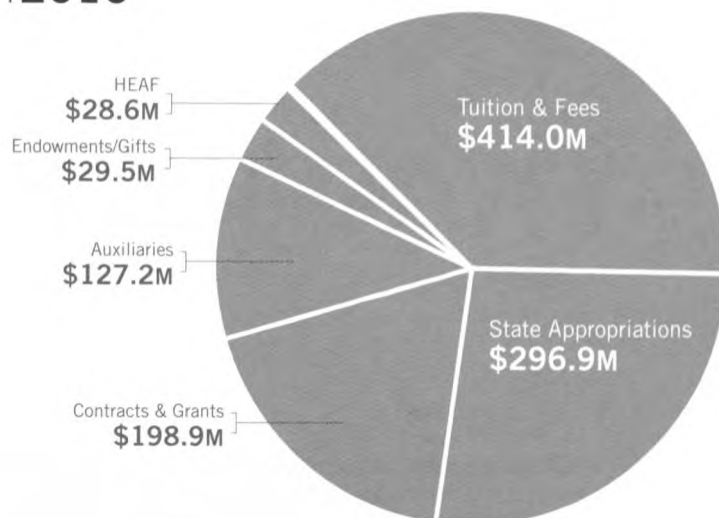
According to the University's FY 2011 Plan and Budget, UH receives \$15.3 million in student fees. From those student fees, the University provides the athletics department with \$4.4 million.

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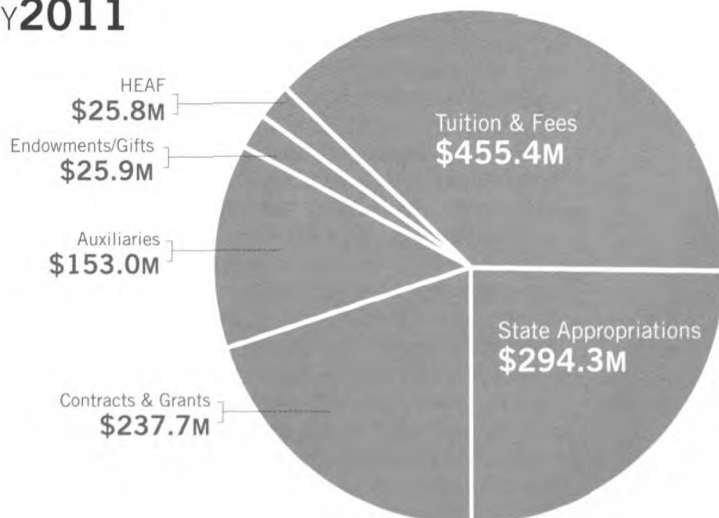
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(left) Crowds amassed in Midan El Tahrir, Cairo during "March of the Millions" part of the 2011 Egyptian protests (right) People took to the streets in Libya to demand the removal of the Gaddafi regime. *Courtesy of Wikimedia Commons*

WALK LIKE AN EGYPTIAN

Revolutions breakout in the Middle East to overturn dictators

By Sarah Raslan

The Spring of 2011 was a rather busy one, not only on campus but across the world in a place they call the Middle East.

When the Tunisian people were able to topple their president of 23 years, Arabs all over the world began to wonder if the same could ever happen in their countries. Most Arabs dismissed it as something that would most likely never happen in their country and that Tunisia was a very rare and beautiful case.

Egyptians in Houston discussed the events of Tunisia, wondering if the people of Egypt would ever rise up against the tyrannical regime of Hosni Mubarak, who took power three decades ago. As Egyptians and Arabs all over the world doubted that the revolutionary spirit of Tunisia would spread to Egypt, Egyptian activists were planning and getting ready for a revolution that would capture the world's heart and help the Arab imagination run free.

Egyptians took to the streets on Jan. 25, calling for the ousting of Mubarak and yelling chants such as "the people want down with the regime." The peaceful protesters only carried signs, some even handed out flowers to police forces in an attempt to show the police and the world that they were peaceful demonstrators.

The next day the demonstrators returned to the streets, breaking a ban on protests, and were met with violence from state security and police. Tear gas, rubber bullets, water cannons and live ammunition were used on the demonstrators in an attempt by the regime to crush the revolution.

The protests in Egypt were planned on social media websites such as Facebook and Twitter. By the third day of the revolution, Mubarak shut down Internet in Egypt and cut off cell phone lines, leaving Egypt cut off from the world. Outside supports of the revolution began demonstrations in front of the Egyptian Consulate in

their cities to show their solidarity.

Over the next two weeks, the demonstrations in Egypt would continue. Mubarak spoke to the people but would not recognize their calls for the end of his rule. This angered the Egyptian people and they continued to protest and fight for their freedom from Mubarak's oppressive regime.

As the protests continued, Mubarak formed a "new government" that mostly consisted of the same officials being appointed to different government positions, along with a promise that he and his son would not be running for the office of president in the coming election. Again, the protests continued.

On Feb. 11, Mubarak resigned from the presidency and fled Cairo to stay in his Sharm el Sheikh beach house.

Egyptians were ecstatic with their accomplishment, overthrowing a 31-year-old regime in 18 days. The world celebrated Egypt's freedom from Mubarak and the revolutions would soon spread to neighboring Libya.

The struggle for freedom and democracy in Egypt did not end with Mubarak's resignation and the struggle continues to this day.

After witnessing the Egyptian revolution, Libyans took to the streets on Feb. 17 calling for an end to Gaddafi's regime. Thousands of lives have been lost in Libya due to violence from Gaddafi's security and foreign mercenaries, but the Libyan people's spirits are high and have vowed to continue their fight until freedom is on their side.

The Arab revolutionary fever has spread all over the region with Syria, Bahrain and Yemen joining the call for freedom and democracy in the Middle East.



Faculty, staff and student supporters of equal benefits for domestic partners marched from Ezekiel W. Cullen to Human Services building on Valentines Day. *Courtesy of LGBT Center*

LOOKING FOR EQUALITY

UH faculty seek benefits for domestic partners

By Daniel Renfrow

The Ezekiel W. Cullen building served as the stage for students and faculty who lined up in front of the Human Resource office on Valentine's day asking for the University to extend benefits to the partners of employees in same sex or different sex domestic partnerships.

"Excellent universities are fair universities," Associate professor of English Maria Gonzalez said as she addressed the crowd. "Someday we hope the University will treat us like our straight counterparts."

Event organizers hoped to raise awareness on the issue, and gain campuswide support.

"I thought the event was great," Joan Nelson, executive director of Human Resources said. "They need to continue to put a voice to their cause."

Lorraine Schroeder, program director of the Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender Resource Center, helped organize the march. Schroeder's partner recently went a year and a half without benefits while she was looking for a job, even though Schroeder works for the University.

"It would have been nice to have put her on my benefits at the time," Schroeder said. "It's an unfortunate situation that we're in. Sometimes people (in domestic partnerships) have to make the decision to leave or not work here because financially it is not the best decision for them."

James Lee, a political science sophomore and president of LGBT Advocates, agrees that the policy is having a negative effect on the University.

"It's affecting students directly," Lee said. "Some faculty are leaving or deciding not to take positions here because of the policy."

University employees in domestic partnerships pay \$9,500 dollars a year more than married employees, according to a report

from the Commission on Women. The study calculates that over a twenty-five year period that amounts to \$235,000.

It would be difficult for UH to extend domestic partner benefits to its employees because of the State's constitutional amendment that defines marriage as one between one man and one woman. However, according to the report, there are universities in other states with similar amendments that have found ways to offer the benefits.

The report estimates that extending benefits to both same-sex and different-sex couples in domestic partnerships would cost the University from \$218,738 to \$327,205 a year.

Associate Creative Writing professor Martha Serpas said this amount is minimal when compared to the amount of money departments must use to recruit and replace new faculty members after the exit of faculty members who left the University because of the policy.

Serpas taught at Yale Divinity School and the University of Tampa before coming to UH and said the University's refusal to extend domestic partner benefits to employees is forcing Serpas and her partner, who lives in Florida, to remain in a long-distance relationship.

Serpas said the extension of domestic partner benefits is inevitable and that it is a smart business decision. The state of Texas, she said, could simply start offering an "employee plus one" insurance option which allows an employee to cover a domestic partner, senior dependent or one child under their plan.

"This would enable the state of Texas to not scream out loud that they were offering domestic partner benefits," Serpas said. "It's a PR bonus, and it's also fair."

However, she said, the University should not wait for the state of Texas to change its laws before taking action.

Space shuttle Discovery completed more than 30 successful missions, more than any other orbiter in NASA's fleet. *Courtesy of Wikimedia Commons*



THE FINAL MISSION

After more than 30 trips to outer space, NASA retires space shuttle Discovery

By Joshua Siegel

After spending 365 days in space over the course of a 27-year career, the space shuttle Discovery has landed for the final time and will now make its home inside the walls of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

The shuttle, which completed more successful missions than any other orbiter — 39 — was the first of NASA's fleet to be retired after its final mission was completed with a smooth touchdown at Kennedy Space Center on March 11, 2011.

"We wanted to go out on a high note, and Discovery has done it," launch director Mike Leinbach said to the *Houston Chronicle*. "We couldn't ask for any more. It was virtually a perfect mission."

On its final voyage, Discovery dropped off a storage room and a humanoid robotic assistant, Robonaut 2, to the International Space Station.

Discovery was the third operational orbiter launched by NASA, following Challenger and Columbia.

After the tragedies that befell both of the older shuttles, Discovery flew the "Return to Flight" missions following each.

The completion of missions by NASA's two youngest orbiters, Atlantis and Endeavour, will signal the end of the three-decade run of the Space Shuttle program with Discovery being its most prolific shuttle.

"We're seeing a program come to a close here, and to see these shuttles, these beautiful, magnificent flying machines, end their service life is obviously a little bit sad for us," Astronaut and M.D. Michael Barratt said to the *New York Times*.

"But it is about time — they've lived a very long time, they've had a fabulous success record."

Discovery carried Senator Jake Garn (R-Utah) during its week-long mission to rescue two satellites and launch two others in 1984. It was the first time an incumbent member of Congress travelled into space.

Two years after flying the first "Return to Flight" mission, Discovery was again a part of history when it launched the Hubble Space Telescope on April 24, 1990.

In 1998, Discovery carried another active senator into space when John Glenn became the oldest human to ever go into space. Glenn had previously travelled to space in 1962 as part of the Mercury Atlas 6 mission; he was the fifth person to ever travel into space.

Glenn was 77 years old when he boarded Discovery and helped the space program gain valuable information about how space travel affects individuals of advanced ages.

The mission was also the first time a Spaniard traveled to space with astronaut Pedro Duque on board.

During its career, Discovery travelled 148,221,675 miles, deployed 31 satellites, docked 13 times at the International Space Station and once with Russian space station Mir.

"It is a vehicle the likes of which we won't see again, for probably decades," Barratt said in an interview with ABC News from orbit. "The carrying capacity of this ship, the number of people, the fact that it can be an independent orbiting laboratory or a massive cargo hauler. It can support spacewalks or experimental work and land in a fairly sanguine fashion on a runway. It is an incredible spaceship, so I think we can celebrate that legacy with absolutely no problem, with reckless abandon if you will."



The earthquake that hit near the east coast of Henshu, Japan, is the most powerful earthquake to hit the region. *Courtesy of Wikimedia Commons*

KILLER QUAKE

Japan is hit by 8.9 magnitude earthquake, leaving country in shambles

By Julian Jimenez

11,232 dead, 2,778 injured and 16,361 missing. Entire parking lots of cars swept away, businesses flooded, homes destroyed. Damages estimated between \$122 billion and \$235 billion. These images of the apocalypse became frighteningly real on March 11, 2011, as an 8.9 magnitude earthquake struck 250 miles north-east of Tokyo, triggering a tsunami that left Japan reeling as they struggled to recover.

As the most powerful earthquake to hit Japan, and one of the top five biggest earthquakes in the world ever recorded since 1900, the disaster shifted the very earth itself, moving portions of Japan 7.9 ft closer to North America. Nearly 125,000 buildings were destroyed as a wall of water with waves up to 33 feet high crashed down on an area of approximately 470 square kilometers of cities and farmland along the Japanese coast. Some 300,000 citizens were displaced by the event, and as they huddled in makeshift refugee shelters and tents, a number of the elderly and sick perished as they succumbed to the freezing conditions of the late winter.

Even more worrying, the tsunami left a number of nuclear power plants disabled in the wake of the devastation, including the Fukushima Daiichi plant, one of the fifteen largest nuclear power plants in the world. Severe damage to the reactor cooling systems exposed reactor fuel rods, and in the weeks following the plant shutdown there were visible explosions, containment vessel damage, and a partial nuclear meltdown in at least two of its reactors. Officials harbor no illusions — they know they're in for a long fight as they struggle to prevent a full-blown atomic crisis.

"We are focusing on establishing the conditions there using every bit of expertise available," Japanese Prime Minister Naoto Kan said during a visit to the area. "I am convinced we will be able to achieve it. I do not know for now how long this will take."

The tragedy brought destruction on such a large scale, even parts of the country that were left unscathed by the wrath of the disaster are feeling the brunt of its impact.

Marie Toyama, a 4th year environmental business student at Keio University in Minato, Tokyo, explained that much of the area demolished by flooding was made up of factories and industrial zones that left most of the country without basic necessities.

"I don't have any friends or relatives in the Tohoku district where the damage of the earthquake is most serious," Toyama said. "But daily products such as rice, bread, milk, eggs, emergency related products such as flashlights, batteries were scarce."

But though the earthquake and tsunami claimed many lives, homes and businesses, the disaster revealed the great resilience and determination of the country. Japanese citizens forged on in the days following immediately after the disaster because of a cultural attitude dubbed "gaman," a term that translates to "enduring the seemingly unbearable with patience and dignity." Combined with the country's strong respect for authority during crises, there was little to no looting or widespread chaos in the aftermath, and many countries have recognized the behavior with admiring respect.

"I am amazed at how well the Japanese are behaving," said Tang Zhaoxin, a Chinese citizen. "I think we should enhance the quality of our national behavior."

Japan has a long road ahead as it begins the process of rebuilding.

"In the 65 years after the end of World War II, this is the toughest and the most difficult crisis for Japan," Kan said in a news conference on CNN.

No doubt, for both Japan and the world over, the horrific scale of the disaster will stand out in history as a tragedy to be forever etched in memory.

UH ON TOP

University is ranked as one of the best institutions in the country by the Princeton Review

By Julian Jimenez

UH received some well-deserved recognition as the Princeton Review ranked the University in its 2012 edition of their annual college guidebook, "The Best 376 Colleges," set for release in August 2011.

The University's ranking as one of the best undergraduate institutions in the nation will mark the first time UH has ever been featured in the publication, which, according to the Princeton Review website, only includes the top eight percent of all colleges in the U.S.

"Since we are striving to achieve overall excellence, this recognition by the Princeton Review is one more important indication that we're making great progress," UH President and System Chancellor Renu Khator said in a press release. "This is the first time our school has been included, so it's gratifying to know our efforts at improving student success are starting to show real results."

The Princeton Review's Vice President of publishing, Robert Franek, said in a press release that the process for determining a school's inclusion onto the list is based on a large set of criteria, the results of which are based on student surveys.

"First, we must have a high regard for their academic programs and other offerings," Franek said. "Second, our selections take into account institutional data we collect from the schools and the opinions of more than 122,000 students who we survey. We also greatly value the feedback we get about schools from our college-savvy staff across the country as well as from students, educators and parents who use our services and books."

Franek added the company takes the rankings very seriously, and that they try to include a variety of schools in the guidebook so that the publication accurately encompasses the wide breadth and scope of educational institutions serving the country today.

"It includes public and private schools, traditional and non-traditional colleges, historically black colleges and universities, and science and technology-focused institutions," Franek said. "However, each one is an outstanding institution we highly recommend to college applicants and their parents. In our opinion, these are 'the cream of the crop' institutions for undergraduates in America."

To help verify the school's eligibility for ranking, Franek visited the campus in person with a team of Princeton Review executives in tow. For him and his team, the trip only solidified what many Cougars already know.

"You have much to be proud of and much to brag about," Franek said. "We're delighted to share in it with you."

During the trip, one of the team members, Princeton Review vice president of educational partnerships Joe Guerra, was struck by the enthusiasm and drive of the student body.

"UH students are energetic. I was particularly impressed to see how much diversity the campus offers, as well as the variety of languages being spoken," Guerra said.

The honor of this recognition isn't lost on UH students. Lawrence Tovar, a History junior, said that he was happy to learn that he's going to a top school.

"I feel really good about it," Tovar said. "Now that we're ranked, it'll help show everyone how great it is to be a student here."

ON THE RISE

Regents look to increase tuition to make up for budget shortfall

By Nick Ragan

In April, the UH System Board of Regents passed a proposal that may raise the tuition rate by a maximum of seven percent for undergraduate students and nine percent for graduate students for the Fall 2011 semester.

Once the Texas Legislature determines how much state funding UH will receive, administrators will determine if a tuition increase is necessary.

If administrators decide to raise tuition, they will need the Regent's approval.

"I have no intentions of coming to you and asking for seven percent," UH President and System Chancellor Renu Khator told the board.

Khator said she wants to minimize any rise in tuition because students cannot afford it, and a tuition hike wouldn't make enough of a difference in the budget shortfall.

The draft budget that passed through the Texas House in early April would cause the UH system to lose \$975 in state funding per student annually.

Khator said if tuition were raised by the maximum seven percent, it would mean an increase of \$440 per student annually, which is not enough to cover even half the discrepancy.

Vice President for Governmental Relations Grover Campbell was in Austin working with the Texas Senate to help revise the draft budget that would cause the UH system to lose millions in state funding over the next two years.

"Things are in flux," Vice President for Administration and Finance Carl Carlucci said. "At this point, we don't know where the budget is going to stand."

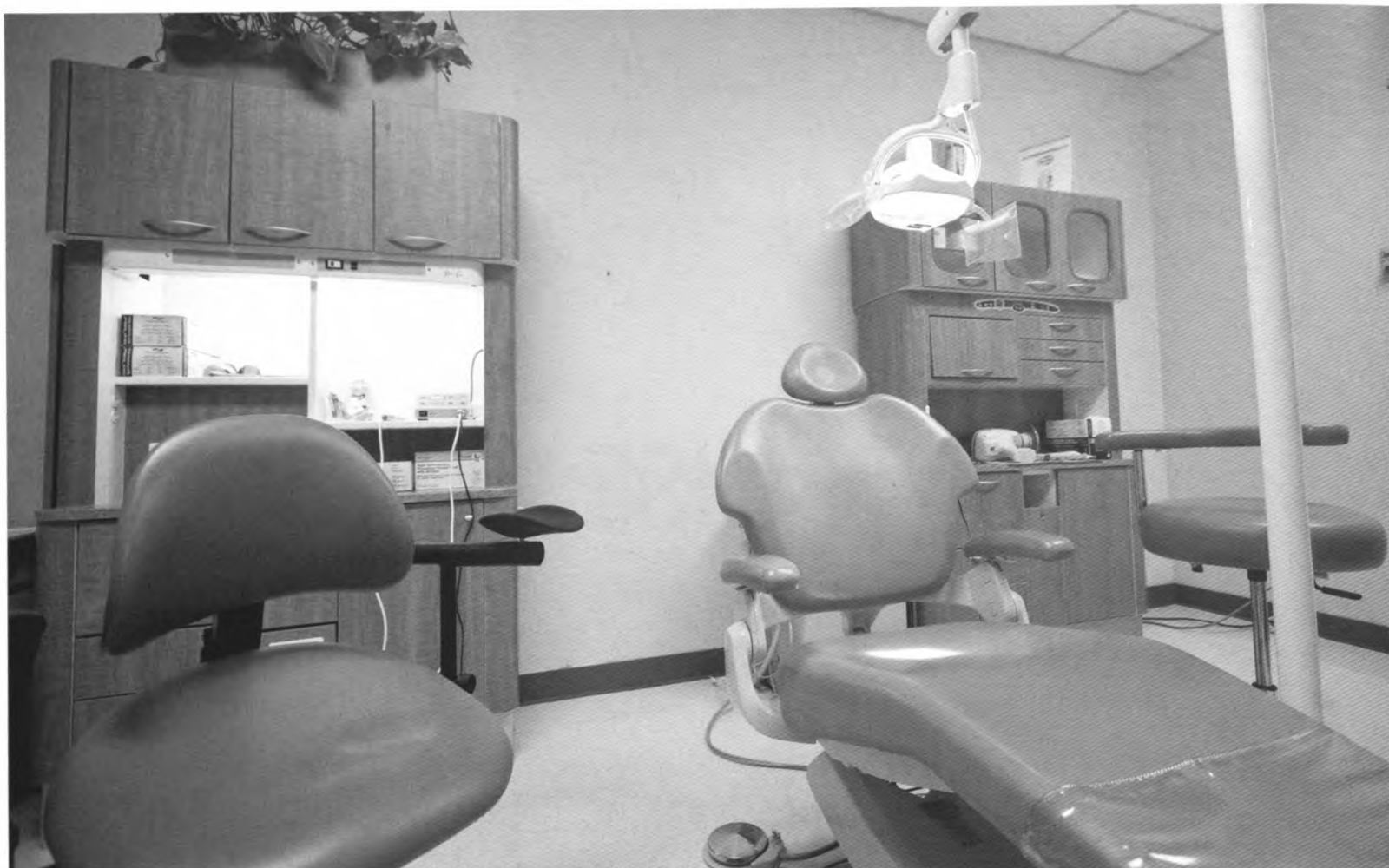
Khator said the UH system has already saved \$21 million by improving operational efficiencies.

The administration is aiming to enhance revenue, consolidate certain units and increase productivity in an attempt to reduce the system's dependence on state funding as much as possible.

Administrators are also looking into what Khator called "workforce reshaping."

The UH system has eliminated 136 staff positions over the last three years, and will determine if more reductions are necessary after the Legislature acts on a budget.

Khator said the administration is focused on maintaining the academic integrity of its programs to keep student trust and that following the Board's plan is essential to the continued success of the University.



Students, faculty and staff can now get dental care on campus. *Newton Liu*

OPEN WIDE

University opens first dental clinic on campus

By Misti R. Mynhier

April 11, 2011 marked the first day that UH students were able to make appointments at the new dental clinic in the Health Center. UH is the first university in the state to add a dental clinic to its health services.

"A student's health is very important to us," said Kathy Fire, executive secretary for the Health Center Division of Student Affairs. "Maintaining good dental health contributes to your overall health and wellness."

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, studies have shown that maintaining strong wellness will enhance a person's ability to initially feel better and in turn work harder towards achieving his or her overall goals.

"The first thing you notice when you meet someone is their smile. The pearly whites have become quite the fad," C.T. Bauer College of Business student Daniel Goodwin said. "I know I can't wait to have convenient dental services available."

On-site services will include preventative dentistry, such as traditional cleaning, X-rays and check-ups, as well as limited major dental procedures.

Since the dental clinic is mostly funded through student fees and self-generated revenue, a student's per visit costs will be minimal.

"A \$20 visit co-pay is payable when students check-in at the UH Health Center; additional charges are based on the services provided and are charged at a reasonable and customary rate," Fire said. "Most dental insurance plans will be accepted."

She said the needs of UH students prompted the University to look into adding the clinic.

"The Health Center recognizes that many of our students have the need for dental services," she said.



Lot 15-D, near Robertson Stadium will become a garage to help parking woes on campus. Garage will be completed by Spring 2015. *Jack Wehman*

CONSTRUCTION AHEAD

Administrators hope a new parking garage would relieve some of the parking problems already facing students

By Louis Casiano

Construction for a new parking garage located near Robertson Stadium will begin in the summer of 2011.

The area that is currently lot 15D is where the garage will stand. It will be the largest on campus. Construction is expected to take nine months and be completed by May 1, 2012.

While construction is happening, 1,100 spaces of the parking lot will be out of service, forcing students to plan ahead more than they already do to make sure they can secure a parking space.

The stadium garage will feature 2,300 parking spaces, more than 1,400 of which will be designated for students. The garage will also house a bookstore, convenience store and a customer service counter for Parking and Transportation services.

The garage will also have a designated parking area for visitors.

"Garages let us get a common area where we can get (visitors) out of the student lots," customer service manager Eric Holamon said. "And ultimately we'll double the amount of student parking in this section."

Finding a parking space is one of the biggest complaints for students who commute to campus.

Students have been known to sometimes search for over an hour to find a space, and the construction will only make the battle for parking more competitive.

"It's tough," Assistant Director of Parking Operations Paul Lozano said. "Once we get this garage up and going, we're going to be ahead of the curve, but we've got to go through these growing pains."

Kinesiology senior Erika Jansson, who regularly parks in lot 15D, is not looking forward to the construction, but is hoping that the new garage will reduce the time it takes to look for parking spaces.

"After the construction it will probably be able to hold more cars and people probably won't get ticketed as much," Jansson said.

In order to compensate for the loss of spaces while construction is ongoing, PTS will open an additional 500 spaces in UH Energy Research Park.



University Center renovations are scheduled to begin Spring 2012 and completed by Spring 2015, according to "The New UC" committee members.
Brianna Leigh Morrison

A NEW UC

Plans continue for renovations of University Center

By David Gonzalez

Since 2008, raising tuition to fund renovations to the University Center has become a popular proposal by the Student Government Association.

Every year, SGA passes a proposal supporting an increase in tuition to fund the renovations. This year, senators approved a \$50 increase in student fees.

"Today is about growth. UH students deserve the best of the best," former SGA president Prince Wilson said. "The exciting part is that the students won't have to go underground to get involved in all of the student centers."

Originally, renovations were to begin in 2008 and be completed in 2010, but plans have been halted. The "New UC" committee, formerly "UC 2010," now says renovations will begin in Spring 2012 and are expected to be completed by Spring 2015.

The renovations will take place in two phases that will close off different parts of the UC, but never closing off the area entirely.

During phase-one, the underground will be closed. Underground offices will move upstairs into temporary trailers. The second phase will shut down dining services as the underground reopens.

The eco-friendly renovations will add a theatre, ballroom, study and lounge areas, enhanced dining options, as well as shaded outdoor lounge areas for student use. The renovations will also move the Student Services office to the third floor. The renovations are advertised by the "New UC" committee as another way to bring the University closer to achieving flagship status.

IMAGINATION PAYS OFF

Students participate and win big at top gaming competition

By Darlene Campos

Four teams from the Computer Science Department made UH proud at the Microsoft's Imagine Cup 2011 US Competition. Big Impact Bear, AAMP, Righteous Noodle and STC competed for the University and three of the teams placed in the top three in their respective events, which allowed them to advance to the final round.

Team Big Impact Bear won first place in the mobile game design category, with Team AAMP following close behind with a second place finish. Team Righteous Noodle won third place in the game design for Windows/Xbox category.

This is not the first time UH teams competed in the competition and made it to the final rounds. In 2008, a UH team finished in the top 20 in the international Imagine Cup competition. And in 2009, a UH team ranked in the top 150. Two UH teams – Ifrit Salsa and Level13 – won 2nd and 3rd places, respectively, in the national competition and four UH teams ranked in the top 150 in the International competition in 2010.

Created by United Nations Millennium Development Goals and Microsoft, the Imagine Cup is a premier student technology competition in software design, embedded development, game design, digital media, and Windows Phone 7 development.

"This success showcases not only UH's gaming coursework, but also the excellent overall quality of our undergraduate program," professor Jaspal Subhlok said in a press release. "These victories reinforce the fact that computer science students at UH receive an excellent education and have the skills and training to outperform anybody."

Natural Science and Mathematics IT Director Jose Baez Franceshi served as mentor for Big Impact Bear and said the students prepared for the competition from the first day of class.

"I was very impressed with the consistent dedication and the enthusiasm that the students showed in preparation for the competition," Baez Franceshi said. "Year after year, our students display the same wholehearted passion for competing. It makes me proud of being their instructor and mentor."

Mark Rojas of Team AAMP, said he participated in the competition because it was part of the curriculum for his Game Development course. As his team saw how their game was coming together, they started to have faith that they could participate and win the Imagine Cup.

"The experience was fun yet frustrating at times," Rojas said. "I feel that this exposed many of the students who participated in the class to what it would be like if they worked in industry where teamwork is the key. The most memorable moment was when we received notification that we were one of the few teams selected for the finals."

Team members,
Walter Barta, Tanya
Rogers, William
Payne and Vinh
Nguyen show off
their winning vehicle.
*Courtesy of Ann
Nan Lo*



BEST IN THE NATION

UH team awarded top position in Chem-E Car competition, named 2nd best overall

By Misti Mynhier and Patricia Estrada

A team of UH students from the Cullen College of Engineering placed first among US teams and second overall in the regional Chem-E Car Competition, which took place the last weekend in March at Texas A&M University, advancing to the national competition.

The team came in second to Mexico's Tech de Monterrey.

"We had been preparing all semester for the competition, experimenting, building and operating the vehicle," team captain Walter Barta said. "We were very happy with the results. Now the UH team has made its name at this competition 2 years in a row and I would be happy if future teams continued that tradition. I'm glad that I can help UH show itself as the winner amongst other Texas schools that are renowned for their engineering like A&M, UT, and Texas Tech."

Previous winners of the Chem-E Car Competition include Cornell University, Northeastern University and the University of Michigan.

To receive top honors at nationals, each team must design and construct a chemically powered vehicle that had to travel between 50 and 100 feet, and it had to carry a weight between zero and 500 milliliters of water over that distance.

The UH Chem-E Car team designed a vehicle that was

powered by a zinc-oxygen battery and employed a stopping mechanism triggered by breaking a circuit.

"The car that we used this year was run on a homemade Zn/O₂ battery," Barta said. "The battery generated electricity which powered the motor. The electrical circuit also had a magnesium filament in series that ran through a reaction chamber in which acid was injected. The acid slowly dissolved the magnesium and when the circuit was broken the car would stop. The object of the competition was to perfect the kinetics of this acid/magnesium reaction to stop the car at precisely the time that we wanted it to."

According to AIChE's website, first, second and third prizes at nationals will be awarded \$2,000, \$1,000 and \$500 respectively.

The Chem-E Car Competition team members include team captain Barta, William Payne, Tanya Rogers, Ed McDowell and K.C. Schuette. Adjunct professor of chemical and biomolecular engineering, Dr. Micky Fleischer, served as faculty adviser.

Additional contributors included UH AIChE officers, Abel Morales, Jorge Cubas and Allen Lo.

The team is now preparing for nationals at the 2011 American Institute for Chemical Engineers National Student Conference, Oct. 14, in Minneapolis.



The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge William and Catherine in the Throne Room. *Courtesy of Hugo Burnand*

A REAL-LIFE FAIRY TALE

By Paola Estrada

On April 29, 2011 people around the world watched entranced as Prince William married his college sweetheart, Catherine Middleton, in the most anticipated Royal wedding since Prince Charles and Princess Diana married nearly thirty years earlier.

Middleton, the eldest daughter of self-made millionaires, became the first genuine commoner to marry a Royal in over 300 years, and also became the first Royal bride with a college education.

She graduated with a degree in art history from the University of St. Andrews in Scotland in 2005 alongside Prince William who graduated with a degree in geography.

The couple became friends in college and even shared a flat together with other friends before becoming a couple—making Middleton the first Royal bride to live with her groom before marriage. Their courtship, believed to have begun in 2003, was made public in 2004.

"The fact that William is marrying a young woman who we can all relate to, I think it will encourage people to relate more to the royal family as a result of it," said Kate Nicholl, author of *"The Making of a Royal Romance,"* in an interview for Eyewitness News by Liz Cho.

After the seven-year courtship, Prince William proposed to Middleton in October 2010 with his mother's sapphire-and-diamond ring while vacationing in Kenya with friends.

"It's my mother's engagement ring, so of course it's very special to me, and Kate's now very special to me. So, it was only right to put the two together," said Prince William when the engagement was made known to the public a month later, according to an article by the CNN wire staff.

For weeks leading up to the wedding, the royal couple invaded everything from news channels, like CNN and BBC to entertainment channels, like Lifetime, TLC and E! Entertainment.

Millions of onlookers cheered the couple as they arrived at Westminster Abbey to be wed and on their way back to the palace where they exchanged their first public kiss—once again drawing comparison to Princess Diana.

"The reality is that they are two very different women," Nicholl said. "I think Diana was shy, naïve, and inexperienced, and let's face it, she was still a teenager when she met Charles. Kate and William have had the benefit of a nearly nine-year courtship. Kate is a 29-year-old mature, confident woman with great grace and poise."



Chili's too served its last margarita and burger on May 13, ARAMARK officials said restaurant closed because it was not producing enough revenue.
Brianna Leigh Morrison

CHILI'S TOO NO MORE

Eatery closes to give way for new student lounge

By Reesha Brown

While some UH students bid farewell to fellow graduates on May 13, others dined in for the last time at their favorite on-campus restaurant.

Since August 2006, Chili's Too has been the convenient go-to restaurant existing to meet every hungry patron's culinary needs during lunch hours. But due to a steady decline in foot traffic, the beloved casual dining eatery, once located downstairs at the University Center, has closed its doors.

"People vote with their feet and what we found since Chili's has been open, with every passing year with that particular concept, Chili's did not meet the demands of the student body as a whole. Traffic has fallen off considerably," ARAMARK's Director of Operations Geoff Hebert said.

Chili's Too, a modest version of the national food chain, Chili's, provided the campus community with a smorgasbord of menu options and a quaint place to socialize before and after classes. At one point, the restaurant was considered the spot for sports enthusiasts and beer drinkers, but competition from other businesses, such as Taco Bell located in the center of UH and The Den, a bar on the tail end of campus, made it challenging to attract more customers.

"When the Den opened up across the street, there was a place for students to call their own and go in the evenings and have a beer and grab something to eat, that obviously impacted the business," Hebert said. "It's easier to park over by The Den, than it is to park by Chili's. So it's hard for anyone coming from off campus to go to it."

In an effort to increase revenue and meet demands, UH Dining

Services – ARAMARK made considerable changes to the restaurant, including trimming hours and shortening days – making Chili's Too an even less convenient choice for the average evening student or night-shift employee. Some students believe the shift in hours helped contribute to the restaurant's closing.

Food and supply chain management senior and member of the school's food and services committee, Tushar Chawla said the inconvenience in business hours and location of Chili's Too was bad for business.

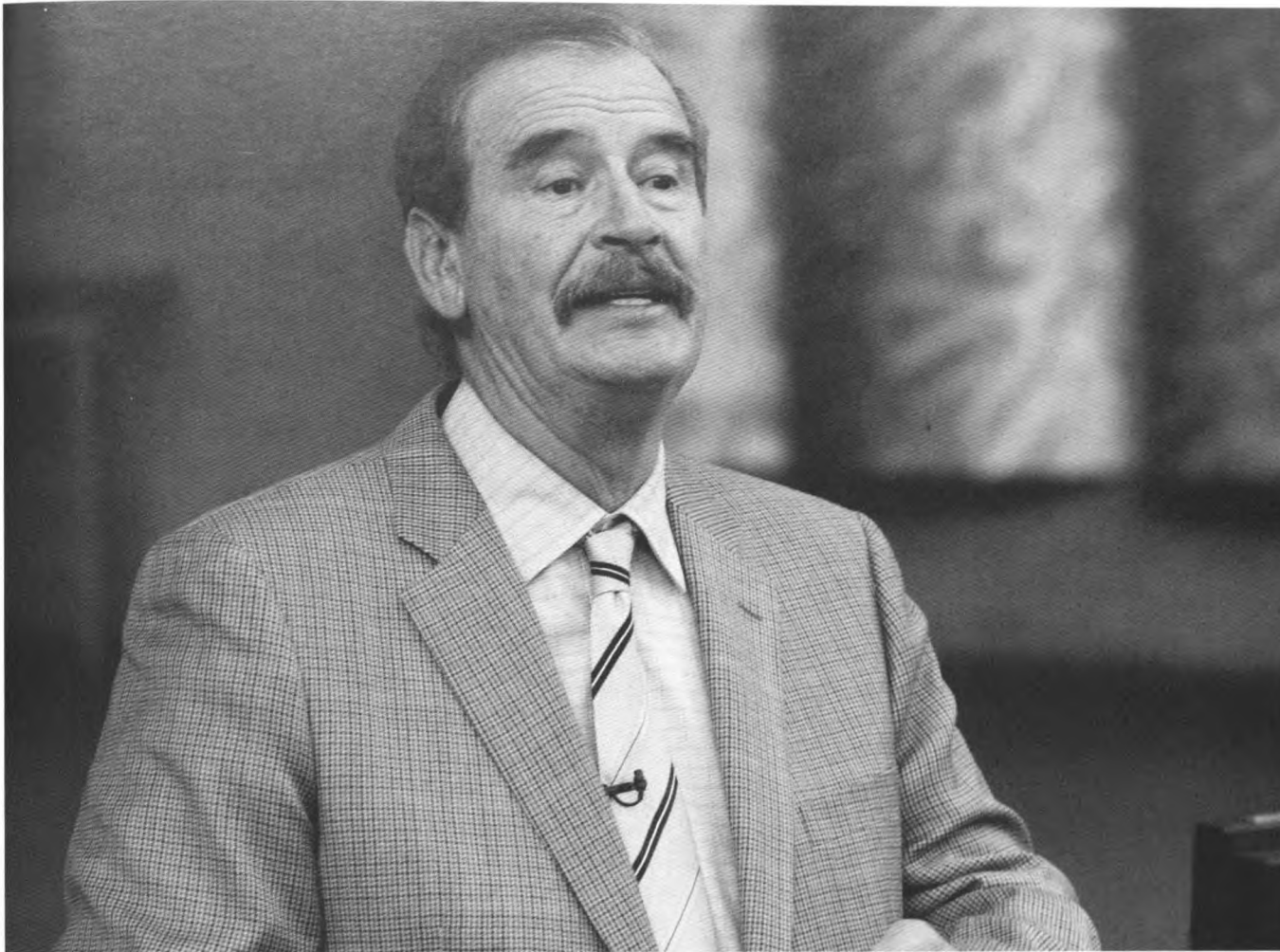
"In terms of revenue, this place wasn't giving ARAMARK enough revenue to run it," Chawla said. "In terms of students, Chili's is underground. It has no phone coverage. College students can't do without that. And then we have a Wendy's here and the rates are really competitive. Chili's is really expensive. So why would someone want to come to a UH Chili's to eat? It doesn't make sense. I don't really mind (it closing) because it's going to become a hangout for students."

In an effort to replace Chili's too, the University plans to open a Taco Cabana in August 2012 at the new Robertson Stadium parking garage.

But some students are not too pleased with the idea.

"I'm mad, and I think that Taco Cabana is not an equal trade," Business finance and marketing junior Wando Okogwu said. "I really liked Chili's and I didn't want them to close."

The Chili's Too space is expected to be completely renovated during the summer and will reopen as a student lounge during the fall.



Former Mexican President Vicente Fox said building a wall to keep immigrants out of the US will not solve the problem. *Newton Liu*

BUILDING BRIDGES

By Miguel Cortina

Former Mexican president, Vicente Fox addressed a packed auditorium in Agnes Arnold, speaking on issues of drug cartels, U.S. immigration laws and NAFTA on May 2, 2011.

The lecture was Fox's first time visiting UH and was sponsored by the Gülen Institute and the Graduate College of Social Work.

"We are pleased to partner with the Gülen Institute to provide this educational opportunity for students to hear firsthand from an international leader," said Ira Colby, dean of the College of Social Work, in a press release. "Mexico is an important international neighbor and friend to the United States. Both during and after his presidency, Vicente Fox has been a staunch advocate to eradicate poverty and promote public education for all people. His perspectives on immigration are important, in particular, as Texas and the United States continues to struggle with undocumented people and their place in our economy."

In his lecture on Leadership and Spirituality in America, Fox said that Mexico is in the middle of the drug problem because of its geographic location. The drugs are imported from South America to Mexico and then they are transported to the United States, which is the top consumer of drugs in the world.

He also disagrees with the current strategy used by President Felipe Calderón to fight drugs, which focuses on trying to cut the supply instead of the demand.

"We have to think about the possibility of legalizing it or decriminalize the consumption of drugs," Fox said in an auditorium of more than 400 people.

Fox also commented that if the demand problem is attacked through educating the population, the results could be better. He

cited Portugal and its decision to legalize drugs and said that the consumption did not increase, and the black market disappeared.

The Mexican army should not be fighting the cartels, Fox said, because they are not prepared to do police work.

The former president also commented on immigration and the United States. He called on President Barack Obama to keep his word of passing immigration reform in the country.

"It seems to me that one thinks that building walls will solve the problems of our nation," Fox said. "Instead of building walls, we should be building bridges—bridges of understanding, bridges of strong friendship and relationship, bridges of exchange of technology, bridges of respect of our own people."

He added that it would be a terrible mistake if Texas passed a law similar to the SB1070 law that Arizona passed, which was stopped by a federal judge before it went into effect.

Fox also touched on NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Agreement, which involves Mexico, the United States and Canada, saying that it has worked for all three nations.

"It's been very profitable. It's been good for the three of us to work as partners," Fox said.

He added that NAFTA has created thousands of jobs, perhaps millions in the United States. However, he said that to be able to compete against Asia and build a good future, they must continue to work together.

"We all depend from each other today," Fox said. "That's why NAFTA has become so critical and so important for the future of North America."

Justice for the families of the 9/11 victims came when the news of Osama Bin Laden's death was announced on May 1st. *Wikimedia Commons*



AN AMERICAN VICTORY

The world rejoices as terrorist falls at the hands of the U.S. military

By Patricia Estrada

Victory came for the families of the victims of 9/11 and the American people as President Barack Obama announced on May 1st the death of al-Qaida mastermind, Osama Bin Laden.

"Justice has been done," Obama said in a televised news conference from the White House. "The death of Bin Laden marks the most significant achievement to date in our nation's struggle to defeat al-Qaida."

Thousands of people took to the streets and to their Facebook and Twitter accounts to celebrate the news. Outside the White House, Americans sang the "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "We Are the Champions." Many others gathered at Ground Zero and proudly waved American Flags.

Former President George W. Bush, who launched the war against terrorism, addressed the news through his Facebook page.

"I congratulated him (Obama) and the men and women of our military and intelligence communities who devoted their lives to this mission," Bush wrote. "They have our everlasting gratitude. This momentous achievement marks a victory for America, for people who seek peace around the world, and for all those who lost loved ones on September 11, 2001. The fight against terror goes on, but tonight America has sent an unmistakable message: No matter how long it takes, justice will be done."

Bin Laden was killed after a gun battle with Navy SEALs and CIA paramilitary forces at a compound in the city of Abbottabad, Pakistan. His body was later buried at sea, following Islamic

traditions, which calls for a body to be buried within 24 hours.

U.S. officials said that DNA tests were done to confirm his identity, and that the results revealed with 99 percent accuracy the body was Bin Laden's.

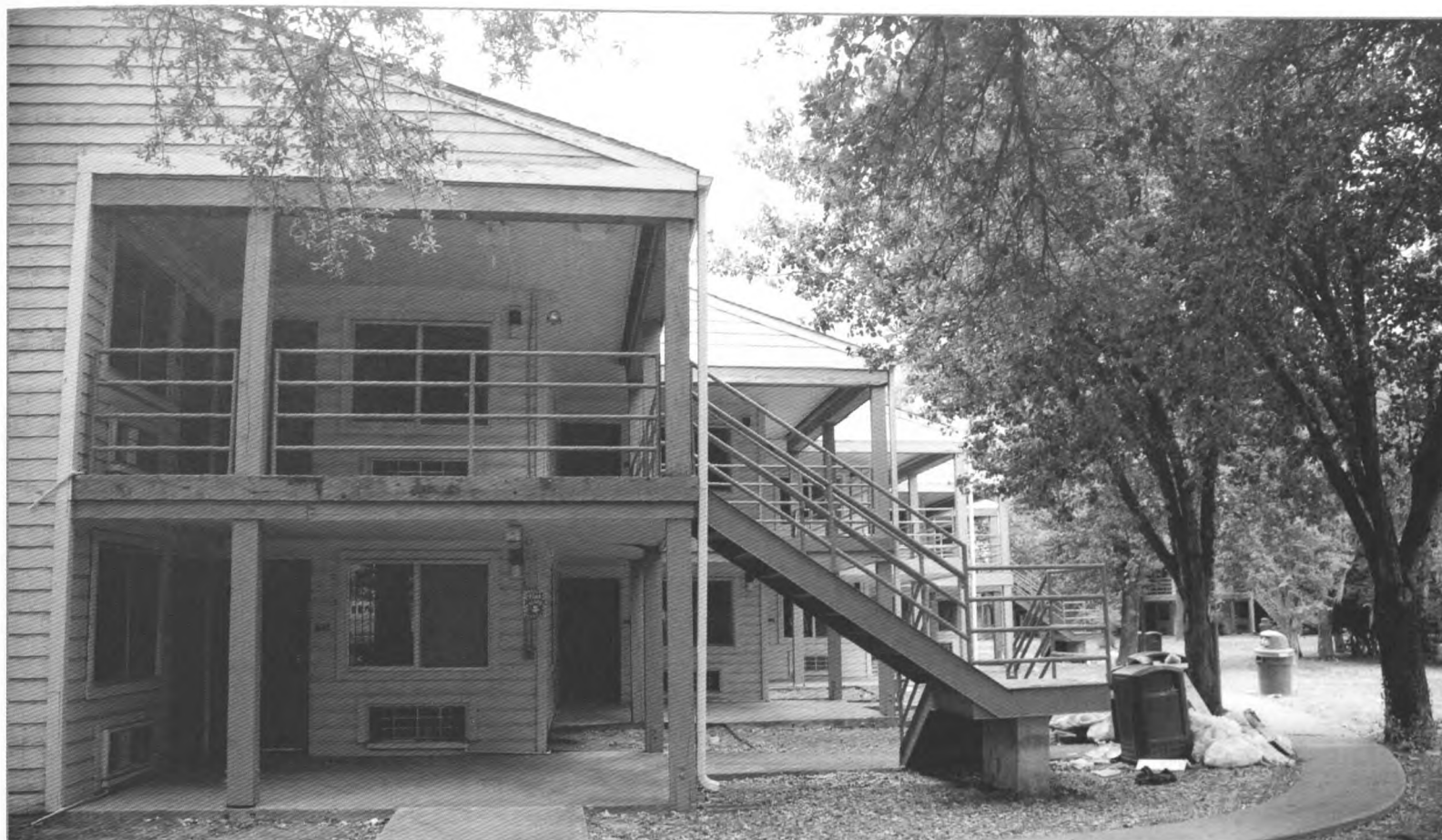
"The world is a better and more just place now that Osama Bin Laden is no longer in it," Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz, said in a statement. "I hope the families of the victims of the September 11 attacks will sleep easier tonight and every night hence knowing that justice has been done."

According to reports, Bin Laden was in the company of his sons, two of his most trusted messengers and an unidentified woman, which reports later said Bin Laden used as a shield, in his \$1 million property. All were killed in the attack.

According to U.S. officials, the three-story compound where Bin Laden was found had few outside windows, a 12-to-18 foot outer wall with barbed wire and other intense security measures.

Officials feared that after the news of Bin Laden's death, his followers would turn the terrorist into a martyr and that retaliation attacks would ensue from al-Qaida or other Islamic extremist groups.

"In the wake of this operation, there may be a heightened threat to the U.S. homeland," a U.S. official said to CNN. "The U.S. is taking every possible precaution. The State Department has sent advisories to embassies worldwide and has issued a travel ban for Pakistan."



Cougar Place residents must move out and find a new place to live before Fall 2011. *Brianna Leigh Morrison*

BYE-BYE COUGAR PLACE

Old dorms on campus demolished to make way for new sophomore living quarters

By **Cristi Guerra and Darlene Campos**

After being a home away from home to many students, Cougar Place, a residential dorm facility, will be demolished this summer, leaving students to have to find new living accommodations at an increased price.

"The facility has far outlived its expected life span, and officials have decided to deconstruct Cougar Place in order to make room for future housing," University Services Communication Coordinator Lindsay Marshall said.

Students living in Cougar Place paid the least amount for any campus housing, at about \$471 per month for a single.

Students in Moody Towers paid about \$579 per month for a single and Cougar Village singles paid about \$663 per month. Apartment housing on campus starts at \$600 per month.

"The deconstruction of Cougar Place this fall will not result in the displacement of any students. The housing agreements are for an academic year or for a summer semester, so they will have expired prior to the beginning of the project," Assistant Vice President of University Services Emily Messa said.

Anthony Agi, a post-baccalaureate student studying hotel and restaurant management, has lived at Cougar Place since August. He plans on moving to Cullen Oaks during the summer due to the demolition.

"I would have loved to stay here, but it's old," Agi said. "We are benefitting from cheap rates, but a lot of people complain that it is old, the air conditioning is too loud and there are roaches running around."

Agi didn't mind the difficulties because of the reduced rates, but he said he is also excited to be moving to a newer location.

"I have mixed feelings, other places are better, but this is

cheaper," Agi said.

Cougar Place demolition is planned to take place towards the end of summer 2011. Students living at Cougar Place will not be evicted due to the demolition.

"No student will be evicted. How much students will have to pay now will depend on where they relocate," Executive Director of Media Relations Richard Bonnin said. "A new Campus Housing Booklet has been completed and is available online. University Services is being proactive in sharing information about housing options and is reaching out across campus to answer questions."

All Cougar Place material, fixtures, and furniture that are in good enough condition will be either reused around campus or recycled. The mural, done by artist Malou Flato, will be taken down, but will be restored and installed in another campus location.

A new housing complex will take the place of Cougar Place.

"The University is in the programming stages for sophomore-style housing, which will be located on the former Cougar Place site," Bonnin said. "We anticipate 800-1,000 beds being available at this site, but that's a preliminary estimate. The number could easily change as plans develop."

Proposals have been made to increase the total number of available beds on campus.

"The administration is currently having a wide-ranging discussion of all of the issues relating to student success and residential life as we prepare to have 8,000 residents living on campus by 2013," he said.

There are currently 4,031 available beds on campus, but only 2,225 of them are filled, which leaves about 57 percent vacant.



Jim Sanborn's sculpture "A-A" outside the M.D. Anderson Library. *Ashley Evans*



Cougars come in all shapes and sizes. *Nine Nguyen*



Saxophonist Eric Bustament at a Jazz Ensemble performance at the Moores Opera House. *Clarissa Arispe*



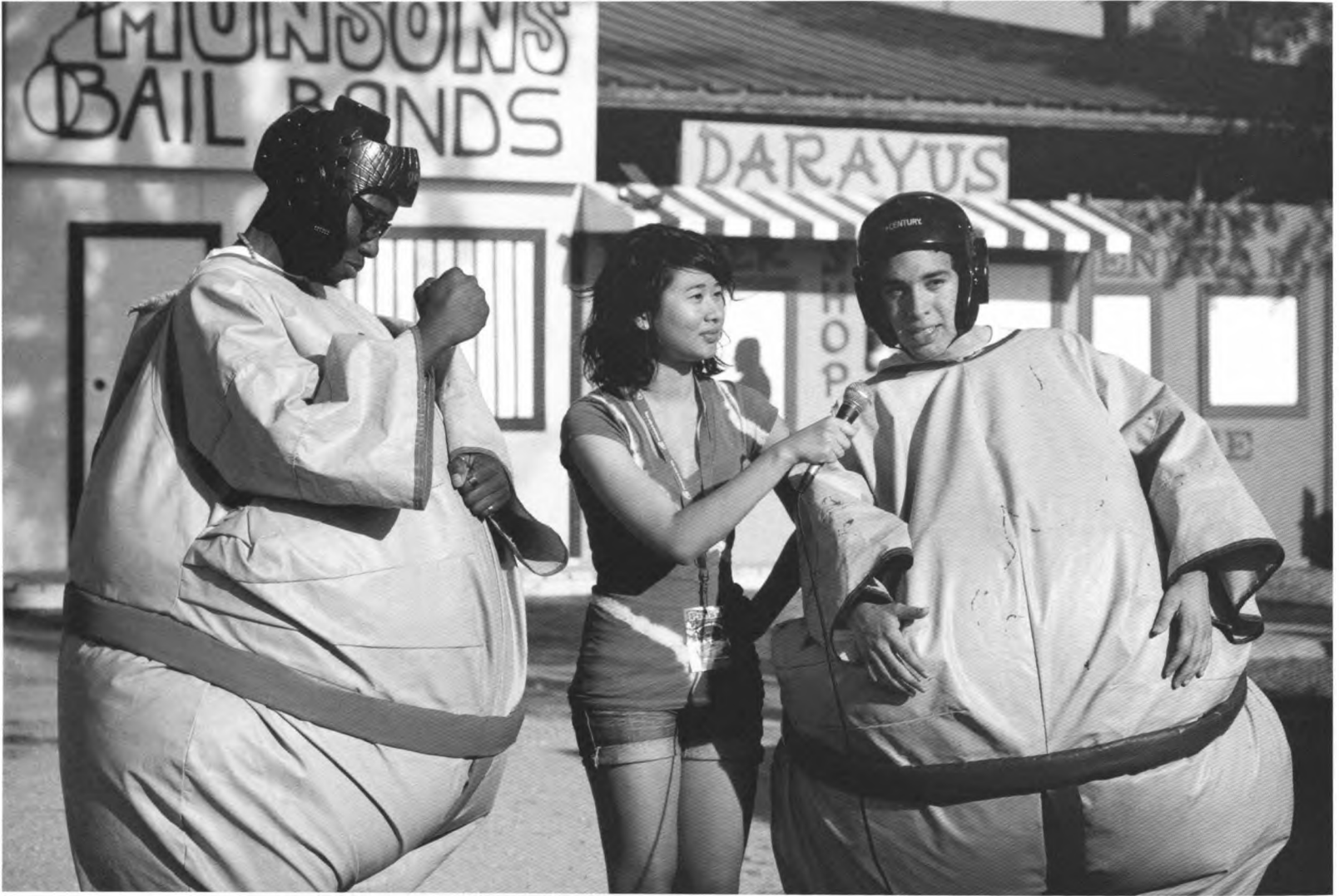
Performers at the Council of Ethnic Organization's Women of the World Banquet which took place on April 13 at the Houston Room. *Nine Nguyen*



Student graduate proudly shows off her alma mater at a baseball game. *Jairo Razo*



Flying the Cougar flag high. *Brianna Leigh Morrison*



Getting ready to sumo at Frontier Fiesta. *Brianna Leigh Morrison*



The group "Cougar Concepts" partnered up with Chevrolet to conduct their fall campaign for four of their models, including the Camaro at the UC. *Newton Liu*



For CLASS senior Jaye Weber, taking care of himself through exercise and eating right is important. *Nine Nguyen*

[TRUELIFE]



According to the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism about four in five of all college students drink, and of these more than 40 percent engage in binge drinking. *Newton Liu*

BOOZE CONTROL

By Alexandra Kuchik

One drink, two drinks, three drinks...When is it one to many?

It is not uncommon to have a few drinks at football games, parties and at the Den Bar after class, but learning when to stop can be the difference between a good time and a lifetime of regret.

According to a study by Columbia University's National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse, alcohol is the No. 1 drug of choice for teenagers in the United States. By their senior year in high school, 80 percent of teenagers have tried alcohol, compared with 47 percent who had experimented with marijuana and 29 percent who had tried another illegal drug.

The American Psychiatric Association defines alcohol abuse as "repeated use despite recurrent adverse consequences." Those consequences may involve anything from drunk driving to liver damage, alcohol poisoning and even death.

"It's unrealistic to expect kids not to drink after a certain age," creative writing senior Mariah Kizer said. "So I think efforts should be focused on encouraging moderation of drinking and perhaps designated driving."

The mainstream media has played a big role in the increase of alcohol abuse among young adults. The constant coverage of drunken celebrities and reality stars can be confusing to students as to what is cool and acceptable and what is harmful.

"It is ridiculous to promote these movie stars and their drinking habits. It seems the more they get into trouble, the more they are glamorized," English senior Cecilee Haywood said.

Starlets such as Paris Hilton, Lindsey Lohan and Nicole Richie, all of whom have had problems with alcohol and drug abuse, and shows like MTVs "the Jersey Shore" celebrate drunken and promiscuous behavior, rather than promote a healthy lifestyle.

"People think they can get away with drinking and driving because people like Lindsay Lohan are elusive to any real consequences," public relations sophomore Stephanie Gomez said. "However, I think most people drink and drive because they did it before and they never get caught. Personally the thought of sharing the road with an impaired driver terrifies me."

Most agree that moderation rather than abstinence is the key. And the University offers free drug and alcohol abuse information, counseling, assistance and services to all students and faculty that suffer from substance and alcohol abuse.

The dorms at Greek Park at Bayou Oaks also work to promote safety while drinking by implementing a program called "Sober Sisters and Brothers," in which members volunteer to stay home on weekend nights in case a sober driver is needed.

So while alcohol will remain a permanent fixture of college life, increasingly prominent programs that promote safe drinking on college campuses will hopefully keep many alcohol users from becoming abusers.



Studies show an increase in casual sex among college students. According to the 2010 National Survey of Sexual Health and Behavior report individuals who are 18-24 years old indicated that their most recent sexual partner was a casual or dating partner.
Newton Liu

NO LONGER TABOO

By Patricia Estrada and Travis Hensley

In the old days, the word sex, would only be used in a public setting to describe someone's gender, now SEX is everywhere, from television shows, to magazines, it has become one of the most popular subjects, particularly with college students, who now find themselves free of parental controls and see this time as a time to experiment, educationally, mentality and sexually.

If you believed everything that is said on TV or how the older generations define college students now days, you would think that everyone is having sex 24/7 and college is just a big orgy, but according to recent studies nothing could be farther from the truth.

According to a study released March 3, 2011 by the Centers for Disease Control fewer teens and young adults are having sex. Twenty-eight percent of young adults ages 15-24 said they had never had any kind of sex, oral, anal or vaginal in the 2006/2008 National Survey of Family Growth.

Why the decline? The report did not say, but the truth is that education and talking about sex, has helped young adults learn of the consequences and the choices they have before engaging in the act.

"I think that maybe teens are thinking more about their decisions and that it isn't all about sex," Human Development and Family Studies junior Emily Pearl said. "Plus there is a lot of abstinence talk going around, including popular shows on TV."

But for those people that are engaging in some extra-curricular activities, the talk of protection takes center stage.

Popular campaigns like MTV's "Protect Yourself" promotes awareness of the different sexually transmitted diseases and having safe sex.

Yet, despite these campaigns and sex education, not everyone is protecting themselves.

According to the 2010 National Survey of Sexual Health and Behavior report of those having sex, only one in four couples, and one in three singles use a condom. Condom use is not only important to prevent becoming one of the 6 million pregnancies in America every year, according to the Kinsley Institute, but also the transmission of sexually transmitted diseases.

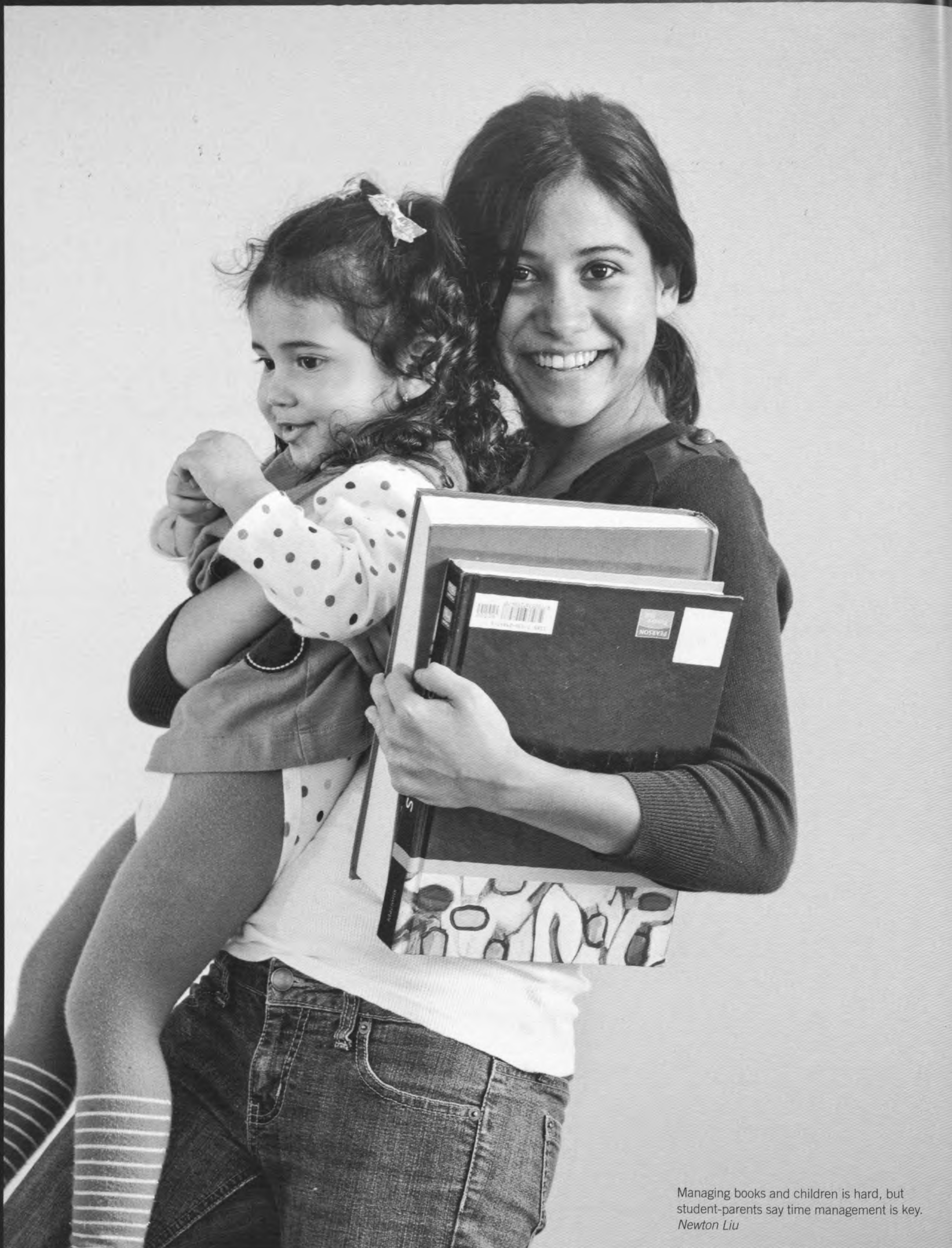
And the topic of sex has now even become popular in the college classrooms.

North Western Professor, J. Michael Bailey, received a lot of attention in late February for allowing a couple to demonstrate a sex toy during one of his optional lectures for his course on human sexuality. Bailey had to apologize in the media for allowing the incident to happen, and NWU President Morton Schapiro ordered an investigation of the incident, saying he was "troubled and disappointed by it", according to a CNN report on March 6.

Pearl said she didn't see why everyone was making a big deal about it; students knew what they signed up for, she said.

"I do not think the professor was wrong for doing so, after all it was a human sexuality course and they do talk about sex toys and many other things in there." Pearl said. "It is a part of the class. If the class were something other, then yes, maybe question the professor. Also, these are college students and I am sure they are all aware of what exactly they are doing and learning."

So whether you are having sex or not, the topic is there, and the important thing is to educate yourself.



Managing books and children is hard, but student-parents say time management is key.
Newton Liu

BALANCING ACT

By Darlene Campos

The rise in popularity of MTV's reality show "Teen Mom" has brought to surface the issue of young parents and their struggle to balance school, work and family life.

The show hits close to home for some UH students, as they learn to juggle class work while raising children.

Deyadira Treviño and Argelia Martinez are among UH's student parents.

Both women focus on their studies but still find some time for their children.

"Time is hectic and I'm sleep deprived and half-starved due to a crazy schedule."

Treviño, a Spanish and creative writing major, said.

She said by the time she puts her son to bed, it is usually past 8 p.m. That is when she has time to study or do her work.

Martinez, who is majoring in public relations and Spanish, said the hardest part is finding time to spend with her children in between school and work. But she said she also makes the necessary sacrifices to spend time with her children.

"I have to take some Saturday classes so I can still work full time," Martinez said. "I try my best not to touch my books until after I've read a story to them and put them to bed. Our dinner time is sacred, so I try not to let school come in between our dinner time. Most times I rather sacrifice sleep time than my time with them."

"However, when I really have to, I give them something to do. My little one loves to pretend she is doing homework like mommy and for the oldest one, we set a time after to talk about his book. He loves feeling like he's teaching me something."

Martinez said her family is her main base of support as she completes her college career at UH and would find it difficult to go at this with out their help.

"I am a single mother. My parents retired and live in Mexico," she said. "My children are my biggest and only support. They pick up after themselves, they are very independent and understand that mommy needs to finish school to provide a better future for them and spend more time as a family."

"They have chores every day so they are used to helping out. It was very hard for me to break the traditional Mexican mommy mold and stop cooking complicated meals at night, so I try to fix healthy and quick recipes. My daughter sets the table, and my son washes dishes after."

UH has resources for student parents, including the Women's Resource Center at the University Center and a daycare center.



The state of the economy and the increase in the nation's unemployment rate has graduates looking for ways to stand out among other applicants and looking for other options after graduation besides entering the job market. *Newton Liu*

LIFE AFTER THE DIPLOMA

By Priscilla Bigner

Soon-to-be UH graduates will shortly be joining the close to 10 percent of Houston's workforce in the hunt for a "Jay-Oh-Bee." Employers are receiving ever-growing stacks of resumes to sort through.

How will UH students stand out amongst so many applicants? In this uncertain time, how confident do students feel entering the uncertain job market?

Communications junior Rachel Mann said she is concerned about how competitive entry-level jobs are.

"I am entering the job market with credentials similar to hundreds of other recent college graduates in my field and my area," Mann said. "When employers look at resumes, how am I going to differentiate myself from other applicants?"

To this end, Mann has utilized the resources offered by Career Services, including "Coog Career Week," to help students strengthen their interview skills and expose them to internship opportunities.

For students like English senior Rasheed Warsame, attending graduate school before entering the job market is crucial. He said this will give him the necessary experience to succeed in his field.

"I feel like I have the knowledge and resume to pursue a good position," Warsame said, "but I have committed to attending graduate school to further specialize."

Warsame said he is happy with the opportunities the University is providing students to help them gain confidence and develop qualities that make them shine in a crowded marketplace, but he fears even that may not be enough.

"I think the school is trying its best to ensure students have a chance," he said. "My greatest issue regarding the job market is that employees are becoming less and less necessary; I worry no employee will be indispensable."

The federal government has played a large role in recent months in an attempt to lower the high unemployment rate, with varying success, depending on whom you ask.

Literature and Spanish sophomore Lizzy Brignac has not been impressed by the way the government has worked to help those who are seeking a job.

"They are not encouraging development in new fields, and they are closing many schools and government offices that provided well-paying jobs for many people," Brignac said. "I hope to see the government focus on creating more jobs in progressive fields and reopening schools with more funding instead of neglecting the education system."

Warsame disagreed, saying he was optimistic about the measures the government has taken to stimulate job growth.

"I believe in President Obama and support most of the legislation he has set in place to give us a fair shot in a decent economy," he said. "I believe much could happen if we saw more bipartisan cooperative legislation and less bickering."



With technology playing such a big role in the educational setting, professors are finding out that they must keep up with it in order to help their students succeed. *Newton Liu*

ALL ABOUT THE GADGETS

By Hiba Adi

Every year, a new technological device makes its debut.

People flock to the stores to obtain the latest piece of technology that will make their life easier or more entertaining. From the Wii to the Ipad, hundreds of people line up in front of stores for hours to purchase the newest toy.

But these devices are now not only affecting our daily lives but have begun to infiltrate the classrooms. Professors have started to use the newest technology available as a tool to improve communication between their students and as a teaching device.

Smartphones like the Blackberry and iPhone or laptops have made the younger generation familiar with communicating in a faster pace while possibly making it more difficult for professors who are not keeping up to date.

Kayla Cormier, a public relations junior, said she thinks professors should adjust and use technology more to teach, because they too can share assignments and documents quickly.

"It is a way for teachers to show content in an attention-grabbing way," she said. "I had classes where we did writing blogs to promote class participation, and it really helped me."

Cormier said, ultimately, teachers' responsibility is to get their material and message out to students in the most effective way, and technology is becoming the way to achieve this.

"I believe it is time to embrace technology in the classroom," she said.

Corporations plan to continue to come up with new concepts. In 2010, Apple created one of the most popular and new computers, the iPad, which features applications where students can download their schoolbooks for cheaper.

A group of UH professors have gathered 30 Jack J. Valenti School of Communication students to participate in a UH iPad Mobile-Learning Pilot Program and Research Study, which was launched last fall.

UH students have not only grown accustomed to using smartphones and laptops; they now expect companies to continue creating new gadgets.

"I like being a part of this technology savvy generation, because I am able to see and operate new technologies that are innovative and available each year," psychology senior Ann Pham said. "The bad side is that we are stereotyped as being lazy for depending on technology to do everything for us. We are sometimes even seen as spoiled for wanting the new gadget that is available."



The gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgender community have to overcome many obstacle to find their place in the world and have others see them as individuals. *Newton Liu*

BEYOND A LABEL

By Jose Aguilar

As lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people continue to struggle for equality and to eliminate political and social discrimination on a national level, they do so within the UH community as well.

Nationally, the LGBT community experienced advancements such as the repeal of the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy in late December, and a federal judge ruling California's Prop 8 unconstitutional in early August. On the UH campus, the community's most prominent advancement came with UH administration establishing the University's LGBT Resource Center, which held its grand opening in June.

Lorraine Schroeder, the center's director, described the community's response as "fabulous."

"It's like everyone was just waiting for it to happen," Schroeder said. "And, now that it has, the local community is reaching out to the center and wanting to be involved in any way they can."

The new center shares space with UH's Women's Resource Center, which had served as a de facto center for the LGBT community prior to the LGBTRC.

"We had art on our wall that welcomed the community, we had an informational table and rainbow bracelets to hand out on National Coming Out Day," WRC Director Beverly McPhail said. "And, we advocated for students whenever we could."

The LGBTRC has impacted the campus in positive ways, Schroeder said.

The center has been able to assist professors who have had LGBT issues arise in classrooms, and staff, faculty, and students are able to learn about LGBT issues and how to be supportive through the Cougar Ally Training and Speakers Bureau programs at the center.

"But, most importantly," Schroeder said, "the existence of the center gives people, especially LGBT people, a place to go to network, get connected, and get information."

Issues still face the community, though, Schroeder said, including establishing an LGBT alumni network and LGBT-themed housing; adding gender identity and expression onto UH's nondiscrimination policy; and providing more LGBT social events for students.

Cody McGaughey, public relations officer for UH's LGBT student group GLOBAL, said living arrangements on campus present a struggle for those who are LGBT.

"When I first arrived at UH, I heard of a student who requested a LGBT-friendly roommate," McGaughey said. "His request was not acknowledged and the roommate he received turned out to be very homophobic."

A string of suicides by gay youth as a result of bullying was highly-publicized in the national media in October. McGaughey said GLOBAL responded to these suicides by requiring all officers to take Cougar Ally Training, as well as learn how to help those members exhibiting possible depression and suicidal behavior.

UH administration also provided the community with help in the form of a recorded and transcribed question and answer session with UH professor of educational psychology Thomas Schanding specifically addressing LGBT bullying.

Another issue was addressed in February when the community staged a march for domestic partner benefits for same-sex partners of faculty and staff, which began at the Ezekiel Cullen building and ended in UH's Human Resources office.

Schroeder knows that the struggle will continue, but she feels optimistic that the UH community 20 years from now will look back with pride on the initial steps.

McGaughey said the best development for LGBT awareness would be for the public to realize that the stories of gay and lesbian people have more than one chapter.

"What others must realize is that being GLBT isn't truly all there is encompassing us as individuals," he said. "We are brothers, sisters, cousins, fathers, writers, artists, politicians. We are so much more."



Four Loko became one of the most controversial drinks out in 2010, because of its high alcohol and caffeine content. *Newton Liu*

THE FOUR LOKO CRAZE

By Darlene Campos

Taking a "Red Bull" or "Monster" is not uncommon for college students to help them get over that all-nighter, when the midday coffee is no longer working. But a new energy drink has taken over the market and caused much controversy.

With a high caffeine and alcohol concentration, Four Loko has been quickly raised to the top of the Food and Drug Administration's radar. After several students across the country were hospitalized and some even died, the FDA released a safety warning for the drink and made Four Loko makers drop the amount of caffeine. Yet, there is still 6-12 percent alcohol in a 23.5-ounce can of Four Loko.

Nine students at Central Washington University had to be hospitalized after drinking Four Loko. One of these students had a reported blood alcohol level of .30; a blood alcohol level of .40 can be lethal for many.

After this, the state of Washington banned sales of the drink.

"I've heard of (Four Loko) in the news lately. What I mostly hear about it isn't good, and the fact that most publicity it gets is negative, says much about it," communication sophomore Patrick Levy said. "I've never had one, and I don't plan to. The alcoholic content inside a Four Loko is several times more than the content of a typical beer. I don't think it is safe."

The FDA has taken action to warn the public about the possible dangers of drinking alcohol combined with stimulants. It issued warning letters to several companies, including the makers of Four Loko, saying they had to remove the caffeine from the drinks, or their products would be banned.

The makers of Moonshot, Joose and Max, Core High Gravity HG, Core High Gravity HG orange and Lemon Lime Core spiked were among those issued the letter.

"I tried it once. A friend of mine bought a can after hearing the controversy behind it," post-baccalaureate student Katy Umaña said. "I had a sip, but that was enough to convince me it was disgusting. It does taste like an energy drink with alcohol in it but the aftertaste was horrible."

"I could tell that having a lot of it could really mess you up. I know a group of people that wanted to throw a Four Loko party and decided to stock up on the drinks from different convenient stores before they sold out. I can't imagine anyone drinking it other than for the sole purpose of getting smashed quick."

The drink has been banned in Washington, Utah, Michigan and Chicago. Other states, including New York, Oklahoma, North Carolina, Kansas and Rhode Island, are taking steps to prevent sales of the drink.



Accepting cultural differences and a friendly face is all that took for some Muslim women to embrace a new country with a much different culture than theirs. *Newton Liu*

MUSLIM IN AMERICA

By Zahra Ahmed

When Ruqia Alherz sat down in her chemistry class, she was more than a little surprised that a young man took a seat right next to her. Not used to being in such proximity to a strange man, she took careful precautions throughout the rest of the class to make as little movement as possible so as not to touch him.

"I had this idea in my head that I shouldn't be sitting next to a man," said Alherz, a 19-year-old freshman international student in UH's pre-pharmacy program.

In Alherz's native city of Al-Ahsa, Saudi Arabia, men and women – save for immediate family and spouses – usually go about their business separately.

Although casual mixing of men and women is typical and almost inevitable in the states, it proved to be one of many new experiences for Alherz and her two friends.

For three young Saudi Arabian women, being international students at UH has brought about many challenges and obstacles.

Malak Ajina, a 23-year-old communication disorders student and Riyadh native, moved to Houston when her husband was accepted into the residency program at Baylor College of Medicine.

Ajina wears a hijab and admitted to initially having difficulty making new friends because some people are uncertain on how to approach her.

"I think that some people are afraid," she said. "They don't know how to start a friendship with me."

But, she said, people are friendlier in the U.S. than in Riyadh.

Shahad Nawab, a 23-year-old senior and health education major, came to the states with her family from the city of Jeddah when they picked Texas Children's Hospital for her brother to undergo treatment for an illness.

She said her experience in Houston has helped her mature.

"The American lifestyle forces you to grow up and become more tolerant," she said. "I didn't want to leave my home at first but now, I don't regret it. Moving to America and going to such a diverse university has helped by giving me a new way of thinking – by allowing me to be more accepting."

For all three students, UH's diversity among its student population has been a major factor in making their stay in a new city easier.

According to a report by the International Student and Scholar Services Office, UH is home to more than 3,600 international students.



In an effort to raise money for an annual leadership development conference with the National Intramural Recreation and Sports Association in New Orleans, intramural graduate assistant Rob Marks had pies thrown at his face outside the Campus Recreation and Wellness Center. *Brianna Leigh Morrison*

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Enrollment, graduation rate and alumni participation were some of the topics UH President and System Chancellor Renu Khator spoke about at the Fall 2010 State of the University Address. *Courtesy of Thomas Campbell*

FALL ADDRESS

By Lance Jaramillo

In her second Fall Address, UH President Renu Khator discussed the recent achievements the University has made to get one step closer to achieving flagship status, the success of the athletic department, the increase in research grants as well as faculty awards and the budget deficits that face the University this year.

Focusing on the positives, Khator proudly boasted all-time highs in school enrollment — 38,774 for the fall semester, a 6-year graduation rate above 45 percent and total research expenditures that amount close to \$99 million while speaking at the Moores Opera House.

"The Tier One express train for the University of Houston has left the station," Khator said. "It is gaining in speed and it is moving toward its destination."

Khator added that the increase in graduation rate by 10 percent in just a year's time was highly due to the nine-point student success plans that include a living-learning environment on campus, like the new freshman housing, Cougar Village, along with improvements in dining services.

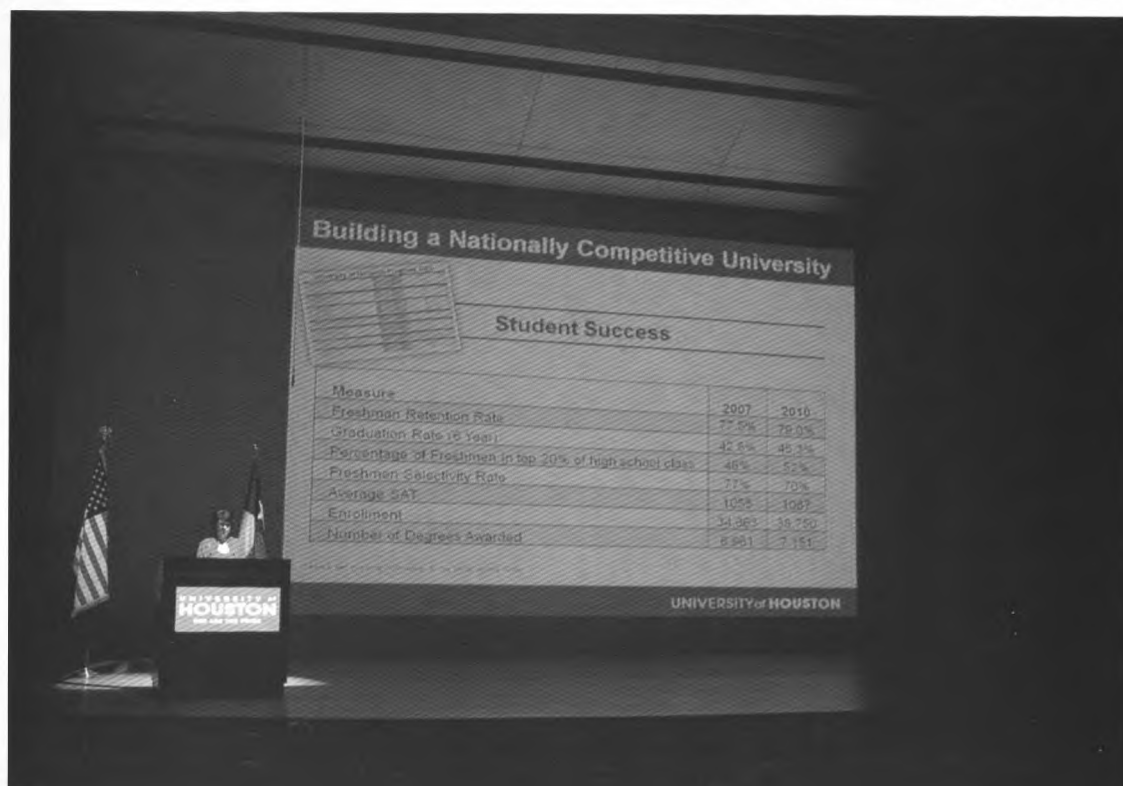
"It was clear that we were headed in the wrong direction, or headed in a very slow direction. We had to systematically and intentionally break this pattern (in graduation rates), and we did so by launching a nine-point student success plan," Khator said. "In just one year, the results are spectacular. In 2010, we improved the graduation rate by 10 percent — 10 years of progress in just one year."

Khator also spoke on what is next for the University, like a continued commitment to becoming a Tier One institution, increasing the amount of private donations to the University, serving the community and continue to reach out to alumni.

"Higher education will change dramatically in the next 10 years," Khator said. "We have a choice: To either be on the receiving end or be on the cutting edge. We will continue to engage our alumni and the community but making UH a nationally competitive university is not an option we make. It's not a choice we make. It's an obligation we must fulfill for Houston — and for Texas."



Above: Khator and former Faculty Senate President Dan Wells have a moment to talk at a reception following the Fall Address. *Courtesy of Thomas Campbell*



Below: Khator said the university implemented a 9-point student success plan, including offering a living-learning environment on campus. *Courtesy of Thomas Campbell*



In their first year since becoming a part of the College of Liberal Arts and Science, members of the Health and Human Performance Honor Society took advantage of the CLASSic to introduce themselves to students and faculty in the college. *Jasmine Collins*



Left: Entrepreneurship junior Brandalyn Gill promotes her book "Life" and her company Illumination Literary Publishing. *Jasmine Collins*

CLASSic

By Lance Jaramillo

The Instant CLASSic, organized by three students in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, gave an opportunity for departments and other organizations to network and spread their message from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 7 at the Cullen Family Plaza outside the E. Cullen Building.

Senior English major Ryan Johnson, senior print journalism major Julian Jimenez and senior history major Mike Nguyen decided they wanted to do more for their college and recruited over 28 different student organizations, programs and departments within the college to participate. After getting word of the idea, CLASS Dean John W. Roberts was happy to support the effort and financially backed the event.

"We are very pleased to see students take an interest in promoting the programs of the college," Roberts said. "Their passion for the liberal arts and social sciences was evident in our earliest conversations about their plans, and has continued to be so in the hard work that they have put into the organization of the event. They deserve the gratitude of the entire CLASS and University community for their efforts to call attention to programs that stand at the core of the curriculum for all students at UH."

Roberts announced at the event a new \$250 Instant CLASSic scholarship for students within the college. Programs and organizations set up tables and welcomed dialogue with fellow students in order to get to know each other and their respective programs better to further the quality of the college.

"It was our love and pride of our college, in what it is and what it can be, that motivated us," Nguyen told *The Daily Cougar*.



Below: Sigma Tau Delta members were able to mingle and meet with other organizations that participated in the event. *Jasmine Collins*



“LIFE IS LIVING” HOUSTON FESTIVAL

By Raquel Gonzalez

The UH Cynthia Woods Mitchell Center, in partnership with performer, poet, choreographer and Mitchell Center's artist-in-residence, Marc Bamuthi Joseph, arranged the first “Life is Living” Houston festival on Nov. 6 in Houston's Emancipation Park.

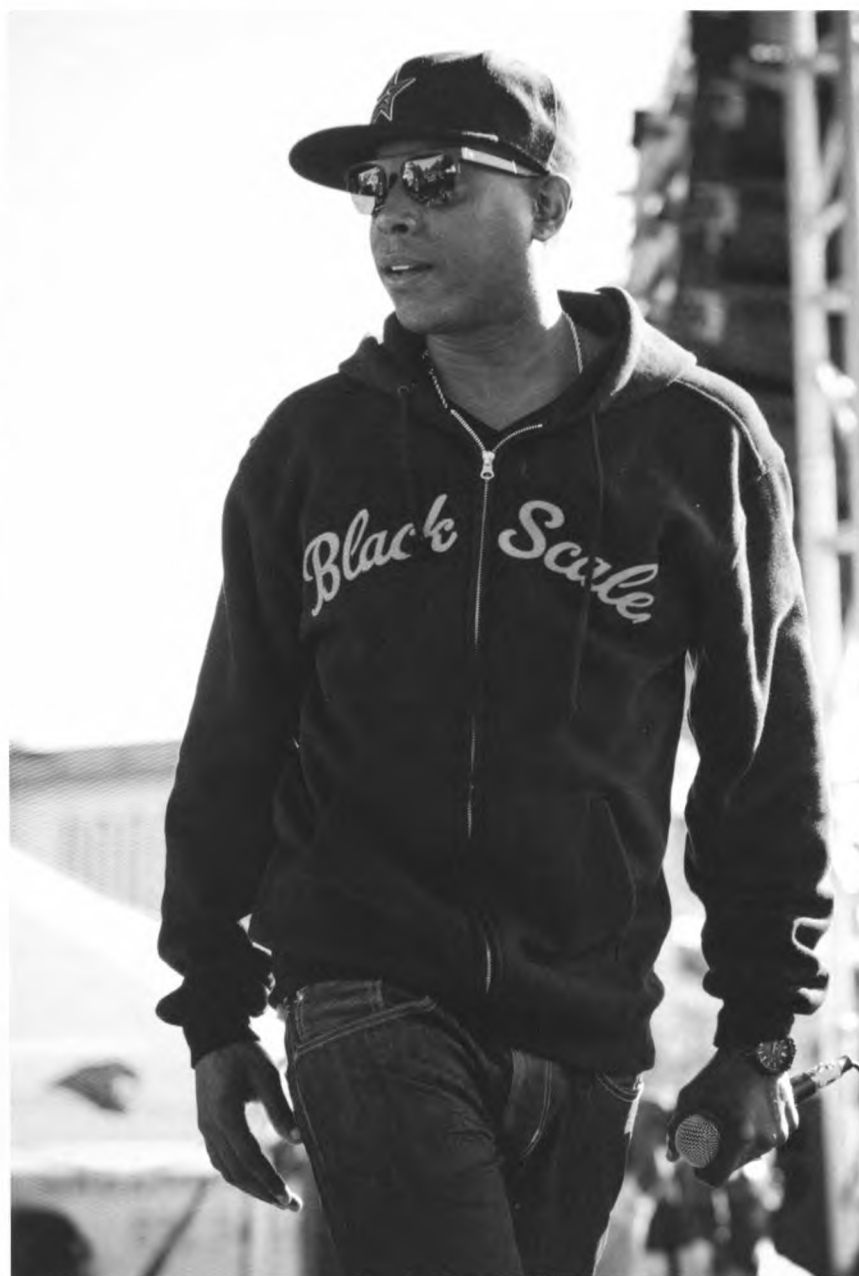
The hip-hop-based environmental festival, established by the Living Word Project and Youth Speaks, Inc., is national campaign that uses hip-hop and urban arts to celebrate sustainability. With a focus on Houston's Third Ward neighborhood, the goal was to use the arts to try to encourage social change in the neighborhood surrounding the UH campus.

The free community festival hosted performances by hip-hop star Talib Kweli, the breakdance and hip-hop group Havikoro and live urban art demonstrations by Aerosol Warfare, a Houston art gallery focused on graffiti and other elements of hip hop. The events included a live gardening and cooking demonstration with Houston Chef Tarsha Gary from Ecotone, a Third Ward's community garden and farmer's market, as well as youth art activities and a vintage clothing exchange.

In addition to the Houston event, the “Life Is Living” festival has been held in several cities across the U.S., including Chicago; Oakland, Calif.; and New York City. It is also the source material for “red, black & GREEN:” a blues, a new performance work Joseph is creating that will be presented at UH in Fall 2011.



Hip-hop artist Talib Kweli was among the performers that participated in the first "Life is Living" Festival. Other performances included (not pictured) H.I.S.D., Meta-Four Houston, Lisa E. Harris and Marium Echo & Tamika Handy and dance performances by Havikoro, Urban Souls and the UH Dance Ensemble.
All photographs by Newton Liu





Members of different student organizations join in the homecoming festivities by decorating the University Center. *Brianna Leigh Morrison*

By Lance Jaramillo

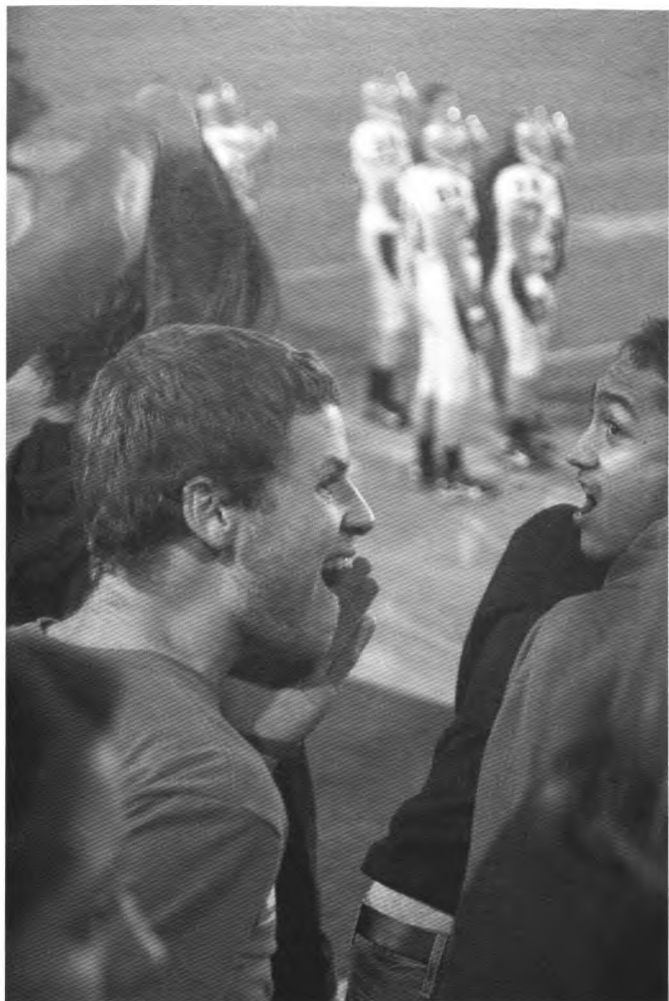
The 2010 "LIVE the Pride" Homecoming weeklong festivities kicked off Nov. 6 with a 5K Fun Run/Walk. The rest of the week, students, faculty and staff were able to participate in other UH Homecoming traditions — like the painting of the UC — as well as new traditions, like Cooglympics.

At Cooglympics, student teams compete in basketball, flag football, soccer and volleyball at the Campus Recreation and Wellness Center.

Students were also able to participate in Paint Shasta, Go Coog Day and take pictures with live cougars from Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge after the homecoming parade.

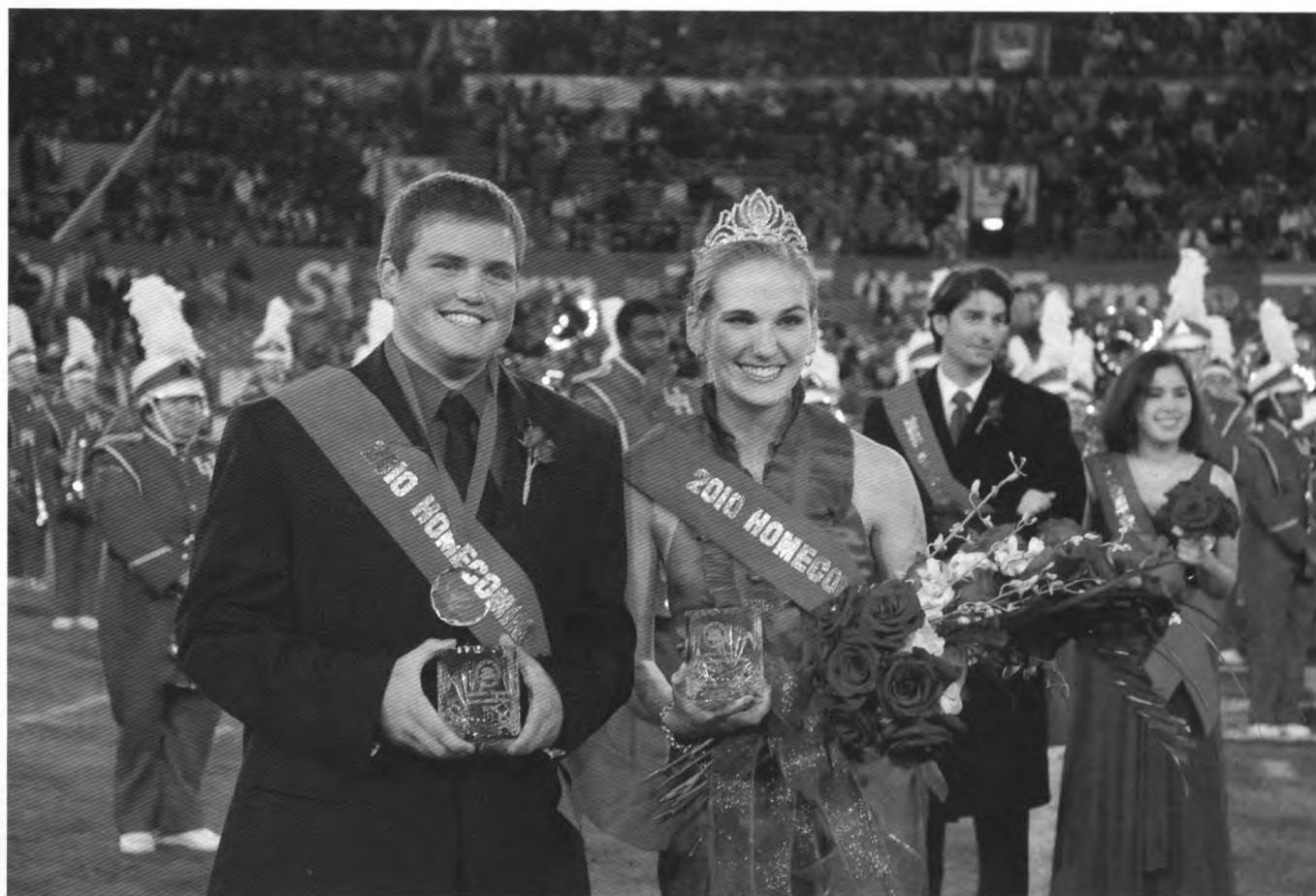
This year the Cougars hosted the Tulsa Golden Hurricane, in what was a close game. At halftime UH trailed 21-7. The Cougars came out and scored on a field goal and a touchdown apiece for James Cleveland and Kierre Johnson to cut the deficit to 28-25. They got no closer and saw their third straight loss, ending their chance of winning Conference USA's Western division.

Halftime saw Jordan Lewis and Darren Randle win homecoming queen and king.



Left: Students taunt
Tulsa State players
during the Home-
coming game.
Clarissa Arispe

Right: Kick returner
Tyron Carrier had
total 52- yds against
the Golden Hur-
ricanes.
Gregory Bohuslav



2010 Homecoming
King, Darren Randle
and Queen Jordan
Lewis.
Gregory Bohuslav



Student Government Association members were among the volunteers who served thousands of students a warm pancake breakfast during finals mania at the M.D. Anderson Library. *Courtesy of University Services*

FINALS MANIA

By Taylor McGilvray

Students take a break from studying for finals to get a free meal and play games with fellow students during dead week at the MD Anderson library.

Finals Mania is a joint effort between UH libraries, University Services and dining services to offer a night off from studying for finals and stress relief with a late night pancake dinner.

"This program is a success because of the commitment of our volunteers," said Maria Honey, University Services marketing manager.

A record 1,601 students came out during the Fall's Final Mania, for pancakes with a variety of toppings and sausage links served by volunteers from the Faculty Senate, Administration and Finance, Student Government Association, UH Libraries, Staff Council and Student Affairs.

"We have people who have participated since the very beginning because it's such a wonderfully fun event," Honey said.

UH President Renu Khator, vice presidents, deans, student leaders and other faculty members were also there to show students their support before testing began.

"Finals Mania was a great success," Assistant Director for the Center for Student Involvement Carrie Miller said. "I love to help with this event both to meet staff members I wouldn't normally work with, and to meet new students and reconnect with students I have worked with before."



Left: During the Fall event, over 1,500 students lined up at the Library to receive a complimentary breakfast courtesy of University Services.
Courtesy of University Services



Below: The free breakfast included pancakes, either buttermilk, blueberry and chocolate chip pancakes, a side of sausage and juice or coffee. *Clarissa Arispe*



Finals Mania began as a way for the University to support and wish luck to the students as they were entering finals week. Besides breakfast students can relax by mingling with friends or playing board games. *Clarissa Arispe*



The ring toss was one of the many games students like Chemistry Senior Ayman Abdelrazek played at Butler Plaza during Recyclemania Olympics on March 9, 2011.
Jasmine Umenyi

RECYCLEMANIA

By Moniqua Sexton

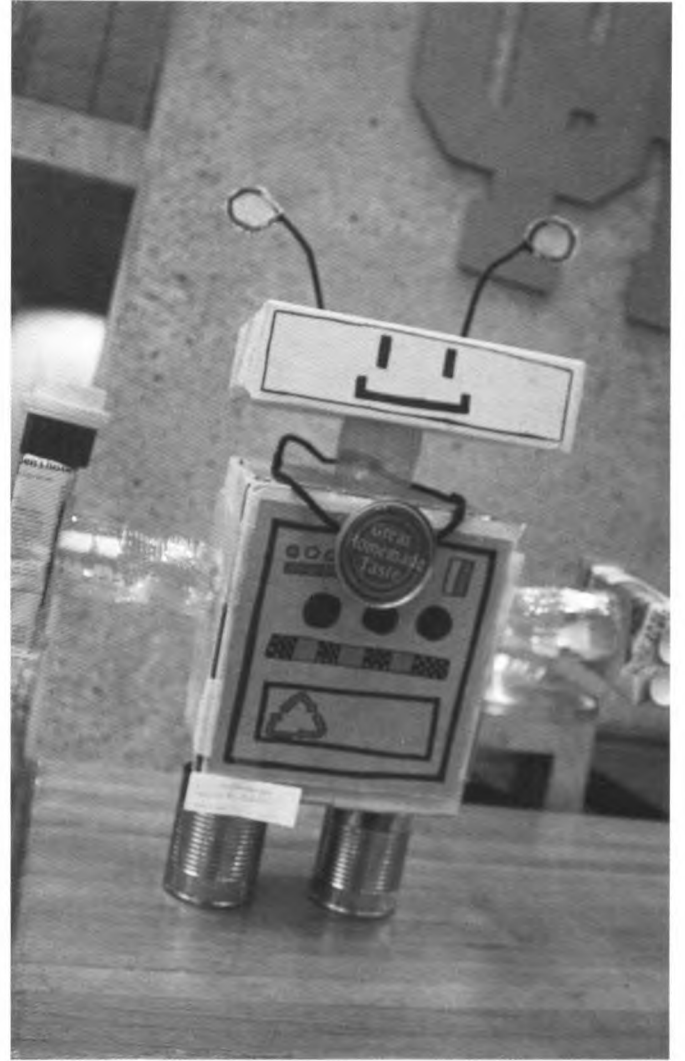
Colleges and universities across the nation promote waste reduction through activities that make up Recyclemania, which began in February of 2001 by Ed Newman of Ohio University and Stacy Edmonds Wheeler of Miami University.

According to the national Recyclemania website, each campus reports their recycling and trash data and they are ranked by who collects the largest amount of recyclables per capita, the largest amount of total recyclables, the amount of trash per capita, or have the highest recycling rate.

Recyclemania at UH means faculty, staff and student organizations compete against each other to win catering credits and a trophy, as well as promoting awareness about recycling on campus. A pep rally is held before the competition to gear students up for the competition activities.

This year, HRM Green Team beat out the other student organizations, and the UC Ultimate Recyclers took the top prize among faculty/staff groups. The number of teams tripled this year, with 30 teams bringing in 36,000 pounds of recycling, compared to last years 23,000 pounds.

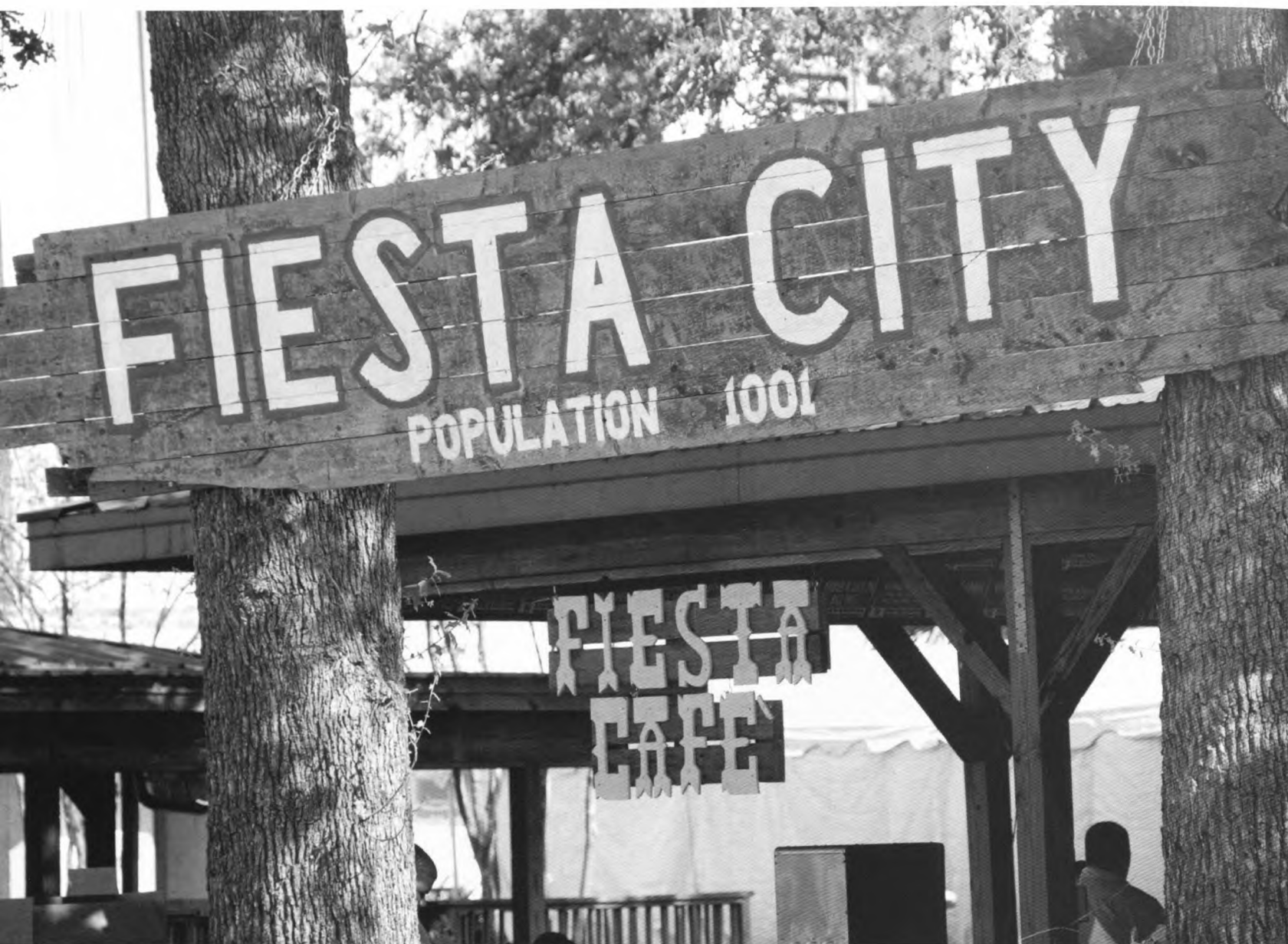
"Recyclemania has exceeded everybody's expectations this year," Marketing Coordinator for University Services Billy Garner said. "Something that was different about this year is that so many more people were involved, making this year's competition the most successful one yet."



Top left: Art Junior Lauren Mohan puts together a tree made-up of recycled materials for the Art of Recycling contest during RecycleMania. *Taylor McGilvray.*

Top right: "Mr. Roboto" created by computer science junior Chris Lopez and friends, was the winning entry in the Art of Recycling contest held at the UC World Affairs Lounge. Lopez received a \$75 Best Buy gift card for winning. *Taylor McGilvray*

Left: "Recycleman" helped get students and faculty in the spirit of the event. *Maria Munoz*



Frontier Fiesta, a student run, student-oriented event on campus began in 1939, in 2011, Fiesta celebrated 70 years. *Brianna Leigh Morrison*

FRONTIER FIESTA

By Alexandra Kuchik

For 70 years, Frontier Fiesta has been a weeklong event held on campus; showcasing Cougar pride, live music, variety shows, and a barbecue cook-off challenge. Students and alumni flock to the roped-off parking lot of Robertson Stadium to enjoy all the festivities that Fiesta has to offer.

The Greek community on campus puts on variety shows to entertain the crowds. Each sorority and fraternity is paired off to perform a showcase of dance and theatrics.

Another favorite event of Fiesta is the barbecue cook off. BBQ'ers are tempted to show their stuff as they are challenged to prepare their best barbecue possible. This year over forty teams of alumni associations and outside community members competed for their spot at the top. The six categories included pinto beans, beef brisket, chicken, chili, fajitas and pork ribs. Not only were awards given to the winners, but cash prizes as well.

Zeta Tau Alpha sister April Woerner said, "I love how the smell of the barbecue cook off wafts though the air; it sure is yummy."

Fiesta is all fun and games, and although they do have a carnival and battle of the bands, Fiesta also supports the academics of the student body. Every year The Frontier Fiesta Association gives ten applicant winners a scholarship going towards the student's school finances.

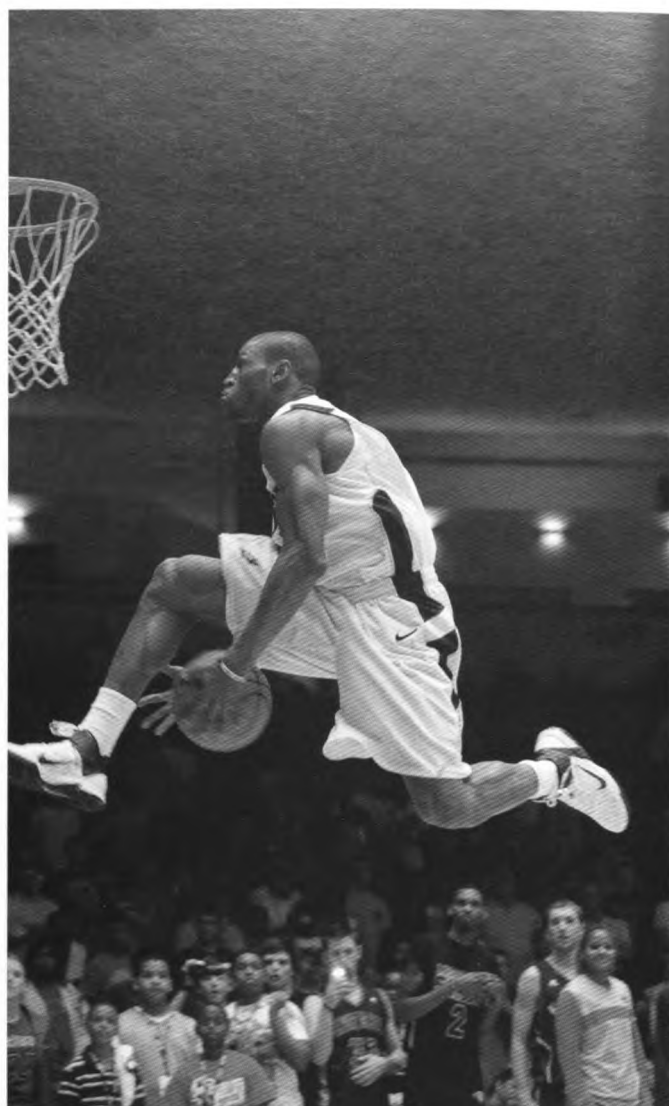


Top left: Shasta and Sasha prepare for a pep rally to kick-off the 2011 Frontier Fiesta festivities. *Brianna Leigh Morrison*

Top right: Variety shows by Greek organizations are a staple at Frontier Fiesta. Greeks compete for the best show of the year. *Brianna Leigh Morrison*

Bottom left: Students get to walk around Fiesta City and enjoy the different foods games, shows and rides.

Bottom right: People of all ages have fun participating in the different games and events at Fiesta. *Brianna Leigh Morrison*



Athletes were able to show off their skill during the Dunk Contest at Robertson Stadium. *Both picture by Aaron Cisneros*

NCAA

By Travis Hensley

Kemba Walker and UConn were crowned king of the hill, top of the heap as they took out Butler 53-41 in the National Championship Game at Reliant Stadium.

The Huskies third title since 1999 was an ugly affair, with both teams shooting below 35 percent – Butler shot just 18.8 percent from the field.

The Huskies did not play their best game and players and coaches admitted as much after the game, but the Bulldogs inability to convert from the field left them without a chance.

Alex Oriakhi finished with a double-double, 11 points and 11 rebounds, and was also a presence in the paint, blocking four shots.

Walker scored a game-high 16 points and grabbed nine rebounds to help lead the Huskies to their eleventh straight win.

The previous two contests in the Final Four were not high-scoring affairs either.

The Huskies squeezed by Kentucky 56-55 to advance to the title game. The Wildcats went cold in the second half, going nearly six minutes without scoring. Brandon Knight contributed to the Wildcats offensive woes, shooting 6-of-23. Walker led UConn with 18 points and added six rebounds, seven assists and two steals.

Butler outlasted Virginia Commonwealth 70-62 in the other Final Four matchup. The Bulldogs trailed at halftime, but Zach Hahn came off the bench and scored eight points in a 90 second span at the beginning of the second half for the Bulldogs to put them ahead. Shelvin Mack poured in 24 points for the Bulldogs on 8-of-11 shooting, going 5-of-6 from deep as he traded buckets late with VCU's Jamie Skeen. Skeen finished with 27 points.

Not all of the action took place at Reliant Stadium. Hofheinz Pavilion hosted the NCAA Three Point and Dunk Contests. Youtube sensation Jacob Tucker of Illinois College won the dunk contest.

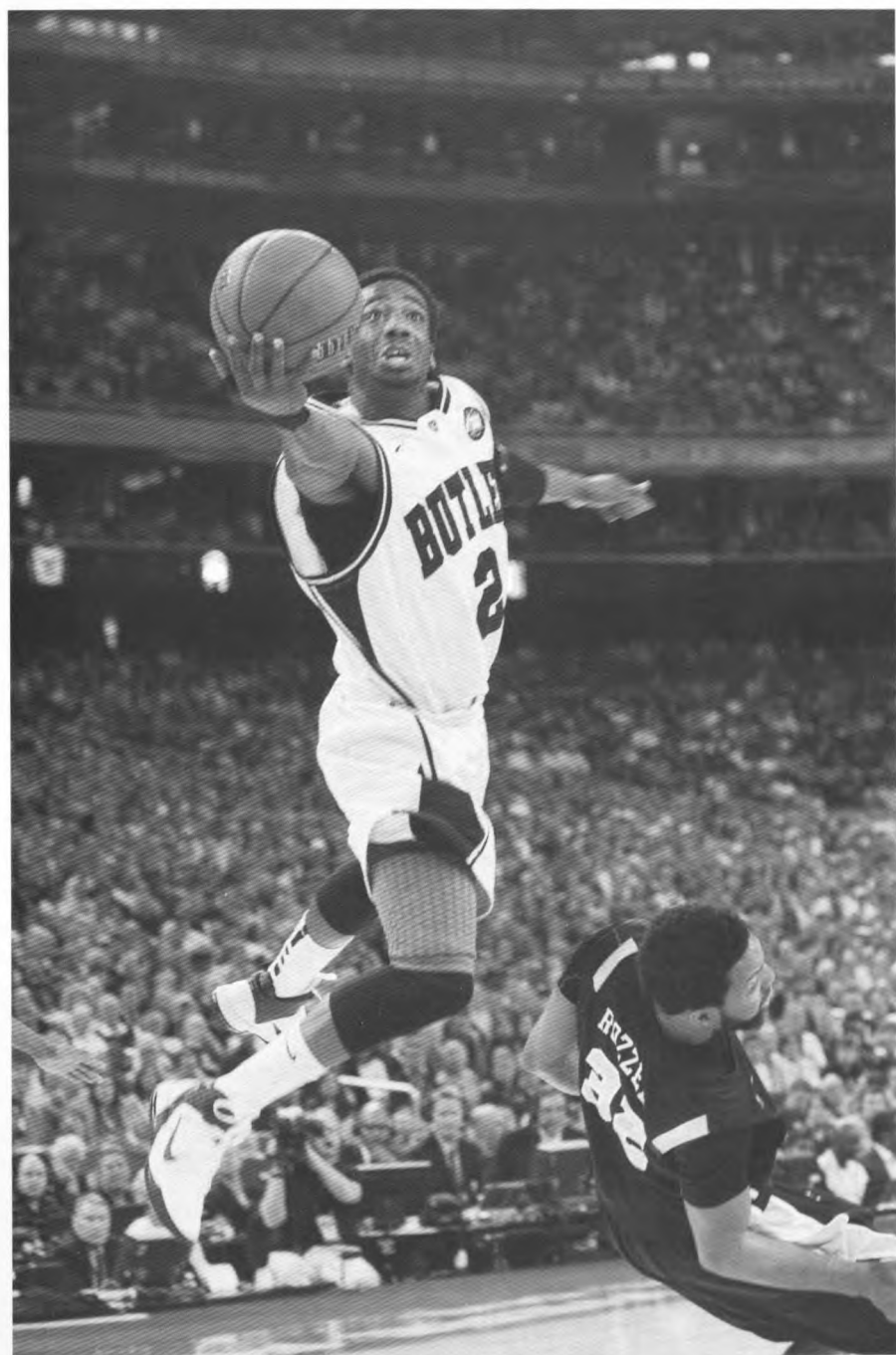


Top left: UCONN head coach Jim Calhoun celebrates his team being named NCAA champions. *Newton Liu*

Bottom left: Butler guard, Shawn Vanzant score against VCU during the NCAA final four. *Newton Liu*

Top right: Huskie cheerleaders can't contain their excitement after their team beat Butler University 53-41 for the championship. *Newton Liu*

Bottom right: Huskie forward Alex Oriakhi dunks in the NCAA final four game against Kentucky. *Newton Liu*





Every year the students from the Wolff Center for Entrepreneurship's flip burgers as part of their course work. *Paris Jomadio*

BURGER BLISS

By Miguel Cortina

The Wolff Center for Entrepreneurship's BurgerFest wasn't just an event to sell burgers — it gave student teams the opportunity to work as a company in a real-world situation.

Teams were composed of students that each held a position ranking from CEO to COO.

"We went to speak at the Carl's Jr. location and asked to speak with the manager," said Margarita Flores, chief financial officer of the Burger Queen Team. "Of course we had to offer something in return, and that is that BurgerFest is a great marketing aspect and people are just finding out that Carl's Jr. is in Houston."

The team had small giveaways, such as pens, magnets and car antenna ornaments from the restaurant. In return, people would get a dollar off their burgers.

"That worked really well. People from California have recognized the name and they are super excited to try it again," Flores said.

The Burger Queen Team had planned for their participation in BurgerFest since last summer when they began outlining what they wanted to accomplish and who to network with.

The night before the event started, the team went to the restaurant to see how it was run to replicate the concept in BurgerFest.

"We saw how the restaurant operated and it really gave us an appreciation of what they do. We learned about the business and the burger," said Bejaye Ilegbodu, chief marketing officer for Burger Queen.

According to Flores, the hardest part was networking and raising money. She raised about \$4,000 of the team's \$5,000.

"I didn't know where I was going to get all the money from," Flores said. "It's a lot of baby steps to create this big thing."

The 30 participants in this year's event were graded by their sales and in-kind donations they received.



Left: "Top Burger" team members flip burgers to meet up with student demand. *Paris Jomadio*



UH students have to partner up with a real burger company, like Carl Jr's for Burger Fest. *Paris Jomadio*



Students were able to enjoy burgers outside the University Center. *Paris Jomadio*



Crowds of students gathered at Butler Plaza to celebrate Earth Week. *Naheeda Sayeeduddin*

EARTH WEEK

By Taylor McGilvray

UH students learned about ways to improve the environment and green initiatives by playing games during UH Earth Day – hosted by Butler Plaza.

Skee-ball, tic-tac-toe and horseshoes drew crowds competing for various recycled prizes.

"I think I learned the most from the clothesline trivia," Communications senior Cynthia Velasquez said. "It actually taught me something."

The purposes of the games were to educate students about sustainability while providing them with a fun activity between classes.

The event also celebrated another year of practicing green habits on campus through RecycleMania and other green initiatives.

"Earth Day is an event that initiated a world-wide sustainability movement," Marketing Coordinator of University Services Billy Garner said. "UH has become one of the leaders in sustainability among the nation's universities."

Green Mountain Energy Company also attended the event and presented the University with a \$140,000 check for the University's first solar panel system, which is expected to be completed on May 30 and will be mounted on the roof of UH's Central Utility Plant.

The company also announced the Green Mountain Energy Solar Internship that will begin in Fall 2011.

"Both of these initiatives will help UH spread the word and educate thousands of students over the 30-year expected lifespan of the array about the benefits of solar energy," Houston Market Manager for Green Mountain Energy Company Sean Figaro said in a press release. "This further supports Green Mountain's mission to change the way power is made; and help us give back to the Houston community where our customers live, work, shop and play."

UH is naming its largest residential dining hall the Green Mountain Energy Company Dining Room in honor of the donation.

Other highlights included a weather balloon launch, face painting, an Earth Day cake, Super Earth mascot, Recycle Man and free gifts.



Top left: Games teaching students about green initiatives were one of the many attractions of Earth Week. *Courtesy of University Services*

Bottom left: Students get ready to launch an air balloon. *Courtesy of University Services*

Top right: University Service staff members present a \$140,000 check from Green Mountain for the University's first solar panel system. *Courtesy of University Services*

Bottom right: Students were able to enjoy a cake to commemorate 41 years of celebrating the Earth. *Courtesy of University Services*





The Alumni Association plans to hold the event every year as a way to welcome graduating students to the "UH alumni family." *Paris Jomadio*

SENIOR SEND OFF

By Alexandra Kuchik

UH shows its great pride in its graduating seniors by holding many different events in and around campus each year. This year was the first year of The Senior Send Off, which was held by the UH Alumni Association.

Though the event was held in the spring, all seniors of the 2011 graduating class were invited to attend. The event was also held in order to help students transfer from their student life to the alumni world.

"The send off was a good way for the alumni association to show that they were not only there for students while they were in school, but also a good way to show them that they will be there for them after graduation," Alumni Coordinator Ali Walker said.

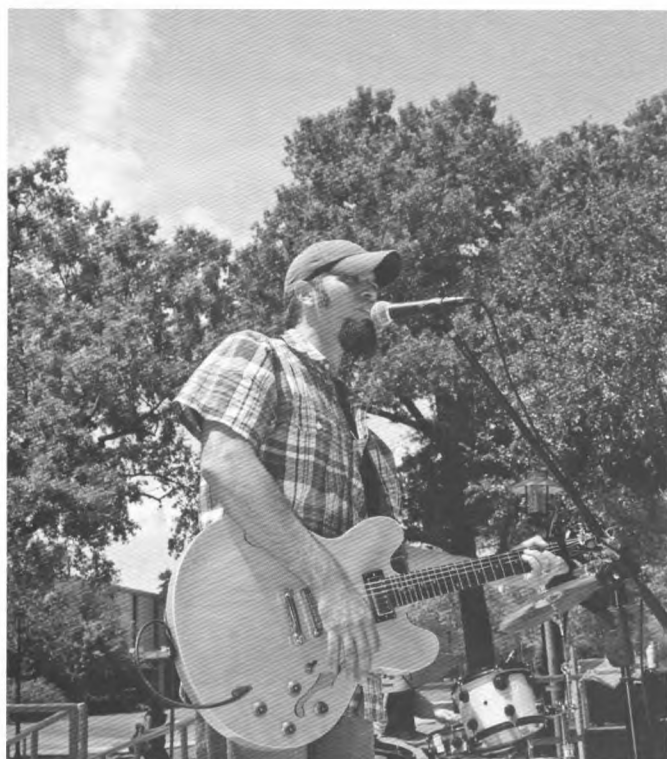
The Senior Send Off included giveaways ranging from gift baskets to airline tickets, a live band, games and free food.



Left: Students enjoy a free meal courtesy of Which Wich.
Ali IQbal

Bottom left: The band SNAFU provided the entertainment for the day.
Ali IQbal

Bottom right: Cotton Candy was among the many things students got to enjoy, along with giveaways and games. *Paris Jomadio*





The 5-mile march began at Robertson Stadium and took people to the bayou and back to Robertson. *Mary Jean Curtis*

MARCH OF DIMES

By Ashley Anderson

On May 1st, Robertson Stadium became the stage for March for Babies, a nationwide campaign to raise funds for research and special programs.

March for Babies is a part of the March of Dimes, and the Houston march is one of the largest in the nation.

This was the 40th anniversary of the Houston March for Babies, with the event taking place at the University in four of those years.

"We are very happy to be partnering with the University of Houston," Jessica Lundgren, Houston director of programs, said.

As well as being a partner with UH, key sponsors for the March for Babies include KBR, Wells Fargo and Macy's.

People were able to participate by marching, forming teams, pledging money or volunteering.

Participants and spectators of the five-mile march were also able to enjoy family-friendly activities, music, and games at a tailgate held during the event.

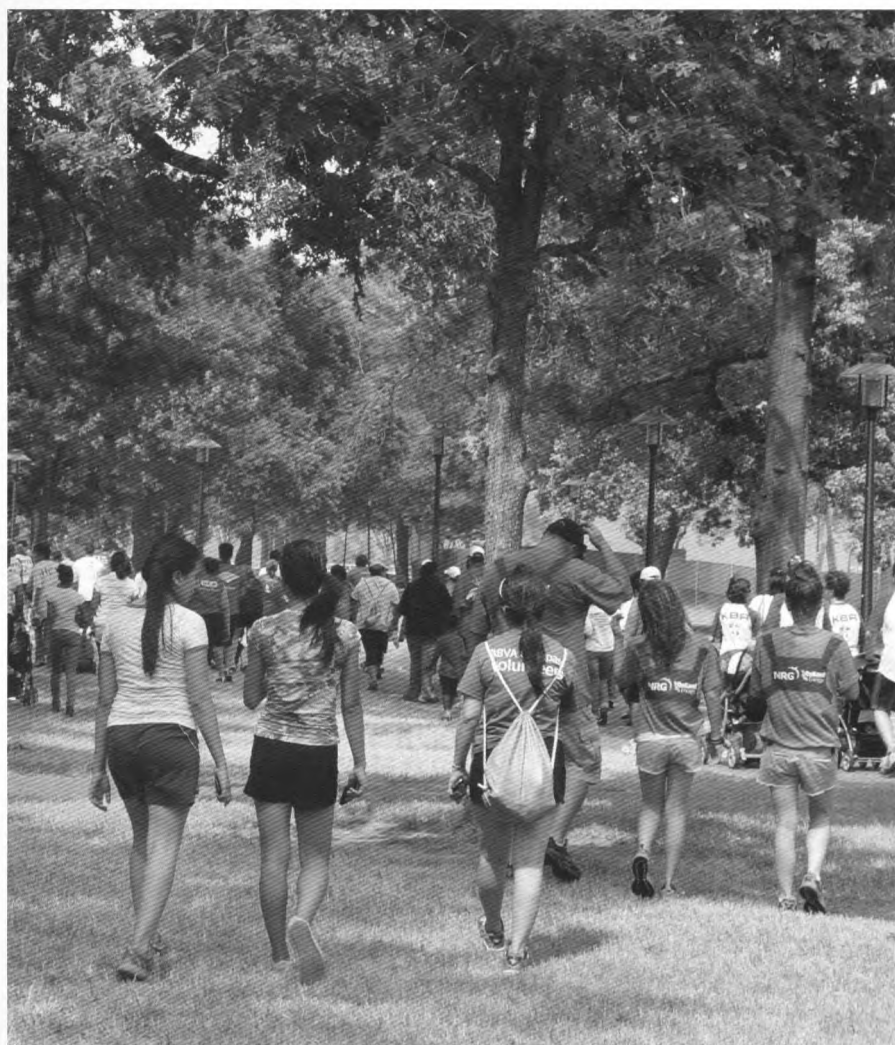
UH cheerleaders and the Spirit of Houston marching band were also in attendance to show their support for the event.

The march is held to raise funds for research and programs to promote the safe birth of healthy babies.

The event is expected to raise at least \$3 million for the cause, adding to the \$4 million in research grants at the Texas Medical Center in Houston.

March of Dimes community programs encourage women to take care of themselves before, during and after pregnancy and educate women on how to have a healthy pregnancy and the best outcome for their babies.

Other services include working with health care workers to prevent and manage preterm labor and lobbying on the state level to promote legislation for the improvement of health for mothers and babies.



Top: KBR, Wells Fargo and Macy's co-sponsored the march. *Mary Jean Curtis*

Left: Thousands of people came out to campus to support March of Dimes, an organization that raises awareness for prenatal and infant care. *Mary Jean Curtis*

Above: Participants are excited to begin the march. *Mary Jean Curtis*

GRADUATION



Top: Students take the opportunity to thank their biggest supporters, their parents, by decorating their caps. *Newton Liu*

Left: Getting ready to move the tassel, to symbolize they are now college graduates. *Newton Liu*

Top: Students graduates cheer as the graduation ceremony concludes. *Newton Liu*

Left: UH President Renu Khator congratulates students on their achievements at UH. *Newton Liu*

Above: Graduates listen to the words of advices from speakers, that included UH President Renu Khator, UH System Regents, and guest speakers. *Newton Liu*



Students celebrate the start of spring and the Hindu festival, Holi, by splashing color paint on each other. *Naheeda Sayeeduddin*



High school students from across the city, built and raced in boats made of cardboard boxes at the UH Wellness and Recreational Center. *Aaron Cisneros*



Shasta gets the crowd energized at a Cougar game.
Pauline Alderete

[SPORTS]



FOOTBALL

By Christopher Losee

It was a disappointing 2010 season for head coach Kevin Sumlin and the Cougars after the team finished with a 5-7 record. The Cougars scrambled to piece together an offensive strategy after star quarterback Case Keenum and backup quarterback Cotton Turner suffered season-ending injuries in the team's first away matchup against UCLA.

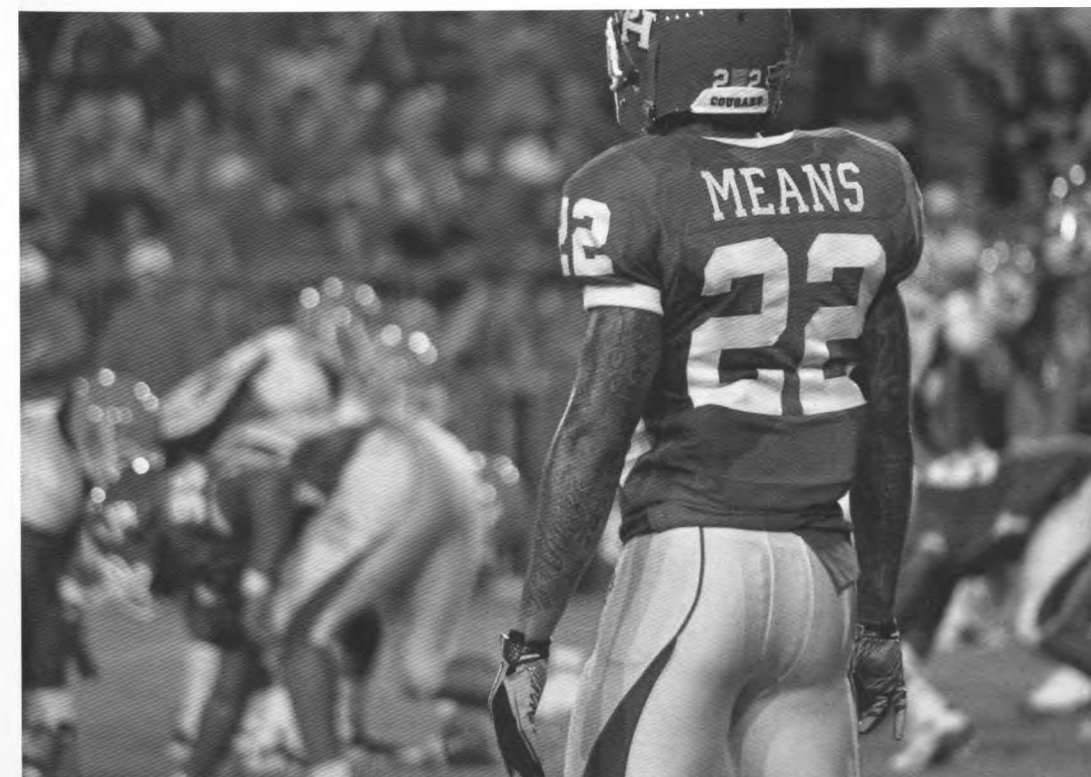
The season outlook for the Cougars couldn't have been any better coming into the 2010 season with an offense ranked No. 1 in the nation. In the offseason, the Cougar defense transitioned from a 4-3 defensive front to a 3-4 set under the guidance of first-year defensive coordinator Brian Stewart.

The Cougars kicked off the 2010 campaign winning the first two games in a dominant fashion, crushing Texas State 68-28 in front of a sellout crowd at Robertson Stadium, and then rolled over UTEP 54-24 the following week.

With the No. 23 ranking in the nation, the Cougars were scheduled for a non-conference matchup against UCLA in which Keenum suffered a torn ACL in the second quarter. He ended the season throwing five touchdown passes and 636 yards. He appealed for another year of eligibility, in hopes of making his last season more memorable than this one.

With a vacant quarterback position, freshman Terrance Broadway made his first career start in a 42-23 victory over conference opponent Tulane. Broadway's reign was short-lived after Sumlin named true freshman David Piland as the starting signal caller for the remainder of the season. The Cougars would lose the next two games against Mississippi State and conference rival Rice. With the one-two punch of running backs Michael Hayes and Bryce Beall, the Cougars were able to bounce back with two road wins over SMU and Memphis.

After grabbing two wins over conference opponents, the Cougars were in contention for a berth in the conference championship game. But the team's chance of making a postseason appearance diminished after the team lost their next three C-USA games against UCF, Tulsa and Southern Miss. The season concluded with a 35-20 loss to Texas Tech, ending the season on a low note.



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Top: Defensive linemen David Hunter (95) and Kelvin King (59) along with linebacker Anthony Griffin (57) line up against Tulane University. *Jairo Razo*

(left): Led by offensive lineman Chris Thompson, the UH Cougars burst onto the field full of energy. *Gregory Bohuslav*

(right): Wide receiver Kierrie Johnson trots into the endzone after splitting the other team's secondary. *Gregory Bohuslav*

Left: Senior defensive back Loyce Means reads the motions of the opposing quarterback. He led the Cougars with three interceptions for the season. *Pauline Alderete*

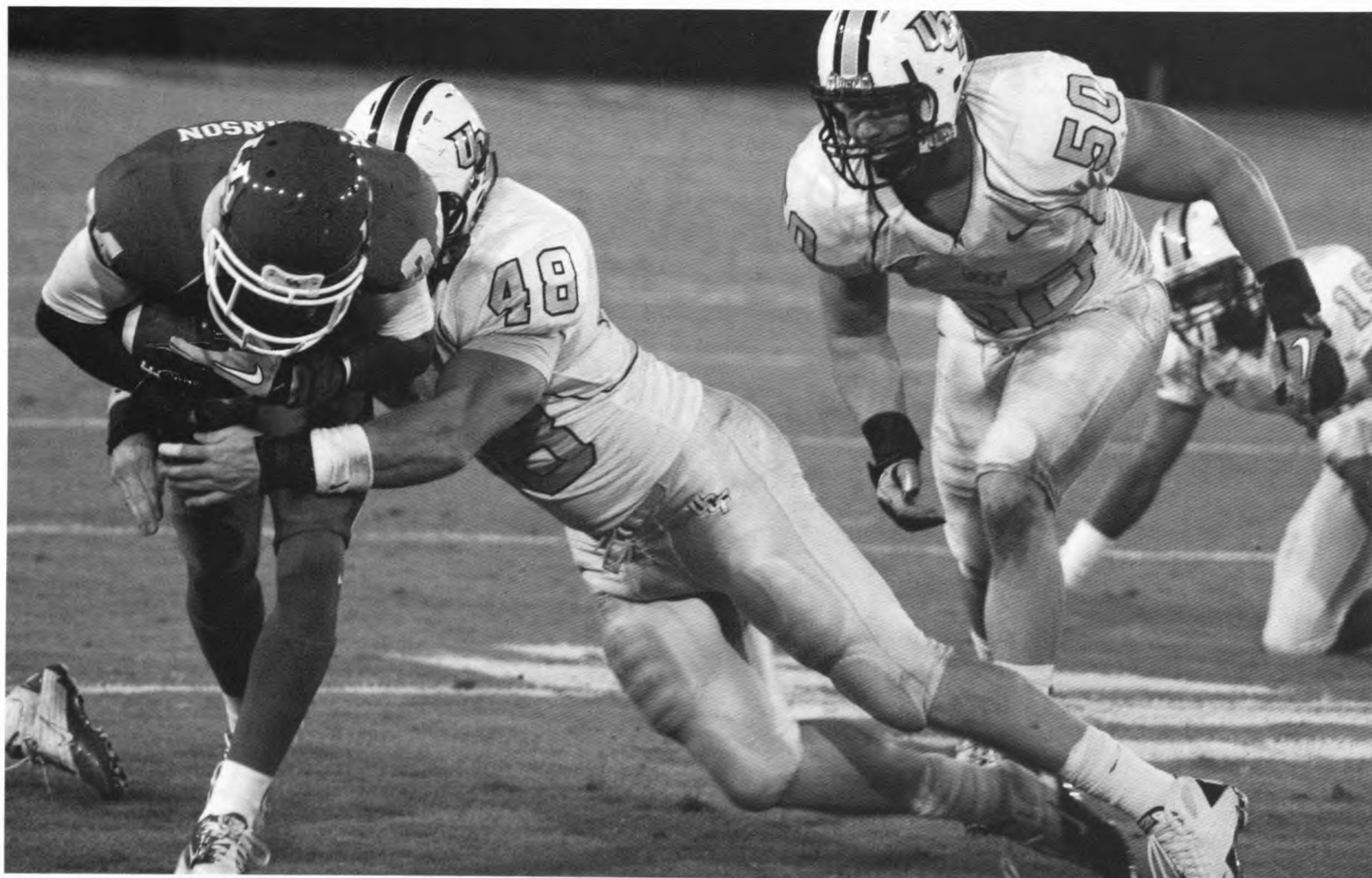
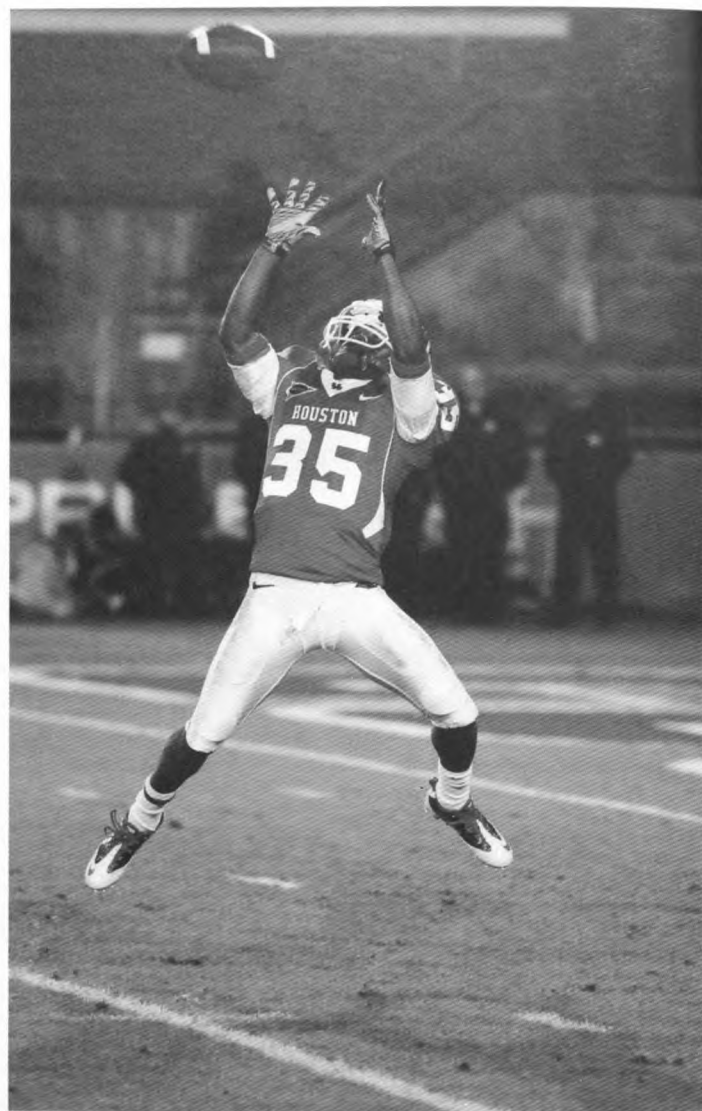
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(top left): Defensive back Nick Saenz (41) contributed to the Cougar secondary with 37 solo stops. *Jairo Razo*

(top right): Wide receiver Tyrone Carrier catches a ball that he would return for a touchdown at the homecoming game against Tulsa University. *Gregory Bohuslav*

(bottom): Wide receiver Kierre Johnson fights for yardage after UCF defenders swarmed to prevent the Cougars from scoring. *Jairo Razo*

Right page: Offensive lineman Chris Thompson hoists teammate Tryon Carrier in the endzone after Carrier scored a touchdown. Cougars celebrate a touchdown. *Gregory Bohuslav*







Guard Adam Brown goes for two-points against crosstown rival Rice. Brown finished the season as the second leading scorer for the Cougars averaging 12.6 points per game. *Newton Liu*

MEN'S BASKETBALL

By John Brannen

After a miraculous run to make the NCAA Tournament the previous season, expectations were high for UH going into the 2010-2011 season. In his first year for the Cougars, head coach James Dickey was tasked with turning around the program, and guiding UH to multiple appearances in the big dance.

Those ambitions will have to be put on hold until at least next season. Despite the team showing flashes of success throughout the season, UH finished the year 12-18, and 4-12 in Conference USA for 11th place.

Seventeen games into the season the Cougars were 11-6 overall and had just won their third straight game against a Conference USA opponent. That was when things began to head south.

UH lost its next game to UTEP 57-52, as the Miners capitalized on the Cougars' missed free throws and lack of an inside presence. It was the beginning of a downward slide, and the first loss of a five-game losing streak. Rice, East Carolina, Marsha and

Tulsa were all able to outlast UH down the stretch.

The Cougars never suffered an embarrassing defeat, but squandered opportunities in the closing minutes as the result hung in the balance. UH finally recovered with a 79-68 victory against the Tulane Green Wave, but the novelty of the win was only temporary.

With six regular-season games remaining, the Cougars reverted to their bad habits and dropped them all. UH entered the C-USA tournament in El Paso as a No. 11 seed and drew No. 6 seed Marshall. The Thundering Herd trailed by three at halftime, but exploded for 64 points in the second half, winning 97-87, and ending the Cougars' year.

Bright spots included a 76-71 win over the then-ranked No. 18 Central Florida, the Knights were undefeated at the time. UH went 8-5 against non-conference opponents, with highlight wins coming over Louisiana-Lafayette, Nevada and Sam Houston.



Top left: Forward Alandise Harris elevates to dunk over Tulsa's center.
Aaron Cisneros

Bottom left: Guard Zamal Nixon put forth a solid performance throughout the season leading the team in free throw percentage and assists.
Newton Liu

Top right: Forward Maurice McNeil finished the season leading the team in scoring, rebounding, field goal percentage and blocked shots.
Aaron Cisneros

Bottom Right: McNeil goes for two against Rice players. *Newton Liu*





Top Left: Guard Brittney Scott (11) puts up a jump shot over Tulane players. Scott led the team in scoring averaging 15.8 points per game. *Aaron Cisneros*



Bottom left: Forward Brittany Mason drives to the basket for two points against Rice players. *Aaron Cisneros*

Center: Guard Courtney Taylor uses her height to her advantage as she shoots the ball. *Aaron Cisneros*



The Cougars celebrate on the court after a win. Led by first-year head coach Todd Buchanan, the Cougars posted 26 wins that included a 17-game winning streak. *Aaron Cisneros*

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

By Joshua Siegel

Todd Buchanan's return to UH as head coach was perfect.

Buchanan's up-tempo style suited the Cougars roster, as he led UH to a 16-0 mark in Conference USA play, its first NCAA Tournament appearance since 2005 and numerous individual milestones and honors.

The Cougars started the season with a bang, running off a 134-65 victory over Huston Tillotson and an 88-48 win over UT Arlington in their first regular season match. UH's offense continued to knock opponents out all season, as it picked up 11 of its 26 regular season victories by at least 15 points.

The Cougars opened the season strong with an 8-1 record, but an injury to C-USA Player of the Year Courtney Taylor combined with an out of conference schedule featuring Nebraska, Georgetown and Louisville proved to be UH's first challenge of the season. The Cougars went 1-2 in Taylor's absence with losses to Georgetown and Lamar.

Upon Taylor's return, the Cougars cruised to a 78-48 win over Tulsa to open conference play and would spark their run to the C-USA regular season crown.

Their biggest tests during the regular season came in their final two games. UH trailed rival Rice 41-27 at halftime of their second to last game, but a 17 point, seven rebound second half from Taylor helped the Cougars rally to a 74-70 win.

In their final regular season game, Tulane took the Cougars to overtime, but UH prevailed, outscoring the Green Wave 17-11 in the extra period and winning 90-84.

The Green Wave would prove a difficult foe again though in the C-USA Tournament. After squeaking past UTEP 68-64, the Cougars would fall 70-60 to Tulane in the second round.

Despite all of their success, the Cougars fell to West Virginia in their opening round match of the NCAA Tournament 79-73.

Buchanan's success earned him C-USA Coach of the Year.

Taylor was a double-double machine for the Cougars, averaging 15.7 points and 11.1 rebounds for the season en route to C-USA Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year honors.

Taylor was joined on the All-Conference USA First Team by guards Porsche Landry and Brittney Scott



Swimmer Lowry Laykin and the rest of the UH Swimming & Diving team had their ups and downs throughout the season, but the biggest obstacle facing the swimmers and divers was the sudden passing of head swim coach Mark Taylor. *Courtesy of UH Athletics*

SWIMMING & DIVING

By Christopher Losee

While swimmers and divers improved upon their personal bests throughout the season, the program suffered an irreplaceable loss with the passing of head swim coach Mark Taylor.

Facing unprecedented challenges, the Swimming and Diving team raised the bar consistently throughout the season. With just two divers on this season's squad, senior Lacey Truelove and sophomore Julia Lonnegren were able to outperform their opponents. The duo weren't the only ones being recognized for their outstanding performance. Head dive coach Jane Figueiredo helped lead the Cougars to 18 individual event wins, and she earned Conference USA Diving Coach of the Year for the 10th-

straight time. Truelove and Lonnegren grabbed C-USA honors six times throughout the season.

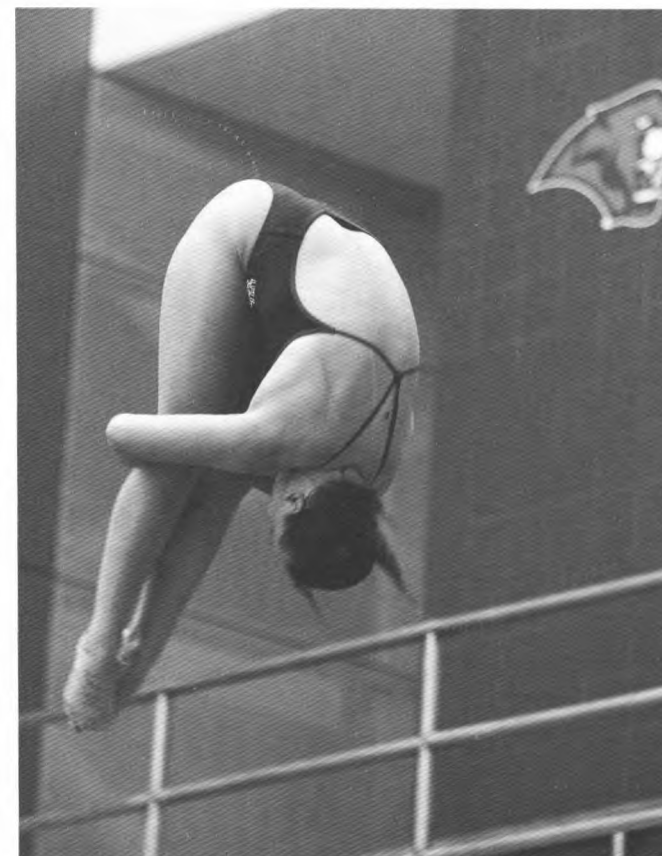
In her senior year, Truelove won 15 individual title events and was named C-USA Diver of the Week four times. She received the league's top honor when she was awarded C-USA Diver of the Year for the 2011 season.

Truelove and her teammates experienced the worst of the season with Taylor's passing. Taylor died from a heart attack while staying in Austin for the NCAA Championships. In nine seasons as head swimming coach, Taylor led the program to seven top-30 finishes and was named Coach of the Year for the 2009 season.

Below: Lacey Truelove attempts a dive during a meet at UH. *Courtesy of UH Athletics*

Below right: Truelove stands on top of the podium as she grabbed first place during the C-USA Championships. Truelove was named Conference USA Diver of the Year. *Courtesy of UH Athletics*

Bottom: Former head swim coach Mark Taylor and other swimmers cheer a fellow teammate onto victory. *Courtesy of UH Athletics*





A UH Rugby player is tackled to the ground by a St. Mary's player after picking up the ball and attempting to run for the goal line. UH went on to defeat St. Mary's.
Yvette Davila

RUGBY

By Ryan Popham

In the midst of its first regular season as an official team, UH Rugby made the playoffs with an undefeated record.

Before they were an official collegiate team, they were a men's club that would play other clubs from throughout Texas. Now, the team plays other colleges, which makes it a completely different game.

Future team captain Troy Miles, an engineering freshman and former US Marine, has specific plans for next year's team.

"I have some ideas and things that I want to do with training, like work out programs and getting team leadership and accountability done for the team," Miles said.

This initial season has given the UH rugby team an air of legitimacy in the sport, and the team is expected to reach Division 1 by the start of next season.

The team started as a Division 3 team, but due to new USA

Rugby regulations they have been invited to play in Southwest Division 1.

Despite being eliminated early in the playoffs, they still remain undefeated at 4-0, having played University of Texas-San Antonio, Sul Ross, Texas State and St. Mary's universities.

"Rugby is an all-year-round kind of thing," short-side flanker Clinton Eddy said. "There are also games in the summer that don't last as long as regular games — they're usually for the faster players."

Miles and the team are eagerly looking forward to next season.

"I'm confident in what we can accomplish. We have such great coaches that have come to us from USA Rugby," Miles said. "We need to just take the word from them and our other staff, as well as train like we did this season and just build on it. I'm excited to see what we can build the team into, then win some games."



Top left: The UH Rugby team fights for possession of the ball with St. Mary's Rugby team. *Yvette Davila*

Above: UH players huddle together to stop the progression of St. Mary's offense. *Yvette Davila*

Left: Captain Robert Watson is hoisted by teammates to catch the ball as St. Mary's players try to block the pass. *Yvette Davila*



SOCCER

By Joshua Siegel

The Cougars opened the 2010 season with a four-game winning streak and enjoyed a record-setting year by finishing with a 12-4-4 record, the best in the program's 13-year history, and wrapped it up by making it to the second round of the Conference USA post-season tournament.

Head coach Susan Bush attributed the team's success to the player's commitment to stay fit and improve their skills.

The Cougars outscored their opponents 25-8 in the second half and played an aggressive brand of soccer all season.

"I'd like to say that we're the fittest team in Conference-USA," senior mid-fielder Kaitlin Thulin said. "So we have more energy and we can last longer. We break teams down in the 60, 70, 80 minutes."

The play of the Cougars underclassmen was also crucial to their success. Of the 36 goals the Cougars scored this season, 20 were contributed from underclassmen. Freshman forward Sami Sackos was second on the team in scoring with five goals and three assists and was followed by freshman midfielders Kylie Cook and Nicole Duarte, who each notched three goals and three assists.

Freshmen's goal keeper Cami Koski and defender Danielle Munoz anchored a defensive unit that set a UH record for goals allowed – 13 in 21 games – and led C-USA in goals allowed-per-game (0.62).

Both Koski and Munoz were named to the C-USA All-Conference Second Team.

Forwards sophomore Katelyn Rhoades and senior Lauri Byrne were selected to the All-Conference First Team.

The Cougars went into postseason play with the third best record in C-USA (6-3-2) and their success helped earn Bush the honors of Coach of the Year.

The Cougars defeated Marshall 3-0 in the opening round of postseason play, but fell 1-0 to perennial power Memphis in the second round.

The 2010 season was an important one for the Cougars as it established the program at the top of C-USA and saw a wave of underclassmen talent make major contributions towards the team's success.



Top left: Forward Lauri Byrne defends a Tulsa player as she is dribbling down the field. *Brianna Leigh Morrison*

Bottom left: Goalkeeper Cami Koski was solid for the Cougars posting 64 saves and allowing just 13 goals. *Brianna Leigh Morrison*

Bottom: Midfielder Fabi Cirino (17) dribbles down the field. *Brianna Leigh Morrison*

Bottom right: Goalkeeper Cami Koski and the rest of the squad huddle together before a game. *Brianna Leigh Morrison*



Setter Amber Brooks sets up teammates Stephanie Nwachukwu and Chandace Tryon during a match at the Alumni Center. *Pauline Alderete*

VOLLEYBALL

By Keith Cordero Jr.

The 2010 volleyball season came to a close Thanksgiving weekend with the Cougars dropping a 2-3 match against rival Rice, a small damper on an otherwise great season for the Cougars under new head coach Molly Alvey.

The Cougars finished 19-13 overall, with a 13-7 Conference USA record, which helped them secure a third place finish in C-USA.

"I think it was incredible season for us. If you would of told me we would be sitting in third place at the end of the season I'd probably would not have believed that," Alvey said.

The season was filled with ups and downs beginning with a 1-6 start, but the Cougars play against ranked teams such as Oklahoma University, Tennessee and Florida State, helped the team improve their game.

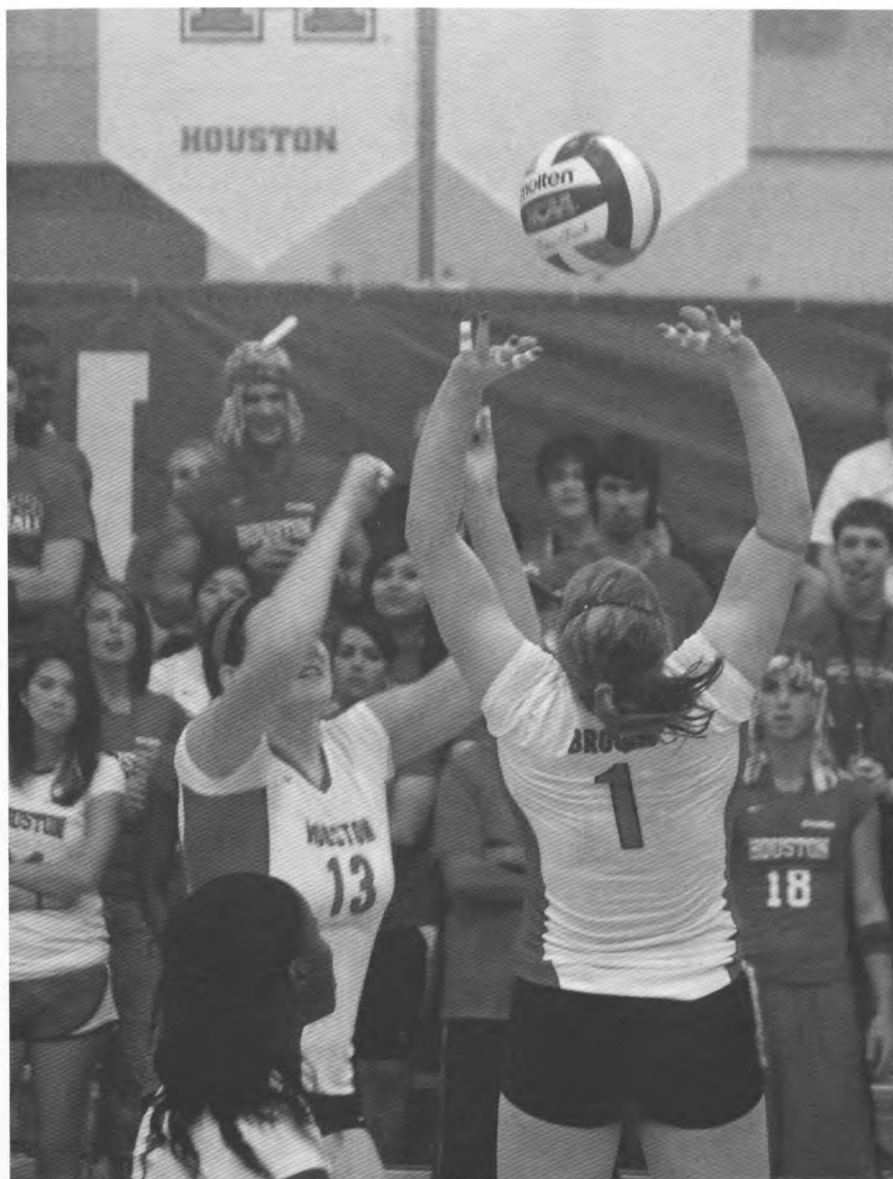
"It was great experience for them to play Top 25 teams, I think you only get better when you play better programs and it gives you a visual of what it looks like to be a Top 25 program," Alvey said.

Houston bounced back to win five straight games including a 3-0 record at the Nicholls State Tournament to head into C-USA play with an even 6-6 record.

The Cougars began C-USA play with back-to-back losses against rival Rice and Tulane to fall in to a 0-2 hole, but the Cougars once again bounced back. Houston rattled off a five game win streak for the second time this season with wins over Tulane, UCF, UTEP and Southern Miss (twice).

The win streak was snapped Oct. 15 at Memphis with a tough 3-2 loss, but two days later they swept UAB 3-0, before losing to C-USA champion Tulsa 3-1.

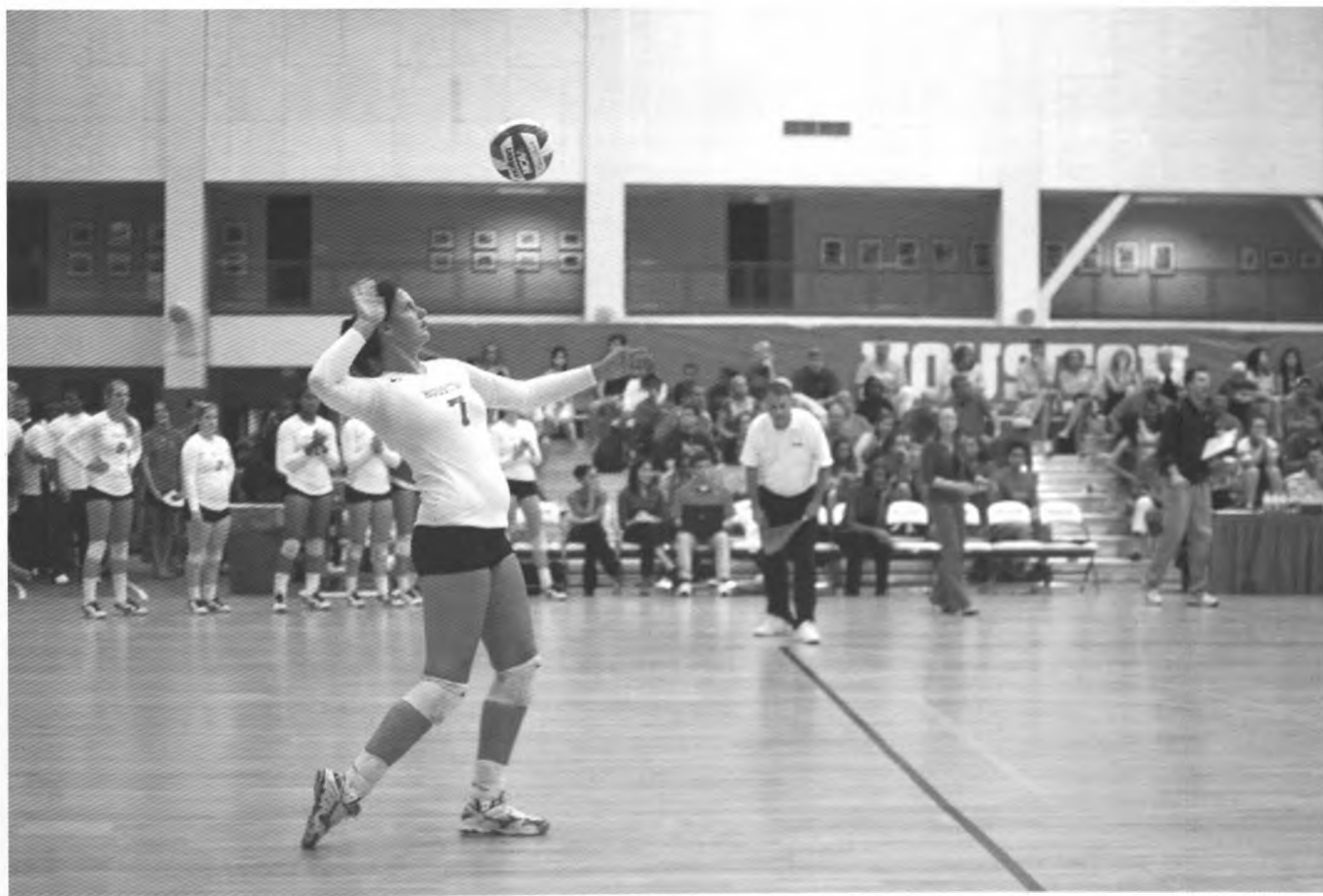
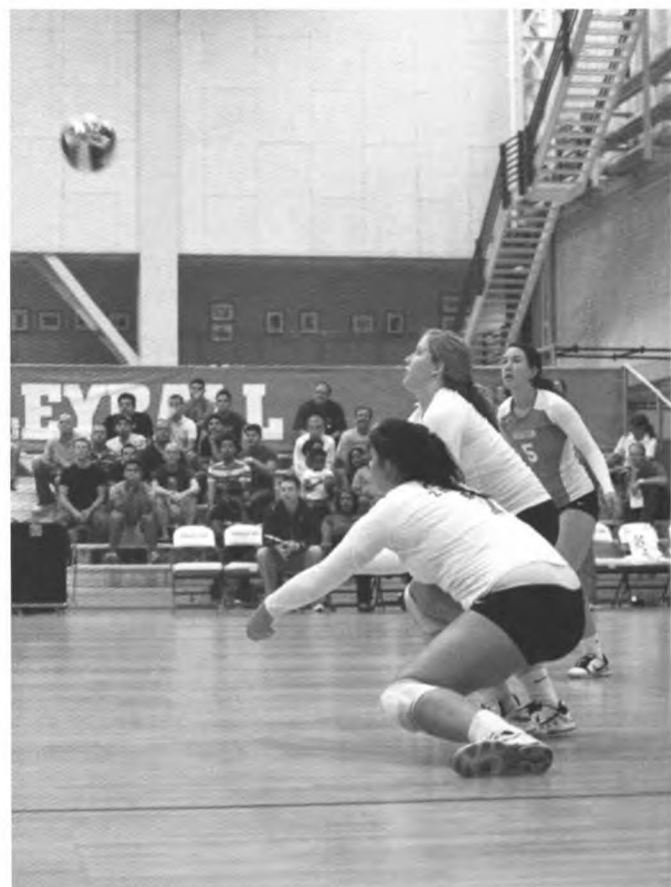
The Cougars ended the season with a three game losing streak and fell one win short of a 20-win season.



Left: Amber Brooks sets up teammate Lucy Charuk to spike the ball over the net. *Pauline Alderete*

Below: Outside hitter Ingrida Zauere gets low to save a point. *Pauline Alderete*

Bottom: Ingrida Zauere serves the ball in front of a crowd at the Athletics/Alumni Center. *Pauline Alderete*





BASEBALL

By Joshua Siegel

The Cougars enjoyed a rollercoaster season and that did not end until they ran out of gas against Rice in the Conference USA Championship.

The Cougars battled the Owls into extra innings, but fell 4-3.

In their first season under head coach Todd Whitting, the Cougars enjoyed multi-game winning and losing streaks, displays of brilliance and inconsistency.

It seemed like Whitting had brought some of his winning ways from Texas Christian when UH opened the season with four straight wins, outscoring UT Arlington and Stephen F. Austin by a margin of 40-12.

The ride would start shortly after though, characterized by inconsistent pitching and hitting that was capable of exploding for 10 runs as easily as being shutout. The Cougars enjoyed three winnings streaks of four or more games, but were losers of three straight six times.

The Cougars pitching ranked near the bottom of C-USA with an ERA of 4.56 and opponents batting .289 against them.

Junior Jordan Lewis anchored the Cougars' staff and went 5-3 with a 3.75 ERA and struck out 55 batters in 81.2 innings of work. Lewis earned C-USA Pitcher of the Week honors after earning a win against East Carolina by striking out 10 batters in seven innings and allowing two runs.

The return of Jared Ray also helped the pitching staff. Ray, who missed most the season due to injury, returned to make five starts with a 3.28 ERA. Ray started the C-USA Championship and threw eight innings, allowing one earned.

Ryan Still and Caleb Ramsey were strong for the Cougars at the top of the lineup in the C-USA Tournament. For the tournament, Still went 7-for-15 (.467) with three RBI and five walks and Ramsey batted .400 as well.

Still led UH in batting average for the season with a .333 mark and was followed by Chase Jensen (.320) and Ramsey (.318).

Jensen shined in his first season at UH after transferring from Weatherford College. He had been on Whitting's radar when he was still an assistant at TCU the year before. Coming to UH, Jensen had big shoes to fill, taking over for four-year starter Blake Kelso. He met expectations though and tied the team lead in home runs (three) and led the team in total bases (105) to go with superb defense at shortstop.

First baseman M.P. Cokinos connects with a pitch for one of his 62 hits against UT Arlington. *Aaron Cisneros*



Infielder and righthanded pitcher Codey Morehouse stretches to save the ball on a pickoff attempt against UT Arlington. *Aaron Cisneros*



Infielder Austin Gracey prepares to field a ball. *Jairo Razo*



Bottom left: Left-handed pitcher Taylor Hammack winds up against rival Rice during the Silver Glove series. *Newton Liu*

Left: Righthanded pitcher Luke Moran encourages Landon Appling between innings. *Jairo Razo*



Jennifer Klinkert gets mobbed by her teammates after stroking a game-winning single in UH's 5-4 extra innings win over LSU. *Aaron Cisneros*

SOFTBALL

By Joshua Siegel

The Cougars had one of their most successful seasons and came within a run of advancing to the Women's College World Series.

After falling behind early in the NCAA Super Regional, the Cougars rallied from a 3-0 first inning deficit to cut the Cowgirls lead to 6-4 at the start of the bottom of the seventh inning. A solo home run by senior pinch-hitter Baillie Lott cut the lead to one and gave the Cougars hope. Some crafty glove-work by the Cowgirls in the next three at-bats cut UH's post season run short.

The Cougars season was full of both team and individual accolades. They amassed 44 regular season wins, tied for the second most in program history, and compiled a 19-5 C-USA record en route to a share of the conference title before making their second trip to the Super Regional since 2008.

The Cougars season started strong with early wins against top 25 squads Oklahoma State and LSU, twice. Strong pitching was the backbone behind those wins and that stayed true for the remainder of the season.

Seniors Amanda Crabtree and Donna Bourgeois anchored the UH staff, and freshman Diedre Outon (6-3, 1.73 ERA) was effective when called upon.

Bourgeois earned C-USA Newcomer of the Year after transferring from Louisiana-Lafayette (17 W, 1.67 ERA, 135 K). Crabtree struck out 336 batters (second in C-USA, tenth in NCAA) in 194.2 innings. Opponents hit just .122 off of her and she crafted three no-hit masterpieces. Her 0.96 ERA was easily the top mark in C-USA and the third best in the country.

The Cougars also featured a dynamic lineup with speed and great on-base skills at the top with Katy Beth Sherman (.333 BA, 37 R) and Holly Anderson (.339 BA, .434 OBP, 41 R), and power in the middle of the order with three UH batters hitting double-digit home runs – Melissa Gregson, Brooke Lathan, and Jennifer Klinkert. All three sluggers hit over .300 as well.

Gregson earned C-USA Player of the Year. Her impressive offensive campaign included leading the conference in home runs (16) and total bases (108) and finishing in the top 10 in batting average (.314), slugging percentage (.629), runs (36), hits (55) and RBI (47). Gregson was also strong behind the plate, starting 61 of the Cougars' 62 games at catcher.

Gregson was also one of 13 Cougars to be named to the C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll. The other Cougars to receive the honor were Crabtree, Klinkert, Outon, Sherman, Lott, Stesha Brazil, Reina Gaber, Sydney Gerbracht, Kelly Lindley, Haley Outon, Angela Spittler, and Bailey Watts.



Top left: Shortstop Brooke Lathan looks to connect with the pitch. *Jack Wehman*

Top right: Centerfielder Ashleigh Jones slides home safely to clinch a 1-0 win against LSU. *Aaron Cisneros*

Above: Pitcher Donna Bourgeois wills UH to a 4-3 win in the fifth annual Striking Out Breast Cancer Game. *Nine Nguyen*

Right: Third baseman Holly Anderson looks to start a rally. *Nine Nguyen*



The Cougars celebrate their fourth straight Conference USA Indoor championship. Jack Wehman

TRACK AND FIELD

By Joshua Siegel

The Cougars sprinted and jumped their way past the competition to capture both the Men's Conference USA Indoor and Outdoor Championships.

"These guys are an amazing group of people," head coach Leroy Burrell said in a press release. "We're very fortunate and blessed to have these student-athletes here that have set such a high standard. We have to keep fighting, keep pushing each other."

UH won the indoor championship in February by totaling 172 points – 65 points ahead of second place Tulsa.

Wesley Bray led the way for the Cougars, who captured five individual titles at the meet. Bray earned Performance of the Meet after setting a new school and field house record for the heptathlon with 5,671 points.

UH swept both the triple and long jump events. Chris Carter took first place in both and Lamar Delaney, Jonathan Williams and Thomas Lang rounded out the top four.

The Cougars again trumped their competition at the outdoor championship in May.

Sprinter Errol Nolan earned the Performance of the Meet award after winning both the 200-meter and 400-meter.

Carter would again take first place in both the triple and long jump. His performance for the season earned him C-USA Male Field Athlete of the Year.

The Cougar's women's team finished seventh at the indoor championships.

Kiara Pulliam finished second in the shot put with a throw of more than 48 feet. Christie Jones finished second in the 200-meter dash with a time of 23.89 seconds. The Cougars also had top three finishes in the pole vault with Karley King taking second and Sage Hintnaus finishing third.

UH was more successful at the outdoor championships, placing third – their highest finish since 2007.

The 4x100-meter relay team – Whitney Harris, Tai'shea Reese, Kalya Floyd, Grecia Bolton – set a school record with a 43.54 second time.

King finished second in the high jump.

Impressive performances helped 11 Cougars qualify for the NCAA Championships.

Left: Sophomore Karley King clears the bar to earn second place in the pole vault at the C-USA Championships. *Courtesy of Stephen Pinchback*

Right: Chris Carter completes one of his jump attempts at Yeoman Fieldhouse. *Courtesy of Stephen Pinchback*

Bottom: Thomas Lang (left) and Leon Bullock (right) hurdle past the competition en route to top five finishes at the C-USA Championships. *Courtesy of Stephen Pinchback*





Top left: Freshman Dionne Sanders concentrates on returning a serve at John E. Hoff Courts. *Aaron Cisneros*

Bottom left: Bryony Hunter finishes a fore-hand during a doubles match with teammate Elena Kazakova. *Aaron Cisneros*

Bottom: Junior Giorgia Pozzan prepares to hit the ball. Pozzan led the Cougars with 32 combined wins in dual play. *Aaron Cisneros*

Left: Celia Fisher readies for the serve with her partner Bryony Hunter. *Aaron Cisneros*

TENNIS

By Joshua Siegel

The Cougars recorded another strong season under the guidance of head coach John Severance.

In his seventh season as head coach, Severance helped the Cougars go 16-8 overall and broke the 100-career win plateau. He finished the season with 111-career victories, making him the most successful coach in program history.

After starting 7-2, injuries and the grind of the season began to take its toll and the Cougars slipped in February, losing four of five matches starting with a 5-2 loss to Louisiana-Monroe on February 19 through to drubbings by Kansas and Kansas St. on March 4 and 5.

The Cougars were able to right the ship with a seven match win streak sparked by the play of senior Joanna Kacprzyk and sophomore Maja Kazimieruk, who each won six straight singles matches during the stretch, and freshman Dionne Sanders, who won all seven of her singles competitions during that span.

Severance attributed improved health as the biggest factor for the Cougars' success.

"When we're at full strength, we're a darn good team," Severance said.

"For the first time this season we're healthy and that's why we're winning. That's why we're putting up the numbers we're putting up."

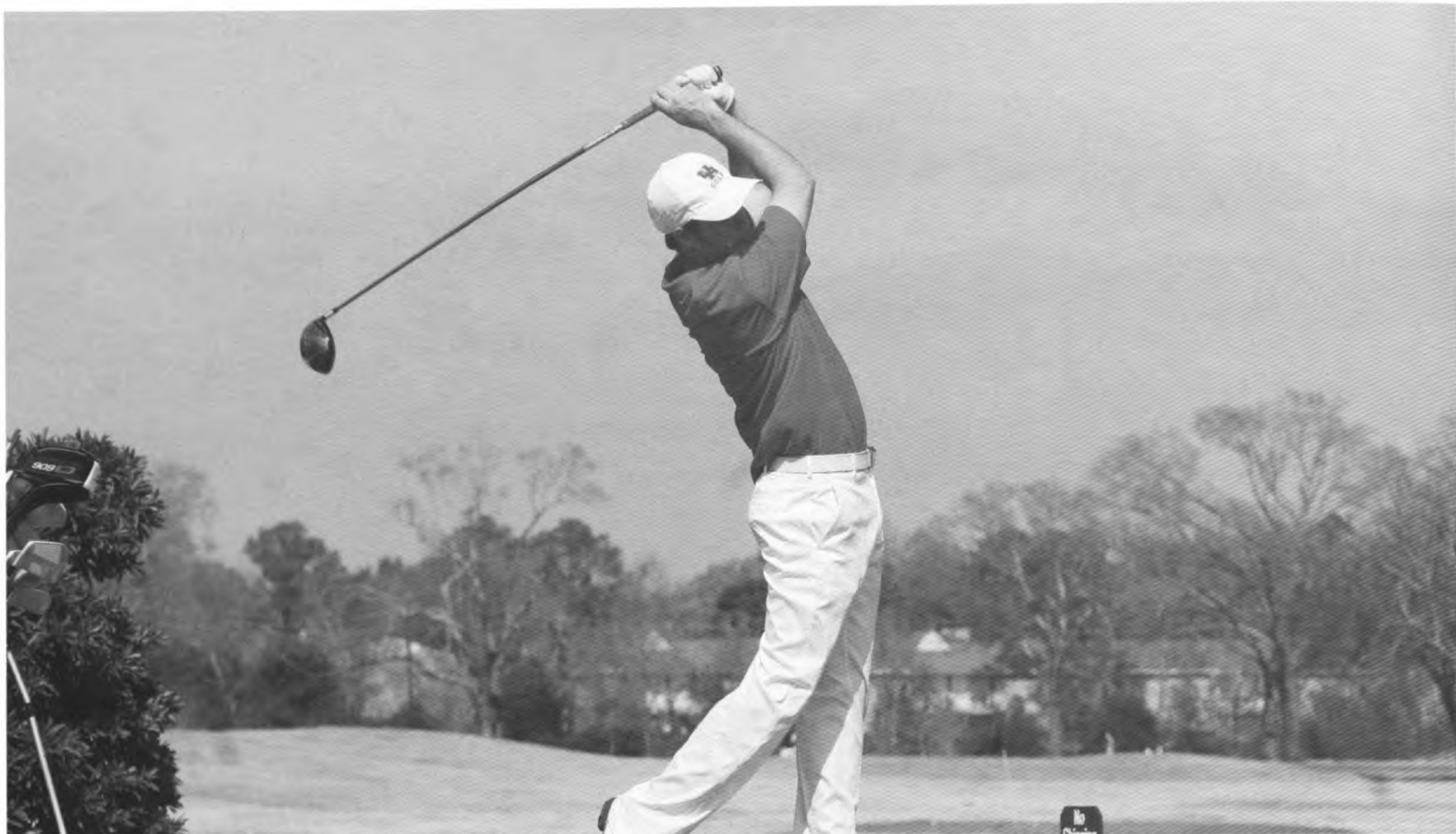
The Cougars won nine of ten matches to close the regular season and looked to be on a roll heading into the Conference USA Tournament in Orlando.

UH lost in the first round 4-2 to Tulane, with their two victories coming from sophomore Bryony Hunter and junior Giorgia Pozzan. A singles loss by Sanders ended her 11-match winning streak.

The result from the C-USA tournament was consistent with how the Cougars fared all season away from the John E. Hoff Courts. At home, the Cougars were an impressive 9-2, but were only 7-5 on the road.

The back-end of the Cougars lineup was impressive. Both Sanders and Kacprzyk were undefeated out of the sixth slot, combining for a 9-0 record in singles play. Kazimieruk and Kacprzyk combined for a 14-3 record out of the fifth slot in singles play as well and Pozzan had the second best record in C-USA out of the No. 3 slot at 9-2.





Freshman Will Dusenbury tees off. Dusenbury finished his first season with the second best average round score for UH (73.86). *Courtesy of UH Athletics*

GOLF

By Joshua Siegel

Fresh faces were the theme of the 2010-11 season for the Cougars.

"We've asked a lot out of them, throwing all four of them in the lineup for the entire year, which is pretty much unheard of," Head coach Jonathan Dismuke said. "We've made huge strides in the direction of the program; these guys will be much better for us in the future."

The Cougars' season started strong with freshman-led fourth and second place finishes in the Fighting Irish Gridiron Classic and Cabo Intercollegiate to open the fall season. Jesse Droemer led UH with 15th and 12th places finishes, respectively. In three fall events, Droemer's averaged 73.1 per round.

The fall wrapped up for the Cougars with a seventh place finish at the Lonestar Invitational, where freshman Wesley McClain shot two-under to tie for the seventh best individual score.

As the weather changed in the spring, so too did the Cougars' success.

The spring began with a fourth place finish at the Rice Intercollegiate with sophomore Jordan Rumora tying for eleventh and McClain and freshmen Will Dusenbury and Bryn Flanagan finishing in the top 25.

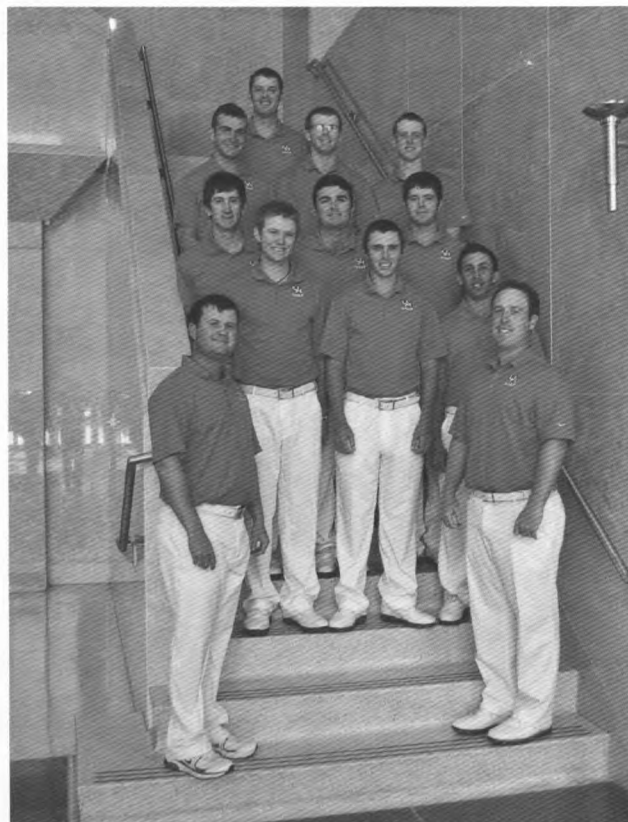
The rest of the spring season was not as kind to the Cougars. In its remaining six events before the Conference USA Championships, UH would finish better than ninth just once and twice placed 15th.

One of the brighter spots of the spring was freshman Curtis Reed, who led the Cougars in three of their seven events and finished the season with the best average round score (73.76).

Reed put on one of his best performances during the C-USA Championships, placing fifth and helping UH tie for fourth place in the 11 team field.

"He has really progressed over the course of the year and has improved tremendously," Dismuke said. "When he is hitting on all cylinders, he is a great competitor and is hard to beat."

"We are starting to develop as a program and are committed to making this program great again. We have talented players who work hard and do all the right things."



The Cougars featured a young roster, starting four freshman for the entire season. *Courtesy of UH Athletics*

CROSS COUNTRY

By John Brannen

To an unaware spectator watching cross country may cause them to wonder why exactly dozens of people are putting themselves through a long, torturous race. But what cannot be seen during a competition is the amount of camaraderie and teamwork at play. The premise of the sport is to have runners finish as high, and as close together as possible -- when teammates can pace with each other then their team will score better.

For UH, both the men and women's teams are built so that all runners can share the workload. One person may lead the pack for a few weeks at a time, but when they became exhausted, someone else was able to pick up the slack.

Both units started the season strong when the Cougars hosted the Johnny Morris UH Invitational. The women's team earned second place overall with Kathryn Ducommun placing eighth out of 55 total runners. Megan Munoz crossed the finish line five seconds after Ducommun clinching 10th place, and Starla Garcia in 11th. The men's team finished in third with Nate Pineda leading the way to finish third. Also lending a helping hand was David Smith in eighth.

At the Rice Invitational the women's team finished in second place, and the men in third. Ducommun and Pineda were again the top finishers on both teams. The men's team had its greatest triumph at the LSU Tiger Cross Country Festival, placing first overall. Pineda and Smith teamed up for fifth and seventh place, with Anthony Jordan placing 10th. The women's team placed second for the third straight week with Brandi Witte taking fifth place, Garcia in seventh and Ducommun in 10th.

At the Conference USA Championship, the Cougars finished below their standards as the men's team placed sixth. The women's team placed seventh which qualified them for the NCAA South Central Regional. The Cougars maintained their perennial consistency at the meet placing 10th, the third straight year they have finished in the top 10.

"When you're ranked 15th going in you have nothing to lose," head coach Ryan Turner said in a release. "Our women took a huge step forward. We beat teams that we lost to earlier in the year, which shows me how well they respond to adversity."



Top: The women's Cross Country team made their third-straight top-10 NCAA finish. The team earned seventh place at the Conference USA Championships. *Courtesy of UH Athletics*

Bottom: The men's Cross Country team overcame a tough schedule and finished the season with a title, two third-place finishes and a top-30 finish at the most prestigious meets in the country. *Courtesy of UH Athletics*



UH Marching band gets the crowd going at a pep rally before a football game. *Newton Liu*

MARCHING BAND

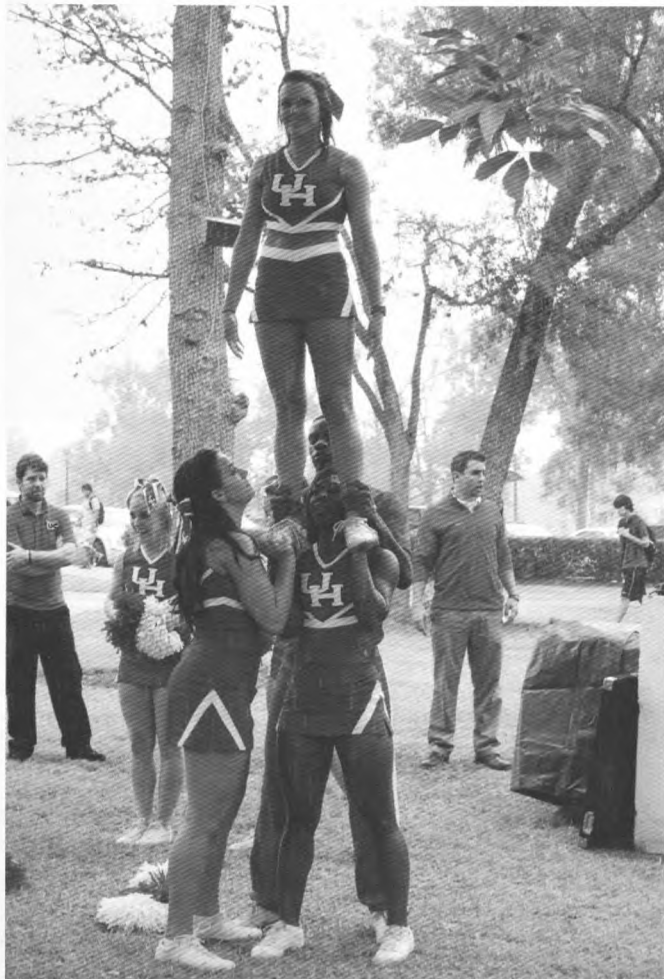


Cougar Spirit Band entertains the crowds during the half time show at the football games. *Jairo Razo*

CHEERLEADERS



Cheerleaders get the crowd pumping at the football games. *Gregory Bohuslav*



Rain or shine Cougar cheerleaders are there to show their support for UH. *Brianna Leigh Morrison*



UH cheerleaders are always ready and willing to show their school spirit. *Newton Liu*



Cougars cheering on their team, not afraid to show their school spirit. *Newton Liu*



"Go Coogs". Fans show their support for the Cougar Volleyball team. *Pauline Alderete*



Getting into the groove
of things. *Nine Nguyen*

[PEOPLE]

CASE IN POINT

By Phillipe Craig

For a self-described “country boy,” Houston quarterback Case Keenum has made the most of his five-plus years living in the big city. Be it rewriting the UH record books or helping put Cougars football back on the map, he’s done it all while staying true to his West Texas roots.

He’s also stayed true to what might be the biggest factor in his continued success: his religious faith.

A devout Christian, Keenum has spent countless hours speaking out to other athletes, young people and anyone else who would listen as part of his involvement in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. It’s a part of his life he says has served him through highs and lows, and one that started at an early age thanks to his father, Steve, a life-long football coach and an avid member of FCA.

“When I was a kid growing up around college athletes, I looked up to them and wanted to be just like them,” the younger Keenum said. “I wanted to be just like the guys on my dad’s football team. The coolest thing is that a lot of those guys weren’t only real good football players, but they were really good men of God.

“Growing up in (FCA) and being able to have it here (at UH), I’d say that it’s a big part of who I am today.”

And despite what Cougars fans and national experts say about who Keenum is — most would assume the typical college athlete who just happens to be on the verge of setting the NCAA career passing mark — Keenum knows that his identity as a successful football player isn’t the end-all, be-all.

“The biggest thing I’ve learned is that what you do, whether it’s banking, being a teacher or being a football player like me, that doesn’t make up who you are,” he said. “That’s not the most important thing because none of this is guaranteed.

“I play football, but that doesn’t make up who I am.”

That perceived identity was especially tested during the 2010 season, Keenum’s fifth on campus as a redshirt senior. In the Cougars’ third game, a Sept. 19 loss at UCLA, Keenum suffered a tear of his right ACL and was lost for the season. He, like many college football fans, thought his career was over.

But in January 2011 while Keenum was still rehabilitating his injured knee, the NCAA granted him a sixth year of eligibility, providing a light at the end of a long and arduous tunnel. That, Keenum says, was something that again brought his faith to the forefront.

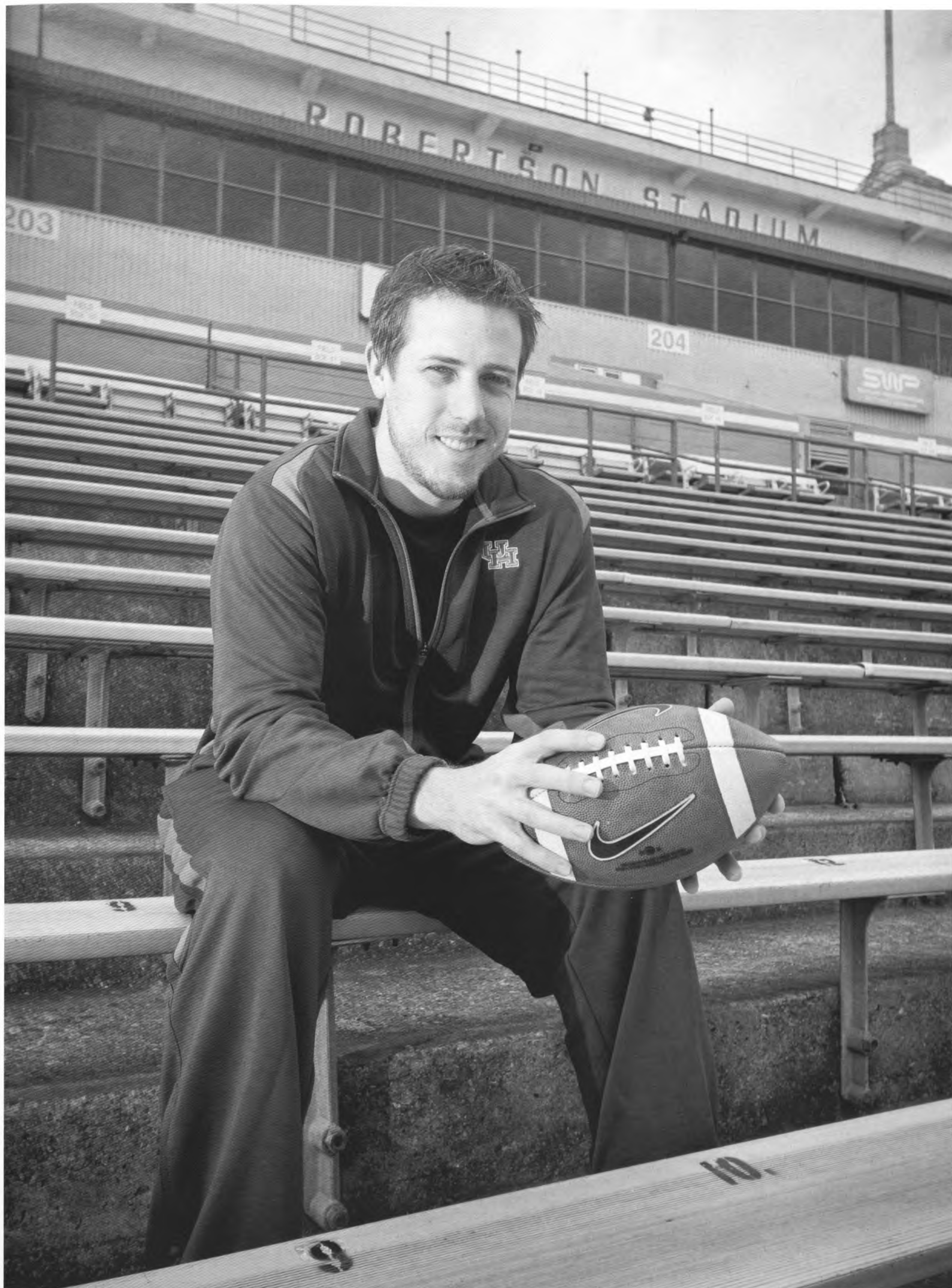
“There’s no possible way I would’ve been able to get through it if I didn’t have a strong foundation in what I believe in and who I am,” he said. “It was tough early, but you’ve just got to hang on to the idea that God’s got a plan and it’s better than any plan I’ve ever made. You’ve just got to trust in that and believe that His plans are to prosper us.”

And while he has never been shy about his religious beliefs, Keenum recognizes the elevated stature he now holds as a result of his play on the field.

Since arriving at UH in 2006 as a quiet, lightly recruited undersized quarterback from Abilene’s Wylie High School, Keenum has established himself as one of the game’s all-time passing greats, and he uses his notoriety to spread a message long ago instilled in him.

“You can’t be ashamed of who you are and what you believe in,” he says. “I’m not perfect by any means but I do my best, and I think that’s what all Christians should do. My being more open has kind of sparked some conversations with people; I do get to do interviews and talk about it. So it’s a good way to relate to people. Like with myself, I had role models when I was a child, older athletes. So getting to be one for other kids out there is another huge reason why I play the game and do what I do.”

Photo by Newton Liu



FOLLOWING A DIFFERENT PATH

By Lance Jaramillo

Juan Contreras's dream was to one day become a professional soccer player, but injuries cut his dream short, and when he wasn't able to receive the appropriate medical care in his native Colombia he decided that one day he would provide the care he was denied to someone else.

Now Contreras volunteers at the Memorial Hermann Sports Medicine Department at the Houston Baptist University Wellness Center, to help those that might find themselves in the same position he once was in.

The kinesiology senior now has a new dream of becoming a physical therapist to do for others what he couldn't afford for himself because of scarce resources when living in Colombia. His generosity is a product of his drive to heal others who are in the situation he found himself in years ago.

"I was unable to afford a proper rehabilitation," he said. "A proper rehabilitation process is costly for a typical Latino family and I was not able to follow through for a full recovery. That's when I became interested in the field of physical therapy."

It isn't just injury rehabilitation Contreras is interested in; he's also a volunteer for Bounce, an organization from UH that works with preadolescent Hispanic and African American girls between the ages of 9-14.

The program is aimed at empowering the girls and their parents to adopt a healthy lifestyle by educating them on better food choices, daily exercise and positive self-esteem.

Contreras practices what he preaches in his time away from volunteering. He likes to stay active by reading and playing soccer or a guitar.

"I believe learning something new every day is the key in becoming successful," he said. "A man can lose it all, but knowledge can never be taken away."

For Contreras, it wouldn't be right if everything went according to plan. He's had to balance a difficult task of funding his entire education by himself with keeping up his grades to ensure he can continue on his path.

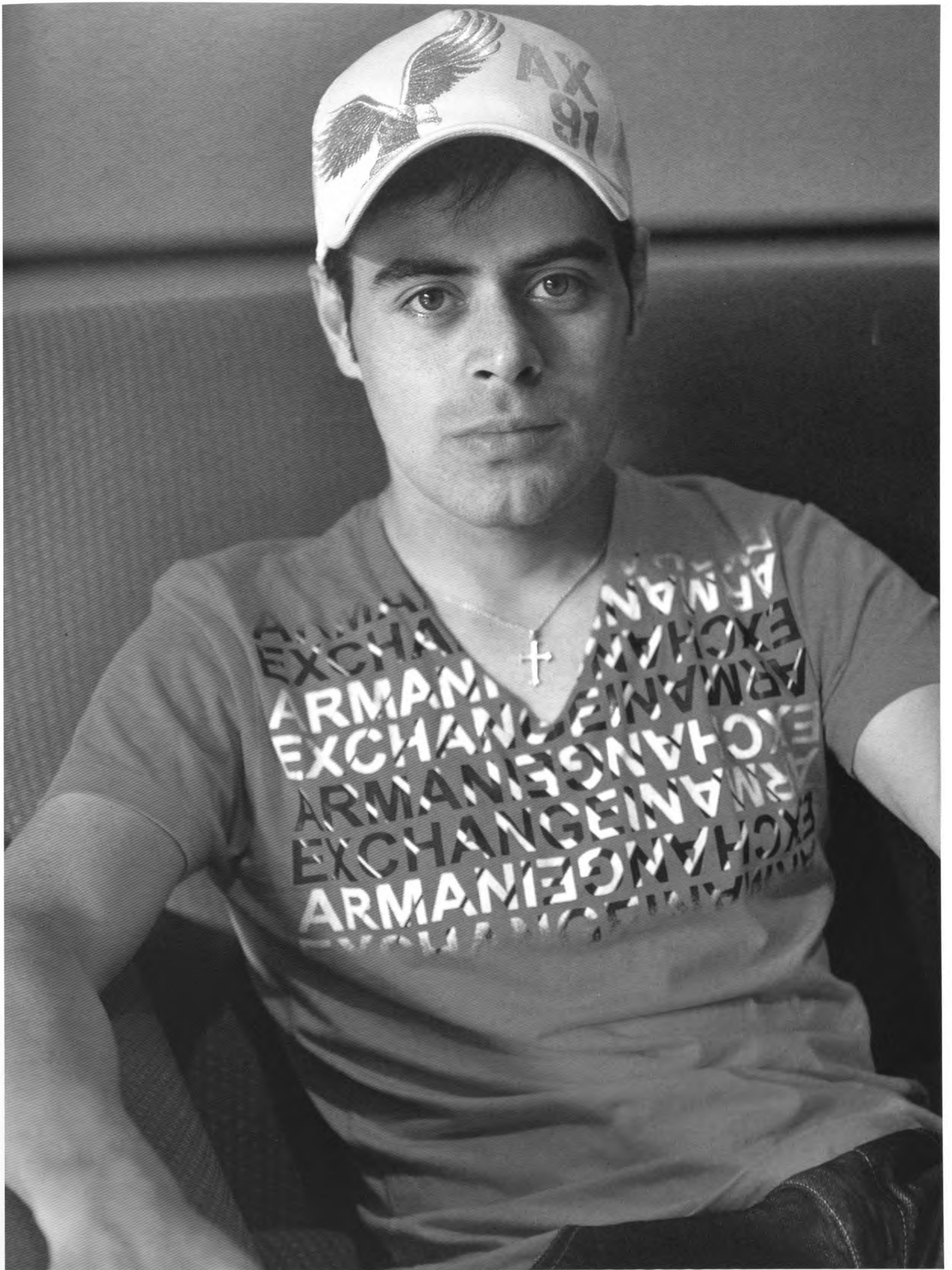
"I believe financing my studies has been the greatest difficulty," Contreras said. "Not only because it is expensive, but because I've financed my entire career myself. As a freshman to a senior in college I have worked multiple jobs to afford my tuition."

It's of no surprise that Contreras leans on the people who have inspired and encouraged him along the way. Above everyone else, he singles out his mother for being someone he can turn to when times get difficult.

"Although it hasn't been easy," Contreras said. "Without her support I would not have been able to make it this far."

"I am grateful for the experiences I lived as a child in Colombia, where struggles and poverty are not a recession but a way of life," he said. "The sacrifices my family and I have made are what drives me to become an outstanding professional and be able to help others that are not as fortunate."

Photo by Pauline Alderete



DEDICATED DEAN

By Sara Nichols

Dean of Students William Munson wants nothing more than to help UH students achieve academic and personal success. He knows first-hand that becoming involved in the University is a way students can excel.

As an undergraduate at Iowa State University, Munson was a model of student involvement. He was the president of his fraternity Sigma Alpha Epsilon and chairman of the homecoming committee. His interest in student involvement and administrative leadership led Munson from rural Iowa to the bright lights of Houston and its University, where he now supervises the development of campus-wide programs, activities and services.

"I was highly involved as a student leader as an undergraduate, but didn't realize there was an actual career you could go into," he said. "I thought I'd come here and be here for two or three years, but now it's 25 years later, and I'm still happy to be here."

Munson said he prefers the challenge of improving campus programs, and UH allowed him the perfect opportunity to do so.

"Everything just seemed to fit," he said. "UH is a very future-oriented, forward-thinking, improvement-oriented place, and that fits my professional philosophy very closely."

Munson came to UH in 1985 and served as Director for Campus Activities until his appointment to Dean of Students in 1988. He was also named Assistant Vice President for Student Development in 1992 as well as Associate Vice Chancellor in 2007.

Munson and his staff are tasked with finding ways to encourage students to become engaged on campus, as well as moderating student behavioral issues and providing assistance and guidance for struggling students. He has implemented several programs at UH, including the EXCEL mentor programs, the Student Information and Assistance Center, the Metropolitan Volunteer Program, and the New Student Orientation Program.

Although student academic success is Munson's first priority, he wants to revitalize campus life at a university that is primarily

populated with commuters. To do this, he helped in the development and construction of the Campus Recreation and Wellness Center and residential Greek Life programming at the Bayou Oaks town homes.

Munson said that if more students lived on campus, it would give them more of an opportunity to develop outside of the classroom.

"Developing socially by interacting with different types of students in organizational settings and leadership environments is the kind of learning that isn't available in the classroom," he said.

Munson said his inspiration to help UH students achieve social development is primarily the cultural diversity at UH, which gives the University a "very vibrant learning environment because of (its) diversity."

In addition to his duties as dean, Munson teaches graduate classes in the higher education program at the College of Education.

"I really like teaching," Munson said. "It gives me another perspective and actually helps me do my job as the dean of students because it reminds me that the major purpose of students being on campus is to succeed academically. I'm reminded of the pressure that's on students."

Munson also said that what excites him most about UH is the possibility of achieving Tier One status and being nationally recognized as a top research-oriented university, which will be a draw for college-bound freshmen and ultimately increase UH's student population. And although change can be stressful, Munson said he is "very gratified" by the transitions he has seen taking place at UH in the last few years—particularly those that came when UH Chancellor and President Renu Khator took office.

"Our goal of achieving Tier One has really united the campus and provided a vision and a focus," Munson said, "and I don't think I've ever seen our University mobilize toward one single vision of success. I think that's a great thing."

Photo by Priscilla Bigner



MAKING DIFFERENCE THROUGH FILM

By Taylor McGilvray

Since entering the Honors College at the age of 16, Erica Fletcher has made a name for herself in the field of visual anthropology with her film on Latina women in Houston with HIV/AIDS.

"I became interested in (ethnographic film) because I had an idea that films could have an impact on populations outside of academia," Fletcher said. "My generation is highly visually oriented, and one of the best ways to disseminate knowledge to others is now through film and multimedia sources."

Fletcher said one of her inspirations to do the film was her role model Margaret Mead, an activist and scientist who used film and images to portray her research.

With her work, Fletcher said her aim is to improve the conditions of women and girls from all communities, which she believes will help humanity as a whole.

Her grandmother's example, she said, has been her biggest source of inspiration for the themes of her work.

"As an undereducated immigrant from Taiwan to Brazil, my grandmother had a challenging life, and she selflessly devoted herself to her children and their future," Fletcher said. "I admire her strength, courage, intelligence, and determination; and I hope to emulate her throughout my life."

When researching her first film, Fletcher was surprised by how willing people were to cooperate and talk with her. She says interacting with people is her favorite part of the research.

Fletcher did, however, run into some roadblocks with the technical aspects of her first film because of her lack of experience behind the camera. She relied on help from her professors to work out the kinks and later audited a film class so she could better convey her research.

"I have been trained in social science, not media production, so there has definitely been a learning curve in becoming more technologically savvy," Fletcher said.

Fletcher is now working on a film about sex trafficking for her

senior honors thesis, but is still amazed at the amount of press her first film has obtained.

"As an undergraduate studying social science, I never thought I would be on the radio, television, newspapers and magazines talking about issues that really matter to me, and I continue to be amazed by the response my film has received," Fletcher said. "Since then, I began to realize the impact that one film could make, and I thought more seriously about continuing similar research in the future."

She said none of this attention she and her film have gotten would have been possible without the help and support of her professors and classmates.

"The support I have received from the many faculty, staff, and students (in the Honors College) has greatly nurtured my intellectual and emotional growth," Fletcher said. "Karen Weber, Dr. Dan Price, Dr. Jerome Crowder, and many others have mentored me throughout my undergraduate career. Without their tireless help and guidance, I would not be where I am today."

As far as the future is concerned, 19-year-old Fletcher is not sure how it will pan out. She is currently applying for doctoral programs in anthropology, but she also may take some time off school. One thing is certain, though; she will continue to try to make a difference in society.

"Throughout my undergraduate career, two questions have troubled me greatly: First, what does 'helping' others actually entail? Second, how can I use my talent to further this goal?" Fletcher said. "By supporting initiatives involving interdisciplinary studies, sustainable development, and community involvement, I have begun my journey to answer these questions. I know that my answers will keep evolving throughout my life, and I look forward to the struggle to keep adapting to changing these frameworks of what it really means to help others."

Photo by Gregory Bohuslav



ULTIMATE PRIDE

By Sara Nichols

An oversized stuffed cougar sporting red apparel sits upright on a shelf, guarding the door of Room 138. The message of this mini-Shasta is clear: "Do not enter unless wearing red."

Simon Bott's office is littered with all the trappings of a busy professor — a mountain of ungraded pop quizzes spread across the desk, a bookcase lined with an abnormal number of chemistry books and pictures of his wife and children. One thing sets Bott apart from his colleagues—many people would say he is the University's most school-spirited professor.

The red hue radiating from the paraphernalia scattered around his office certainly speaks to his loyalty and respect for all things UH.

"My favorite part of being a Cougar," Bott said, "is that it's something to be proud of."

Bott loves UH, and there's no denying that. This Fall marks the second semester of Bott's personal endeavor to encourage more students to be involved on campus. Participation in student activities and pride for one's university, he said, is a "huge part of education" and makes a significant difference.

In his classes, Bott gives students a little added incentive for showing their Cougar pride by offering them extra credit if they wear red on certain days.

On Bott's suggestion to the UH Faculty Senate, the school began the Cougar Trading Cards program. The cards are given away at various locations and events, with a \$1,000 scholarship (among other prizes) awarded to students who collect all 56.

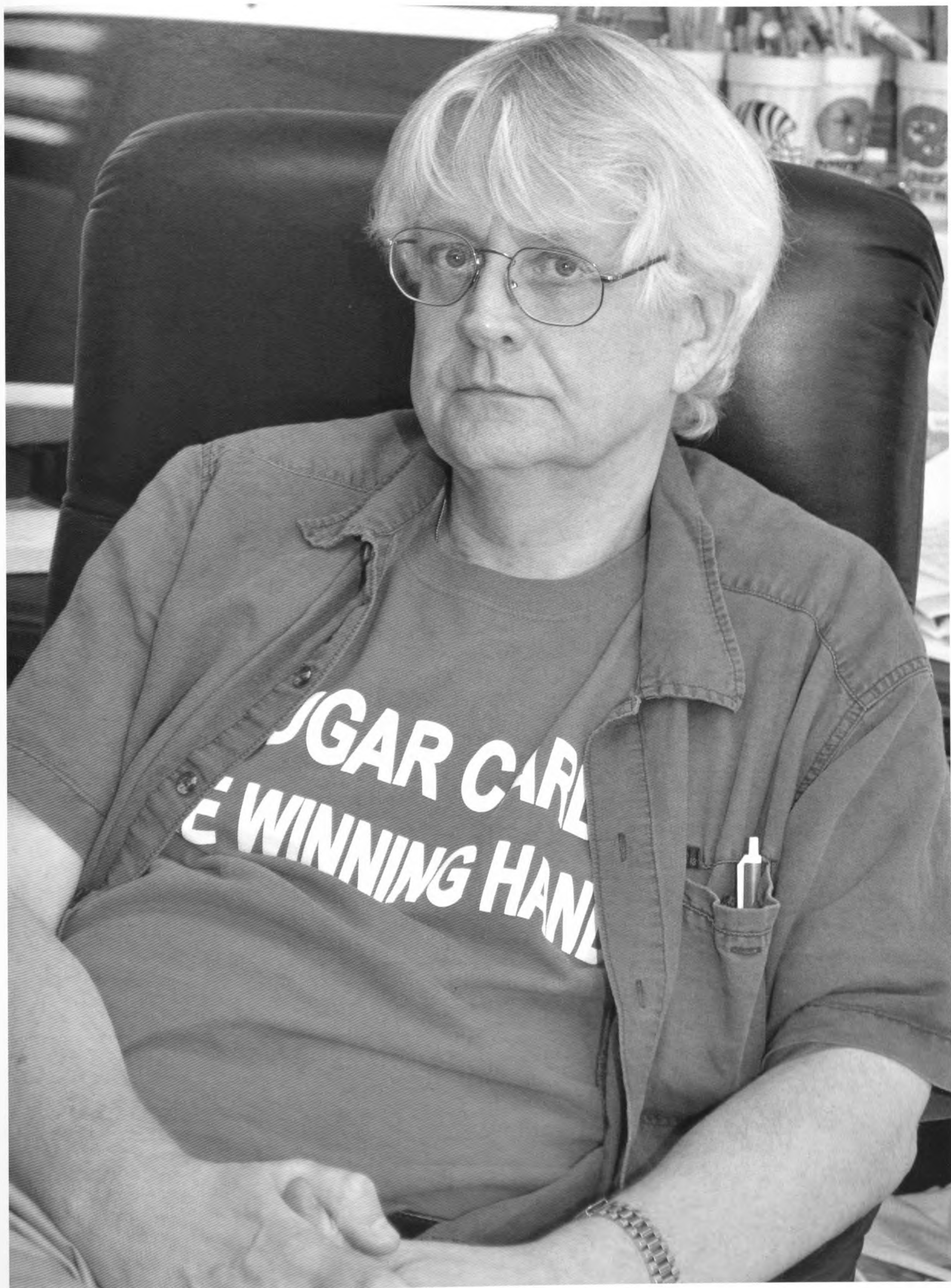
In 2009 he launched "Profs with Pride," a blog in which he highlights upcoming events and UH breaking news, as well as links to other University blogs. He also maintains a Twitter page (twitter.com/cougarchemist) featuring frequently-updated "UH Event of the Day" posts.

Promoting the Cougar spirit isn't all there is to Bott's philosophy as an educator. His attitude toward the University is optimistic and future-oriented. He praises the work UH Chancellor and President Renu Khator has done since taking over in January of 2008. And of course, like most Cougars, Bott's sights are set on Tier One. He said he knew from his first day at UH that Tier One was within the school's reach, and he is proud to be playing a part now that that goal is closer than ever.

There is still work to be done. Bott said he would like to see an improvement in the enrollment standards for students coming into UH, and he emphasized the importance of creating a middle ground between the traditional student body and motivated transfer or commuter students. And while campus life is important for a student's academic success, Bott thinks the University needs to continue treating its students properly and creating a culture of courtesy and community.

To this end, there are many great activities going on around campus, Bott said, but many students either are not aware of them or do not take advantage of them. He is trying to change that by galvanizing Cougars into action and, as a result, solidifying the University's reputation as a world-class educational experience.

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SERVANT LEADER

By Moniqua Sexton

Beyond being president of the Student Government Association in 2010-2011, Prince Wilson aspires to have a successful and peaceful family, as well as remain involved with the community and his church.

"My family and my faith enabled me to reach so far," Wilson said. "I know that I need to have the continued support of my family and my God to reach greater heights that are ahead of me."

Wilson does outreach work for his church's brothers and sisters in the Houston area. What he does for his church and his community gives Wilson peace, which for him is more important than money or fame.

"God placed you in this world with a purpose, not just to live alone for you," he said. So that's why I know that it's important to help others who are struggling along with you."

Being SGA president provided such an opportunity for Wilson. Though he never planned to be president of SGA, the role helped him grow not only professionally and socially, but personally as well.

"My involvement in SGA was pretty much an accident because I was helping Kenneth (Fomunung) to run his campaign and the vice president had to step down due to personal reasons. But I was involved in the campus before in several capacities.

"I always wanted to make a positive impact, but I never wanted to be the student body president. What can I say?" he said. "God always has a different plan for me."

He said his biggest accomplishment isn't his at all but stems

from his senators, but he admits he is most proud of the fact that he serve as an advocate for students.

"Each day that I spend in our office we were able to successfully advocate for our students, and it's not my biggest accomplishment," Wilson said. "But it's our accomplishment because of our team effort. "

As President, Wilson was able to keep tuition and fees affordable; he created a program to help raise money for scholarships for students; worked with housing to improve residential life; made plans for renovations to the University Center; help make plans to keep the campus safe; and worked to better accommodate students when it comes to parking.

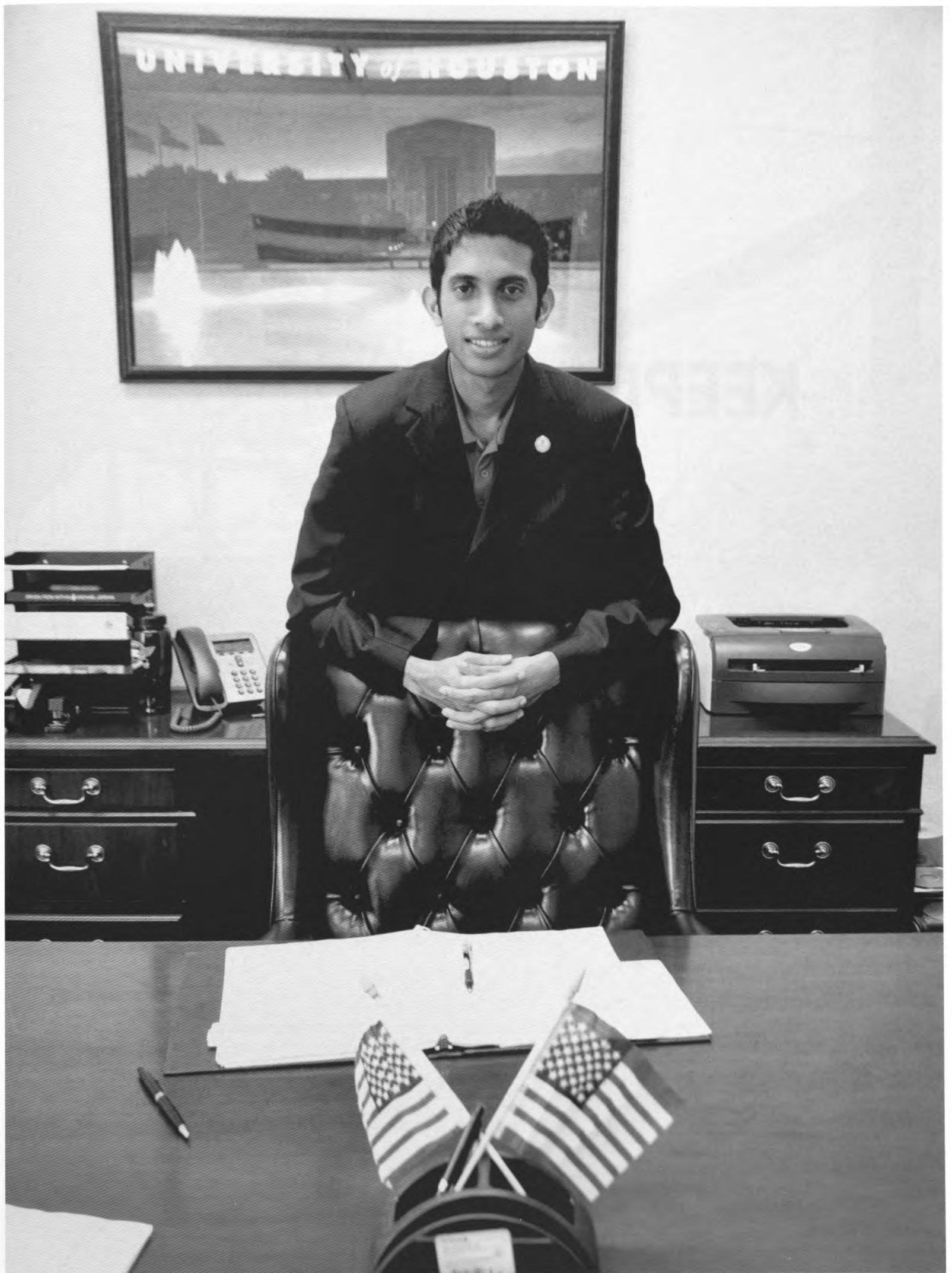
Being president of SGA put Wilson in a position to be able to have an influential impact on the life of his current and future Cougars. However, Wilson maintains that everyone can do his or her part.

"You don't need a title to make a difference," said Wilson.

After college, Wilson plans to work in an accounting firm as a managing director, although his current major is biology. Wherever he goes, community, family and faith will always be his top priorities. Before he leaves, he would like to extend some words to the current president and for others to follow.

"Be a servant leader and don't let the title consume you, but lead others to success."

Photo by Clarissa Arispe



KEEPING TRADITION

By Sara Nichols

It's hard to miss the men dressed in long beige jackets with a red UH emblem and cowboy hats standing next to the football players at Robertson Stadium. These men — the Frontiersmen — have come to be a staple at all football games and spirit events on campus, as they epitomize UH tradition and pride.

Established in 1948, the Frontiersmen have come to act as ambassadors for the University, on and off campus, and in 1996, they began to serve as ambassadors of the State of Texas as well.

"We act as visual embodiments of pride on the field, inspiring the Cougar fans to cheer on their team and hold up the Cougar paw with pride and dignity," Frontiersmen Foreman Kelly Waterman said.

During the football games the presence of the Frontiersmen is undeniable, as two men dash across the field carrying the Texas and University flag, while a couple more sound the Blaze, an old field warning siren, every time the Cougars score a touchdown.

"It's very surreal being in that position during games," supply chain logistics technology senior and Frontiersmen Jon Werner said. "You are on the ultimate stage of support for the Coogs."

The Frontiersmen are implicitly pro-UH, and for them Cougar pride doesn't stop at football. The Frontiersmen are known for their leadership around campus and around the community. They take part in several events on campus, like Frontier Fiesta and other

spirit events. And off campus they participate in events including the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Sunshine Kids, Cougar Cookers, and "H" Association events.

"We are adamant about being part of UH school activities, so that everyone can enjoy UH and its sporting events the way we do," Werner said. "We do what we can to show the Coogs we love them."

Waterman said one of the best parts about being a Frontiersman is that he gets to wear a cowboy hat around campus and receive gawking stares from students who are not so familiar with the tradition.

"It's fun to wear the cowboy hat on campus because it's an attention-grabber," he said. "It's something that's kind of different and quirky, so it elicits interest among people. I get to tell them what it is I do."

Waterman said the best part about being part of a group like the Frontiersmen is that they are a part of a long tradition which purpose is to love the University, uphold its traditions and represent what it stands for.

"It gives me another avenue to give back to UH," Waterman said. "Not only is it a privilege to get to do this, but it's an honor. In our small part, Frontiersmen inspire people to have pride and to be involved and support UH."

Photo by Clarissa Arispe



ALL ABOUT UH

By Darlene Campos

During home games, Frontier Fiesta, and other student activities, the campus is full of pride. However, sometimes UH pride is spread by a small group of people like Kate Gaviola and Sason Tavakoli.

Gaviola and Tavakoli could be considered to be the most spirited couple on campus. They have shown their UH pride through small and big accomplishments and inspire others to do the same.

"Kate and Sason are constantly promoting school spirit. I don't think I've ever seen Sason in a color other than red, actually," a friend of the couple and Student Government Association Chief Elections Commissioner Katie Kornahrens said. "Beyond being a ridiculously cute couple, their never-fading school spirit is really what makes them stand out in my mind. I really admire their passion for the success and progress of UH. Additionally, I love how they make their pride public."

Gaviola and Tavakoli met through a mutual friend just before their senior year of high school.

"We hung out for the first time on my 18th birthday. Almost four years later we are still together and looking back I can happily say that I received the best birthday gift of my life that day," Tavakoli said.

Their mutual love for UH has brought them even closer together.

Tavakoli is an active member of the Homecoming Board and volunteered during the Fall semester to put the Homecoming Parade together, organize the Homecoming court, as well as help with cleaning up the day after.

As the Director of External Affairs for the Student Government Association, Gaviola has been able to represent UH on a local and state level. She has also worked with campus administrators and encouraged students at UH to vote.

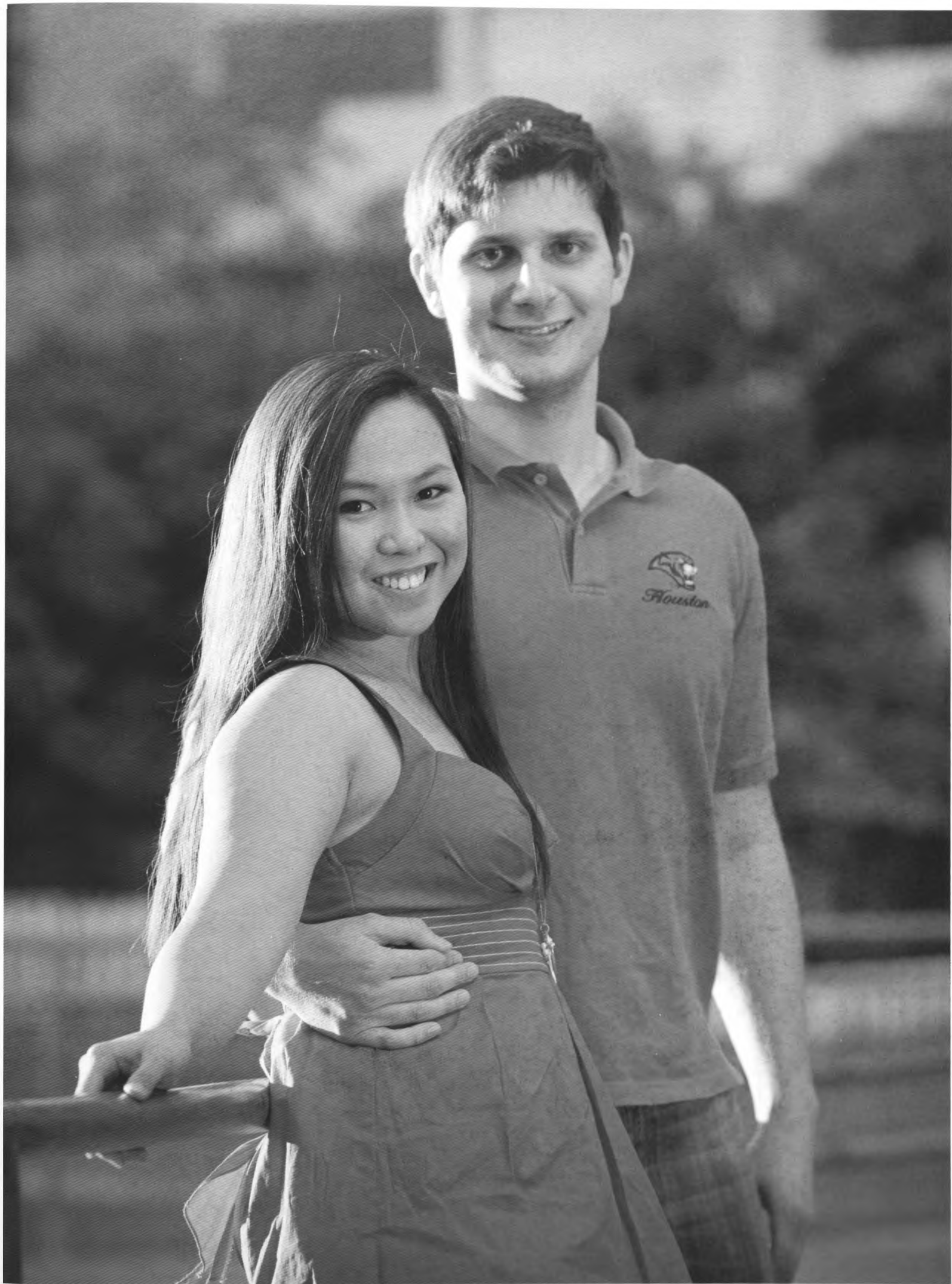
Gaviola and Tavakoli, along with Joel Rivera, started Pride Patrol — a system that aims to make students wear only UH shirts versus other collegiate shirts.

"Our KEEP HOUSTON RED shirt campaign became so popular that marketing took it up as a program and we have been working with them since," Tavakoli said.

Being involved in UH is more than just a campaign for the couple; it is a way to build lasting memories and grow and progress as individual and as a couple as they help the University grow.

"I love being a student here because the University of Houston has such great traditions and history, diversity and education," Tavakoli said. "The amount of people and cultural experiences available are priceless. Lastly, now that UH is Tier One, there's no greater time than now to be a Cougar."

Photo by Newton Liu



SERVING OTHERS

By Julian Jimenez

History junior Joshua Ellis has been an incredible addition to the UH community because of his dedication and work ethic. After earning a wide range of academic and personal accomplishments, he's made the University proud with his role as a both a student and a leader.

As finalist for the Dean's award and member of a number of student organizations on campus, Ellis has made an indelible impact on the school that will no doubt translate to incredible successes in his future.

Though his academic credentials qualified him for admission to Rice, Ellis ultimately settled on UH because of the cost and the culture of the campus. His time here has been valuable — he said he chose UH because of its diversity.

"The diversity in everything: race, birthplace, income levels, hardships, commuter vs. non-commuter, employed versus unemployed, make this university such an enriching experience," Ellis said.

In addition, the University has offered him great deal of support with respect to guiding his future. With plans of heading to medical school not too far off, Ellis attributes much of his success at the University to the student staff at the Honors College.

"They have been such monumental figures in my college experience. As a student coming from out of town, they took me in and helped me grow as an academically competitive student," Ellis said.

Like many students, Ellis struggled to figure out which career and degree would best fit his personality and potential. He soon found a passion for helping others by working with Invisible Children, a human rights organization dedicated to ending the forced military enlistment of children in Uganda. As one of the founding members of the UH chapter, he's played a key role in organizing fundraisers such as the annual Pie-a-Prof, dodgeball tournaments and numerous movie nights. He said that his role as an avid volunteer helped him realize his goal.

"I was committed to humanitarian work, so I felt becoming a doctor would make me the valuable resource for those I wished to assist," Ellis said. "At the same time, being a history major allowed

me to explore the human condition so I will be aware of the social context in which doctors are needed.

"I would love to ultimately be in a position that if another Hurricane Katrina, or Haiti/Japan Earthquake were to hit, I could be sent immediately to assist in the crisis," Ellis said.

Ellis' drive to help others stems not only from his compassion, but an understanding of some of the conflicts that plague the world. He has honed his leadership skills by practicing diplomacy and politics with the UH Model Arab League. His time in the organization competing with other schools has been essential part of his time here at the University, and recently paid off when he was awarded an honorable mention after his last competition — one of the first awards ever given to a UH MAL member.

"I could not imagine my college experience and my relationships with my Muslim friends without the perspective that MAL has given me," Ellis said.

Ellis has also helped out future Cougars thanks to his work as an orientation leader for incoming freshmen. The same traits that motivate his humanitarian work serve him well as he guides the newest batch of UH students each year.

"I want to show them the community, the ability to create a family in college, whether you're commuting, staying on campus, or coming from out of town," Ellis said. "It will drastically change their college experience."

He is constantly challenging himself to do more because he wants to make the most of his blessings — coupled with his genuine sense of compassion, his ambitions reflect a dedication and commitment that's hard to find in others.

"I feel people will work twice as hard for people they care about than for themselves. I care about a lot of people," Ellis said. "If I commit to something or someone, I have an obligation to fulfill that commitment, whether it is children in Uganda, the membership of an organization that elected me president, or UH, which I would be representing these events."

Photo by Clarissa Arispe



DUKE OF CHARITY

By Joshua Siegel

John "Duke" Nicklos is a believer in opportunities — and by giving others the chance to learn and succeed, he is hoping to improve the world by bringing books and libraries to children in Africa.

The senior marketing and entrepreneurial student was inspired after taking a trip to Ghana in the summer of 2010 with the Department of African American Studies to bring pencils and school supplies to children there.

"When we talked to the kids, they asked for two things," Nicklos said. "Those were toys and storybooks. I really thought about my life and I couldn't imagine growing up without toys, and I definitely couldn't imagine growing up without books and not being able to just go get a book whenever I wanted to read one."

"When I got back to Houston, I met up with a young lady who went on the trip with me, Alyssa Sloan, and we decided we were going to start a non-profit organization," Nicklos said.

Nicklos had held positions with Bath and Body Works and Coach as a visual branding manager for both and held several other marketing positions for different companies, but realized that it was not what he wanted to do.

"I'm an entrepreneur and I'm a social entrepreneur," Nicklos said. "I couldn't and didn't desire to spend the rest of my life helping somebody else become a millionaire."

Nicklos and Sloan, a UH graduate, established their non-profit, The New Black, and its first undertaking was the African Library Initiative.

"Our goal is to connect all African Americans across the world on two different levels," Nicklos said.

"We believe that everybody desires to learn something and that everybody desires to express themselves," he said. "So if we can create an avenue for people to learn and express themselves, then they can start to appreciate their culture as well as other people's cultures."

Social welfare has not been the highest priority for Ghana, a young country, who only became a Republic in 1960.

Since his initial visit, Nicklos has been networking and building relationships to help his organization flourish. He made inroads with schools and chiefs of villages in Ghana during that first visit

and developed important relationships at home as well, almost through chance in some instances.

Nicklos stumbled into a relationship with Ghana's Ministry of Education through a co-worker at Calhoun Lofts, who had lived in its capital, Accra, for three years.

"It's a bunch of outlier moments," Nicklos said. "I do work hard, but it's not because I'm the hardest worker. It's not because I know everybody. These circumstances, I've decided to do this at a time when a lot of people are advocates for literacy in third world countries."

The next challenge for Nicklos is using his current contacts and developing new ones to get the nearly 20,000 books that he has collected shipped across the Atlantic and distributed to libraries.

Nicklos graduated from Forest Brook High School and attended Prairie View A&M and was almost done with an engineering degree, but lost his passion for the subject.

"I worked for Boeing building spaceships and satellites and rockets and all of that type of stuff. I worked for Bechtel Construction," Nicklos said. "I've worked in contracts, systems engineering and quality assurance. I've done it all and I didn't like any of it."

"I thought that the technology behind it was great, but it's not something that I love doing. I like to touch people. I like to see people. I like to talk to people and you don't really get that opportunity."

Nicklos spends time during his summers working for a camp put on through his church. He also does motivational speaking and is involved in the Upward Bound program through UH-Downtown to prepare middle and high school students for college.

Nicklos will earn his Entrepreneurial degree in May 2012 and his bachelor's in Marketing in December 2012.

Nicklos' goal for the next year is to open five new libraries in Ghana and also Senegal, Kenya and Nigeria. Long term, he hopes to digitize the libraries so that all students can have access to the books.

"It's nothing major," Nicklos said. "It's just our little bit to try to help out the world."

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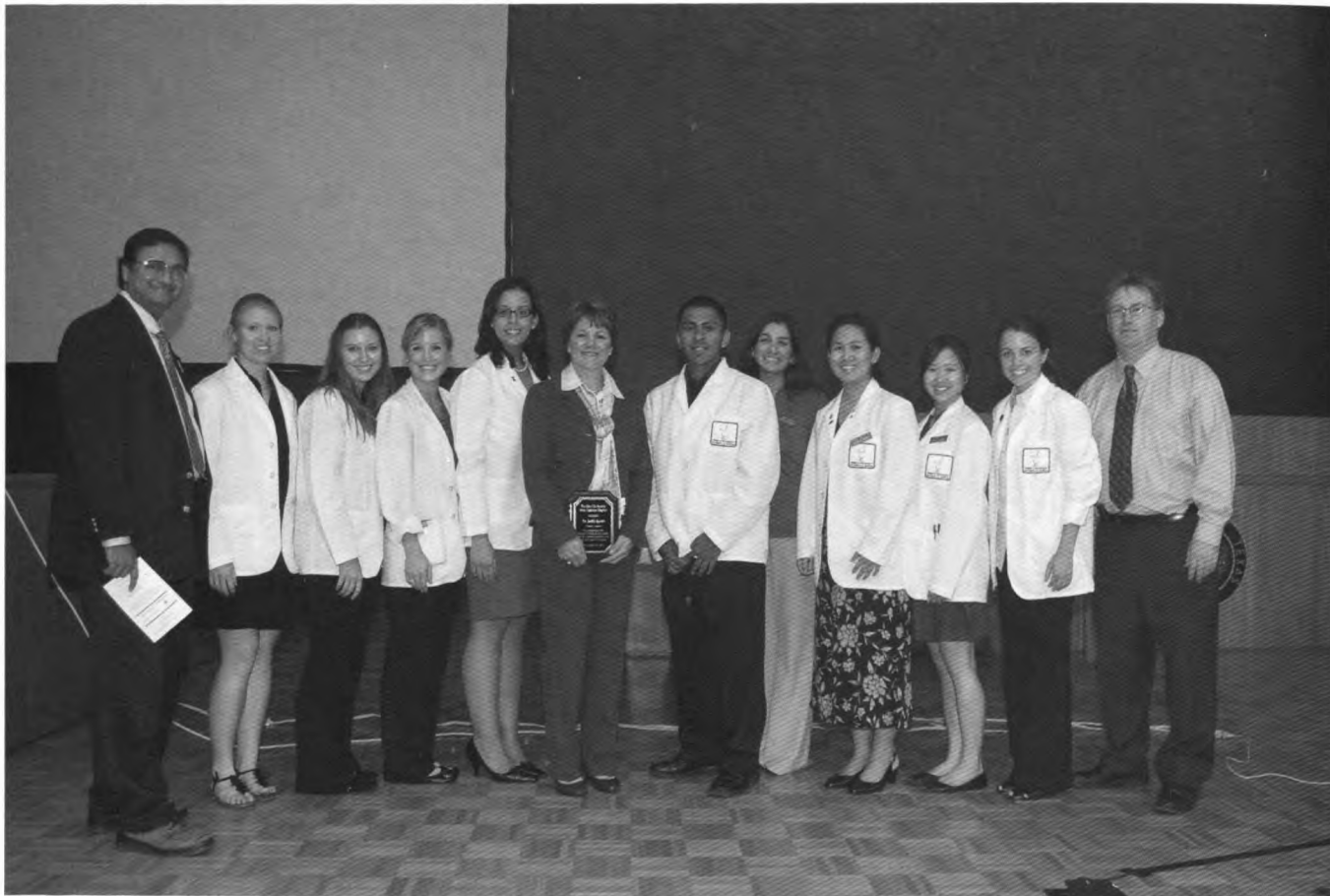


[ORGANIZATIONS]

[RHO CHI SOCIETY]

The Rho Chi Lecture takes place in the fall of each academic year and is a required event for pharmacy students to attend. Pictured are the chapter officers for 2009-2010, the newly inducted officers for 2010-2011, the chapter advisors as well as our Rho Chi lecturer.

(Left to right: Dr. Sujit Sanggiry, Lori Krustchinsky, Stephanie Gryzmala, Sarah Sokol, Amaris Fuentes, Dr. Judith Jacobi, Omar Leon, Sarah Ortega, Christina Tan, Anna Kit, Sara Wattari and Dr. Jeff Sherer)



Student organization: The Rho Chi Society
Adviser: Jeff Sherer

Description: The Rho Chi Society encourages and recognizes excellence in intellectual achievement and advocates critical inquiry in all aspects of pharmacy. The Society further encourages high standards of conduct and character and fosters fellowship among its members.

The Society seeks universal recognition of its members as lifelong intellectual leaders in pharmacy, and as a community of scholars, to instill the desire to pursue intellectual excellence and critical inquiry to advance the profession.

For more information, please view our chapter website: www.uh.edu/rhochi

[PSA]



Top: At the Pakistan Flood Relief Dinner, PSA Raised \$4000 for the flood victims of Pakistan in November 2010.

Bottom left: PSA members at the Pakistani Independence day Parade.

Bottom right: PSA Mela. *Courtesy of PSA*



Student organization: Pakistani Student Organization
Adviser: Kamran Riaz

Description: The Pakistani Students Association (PSA) has been around since 1965 at the University of Houston. The objective of the organization is to unite all the people of Pakistan living in and around the greater Houston area. We strive to bring Pakistani tradition and spread the awareness of our culture to the students as well as the Pakistani community

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[AIESEC]

Top: AIESEC members at the regional leadership conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Bottom left: AIESEC members at the Henna Workshop where students were exposed to diverse cultures through the art of henna. Pictured are: Cassandra Montoya, Mary Shenouda, Natasha Nazari, Keyon Shokrane, Tommy Siharath, April Siharath, Emmanuel Oni, Asma Hussaini, and Bonnie Chang.

Bottom right: Part of the AIESEC Executive Board. Pictured are VP Information Management Tommy Siharath, VP External Relations April Siharath, VP Talent Management Keyon Shokrane, VP Organizing Committee Asma Hussaini, and Local Committee President Emmanuel Oni. *Courtesy of AIESEC*



Student organization: AIESEC Houston

Description: AIESEC Houston is a worldwide organization which strives to develop the skills and potential of individuals through leadership positions, international internships and structured learning processes in a global learning environment.

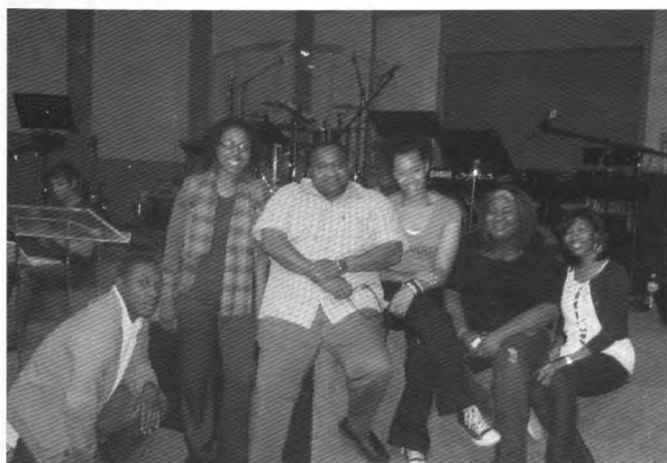
[JCPW]



Top: A few Alumni of Jesus Christ Praise and Worship Ministries

Bottom left: Convergence Church Conference. Had an amazing time in the Lord and grew so much stronger as a ministry.

Bottom right: Our pastor and his wife. *Courtesy of JCPW*



Student organization: Jesus Christ Praise and Worship Ministries
Adviser: Al Griffin

Description: WE are an apostolic ministry that is sent to teach the truth of the bible. To walk out this word in our lives and to allow CHRIST to use us (as yielded vessels) to impart to others this same truth to help those who have lost hope to find peace and love.

We are here to establish or reestablish your foundation in the LORD. Our heart is to see the body of CHRIST come together in oneness (and unity). We desire to bring joy to the heart of GOD and in return he gives us his strength to be victorious in our lives.

We offer bible teaching with revelation, intercessory prayer and helps (services as needed).

Our scripture foundation is Isaiah 61

[NAACP]

Top: (from left to right) Ify Mbah (Program Coordinator)
Symone Parker (President)
Tijuhna Green (Health Awareness Chair)
Lindsay Gary (Vice President)
De-Angelo Peoples (Community Service Chair)

Bottom: NAACP President Symone Jene' Parker. Courtesy of NAACP



Brief Description of the NAACP

Founded Feb. 12, 1909, the NAACP is the nation's oldest, largest and most widely recognized grassroots-based civil rights organization. Its more than half-million members and supporters throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities, campaigning for equal opportunity and conducting voter mobilization.

Mission Statement

The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination.

Vision Statement The vision of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure a society in which all individuals have equal rights without discrimination based on race.

Objectives The following statement of objectives is found on the first page of the NAACP Constitution - the principal objectives of the Association shall be:

To ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of all citizens.

To achieve equality of rights and eliminate race prejudice among the citizens of the United States.

To remove all barriers of racial discrimination through democratic processes.

To seek enactment and enforcement of federal, state, and local laws securing civil rights.

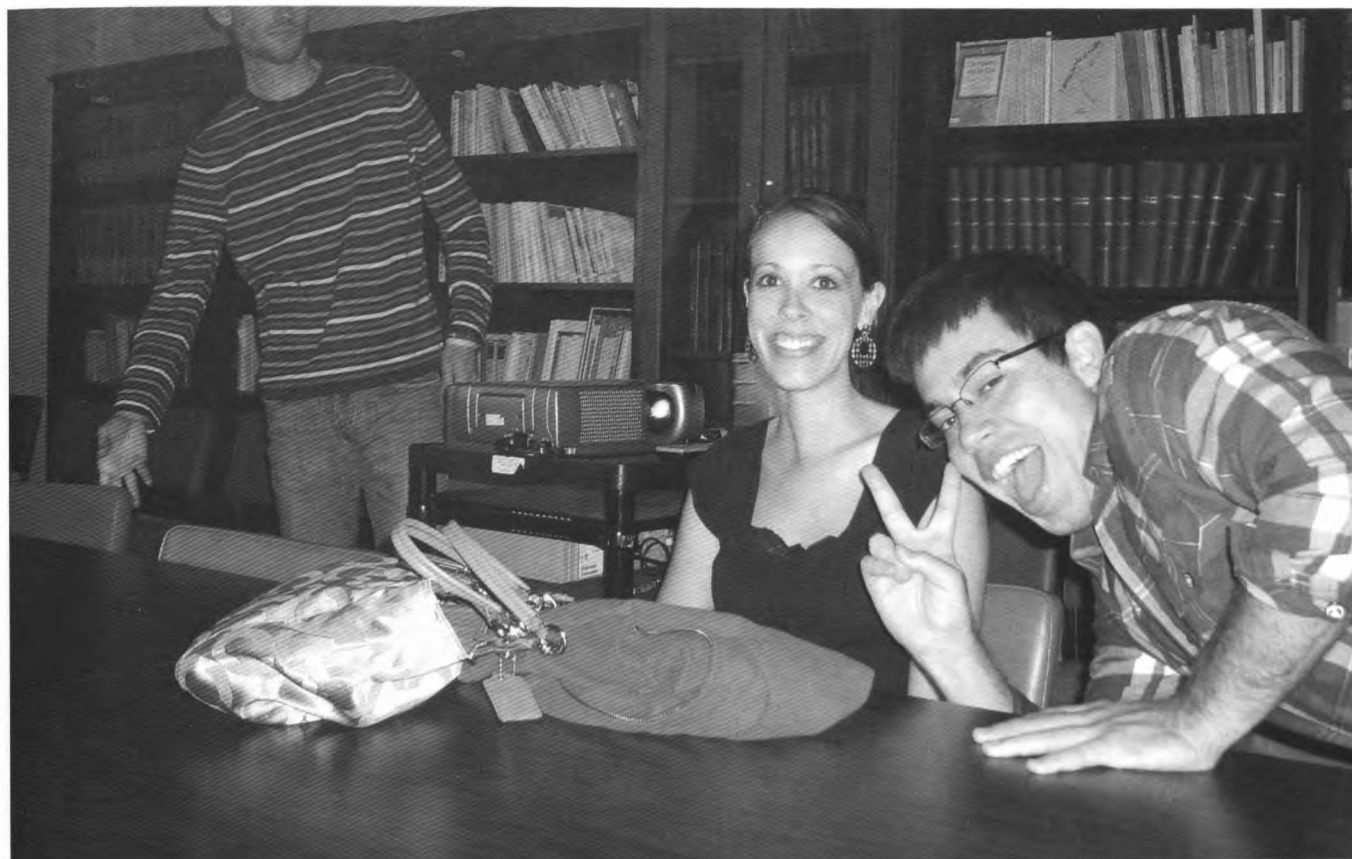
To inform the public of the adverse effects of racial discrimination and to seek its elimination.

To educate persons as to their constitutional rights and to take all lawful action to secure the exercise thereof, and to take any other lawful action in furtherance of these objectives, consistent with the NAACP's Articles of Incorporation and this Constitution.

We have been present on this campus for 10 years and hope to continue for more decades to come.



[LA TABLE FRANÇAISE]



Top: Dustin, Courtney, Juan after a French presentation on L'année du Mexique

Bottom: Ramy and Giovanni. *Courtesy of La Table Francaise*



Student organization: La Table Française
Adviser: Maya Panchang

Description: We are a language organization where students can practice French in a stress-free environment and make friends at the same time. Created by Dr. Valentina Brady and carried on by Prof. Panchang and Alejandro Caballero. Officers: Alejandro Caballero Conny Anh Pham Tyler Albarado

[NSSLHA]

Top: UH NSSLHA walking for Autism-Speaks in October.
Bottom: Memebers at a bake sale.

Courtesy of NSSLHA



Student organization: National Student Speech Language & Hearing Association
Adviser: Dr. Dunkleburger

Description: Our organization is a philanthropic group for undergraduate students with a COMD major/minor. We focus on outreach events that shed light on diseases and disabilities than impact speech and language. We also do fundraising activities for charities such as AutismSpeaks.



[STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION]



SGA is a student organization elected by you, the students, to represent the University of Houston student body. As such, SGA is committed to understanding the needs of students and to ensuring their future at the UH is bright. Through continuous interaction among students, faculty, and administration, the SGA helps to ensure that a positive university experience is maintained for all parties concerned.

In addition, SGA influences the university's decision-making process by serving as a liaison between the students and governing bodies such as the UH

administration, UH system regents, and the Texas State Legislature. There are several ways to become involved in the Student Government Association.

Students are encouraged to run for election to gain a seat in the Student Senate. Also, students can be appointed to any open seat of their college by filling out an application, can be appointed to one of the standing university committees and can even secure a judicial appointment to the student court. For a listing of available seats and positions, please contact the SGA office.

[ARMY ROTC]

Top: University of Houston Army ROTC Battalion Field Training Exercise conducted at Houston Firehouse

Bottom: Cadets Jared Niehl, Joel Vannote, Wayne Lange, Lisseth Jasso color guard for Houston Parade.

Photos courtesy of UH Army ROTC



ROTC has been a voluntary organization since its inception at UH in 1948. For the past 63 years the University of Houston Army ROTC has been entrusted with the honor and responsibility to commission graduates of the University as Officers in the United States Army. Throughout the 2010 – 2011 school year, the Houston Army ROTC program has been involved in numerous events such as Ranger challenge (1st place all female), Home for Troops, and Color Guard for the University of Houston football season/basketball season/Houston parade, all the while conducting physical training, field training exercises, and military labs.



[FRONTIER FIESTA]



Top: Frontier Fiesta Board Members.
Bottom Left: Student Program Board President Jared Gogets. Nine Nguyen.

Bottom Right: Fiesta City Museum. Nine Nguyen



The Frontier Fiesta Association is dedicated to unifying the University of Houston and the greater Houston Metropolitan Community to promote tradition, school pride, and education through scholarships. Funds of the Frontier Fiesta Association are used for scholarships, and the sustainability of the event. Frontier Fiesta, UH's oldest tradition, is a non-profit three day festival.

With its inception in 1940, Fiesta takes place on campus every spring semester. It is a student run event that consists of: Broadway-style variety shows performed by student organizations, carnival booths, Carnival Rides, a Large State Championship sanctioned BBQ cook-off, a Chili Cook-off and a Bake-off, and one of our biggest attractions, the FREE concerts. Throughout the History of fiesta, Kenny Rogers, Robert Earl Keen, T.I., The Clipse, Los Palominos, Roger Creager, and many more famous musical acts have performed at Frontier Fiesta!

Admission to Frontier Fiesta is FREE to EVERYONE.

[HORTICULTURE]



The Horticulture Society at UH, founded in 2008, enables college students to learn about container gardening and other methods of growing plants for fun and food. Students are encouraged to learn from each other and from books, all in a heated, ventilated greenhouse on campus. There are weekly meetings centered on educational activities like planting ginger, the physics of soils in containers, supplying nutrients, and planting seeds. Students can plant and raise anything they want, from herbs and vegetables to tropical plants and bromeliads. Two plant sales are held each semester that serve as fun, educational opportunities for students. There is one group trip each semester to Arboretums and gardens in and outside Houston. The group also grows herb and vegetable seedlings for the on-campus garden, which improves the University of Houston's visibility and helps showcase food sustainability.



[ALPHA PSI LAMBDA]

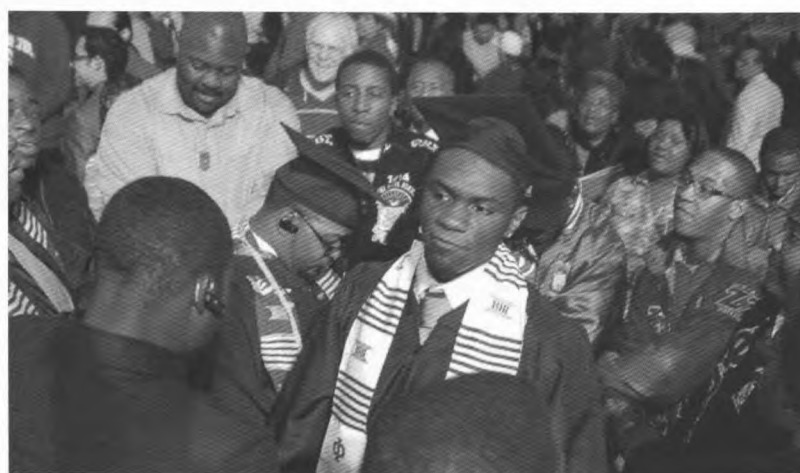


Alpha Psi Lambda is a Latin-based Co-ed Fraternity. Established in 1985, Alpha Psi Lambda is dedicated to serving the community, promoting leadership through social and cultural events. The T.E.X.A.S. Mu chapter was established in 1999 at the University of Houston-Main Campus.

MISSION STATEMENT:

"To promote continued personal and collective growth of our membership, success and unity through education, leadership, cultural awareness and community service."

[PHI BETA SIGMA]



Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Incorporated is an organization that bases its principle off Brotherhood, Scholarship and Service. An organization has been on the campus of University of Houston since 1973 and has impacted ever since. We are an organization made of young men who strives to uphold our principle for which our founders have set before us. In our previous and continuing years we have participated in many community service projects such as Rock the block, March for Babies, Blood Drives, Cuney homes project, HIV testing, Haiti Reliefs and many more. During our Academic years we host educational programs that will allow student to interact amongst each other and voice their opinion on topics that may vary in today's society. A few of our notable educational events that we have hosted in the past were Cram Jam, I'm not giving my black back, Rebuilding America "Empowering a better tomorrow", Sick-a-cell Awareness, and HIV Awareness. As a fraternity we continue to give back to our community as well as strive for the best in our Academic endeavors.



The Graduate Indian Student Organization is a non-political, non-sectarian body, not-for-profit student organization at the University of Houston which is open to any UH student, faculty or staff who is willing to play an active part in the organization.

GISO activities are focused towards helping new students at UH to adjust to campus life, promoting camaraderie amongst the Indian community and other communities, creating a platform for awareness of the rich Indian culture, heritage and establishing a support system that all Indian students can bank on in times of need.

The events organized by GISO include: the GISO free Pick up and Accommodation for new graduate

students, Indian Independence Day celebration, New Graduate Students orientation, Parichay – the fresher's party, GISO Diwali Celebration, GISO Bake Sale, Anubhav Cup – the annual cricket tournament, GISO Open – Badminton Tournament, and finally Maitri – the annual spring semester cultural festival.

GISO has a strength of about 1455, including our ever supportive alumni. Every year GISO adds approximately 150 students to its family at UH. Over the years GISO has become the prime organization that offers help and support in every aspect of the words to every Indian student on the UH campus and will continue to do so for several years to come.

[ZETA TAU ALPHA]



Zeta Tau Alpha is one of the 6 PanHellenic sororities on campus. The purpose of the Zeta Tau Alpha is the intensifying of friendship, the fostering of a spirit of love, the creating of such sentiments, the performing of such deeds, and the molding of such opinions as will be conducive to the building combination of over 40 other student organizations on campus and participate in numerous university and service events year-round.

[DELTA SIGMA THETA]



23 young women chartered The Zeta Sigma Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta May 29th, 1969 with help from the Houston Alumnae Chapter. On that day Delta Sigma Theta became the first black Greek letter organization. Delta Sigma Theta is public service sorority dedicated to Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health and Political Awareness and Involvement. The Zeta Sigma chapter of Delta Sigma Theta is always finding ways to take an active role in the community. They have taken part in voter registration drives, clothing and blood drives as well as volunteering of campus within the community. They also have annual program like the Greek Eruption step show, Founders Day Banquet, Marie Fonsworth Scholarship Fashion Show, and I'm not Giving my Black Back.



Oh, hello fellow cougar!

You've just stumbled onto something wonderful: The American Advertising Federation at the University of Houston's yearbook page. Nicely done. Pat yourself on the back and kick your feet up.

AAFUH is a professional student organization committed to educating our members about advertising and providing unique opportunities in the local community. We set ourselves apart from other student organizations by striving to bring our student members out of the classroom and into agencies. There, our members (you) are engulfed by truly interactive panel discussions with each agency's expert staff.

In addition to the agency visits, we also offer our members a plethora of other benefits. From professional networking and portfolio building opportunities, philanthropy opportunities, and abundant scholarships, to the chance to form lasting relationships throughout the Cougar Community, we help to make members more marketable in a turbulent job market. This is all while still maintaining a fun, exciting atmosphere. Through leadership and opportunities, we are helping to pave the road for all future Coogs (maybe even you).

We hope you enjoyed your stay here, and feel free to bookmark us for later perusing.

[PHI THETA KAPPA]



Top: Bake Sale for Haiti Earthquake Relief. Sean Kim, Annie Marin, Michelle Mayo, AJ Elsner, Thanh Nguyen, Nha Mai, Ino Romo, Hayes Persons, Kathleen White, Llen Pham, An Trinh

Bottom left : Bake Sale. Hamza Hallal and Hayes Persons

Bottom right: Bake Sale for Japan Earthquake Relief. Michelle Mayo, Mckenna Galuska, Maggie Ibarra, Christina Shanks, Krupa Hajari, Alonso Chirzinos, Anup Khanal. *Courtesy of Phi Theta Kappa*



The Phi Theta Kappa Alumni Association provides honors transfer students with scholarships based on GPA and community service at their previous community college. PTKAA serves to give honors transfer students with opportunities towards other scholarships, as well as community services within UH, and social events with other transfer students.

[AMA]

Top: AMA members at aUH tailgate event.

Bottom Left: AMA officer Daniel Rodriguez - Vice President Sasha Volguina - Director of Operations Anh Tran - President Ruben Diaz - Director of Finance give a donation during the Winter Break to Houston Food Bank.

Bottom Right: AMA officers during a retreat. *Photos courtesy of Pauline Alderete*



The American Marketing Association, University of Houston chapter is one of C.T. Bauer College of Business's most distinguished student organizations. During the semester, we hold general meetings with guest speakers that possess real world marketing experience, career panels with information you can't get in the classroom, participate in workshops and networking events during the annual International Collegiate Conference, attend the National chapters networking events, and provide career and internship opportunities to our members. American Marketing Association is an organization with lasting potential for our members since we

are an international brand in the marketing world. Most students who do join reap the benefits from being an active member in an organization that will help market themselves when it comes time to look for a job. Networking and marketing is a vital part of every business and person. Are you marketing able? Will you stand out among other potential hires? American Marketing Association makes that possible. You do not have to be a marketing major to join to AMA. Students also should know its one thing to join an organization it's another to be active. Employers look for those who were active within an organization.

[ZETA PHI BETA]



Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated was founded January 16, 1920 on the campus of Howard University in Washington D.C. by five illustrious ladies, also known as our "five pearls." These five women, Arizona Cleaver Stemmons, Myrtle Tyler, Fannie Pettie Watts, Pearl Anna Neal and Viola Tyler Goings, dared to depart from the traditional coalitions for Black women and sought to establish a new organization predicated on the precepts of Scholarship, Service, Sisterly Love, and Finer Womanhood. It was upon these principles that the foundation for Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated was established

Phi Epsilon History

The Phi Epsilon Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated was chartered on the campus of the University of Houston on January 27, 1975 by Soror Renita Carr, Soror Janet Taylor and Soror Sharon Jones. The Phi Epsilon Chapter members (past and present) consist of college-educated, community service driven and professional women who desire to follow the founding principles of the organization.

[CSA]

Top: Spring festival thrown with the library staff and the chinese language and culture department

Bottom: CSA members volunteering work at the Chinese community center.
Courtesy of CSA



Chinese Student Association upholds four core values opportunity, professionalism, friendship and culture. We strive to provide for our members a strong sense of cultural awareness and help them develop both professionally and academically. Chinese Student Association's main purpose to help maintain the identity of Chinese Americans and to help foster strong relationships with the greater Houston Asian American community leaders and organizations. We want to instill a strong sense of community involvement and volunteerism within our members. We also want to provide an esprit de corps amongst members and cross cultural exchanges between international Chinese, Chinese American and American Students.

We have done many events this year, and we cooperate with other student organizations across Houston and even across Texas. We work with organizations such as Organization of Chinese Americans, National Association of Asian American Professionals, the Houston Chinese Community Center and the University of Houston's Chinese Language and Culture Department and the Council of Ethnic Organizations. We also work closely with many of the individual staff and faculty.

We hope to see you with us next semester! Just facebook us "CSA at UH" or go to uhcsa.org for more information please email us at csa.uhouston@gmail.com.



[WOW]



The Goal of Women of the Word is to teach women the Word of God through providing a safe place where they can express their inner feelings and experiences and seek the Word of God for instruction.

W.O.W is...

...a place where women can come and see the Word of God from a different vantage point

... a place where women can get personal enough to share the specifics of their problems

...a place where we as Christians are able to experience the breaking down of barriers

... a place where women can help women

WOW holds bible studies every Monday in the UC. We have also put on large scale events such as the Makeover, Takeover and Breakthrough. Along with spreading the word of God we participate in community service activities, attend women conferences, host fellowships such as movie days, skate days, lunches and dinners and fundraisers such as car washes and bake sales. We believe in hold each other accountable as we strive to become a virtuous woman described in the book of Proverbs chapter 31. "Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies."

-Proverbs 31:10

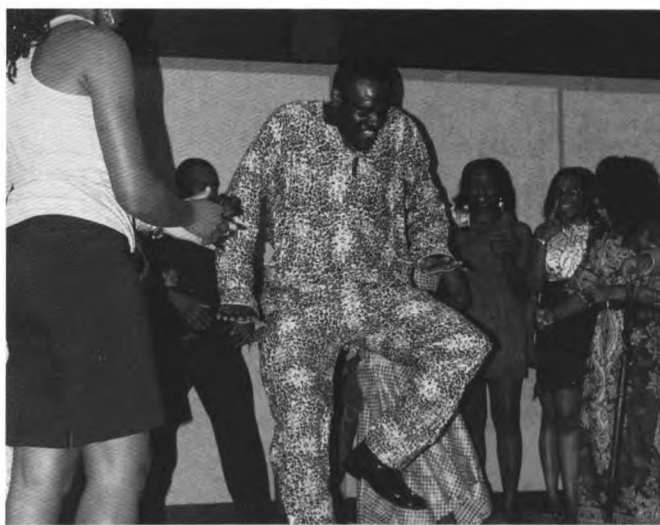
[THETA NU XI]



Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. is the ONE & only multicultural sorority at the University of Houston. No other sorority or Greek organization on campus actively seeks to recruit diverse and unique woman of all backgrounds. The Omicron Chapter of Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. has been on the University of Houston campus since 2002 and was founded nationally in 1997. With over 30 chapters nationwide, Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority is a different kind of sorority where we strive to be not only friends but sisters forever. Theta Nu Xi's mission is to promote leadership, multiculturalism, and self-improvement through academic excellence, involvement in and service to the campus and community as well as being living example of sisterhood across different races, cultures, religions, backgrounds, and lifestyles.

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of diversity
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[NSA]



NSA (Nigerian Students Association) is an organization filled with rich minds and wonderful individuals. This organization is well rounded. We do a little bit of everything which include volunteering, dancing, acting mini plays, and more. We are an organization with the best interest of our members in our minds. We take trips to other schools for competitions and we never fail to bring back trophies in at least one of the categories we compete in. We are also the largest cultural organization on campus. Our members are not limited and is open to everyone and anybody who wants to join. We provide scholarship opportunities for our members as well. All in all, we're a great organization.

[HOUSTON HILLEL]

Left: Ed Farber, Jeremy Penner, Adam Bravman, Nathan Colbert, Michael Green, Feliks Starikov, and Paola Estrada get together to celebrate the holiday of Sukkot in front of the A.D. Bruce Religion Center. Bottom left: Becca Levine (left, accounting) and Daniella Singer (right, english/public relations) set up a bake sale outside a local grocery store to raise money for the children-at-risk in Budapest, Hungary, where they and other Hillel students traveled to during spring break. Bottom right: Tamara Marks-Moses (left, director of Jewish life), Daniel Douadi (middle, political science major) and Bryan Le Bouf (right, photography/digital media) are tabling on campus in support of Israel.



The University of Houston Hillel is all about bringing Jewish students together in fun and exciting ways. It's Jewish life in the comfort of your own college! Houston Hillel enriches the lives of Jewish undergraduate students, graduate students and young professionals so that they may enrich the Houston Jewish community, the Jewish people, and the world.

[PHI KAPPA PSI]



Left: These are the brothers during the Fall semester of 2010 when we just became a Colony. Bottom Left: These are some of our brothers along with some pledges giving out water to fellow UH peers on a hot spring day. Bottom right: Some brothers and pledges just hanging out and getting to know each other.



Phi Kappa Psi was founded in 1852 at Jefferson College, Canonsburg, Pennsylvania. The University of Houston's Phi Kappa Psi Colony was founded on September 16th, 2010. Our moto is "The Great Joy of Serving Others," which leads our mindset towards more on philanthropy than anything else. We have what we call Phi Psi 500 where every semester all of the Colonies and Chapters must get at least 500 philanthropy hours in order to maintain who we say we are and what we say we are about. Also, our Colony is very diverse. Considering that the University of Houston is very diverse itself, we have a lot of brothers that differ in their culture and ethnicity. We are moving at a fast pace towards being chartered and we will always be interested and open to new brothers to help better the University of Houston through Phi Kappa Psi.

[LGBT ADVOCATES]

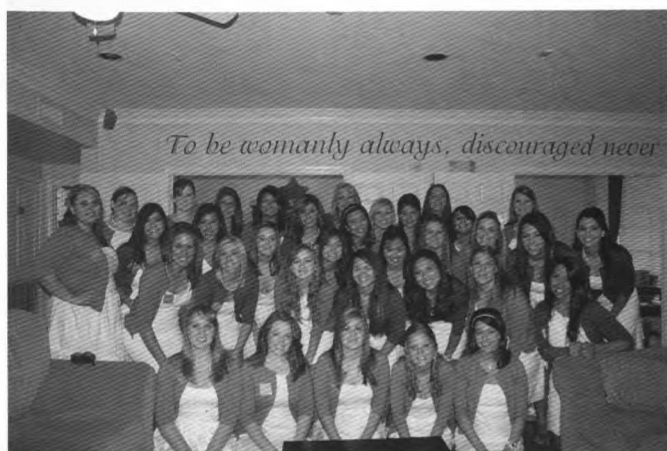


The LGBT Advocates is an organization at The University of Houston that continually strives to be a voice for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community in the political arena. The goal of the organization is to connect with LGBT individuals and allies in order to energize, educate and inspire them to make a difference in their communities. The LGBT Advocates continually focus on issues concerning LGBT persons, both locally and nationally, by engaging in discussions and participating in initiatives that promote equality for the LGBT community. The LGBT Advocates, though in existence a few years prior, became an official organization at the University of Houston in 2010. Since then the organization has focused on issues such as the expansion of benefits provided to LGBT faculty and staff of The University of Houston, fair treatment and protection for LGBT students and reaching out to other LGBT oriented organizations in the Houston area.

[CHI OMEGA]



Left: Chi Omega hosting their annual Fall philanthropy event Swishes for Wishes benefiting Make-A-Wish at the U of H Rec Center Bottom left; The Chapter at the Chi Omega House on Philanthropy Day, Formal Recruitment 2010. Bottom right: Chi Omega President Amanda Van Tilborg & Sister Adriana Bayona on Sisterhood Day of Recruitment 2010.

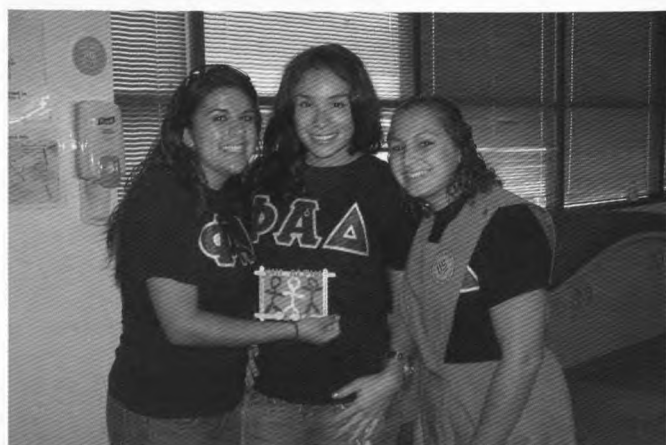


Name: Chi Omega Women's Fraternity (Sorority)
Contact: Amanda Van Tilborg President 2011

Chi Omega's Purpose: As a Chi Omega, you will have fun, grow, thrive, achieve success and flourish! Chi Omegas are well-balanced women who are involved on their campuses and in their communities. As a prominent national women's fraternity, Chi Omega provides countless opportunities for fun and friendship during college and beyond.

[PHI ALPHA DELTA]

Left: Every fall members attend the annual leadership conference in Washington D.C. to socialize with other chapters, improve leadership skills and meet law school representatives. Bottom left: At each of our weekly evening meetings we host a variety of speakers ranging from practicing lawyers, law school advisors, LSAT prep companies, law professors and law students in order to help members make informed law school decisions and prepare for the application process. Bottom right: Director of Communications Vicky Cantu, Vice President Melanie Giraldo and President Cristi Guerra make crafts with patients at the Children's Hospital to fulfill their community service promise.



Since 1997, we have strived to give pre-law students at the University of Houston the help and guidance needed to secure placement in their desired law school.

Our goal is to inform our members about the law school application process so that they can make a conscious and committed decision about a career in law.

[DELTA GAMMA]



Left: The Delta Gamma ladies of the Gamma Sigma Chapter at The University of Houston took a trip to Hermann Park in April to visit and view the beautiful scenery. Bottom left: On April 16, 2011 Gamma Sigma participated in the Lighthouse of Houston's Annual beeping egg Easter Egg Hunt. Bottom right: Here are a few lovely Delta Gamma ladies having some fun at our recent philanthropy event, Dee Gees in the City Charity Fashion Show featuring Langford Market.



Adviser: Emily Cloninger

Description: Delta Gamma women's fraternity fosters high ideals of friendship, promotes educational and cultural interests, creates a social responsibility and develops the finest qualities of character. Delta Gamma is for hope, for strength and for life.

[NSBE]

Left: NSBE Executive Board. August 2010. Pictured from l-r: Kristopher Dow, Electrical Engineering; Joshua Situka, Electrical Engineering; Chuka Onya, Mechanical Engineering Technology; Simon Reta, Electrical Engineering; Travis Futcher, Civil Engineering; Jessica Gray, Industrial Engineering; Adora Eko, Biomedical Engineering; Anastasia Ozain-Poterie, Biomedical Engineering; Giang Tina Vo, Chemical Engineering; Christopher Smith, Mechanical Engineering; Temitope Ajala, Chemical Engineering; Olaide Quadry, Industrial Engineering; Oluwasegun Ade-Fosudo, Petroleum Engineering; Gavin Guy, Electrical Engineering.



Bottom left: Regional Convention in New Orleans in November 2010



Bottom right: NSBE Canned Food Basketball Tournament. Over 1000 canned foods raised in November given to Heavenly Hands Pantry.



Adviser: John Matthews

Description: National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) strives to increase the number of culturally responsible black engineers, who exceed academically, succeed professionally, and positively impact the community.

[THE DAILY COUGAR]



Left: Students editors, Jose Aguilar, Andrew Taylor, Cristi Guerra, Joshua Siegel, John Brannen, Christopher Losee
Bottom left: Reporters at the Student Publication banquet.

Bottom right: Student Publication Advisor Matt Dulin honors TDC editor in chief Jack Wehman.

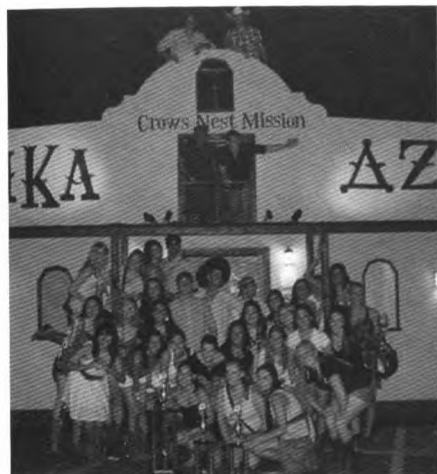


The Daily Cougar is published Monday through Friday during the fall and spring semesters and once a week during the summer. In addition to the print edition, the paper publishes online at thedailycougar.com. The paper is distributed to more than 60 high-traffic locations on campus by 9 a.m. each morning. The newspaper is mostly self-sustaining, drawing most of its budget from advertising revenue.



The Residence Halls Association is a completely student run organization dedicated to ensuring that each resident has the best on campus living experience as possible through programming, outreach, and maintaining weekly office hours. RHA is comprised of an executive board, as well as Hall Representatives and a General Assembly. RHA provides a valuable resource for improving the quality of residential life and constantly strives to make sure that the residential community is positive and beneficial to all residents.

[DELTA ZETA]



As a values based sorority, Delta Zeta values many things, especially sisterhood, academics and philanthropy. We consistently adhere to those values, making us a top sorority on campus.

Delta Zeta contributed to most philanthropy hours per person; the total amount in our spring semester was approximately 1,00 hours. We continued to raise that number throughout the years, as we love giving back to our community.

Our main philanthropy event, Gong Show, is hosted every fall, usually in October. This variety of show is the biggest Greek hosted event on campus and raises money for our national philanthropy, hearing and speech. This past year we raised over five thousand dollars! Our local philanthropy is the Center for Hearing and Speech which we also volunteer at regularly.

As college woman, we also value academics and set high standards for grades, such as our mentor program for new members who are adjusting to the work load of college life. Additionally, we regularly participate in university events, such as Homecoming and Frontier Fiesta, to name a few. Three girls about are pictured on our homecoming 90's theme float, 2010 president Ashley Williams, 2011 president, Ana Velasquez and April Nelson. Of course Delta Zetas love to have fun with our sisters and fellow Greeks with numerous socials and mixers, making us truly well rounded women.

[SIGMA CHI]



Sigma Chi was founded on June 28, 1855 at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. The Epsilon Xi chapter of Sigma Chi was established on May 5, 1956 at the University of Houston. It is a lifelong brotherhood composed of individuals possessing different temperaments, talents and convictions. We share a commitment to find true friendship, equal justice and seek the gifts of higher learning. Our pledge program is designed to aid young men in building character, developing leadership skills, and creating lifelong bonds with each other. Throughout the year, Sigma Chi hosts extravagant

events, such as Derby Days in the Spring and Fight Night in the Fall, from which we raise money to donate to the Children's Miracle Network and other charitable institutions. Through blood drives, clothing drives and other volunteer activities, Sigma Chi strives to help better our community and provide assistance to those less fortunate. Sigma Chi is a great opportunity for members to grow as individuals and network with hundreds of thousands of brothers all over the world. It is a home for brothers and a nurturing place for the leaders of tomorrow.

[HOUSTONIAN]



left to right: Reesha Brown, Eleana Flores, Mary Jean Curtis, Matt Dulin, Patricia Estrada and Newton Liu.

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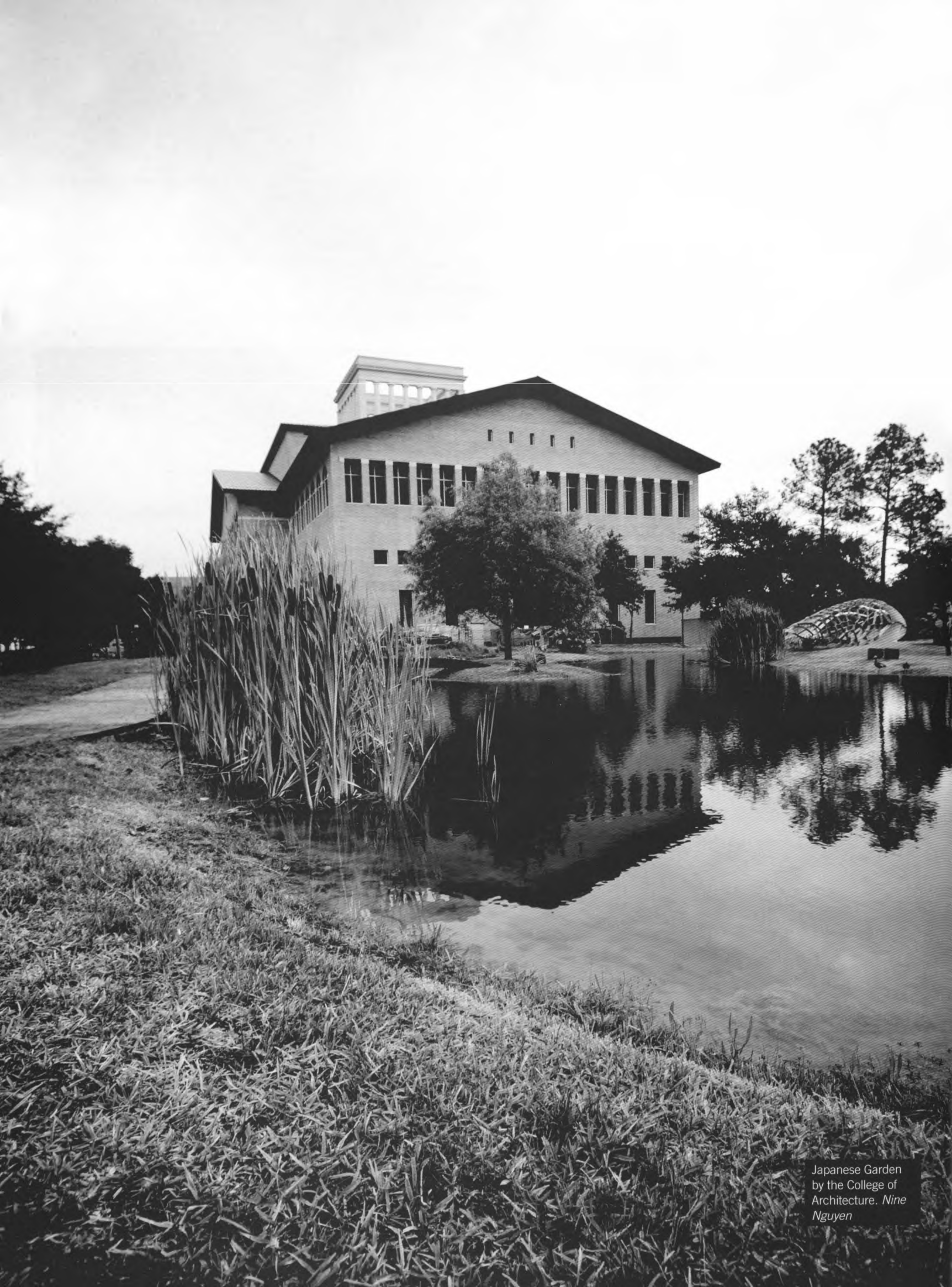
The official University annual is produced by a student staff and is delivered in the fall of each year. The yearbook draws no student fee money and is completely supported by book sales and advertising. The book is printed by Taylor Publishing in Dallas. Yearbooks cost \$45 and can be ordered when students sign up for classes through Peoplesoft.



Squirrels on campus are so friendly, they have become the unofficial school mascot. *Brianna Leigh Morrison*



One of the campus entrance, by Calhoun Rd and University Dr. that greets visitors and students. *Nine Nguyen*



Japanese Garden
by the College of
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[PORTRAITS]



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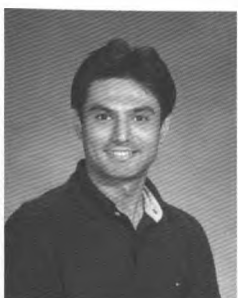
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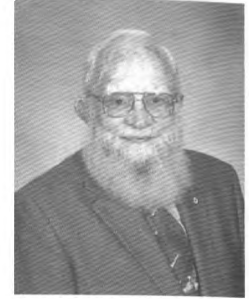
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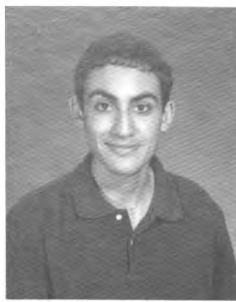
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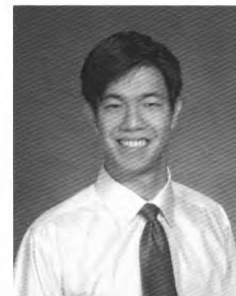
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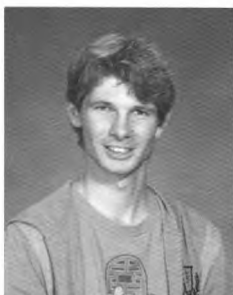
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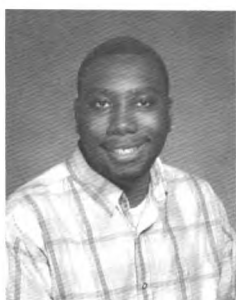
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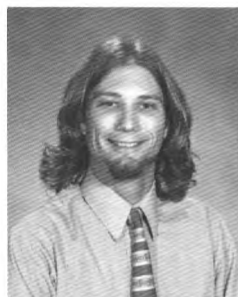
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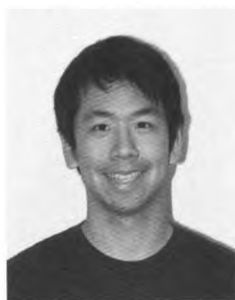
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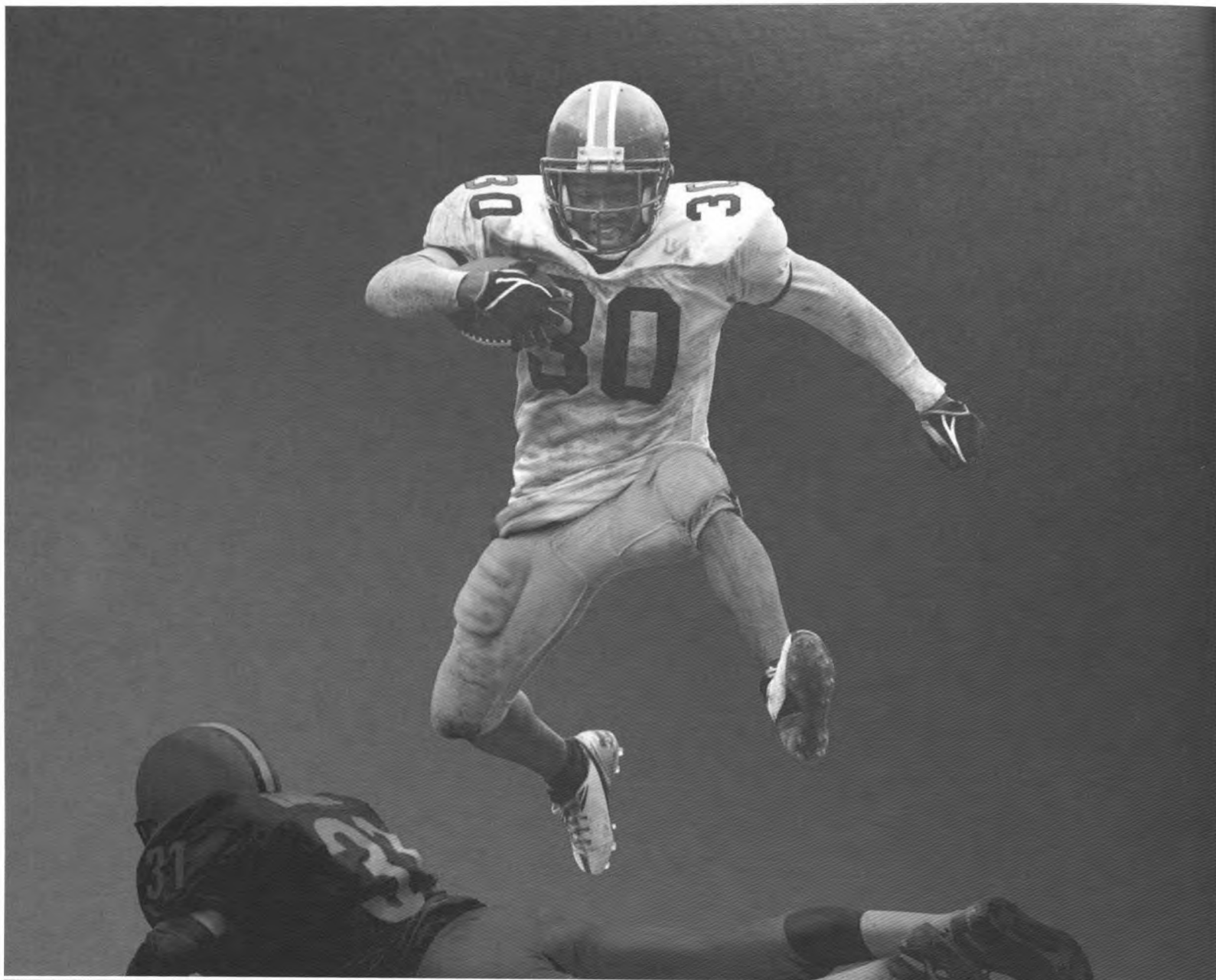


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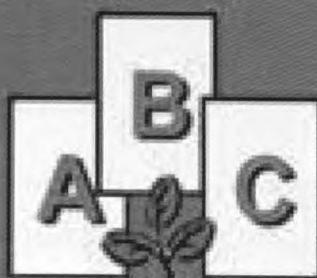
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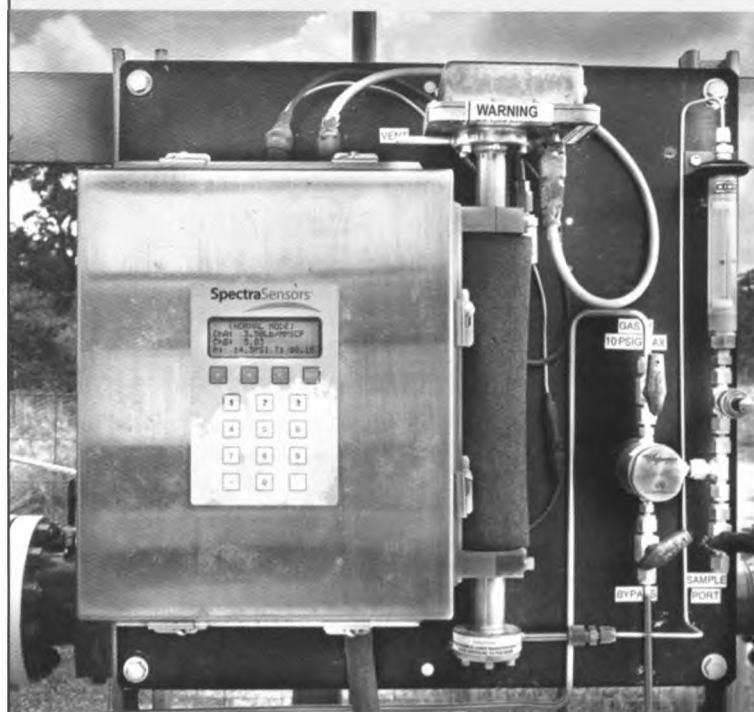
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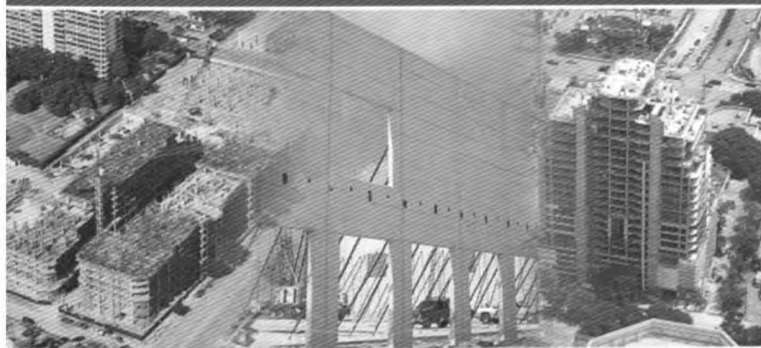


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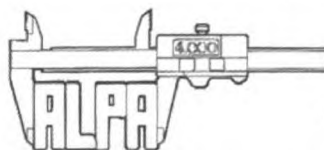
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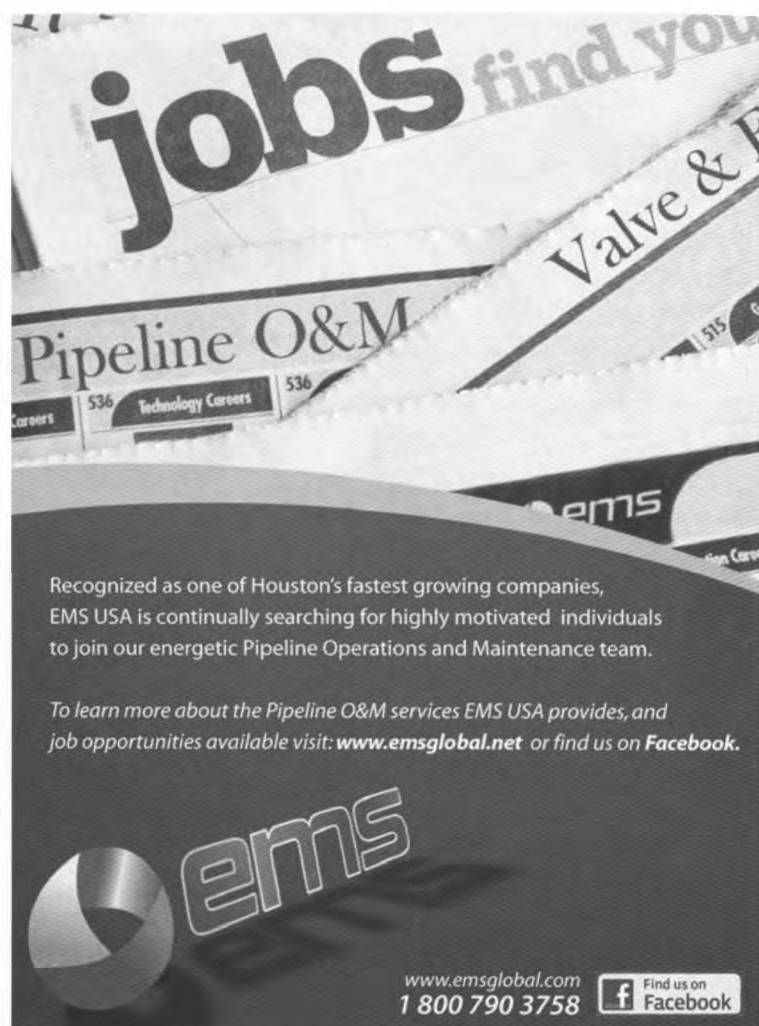


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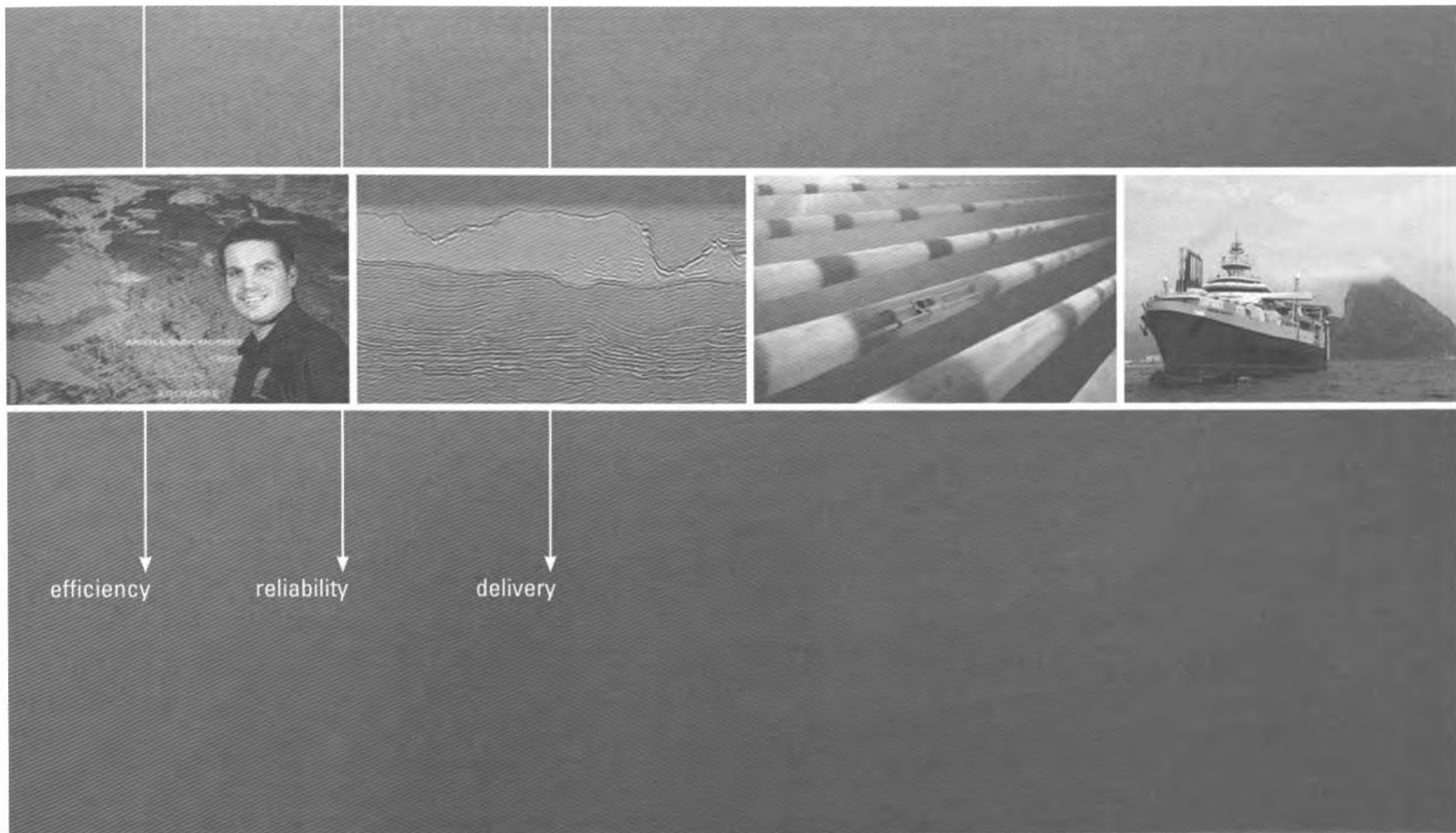
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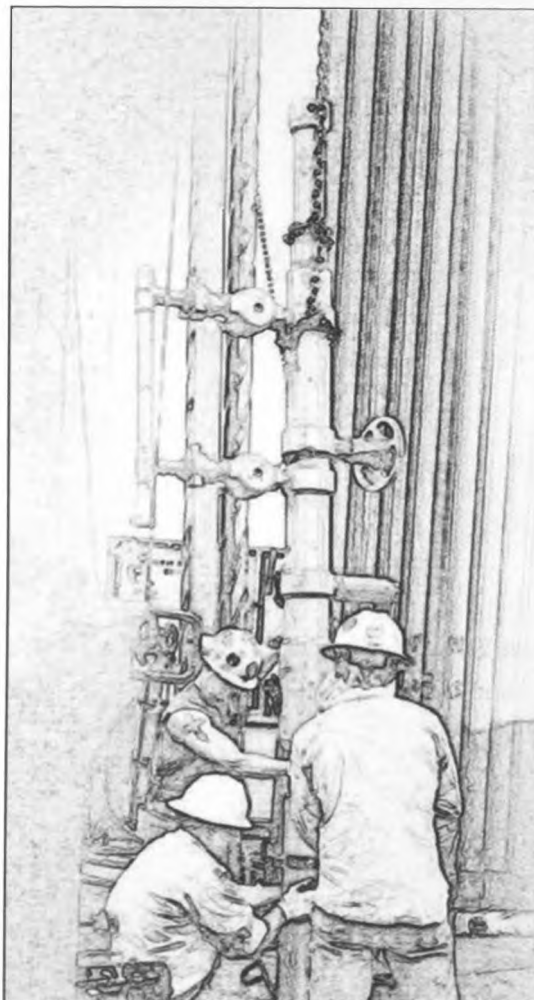
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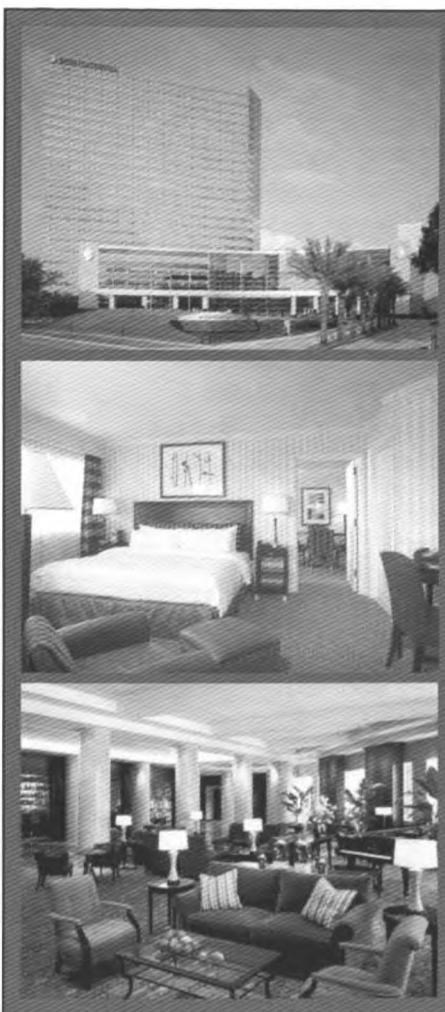
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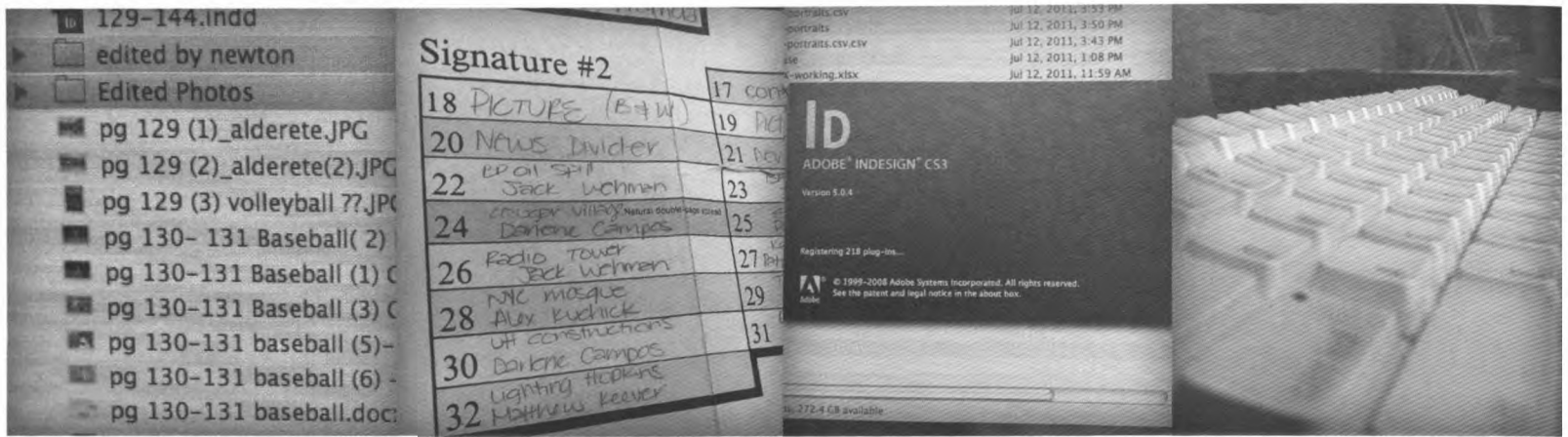
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EDITOR'S NOTE

When I first got the position of editor-in-chief, my biggest fear was that my book would become the last edition of the Houstonian. It was not securing a yearbook staff, or finding enough content to fill the pages of a 256 page book, but that soon UH would join the list of universities around the country to cut their yearbook program, either because of lack of funding or interest by the student body, or a combination of the two.

And now my fear has become a reality.

I can honestly say that the news did not come as a surprise, after all, the biggest obstacles I faced as editor was getting people around campus to care about the book. Every time I would mention the Houstonian, I would get one of two responses: "the Hotel?" or "UH has a yearbook?" Despite the fact that apart from the Daily Cougar, the Houstonian has been around longer than any other organization or tradition on campus.

Since 1934, a group of UH students has put together a publication that attempts to provide a record of student life at the University, capturing everything from student organizations, faculty and staff, frontier fiesta, athletics, etc. and now after 77 years, one of the Universities oldest traditions is being put to bed.

After looking at several yearbooks from the past, from the first Houstonian printed in 1934, to the 2009-2010 editions, it is clear to see how the book has evolved, but despite the obvious changes in faces, content, layout and the inclusion of color photographs, one thing remains true for every Houstonian published until today, and that is, that every editor, every staff, wanted to tell the story and provide a timeline for students to remember what the University was like that very year, and that stays true for this book.

We can't capture all, we can't include every student in the University, but for those who have their yearbook, 20 years from now when they dust off the cover of their 2010-2011 yearbooks, I hope that we can at least provide a memory of what the world and the University was like this year.

Although I had most of the responsibility for what this book would be like, my visions and revisions would not have been made possible without the help of many people.

I want to thank everyone who made this book possible, every writer and photographer who has a byline, my editors: Christopher Losee, Joshua Siegel and Newton Liu, my managing editor and production designer, Lana Flores, and perhaps the most important person, our advisor, Matt Dulin, for answering every question, regardless of how silly it was or how many times I had already asked it, for trying to keep this sinking ship afloat, especially when it seemed it was only you and I who cared, and for standing by not only myself, but this staff when there was trouble, I really could not have done this without your help and support.

And so now, I say goodbye, to the long days and nights at the office (aka the desk in the corner of the Daily Cougar office), the deadlines we tried to meet, and the many attempts to get people interested. It was a pleasure to have been part of this Cougar tradition.

As the editor in chief for the 1939 Houstonian wrote in his acknowledgments:

"It is indeed true that we never value anything at its true worth, while we possess it. But after it is lost and gone beyond recall, we never fail to remember what a precious thing has slipped through our fingers."

— Patricia Estrada
Houstonian Editor in Chief, 2010-2011

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After more than 20 years of service to the University of Houston and the freedom of the student press, Richard Cigler retired in October 2010.

Cigler enjoyed a long and distinguished tenure at the University of Houston, having joined the University in 1987 and serving as director of Student Publications since 1988. Prior to coming to UH, Dick was with the Houston Post Newspaper Company. Cigler served as president of Staff Council in 1998, the year Staff Council launched the successful Cougar First Impressions initiative, which, to this day, welcomes students back to school every fall.

Cigler has been instrumental in navigating The Daily Cougar and Houstonian yearbook from a typewriter-driven operation to a computer-based and internet-enhanced learning laboratory for future journalists, graphic designers, advertising managers and other media professionals.

Along the way, Cigler was a staunch defender of the student press, even when it meant putting his career on the line and standing up to UH administrators.

For his extensive — and often invisible — service to the University community and to the students he was charged with advising — we here dedicate the Houstonian yearbook to Richard Cigler.