

MORE BUDGET CUTS PREDICTED

David Miller
The Signal

Governor Rick Perry, Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst and Speaker of the House Joe Straus informed Texas public universities to plan on another budget reduction for the 2011fiscal year. Though nothing is set in stone, UHCL is planning for a 20 percent reduction in state funds.

The budget shortfall for the next biennium, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013, would be approximately \$15 billion, assuming no changes in growth for state programs or services. Including speculated growth, the shortfall rises to as much as \$27 billion.

UHCL’s primary sources of funding are state appropriations and tuition and fees. The cutback would apply to the state appropriations and does not take into account a number of items that could further offset the reductions such as tuition and fees as well as alumni donations.

“There will be many, many changes over the next four months,” UHCL President William Staples stated in a university-wide e-mail last week. “If the state budget process was a nine-inning baseball game, we are only in the top of the first inning.”

In a worst-case scenario, UHCL would reduce the amount of non-mandatory courses, eliminate duplicate course sections with low enrollment and increase class

sizes. This defragmenting of courses would help offset whatever state cuts the college takes later this year, so as to avoid raising tuition.

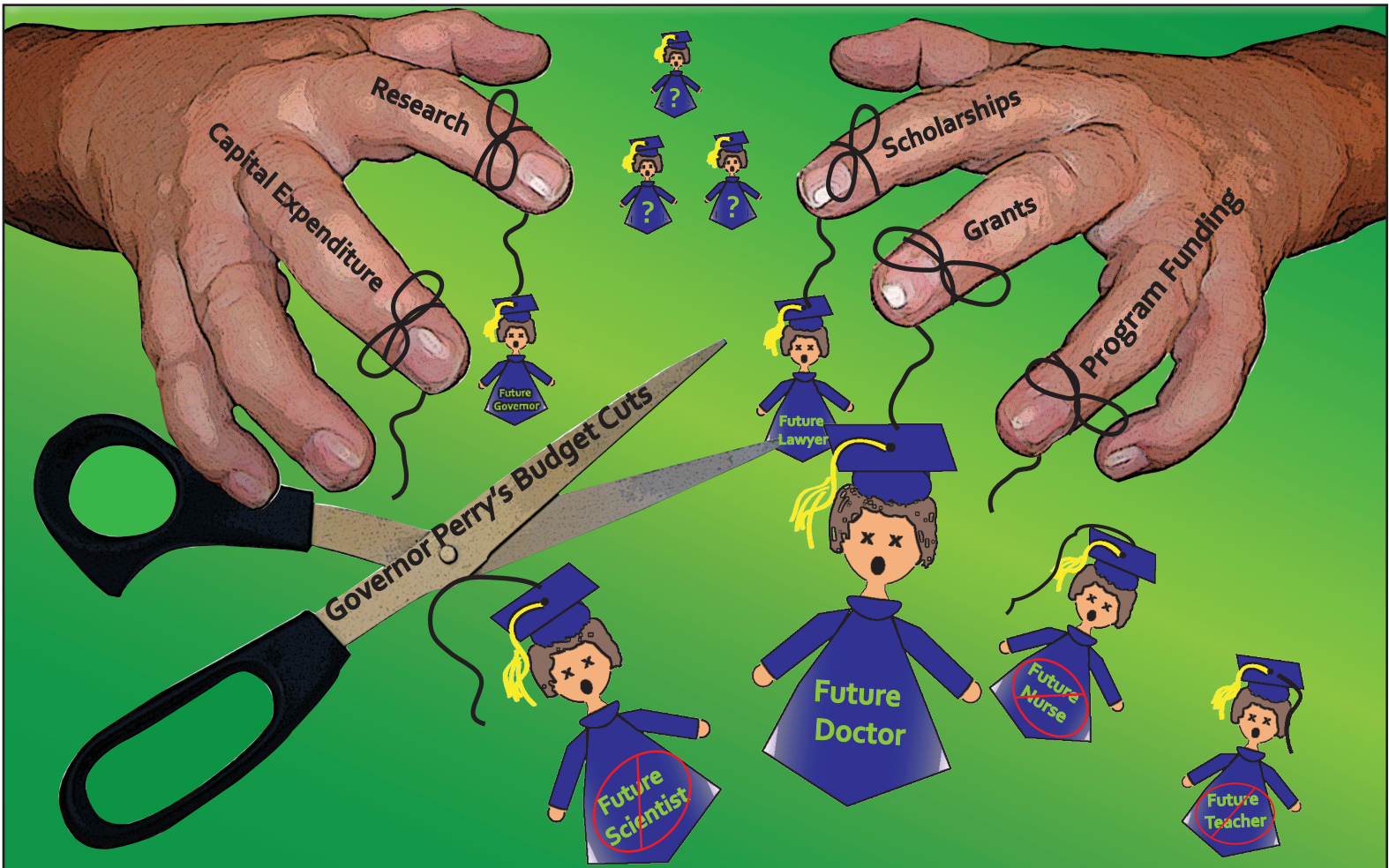
“UHCL is going to try as much as possible to reduce the affects of cuts on students and preserve classroom instruction,” said Beth Hentges, Faculty

Senate president and professor of psychology. “I think there are two overriding concerns for the faculty; that instructional quality is not affected by the budget cuts, and that faculty are directly included in the budgetary process.”

UH is considering furloughs and a layoff proposal, while UHCL campus

administrators have stated they are not considering layoffs. The current UHCL proposal does consider cutting vacant positions, a hiring freeze, and a reduction in summer school sections offered this summer. The plan also includes energy

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Violence claims UHCL student



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UHCL student Mubarak Aldossary signs the memorial book for Jayachandra Elaprolu, who was murdered during the winter break.

Matthew Candelaria
The Signal

UHCL student Jayachandra Elaprolu was shot and killed Dec. 25, 2010, at a convenience store off Beltway 8 and San Augustine

in Pasadena, Texas.

A thief in a ski mask barged into the store Elaprolu was working at and began firing a 9 mm semi-automatic pistol. Elaprolu tried to protect himself

by getting behind a door. Five shots found their mark through the door and penetrated into Elaprolu’s upper body.

The thief took off with the cash register but left behind the lifeless body of 22-year-old Elaprolu. Police have arrested two suspects, 29-year-old Michael Ray Morris and 22-year-old Daniel Stiner, both from Pasadena.

Elaprolu, who earned his bachelor’s degree in India, came to UHCL to pursue a master’s in computer engineering.

Elaprolu was an only child. His parents, who live in Vijayawada city, were notified of their son’s death early Christmas morning.

“We were told that a man barged into the gas station, shot at my son and escaped with the money. Whoever he may be, he is a criminal,” the Deccan Chronicle reported Nageswara

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Tier one status for UH could mean big changes for UHCL

Jessica O’Rear
The Signal

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching announced in January that the University of Houston has been categorized as a “very high research activity” university.

Tier One status is given to universities known for top-notch research and academic superiority.

The Carnegie Foundation’s designation makes UH one of only three public Tier One research universities in Texas, alongside Texas A&M and the University of Texas.

“We look forward to further progress in bringing the best and brightest to Houston as we continue to build UH as a research center for Houston and

for Texas,” said Carrol Ray, chairwoman for the UH System Board of Regents.

Tier One universities receive national recognition and prestige based on their accomplishments as innovative and scholarly institutions.

“All universities within the UH System should benefit from UH’s elevation to Tier One, as the designation makes the University of Houston name more attractive to high-quality faculty and students,” said Richard Bonnin, executive director of media relations for UH.

Presently, UH grants automatic admission to freshmen who graduate high

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EDITORIAL

Students respond to campus safety measures

With the shocking death of UHCL student Jayachandra Elaprolu still fresh in our minds, UHCL students understandably harbor concern for our own personal safety on campus as well as navigating the greater Houston area.

It is especially important for international students here at UHCL to feel secure in their newfound surroundings.

A sampling of international students admitted a sense of apprehension involved with the relocation process in tandem with assimilating to a foreign country while maintaining an acceptable GPA. These anxieties are understandable; what is unacceptable is for students to be made to fear their surroundings due to heightened criminal activity.

The incidence of violent crime on UHCL campus is astoundingly low compared to other universities in the state. In a “Top 50” study compiled by StateUniversity.com, UHCL stands as the fourth safest university in Texas.

Also worthy of note, our campus holds the highest safety rating amongst all University of Houston campuses in 2010 and similarly received the 21st spot out of 450 nationwide universities for highest safety rating.

Such statistics are due, in part, to the campus’ precautionary actions to provide students with proactive services. UHCL’s reputation for offering provisions including campus police patrol, shuttle buses and Rape Aggression Defense System self-defense classes has helped reassure

students that sources of positive reinforcement and assistance are available.

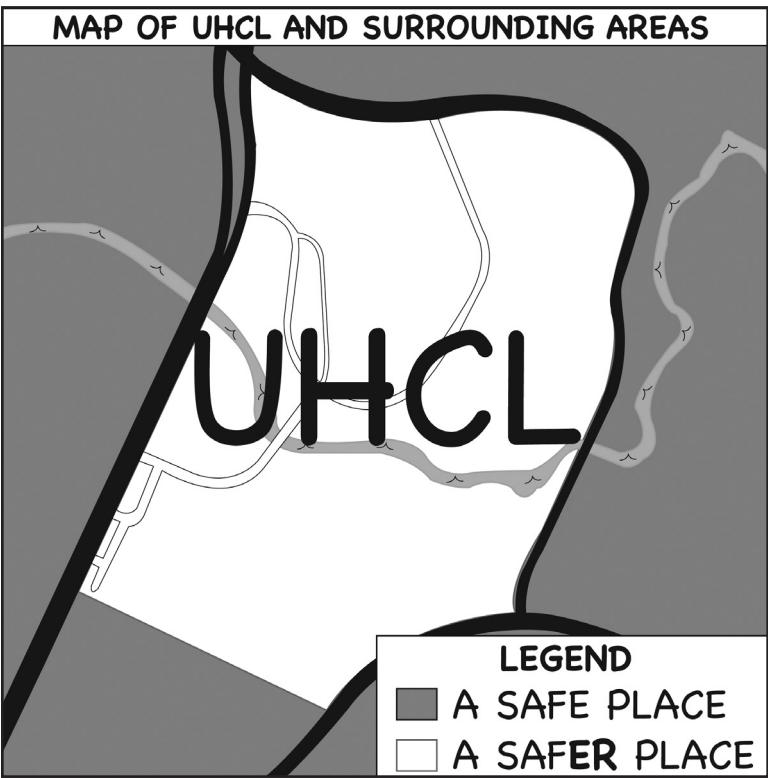
Unfortunately for the programs, all international students surveyed respectfully argued that the shuttle bus schedule is an unpredictable service lacking in quantity of buses as well as frequency.

These buses are many international students’ safest and most practical mode of transportation. The majority of these first-semester students live near the campus and do not currently possess a valid Texas driver’s license. Many female international students expressed concern about attending night classes with an inconsistent and delayed shuttle bus schedule.

Additionally, the R.A.D. System is well advertised through e-mail and posters throughout campus, but nearly all surveyed participants voiced that scheduling conflicts prevented them from attending the self-defense classes. Most insisted they would like to attend.

One international student remarked that she does not believe the R.A.D. System would prove beneficial, as she had previously attended a similar program with substandard results back in her native India. Moreover, she commented that the Clear Lake area appeared as safe as India although she initially felt the wave of trepidation that comes with inhabiting a new environment.

As Americans, we often contemplate the possible dangers that go along with visiting a foreign country. We think of ourselves



Matt Griesmyer: The Signal

as the most secure country in the world and cast a cautious eye toward other countries’ crime rates.

Interestingly enough, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime’s records on international crime determined that through a population rate per 100,000, India had an estimated 2.8 crime rating in 2007. The same report listed the U.S. with a projected 5.2 crime rate in 2008.

UNODC documents suggest that the U.S. has a higher incidence of crime when compared not only to India, but also in juxtaposition with a 2006 UN-CTS report of Vietnam.

Jayachandra Elaprolu’s murder was a senseless act. He cooperated with the assailants, gave in to their demands for all the money in the cash register and yet they chose to take the promising life of 22-year-old Elaprolu.

Despite this horrible act of violence, UHCL is still a safe campus. We must not give into our fears of violence, crime or any other reprehensible acts against humanity. Students at UHCL must prepare ourselves and help each other to sustain the security and goodwill that we share for our community.

COLUMN Low-tech man in a high-tech world

Mark Bownds
The Signal



In the 1989 motion picture “Back to the Future Part II,” Marty McFly and Doc Brown travel to the year 2015. It is here that we are introduced to a futuristic world complete with flying cars, hover boards and hydrating pizzas.

It’s now 22 years later. The year is 2011, and I don’t see any of these high-tech advancements being developed anytime soon. It would appear that Robert Zemeckis should have featured a more practical and accurate future gadget in the film – the cell phone.

In fact, take a closer look at the scene showing Doc Brown in an alley observing Marty Jr. in 2015. The scene shows Marty Jr. walking into a phone booth. This always catches my eye because, here in 2011, I don’t even know if public phone booths even exist anymore.

We now live in a global society where cell

phones have completely taken over as our dominant source of communication. They have become what most Americans consider to be an absolute necessity in life.

Then there are people like me. The ones who just can’t keep up with it all; the ones whose minds get blown every time a new phone or electronic gets introduced. Being inundated with all this new software makes our heads explode. Some of our fears toward technology go as far as the belief that “Terminator 2” COULD actually happen.

Our little club may get laughed at, but all these new breakthroughs in machinery can be quite intimidating for the technologically challenged.

It seems as though every time I turn around, Apple or Nokia is coming out with a new phone that does everything except cut your toe nails. I now see these little plastic things not only calling, but texting, e-mailing, searching the Internet, providing the weather, giving roadway directions, playing games and storing music. Not to mention the cameras that these bad boys are equipped with today.

Cameras now have the capability of producing home movies that millions of viewers watch online via YouTube; even Steven Spielberg would be jealous.

Now, while having all these functions on your phone is cool, I continue to be content with the obsolete piece of junk that I’ve been carrying around for years. Believe it or not, I’ve actually managed to survive the turmoil of this world on a cell phone that can only call and text. One that sends text messages slower than a group of turtles running a post office. I’m not kidding; Fred Flintstone can chisel an entire letter on stone to Barney faster than it takes my cell phone to text one sentence.

What’s more, I plan to keep on getting taunted by friends for having an inferior phone, to keep forgetting to put it on the charger, to keep leaving it at home, and to keep texting at a rate slower than Houston traffic. If I could have it my way, I would ask for technology to slow down. Otherwise, I would ask for Apple to hurry up and come out with the Flux Capacitor. Then maybe I could travel back in time to the ‘80s, back to the age of VCRs, Ataris, and Apple II computers. Afterall, those I could actually operate.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The immigration editoriol [Vol. XXXVIII, Number 14, Dec. 6, 2010] is reflecting opinions and conclusions based on very faulty and erroneous assumptions.

First, there is no comparison to the immigration of yesteryear that for sure was greatly responsible for helping build this great nation and making it the exceptional nation it was, is and is now at risk!

If you studied your history you’d remember there were annual quotas by Congress of

ALLOWED immigration. There was Ellis Island, among other immigration points of entry, which were stongly controlled and immigration laws then strictly enforced. It was a privilege to enter the USA then--NOT A RIGHT!

The immigrants then learned our language, studied for citizenship, worked hard, paid taxes and accepted no entitlements unless they were destitute; not today’s picture.

You and others with your immaturity and lack of knowledge

and experience blame the people/ original immigrants for how they went about creating the greatest nation the world has known---just as our current president does and whom I’m sure you all are part of the voting block that put him in office.

I wonder if you’ve learned your lesson --if not, read recent history (Nov 2) and reflect. And, for your information, the indians of old were stealing and killing each other for the land (and food) they controlled---NOT OWNED-

-long before the Europeans got here. And, their descendants are today some of the wealthiest (and greediest casino owners) dwellars in America! Without the America as it is and has been, where do the tortured, hungry people escape to? Your editoriol does all a disservice. There is so much more that can be said....

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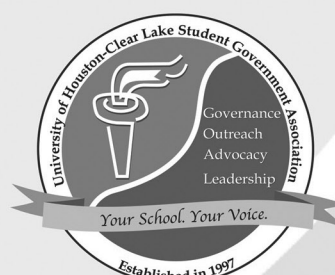
Student Government Association

“We make a living by what we get,
but we make a life by what we give.”
- Winston Churchill

Applications for the 2011- 2012
SGA Executive Council are available.

The deadline for applying is March 2nd, 2011
and elections will be held March 22nd, 2011.

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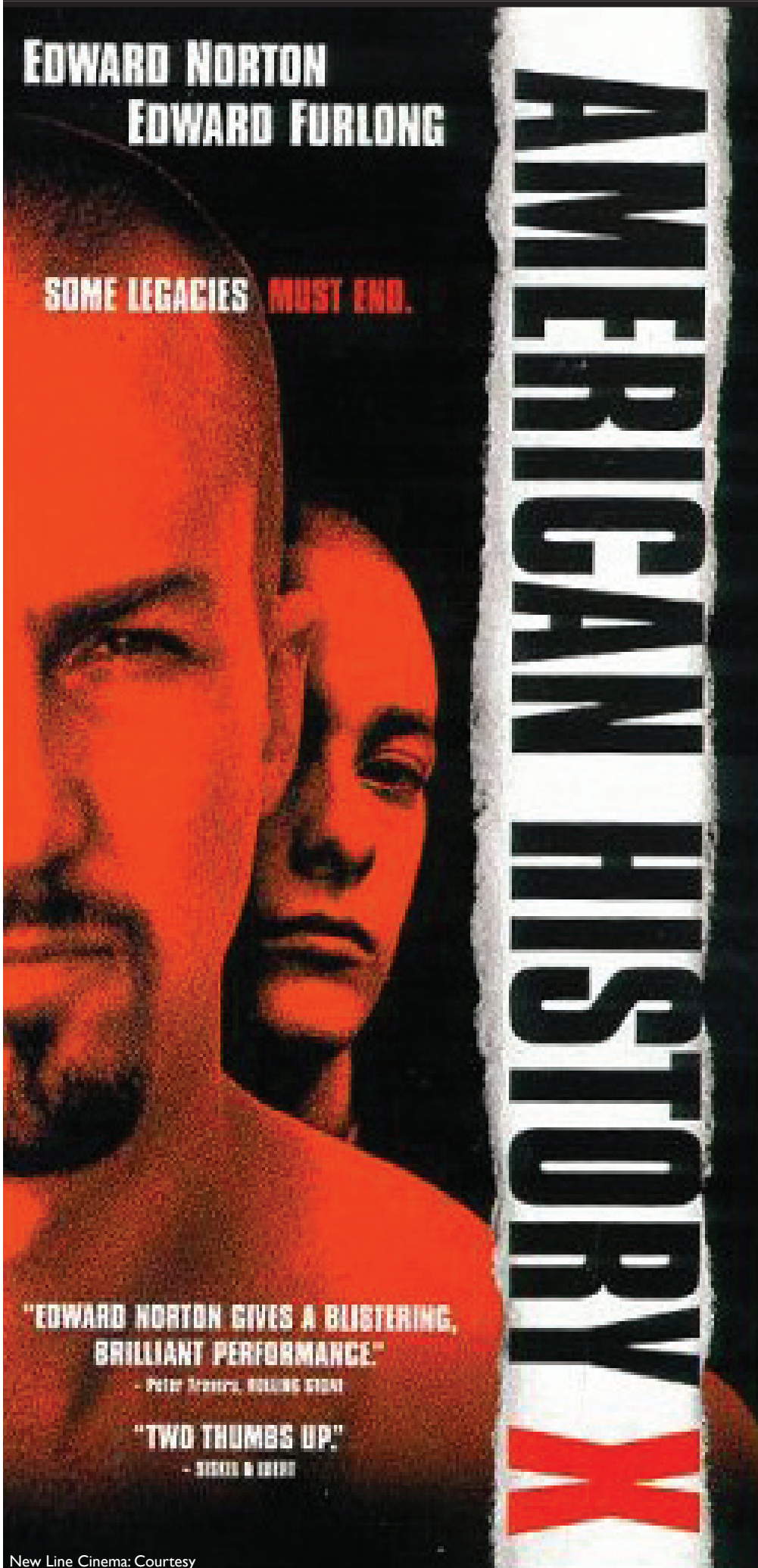
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New Line Cinema: Courtesy

Film & Speaker Series examines racism in U.S.

**Norma Villarreal
Ashley Smith**
The Signal

Hot topic issues hate and racism were targeted in the first film in UHCL's Film and Speaker Series this semester.

"American History X," shown Jan. 29-30 in the Student Service Building conference room, gave students an inside look at hate groups that survive in this country. After the film, Stephen Cherry, assistant professor of sociology, hosted a question-and-answer session.

In the film, Derek Vinyard, a young recruiter for a white supremacist group goes to jail for brutally killing members of a black gang called the Crypts. While in prison he is reformed after befriending an African-American inmate, Lamont. After being released from prison, Derek realizes his younger brother is headed down the same path he has gone and tries to prevent him from making the same violent mistakes.

Sonia Hernandez, cultural arts assistant who chooses the films for the Film and Speaker Series, decided on this particular film after an incident where a local chapter of the KKK went through her neighborhood throwing pamphlets into yards.

"I pick these films because it gives students a learning opportunity to discuss vital issues in a safe environment," Hernandez said.

Something Cherry hopes the audience took from the film, "is that if we are going to do something; we need to do more than what we are doing on the issue of diversity in this country."

The themes brought about in the film, as well as the lecture, hit close to home with area community members. Vernal White, who holds a bachelor's degree in education, was educated in a segregated school for African-Americans. There was only one school, and all subjects and grades were taught in that one building. Although she has seen progress with race relations in America, White points out that racism still exists – although not as obviously as when she was growing up.

"Racism is not openly exposed as much until or unless someone is hurt severely or killed," White said. "We have had incidents where some people have been arrested and been beaten by police men and unless it comes to the attention of the media then we don't know about it."

While imprisoned, Derek finds himself a member of the minority population; he faces the prejudices of most of his fellow African-American inmates. It is his friendship with Lamont that enables him to survive prison. It is a visit from his former English teacher Bob Sweeney, also African-American, that provides a pivotal turning point in Derek's reformation.

Bob Sweeney: "There was a moment, when I used to blame everything and everyone for all the pain and suffering and vile things that happened to me, that I saw happen to my people. Used to blame everybody. Blamed white people, blamed society, blamed God. I didn't get no answers 'cause I was asking the wrong questions. You have to ask the right questions."

Derek Vinyard: "Like what?"

Bob Sweeney: "Has anything you've done made your life better?"

"American History X" illustrates how ignorance and misinformed beliefs fed into the minds of young people can lead to a life of hatred and destruction. As younger brother Daniel finally concludes: "Hate is baggage. Life's too short to be pissed off all the time."

"Whether it is the media, adults or guardians, that the youth are susceptible to the messages we give them," Cherry said.

The next film in the Film and Speaker Series will be the animated movie "Tangled" Feb. 19. For information on future film and speaker events, visit www.uhcl.edu/movies. Admission is free for students with a student ID and \$3.75 for non-students at the door.



Stephen M. Cherry, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Sociology

Black and White are just different shades of gray

secret regrets

*What is the biggest regret of your life?
What if you had a second chance?*

Website offers clean conscience

Ashley Smith

The Signal

"I'm still here."

With those three little words, thousands of posters on Kevin Hansen's website SecretRegrets.com breathed a sigh of relief.

The words came from a teenage girl who had posted days earlier that she did not deserve to see the New Year and planned to kill herself on New Year's Eve. Her biggest regret was not being brave enough to tell the ones she loved her plans of ending her life.

SecretRegrets.com asks its visitors a question that closest friends and family wouldn't dare ask, "What is your biggest regret?" Thousands of people have flocked to this site, not only to post their regrets, but to lend support to others who are suffering with theirs.

"We can't ignore the pain our regrets have caused, but we can acknowledge it and put it behind us," said Kevin Hansen, Secret Regrets creator and author.

Hansen created the site in 2007 when he became fascinated with the type of confessions people were revealing on blogs and other websites. He wanted to create a website that focused specifically on regrets. On his site, people would be given a tool that gave them an outlet to acknowledge the one thing in their life that they would change if given a second chance.

The website then took on a life of its own and something happened that Hansen did not expect.

"Complete strangers would leave comments of support,

understanding and advice," Hansen said. "Comments that let people know that they were not alone in what they were facing."

There can be risks to opening up on a public forum; responses can end up being more harmful than helpful.

"There are better, safer, healthier, more productive venues like the counseling center on campus," said Betty Brown, psychologist and outreach coordinator at UHCL. "People open themselves up to criticism and verbal abuse and it cannot be helpful to be publicly flogged."

Despite the risk, people seem to find comfort in expressing their regrets on Hansen's site for all to see. To date, more than 10,000 regrets have been submitted, and the site has had nearly a half million visits from 165 countries worldwide.

The website became just a starting point for Hansen. He compiled hundreds of the most powerful and popular regrets into his book, "Secret Regrets: What if you had a Second Chance?" released in July 2010. The regrets featured in the book, as well as the website, range from the common regret of unrequited love to the shocking.

"I would always post one new 'featured' secret regret of the day," Hansen said. "As the site grew, it became too overwhelming to keep all of them posted online. Many asked that I compile a collection of the most helpful, hopeful and inspiring posts into a book."

With the release of the book, Hansen has been able to garner more attention for his website,

even being featured on an episode of "The Dr. Phil Show," which will air later this month. As for future plans, he will continue with a sequel to his book, which he is currently working on and is scheduled to hit stores in the fall.

"Like the old adage says, 'confession is good for the soul,'" Brown said. "Talking can be productive, but in a helpful place."

The site itself will continue to offer people a chance to display their innermost regrets and, hopefully, offer support for those willing to let it out.

"I want people to realize the incredible power of healing that lies within revealing," Hansen said. "It really is the first step in moving on. Life is too short to live in the past."

TOP 5 REGRETS

*Love
Money
Family
Career
Time*



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savings.

A major concern for students is how the cuts could influence financial aid. Billy Satterfield, executive director of financial aid, commented that there will not be any drastic changes to the university’s financial aid, but the Texas Grant could be cut.

One problem, however, is the proposed elimination of all state funding for Texshare, a statewide resource sharing collaboration that provides many of Neumann Library’s most heavily used online databases and e-books.

Karen Wielhorski, executive director of the Alfred R. Neumann Library, said all public and private colleges and universities in the state participate in Texshare, along with 58 community colleges, 542 public libraries and four clinical medicine libraries.

Wielhorski stated that the Texas Library Association is planning a lobbying effort and a rally at the state capital in April during its annual conference.

“The proposed demise of this vital resource sharing program will profoundly affect our students and greatly limit Neumann Library’s ability to maintain important scholarly content online,” Wielhorski said.

The possible repercussions to students if Texshare is eliminated is so great that The Signal plans to investigate with a follow up story next issue.

The legislative session is scheduled to finish in May, but may run longer into special session if an agreement has not been met. Students may not know UHCL’s actual funding for the next biennium until summer.

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school within the top 20 percent of their high school classes. Only 50 percent of all freshmen applicants are admitted to UH through the automatic admission procedure.

Starting fall 2012, UH will automatically admit college freshmen who graduate within the top 15 percent of their high school classes. In fall 2014, UH will adjust these standards and automatically admit incoming freshmen within the top 10 percent of their classes.

“College admission is not about selectivity; it is about academic preparedness,” said Bonnin. “Students who are academically prepared to succeed to UH’s flagship campus will find there is room for them in the university. Not all students, however, will be academically prepared and not all will find the flagship campus the right choice for their interest, aptitude or learning style. Fortunately, UH is a system of four independent universities and a number of teaching centers.

“It is our commitment that the UH System will have a place for all students, but some may begin their college education at a UH System university where class size, academic programs and modes of delivery are more conducive to their learning style. Students will find pathways to complete or advance their education at the flagship campus whenever they are academically prepared to succeed.”

As UH raises its admittance standards, UHCL is in the process of seeking permission from the Texas Legislature for a downward expansion, which would allow the university to accept incoming

freshmen and sophomores into its student body.

“We congratulate University of Houston in achieving Tier One status,” said UHCL President William Staples. “Tier One status brings national recognition not only to University of Houston, but also to the University of Houston System. It positively impacts our partnerships with UH, as well as benefits the city of Houston, the Houston-Galveston region and the state of Texas.”

Having freshmen and sophomores on campus would call for certain amenities and programs to be in place. Lower-level undergraduates often require dormitories, on-campus transportation and remedial skills building services. Many four-year universities also have organizations such as competitive sports teams, fraternities/ sororities, and music and theater programs, which UHCL does not currently offer.

“I have always worked with freshmen and always enjoyed it,” said Tim Richardson, student success center director for UHCL. “It’s a different culture and we will definitely have to be prepared for the change. The atmosphere will shift dramatically, but the freshman process is so important. It’s amazing to watch them grow from the time they enter the university until the time they graduate.”

The downward expansion is still in the process of being approved. UHCL should know by the end of this Legislature session, which is scheduled to end in May but may extend into summer, if the school will be able to open its doors to freshmen.

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Rao, Elaprolu’s father, as saying

Upon receiving news of Elaprolu’s death, two staff members in the Office of International and Intercultural Student Services, along with Lieutenant Cory Mickens, came to the UHCL campus on Christmas day to meet with the students.

“Lieutenant Cory Mickens, Dr. Sameer Pande and I were here about 9:30 in the morning; everything was closed down and no one was here except the students and us,” said

Linda Contreras Bullock, assistant dean of student diversity in IISS.

Bullock came up with the idea of setting up a memorial book so students could write down their condolences for the family. The book will be sent back to Elaprou’s parents.

In the book, one student wrote, “Good people will always be remembered. We miss you friend. You will always be remembered.”

Another student wrote, “I am

sorry this happened to you, but I believe God sent you to this world to do something good and now God thinks you have done a good job, so he called you home. Now you can be with him. The sorrow and sadness will be with the family and friends you left behind, my thoughts and prayers are with you.”

The Indian Consulate in Houston is assisting with the process so that Elaprou’s remains can be returned to his home country.



Sentiments of “rest in peace” and condolences for Jayachandra Elaprou’s family filled the memorial book set out for students to honor Elaprou’s memory.



Terry McCall: Courtesy

Professor Tom McCall, pictured with his guitar, loved classical music.

Adventurous UHCL professor remembered by faculty, students

Ashley Smith
The Signal

Associate Literature and Humanities Professor Tom McCall died suddenly Jan. 25 after returning from a mountain trip to Nepal during winter break. Co-workers and friends remember him as a man with a passion for life and all that it offered.

“Dr. McCall was one of the most brilliant people I’ve ever known well,” said Gretchen Mieszkowski, retired literature and women’s studies professor.

McCall was known by those who worked with him and those who were close to have a thirst for knowledge and an appetite to explore, which caused him to stand out in an exemplary way. He brought his passion for life into the UHCL community.

“He had as wide-ranging an intellect as any faculty member in HSH since John Snyder,” said Bruce Palmer, retired dean of HSH. “Both he and Dr. Snyder had extraordinarily wide ranges of interests and knowledge, which stretched from literature and literary theory to history, political science and philosophy.”

During his tenure at UHCL, McCall advised students, chaired theses committees and sponsored the UHCL chapter of Sigma Tau Delta.

“People say that no one

“Dr. McCall was one of the most brilliant people I’ve ever known well.”

- Gretchen Mieszkowski
Retired literature and women’s studies professor

member of an organization is irreplaceable,” said Deborah Griffin, humanities and fine arts department chair. “From my vantage point as Tom McCall’s division chair, I beg to differ.”

Called “Tom Tom” by his sister Terry McCall, his only sibling, he was born in Colorado where his love for the mountains began.

At the age of nine he, along with his family, moved to California where he finished high school. Later in his life, he welcomed nephew Aaron into his family.

McCall had an array of interests ranging from literature to foreign languages to music.

“He loved classical music and played the guitar seriously enough to have studied with masters,” Mieszkowski said.

Mieszkowski remembers


one particular evening when she, along with her husband, accompanied McCall to the opera. During the performance she glanced over and noticed his eyes were closed.

“I was irritated; here we had taken him to the opera and he had gone to sleep,” Mieszkowski said. “But not at all; he was listening with his eyes closed because he could follow the development of the music better that way.”

As of publication for The Signal, a memorial is being planned, but no specific date has yet to be set. Contact the School of Human Sciences and Humanities dean’s office for more information on the memorial.


“Tom has UHCL faculty, and all the students who have sent out such wonderful notes and condolences that have helped so much,” said Terry McCall. “If only Tom knew how many tears have flowed since his passing and the sadness/loss so many feel. What is amazing to me is I know Tom honestly would have had no idea how loved and respected he was by so many. He would be shocked, speechless by the outpouring. He was so humble and, of course, brilliant, witty and a wonderful teacher.”

In 2005, The Signal featured an article written in Tom McCall’s own words about an earlier trip into the Himalayas. The article, as well as a slideshow of images provided by McCall’s family, will be available on The Signal’s website, www.uhclthesignal.com.



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Students explore options at Organization Expo



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UHCL cross cultural studies majors Ann Reynoso and her daughter Jessyka Reynoso talk to Stephanie Selleh and Cindy Saxenian about the Amazon TREE student organization at the Student Organization Expo in the Bayou Building Atrium II Thursday, Jan. 26.

RAD packs a punch



Carissa Puls:The Signal

Margaret Brown, criminology major, prepares to defend herself against Rape Aggression Defense instructor Jimmy Carr during a RAD course Jan. 26. For more information about RAD classes, call Detective Kyle Pirtle at 281-283-2225 or e-mail him at RAD@uhcl.edu.

Celebrate Black History Month by attending on-campus events including:

Feb. 7
The Value of Understanding History Today
Speaker: Antrece Baggett, Houston Community College professor
3-4 p.m., Bayou Garden Room
Join IISS for a comfortable discussion on black history exploring the importance of having a well-rounded historical knowledge base and its resulting positive perspective in our daily lives.

Feb. 15
The Historical Representation of African-Americans in Mass Media
Speaker: Rockell Brown Burton, assistant professor in the School of Communication at Texas Southern University
5-6:30 p.m., Bayou Garden Room
Join IISS for a screening of Marlon Rigg's documentary, "Ethnic Notions," with a post-screening discussion.

Feb. 22
Education and the Black Community panel discussion
3-4 p.m., Bayou Garden Room
Learn from young professionals in the field of education and business as they discuss their educational experiences, overcoming challenges in their academic journey, and how they have become successful in their careers. Panelists present their views on current issues facing the black community.

All events are open to the public and free of charge. Contact Susana Hernandez in IISS office at 281-283-2575 or e-mail hernandezsu@uhcl.edu for more information.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6 Super Bowl Sunday	7 The Value of Understanding History Today, 3-4 p.m., Bayou Garden Room	8 Manage Your Time, Don't Let Time Manage You!, 5-6:45 p.m., Bayou 1437	9 NASA and the Clear Lake Area's Economy, 5-6 p.m., Bayou Garden Room	10 Cultural Arts: Mercury Baroque's 8 Seasons, 8 p.m., Bayou Theater Call 281-283-2560 for prices & tickets	11 The Leadership Paradox: To be Great, You Have to Be Least, 10 a.m.- noon, SSCB 1202.07	12 Community Outreach Day, for more information, call Jennifer Clark, 281-283-2611
13 Counseling for a Cure: 5K/1K Fun Run, 8 a.m. For more information, e-mail FTSA.UHCL@gmail.com	14 VDay Flower Sale, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Bayou Atrium I	15 The Historical Representation of African-Americans in Mass Media, 5-6:30 p.m., Bayou Garden Room	16 Workshop: The Stress Factor, noon-2 p.m., Bayou 1437	17 Employer Spotlight: Flow-Cal, 5-7 p.m., SSCB 3109	18 Deadline to nominate students for Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges & Universities. Call 281-283-2567 for more information.	19 F&SS showing of "Tangled," 3 p.m. & 7 p.m., Bayou 2512 FREE with UHCL ID

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