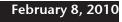
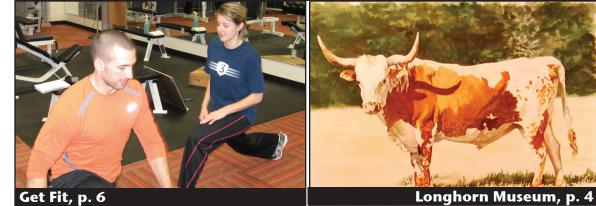
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SAFE PASSAGE



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FROM LEFT: Kristi Randolph-Simon, associate director of student success center, Robert Bartsch, interim associate dean of HSH, Kim Case, assistant professor of psychology and women's studies, and Stephen "Arch" Erich, associate professor of social work, participate in Safe Zone orientation.

UHCL now has a safe haven for the LGBT population

Lindsey Watson The Signal Staff

On Jan. 29, University of Houston-Clear Lake opened its doors to Safe Zone, a new program that encourages tolerance and acceptance for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community on campus.

Safe Zone is a unique program that is quickly gaining recognition on college campuses across the nation. Safe Zone provides a safe haven for the LGBT population in the form of certain individuals, known as allies, who are spe-SAFE cially trained to deal with issues pertaining specifically to this group and provide a ZONE nonjudgmental environment. A student experiencing issues or discrimination pertaining to their sexual orientation or identity can easily seek an ally who can offer them assistance, support and an encouraging person. The program is also for family, friends or anyone who may have a concern relating to the LGBT community. Julie Smith, coordinator for women's & LGBT services in International & Intercultural Student Services, is in charge of coordinating, training and continued development of the program. The first orientation and training session took place Feb. 3 where 32 faculty and staff members were trained as allies.

anything on campus," Smith said when referring to who is eligible to utilize Safe Zone.

To date, there are three offices that have been officially declared as Safe Zones: Intercultural and International Student Services, Student Publications and Counseling Services

"We just want to make it known that it's okay to come to campus and talk to people about these

[LGBT] issues," Smith said.

Stephen "Arch" Erich, associate professor of

Administration prepares for more budget cuts

Corey Benson The Signal Staff

University administrators are developing a plan in response to a letter received last month from state officials requesting all state agencies reduce their budgets 5 percent for the 2010-2011 fiscal vear.

The request came from Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, and Speaker of the House Joe Straus and is due in the Office of the Governor's Budget, Planning, and Policy division by Feb. 15.

"At this point, we've been asked to prepare a reduction plan for the state, and it is just that -aplan," said Michelle Dotter, vice president for administration and finance. "The proposed budget cut is approximately \$1.5 million for fiscal year 2010 and the

same for fiscal year 2011."

The total budget for fiscal year 2010 is \$105,539,085, which includes an operating budget of \$89,239,402. This cut is based only on the state allocation, not on the total university budget of \$105 million.

In a meeting with vice-presidents, associate vice presidents, deans and directors, President William Staples discussed many of the challenges the budget cuts will pose and how the University will respond to those challenges.

"Over the years, this university has gone from being a state supported institution, to one that is merely state assisted," Staples said. "State budget cuts in 2003 were comparatively more of a challenge from a budget perspective because the dollar amount was greater; yet, we managed to

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Student Success Program evolves into long awaited **Student Success Center**

Jessica Jackson The Signal Staff

The Student Success Program is expanding into a new Student Success Center, by hiring Tim Richardson as its new director.

Richardson has worked with various universities such as Boston College, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities and the University of California at Berkley. His previous positions consist of admissions coordina-



"It's not just for LGBT people, it's also for allies, family, friends, anyone with a concern or has seen

social work, has been involved in the Safe Zone program organization and development since its inception. He believes that the program is important not only for physical but emotional safety for the LGBT community.

"If people don't feel safe emotionally, that is taking away from what they are truly here [at UHCL] for," Erich stated.

Kim Case, assistant professor of psychology and women's studies, also served on the committee to develop a Safe Zone program.

"By implementing a successful Safe Zone program, UHCL is standing for a respectful, diverse, and inclusive academic environment. The Safe Zone is designed to address issues and concerns relevant to LGBT communities. However, the spirit of the Safe Zone is to create a safe campus for all students," Case said.

This program comes on the heels of a decision by the UH Office of the General Counsel to not include the phrase "gender identity and expression" in

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tor, academic counselor and

TIM RICHARDSON

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Fitness Fanatics gear up for the Governor's Challenge

Pat Martin The Signal Staff

Men's Fitness magazine named Houston the sixth fattest city in America for 2009. In fact, three Texas cities were in the top 10. Such findings have forced Texas lawmakers to introduce new ways to help its citizens begin living a healthier lifestyle.

Gov. Rick Perry has adopted the Texas Round-Up initiative to improve the health of Texans

through education and promotion of physical activity and healthy living. To help achieve this goal, the governor has initiated the Get-FitTexas Governor's Challenge.

The GetFitTexas Governor's Challenge is a statewide fitness program that challenges all Texans to complete six consecutive weeks of 150 minutes of physical activity per week. This could be 30 minutes a day for five days a week, or any other combination that totals 150 minutes. GetFit-

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Tuition rising, job market declining College not an option for some potential students

he state of Texas

primarily depends on sales tax revenue to fund education. This year sales tax revenue is down, some months by more than 10 percent. Although UHCL has been advised that this downfall is expected to improve next year, the university has been asked by the state of Texas to prepare a 5 percent reduction plan - just in case.

Higher education in the state of Texas has gone from state funded to state assisted. Since 2003 when Gov. Rick Perry deregulated tuition, UHCL has lost about \$1.5 million for school programs. The state is contributing less and less. In 2009 the state provided about \$33.5 million to the university with students having to fill a large gap of approximately \$78 million

With the economy in recession, many people are losing their jobs, and with them their financial security. Still others consider themselves lucky to get by with a pay cut or raise freeze because at least they still have a job.

education?

Some believe student loans

are the answer, but with no

available jobs it has become

difficult if not impossible for

The fees students are

required to pay include: lab

parking, student services,

students to pay off their loans.

fees, extended access support,

tuition recovery charge, utility

surcharge, and a writing center

general property fee, E-services,

In this tight job market, graduating students have to ask, "How will we pay for our education?"

UHCL was designed for the nontraditional student. If tuition is on the rise and our jobs on the line, how will we better our

fee; not to mention the fact that international students have to pay special fees on top of all these other fees. For a small fee, students can utilize an installment plan for the semester.

Enrollment in a 3-hour undergraduate course has increased 3 percent in tuition and fees. Overall student tuition has drastically increased, and the average UHCL student now pays about \$8,000 per year.

Education in the state of Texas is becoming an elitist system. It's becoming more and more difficult for the middle class to be able to afford an education. With tuition on the rise, student loans are becoming their only option. With a poor job market after graduation, average middle class students are finding it difficult to justify the cost of higher education. It is a vicious cycle with no end in sight.

COLUMN Paved paradise and put up a parking lot

It is the beginning of a new year; 2010 signifies that another decade has gone by and with it, many of the things I love.

As I think about all of the wonderful products that have been discontinued, it is not just the sadness of their demise that comes over me, but the thought that my child will most likely never experience many of the things I loved as a child.

months later.

Cinnamon Toast Crunch was never a cereal I enjoyed, but when I tried French Toast Crunch I fell in love. My love affair ended as quickly as it began. After having tried

only one box, it too became another food product that bit the dust. Candy cravers lost a slew of sweet confections this decade with Crispy M&M's, Mars Bars, Tiny Tarts, Sour Bites, Twix Cookies & Cream, and Sugar Mama all going away, perhaps for good.

cially hurtful to Houstonians; we were home to 16 out of 69 stores. Gone are the days of the Foley's Red Apple Sales, which seemed to occur much more frequently as their close date approached. Eddie Bauer, Kmart,

> Storehouse Furniture and many others followed suit this decade by either drastically reducing their number of locations or

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Sonya Lynch :The Signal

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I suppose that is the way things go. Our generation missed out on many great things our parents and grandparents experienced in their youth. Ever tasted Kellogg's Puffa Puffa Rice Cereal, Black Jack gum or the Seven Up Bar? I bet not, and you most likely never will.

Don't get me wrong, change is mostly good and in many cases signifies great progress, but every once in awhile you have to ask yourself, "Why did they close down a place like Astro World? Did they do just what a song from recent years suggests, 'paved paradise and put up a parking lot?"

This decade gave consumers many opportunities to ask these kinds of questions when Coca-Cola Co. discontinued the very tasty C2 because of marketing issues. Circus Animal Cookies went away in October when Mother's Cookies abruptly closed its doors and stopped production. I was further saddened when I discovered the Frito Burrito from Taco Bell, only to have it taken away

Food products weren't the only items to become distant memories as we saw the death of the Polaroid

camera and Polaroid film this decade. No more taking a picture and watching it slowly develop in front of your eyes. Sure, the quality was poor and we've replaced them with fancy digital cameras. I love my Canon Rebel SLR as much as the next person, but it's the end of an era and can only mean that the extinction of 35mm film is right behind it. Future generations will no longer know what it means to "shake it like a Polaroid picture."

2005 brought an end to Foley's department stores across the nation. This was a blow to shoppers everywhere but was espe-



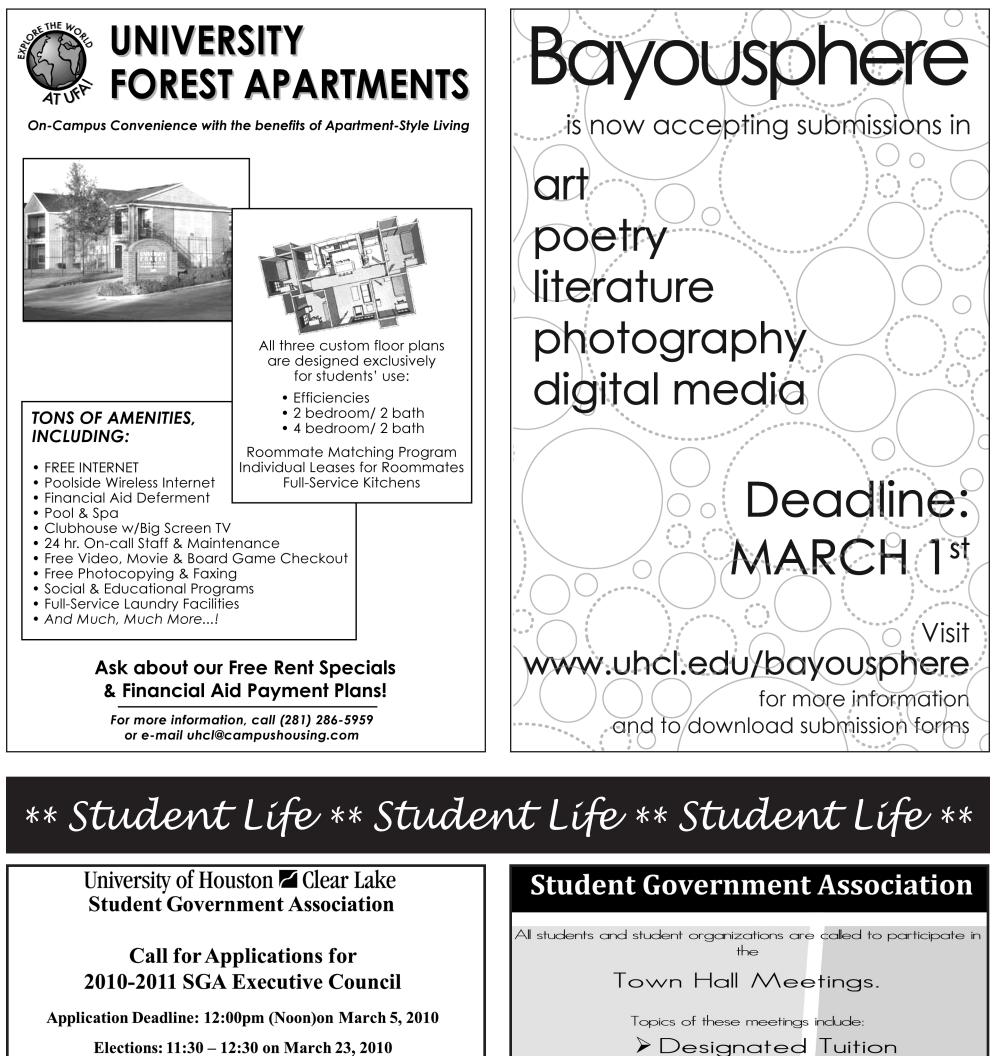
Kara J. Rice The Signal Staff

completely closing their doors altogether.

Knowing that many of my beloved products are being killed off mercilessly, I am comforted by the fact that history repeats itself, retro is cool, and many items make a comeback after public outcry reaches the ears of the manufacturer. Jell-O Pudding

Pops did just this but is now manufactured by Popsicle. Although this has squelched the cry of the masses, die-hards say, "It's not the same pudding pop."

Many candies from the '50s, '60s and '70s that have been gone for decades are beginning to appear every year around Halloween and on specialty Web sites. These little reminders of the past still put smiles on the faces of baby boomers everywhere and it is inevitable our generation too will one day welcome the moments when the past meets the present.



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The Butler Longhorn Museum, located at 1220 Coryell in the historical district of League City, is inside of a large, three-story David Sager: The Signal

house originally built by Walter Hall in the early 1900s. League City is the birthplace of the Butler breed of longhorn cattle.

Wycoff spent

David Sager The Signal Staff

Deep in the heart of historic League City sits the newly opened Butler Longhorn Museum.

Built out of a house originally owned by Walter Hall, the museum stands as a testament to the Butler breed of longhorn cattle, as well as the rich history of League City and its founders.

Upon entering the museum, visitors are greeted by "Classic Ace," a large, taxidermed longhorn steer that serves as a mascot of sorts for the museum. The rest of the first floor contains a visitor's center, gift shop, a stage for old westernstyle plays and movies, a snack and drink bar, and an old-fashioned jail cell.

The main exhibits are located on the second and third floors. The staircases throughout the museum are decorated with wall-sized murals painted by local artist David Flores, also known as "Skeez," to

represent the old west culture. The exhibits are divided into

sections based on their subject matter. Exhibit areas include: works by local artists, old

west weaponry, and history of League City and the Butler family.

On the second floor a large metallic longhorn head and neck stands bathed in brilliant light.

"This bull was shaped by local artist Terry Jones, using firearms

and other weapons that have been used in actual violent crimes in League City's past," said Bette Specion, museum president. "The police department disabled them and allowed Jones to use them in his sculpture."

Rhonda Cyrus, former parks director for League City, came up with the initial idea for the museum after researching some of League City's history. She hired Jennifer Wycoff as curator and director to establish the museum.

> the next four years collecting information and exhibits. In 2005, the staff began to assemble the exhibits and revamp the house to make it safer and more visitor friendly. The

museum's official grand opening was held Jan. 5.

To help spread the word about the museum and its benefits to the community, the staff is hosting Educators Day Feb. 24. All local faculty members are invited and need only their school ID to attend.

The museum staff hopes to provide educators with a new destination to take their students is to entertain the educators themselves. For that purpose, all guests that day will have the opportunity to purchase signed books by Susan Kaplan-Williams, Cindy Price and Johanna Wycoff.

"We are actively seeking volunteers to help us with the museum," said Jane McFaddin, treasurer. "At the moment, the board of directors is the only staff we have to operate the day-to-day functions. Our goal is to be open for visitors five days a week in May, versus the two days a week we are open now, and anyone in the community is invited to volunteer and help us to accomplish this goal."

The museum is located at 1220 Coryell in the historical district of League City. Additional information about the museum and events can be found at www.butlerlonghornmuseum.com.

"This bull was shaped by local artist Terry Jones, using firearms and other weapons that have been used in actual violent crimes in League City's past."

> - Bette Specion museum president



on field trips. Another goal

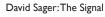
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Left Bottom: Pictured from left to right: Joann LaCognata, director of membership; Jane McFaddin, treasurer; Jennifer Wycoff, curator/director; and Bette Specion, president.

Right Bottom: This sculpture was created by Terry Jones, a metalworking artist from Jewitt, Tx. He used firearms that were used in actual violent crimes in League City's past, that were given to him by the League City Police Department.

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Top: A formidable sight; "Classic Ace," a large taxidermed steer, stands proudly in the foyer area to greet visitors upon entering the main doors of the Butler Lomghorn Museum.

Bottom Left: An unfinished exhibit by Curator/Director Jennifer Wycoff.

Bottom Right: "Crossing the Snake River," an oil on canvas painting by Susan Sheets.

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sustain excellent academic programming and student services."

The University receives funds from the state based on enrollment.

"The good news is enrollment is up; we budgeted for flat enrollment, so the growth in enrollment will help cushion the \$1.5 million loss," Staples said.

The state of Texas has no income tax, unlike many other states and relies heavily on state sales tax.

"State sales taxes have not been positive since Jan. 2009. The real challenge comes when faced with cutting 5 percent in the middle of the fiscal year, when funding that was anticipated for upcoming expenditures may not be available. It requires quite a bit of discussion and consideration to reduce budgets in a way that will minimize the impact on the university's commitment to academic excellence and student success," Staples said.

Staples also said in the meeting that there were no layoffs in 2003 and, at 5 percent, layoffs are not presented as an option to reduce the budget.

The reduction may have a universitywide impact; however, the 5 percent cut is not across the board. Administrators anticipate departments reporting to the president and the vice president for administration and finance will be affected more so than the departments under the senior vice president for academic affairs and provost.

"Although all three components are vital to the success of the university, academic affairs' offices and the schools have more immediate and direct impact on our students," Dotter said.

"The president and provost have made it clear that if we are forced to return funds to the state, instruction would be hurt the least, followed by services directly relating to students," added Darlene Biggers, associate vice president for student services.

Several increases in tuition and student fees have been proposed for the upcoming fiscal year.

"We have proposed a tuition and fee increase that has been approved in our shared governance committees and will be presented to Finance Committee of the Board of Regents on Feb. 10 and then to the full Board of Regents on Feb. 16," said Jean Carr, executive director of budget.

The president will be addressing designated tuition, spending priority list proposals and funding issues in a series of two Town Hall Meetings.

"The Town Hall Meetings, which will be held Feb. 17 at noon and Feb. 18 at 6 p.m. in the SSCB Student Lounge will provide students the opportunity to have their questions answered," said Amanda Schoolcraft, Student Government Association vice president for communication and outreach.

"SGA strongly encourages every student and member of the UHCL community to attend one of the meetings. These meetings give students the opportunities to voice their ideas, opinions and concerns directly to the policy-makers on campus."

For more information regarding the Town Hall Meetings, contact Amanda Schoolcraft at 281-283-2556 or sga@ uhcl.edu.

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assistant director of student services. He wants to enrich the quality of the student experience and make the center a place students will like. He referred to the tutoring on campus as a "skeleton," and said it is a resource that has not been well used.

The Student Success Center will help students with note taking, information management, and skills development. This type of tutoring is new to this campus.

Tutors will attend class to know exactly what the professor is teaching. They are not going to teach subjects, but instead will zero in on and polish up student understanding. The tutors will hold sessions with a group of students and review the skills they learned in class.

Supplemental Instruction is a program with intensified tutoring, Richardson stated that "he is a big fan and has been using it for years."

In the near future, he wants the Student Success Center to be included in every class syllabus, similar to the Writing Center The center is "designed to build confidence to help students succeed academically and be fluent in the courses they are taking," he said. plan deeply rooted in plan and practice," Jenkins said.

Richardson is challenged to come up with new ideas on how to provide services to the students at University of Houston-Clear Lake's Pearland campus. Richardson will also focus on tutoring in the Academic Support Referral Program, which will refer students who appear to be in distress and put together a "blue-print" to put them back on the track to success."

"The Student Success Center has been building over the past three years, as students have asked for help and especially for tutoring," said Darlene Biggers, associate vice president for student services. "It started as a small pilot study to identify the classes students felt were most difficult in every department and we began offering tutoring in those courses first.

The Student Success Center is intended to become a first-hand resource for students strug-"A lot of the time there

gling academically and will

Pat Martin: The Signal

Cary Hair, coordinator of fitness, recreation and wellness, and Lindsey Fulton, coordinator of student assistance center, get fit in the UHCL Fitness Zone.

- Nichole Eslinger

life services

UHCL coordinator of work and

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Texas offers a free online service to log your progress throughout the six week challenge.

Meredith Garcia, executive director for Texas Round-Up, explains that Gov. Perry launched the statewide fitness program to motivate and encourage Texans to become more active and incorporate healthy choices into their daily lives.

"The main goal of this program is to provide Texans with the tools needed to increase the amount of physical activity accomplished each week, while reducing the number of Texans living a sedentary lifestyle," Garcia said.

Almost any type of physical activity will count as exercise. In addition to traditional activities such as weight training, walking or jogging, other acceptable

types of activities could include golfing, fishing, climbing stairs or even gardening.

The GetFitTexas Governor's Challenge also invites teams of participants to compete and be crowned the "Fittest in Texas." Nichole Eslinger, UHCL coordinator of work life services, is encourag-

ing participants to join the UHCL Fitness Fanatics team.

"We have two goals to accomplish: One is to encourage our UHCL faculty, staff and students to engage in physical activity and to make healthy choices in their everyday lives," Eslinger said. "Second is to win the competition."

achieve these fitness goals, UHCL has hired Cary Hair as the new coordinator of student life for health, wellness and recreation. He is available in the Fitness Zone to assist students with proper exercise techniques.

"In 2008 when UHCL competed in this challenge, we had 114 team members sign up," Hair said. "Of those, 81 finished the challenge. Our goal is to have a high retention rate. This is the best way to judge our success."

The UHCL Fitness Fanatics team is offering a few extra prizes for participants who are up for the challenge. All participants who finish the program are eligible to win a free personal training package or a boot camp pass courtesy of the UHCL Fitness Zone. In addition to these prizes,

> all participants who finish the program will receive a certificate of completion signed by Gov. Perry.

"We are competing against other state agencies and we want to win," Eslinger said. "We want UHCL to be recognized with the unique honor of being the fittest in Texas."

To accept the challenge, first go to www.texasroundup.org to register for the program. Click on the 'Join Program' link and then select the 'I am a State Agency Employee' icon. Next, join the UHCL Fitness Fanatics team. The deadline is April 10 to accept the challenge, and begin living a healthier and more active lifestyle

"We want UHCL to be recognized with the unique honor of being the fittest in Texas."



Richardson has "the credentials, expertise, and temperament to do an outstanding job," said Anthony Jenkins, dean of students. Richardson has a strong background in tutoring and advising as well as working with first-generation college students.

Jenkins referred to Richardson as his "right hand man" for working on new strategies and helping with retention efforts in Student Services.

"His merits are based on an academic

help students instead of them struggling to figure things out on their own."

- Sameer Pande associate director of intercultural

and international student services

be available for all students.

"The success of the university depends on the students," said Sameer Pande, associate director of intercultural and international student services.

"Some students may have a disability they haven't found out about yet," Pande

said. "A lot of the time there are resources that can help students instead of them struggling to figure things out on their own."

Pande believes the Student Success Center should be a place where students automatically come, instead of waiting for a referral

The Student Success Center is located in SSCB 3.101.02. Richardson can be reached at RichardsonT@uhcl.edu or 281-283-2452.

In order to further help students

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UH-System's nondiscrimination statement. This decision was based on a court case known as the "Issa Lopez ruling" in which a transgendered female was denied employment due to the fact that the said business claimed she misrepresented herself by presenting herself as a female when she was in fact a male. The court subsequently ruled in her favor.

General Counsel determined that the word "sex" already in place in the policy covers any discrimination based on gender identity including transgendered individuals, and no change would be made to the nondiscrimination policy. UH did decide, however, that student handbooks, employment manuals and all university correspondence will include the "gender identity and expression" addition.

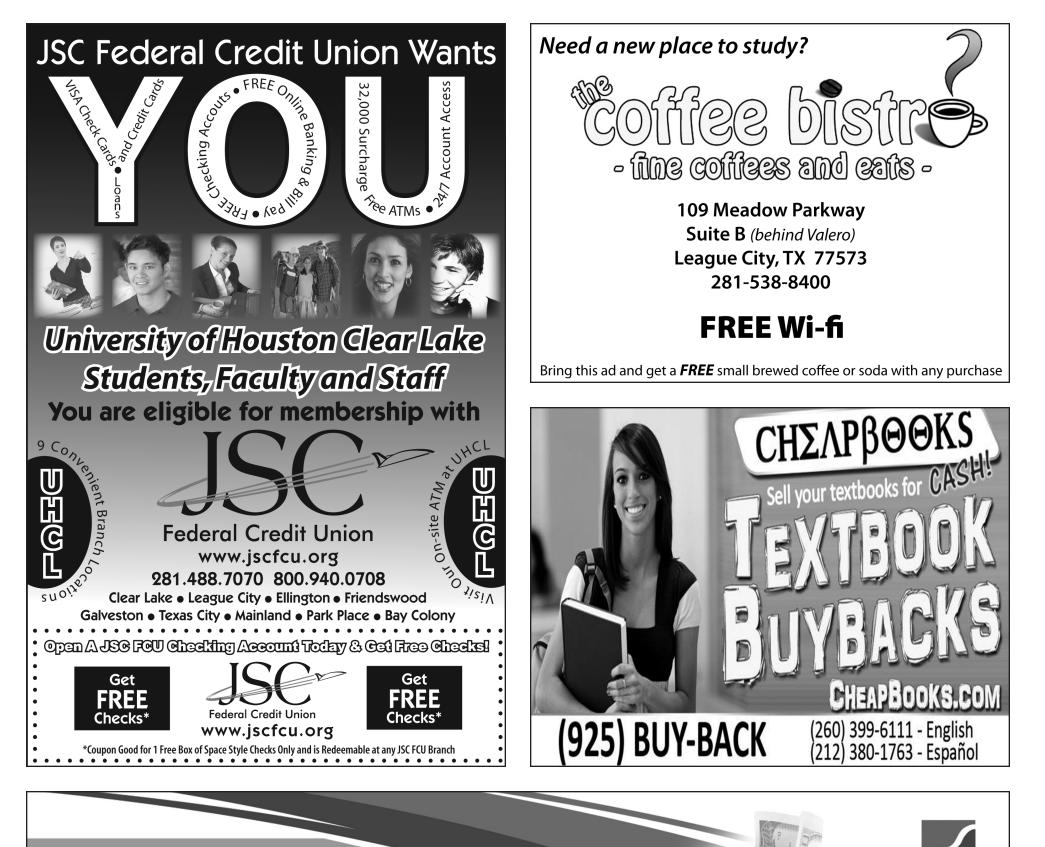
today.

UH also decided to accommodate transitioning transgender individuals with separate family restrooms and partitioned dressing rooms as well as a LGBT resource center.

Josephine Tittsworth, UHCL alumna and advocate of the LGBT community, has worked to bring change to University of Houston System for the LGBT community.

"The struggle is going to continue to get the language in the nondiscrimination statement," Tittsworth said. "Eventually it's going to happen, but we're still doing it...we're still working on it. This is a giant leap."

A complete list of Safe Zone allies is available online at www.uhclthesignal. com.



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CAMPUS LIFE 8 **UHCL Events** Who you gonna call?



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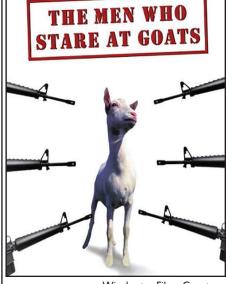
FROM LEFT: Patrick Hankamer, event attendee; Chris Lowe, UHCL alumnus; Everett Hinote, event attendee; Joe Miller, UHCL alumnus.

The Gamer's Guild held its second annual Conjour Jan. 29-31. Conjour is a fantasy, science fiction and horror convention featuring tournaments, gaming, art shows, music, dealers and animation showings.

"When I came to UHCL a long time ago, the Bayou Building just seemed like a place to hold a big event like this," said Deborah Kent, a UHCL student who ran the event last year as well as this year "After a first year, it is very rare to see a second year. We are very blessed that UHCL let us hold this event two years in a row, and we are hoping for a third year."

Goat Mind Tricks

THIS STORY IS ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED WHEN A SMALL GROUP OF MEN-HIGHLY PLACED WITHIN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY, THE GOVERNMENT, AND THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES-BEGAN BELIEVING IN VERY STRANGE THINGS



Winchester Films: Courtesy

The UHCL Film and Speakers Series pairs a movie with a speaker who has knowledge about the issues within the film. The next film in this semester's series will be "The Men Who Stare at Goats" and will be held on Saturday, Feb. 13 in the Student Services Building at 7 p.m. It will be shown again on Sunday, Feb. 14 in the Student Services Building at 3 p.m. Both screenings are \$3.75 a ticket.

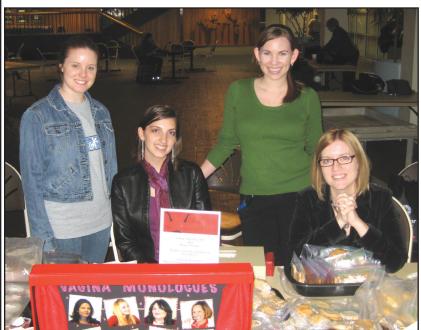
Come Together



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Community Outreach Day is Saturday, Feb. 13. UHCL has been holding Community Outreach Day each a semester since

V is not for Valentine



Campus Calendar

February 8, 2010

February is Black History Month

Feb. 8

Africana Studies, Theory and Methods Dr. James L. Conyers 4 - 5 p.m. Bayou 1510

Feb. 10

Voices of Colour: Representative Senfronia Thompson Noon - 1 p.m. Bayou 1510

Feb. 13

Community Outreach Day - various times and locations http://www.uhcl.edu/ studentleadershipinstitute

Feb. 15-18 Rape Aggression Defense class www.rad-systems.com 6 - 9:30 p.m. each day Call 281-283-2222

Feb. 16 Movie night "Glory" 4 - 7 p.m. SSCB Lecture Hall

Graduation Fest 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Bayou Building, Atrium 2

Feb. 17 & 18 UHCL Town Hall Meetings SSCB Student Lounge

Feb. 20 & 27 Career Exploration Workshop 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Call 281-283-2590 For additional upcoming events on campus, visit http://uhcl.premierplanner.com

2002, a day where students, staff and faculty volunteer to he	lp
the community.	

"SLICE arranges numerous service projects including: serving the homeless, the hungry and the elderly, working in construction, and helping at the animal shelter," said Jennifer Clark, assistant director of student life for student leadership involvement and community engagement. Community Outreach Day is currently the largest service program UHCL coordinates. There are typically 75 to 150 volunteers each semester.

Alicia Nguyen: The Signal

FROM LEFT: Shayla Habibi, UHCL student; Rachel Gunter, UHCL history major; Julie Smith, coordinator, Women's & LGBT Services; and Jenn Clark, assistant director of student life for Student Leadership, Involvement and Community Engagement.

"The Vagina Monologues," will be held in the Bayou Theatre Feb. 19 from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 with a valid UHCL ID and \$12 without. The cast is raising money for V-Day, a campaign to help end violence against women and girls.



UHCL Town Hall Meetings

UHCL President, Dr. Staples, will discuss: ✓ Designated Tuition ✓ Priority List Proposals ✓ Funding Issues

Meetings to be held in the SSCB Living Room

February 17th at 12:00 pm February 18th at 6:00 pm

Questions? Contact SGA at: SGA@uhcl.edu 281-283-2556

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