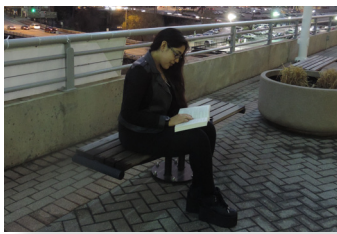




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On-campus job opportunities denied



International students are only allowed to work on-campus, but are frequently denied. Now, the ISO is speaking up to help international students find job opportunities on-campus. *courtesy of ISO*

UHD

by Theodore Shull
News Editor

International students attending the UHD face difficulties in finding on-campus employment because most positions are only open to students who are granted Federal Work Study.

"These students face significant competition from domestic students for limited positions because the positions are not funded through Federal Work Study," said Brian Nguyen, UHD Assistant Director of International Admissions.

The positions that international students are eligible to apply for are student assistant jobs. The students are hired directly by the department head of the job they apply for and

employees are compensated directly out of that department's operating budget.

Nguyen explained that international students should focus solely in their academic work and in developing skills needed for a job interview during their first year of college.

"I don't see a whole lot of international students who get a job right away when they first come here, but after a couple semesters they generally have better success," Nguyen said.

Nguyen added that international students should first become familiar with the school, students and teachers in order to apply for an on-campus job most suitable for their degree and educational

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College Life

From Marine to college student

by Abigail Murillo
Staff Writer

Anthony Mendez, a former U.S. Marine, recounts the difficult journey he faced after graduating from high school with an undecided future. Mendez thought about furthering his education at the University of Texas after graduating from high school. But as graduation day came closer, he found out he was not part of the top ten percent of his class to be considered for auto-



courtesy of Anthony Mendez

matic acceptance.

"Just when I was thinking about what Plan B could be, I got a call

from a recruiter," said Mendez.

The recruiter scheduled an interview with

Mendez to discuss what the armed forces could offer him. When he arrived, the recruiter asked Mendez how he planned to pay for college.

Unable to give a convincing answer, Mendez was informed of the benefits of joining the Marine Corps. The benefits included building confidence and covering his college tuition.

"I told them I would think about it and call them back and they seemed pretty angry about that," said Mendez.

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News

Not the end of a journey, but the beginning



courtesy of UHD SGA

by Mariyam Haideri
Staff Writer

Before leaving on a Congressional Internship, Kristopher Sharp gave us an interview highlighting his background, his role as Vice President of the Student Government Association and his recent announcement to step down as vice president.

Sharp, who is pursuing a degree in Social Work, is set to graduate this upcoming fall 2014. He was introduced to SGA through the Safe Zone Organization, an organization he chose to join prior to SGA mainly due to his personal interest in the LGBTQ community.

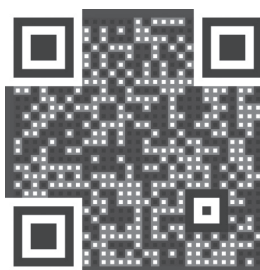
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The January odysseys of U.S. Congressman Steve Stockman

What should district constituents expect from their elected congressional representatives?

by **Theodore Shull**
News Editor

Member of the United States House of Representatives Steve Stockman, a Houston-based two-term Republican Congressman, announced in December that he was relinquishing his seat in the U.S. House of Representatives to challenge Senator John Cornyn in his reelection campaign for the US Senate. But a recent media whirlwind surrounding Stockman has been anything but positive.

The media attention began with questions concerning the representative's absence from seventeen consecutive roll-call votes in the House. While this in itself is not an unusual phenomenon, especially during a campaign bid, Stockman has not yet made any actual



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campaign efforts. His campaign office in Houston was reportedly shut down for safety violations. Stockman claimed that he was part of a Congressional delegation to Egypt and Russia, but the House Foreign Relations committee has yet to

confirm his statements. Republican Speaker of the House, John Boehner, also stated he had no knowledge of Stockman's whereabouts.

Representative Stockman has no legislative accomplishments from his two terms in of-

rice and is probably best known for his remarks on Twitter.

He has used the social media platform to host a giveaway of an AR-15 assault rifle, "Grab this Gun before Obama Does." He also stated his opinion on the best way to solve

the abortion issue in this country is to "issue firearms to babies," both previously printed in the February 10, 2014 Issue of Time Magazine.

Stockman is not expected to pose much of a challenge to Senator John Cornyn's reelection campaign because he entered the race last minute and has failed to launch any kind of campaign that would consider him a serious contender. It is unclear how relinquishing his House seat to challenge Cornyn in a race that seems unwinnable from the beginning has benefited those in his district who elected him to the House.

Attempts to reach the Congressman or his staff for a statement have gone unanswered to this date.

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goal.

Unlike US citizens, international students do not have the option of working off-campus to build up a work history while in school. International students are almost always restricted to on-campus employment that must be related to their field of study.

"The university needs to realize that US citizens can easily find jobs outside the UHD campus, but the international students can hardly find any outside jobs because they do not have a social security card," said Kumail Mir, president of the International Student Association.

Mr. Mir added that this is not only a financial issue, but also an issue of work experience.

"International students need experience to put on their resumes to look good to prospective employers while enrolled full time at UHD. Every

international student can attest to the difficulties of finding employment at UHD and finding internships off campus can be just as challenging with only about a fifty percent chance of being accepted," Mir said.

Nguyen said that international students are encouraged to find jobs on campus once they have declared a major. Once they find an area of interest, they are encouraged to apply.

"The admissions office handles all of the paperwork after a student is hired on campus to get them a taxpayer ID number or social security number so that these students can become legally employed," said Nguyen.

Nguyen added that students holding an F-1 Visa have an advantage in terms of current immigration laws.

"There is a policy that allows them to apply for a one-year H1B Work

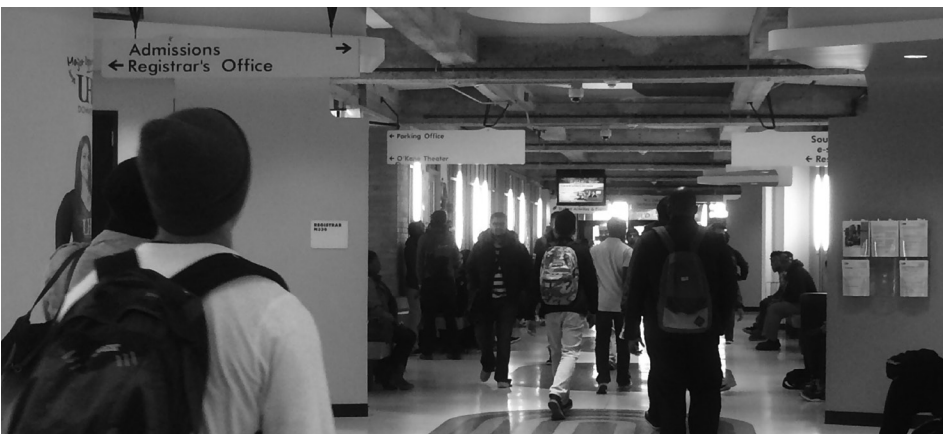
Authorization Visa 90 days prior to their graduation from UHD," Nguyen said. "If an international

student graduates from a STEM Program, the US government will extend the work visa for up to

an additional seventeen months."



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Go red for women

by **Elizabeth Padgett**
Web Content Editor

National Wear Red Day, celebrated on the first Friday in February, is a campaign to raise awareness about heart disease. This year celebrates the tenth Birthday of Go Red for Women since its original launch by the American Heart Association (AHA). National Wear Red Day is a campaign to raise awareness about heart disease.

Heart disease is the number one killer for women and takes more lives than all forms of cancer combined. It is commonly referred to as the silent killer because it often has no noticeable symptoms.

"Heart health is important for everyone, especially women who are caretakers," said Elfego Chavez, a Professional Writing junior at UHD. "Their families depend on them to not only keep the household running, but

for guidance as well."

Chavez explained that he lost his mother to kidney failure. He believes dialysis could have been avoided in respects to her condition as it was related to diabetes.

"For me, wearing red shows the world I believe in supporting women's health and that a heart healthy diet helps contribute to a longer life while preventing other diseases like diabetes," Chavez said.

Heart disease is not just an affliction of older people. Younger women increase their risk by 20 percent through the combination of taking birth control pills and smoking. AHA recommends that women start monitoring their cholesterol at age 20, or earlier, especially if their family has a history of heart disease.

Even if you're a marathon runner or ultimate yogi, you're not immune from the risks. 64 percent of women who die sud-

denly of coronary heart disease had no previous symptoms.

The biggest issue that is most often misunderstood is that the symptoms of heart disease are different between men and women. While the media has spent years conditioning us that the greatest sign of a heart attack is extreme chest pain, for women the most telltale signs are very different. Women should be conscious of shortness of breath, nausea and vomiting, and back or jaw pain. Other symptoms women should be attentive of are dizziness, lightheadedness or fainting, as well as pain in the lower chest or upper abdomen and extreme fatigue.

Macy's has been a national sponsor for the campaign from the start and annually holds their Macy's Wear Red Sale. This year, February 5-14, customers who purchase a Red Dress pin for \$2 at Macy's will receive all-



Elfego Chavez, Professional Writing junior, shows he supports women's health by wearing red as he poses next to UHD's Health Clinic Coordinator, Cheryl Littrell.

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day savings throughout the store. Macy's will donate 100 percent of the proceeds from the sale of the pins to the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women movement.

You can also find out how heart healthy you are at: <http://mylifecheck.heart.org/> Enter your date and the AHA designed assessment will even provide personalized tips on how to im-

prove your heart health. For more on Go Red for Women: <https://www.goredforwomen.org/>

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Dateline Downtown: How were you introduced to the Student Government Association?

Kristopher Sharp: Introduction to this association was through different organization meetings I would attend. Definitely, as a part of my interest I first attended with the Safe Zone Organization.

DD: Could you share the changes you have brought to the association as vice-president?

KS: Well, it is just not me alone, but the entire team of the Student Government Association and it is not just the change within the association, but also throughout the university. Changes, such as the problems with the limited number of student parking spaces, were covered by the news as it was a great achievement for the Gators. Secondly, the success on introducing the hydration station introduced in between the water fountains. In my opinion, the most important of these was introducing the proposal for having Gender-Neutral restrooms and holding the mark of distinction as being the first

Texas institution to bring such a change. All of this is a result of teamwork and commitment.

DD: On your Thank You note, you thank your team on the obstacles the entire team had faced. Would you like to share some of those with us? And how you have succeeded?

KS: Obstacles...there were quite a few. As you know, everyone has their individual opinions and point of view, but as a team we were very focused on achieving our goals. One of our goals was to bring out a diverse association. As an organization, having both male and female as staff members, we welcomed transgender members to join in and bring out new ideas to come across this segregation area. Our goal was to eliminate stereotypes and change our community's viewpoint on hearing that transgender individuals were accepted as students at the University of Houston-Downtown. Not only SGA, but the entire UHD team is working to change the perception of people and allow new applicants of UHD to come and feel safe and respected at our

institution.

DD: Seven months of vice presidency, then comes this disheartening news of you resigning from the association. Don't you think you owe an answer to the people who elected you? Elaborate.

KS: Let me elaborate, I am not resigning SGA but am stepping down, which means I will not be physically present, but will stay in touch with the team via technology. Yes, I will not be able to give SGA as much time as I did before. I know that I will be a strong part of SGA in many aspects, as I am always there when they need me. On the other hand my team members who had very modestly elected me as a vice president are very delighted to hear about the progression I have made. They know that the opportunity of representing UHD through the Congressional Internship--where I was selected on the merits of hard work, experience and exposure all thanks to the organizations I have been associated with--includes the Student Government Association.

DD: As they say the end

is not the end, it's a beginning to a new journey. As per my research, you are starting on a new journey. What is this journey about? Where is it taking you in the nearby future? Would you like to make us walk a few steps into your new journey?

KS: The Congressional Internship is all about working with congress and giving them an exposure to what I have learned via work experiences. It includes giving a movement to transgender topics, which are being suppressed for some time now. I took part in this internship to let open the barriers we have in our society regarding gender issues. This journey is about opening gates to new opportunities and for those who have been left behind.

DD: How would you summarize your journey as being a part of the Student Government Association altogether?

KS: Just to describe it into simple words-- life changing. Just to imagine that one day I would be welcomed by the United States Congress to work on Transgender issues, and this all due to the exposure and the

experience I received from SGA. This association is a family to me, and I will always be available and thankful to SGA and its members for their votes in electing me as vice president, which made me learn many lessons in life. In simple words SGA is family.

DD: Any message you would like leave behind for you team and UHD?

KS: I would like to say that I am not completely leaving your behind, but moving on to attempt to bring changes to this great institution and its students, I will surely be back. To the students of UHD: always remember that this is an institution which welcomes you with open arms. Never lose the hope you have in yourself, that as being a UHD student you can bring change not only for the University but also for humanity.

Editor-in-Chief for UHD student newspaper needed for 2014-2015

The Student Publications Advisory Committee is seeking applicants for the position of editor for Dateline Downtown, the student run bi-weekly newspaper at UHD. Flexible beginning date, but candidates must commit for the entire 2014-15 academic year.

Duties include working cooperatively with student business manager and student adviser, developing and managing a stable of student freelance writers to cover news and events on campus, and assertively managing staff and producing newspaper approximately every two weeks. Must know pagemaking software program Adobe InDesign. The paper needs stories on events of interest to students, including student life, academics, university administration, and student government, as well as cultural coverage of theatre, film, music, and the arts. Typical commitment is 20 hours per week.

Qualifications include at least sophomore standing; at least one semester 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 March 31 or until the position is filled. To apply, contact Dr. Anthony Chiaviello, at Chiaviello@uhd.edu, then download and complete electronic application from UHD web site, and forward as attachment to chiaviello@uhd.edu email

Business Manager for UHD student newspaper needed for 2014-2015

The Student Publications Advisory Committee is seeking applicants for the position of business manager for Dateline Downtown, the student-run bi-weekly newspaper at UHD. Flexible beginning date, but candidates must commit for the entire 2014-15 academic year.

Duties include managing business and financial matters for the paper, in cooperation with the student editor and adviser, and selling advertising space in the paper, including businesses in the campus neighborhood. Will train on PeopleSoft accounting system for payroll and accounts. Typical commitment is 20 hours per week, monthly salary plus 15 percent 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, contact Dr. Anthony Chiaviello, at Chiaviello@uhd.edu, then download and complete application from UHD web site, and forward as an email attachment to chiaviello@uhd.edu.

by Devalina Nag
Staff Writer

We all have goals, be it short-term or long-term goals. Earning a degree from UHD is one goal we all share in common. Sadly, many times students tend to focus on their goal of getting the degree of their desire so much that they forget to relish and enjoy their present day by taking their college experience and loved ones for granted. Most students spend their four years in college stressing out and panicking about the real world they will confront once they graduate.

Getting a college degree is a journey and not a destination. You and only you can make that journey memorable and meaningful. If you decide otherwise, years from now when you take a trip down memory lane to look back on your college days, you will be left with nothing but disappointment. Enjoying this journey and making the most of it is a choice. It is your call.

Imagine that you are on a road trip from Houston to Disney World with your family and friends. Will you plan to pass this entire trip of around thirteen hours and thirty-five minutes by stressing out and babbling by saying, "When are we going to reach Disney world? Are we there yet? What if the GPS stops working and we

Enjoy the trip



Victor Ancheta / Dateline Downtown

lose our way?" Or are you going to enjoy your trip? Of course you will say that you would want to enjoy the trip. You would take your camera to click numerous pictures for Facebook, Instagram and your old-school scrapbook, play UNO with your friends, sing cheesy family road trip songs, eat unhealthy at McDonalds when you halt to take a break and stick your head out the window to feel the fresh cool breeze running through your hair until you reach your final destination. If you can do everything in your power to ensure that your road trip becomes memorable, why not make the decision to have this same attitude for your college journey?

It is sad to think that the journey that most people tend to take for

granted is called the journey of life. Since you only live once, why not make the most out of it? Therefore, understand, realize and appreciate your beautiful present because it will never come back. Once you build this understanding, earning your college degree will seem less like a chore and more like a fulfilling experience.

I am not saying that you should not focus less on your ambitions and put less effort on your work to only focus on having fun. The point is, while aiming for the happiness that your success will bring, do not forget to be joyful right now. Embracing happiness and feeling happy is a habit. So, if you are not happy today, you will lose practice and you might not feel happy to-

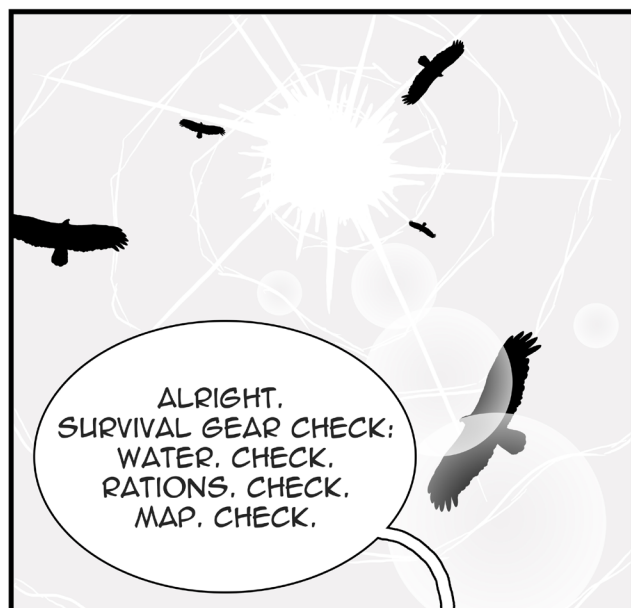
morrow either. Not worth the risk, is it?

Let's face it, once you accomplish your success, you will only be able to enjoy it when you are physically fit and have your loved ones around you to share your happiness with you. In other words, what is the point of being able to afford the most expensive cell phone in the United States, if there is no one to talk to? If you are not fit to take part in physical activities that golf membership will be a waste. So while chasing after your realistic dreams, which will come true eventually, do not take your health, loved ones or this present day for granted.

Make up your mind to enjoy and make the most out of these four short years. Happy journey!

Comics

ACADEMIC SUSPENSION by Daniel C. Jaramillo



From a dream to a nightmare

by Mark Steven Caffey
Staff Columnist

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. This act provided legislation that outlawed specific forms of ethnic, racial and religious discrimination against minorities and women. The year before this landmark legislation was passed, an event called the "March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom" occurred. The event was organized by various religious and civil rights groups. It was designed to reveal political and social obstacles faced by African Americans in our country. The "March on Washington" became a defining moment for civil rights in our country. The pinnacle of this event was the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech "I Have a Dream" which stressed the need for racial equality and justice.

King believed in non-violent activism and was inspired by Mahatma Gandhi's teachings. In King's speech he said, "We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protests to degenerate into physical violence ... militancy which has engulfed the Negro community must not lead us to distrust all white people, for many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny...we cannot walk alone."

Unfortunately, King's dream has turned into

a nightmare. Today, the torch of tolerance and acceptance has been snuffed by various minority groups – one being the New Black Panther Party, the so called leadership of the black community. The New Black Panther Party (NBPP) is a black political organization created in 1989. They identify themselves with the original Black Panther Party. The NBPP claims it fights the oppression of minorities, in particular black and brown people, recognizing the current issues facing black communities. It is obvious that the NBPP does not share in King's vision peace and harmony between races.

Khalid Abdul Muhammad, the NBPP's late former party chairman said, "There are no good crackers, and if you find one, kill him before he changes."

It has been reported that the party's leadership promotes the idea that blacks are God's actual "chosen people" and that the Jews are not. Revealing its Anti-Semitic nature, the NBPP leadership has also blamed the Jews for the terrorist attacks on September 11 and for the organized slave trade earlier in our country's history.

In 2012, former NBPP Chief of Staff Michelle Williams said that blacks in Tampa, Florida are "under siege." She promised that "...as long as whites keep characterizing blacks as 'niggers,' her feet [will be] on your motherfucking necks!"

In the same year, the NBPP offered a \$10,000 bounty for the "legal cit-

izen's arrest" of George Zimmerman, the accused shooter of Trayvon Martin. In response to Martin's death, the party believed in "a life for a life." The NBPP is a militant group that uses its power to promote racism and intolerance.

The actions of the New Black Panther Party are misleading to the black community it represents. Their violent and racist behavior is detrimental to the advancement of its constituents. Equality and success will only come from non-violent action and earnest cooperation.

Another influential minority organization is the National Council of La Raza. "La Raza" is a powerful political force which receives millions a year in federal grants for various political reasons, such as get-out-the-vote efforts supporting La Raza political positions and housing reform. These non-profit projects are commendable. In addition to these respectable efforts by "La Raza," there is a less known suspected agenda that drives the organization from the top down.

There are claims that the National Council of La Raza is linked to secondary organizations such as the radical racist group Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (MEChA) and the Chicano Student Movement of Aztlan. These are racist, anti-American groups which developed on American college campuses in the 1960s. Their desire is to create a new nation out of the American West. According to 2003 tax re-



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ords, "La Raza" was actively funding MEChA.

The position of MEChA is clear. In a statement on the University of Oregon MEChA website, this organization claims, "Chicano is our identity; it defines who we are as people. It rejects the notion that we...should assimilate into the Anglo-American melting pot... Aztlan was the legendary homeland of the Aztecas ... It became synonymous with the vast territories of the Southwest, brutally stolen from a Mexican people marginalized and betrayed by the hostile custodians of the Manifest Destiny."

This idea leads to the position to "Reconquista" or re-conquest of the Western states.

Their founding principles are described in "El Plan Espiritual de Aztlan": "...We are a bronze people with a bronze culture. Before the world, before all of North America, before all our brothers in the bronze continent,

we are a nation, we are a union of free pueblos, we are Aztlan. For La Raza todo. Fuera de La Raza nada" which means "For The Race everything. Outside The Race, nothing."

These viewpoints come from the official MEChA sites at UCLA, the University of Oregon, Georgetown University, the University of Texas and the University of Colorado, as well as other institutions across the country.

Miguel Perez, a member of Cal State-Northridge's MEChA chapter was quoted as saying: "The ultimate ideology is the liberation of Aztlan... once Aztlan is established, ethnic cleansing would commence: Non-Chicanos would have to be expelled – opposition groups would be quashed because you have to keep power."

We do not need racial segregation in this country. However, it is important for us to connect with our heritage – it is a part

of who we are. The United States is a melting pot of diverse cultures. She is full of beautiful, hard-working Americans, composed of every race on the planet. Since her beginning, America has welcomed those wishing to assimilate as Americans while remembering their culture. This makes the United States a unique and wonderful place to live. We are all Americans – brothers under her flag of freedom and equality.

Today, there are minority groups that claim to be for their people and their interests but mislead their followers with racism and intolerance. Minorities deserve better from their leadership – we all deserve better. We must all share in Dr. King's dream to effectively eliminate racism and discrimination – through understanding and peaceful, non-violent behavior.

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Eddie Trunk interview- Part 2

On the heels of his second book release titled "Eddie Trunk's Essential Hard Rock and Heavy Metal Volume II," Eddie is once again on the road as much as his busy schedule permits him to promote.

by **Juan A. Hernandez**
Arts&Entmt/Sports Editor

With a live show compiled with a question and answer session, personal stories and book signings at the end of every show, Eddie will appear at the Concert Pub North in Houston to the delight of fans after popular demand.

Dateline Downtown recently caught up with the Hard Rock and Heavy Metal guru in Part 2 of this exclusive interview and discussed his new book, his 30 years of being in radio, the success of "That Metal Show," the recent debacle on KISS's induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, his humble beginnings as a music writer and college radio DJ in high school, and future plans if any regarding a new book and a

podcast.

Dateline Downtown: You used to write album reviews while you were in high school. What inspired you to start writing for your school?

Eddie Trunk: Everything I have ever done in music, record store, writing, radio, record label, management, TV, was all just to share and promote music I loved. The fact I can now make a living from it is a true bonus!

DD: After landing your first radio gig as a college DJ, what was the college radio scene like when you first started spinning your favorite albums?

ET: I never went to college. There were a few colleges in my hometown and I went to the radio station while I was in high school and got into radio. But that lasted a short time. College radio

is pretty much as it is now, very free form, but sadly very few college stations have any real reach or impact as far as volume of listeners. But it is a great starting point.

DD: There have been many successful podcasts in the last two to three years and your appearance on Chris Jericho's new podcast "Talk Is Jericho" has been appreciated by fans all over the podcast world. Knowing you still have your two radio shows and "That Metal Show" as your outlet, do you see yourself taking up an opportunity to start your own podcast in the future? Assuming it will be the Eddie Trunk format, the success will be tremendous knowing that you have been building your fan base for over 30 years now.

ET: Thanks. I have been thinking about pod-

casts and maybe adding one this year. It all comes down to time. I want to maintain a quality to what I do in TV, radio, books, and I'm pretty much a one-man operation. So if I can get it together I very well may soon. There are so many now you have to really be able to stand out to be heard.

DD: Finally, any advice that you would give anyone aspiring to become a music journalist/writer, music podcaster, musician, or any type of job in today's ever-changing music industry?

ET: Be original and do not be afraid to engage people in debate and have an opinion. Media is super diluted now and I think being unique is key to building a following. Do not worry about the few haters. Do what is in your heart.



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Super Bowl XLVIII: Seattle Seahawks dominate the Denver Broncos

In true football fashion, the Seattle Seahawks defeated the Denver Broncos at Super Bowl XLVIII in MetLife Stadium, with an outstanding score of 43-8; the largest blowout since 1992's Super Bowl XXVII.

by **Juan A. Hernandez**
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The Seattle Seahawks captured the first Super Bowl win for the franchise on Sunday, February 2, in a game where the Denver Broncos did not score for the first half of the game. The game was being billed as the number one offense (Denver) vs. the number one defense (Seattle), but saw Denver fall short and not live to the title of number one offense.

The first play of the game arguably doomed the Broncos' entire playing game, as Manning did not retrieve the ball once

he called an audible and was snapped. This ended with a safety on the Broncos' behalf that had Seattle scoring the fastest points in Super Bowl history. From that point moving forward, Seattle were set on a path to dominate the Broncos. The first half's highlights featured Manning throwing two interceptions, in which the second was picked up by Seahawks linebacker Malcolm Smith and ended with a 69-yard touchdown. By halftime, the Broncos were losing 22-0, followed by 36-0 by the end of the third quarter.

The Super Bowl was



Richard Sherman (L) and Peyton Manning (R)

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not complete without the vast amount of commercials that air as part of tradition, followed by the halftime show. This year's halftime show fea-

tured Bruno Mars, paired alongside the Red Hot Chili Pepper and made for yet another great performance.

By the time the third

quarter came to a close, the Broncos scored what would be their only touchdown in the entire game, followed by a two-point conversion perfectly executed by Manning. After the fourth quarter started, the Seahawks were already winning 43 to eight and it was obvious that the Lombardi trophy belonged to the Seahawks. The final score was 43 to eight, a score that most people that watched the Super Bowl declared as embarrassing on the Broncos' behalf.

The Super Bowl MVP title was awarded to Seahawks linebacker Malcolm Smith, who had

rightfully earned this title by recovering a fumble, scored the 69-yard touchdown after retrieving Manning's interception and made eight successful tackles.

The Seattle Seahawks proved to be a force to be reckoned with for the 2013 NFL season and even won the record for having the loudest fans in the NFL. The Denver Broncos had a tremendous run in the season as well, but just could not come through as they did in their last game against the Patriots that had them advancing to the Super Bowl.

O'Kane Gallery director showcases work

by **Elfego Chavez**
Contributing Writer

A muted wonder filled the air as the conversations flowed from the works presented on opening night, January 15, for the Exhibition "Dirt" at the HCC Fine Arts Gallery. The dialogue was of an unusually somber nature stemming from the fact that this group exhibition centered on the theme of war and its impact on humanity. Through the use of memory and emotion, specifically how the negative turmoil of war negatively affects the generations beyond the time of initial impact world-wide. The show is on display until February 14.

The exhibition was a collaboration by artists Michael Arcieri, Claire Brewster, Mark Cervenka, Lucinda Cobley, Aaron Courtland, Michael Crowder, Leamon Green, Lisa Qualls and Joelle Verstraeten using memory and emotion as a way to specifically show how the



O'Kane Gallery Director and Art Professor, Mark Cervenka, displays his triptych art piece "Believe Obey Flight" at exhibition "Dirt," now open until February 14 at HCC Fine Arts Gallery.

courtesy of Mark Cervenka

negative turmoil of war negatively affects the generations beyond the time of initial impact on a global scale. All works contributed reflected the core theme of how war in itself is a mass atrocity that transcends long after we are gone while seeping into future generation.

UHD's very own Mark Cervenka, O'Kane Gallery Director and Art Professor, contributed the triptych (art displayed in three panels), titled Believe Obey Fight, a 1920's slogan adapted by Benito Mussolini.

Cervenka chose this

art form to present his work because stories about Christianity were often displayed in this manner where the left panel was usually a beginning (such as the Garden of Eden) the middle a sin and the last a punishment/penance such as a vision of a hell scene.

"We start at the beginning," Cervenka declared, while motioning left to right with his hand over the work.

"Here we are as human beings, here we sin. Reflection is a vast part of history that uses an old idyllic story and an old

notion to represent the tyrant as a historical figure."

Cervenka explained he did not use the triptych in a religious context, but instead to show the history of human action.

"The themes of the war of humanity displayed in a way to be viewed in that traditional alter sequence."

He presented the center panel as a look of how it represents the point at which humanity uses children, greatest atrocity, as weapons instead of depicting a literal death by war scene. The cen-

ter panel brilliantly illustrates Cervenka's notion with children. They themselves are being used as weapons of mass destruction aimed at future generations in the painting.

"I wanted for people to gain awareness over the fact that people can conn the community and planet in their self-centeredness by pushing their agenda onto children."

Having had Mussolini's propaganda embedded into their heads as absolute truth, under a social construct where they had no choice but

to follow orders without question, as well as adapt to his belief system. They could not question the doctrine nor were allowed to form their own opinions. The children are playing in the scene, to the right a soldier is at his post apparently napping, as they go about their day, almost as if he knows they are guaranteed to comply. A child in the far back is mimicking the same pose as the Mussolini figure in the propaganda poster on the left.

The exhibition includes other paintings and as well as a Korean style textile piece. There are interactive pieces as well as an instillation piece, and photography all influenced by war in other countries and around the world.

Art Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Friday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Located at HCC Central 3517 Austin Street, Houston TX 77004.

LGBT role models on YouTube interview- Part 2

by **Vanessa Ramirez**
Staff Writer

There is still a large amount of people who are against these types of sexual orientations, all of which brings fear to LGBT teens when it comes to coming out and worldwide acceptance. However, this does not stop a couple within this community, Angelica and Daylynn, from reaching out to give help to those who need it. With now over 71,000 subscribers on YouTube (youtube.com/daylynnacacia), Angelica and Daylynn have made their way to reach as many people as they can with advice since July 2012. Dateline Downtown recently caught up with the YouTube couple in Part 2 of this exclusive interview and discussed all things LGBT.

Dateline Downtown: Of course there are other

LGBT couples on YouTube reaching out to their subscribers, but what makes this couple's YouTube unique is the variety of videos they upload.

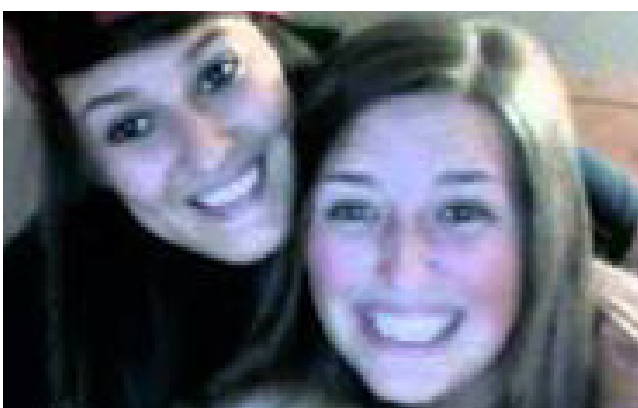
Daylynn: I think our channel is different because nobody is the same. We stand out to some people because we are so opposite. She's really clean and quite, and shy, but I am loud, and don't care what people say about me.

Angelica: There are some channels that stick to one thing such as advice, singing, and skits. Ours has challenges, blogging, and advice.

Daylynn: I know other couples do challenges and other things that we do, but our personalities bring out people wanting to watch us.

DD: Is it hard having a full time job and filming on YouTube?

Daylynn: When we



youtube.com/daylynnacacia

are not working we are editing, or filming, or tweeting, or going to messages. It can take all day on a Sunday.

Angelica: But it's what we like to do. We can't get to everyone, but eventually we will be getting back to someone and that's all that matters.

Daylynn: It gets hard because I would like to answer to everyone but that's not really possible. I can't sit there and answer the same questions

500 times in a row. It feels

like two full time jobs, but I love doing it.

DD: There are teenagers coming out of the closet every day and it is a struggle for most of them. If you could summarize your advice in one sentence, what would you say?

Angelica: Don't rush anything because if you rush something, you are just overwhelming yourself, and that's never good.

Daylynn: As bad as you think it's going to be, it's not going to be that

bad; it's going to get better.

DD: As time goes by, there are more teens becoming proud of whom they are. What are your thoughts about what others who want to help?

Angelica: I say go for it because it is awesome. We like to help people, and if more people want to help, it will make life so much easier and so much better.

Daylynn: Get out there and let people know that you are there. If you want to help people, make a channel, make a blog, a Facebook page and message people who need help.

Angelica: It's just always nice to know that there is someone else out there who are going through the same thing you are. And we can talk about the similarities that we have.

DD: What would you

say to your subscribers?

Daylynn: Thank you for watching us and we do everything we do for each and every one of you. I just want to make everyone smile. We do this for you.

Angelica: I love each and every one of you and I thank you guys for all your support and for being so interactive with us.

The couple has made a long way to reach those who are in need and see themselves still filming for YouTube fifteen years from now. Their videos bring out joy and a positive energy. For many young people who are struggling, it is always nice to know that there are people out there like Angelica and Daylynn who want to make the world a better place. From dating advice to coming out, Angelica and Daylynn also spend their time filming fun games and challenges.

Feeling lonely this Valentine's Day?

by Devalina Nag
Staff Writer

Valentine's Day is around the corner. This is the day about the celebration of love. With diamond commercials, heart-shaped dark chocolates and inflated sentimental cards endorsing the perfect-valentine's day, numerous singles feel conscious about their relationship status. Singles begin feeling upset about their lonesomeness that they detached from the romantic celebration.

What most people fail to realize is that Valentine's Day is a day meant to celebrate love, not just romance. Love is an abstract concept. Love doesn't have to be the typical Romeo-Juliet kind of love, it can be referred to the love one has for his or her family, friends, society and even oneself. Therefore, single people can also celebrate



Cherish your solitude.

this day with their loved ones. However, if you are still feeling sad about being single on Valentine's Day, the following eight reasons will help you realize the advantages that you are entitled to for being single.

1. Cherishing your solitude

People in a relationship feel duty-bound to spend the little free time they get with their signifi-



Spending time with friends and making new ones.

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cant other. However, you can enjoy your time being immersed in your hobbies like painting, reading, or writing without feeling guilty or concerned for your partner.

2. Building an understanding of yourself

People in a relationship tend to overemphasize the opinions of their better half. However, when you are single, you have the opportunity

to know and learn about your true self without anyone else's biases. You can be your own judge.

3. Higher possibility of making new friends

Everyone has had at least one annoying friend or acquaintance who repeatedly refused invitations to parties, movie nights, Taco Bell, shopping, or baseball game for their significant other. Single people, for the

most part, have a much exciting and healthier social life.

4. Saving more money

UHD students or college students in general are broke. You do not need to feel guilty about that lonesome transaction due to those dinner dates, gifts, or weekend getaways.

5. Enjoying family time more

Couples tend to become so absorbed with one another that they fail to frequently contact their parents and relatives. You, on the other hand, can regularly get in touch with your parents, uncle, grandma and even you sister who lives abroad.

6. Learning to love you

Face it, if you cannot love yourself, you cannot expect someone else to do it for you.

7. Being your own boss

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8. Building an exciting career

Single people are more able to commit extra time to improve and advance their career. This is not to justify substituting relationships with work, but it is much simpler to take drastic career decisions when the only person who will experience the effects of that decision is just you. Moreover, you will save yourself from feeling guilty for moving to a different state for further education or a new job.

Marine

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After ten days of deliberation, Mendez accepted the offer against his family and friends' wishes. Mendez took it as a personal challenge to prove his capabilities. He describes Marine training as demanding.

"They try to destroy your self-esteem, so later you can only rely on them," he described.

While many seemed to be broken and severely home sick, Mendez pushed himself forward. He found himself appreciating the things and people he had back home. After boot camp, Mendez became a communications specialist, which taught him valuable skills.

Mendez said employers are highly impressed when they find out that he is a marine. He does not boast about his qualities and prefers to be seen for who he is as a whole.

"I try to avoid overconfidence," said Mendez. "I don't want to be judged based on my life as a marine."

After four years as



courtesy of Anthony Mendez

a marine, Mendez explained that he forced himself back into the civilian mentality.

"Transitioning from being a marine to being a student was the most difficult part," admitted Mendez.

Without realizing it, Mendez would find himself analyzing situations as a Marine, but being a student is helping him re-establish into civilian life.

His mentality of "work smarter not harder" is still applied to his everyday life. He compares his life as a 23-year-old freshman to that of the

fictional character Billy Madison. In the movie Billy retakes his elementary through high school education at the age of 28. Mendez relates to the difficulties in adjusting that come with a major change.

Although Mendez still has several adjustments to make until he becomes accustomed to his new student life, he believes that the work ethic, responsibility and endurance gained as a Marine Corp will help him conquer any hurdles along the way.

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Student Health Corner

Allergies:

A never-ending issue in Houston

Allergies are a major problem in our area, causing irritation for people affected. Approximately 30 percent of adults experience allergy symptoms during the year. Not only are allergy symptoms annoying, but annual treatment of allergies is estimated to cost about \$11.2 billion in the U.S. every year.

Many allergies are seasonal, caused by triggers known as allergens. Allergens can include any substance that can cause allergic symptoms, including substances such as pet dander, dust and pollens. Even substances that not usually thought of allergens, including fungi and molds, can produce allergy symptoms.

Allergies can produce classic symptoms such as a runny nose, itching eyes and scratchy throat. In addition, some patients also have headache and fatigue. Symptoms can be occasional or on a more continuous basis, and can be so severe that patients seek medical attention. One of the ways to manage allergies is to avoid the substance that causes allergies if the substance is known. However, with some substances, such as pollen, it can be difficult to avoid exposure. Air filtration systems can help reduce the amount of pollen and other allergens in indoor air, but don't remove all of them.

Allergies are most commonly treated with antihistamines. Old antihistamines, such as

Benedryl (diphenhydramine) are over the counter, but can cause significant sedation or dry mouth. Newer, less sedating antihistamines have become available without a prescription, including Claritin (loratadine), Zyrtec and Allegra. The newer antihistamines cause far less sedation, but are more expensive.

Another type of treatment for allergies includes the use of nasal steroids. Steroids stop the inflammation and allergic reaction in the nasal passages. The steroids are only very minimally absorbed and have few side effects. The nasal steroids are all prescription only medications, but some have recently been made available in

generic form, which reduces the cost.

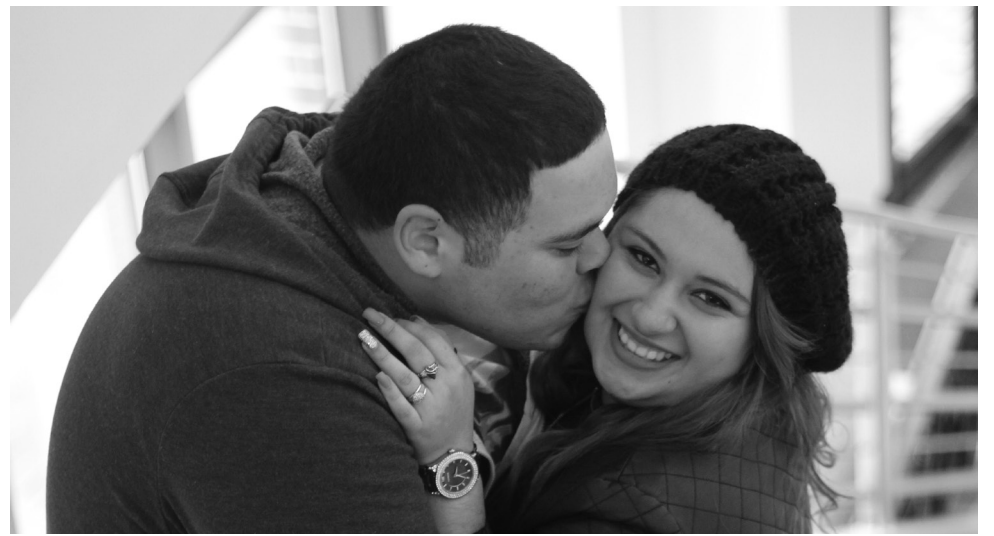
Lastly, for those difficult-to-treat allergies, a person may be sent to a medical doctor that specializes in allergy treatment known as an allergist. If allergies are affecting your life, please discuss the issue with your health care provider to help stop the sneeze.

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Jesus Gonzalez, criminal justice major (L), with Jennifer Galvan, general business major (R).

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The science of attraction

by Jessica Hernando
Feature Editor

Have you ever wondered why you are attracted to certain people and not others? The answer to this question, to a good extent, can be answered by science. Not many people realize that attraction is a concept that has been hard-wired into our brains. Different parts of our brains, hormones and specific stimuli all play a part in who we find attractive, feelings of love, emotions, etc.

One explanation to attractiveness is the Golden Ratio, a measure of proportional distances of facial features and body parts. This theory states that people are attracted to symmetrical features. Basically, the more symmetrical and closer a person's physical features are to the Golden Ratio the more attractive this person appears to be.

This explanation predates to the human evolutionary days. Signs of symmetrical features as healthy which consequently meant higher chances of producing healthy offspring. Studies have shown that wom-

en are more attracted to men with broad shoulders, a sign of good health and strength. Likewise, men are more attracted to women with defined curves and wide hips, characteristics associated with fertility. Other studies have shown that women are more drawn to men with deep voices indicating high levels of testosterone. Similarly, men are more drawn to women with higher pitched voices indicating high levels of estrogen.

Have you ever wondered why your heart beats faster and get butterflies in your stomach when you see the one? A study in the University College of London showed that the amygdala, the part of the brain that triggers emotions, becomes active when we see an attractive person or significant other. As a result, the hypothalamus, the control center of the brain, gives you an adrenaline rush and also releases dopamine, a neurotransmitter that stimulates pleasure and quickens the heartbeat.

Besides dopamine, oxytocin is another powerful hormone and neurotransmitter that is com-

monly associated with attraction, love and bonding. Also known as the love drug or cuddle hormone, oxytocin is secreted when in physical contact with another person. For example, oxytocin levels rise when we hug or kiss someone. Oxytocin is also released during sex, cuddling, birth, breastfeeding and when you genuinely trust another person. Oxytocin stimulates feelings of happiness, calmness and has shown to relieve stress.

"Love can be broken down to chemicals. It's dopamine, it's oxytocin. Passion, romance, that fire that impulsively draws you to another person is all written in chemicals," said Jason Silva, host of National Geographic Channel's hit television show Brain Games. "People talk about free will and choice but it's all really an illusion. But a worthwhile one at that - believe the dream is real while you're in it."

If you are still interested in this topic, watch the episode 'Laws of Attraction' from Brain Games, which this article was inspired by.

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Meditation room brings different faiths together

by Alicia Callender
Feature Editor

The International Student Organization sought the Student Government Association to implement a meditation room on-campus. The space for the meditation room has been allocated on the fourth floor of the One Main building, opposite the events room, which will open in March or April.

"I am glad that there will be space for students, faculty and staff of all faiths to pray and reflect," said John Hudson, Director of the Center for Student Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

The University of Houston Main Campus also has a mediation room, but president of ISO Kumail Mir explained

that the decision was made based on the needs of the students.

"The project at UHD was based on the need for this type of space on campus, not because it is present at any other school," said Mir.

Before the proposal for meditation room passed, students would often search for secluded places on-campus for prayer.

"Students would pray in any empty corner of the building such as fourth floor next to the glass windows that shows the US-59 ramp," said Mariyam Haideri, a student who practices the Islamic faith. "It was not comfortable because students were walking around and talking."

Students had to manage their time between

classes to search for a location that would grant them the silence needed for meditation.

"It was pretty difficult, but now by having the meditation room students will feel comfortable in a closed room with an open space," said Haideri.

The provided space will give students the silence, privacy and respect to engage in prayer or meditation. It will also provide students a safe place to express and share their religious practices without worry or anxiety. Students of diverse religious backgrounds, including international students, support the space for contemplation on campus.

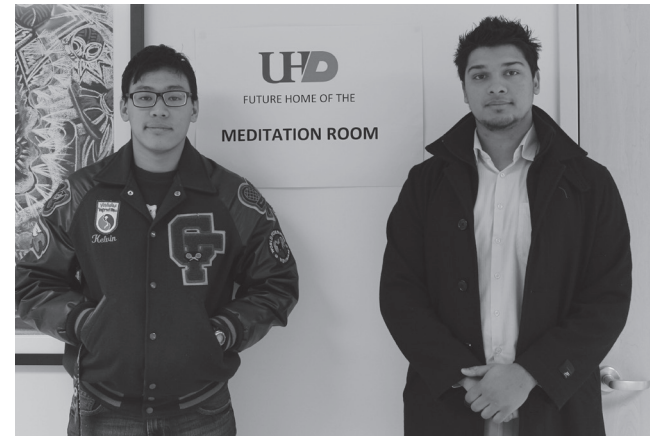
"The meditation room will allow us to practice religion freely and peace-

fully," explained Haideri. "It will allow us to take a break from our many daily responsibilities and experience peace of mind."

The hope, with this room, is that it will promote unity among students and provide international students and those who practice different religions access to a quiet space on-campus.

ISO is excited about what a room like this will mean for international students.

Mir describes the opening of this space as the highlight of religious diversity present on campus. He hopes that the meditation room will develop an appreciation and respect for the different religious traditions that make up the UHD community.



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UHD Students work side by side with UHD's Center for Public Service and Family Strengths (CPSFS) to combat homelessness

by Veronica Monai
Contributing Writer

Student leaders John Locke and Heather Strange worked hard with other UHD students to bring the issue of homelessness forward. This is part of the major project, "The Homelessness Project", proposed by Locke and Strange to Dr. Bezette-Flores at the end of the 2013 fall semester.

"We are doing many outreach projects on campus to try to get the student body to see how homelessness affects them," explained Locke. "Recently, we did the PIT Count with the Coalition for the Homeless. It was a great experience that helped us to see how the homeless in Houston truly live and what they've been through."

The purpose of the PIT count is to collect data to help the city identify the resources that the homeless community needs.

Volunteer and criminal justice major Julie Ro-



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jas explained that her perception of the homeless community changed after speaking with them.

"The majority of the homeless I spoke to where very nice people and I was able to get a small glimpse of what may have brought them to the point that they are now," said Rojas.

"The homeless need

the support from the community and they need to be given opportunities."

Rojas admits to feeling extremely blessed and fortunate to live the life she is living. She looks forward to becoming more involved on the project.

The project will continue until 2015 and Strange explained that

the project needs volunteers.

"We are turning to the student body and asking for help," she said.

Volunteers will help the Food Not Bombs student run service to distribute food to the homeless at the Downtown Houston Library. The project managers are also

hoping to have a team from UHD do a sleep out to raise money for local homeless shelters.

"All we need from the student body is involvement. This is not just John's and my project, this is an opportunity for every student at UH-D to be more involved and make a difference in our

community."

As part of their initiative Locke received a \$500.00 scholarship approved by SGA for students. The scholarship is being matched with \$500 more dollars from UHD's Center for Public Service and Family Strengths (CPSFS).

"This scholarship is one of many efforts to help the students at UH-D who might not have a stable place to live to have the resources they need to make it through college," said Locke. "We want to see what resources students dealing with hardships such as homelessness, will need and build resources for those students."

The scholarship flyer is below with full information.

If you would like to get involved in the project you can email Heather Strange at strange324@gmail.com.

High-speed train coming to Houston

by Elizabeth Padgett
Web Content Editor

Houston could be getting a high-speed rail in as little as two years, which will connect to the city to Dallas. The proposed rail system will use the same technology currently used throughout Japan, the N700-I Bullet System.

The N700-I Bullet System travels at speeds of more than 200mph and would cover the 240-mile distance in roughly 77 minutes. Each train would contain eight cars and seat a total of 400 to 500 passengers.

Robert Eckels, Former Harris County judge said, "Construction could begin in 2016 on the state's first high-speed rail line."

Eckels is also president of Texas Central High-Speed Rail (TCR), a



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private corporation that is promoting the construction of the rail system.

In March of 2013, TCR, also a subsidiary of Japanese High-Speed Rail, had estimated the development of a system could cost between \$10 billion

and \$15 billion.

At this time, Maureen Crocker, executive director of the Gulf Coast Rail District, said "I think the plans from the state's perspective is to find a private entity [to develop high-speed rail]. The State

of Texas has no money for rail projects. It's a big problem going forward."

The reason this project has not received much fanfare is due to the fact that high speed rail is not being promoted as a public transportation and

would be held privately for profit by TCR.

Crocker confirmed the state had received a \$15 million federal grant to conduct environmental work for a preliminary design connecting Houston to Dallas by high-speed rail in 2013.

Eckels updated on the progress at the end of January.

"We've been quietly doing environment studies and having discussions regarding right-of-way acquisition with the Texas Department of Transportation and the Federal rail Administration."

Current options of routing includes: along Hwy. 290, along Hwy. 59, or along I-45. Eckels promised a line on a map in 90 days.

The terrain between Houston and Dallas pro-

vides optimum conditions, featuring long, straight paths in rural areas. There is no expectation for tunnels to be needed at this time. Eckels further characterizes the routes as having no fatal flaws.

David Glessner, a spokesperson for TxDot said, "A this early stage, the proposals are very much in the discussion phase as we seek public input and other feedback related to needs, demand and feasibility."

Eckels said that once TCR is given the green light for construction, the environmental process would take roughly 18 months to complete. Actual building of the rail would begin shortly after in 2016, and the rail would be fully operational by 2021.

Science Corner

A Valentines' Day sweet: The microbial truth about chocolate

by Raven Houston and
Andrew Phan
Contributing Writers

Charles M. Schulz, an American cartoonist and creator of the Peanuts cartoon, once said "All you need is love, but a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt." Intertwining love, chocolate and the love of chocolate on one day is a dream come true for many people. In a survey of thirty staff members including doctors and nurses at the MD Anderson Cancer center, 35 percent expected to receive chocolate from their significant other for Valentine's Day, while 50 percent planned on purchasing the yummy treat for their sweet someone.

Chocolate, the most desirable snack amongst American teens and adults according to candyindustry.com, is made from the beans of the Theobroma cacao tree found in tropical places. The African countries,

Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana, are the largest producers of the fermented cocoa beans. The cacao beans are harvested, fermented with microorganisms, dried, and shipped off to plants where they are processed into chocolate. (Wait! Go back...chocolate is manufactured using...microbes?) Yes you read correctly, chocolate that is seen everywhere and indulged in occasionally (or frequently) is made using microbes. If you are surprised, you are not alone. Forty five percent of those surveyed stated they would stop eating chocolate if it was manufactured using microbes. That means they would have to stop eating chocolate, now!

Let's start off by establishing the fact that most microorganisms are not bad. In fact, most of the microbes living in, on and around us are either beneficial or benign. Microorganisms are essential in the manufacture

of many foods including chocolate. The process of making chocolate starts out with harvesting cocoa beans covered with a sugary pulp made up of sucrose. The sucrose is converted to glucose and fructose by enzymes in the plant. So far, so good - sugar is changing to more sugar: we like that! The microbes found naturally in the fermentation heaps go to work. First, the yeast (the same microbe used to make bread and wine-yum!) ferments the sugar to ethanol, which eventually kills the yeast. Then lactic acid bacteria ferment the remaining sugars into lactic acid. Last, acetic acid bacteria finish the process by making acetic acid from the ethanol. The acetic acid penetrates the cocoa beans and facilitates reactions that release the chocolate flavors (Phew!). Finally, the beans are dried and sent off to your favorite chocolate factories, which, according to an overwhelm-



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ing 80 percent of persons surveyed, are Hershey's chocolate factories! But even the scientists at Hershey's can't manufacture the chocolate flavor from unfermented cocoa beans.

See? That wasn't so bad. So, wipe your brow, sit back and grab a piece of your favorite chocolate. While chocolate is enjoyed by a majority of the American population, Germans beat our already

high consumption rate of chocolate by 200 percent, according to CNN! But Valentine's Day and chocolate consumption is not a competition; Valentine's Day is about love. In fact, according to several scientific studies, chocolate IS love. The chemical breakdown of chocolate excites the same parts of the brain that are triggered when one is said to be "in love."

Mr. Schulz was really onto something when he said "All you need is love, but a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt." In any case, what you can't give in love, go ahead and give in chocolate - your significant other (and the microbes) will love you for it. Cheers to you enjoying a tremendously happy Valentine's Day!

UHD's Valentine's Day Sweethearts



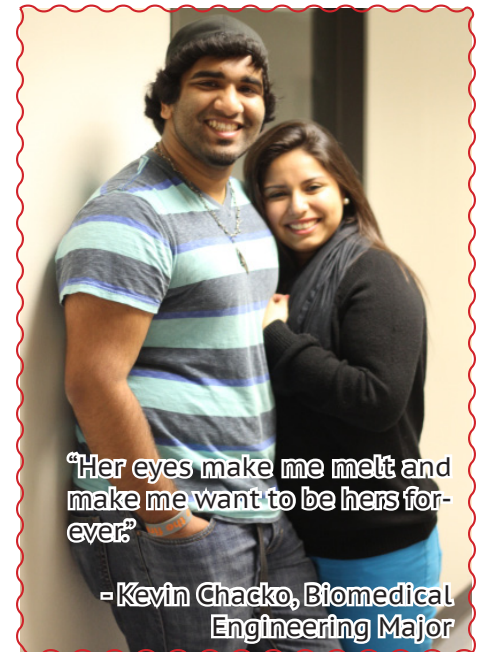
"He's a really nice guy, really considerate towards me"
- Thu Nguyen, Engineering Technology Major

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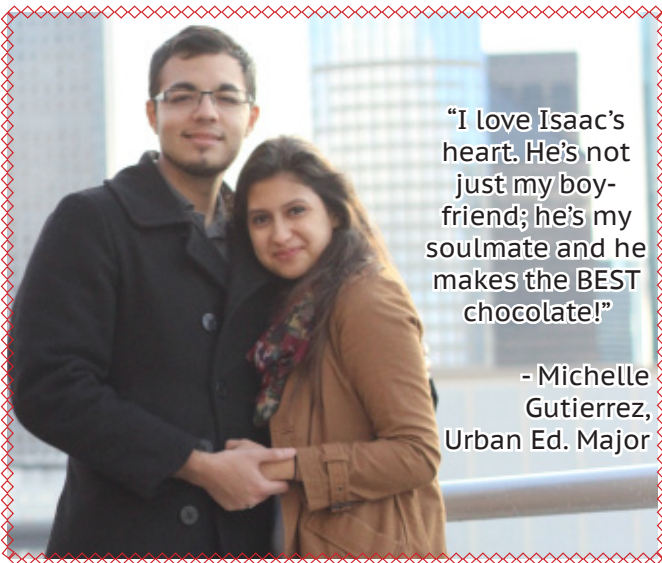
"What's not to like about her."
- Antonio Gloriz, Biology Major

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"Her eyes make me melt and make me want to be hers forever."
- Kevin Chacko, Biomedical Engineering Major

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"I love Isaac's heart. He's not just my boyfriend; he's my soulmate and he makes the BEST chocolate!"
- Michelle Gutierrez, Urban Ed. Major

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"She's my best friend forever"
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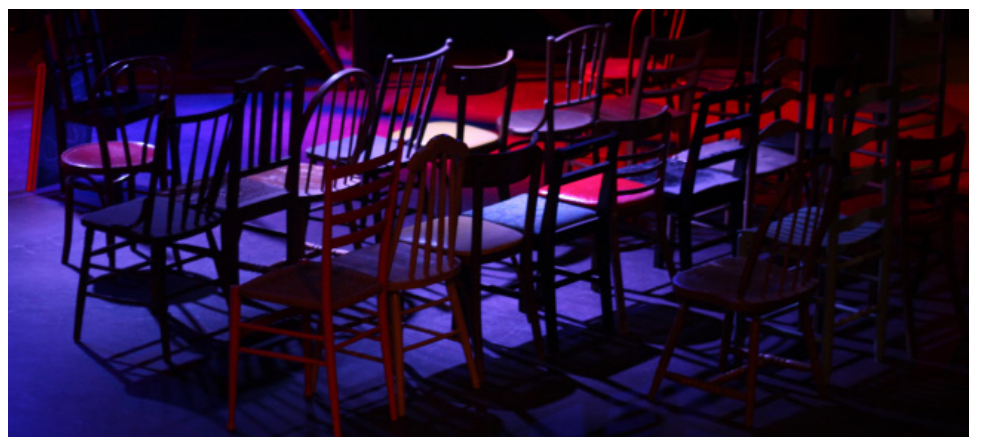
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The Chairs

The O'Kane Theater hosted UHD's Lunch Time Theater presentation of *The Chairs*, from February 3-7 offering students a rare opportunity to eat their lunch while they watched a free show. The 45 minute play from the genre of the absurd, centered on an old couple who invite guests to sit in their collection of chairs. The play was directed by Luke Fedell, Cast included co-stars Mariem Andrade (Old Woman), Deonte Jones (Old Man) and Orator (Berenice Modrow. The crew included technical director, Frank J.Vela, light board operator, Ruben Pabon and stage manager, Perla Ramirez.



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