

Gators Men's Basketball team takes LSSCC title

Contributing Writer - The University of Houston-Downtown (UHD) men's basketball club team (9-2) captured the LSSCC title by defeating Sam Houston State University (8-3) 44-36.

It was the third win by UHD over Sam Houston State this season.

If there was ever an example of the old adage that defense wins championships, it was on full display as the Gators put the clamps on all their opponents by holding them to well below their scoring averages.

Just like in the three previous games of the weekend, the Gators got off to a hot start by taking a 12-0 lead while the defense once again held their opponents scoreless well into the game.

The Bearcats did not score their first basket until the 13:40 mark of the first half. But, as in the previous games the Gators offense stalled once again allowing the Bearcats back into the game.

And just when it was thought that UHD would lose the lead, the Gators would surge ahead with some clutch baskets fueled by timely steals and blocks. It was as though the Gators were telling their opponents "we might be having trouble scoring but we're not going to let you score either."

This pattern would repeat itself the entire weekend.

Gators Bobby Hooper and Chris Mitchell led the Gators in scoring in both the final and semifinal Sunday and both grabbed clutch rebounds. Michael McCain had another masterful day running the point and facilitating the offense. Stephen Kidd and Justin Clay wreaked havoc on defense and on the boards.

But, make no mistake, this was a total team effort.

The team ran the game plan installed by head coach Leon Trimmingham and assistant coach Houston Posey to near perfection the entire weekend. That game plan



Proud Gator Men's team display school spirit after winning the LSSCC title against Sam Houston State University. Front row kneeling, left to right: Justin Clay, Stephen Kidd. Second row standing: Assistant Coach Houston Posey, Alex Weston, Kevin Thomas, Michael McCain, Joshua Caballero, Christopher Mitchell (red cap), Arthur Jackson, Oti Ribiero. Third row standing: Bobby Hooper, Head Coach Leon Trimmingham, Domonique McKinney. Courtesy Photo

was drilled into the players by the two weeks of intense practices leading up to the tournament.

The win marked the third conference title

for the Gators and their first since fall 2007.

UHD defeated Lone Star College-Cy Fair (6-5) 47-36 in the semifinal earlier on Sunday. Sam Houston State upset previously

undefeated Texas Southern University (10-1) in the other semifinal. Gators Justin Clay and Stephen Kidd were named to the LSSCC all-tournament team.

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What one former student feels UHD needs



Dylan Osborne

Columnist

I was a student at the University of Houston-Downtown (UHD) for four semesters before I graduated last spring. In that time I found myself wanting to love my university. I really want to be proud of UHD, and in some ways I am, but the school has so much unrealized potential. From the cumbersome name to the lack of student support, UHD has a lot of issues holding it back from becoming a truly great institution.

However, the school has a lot going for it too.

Location should be one of UHD's prime assets. This school is located in the heart of the fourth largest city in the country. The City of Houston and UHD should have a deep relationship, not just between city government and the school, but between the school and the community. I feel like the university could do more to connect with local citizens, from hosting health fairs and clinics, to entertainment events in the city. Anything they can do to give students real-world experience, to help the community, and to advertise the school's name should be done. It expands the reach of the university and enriches the academic environment.

Unfortunately, any program that sends students out into the community costs money and now is not the time to ask for more money from the state. Perhaps a more aggressive push to receive grant money

would help, but I will not pretend to have all of the financial answers. That is simply too tricky of a problem with too many variables. Even going after more grant money requires hiring more people to go find the money. The school definitely needs better funding though, that is clear.

Now that I have freed myself from financial concerns I can give you a wish list of things I would like to see UHD do that I think could benefit the school and the student body. Not all of them are financially feasible. In the economy that we have none of them are probably feasible, but better times will come again.

One issue that every four-year school I have ever heard of has is bureaucracy. I understand it is a bit inevitable, but dealing with UHD can be a hassle to say the least. Go turn in this form. Wait three days, come back, and turn in this other form. Go see this person. Oops, wrong person- you got to go over here. And no you cannot call on the phone; you must be here in person. I can tell you that it does not have to be that way. Go to Lonestar College in The Woodlands. Granted it is a much smaller student body, but they go out of their way to get people in school and to keep them there. I was enrolled at Lonestar for three semesters and I was amazed by how much more user-friendly it was. UHD needs to be user-friendly.

An issue that is unique to UHD is its name. I will not rehash this tired, heated debate, but I will say I am fed up with having to explain to everyone where I graduated from. It is a dumb name, it was always a dumb name, and no matter what the costs it

should be changed. I liked the idea of Houston City University, but I am not married to that suggestion. Call it almost anything else you like, but it needs to convey to people that it is NOT the University of Houston.

Once the name is changed, or ideally during the process, the academic departments need to be expanded. More undergraduate and graduate degrees are needed. This is probably the most expensive suggestion I have, but the most important. In order to be taken seriously UHD has got to expand its academic offerings. If it were up to me, I would pick a few departments that are important to the region such as engineering or social sciences and I would expand those programs as much as possible. I would then pick a department or two that does not get as much attention from other schools in the area and target those areas for improvement.

UHD needs to give students more of a reason to enroll, other than lax standards for incoming freshmen and generous transfer requirements.

UHD will probably always be a commuter school, so student apathy will always be an issue. I would not expect the school to field a football team or invest a lot of money in athletics. However, I do expect the school to continue to grow and to give its students and alumni the best possible opportunities.

I think I have some ideas that would help and I have no doubt that the administration is continuously striving to improve the university.

They have the hard job- they have to figure out how to pay for these great new ideas.

Five Christmas gifts to always avoid

Lucha Morales

Managing Editor

That special-gift-giving, out-of-town-relatives, alcohol-overloaded, I-can't-believe-I-ate-so-much holiday is approaching faster than the speed of Santa's sleigh.

People are making last minute dashes to the store trying to find that perfect gift for that special somebody. Some started their Christmas shopping on infamous Black Friday - the all-important shopping day of the year. Yet, some people (ahem) wait until the very last minute to brave the crowds and look through piles of discarded gifts that no one would give to their dog.

Having received my fair share of "what were you thinking gifts" over the years, I feel it is my duty to share them so others do not make the same mistakes:

Money - Nothing says 'I could care less' like a wad of cash. I must admit, at times it is well needed, but not much thought goes into digging into your piggy bank. If you agree to disagree about this one I understand. The fact is if you ask for money - then no hard feelings. If your significant other says "I didn't know what to get you baby" then maybe its time to check and see if he or she needs new batteries or came with a return policy.

Chocolate and things of that sort - I do

not need chocolate, shouldn't eat chocolate and let's face it - Christmas and Valentine's Day are two separate holidays.

Appliances - the only appliance I need or desire is a flat iron or blow dryer. Any kitchen

been given to me...and it does make me wonder why. Self help books say "You need improvement NOW!" If someone can recognize your faults and call you on them that is understandable, but doing so on a holiday does not bring much cheer. Thinking a book will solve the problem...well...that is a whole other story. Cross out this item on your Christmas list now.

Clothes - Unless you know exact sizes, shapes, brands, or you are friends with a personal stylist, stay away from this all together. The wrong size, color or fit could make that special someone feel like you don't know him or her at all. If your significant other wants



en appliance is a reminder of...the kitchen. Who wants to be reminded of cooking on a holiday? Especially if the party is not at your house! Unless you are dating Betty Crocker or the appliance is requested, household appliances should never be given.

Self help books - Yes, this tragic gift has

some new duds, then you now have permission to give that ever-so-impersonal gift of money (but stick it in a nice card and tell them you wanted them to get the clothes they wanted).

For those that needed this help, consider this the best gift you have ever gotten.

The fashion no-no's every man should know



Ali Fazal

Staff Columnist

There is a lot of pressure from society concerning personal appearance, and the world we live in is cruel, cold and unforgiving; especially when it comes to aesthetics.

While much of this focus goes towards the fairer sex, men face their own form of high standards, too. Let's be honest, Ryan Gosling and Brad Pitt are not really known for their insightful thoughts on foreign affairs. In this day and age, we are cruel to everyone, men included. So while I strive to smash out this prejudice in daily life, every once in a while, an evil little voice in my head sees someone on campus dressed poorly, and I can not stop myself from insulting them viciously in my head. I have no authority to tell women what to wear, but for all the fellas on campus, here are some faux-pas' that will have even the most compassionate of souls thinking you dress in the dark.

Sandals with socks - I get it dudes, sandals are super comfy. The cushiony soles and light-weight simple design makes our feet think walking around campus is a tropical mini-break. I also know that it is unfortunately cold in random areas on campus, but sandals plus socks is one equation that even nerds on campus can not solve. It looks hid-



Socks with sandals is the number one fashion no-no and should always be avoided. Courtesy photo

eous and really is the worst of both worlds. Either bite the bullet and wear proper shoes, or let your little piggies weather the cold. Beware, Crocs are not a delightful alternative here. If you own a pair of those, you're probably too far gone to heed my advice.

Backpacks on wheels - I'm not one

for perpetuating outdated gender stereotypes (and I do love me a mani-pedi once a month), but if you can not carry all your books on your back, your man card needs to be revoked. If daredevils can climb Mount Everest with nothing more than a simple backpack, why do you need a piece of lug-

gage to haul around four textbooks? If you are in law school or medical school, you might get a pass due to the heft of your textbooks. As for everyone else, you might want to steer that wheeled monstrosity to the back of your closet and develop Gosling-like biceps by carrying your own stuff around.

Tie-dye shirts - Sure, the 1970s were an appealing blend of group sex and bra burning, but that era is never coming back. By wearing psychedelic t-shirts, you run the risk of looking like you raided your grandfather's closet and that you may be a little unkempt and bizarre. Some might be eager to label tie-dye 'vintage', but those people obviously suffer from either color-blindness or extremely poor taste.

Glasses that do NOTHING - I know hipsters nationwide have cultivated an odd phenomenon in which decorative rimmed glasses make the wearer look artsy and unique, but this is probably the worst style mishap of them all. If you wear glasses to aid your vision that is absolutely fine (although, you could consider contact lenses). For those walking around with hipster glasses and 20/20 vision, next time you are flawlessly reading off of the eye chart at the doctor's office, you might want to make a brief stop in the psych ward. It is time to donate the glasses to a worthy Urkel-impersonator and go back to seeing the world in living color, without a piece of clear glass in your way.

Editor for UHD student newspaper needed for 2011-12 academic year.

The Student Publications Advisory Committee is seeking applicants for the position of **editor** for *Dateline:Downtown*, the student-run, bi-weekly newspaper at UHD. Position begins in later summer to prepare an edition for the beginning of the Fall 2011 semester, and candidates are expected to commit to the job for the entire 2011-12 academic year. Duties include working cooperatively with student business manager and faculty adviser, developing and managing a stable of day and evening student freelance writers to cover news and events on campus and in the campus neighborhood of NoDo and Washington St. Must know page-making software program Adobe InDesign and have the skills to post the newspaper and articles online and to maintain the *Dateline:Downtown* web site. The paper needs stories written both in advance of, and as follow-up to, events of interest to students, including student activities and organizations, academics, athletics and lifestyle, university administration, and student government, as well as cultural coverage of theatre, film, music, sports, and the arts. Typical commitment is 20 hours/week; pay is \$450 per issue for a scheduled 14 issues. Qualifications include at least sophomore standing; at least one semester in residence at UHD; successful completion of basic writing and/or communications courses; and the maintenance of at least a 3.0 GPA. Applications are sought immediately and will be accepted until the position is filled. To apply, download application and forward with writing samples via email to Dateline adviser, Dr. Anthony Chiaviello, at Chiavielloa@uhd.edu.

Business/Sales Manager for UHD student newspaper needed for 2011-12 academic year.

The Student Publications Advisory Committee is seeking applicants for the position of **business/sales manager** for *Dateline:Downtown*, the student-run bi-weekly newspaper at UHD. Flexible beginning date, but candidates are expected to commit for the entire 2011-12 academic year. Job emphasis is on budget accounting and advertising sales, and successful candidate will have a strong orientation toward personal selling and developing advertising revenue to permit the growth of the paper. Duties include managing business and financial matters for the paper, in cooperation with the student editor and adviser, and expanding the sales of advertising space in the paper, including to businesses in the campus neighborhoods of NoDo and Washington St. Successful candidate will train on PeopleSoft accounting system for payroll and accounts. Typical commitment is 20 hours/week; salary is \$750 per month, plus 15% commission on ad sales. Qualifications include at least sophomore standing; at least one semester at UHD; successful completion of basic business courses; and the maintenance of at least a 2.5 GPA. Applications are sought immediately and will be accepted until March 31 or until the position is filled. To apply, download application and forward with letter detailing qualifications via email to Dateline adviser, Dr. Anthony Chiaviello, at Chiavielloa@uhd.edu.

UHD MBA program ready for Spring 2012

Aaron Stommel

Staff Writer

The University of Houston-Downtown (UHD) will offer a Master's of Business Administration (MBA) Program in Spring of 2012, designed with smaller class sizes and convenient class times for students working full-time.

Dr. Donald Bates, the Dean of UHD's College of Business, feels the program is well-designed.

Bates and the faculty wanted "to create an innovative and outstanding MBA program that will prepare business leaders with the knowledge, tools and critical-thinking skills needed to lead organizations," said Bates.

Bates has a very simple directive regarding the curriculum: "If an executive doesn't use it - don't teach it."

MBA programs are designed to offer further education in specialized areas such as finance, marketing, human resources or operations management. According to the UHD Website, "[the MBA] program has been created for motivated people who want to continue working in their full-time professional position while also pursuing graduate education. The MBA program at UHD is structured so that individuals spend

just two evenings a week at UHD while in graduate study."

Although other masters programs at UHD are designed in the same two-year, smaller class size and individualized plans for graduate students, the MBA program is the newest of the masters offered at UHD. Other masters programs include the Master of Science in Professional Writing and Technical Communication, Master of Science in Criminal Justice, Master of Arts in Teaching and Master of Security Management for Executives.

It will be possible for full-time students to earn their degree in only two academic years because the program will use a hybrid format combining in-person and online classes that are delivered in 8-week terms. Students enrolling in the MBA program will be able to receive individualized attention and greater interaction with the faculty and other students because of the potential for smaller class sizes. These smaller classes will also allow students the opportunity to create a strong network of colleagues.

The UHD MBA gained approval by the University Of Houston (UH) System Board Of Regents on February 16, 2011. The College of Business began accepting applications on May 1, 2011 for the Spring 2012.



Courtesy photo from UHD MBA Brochure

2011 Black Friday sales higher than 2010

Taylor Luce

Staff Writer

The Black Friday weekend ended on a high note this year, with stores reporting higher sales than in 2010.

Black Friday and now Cyber Monday (the Monday after Thanksgiving where companies give big discounts to online shoppers) are usually the hit in the pocket the retail sector needs to push through the holidays and into the next year.

Economists are happy with the results of this year's Black Friday. Despite high unemployment rates, Americans managed to beat last year's totals, and even surpassed the expectations set by economists for this year.

According to Kimberly Amadeo from About.com, the National Retail Association (NRF) had forecasted an increase in total holiday sales (which includes the whole shopping season, not just Black Friday) of 2.8 percent, or \$465 billion. Consumers spent a total of \$52.4 billion in the three days after Thanksgiving, making retail forecasts for the season plausible.

Black Friday also marks the beginning of seasonal temp jobs, which temporarily helps drop the national unemployment rate.

Despite the extra flow of cash, the NRF estimates only 480 thousand to 500 thousand seasonal workers will be hired this year, which is in line with last year's 495 thousand seasonal workers.

However, adding in the additional 100



Courtesy ichart from National Retail Federation

thousand non-seasonal jobs the retail industry has already added since August, there is an increase from last year's numbers.

All those workers were needed, as stores opened even earlier than last year's Black Friday madness. Wal-Mart and Old Navy did not wait for Thanksgiving to end, and

the retail giants opened their doors to shoppers at 10p.m.

"Stuffed to the brim from their holiday meals and eager to shop, more consumers than ever turned out for retailers' Black Friday promotions, a promising sign for the economic recovery," said NRF President

and CEO Matthew Shay.

A survey conducted by the NRF found that 28.7 million people shopped online and at stores on Thanksgiving Day, up from 22.2 million last year.

To deal with the large amounts of people coming out to shop on Black Friday, the NRF released crowd management guidelines.

The guidelines "offer specific checklists for retailers to use when working on a crowd management plan" and go over "the factors that retailers should take into account for their emergency and crowd control plans." These guidelines are written to help retailers control the big crowds that are common in the holiday season, and especially Black Friday. In 2008 a seasonal worker at Wal-Mart was trampled to death by a mob of Black Friday shoppers.

Although this Black Friday spending spree brought in more money than the previous few years, it was average compared to the 2008 shopping season.

Amadeo thinks that this year's "increase could be because shoppers have delayed big purchases during the year to take advantage of holiday sales." Also, 60 percent of shoppers polled said they were buying non-gift items for themselves. These factors support a trend which has been called a "shift to thrift."

Americans may be buying more things and spending more money, but the focus is on buying higher quality items and incurring less credit card debt.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Aries animal
- 4 Mariner's venue
- 7 Dutch cheese
- 11 Notion
- 13 Peculiar
- 14 Loosen
- 15 Witty poet Ogden
- 16 Zero
- 17 React in horror
- 18 Southern speech
- 20 Neap, for one
- 22 Charged particle
- 24 Looseleaf notebook
- 28 Green-eyed
- 32 Paris river
- 33 Eager, and then some
- 34 Spigot
- 36 Contemporary of Virgil
- 37 Whom Jason jilted
- 39 Transport to Oz
- 41 Tangles
- 43 Trouble
- 44 Mr. Gingrich
- 46 Broomstick passenger
- 50 Apple's center
- 53 Noah's boat

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- 56 Renders speechless
- 57 Regret
- 58 Ogler's look
- 59 Charlotte's creations
- 60 "Family Guy" daughter
- 61 Newcomer to society
- DOWN**
- 1 Peel
- 2 Hebrew month
- 3 Small plateau
- 4 Bart, to Homer
- 5 Tend texts
- 6 Wing it
- 7 12-Down playwright
- 8 "CSI" evidence
- 9 Billboards
- 10 Swab the deck
- 12 Comedy that debuted on Broadway in 1933
- 19 Privy
- 21 Affront (Sl.)
- 23 Kook
- 25 Prima donna
- 26 Oklahoma city
- 27 Start over
- 28 Gets stuck
- 29 Divisible by two
- 30 Verdi opera
- 31 Perched
- 35 "Wham!"
- 38 Hearty brew
- 40 Tier
- 42 Honey bunch?
- 45 Verifiable
- 47 — the line (behaved)
- 48 Saskatchewan tribe
- 49 KFC additive
- 50 Crow's cry
- 51 Have debts
- 52 CSA soldier
- 54 Small barrel

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: **A** equals **D**

NQ Z CZNK VQ AXUVBO YZA SYX
 OZUX RIAAW, N OICCVOX YX'A
 KXZJJW RX Z UISIZJ QNXBA.

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
 is **LONGFELLOW**

One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

OQ ER QOYZR JFG PFU'R
 ZGMMLP, JFG'YL PFOUW
 ECFGR EBLYEWL. - DLFUEYP
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
 ★★★ HOO BOY!

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



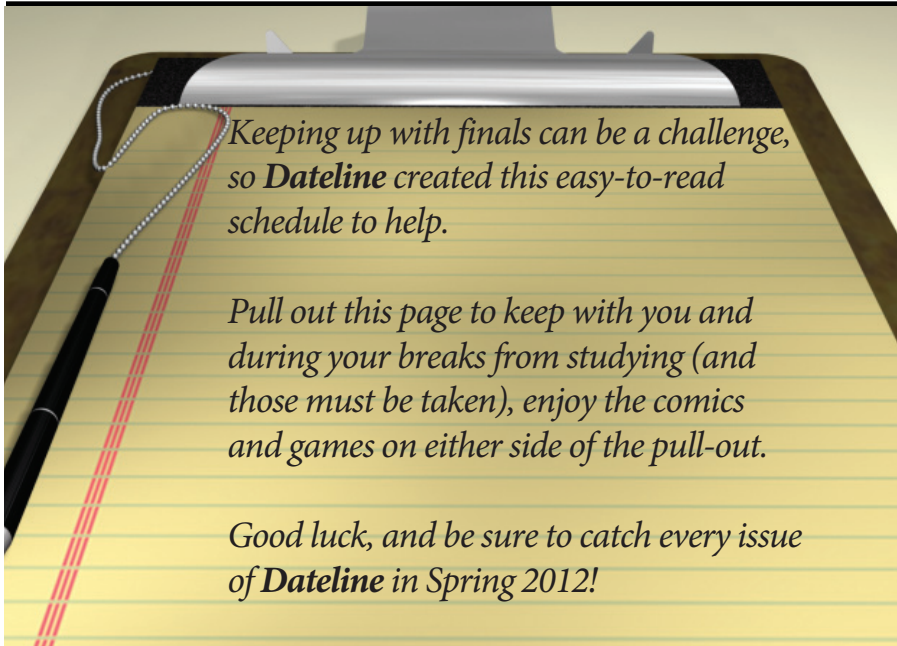
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If two or more of your classes have overlapping final exam times, please contact your instructors for those classes.

Monday Only Classes

CLASS TIMES		FINAL EXAM TIMES		
Begin Time	End Time	Exam Date	Get There At	Finally Done At
9:00 AM	9:50 AM	12-Dec	9:00 AM	11:30 AM
1:00 PM	1:50 PM	12-Dec	1:00 PM	3:30 PM
1:00 PM	3:45 PM	12-Dec	1:00 PM	3:30 PM
5:30 PM	6:20 PM	12-Dec	5:30 PM	8:00 PM
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5:30 PM	8:15 PM	12-Dec	5:30 PM	8:00 PM
5:30 PM	9:10 PM	12-Dec	5:30 PM	8:00 PM
7:00 PM	9:45 PM	12-Dec	7:00 PM	9:30 PM
Conflicts with exam time for classes meeting: M 5:30pm-8:00pm				

Tuesday Only Classes

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Begin Time	End Time	Exam Date	Get There At	Finally Done At
8:30 AM	11:15 AM	13-Dec	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
9:00 AM	9:50 AM	13-Dec	9:00 AM	11:30 AM
Conflicts with exam time for classes meeting: TR 10:00-11:15am, TR 10:00 AM				
10:00 AM	12:45 PM	13-Dec	10:00 AM	12:30 PM
Conflicts with exam time for classes meeting: T 9:00am-9:50am				
1:00 PM	1:50 PM	13-Dec	1:00 PM	3:30 PM
1:00 PM	3:45 PM	13-Dec	1:00 PM	3:30 PM
1:00 PM	4:40 PM	13-Dec	1:00 PM	3:30 PM
4:00 PM	6:45 PM	13-Dec	4:00 PM	6:30 PM
5:30 PM	8:15 PM	13-Dec	5:30 PM	8:00 PM
5:30 PM	9:10 PM	13-Dec	5:30 PM	8:00 PM
7:00 PM	9:45 PM	13-Dec	7:00 PM	9:30 PM
8:30 PM	9:20 PM	13-Dec	8:30 PM	11:00 PM
8:30 PM	11:15 PM	13-Dec	8:30 PM	11:00 PM

Wednesday Only Classes

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Begin Time	End Time	Exam Date	Get There At	Finally Done At
8:30 AM	11:15 AM	14-Dec	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
11:00 AM	11:50 AM	14-Dec	11:00 AM	1:30 PM
Conflicts with exam time for classes meeting: MW 12noon-12:50pm				
1:00 PM	1:50 PM	7-Dec	1:00 PM	3:30 PM
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1:00 PM	4:40 PM	7-Dec	1:00 PM	3:30 PM
5:30 PM	8:15 PM	14-Dec	5:30 PM	8:00 PM
7:00 PM	9:45 PM	7-Dec	7:00 PM	9:30 PM
8:30 PM	11:15 PM	14-Dec	8:30 PM	11:00 PM

Thursday Only Classes

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Begin Time	End Time	Exam Date	Get There At	Finally Done At
8:30 AM	11:15 AM	8-Dec	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
10:00 AM	12:45 PM	8-Dec	10:00 AM	12:30 PM
Conflicts with exam time for classes meeting: TR 8:30am-9:20am				
11:00 AM	11:50 AM	8-Dec	11:00 AM	1:30 PM
Conflicts with exam time for classes meeting: TR 12noon-12:50pm				
1:00 PM	2:15 PM	15-Dec	1:00 PM	3:30 PM
1:00 PM	3:45 PM	15-Dec	1:00 PM	3:30 PM
1:00 PM	4:40 PM	15-Dec	1:00 PM	3:30 PM
5:30 PM	6:20 PM	8-Dec	5:30 PM	8:00 PM
5:30 PM	8:15 PM	8-Dec	5:30 PM	8:00 PM
7:00 PM	9:45 PM	15-Dec	7:00 PM	9:30 PM
8:30 PM	11:15 PM	15-Dec	8:30 PM	11:00 PM

Friday Only Classes


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Begin Time	End Time	Exam Date	Get There At	Finally Done At
8:30 AM	11:15 AM	9-Dec	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
9:00 AM	9:50 AM	16-Dec	9:00 AM	11:30 AM
9:00 AM	12:45 PM	16-Dec	9:00 AM	11:30 AM
10:00 AM	12:00 Noon	9-Dec	10:00 AM	12:30 PM
11:30 AM	2:15 PM	9-Dec	11:30 AM	2:00 PM
1:00 PM	3:45 PM	9-Dec	1:00 PM	3:30 PM
2:30 PM	5:15 PM	16-Dec	2:30 PM	5:00 PM
4:00 PM	6:45 PM	9-Dec	4:00 PM	6:30 PM
5:30 PM	8:15 PM	9-Dec	5:30 PM	8:00 PM

Saturday Only Classes

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If you have class every Monday and
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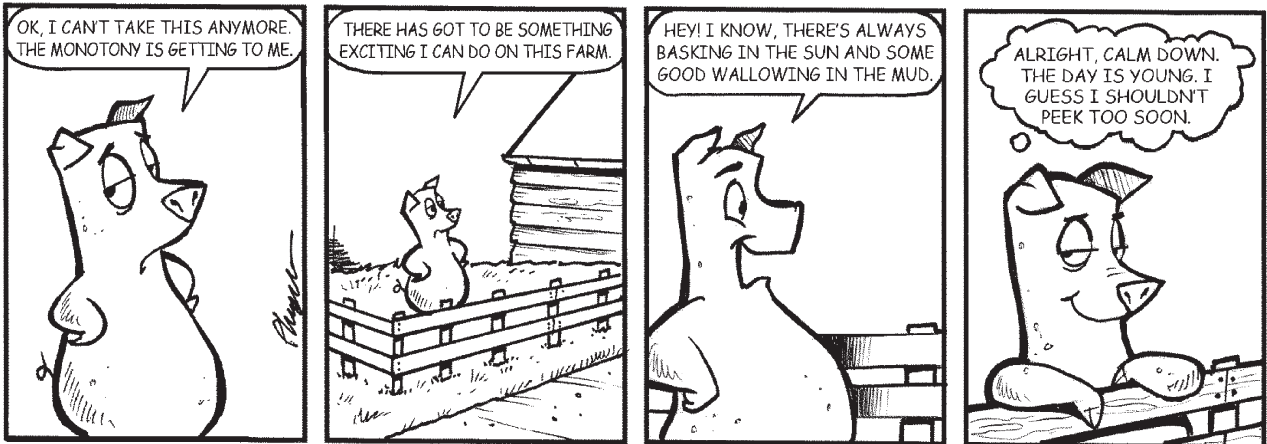
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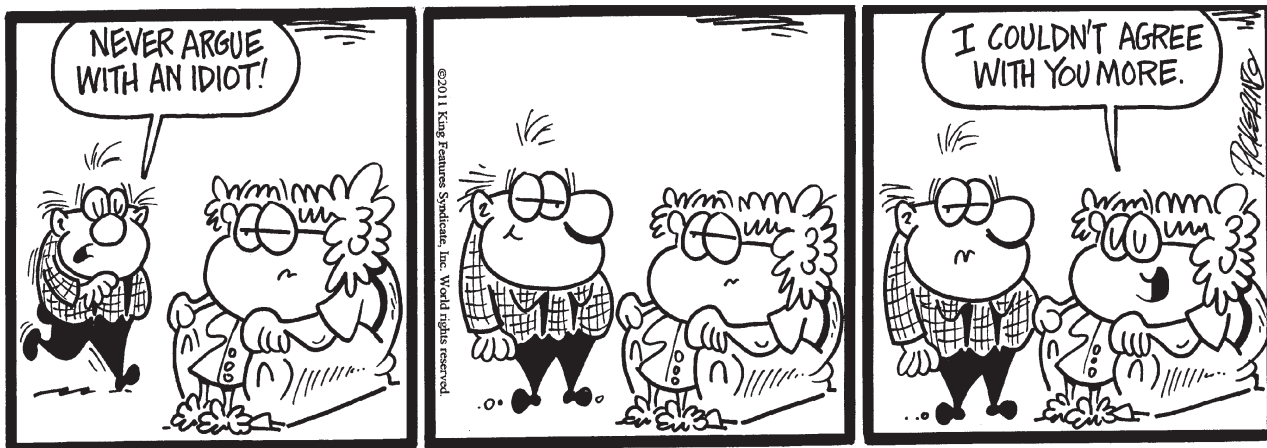
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Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

The Spats



by Jeff Pickering

Walk one flight up...
Or two flights down!

You'll burn calories
and save time!

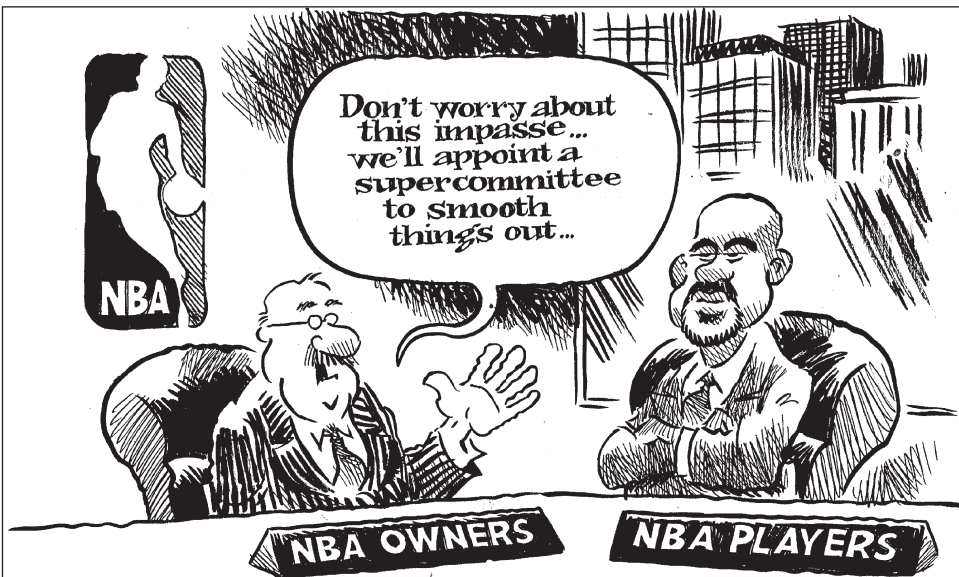
Be Kind to Elevators!

— **King Crossword** —
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Solution time: 21 mins.

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— **Weekly SUDOKU** —
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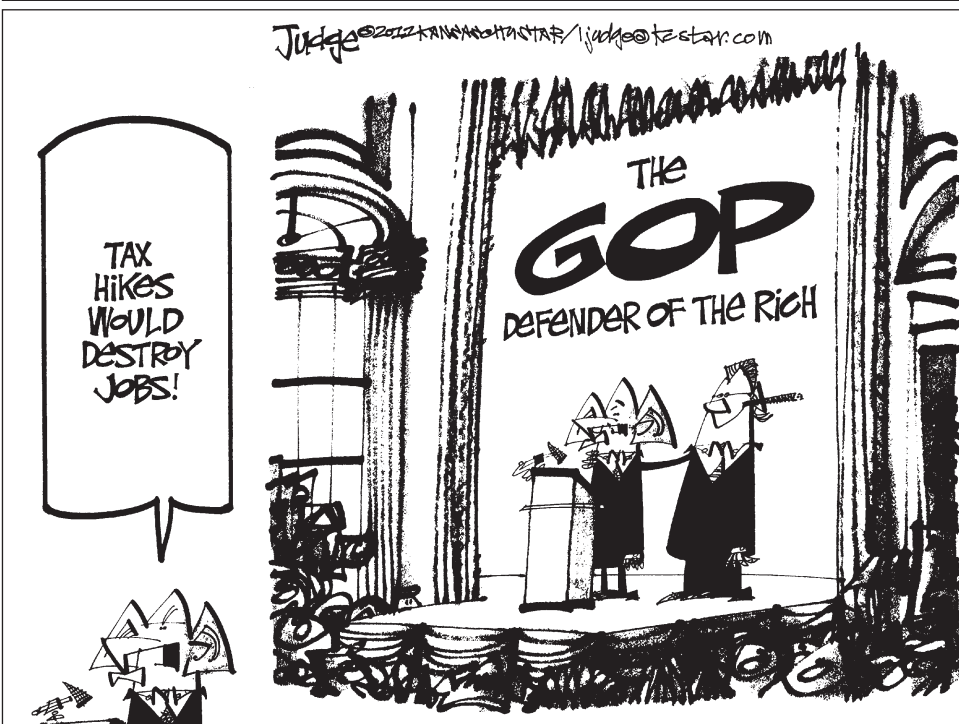
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If a pair of demons had the same buddy, I suppose he'd really be a mutual fiend.

CryptoQuote

answer

If at first you don't succeed, you're doing about average. - Leonard Louis Levinson



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STRANGE BUT TRUE

by Samantha Weaver

- It was English biologist Thomas Henry Huxley who made the following sage observation: "Irrationally held truths may be more harmful than reasoned errors."
- If you put your rubber bands in the refrigerator, they'll last longer.
- It's not just the tiger's fur that has stripes; its skin is striped, too.
- You probably know that the iconic film "Rocky" starred Sylvester Stallone in the leading role, but you might not be aware of the fact that he wrote the script, as well. The sale of the rights to the script came just in time; he had a total of \$106 in his bank account and was trying to sell his dog for lack of the means to feed it.
- In the winter of 1932, Niagara Falls froze solid.
- Madame Tussaud started creating her famous wax figures in 1777 and created many models during the French Revolution. She traveled around Europe displaying wax figures (both the ones she created and ones she inherited from her mentor), and she opened her first museum in London in 1831. Today there are branches located in the United Kingdom, Amsterdam, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Vienna, Moscow, Bangkok, Dubai, Berlin and Hamburg, plus five U.S. locations. It's appropriate that there are more locations in American than in any other country, since so many Hollywood celebrities are recreated in the museums.
- Those who study such things say that apples are more effective than caffeine at waking you up in the morning.
- It's not clear why, but a duck's quack doesn't create echoes.

Thought for the Day: "The trouble with being punctual is that nobody's there to appreciate it." -- Franklin P. Jones

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Student Organization Olympics is a win-win

Contributing Writer - Everyone came out a winner in the 2nd bi-annual UHD Student Organization Olympics, held by the Student Government Association.

The event which started in the Spring 2011 semester continued this semester under the leadership of SGA Senator Andro Charbim, Senator Isaac Valdez and Chief Justice Alan Hester.

The Olympics was initiated to help facilitate student organizations and their leaders to get out of their daily routines and come together with the hopes that the connections made will continue into the next semester.

The student organizations that participated include:

- Professional Accounting Society (PAS)
- International Business Association (IBA)
- The Environmental Club (EVC)
- The Spanish Club
- Student Government Association (SGA)

Each organization's president assumed the role of Head Coach, which was Alan Hester of PAS, Andro Charbim of IBA, Isaac Valdez of EVC, Adriana Noyola of the Spanish Club and Alex Eiley of SGA.

The following tournaments played were:

- Volley Ball
- Dodge Ball
- Tug-of-War
- Ultimate Challenge Course

Just about every organization that participated placed in the competition:

- Volley Ball - 1st Place, EVC, 2nd Place,



Fall 2011 participants in the Student Organization Olympics gather for the winning photo. Courtesy photo. IBA, 3rd Place, PAS

- Dodge Ball - 1st Place, EVC, Tied for 2nd Place, PAS and IBA
- Tug-of-War - 1st Place, SGA, 2nd Place, PAS, 3rd Place, EVC
- Ultimate Challenge - 1st Place, IBA, 2nd Place, PAS, 3rd Place, EVC

"It's a tradition we plan to continue and grow with other student organizations on campus," said Charbin.

With the support of the Associate Direc-

tor of Student Activities Michelle Falcon and SGA President Alex Eiley and Joint Students Organization Committee plan to promote the Student Organization Olympics even more this coming Spring semester.

Alan Hester, Chief Justice of the Student Government Association and Co-Chair of the Joint Student Organization Committee, strongly support the event.

"This is a great opportunity for all of the student groups on campus to come together,

show pride for their university and organizations that they represent. It is also a great way to make new friends and partners and I strongly encourage every student group to come and be a part of the fun and success," said Hester.

The next event is tentatively scheduled for April 2012. SGA plans to form a committee in the early part of the spring semester to plan the competitions.

Holiday fun in and around Houston

Aaron Stommel

Staff Writer

This holiday season give thanks that Houston is a city with a vast array of holiday-themed activities, many of them free.

Saturday, Dec. 10 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., visit Sugarland Town Square for Movies Under the Moon. Bring family, friends and lawn chairs to enjoy a free holiday screening of Will Ferrell's movie, "ELF!" at their outdoor plaza located at 15958 City Walk, Sugar Land, Texas 77479

Sunday, Dec. 11 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. join the 6th annual H-E-B Feast of Sharing, an annual holiday dinner where complete holiday meals and good cheer are provided to 250,000 residents in Texas. According to H-E-B's Website, "The Feast of Sharing is the culmination of a year-round commitment H-E-B makes to fighting hunger." Not only can participants have a holiday meal, but they can revel in music, enjoy arts and crafts as well as kid's activities. The activities will be held at the George R. Brown Convention Center, Exhibit Hall E, 1001 Avenida de las America Houston, TX 77010.

Wednesday, Dec. 14 from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. visit the Scenic Woods Regional Library for their Scenic Woods Winter



Sugarland Town Square, Sugarland, TX. Courtesy photo.

Wonderland. Celebrate the Christmas Season with food, family and fun. Families can play games and win door prizes. The Scenic Woods Regional Library is located at 10677 Homestead, Houston, TX 77016.

Saturday, Dec. 17 in Old Town Katy from

10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Katy Market Days will present its Second Annual Old Fashioned Christmas Festival. There will be fresh produce, arts and crafts, antiques and jewelry for sale, hot cocoa, food, coffee and great entertainment as well. There will be actual

snow for children to play in and a visit from Santa Claus! A canned food drive will also be held in all participating shops. All profits will go to Katy Christian Ministry. Old Town Katy, Avenue B, Katy, TX 77493.

2011 Top-ten gift guide - the realistic version

Taylor Luce

Staff Writer

The holiday season is upon us, and the gift guides have been scoured to bring you the most popular gift ideas for this year.

Finding that perfect gift can be tricky, especially on a college student's budget, but this list will show both the original gift with cheaper alternatives.

The gift that is on most of America's wish list is the iPad, but at \$499 (apple.com) for the base model, it can be out of reach for many. A comparable tablet, for those who do not strictly adhere to Apple products, is the new Amazon Fire. Although the screen is smaller, the Fire shares a lot of the same features as the iPad. It has the same size processor, it has a web browser and it is Wi-Fi enabled. Unlike the iPad, it has stereo speakers and can support flash. The Fire is only \$199 (amazon.com), a great deal for price-conscious consumers.

For those who like to take their music everywhere, Beats earbud headphones by Dr. Dre (\$149.99, bestbuy.com) would be a wonderful gift. The earbud's ergonomic design fits comfortably in the ear, and funnels sound straight through the ear canal. For people who listen to music mostly while they work or exercise, the Pioneer Water-Resistant earbud headphones might be a better choice. At only \$59.99 (pioneerelectronics.com), these earbuds also feature an ergonomic design, and can be worn safely while outside in the elements. They also come in four different colors to suit any wish list.

Gaming systems come in a wide variety of colors and styles, but the most popular systems for college students are the PS3 (\$324.97, bundle at bestbuy.com) and the Xbox (\$439.96, bundle at bestbuy.com). Most people would say the type of system you buy should depend on the types of games you like to play, and for PS3 and Xbox gamers, those would be shooters. Both

were on nearly every list this season. While searching for alternatives, however, a few were found: Incolor 3D Eyewear (\$29.99,

perpetualkid.com) and gummy worms (\$27.95) are popping up everywhere, but for the extremely frugal gift giver, the regular sized candies are just as sweet—just not as fun.

Footed pajamas are making a comeback, and you can snag a pair for just \$24.99 at Target.

Justin Bieber and Lady GaGa merchandise is also extremely popular this year, but the only suggestion on those gifts is to buy less Bieber and GaGa gifts than you originally planned for.

The last item is an oldie but a goodie: the gift card. You can not please everyone, and some people prefer a gift card so they can buy exactly what they want. Gift cards are perfect for college students because any amount can be put on a card—although it might be seen as rude to give a card with less than a dollar on it.

If you are still not sure about what to buy for your family and friends this year, try out the gift finder at <http://gifts.com>. This Website allows users to browse through gifts sorted by sex, age and interests.

No matter the gift, whether given or received, just keep in mind what the season is all about. Love, peace and humanity that should be extended to all of mankind, all year round.



amazon.com), which apparently allow you to play 3D games like Batman Arkham City on your regular 2D TV. Their usability may be low, but they might be the perfect gift for a gamer friend.

For the beer-drinker in your life, a beer of the month club (\$31.95 per month, amazonbeerclub.com) is "the gift that keeps on giving." The more adventurous types might enjoy brewing their own beer at home with a kit (\$39.95, mrbeer.com).

Giant gummy bears (\$12.45 to \$34.95,

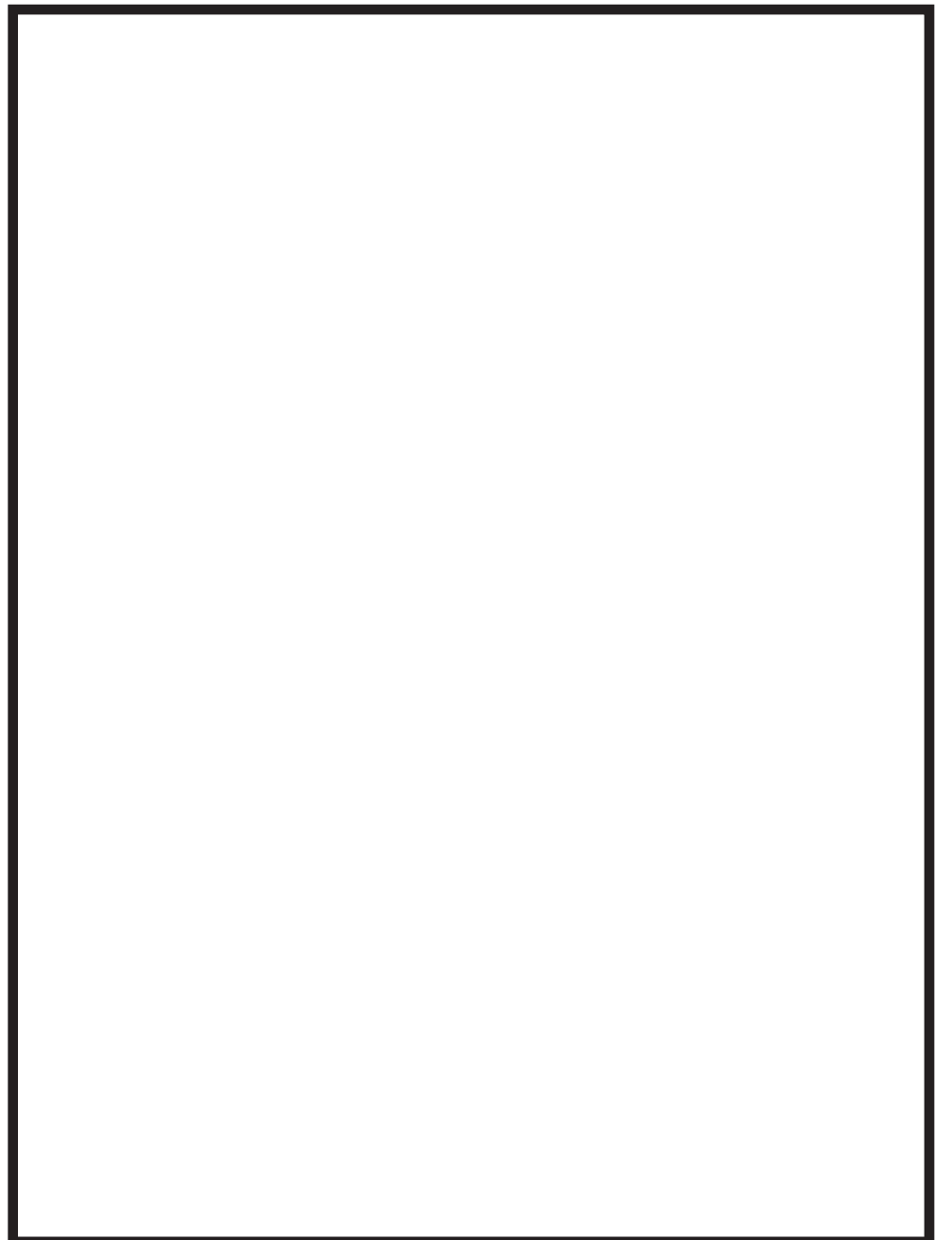
The New Amazon Kindle Fire



Small point and shoot camera's, like the new Nikon 1 (\$649.95, shop.nikonusa.com), are a popular choice this year. For those only wanting to upgrade from a camera phone, a smaller point and shoot like the Canon Power Shot A3300 (\$159.99, bestbuy.com) is a less expensive option—especially for amateur photographers.

systems offer Wii-style game play, with the PS3's PlayStation Move and the Xbox's Kinect system. Yet each system breaks the break of college students on a budget. The only solution: find a couple other people who will go in on a group-gift with you.

3D televisions (starting at \$549.99 at bestbuy.com) top the guide because they



UHD Gator joins the UHD Chamber Choir

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Staff Writer

The Gator dropped by to surprise the University of Houston-Downtown (UHD) Chamber Choir during a performance held Nov. 30.

The University of Houston-Downtown (UHD) Department of Arts and Humanities offered a free Winter Concert on the third floor of the Academic Building, offering students a nice break in the rush of final projects and final exams. The stars of the concert were the UHD Chamber Choir in a mixed chamber ensemble.

Chamber music is a form of classical music, written for a small group of instruments that most broadly includes any art music that is performed by a small number of performers with one performer to a part though it does not usually contain any solo parts. Because of its intimate nature, chamber music has been described as the music of friends. Playing chamber music requires special skills, both musical and social, which are different from the skills required for playing solo or symphonic works.

David Waterman, cellist of the Endellion Quartet, has written that the chamber mu-

sician "needs to balance assertiveness and flexibility." Arnold Steinhardt, first violinist of the Guarneri Quartet, notes that "many musicians cannot take the strain of going mano a mano with the same three people year after year" which leads to a frequent turnover of players.

The concert at UHD featured songs such as "We Will Be a Shelter For Each Other," "Slumber On" and Christmas carol favorites "Away In a Manger" and "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day." In fact, during "Away in a Manger" Ed U. Gator stopped by and joined in with the choir. Towards the last half of the concert there was a surprise rendition of Sonia Fernandez singing *Revelation Song* and accompanied by Analie Cuadras on the piano in a rousing celebration of the Christmas season.

Another very good song performed was "Kwaheri," a traditional Kenya/Tanzania song arranged by Brian Tate. According to a flyer available at the concert the translation of the lyrics are "Goodbye dear friend; we will meet again if God wills it." This song had a very good beat assisted by the addition of a single bongo drum.

A few of the songs got off to a rocky start with some of the choir members not joining in, the presentation being only medio-

cre and the misplacement of a microphone. The show overall, however, was very good, bringing back memories of classic holiday

cartoons and past Christmas seasons spent with friends and family.



UHD mascot, The Gator, stopped by to join the Chamber Choir during a performance held in the Academic Building on Nov. 30. Photo by Aaron Stommel

"Breaking Dawn" leaves viewers with unanswered questions

Whitney Barrett

Staff Writer

For all the "Twilight" fans out there the wait was over.

"Twilight: Breaking Dawn", part one of the fourth film in the *Twilight* series opened Nov. 18. No shock that millions flocked to see this vampire and wolf filled film.

Directed by Bill Condon and based on the hit novel "Breaking Dawn" by Stephenie Meyer, "Twilight: Breaking Dawn" gives die heart "Twilight" fans their money worth.

Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart) and Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson) are finally going to tie the knot. This of course does not sit well with Bella's childhood friend Jacob Black (Taylor Lautner), who, as seen in the previous films, harbors a deep love for Bella.

Treating Jacob as though they never shared anything special, Bella marries Edward for reasons that seem to be centered on the fact that she wants to become a vampire.

After a perfect fairy-tale like wedding, Edward and Bella brisk off to Brazil for a luxurious honeymoon hideaway on the beach. The morning after their wedding night, Bella wakes up black and blue with bruises, the frame of the bed is broken, all the furniture is tossed around, the draperies shredded and the feathers of the torn pillows are everywhere.

What on earth happened to cause all that?

The film does not go into details, even though it was the most eagerly awaited deflowering in recent movie history. Since the first film viewers have watched Edward and



Bella's uncanny love, but the one major moment of consummating their love is simply skipped. There was certainly a way for directors to create the special moment and still keep it on a PG-13 level; at least they could have attempted it.

It is clear Edward and Bella have consummated their marriage, but a random surprise happens that startles them both a few days after. Bella vomits one morning, discovering she is late and pregnant. Edward, who is a vampire, may indeed be dead but as explained he is still producing sperm.

Despite the fact that Bella should be pretty sure her baby with the vampire would definitely not be normal, she demands to have the baby.

Despite the many unanswered questions

in the film, *Breaking Dawn-Part 1* is absorbing. A little slow paced but promising, it has a way of drawing viewers in and making them want to know what will happen next in these characters lives.

The childbirth scene is without a doubt was the greatest attention grabber of the film, despite the whole appearance of an immaculate conception.

Kristen Stewart's acting is decent in this film, which is a huge surprise compared to the previous films when her performances were less-than acclaimed. The film could have benefitted from more scenes developing her thought on married life and on the whole pregnancy.

Abortion is hinted but not surprisingly quickly rejected, fueling the controversy on

this film that many have about it being a constant public announcement. No sex before marriage, abortion is wrong...etc.

All in all, it delivers the highs and emotional drama that was sure to play out.

Fans can only hope that many of the unanswered questions get answered concerning the whole vampire/human baby and Bella's immortality in the next part to this fourth and final installment of the "Twilight" saga.

The wait for such answers continues and just like "Harry Potter: The Deathly Hallows Part 1", anticipation builds for the next movie in which we shall bid adieu to the characters of the "Twilight" saga.

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