



Provost Chapman Steps Down Amidst Rumors of Controversy

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Copy Editor

On January 15, 2013, UHD President William Flores announced that Dr. Brian Chapman has “stepped down” from his duties as Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs. Chapman’s tenure had been rocky, with reservations from some faculty members about his temperament and the direction in which he wanted to steer the university’s curriculum changes.

This is not Provost Chapman’s first brush with controversy; he has made waves at multiple



Provost Chapman shakes hands with a graduating student (yourhoustonnews.com)

universities in the past few years, with rumors of a staunch “anti-faculty” demeanor running rampant years past his departure at West Texas A&M University and the University of North Carolina Wilmington.

Provost Chapman resigned from his position as Provost and Vice Chancellor at University of North Carolina Wilmington in 2009 after less than a year-long tenure. The UNCW resignation came on the heels of uproar over the Provost censoring an art exhibit, the Century Project, on the basis that he felt it to be

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Smoke Alarm Alerts Students of Bigger Issue at Hand

Curran Kelly
News Editor

Monday January 14, 2013 signaled the start of Welcome Week, UHD’s first week back from winter break. The corridors buzzed with excitement as free handouts were given to students passing by tables crammed against the walls. Friends greeted one another, and chatted about classes. Despite what seemed to be a smooth start to a new semester, the early afternoon found its way into a mix of chaos and confusion.

Around 11:15 am lights began flashing in

the hallways. Gates came down over the offices on the third floor of the main building and doors began to close. The Public Address system began to sound, muttering directions in Spanish that seemed unintelligible.

“What’s going on?” asked one student. No one seemed to have the answers. Some students were told to quickly evacuate, as an unknown danger

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Texas Core Curriculum Changes: Is This the End of English?

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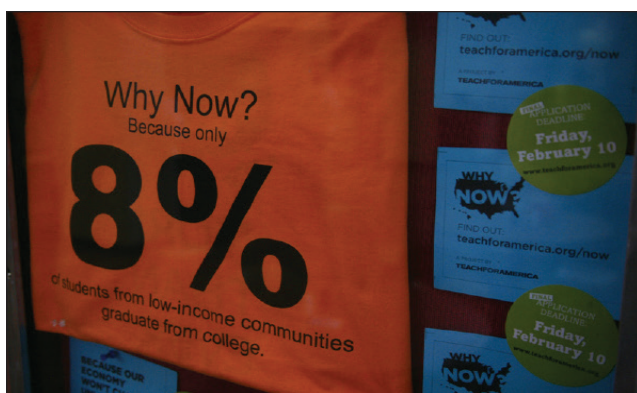
The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has mandated that the core curriculum for colleges across the state be revised to meet a new set of guidelines, with the changes to

be implemented in the fall 2014.

The revisions stipulated by the state are set to meet a variety of core objectives that include critical thinking skills, communication, and team

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UHD Graduation Rate Sinks as Enrollment Grows



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Editor

UHD graduation rates are not following the trends of our “record” enrollment. Despite the increase in stu-

dents attending the University of Houston-Downtown, our graduation rate is dropping, and the numbers are staggering.

With our peer universities seeing a six-year gradua-

tion rate of 29%, our university is trailing with only 11.8% of students graduating in a six-year time frame. We are graduating students at one-third of the pace of other universities. This is down from the below average 15.4% in recent years.

It seems that the transfer graduation rate has declined as well. According to the UHD Progress Card for the 2011-2012 school year, the

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THE RETURN OF THE FOOD TRUCKS

Joseph Williams
Staff Writer

Prepare yourselves: food trucks are here to stay at UHD. After a trial run in the late months of last week, 7 different eateries will be rotating on campus throughout the spring semester.

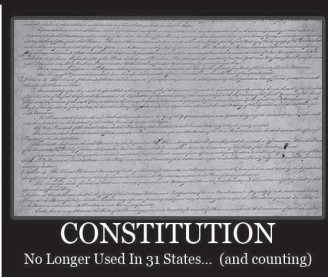
The Rice Box provides traditional Chinese takeout dishes. You can enjoy chicken cooked several ways, served with rice and vegetables, in addition to a complementary egg roll and

fortune cookie. While there, you can also enjoy beholding the Chinese trinkets up for display, including a Chinese Lucky Cat. Get on his good side and maybe you will have some good luck this semester!

Happy Endings serves 100% beef hot dogs with a Japanese twist. Unique toppings like kimchi, seaweed, teriyaki, and katsu sauce make these hot dogs worth a try. If

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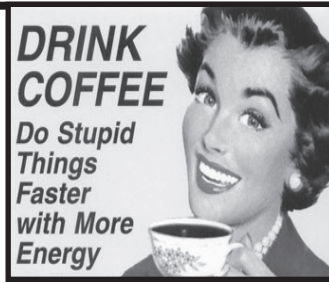
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University Should Focus on Retention



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As you glanced across the front page of this issue of the Dateline, you may have overlooked the small blurb on the sinking graduation rate at UHD.

If you happen to be one of the article-skipping offenders, I don't blame you. Stories full of statistics can look

boring and tedious, and they are often misleading. This one's not.

I am not writing about this to promote my article (although you should read it; it's not that boring). I am addressing the topic because it is a topic that has been skirted for far too long.

Aside from the growing enrollment, our numbers are terrible. We graduate students at an abhorrent rate, we can't keep freshman around (even if they enroll a semester to raise our enrollment numbers), and people are transferring out, not in.

It needs to change.

We all know that UHD can be a first choice institution if the stars (and administration) align right. There are marketing gurus and campaigns at work to create key combination to attract high school seniors, and if the numbers are telling, the strategies are working.

What's not working is the strategy (or lack thereof) put in place to retain students.

It's not enough to attract students. Once they're here, there needs to be a reason to stay. I can't give you those reasons; they are way beyond my knowledge base. But whatever those factors are - they're missing.

Students should not be so dissatisfied with a university that they leave in droves. We lose HALF of our students. That number is so below other institutions that it has to signify an issue.

Be it the inability to park or the lack of school pride, or the general feeling of apathy amongst those employed by the university, something is driving students away.

It is great that our enrollment numbers are growing...but it seems to simply be offsetting the students that are getting lost in the wind.



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India Protests Intensify as More Victims Come Forward

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The women's rights demonstrations reached a fever pitch recently after the rape of a seven year old girl in the Indian state of Goa. Demonstrators are lobbying swift justice for the victims, as well as reform in the penal code for rape prosecution.

The seven year old was sexually assaulted in the bathroom of her school in Vasco, one of the largest cities in Goa. The assault was discovered when the victim began to complain of pain and was given a medical examination shortly after.

There is only one suspect in the case thus far, and Goa police have officially released a sketch of the accused. Eyewitnesses are reported to have seen the man loitering on the school premises shortly before the incident occurred.

The school's headmistress is currently in police custody

on charges of negligence after it was reported that she and other teachers at the school saw the man loitering and did not take appropriate measure to remove the man from the premises or alert local authorities.

The case emerges merely a month after the brutal gang rape of a 23 year old medical student on a bus in New Delhi. The victim later died of wounds sustained from the attack, including significant brain damage and lung and abdominal infections. After public outcry of police inactivity, six men were later arrested and charged for murder.

More recently, a teenager who was raped during the Hindu festival of Diwali committed suicide. A formal case was not registered with police until 14 days after the incident.

Protesters took to the streets of Goa and New Delhi,

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"pornographic".

The UNCW Faculty Senate passed a motion admonishing the administration for not consulting with the Women's Resource Center, Faculty Senate Steering Committee and other interested parties before requesting the censorship of a large part of the Century Project, an exhibition that features nude women and girls while giving information on their life stories. Hundreds of letters were also sent to the university calling for Chapman's resignation over the censorship issues.

An interim Provost has been named from the UH system. Ed Hugetz will be acting as Interim Provost beginning this semester.

At the Faculty Senate meeting on January 15, 2013,

President Flores addressed the Provost issue, but no direct reason was given for the change of administration.

President Flores also expressed his intention to have 18,000 students enrolled at UHD. This fall, UHD increased enrollment by 8% over the previous year, enrolling nearly 14,000 students, which shows record enrollment at a time when other universities are seeing a stagnation in enrollment numbers.

However according to the National Center for Educational Statistics, UHD'S 6 year graduation is at a dangerously low 11%. This is not only the lowest in the state of Texas, but the lowest of any university of its size. President Flores has vowed to work at improving UHD's abysmal retention and graduation rates.

There is currently no word on how the recent administrative changes will affect the student body.

Texans Lose to the Patriots, Devastating Houston Fans



Arian Foster waiting for the media in the locker room
(photo by David J. Phillip)

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News Editor

Sunday afternoon, January 13, 2013 was a cold, gray day in a number of ways. At 3:30 pm the city of Houston fell silent as we all sat down to our tables full of Cheetos, beer, chips and queso to eagerly await our boys in white as they faced off against the Patriots, a team that is now more hated by Houstonians than even the Cowboys (or as some of us affectionately refer to them: the Cowgirls).

With each new play, The Patriots gained more momentum, and screams across the city of Houston rang loud and true; "Are you SERIOUS?" "Aw, NO!" "He's not even on the right side!"

With the promise of a straight path to the super bowl, this game held higher stakes than money. It held the

hearts of Houstonians all over, most of which was lost as the Patriots danced about in taunting celebration. As the game progressed, the cursing of Texans' fans became louder as we held back tears, screaming advice at our televisions while praying to the god of the pig skin ball that somehow, some way, it would all be okay.

"Nobody was set," said linebacker Bradie James, as evidenced by the fumbling of the Texans as Patriots sprinted up to the line of scrimmage with ease, all while scoring drives averaging less than four minutes each.

The Texans, described as "a good team still far from being great", were never predicted to win this game. Every question of "Do you think they'll win?" was followed by, "No, not a chance", while quickly qualified by "But maybe they will!" out of loyalty and fear of jinxing our home team.

Ending with a score of 28-41, the Texans played hard in the last 1:15 minutes of the game in hopes of redeeming themselves. During that crucial minute they managed to score ten points. Hearts broke, and great fans were lost.

"There's no good landing in this business unless you're playing a few weeks from now. Other than that, the landing's a crash", said Texans' head coach, Gary Kubiak.

Even through the crash landing, the team gracefully accepted their loss and thanked fans, while rallying behind QB Matt Schaub. There is always a light out on the horizon with the coming of a new season.

"Just wait 'till next year" - J.J. (S)Watt.



Roc Carmichael cleans out his locker at Reliant Stadium
(photo by Cody Duty/Houston Chronicle)



Fan routing for the Houston Texans at the game against New England (google.com)

Lance Armstrong Doping Scandal

A Race for Forgiveness

Curran Kelly
News Editor

We know his story well. Once a heroic American athlete, native Texan Lance Armstrong was the ideal role model for all young competitors, despite their sport of choice. He was the good guy of sports; known for his strong core values and family friendly exterior, he was a favorite of the young and old alike. He now stands in the shadow of controversy, finally admitting to the long suspected use of steroids to enhance his athletic capabilities.



In October of 2012 the U.S. Ant-Doping Agency accused Armstrong and his team of using illegal substances to enhance their performance; serious allegations for such a well-known athlete. As the face of many endorsements, Lance stood to lose not only financial gain, but credibility as well. Questioned repeatedly, Lance denied the use of performance enhancing drugs time and time again.

Armstrong is currently accused of using

Blood doping, Corticosteroids, and Testosterone, as released in a report by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency.

In an interview taped on the Oprah Winfrey show, sources have reported to news outlets that Armstrong has finally admitted to his steroid use and is seeking forgiveness from the public. Due to air Thursday, January 17, 2013, Armstrong responded to the reports only by cryptic text message, stating that he "[...] left it all on the table with her, and when it airs the people can decide."

It is believed Lance had a team dedicated entirely the concealment of his doping. When taking drug tests (24 in total), all turned up negative for substance abuse.

Broken and defeated, Lance has been stripped of his seven Tour de France titles, and has been banned from all competitions.

Armstrong is expected to not only admit his steroid abuse, but to release information about those who helped him conceal it, which may allow him to enter back into competition sooner.

By age eighteen, Armstrong was a national triathlon champion, rocketing to fame after many triumphant wins.

Just a short time later, with international fame at his fingertips, Lance Armstrong was diagnosed with stage three testicular cancer at the age of 25. The disease quickly spread to his brain and lungs.

He fought hard; by undergoing extensive treatment, a mere four months later Lance was cancer-free and raising money for awareness and research through his Livestrong foundation to assist others in fighting the disease that almost took his life. With such an inspirational story, it seemed Armstrong could do no wrong.

He now awaits quietly awaits his fate, leaving many wondering if the once successful athlete will be able to win back the support of the public in light of the scandal.



Lance Armstrong addresses the media (CBS news)



Lance Armstrong in brighter days (fitnews.com)

UHD Graduates Play Superheroes to Protect the Dream

Jacqueline Reyes
Staff Writer

It is every new graduate's dream, finding a job in their field of study and being the favored one out of the other individuals being interviewed. Matthew Ojeda was able to nail his interview for an entry-level position at a biotechnology industry lab shortly after graduating magna cum laude last May from UHD with a degree in Bachelors of Science in Microbiology with minors in Chemistry and Biology.

Although Ojeda was the most qualified candidate, he lacked something crucial to take the job he was offered: a social security number.

He emigrated from Peru at 12 years of age to the United States. Since then, he was not able to change his legal status, and therefore was unable work legally in the States. As much as the employers sought Ojeda out to work for them, a job could not be offered because of he lacked proper work authorization.

However, thanks to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) granted by the Obama Administration on June 15, 2012 to young immigrants (better yet known as Dreamers), Ojeda will now be able to work.

Since the passing of the DACA act, Ojeda has become much more involved with the community, and was one of the founding volunteers for a non-profit organization called "Protectors of the Dream".

This organization, founded by business leaders, lawyers, and activists in the Houston community following the passing of DACA, aims to help Dreamers by providing funding for the \$465 filing fee for DACA. Protectors of the Dream

grants awards in the amount of \$465 to those eligible once they apply via an application.

The Protectors of the Dream have already awarded two rounds of grants, each round awarding grants to 20 Dreamers.

Ojeda learned about this organization through a presentation given at Houston Baptist University. He not only saw opportunity for himself, but also the opportunity to make a difference in the immigrant community.

"I have wanted to become more involved in the DREAM Act/Immigration Reform Movement [for a while] but hadn't

had the chance. I figured that through Protectors of the Dream I would have a good chance to start getting involved," he said. "[This] is an organization that has the potential to help those with a similar background to mine. Protectors of the Dream motivates the youth of immigrant families and communities to pursue their dreams, higher education, and help members of their communities progress and lead better lives."

He, along with a few other individuals, were able to recruit volunteers to start building up the Protectors of the Dream organization. Ojeda was able to recruit a friend, also a graduate of UHD, and is now one of the main volunteers.

"Matthew told me about it, (and explained that) it was an organization that would help dreamers, not just with deferred action but in many other ways as well. I was also one of the grant winners so that motivated me even more to help out," said Victor Martinez, graduating magna cum laude in May 2011 with a 3.73 GPA with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science and named 'outstanding senior'.

With the direction of some the founders, the Protectors of the Dream volunteer team has been successful in giving presentations on financial aid to Dreamers, as well as presentations on the college application process, and also informing other Dreamers about the grant.

Ojeda also stated that they are looking to lead an effective campaign for the passage of fair comprehensive immigration reform, and the DREAM Act.

"I see us being state and nationally recognized," said Martinez. "Shaking Obama's hand," added Ojeda.

At the moment, Ojeda is currently looking into a better paying

job. His ultimate goal is to attend medical school and become a physician.

Martinez is planning to earn his Master's in Software Engineer with Business Applications and open his own company in programming and video game development.

Protectors of the Dream is now accepting applications for the third round of grants. Only those eligible for DACA are able to apply for the grant and must complete the application, which can be downloaded from the website protectorsofthedream.org.

For further inquiries please email info@protectorsofthedream.org.



UHD Graduates Matthew Ojeda and Victor Martinez, Protectors of the Dream (photos by Jacqueline Reyes)



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transfer graduation rate has dropped from -3.45% to -5.60%.

Despite having extremely low tuition for a four-year institution, nearly 48% of students transfer from UHD to other universities according to the American School Search. We lose nearly half of our students to other universities. Low tuition is not keeping students at UHD.

The average freshman retention rate, which is an indicator of stu-

dent satisfaction according to U.S. News, is at 59.5%. Schools such as Alvin Community College and InterContinental University are seeing numbers in the high 60% range. Large state universities like the University of Texas and smaller private institutions such as Rice have numbers in the 90th percentile. Ours is well below most.

As the final state university in Texas to abolish open admissions, these numbers indicate a need for action from both administration and students.

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donning clay and scales to emulate the scales of justice, while others tied gags across their mouths or held posters. Many social groups have called for swift justice and reform in the laws for rape prosecution.

The parents of the seven year old rape victim claim that the school attempted to cover up the incident. The girl's mother said that the school teachers gave the child a bath and cleaned the toilet where the assault took place. This is a highly inhibitive practice in rape cases, as it destroys vital evidence such as DNA. The school officials also attempted to destroy the victim's clothing.

Authorities are still investigating the case. The victim was lauded for her courage and bravery throughout the incident, and was reported to be attempting to return to normalcy.

UHD's SGA Constitution Changes Bring Joy and Apprehension

Jacqueline Reyes
Staff Writer

For six years, the UHD SGA constitution and bylaws remained untouched. However, in November of 2012, the SGA student leaders deemed it necessary to make major modifications to the document.

The old constitution stated that all four positions, President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, were to run individually for election. Now, the President and Vice President will run on a single ticket, and after election will appoint a Secretary and Treasurer.

President Sanchez stated that the reason for this key change is that in the past, candidates with varying political viewpoints were paired together as a result of the elections, resulting in resignations, impeachments, and abandonment of office.

Under article four of the new constitution, "the Executive Council," section five states that the President and Vice President must be elected by majority vote as a running ticket.

Section seven, under the same article states that the President and Vice president must appoint the Secretary, Treasurer, and an optional Chief of Staff before the start of the upcoming



semester.

"There were changes all over, for example the impeachment clause was changed, there are more checks and balances between all the three branches [legislation, executive, and judicial] and all the committees were revised to make them more efficient," said student body President Sanchez.

"Some of the biggest changes were in the election codes," said Sanchez. He went on to explain that there were gray areas in the old constitution which leaves some leeway for unfair practices in elections.

The revised constitution and bylaws combined went from 28 to 42 pages,

the constitution itself went from four to seven pages and the bylaws itself went from 24 to 35 pages. Aside from the revisions throughout the document, a total of 14 additional pages were written by a handful of student leaders that included Ivan Sanchez, Andro Charbine, Isaac Valdez, John Locke and Emmanuel Castillo.

SGA student leaders must comply with the current constitution and bylaws until all proposed amendments and revisions have passed the existing stipulations.

SGA student leaders were so ecstatic about the adoption of the new constitution that President, Ivan Sanchez, a po-

litical science major, signed it just three days after its approval.

As stated in the old constitution, dated in 2006, "a 2/3 affirmative vote in the Senate is necessary," and if approved by the Senate, there needs to be at least "a fifty-one percent affirmative vote of those members of the student government."

However, not all SGA student leaders agree with this change. LaTrina Carter, a business major, who was SGA's Chief of Staff last semester and currently serves as a Representative this semester, stated her stance on the new election codes and her opinion on the high levels of internal discord in the past.

Carter explained to that she understands the president and vice president running on a single ticket, but she does not agree with the appointment of the treasurer and secretary. She believes it can easily become "very biased and too personal," and that students should be the ones to vote for the secretary and treasurer, since the new constitution takes away the opportunity for them to select the president and vice president individually.

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threatened their wellbeing, but very few followed the orders.

Lining up near the elevators rather than going outside, they waited the "threat" out, while others remained in class, blind to what went on below them. What started out as a normal Monday quickly revealed UHD's emergency planning weaknesses.

When the Dateline staff inquired about the cause for the alarm, we were informed by UHD police that the alarm was not cause for an evacuation, and students simply misunderstood, as it was a smoke detector that sounded. When pressing further, we were told to call the city in order to find out why the alarm went off in the first place.

In the event of an alarm sounding, it presumably sounds to alert students of the possible danger in the building. If Monday's event was not an evacuation, it leaves questions as to why. When an alarm sounds, the school should be evacuated. There is no time for pause; an alarm signals an immediate

danger.

Students were not alerted to the cause of the alarm, nor were other floors aware of the triggering of the alarm. In the event of a true emergency, students should be alerted immediately. In the event of a false alarm, students should be given answers as to the cause of the alarm.

With a search of the UHD's website, there was not a fire evacuation plan easily accessible to the public. Texas State Code requires "All facilities, except small, one-story facilities, must post an emergency evacuation floor plan".

Without a known fire plan in case of emergency, what will happen when the smoke detector goes off in event of a real fire? Will UHD notify us then?

Longboarding on the Texas Long Haul

Skateboarding's Fearless Riders Trek from Austin to Houston for a Cause

Curran Kelly
Staff Writer

After fading in popularity in the 80's (in part due to skateboarders receiving a bad reputation), a group of skaters are now fighting to resurrect with an event known as the "Texas Long Haul", a three day event that challenges skateboarders to a longboard trek from Austin to Houston that encompasses a total of 165 miles.

What began as a method for surfers to practice their skills when tides were too low birthed a sport known as longboarding that revolutionized the history of skateboarding. Longboarding, similar to skateboarding,

is an intense sport involving that pushes athletes to speeds that can reach as high as sixty miles per hour.

In an interview the Texas Long Haul, creator Michael Kosmoski says, "I want the Texas Long Haul to help get the skate scene noticed, and on the map. I want people to see that just because we skate does not mean we are bad people. It's a sport that we participate in because we love it, and we put our bodies through mental and physical hell to show it."

When asked what inspired him to create it, Kosmoski says, "I wanted to do something no one in Texas has done before: skate from Carve Skate Shop in Austin, to Southside Skateshop in Sugarland—a 165 mile trip across the hill country and flatlands of our great state."

This year will be the second year for the event, and will welcome about twenty riders and twelve sponsors. Participants will begin "at the crack of dawn", and skate around sixty miles a day.

"We have a follow car that meets us every few miles for stretch breaks and water breaks. Last year we had only our younger members have issues, so they rode in the car for a while", said Kosmoski.

Requirements are that participants must be at least age eighteen or older, with trials to be held for any younger participants wishing to take part.

While the initial goal is to reach Houston from Austin, there is another force driving the event.

"All profits, if any made after skate expenses, go to MD Anderson Cancer Center downtown. I chose this organization because they are the reason I am still standing here today, doing what I love to do. As a child, I had what is known in short as a JNA tumor in my sinuses and was getting close to a lethal size. They found it, and with the help of the world's best doctor for such a specialty and rare tumor, they gave me another



chance to go live and be happy." Kosmoski says. "I'm proud that I made it. As of right now with the millions of people living in this state, I know that I am one of eleven people who have skated halfway across the state."

With high aspirations, Michael hopes the Long Haul will "become a truly annual event, and [to] one day expand it to possibly across the entire state, or further."

Anyone wishing to participate in or donate to the Texas Long Haul can visit their facebook page, "Texas Long Haul 2013", or contact Michael Kosmoski at mkosmoski@gmail.com.

Hollywood May Have Overstepped Boudaries with Zero Dark Thirty

Nicole Theodore
The Miami Student via UWire

As I sat in the dark, crowded theater watching the new film Zero Dark Thirty play before me this past Friday, I felt uneasy and unsure about something. The controversial film depicts the "true" story of how the infamous Osama Bin Laden was found and killed by American forces back in May of 2011. As my fellow moviegoers cheered when the screen showed U.S. forces raiding the compound at which Osama Bin Laden was hiding, I could not help but think to myself, is this actually benefiting our country?

The scenes of the CIA waterboarding prisoners were hard enough to watch, but what was harder to watch was the way the movie was filmed and told. It was filmed documentary style, showing the director's point of



view of what life is like in Pakistan and Afghanistan when U.S. forces and the CIA were present. Most people sat there complacent, accepting this view face value. Many people, including myself, do not know what life is really like there. Some would

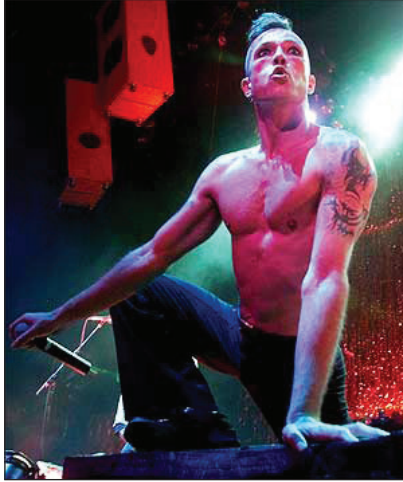
rather just accept this view even though it may not be accurate. Original phone calls from the Sept. 11 attacks were played, and a wave of sadness and unrest hit me and the rest of the room suddenly. This is when I realized that Zero Dark Thirty

might become a catalyst for hatred and further violence involving racism on both the American side and the Middle East.

My thoughts raced as I remembered how the Middle East reacted to the anti-Islam film in September. Zero Dark Thirty could upset the Middle East with its graphic scenes of their men and women being killed by U.S. soldiers. We are often so quick to buy into the hype of movies that are "based on a true story" that we don't often question the consequences of their wide spread popularity unless it directly affects us. To Americans, seeing people being murdered or killed is quite the norm in Hollywood movies, but to more conservative countries this may not

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Stone Temple Pilots Reunion Still Selling Out Venues; Critics Cautiously Optimistic



Weiland performing with STP



Stone Temple Pilots band members (above)
The infamous Scott Weiland (below)

and start playing some songs we're used to and that kind of brings you back because there's a long-enough history there now."

While the new album is certainly a step up from STP's more recent efforts, it does little to catapult the band back to superstar status. Clocking in at 40

minutes, the end result is rife with over-polished mediocrity and sounds more like a diluted, half-baked cash-grab than a sincere comeback album.

Perhaps it's the band's lack of cohesion that accounts for the album's shortcomings.

Weiland, who wrote the lyrics and recorded the vocals separately, seems utterly detached and exhausted as he sings, "You always were my favorite drug / Even when we used to take drugs."

Even on the road Weiland operates solo, touring on

his own bus with an assistant. But DeLeo explains that the behavior isn't anything out of the ordinary.

"That's the way we operate; it's nothing really new. It's just the way we prefer to do things," DeLeo said. "We've been elbow-to-elbow, shoulder-to-shoulder for many, many years. I think we're all entitled to that and you know that's everybody's preference to do that and if that's what makes it work and keeps it together then so be it, man."

To this day, the band's fate still seems tied to Weiland's tumultuous battle with addiction. Earlier this year Weiland — appearing lost — prompted the rest of the band to leave in the middle of their set after slurring and forgetting lyrics to their 1992 hit "Dead and Bloated."

In a recent cover story published by Spin Magazine, DeLeo was quoted suggesting that, while Weiland had kicked heroin years ago, he suspected him of resorting to prescription pills as a substitute.

Cynics might have scoffed at the mere mention of a STP reunion, but even after almost two decades the band retains a large following, playing sold-out arenas across the country. While they might never be ushered into the pantheon of rock 'n' roll, they're a band who had greatness within arm's reach and — in the end — stuck together, despite their frayed relationships. That's much more than many of their grunge counterparts could attest to.

Raghav Mehta
Minnesota Daily via UWire

Ever since their chart-topping debut "Core," Stone Temple Pilots have borne the brunt of an avalanche of criticism. But despite being dismissed by critics as blatant mimics of their grunge peers, STP was met with unprecedented amounts of commercial success early on in their career. The sound was still mean and massive, but what set STP apart was their boisterous demeanor. They lacked all the dull theatrics of Pearl Jam, the angsty brilliance of Kurt Cobain and the heroin-fueled murk of Alice in Chains. Even if their music was never as consistent qualitatively, STP never succumbed to outright imitation. It had its own voice — it was like grunge for the alpha-male except, you know, good.

But mid-way through the '90s, front man Scott Weiland's devastating and well-publicized spiral into heroin addiction derailed the band's commercial success and acted as a catalyst for an endless string of near-break-ups until eventually leading to the group's official dissolution in 2003.

The members veered off, toiling in their own respective projects that included Weiland's short-lived role in the not-so-super supergroup Velvet Revolver. But by 2008 the band announced a reunion and set their emotional baggage aside to record a new self-titled album that was released in May 2012.

"What brought us back together was actually going out and doing other things," bassist Robert DeLeo said. "I think it was just getting reacquainted with each other and the best way to do that was to get in a room

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Why So Serious, Sore Throat?

This time of year is when the common cold viruses, influenza virus, and bacterial infections can cause symptoms of fever, chills, malaise, runny nose, and a sore throat. The throat is a sensitive part of the body, with numerous nerve endings that help the body to safely maintain normal breathing and

Hopefully the antibiotics prescribed for my sore throat will also take the edge off of my raging STD's.



More serious symptoms should be seen by a health care provider such as enlarged glands in the jaw or neck, fever, chills, or inability to swallow. A health care provider can perform a test to check for the presence of Streptococcus bacteria or Strep with a test known as a rapid Strep test. If the rapid Strep test is positive for Streptococcus,

swallowing activities. In this manner, secretions or food not meant to be in the respiratory system are kept out of the lungs. However, due to this sensitive nature, when the throat is irritated, it can produce quite an uncomfortable sensation.

Since there are many irritants that can cause sore throat, including viruses and bacteria, it is a good idea to have a sore throat evaluated by a health care professional. A viral infection is normally self-limited and is treated by symptom management such as lozenges, salt water gargles, or over the counter topical anesthetics. Viral infections that cause sore throat cannot be treated with antibiotics as the antibiotics are not effective against viruses.

then the provider will prescribe antibiotic treatment. The health care provider can also check for other disease that can cause sore throat and discuss treatment plans with the patient.

If you have a sore throat, consider stopping by UHD Student Health Services in 320N to schedule an appointment (or call 713-221-8137) to have one of our Nurse Practitioners check your throat and suggest a treatment.

Dr. Robert Hanks, PhD, FNP-C, RNC
Assistant Professor
UT Houston School of Nursing

Academic Support Center Offers Resources Few Know Of

Wendy Williams
Staff Writer

Having difficulty with one of your classes, or just need someone to help keep you on track? UHD has just the assistance you need. The Academic Support Center, located in N925, works in conjunction with the English, Math, and Mentoring Center and the Writing and Reading Center to offer resources to students.

The Academic Support Center is a multifaceted center where students in need of a little push can receive assistance from faculty and peer tutors on the subjects of math, statistics, reading, or writing.

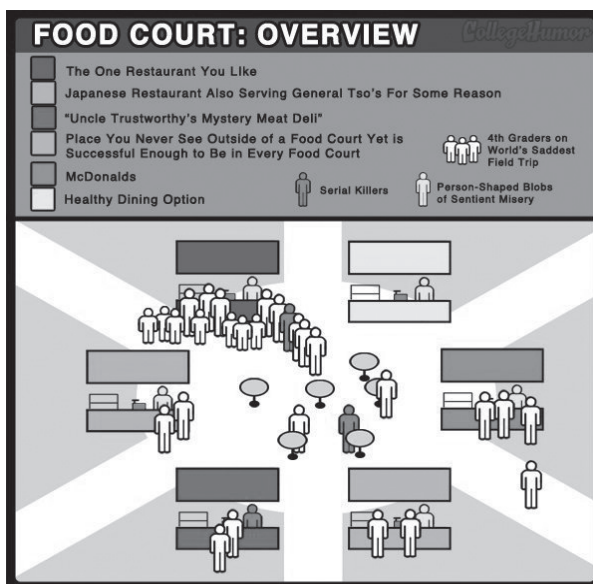
There's also a variety of learning tools available, and they range from videos and study guides to your old trusty textbooks.

To enter, all you have to do is show your GatorCard to the front desk, and you're good to go. You can work solo on one of the computers available or you can take advantage of the help available.

If you opt to take advantage of the tutoring available, you're in good hands with the peer tutors. They are hired after a thorough a screening and evaluation process to ensure that meet the requirements for the job.

The director of the center is Dr. Isidro Grau and the academic support coordination is Diana Lorenzana. Check out the website for hours of operation at uhd.edu/asc.

UHD Food Court Finds (it's not ALL gross...)



Wendy Williams
Staff Writer

From sandwiches to salads, to sushi and fountain drinks, the UHD food court, managed by a partnership of Aramark and UHD, offers full service dining for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

With such a diverse student body, the UHD food court strives to appeal to every individual by allowing feedback on their website, sent directly to Food Service Director, Chris Conti.

In a survey set out last semester, students and faculty listed the food court as their first choice for places to eat simply due to convenience, while others focused more on prices and service, stating the costs were too high.

For more information on the food court visit campusdish.com

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you're fortunate enough to visit during their whimsical holidays such as national tempura day, you can get a free specialty hot dog. Mark your calendars!

KurbSide EatZ is a fusion restaurant that sells burgers, fries, eggrolls, and tacos with a combination of Asian and American southwestern influence.

As you may imagine, the Waffle Bus specializes in making waffles. However, the folks at the Waffle Bus put an unfamiliar but delicious spins on a breakfast favorite. If waffle cheeseburgers and waffle smores aren't creative enough, how about waffle crème brulee or salmon on a waffle? Who says breakfast food has to be bland?

Coreanos is a Mexican-Korean fusion. Tacos, burritos, and quesadillas with toppings like el scorch sauce, Korean slaw, caramelized kimchi, and Korean barbecue sauce sounds too appetizing to pass up. This is not your run of the mill food truck. Coreanos was recently named the #1 food truck in Austin and is rapidly gaining legions of devoted foodie fans. Why? As one customer put it "Kimchi fries. Enough said".

Stick It serves up Southern food with a creative twist. Fried chicken, beer-battered fish, marinated skirt steak and funnel cake are sure to be a hit among Texans. There's no better way to pay homage to the eats down south.

Bernie's Burger Bus currently holds the title of Best Burger by the Houston Press and My Table Magazine. That's because they have been known to serve up the best Angus beef patties topped with a variety of fresh condiments. It's a southern classic that never fails to impress.

The food truck schedule can be found at skyline.uhd.edu, as well as posted in the Student Activities Center on the 2nd floor of the Main Building. Food trucks will be parked outside the Shea Street building Monday through Thursday from 11 am to 2pm, so come get some! It's never been easier to travel around the world in one bite.

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be the case.

Many Americans who will watch this movie will possibly feel hatred towards those who attacked us as they listen to the frantic 911 calls from those trapped in the towers on 9/11. I did; it was impossible not to. Is it actually healthy for our country to essentially rehash what happened in a graphic, documentary style movie? We should always remember what happened and honor the victims and families of 9/11 and those who fought in the Iraq war, but Hollywood should be careful not to cross a fine line. Where I just felt angry and sad during the movie, another normal citizen may act upon their perpetuated hatred and take it out on innocent people, as events have shown quite recently in the United States. Hollywood is not the reason violence occurs, but we cannot deny it may be a catalyst. When something as delicate as the relationship, or lack of, between Americans and people of the Middle East is depicted in Hollywood, there is of course going to be discussion on either side or possibly violence.

I have consistently heard those around me call people who may look or act like they

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Semester Tips for Lazy Students

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Entertainment Editor

Welcome back Gators! The new semester is a fresh start. If your GPA is currently lackluster, there are a few tips to help you achieve your goals this semester.

For starters - Get an Early Start. Rushing around is a recipe for disaster, and you will not be alert enough to process information when you make it to class. A late start can also lead to forgetting things like the report you stayed up to finish. You are also more likely to just skip the class altogether, since late starts seem to breed apathy for the day. If you decide to show up, your face will speak volumes and your professor may take note. Try instead to wake up at least two hours before your class begins so that you will be past the bleary-eyed state and mentally alert when class begins. Your notes will thank you for it, as will your cram sessions.

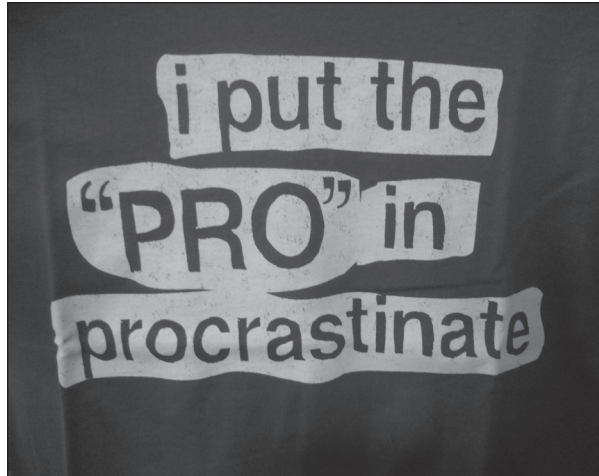
It seems to be common sense, but **Don't Procrastinate!**

As a tip from some seasoned college students, we would like to tell you that procrastination in college is a much more dangerous cliff than it was in high school. The stress will compound,

and you may be unable to catch up. If you get an early start on projects and papers, you may find that you have more time to be social during the semester since the work will be less likely to pile up.

Don't Leave Class Early or Skip Just "Because". The information that your prof is giving you is important; learning is the reason you enrolled in the first place. You may miss more than the lecture, too. Announcements about test or project dates are often made in class rather than on Blackboard, so you may find yourself without a clue on what's due when..

Professors have experience With every excuse in the book, **so Don't Lie to Your Professors.** The dog eating your homework or a sick uncle are poor reasons for the lack of time you put in, so just do the work. Also, accept the letter grade difference if you have to turn a paper in late rather



than lying about or stealing your work. Plagiarism in college is no joke. Plagiarism can be grounds for expulsion, and let's face it, getting a D is better than losing your college career.

One of the most important tips is to Ask Questions. If you're struggling, visit your professor during office hours, ask questions in class (no matter how dumb they may seem), and find a tutor. Classes and textbooks aren't cheap, so take advantage of what the university has to offer for your success. No one wants to be a senior by years but sophomore by hours!

Gator pride!

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work, as well as social and personal responsibility rather than a set core curriculum that consists of specific courses.

The changes also reduce the number of core hours required, lowering the 46 hours required to a 42-hour requirement.

Under the new requirements, students are also no longer required to take 6 hours of writing-intensive Composition. In its place, universities may opt to require 6 hours of "Communications" courses that meet the oral, aural, written, and visual literacy skills that "enable people to exchange messages to the appropriate subject, occasion, and audience".

Several college professors have spoken about their discontent with the new core curriculum requirements, and many worry about the effect that the new guidelines will have on the advancement of students.

With no specific English or Composition requirement, there are questions about the feasibility of students gaining the basic skills necessary to take higher-level courses with writing intensive components.

With the changes to take effect in the fall of 2014, it remains to be seen what, if any, pitfalls come with the removal of the current core curriculum.

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are from the Middle East derogatory names or worse, say they are probably "terrorists". Zero Dark Thirty may possibly reinforce this racism, because it is in fact racism. Some will leave the movie feeling hopeful for the future and others will be leaving with more hatred for the Middle East and Al Qaeda than ever before.

To fix the perception of average Americans from a Middle East standpoint, and to fix the perception of the Middle East from an American standpoint since 9/11 may be impossible. However, movies, literature and television can educate both sides and stop reinforcing biases. Not every person from the Middle East is in Al Qaeda and agrees with terrorism, which many Americans do not understand. Imagine someone with this ideology being essentially armed with a Hollywood movie like Zero Dark Thirty; it is a recipe for further discrimination and hatred.

There is also a clear difference between a documentary, and a movie filmed like it is a documentary. Though the filmmakers were in contact with the CIA, it doesn't necessarily mean it is completely accurate. Mike Morell, acting director of the CIA, released a statement on the agency's website stating that the "CIA interacted with the filmmakers through our Office of Public Affairs but, as is true with any entertainment project with which we interact, we do not control the final product," according to a TIME Magazine article.

Movies like Zero Dark Thirty will not stop being produced, but what Americans can do is research and educate themselves on such topics beforehand to decrease discrimination and realize what is true and what isn't. As citizens, it is our responsibility what we do with the media that is presented to us. By asking questions and doing formative research this may help eliminate biases and discrimination.

Student Loans: Avoid Making them Your Financial Crisis

Troy M. Hawkins
The Independent Collegian via UWire

Student loans are near and dear to all our hearts. You like them a lot more than I do at this point, I promise. Making payments is not nearly as fun as receiving refunds. Refunds end up as new laptops or tablets, nights out with friends, and a spring break trip we never forget. Repayment means box wine at home instead of bar tabs, Netflix instead of cable, and stay-cation instead of vacation.

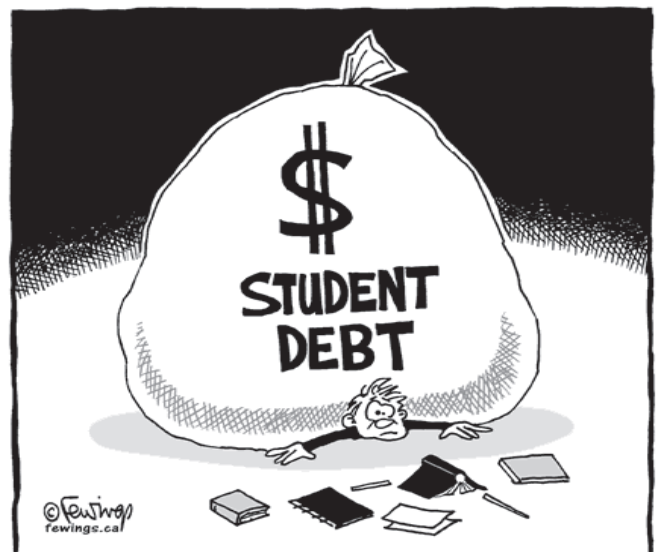
The student loan debt tally is soaring higher and higher and seemingly has no end in sight. Colleges and universities have little incentive to truly control prices because there are so many people willing to finance enormous amounts of money to get a degree.

We have been socialized to believe and think that everyone should get a college degree. Student loans exist to make that reality.

We thought the same about owning a home and sub-prime lending made that a possibility. The end result was and still is a huge disaster. Borrowers could borrow far more money than their home was worth with little correlation to their ability to repay. Financing a college education is no different.

Federal student loans are not based on your ability to repay. You can borrow the same amount of

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UHD Resources for Mind and Body

David Slaughter
Staff Writer

The time has come for us to make good on your New Year's resolutions!

As I spoke to my fellow students many relayed their resolutions. I was told that one wanted to make better grades this year, another to stop procrastinating, and several said they are striving to get in better physical shape. I was even told that one would like to train for next year's marathon, to which I said, "No thanks!"

No matter what your commitment is to turn over a new leaf in 2013, the good news is the facilities and resources are right at your fingertips, here at UHD.

The Jesse H. Jones Student Life Center - For Your Body!

The UHD Athletic Facility is well prepared for you to start those fitness resolutions. I recently visited the facility and found out so much about the amenities offered. Just a short walk from the main building, all the tools for fitness are at your disposal.

The Department of Sports & Fitness was created to offer physical fitness and recreation opportunities that enhance the UHD student's collegiate experience. The facility includes 30,000 square feet equipped with two gymnasiums for basketball, volleyball and badminton, along with a multipurpose studio, fitness center with state of the art weight equipment and cardiovascular units. The center also includes a horseshoe pit, lockers, showers, and a personal training office.

So, just take that short walk over to the Center and get started on your New Year's resolution. The Student Life Center is there as your resource for success.

The UHD Library Feeds Your Mind

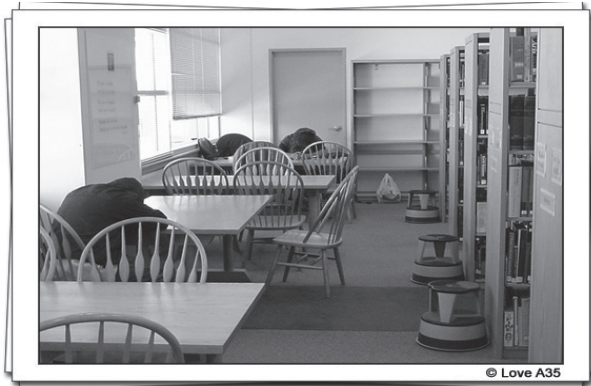
After three semesters here at UHD, I have finally found my way around the library, although it was quite a learning process. Covering two floors, the library is a major part of the Academic building, making it easy to find yourself intimidated by the complexity, especially considering the vast amount of information to sift through. It is one of UHD's most underutilized resources, with study rooms that students can sign up to use. There are also many unlocked rooms available when study rooms are full.

So how does the typical UHD student decide how to utilize the library?

I could spend the rest of this article explaining the best operational way to dig down to the core of each of the library's resources, or the technical route to dig into the heart of the database, but it makes more sense to instead, share some insight and tips about the ways I've found to take advantage of the library's amenities.

As I visited with the library staff over the last few months, I have not only realized that there are some tricks to taking advantage of the library's resources, but that the library staff themselves are perhaps the greatest resource in the library. For a guide to maximizing use of the library, read on.

The first step is simple: familiarize yourself with the library website, which can be accessed easily from both your home and the university—it is there you



The library: a place to broaden your horizons or, alternatively, sober up on Sunday morning.

will find space to ask the librarian a question, with a resolution to your inquiry by the following morning. With more complex questions, you may choose to schedule an in-person appointment.

The library home page offers a tool box and an FAQ section. Built with a user-friendly interface, the site helps students decipher rules and procedures. Books can be checked out via the website with your UHD ID for up to six weeks, while those intended for leisure reading can be kept for three weeks, and DVDs for up to one week.

Take Advantage of Library Staff's Knowledge

The motto for this section can be easily summarized with, "All you have to do is ask". Asking a librarian for help is not interrupting them. As one library staff member relayed, "The librarians at UHD are all here to help you; it is what we do. When we are at the information desk, our first priority is to answer your questions. You are not interrupting us, I promise. All you have to do is ask for help."

When interviewing UHD students in the fall, several words were used to describe the library staff, such as highly educated, well trained, helpful, patient, and good listeners. This is the picture that should be drawn of UHD librarians. A UHD senior summarized this well by saying, "The first three years I was here I really did not take advantage of the library or the library staff like I could have, and I regret that. Recently, while completing a 20 page research paper last semester, being completely stumped, I finally asked for some help from one of the librarians. I did not just get help. I got assistance for over two hours. Honestly, I think

so many of the students here at UHD just really do not understand that so much help is so easily available if they ask for it from these experts."

Be Respectful and Be Productive

It is your library to spend time in. Whether you want to read quietly, escape the noise of the UHD hallways, or simply learn about new subject matter, it is your resource to benefit from, so treat it as such, and utilize it. It is important to spend the time you need in the library in advance of the due date of your assignment. The earlier you start and the more familiar you are with the tools in the library, the better your grade will be. The library is not a place for cell phone use (other than texting, which is allowed) or loud socialization. Respect others and let the facility serve as a great resource. Whether you're a freshman or a senior, the UHD library offers one of the best resources for you to maximize your education.

Tips to Make the Most of Your Library Experience

- > Familiarize yourself with the library website
- > Get to know your librarians
- > Be respectful and productive

"The Windows Cafe" Now Open!

"The Windows Café", a UHD coffee bar, is now open for business!

As stated previously, the UHD Library offers a place to escape, relax, and concentrate. Now, in addition to the benefits the



library already provides, they now serve that caffeine jolt to keep your eyes open on those long study jaunts. The Windows Café is operated by the UHD Food services in a partnership with Java City and UHD, and recently opened its doors for service on the fourth floor of the main building. Hours of operation are 9 am - 9 pm, Monday through Thursday, and the menu includes a range of beverages from hot or iced espresso to blended non-coffee refreshments such as sugar-free, non-dairy smoothies, in four flavors. In addition, they offer assorted pastries, fruit cups, soft drinks and cold sandwiches for those who develop an appetite.

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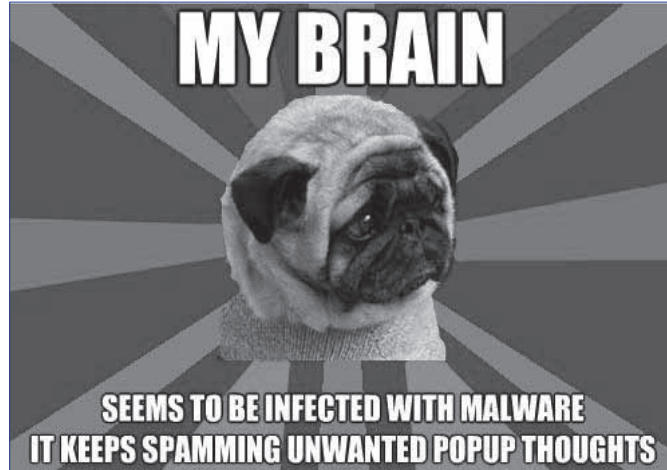
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The Tech Files

Warnings about Java's Software for Web Users



Michael Avila
Tech Guru/Staff Writer

A critical flaw in the Java software used in many web browsers is causing industry watchdogs to warn users to abandon the use of Java, or risk being hacked by cyber criminals. The bug that has watchdog groups worried is a nasty one; it allows cyber criminals the capability of hacking into the user's PC to infect it with malware via a Java applet when they visit an infected web site.

The bug isn't a new discovery, however. In August a flaw was discovered in the software, which was reported by Security Explorations. Java was exploited by hackers installing malware that included the notorious Poison Ivy Trojan that was used to target the p.c.'s of those unlucky enough to visit infected websites. Oracle quickly released a patch for the software, leading consumers to believe Java was safe for use.

However, shortly after the release of the patch, Security Explorations discovered yet another critical bug in the program that can allow attackers to bypass restrictions and access the p.c.'s full hard disk.

After many months of inaction and warning from the Department of Homeland Security, Oracle has finally released a fix to the new issue. Despite this patch, users have been told of a better solution for the security vulnerability that comes with Java: disable the software from their web browsers altogether.

Although Java has released this patch as a "fix" for the buggy software, it comes at a far too late time, and there is little faith in the capability of the patch. If Java wants to maintain their hold on their consumer's browsers, they had better find a solution to fix the problem, and perhaps this time they should do so at a quicker pace.



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money for a degree that could land you a job making \$35,000 as you could for one that could allow you to earn \$75,000.

We should put the blame on the university for charging the same price for those two degrees because they don't have the same economic value. We all decide what we want to study and I'm not suggesting that one is better or more important than the other; I mention that only because we need to make smart financial decisions about our future.

According to the university, the cost of attending U. Toledo with no grants or scholarships with living on campus is \$23,108 per year. That is \$93,432 for a four year degree. That is an enormous monthly payment to make after graduation, whether you are working or not. And that debt isn't like other debts you have or will incur later – you own it forever.

It is almost impossible to discharge a student loan in bankruptcy and the lenders don't play by the same rules as other creditors. They can garnish your wages, take your tax refunds, take a portion of your social security or the social security of your cosigner, and the list goes on.

The good news is that federal student loans have far more options for help than their private counterparts, so please avoid private loans if at all possible. One of the biggest advantages is loan forgiveness (not for private loans) if you work in public service. This option allows for graduates to take jobs in the public sector that typically don't pay as well as private sector jobs, and have the balance of their loans forgiven after meeting certain requirements. You can read all the details at <http://www.finaid.org/loans/publicservice.phtml>.

As a bankruptcy attorney, the number of people I see with unmanageable student loan debt is staggering and frightening. In almost every case, they have borrowed far more money than they could ever possibly repay given the field they have chosen. I'm not talking just about artists, film, or liberal arts majors. I am talking about teachers, attorneys, accountants and even doctors and engineers. Even if they are lucky enough to get a job with a high salary, the student loan payment is equally as high. And filing bankruptcy isn't as easy as it used to be, so now they may not qualify even if student loans were dischargeable.

Do yourself and your family a huge favor and

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"That's belittling the students. It's like saying 'We're not smart enough to know who we would like to want us to represent us.' Why would we want to take that worry away from them, so [the students] don't have to not worry about it? But, yes [the students] do need to worry about it; this is the people that are representing us."

Carter thinks that the officers should use chance to work with those with opposing viewpoints as an opportunity to gain real-world experience.

President Sanchez, however, maintains that the members of the executive branch need to be able to communicate effectively in order to accomplish more. He believes that students benefit more from the organization if the executive board is more efficient and cooperative.

The new constitution can be viewed on orgsync.com under the UHD SGA organization page. However, only representatives of UHD SGA are allowed to present amendments to the constitution. If you believe you are a student leader and would like to become a representative, please contact SGA at sga@uhd.edu or 713.221.8551 or by visiting the website at uhd.edu/sga. The SGA office is located at N210 in the academic building.



borrow responsibly. Don't borrow more than you have to. Work part time and use that money for rent and spring break, not student loan money. You have options; do some research before you sign any loan documents. Talk to someone in the financial aid office. Talk with your parents or someone you trust that understands finance and money to help you understand what you are getting yourself into. Your education is the door to a bright and successful future

That's Right, Nerds... A Gun Control Article and Some Super Heroes. You're Welcome.

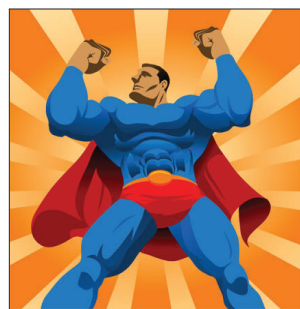
Boston Free Press via UWire

There appears to be progress on the gun control front. Amidst increasing amounts of mass shootings across the nation, Congress is tiptoeing around the Second Amendment, which guarantees American individuals the right to bear arms. Wednesday, U.S. President Barack Obama finally issued a bill of 23 executive orders that aim to keep guns out of the hands of criminals. "Reducing violent crime," he said, "is a top priority of my administration."

His plan of action? Obama first called for Congress to require a universal background check for anyone trying to buy a gun. Secondly, he asked that Congress restore a ban on military-style assault weapons, as well as a 10-round bullet limit for magazines. (Such weapons, of course, are typically what allow for large-scale massacres, whereas the additional seconds that would be needed for bullet replenishment are vital.)

These measures, of course, will not be easy to implement. In most instances, background checks are already required of individuals wishing to purchase firearms, and despite this, oversight errors and mass shootings, thusly, persist. Forty percent of all gun purchases are conducted without a background check.

Moreover, acquiring a gun illegally may not be as hard as we like to imagine. When people want something, they will get it. Consider marijuana. And consider how prior to last December, Sandy Hook shooter Adam Lanza was not a felon. He was autistic and unhappy, and used his mother's guns to kill her and twenty-six innocent others.



Bad people will still get the gun.

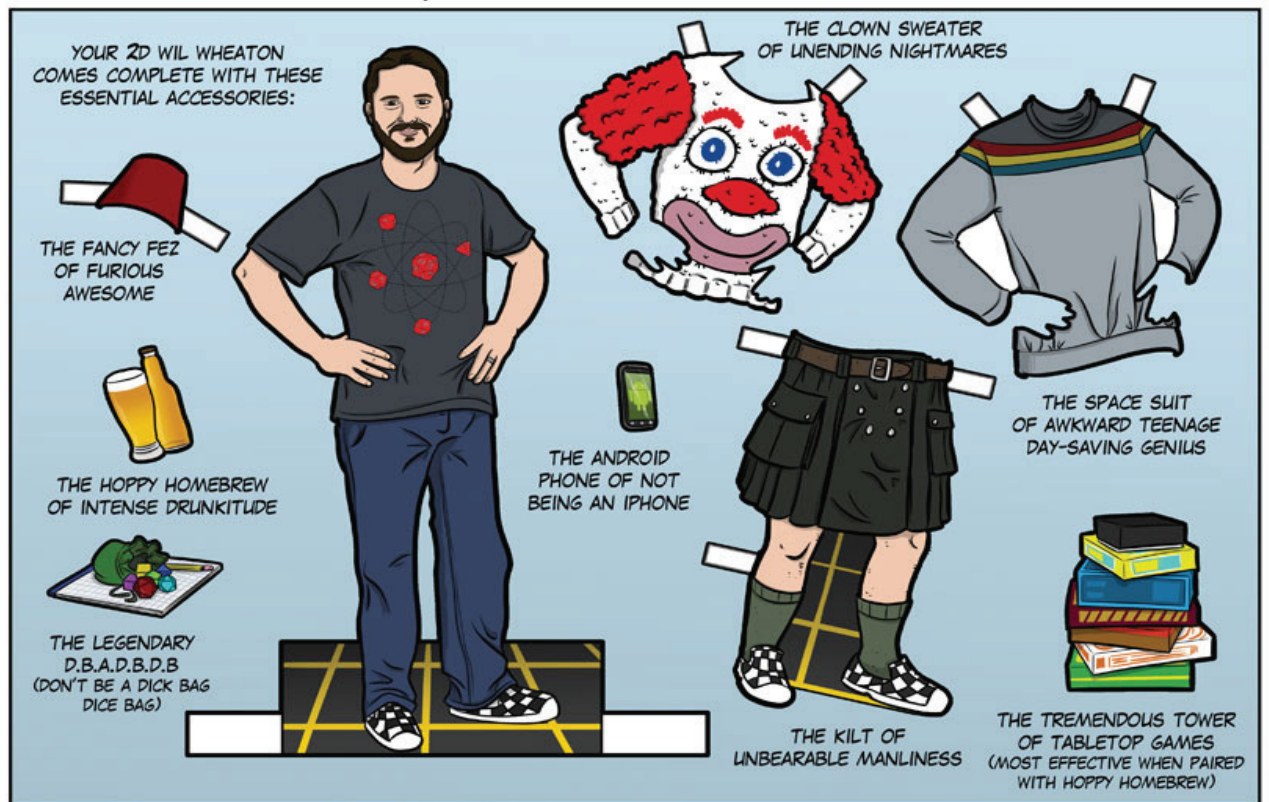
True, background checks, waiting periods and bans on large weapons will aid the problem. But why are

these measures being taken so late? Obama's bill is hardly revolutionary. Gun control has been an issue for years — it took the death of 20 kindergartners for the federal government to take steps of action.

The bill does address another looming Sandy Hook question: what do we do with our nation's sick? Obama aims to make sure that students and young adults get treatment for mental health issues. It should be noted that our current mental health system may be failing in this respect — often times, a county jail is purportedly a disturbed individual's only mental asylum, and jail time can only be achieved by committing a crime. This aspect of the bill is crucial — were Lanza provided with appropriate care, he may not have acted as he did.



"Wheaton Comic Dare: Wil Wheaton Paper Doll"



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