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## No Forum for You UHD!

**Christina Rodriguez**  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

On September 2, 2009, all students at the University of Houston-Downtown received an email about the Houston Mayoral Forum at UHD in partnership with the Houston Press. This presented an opportunity for students to participate in a reception featuring the candidates, Gene Locke, Annise Parker, and Roy Morales. Further emails were sent asking for questions that students would like to ask the candidates. The Houston

Press announced the forum in their Events section and asked for help from their readers. Peter Brown had been asked to attend, but had not replied to the invitation.

Students from Student Activities helped out by putting up signs advertising it in places like the cafeteria and coffeehouse. These same people talked to curious students around campus as they posted these signs. The importance of this forum aimed at students is that young voters just aren't aware of the various campaigns and don't know the people

running. This should have been a primary resource for finding the information needed to make a well informed choice. Hearing and watching a person speak presents a much clearer image and impression of a candidate than the news anchors or campaign commercials can give.

On September 16, Houston voters discovered that the mayoral candidates would be canceling scheduled forums throughout the city, including communities and schools. The candidates had already see FORUM on page 6



Photography by Dateline Downtown  
The candidates (from left to right) Annise Parker, Peter Brown and Gene Locke were present at a TSU debate that took place this past September. Other candidates were not present at the TSU debate. Parker and Locke were originally confirmed to speak at a forum at UHD on September 30. Every candidate was present at the Rice University debates on Wednesday, September 23.

## Facebook's Freedom of Speech: How Far is Too Far?

**Carissa Larson**  
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Since Facebook was created in 2004, it has been used as a social networking tool for the public; available for anyone from teenagers and college students to groups of all ages. By now, we have all heard employers are now using the site to 'research' possible employees for hire and recently, the trend of parents becoming members to keep track of their teen's 'extracurricular activities.' Facebook's original intention was to present opportunities to keep in touch with old friends, share pictures and to an extent,

exercise the First Amendment; freedom of speech. But just how free should we be allowed to speak our minds? Facebook contains a number of features. These various features allow members to create their own applications – such as groups, events, quizzes and polls – which can be limited to immediate friends or made available to the rest of the Facebook community.

Recently, a user-created poll made accessible to the general public has been released, asking Facebook-ers whether or not President Barack Obama should be assassinated. The choices: Yes, Maybe, No, or "Yes, if he cuts my health

care." This question was not posted by Facebook, but by a third-party developer. "As is usually the case, our vigilant users reported it to us first," Facebook policy spokesman, Barry Schnitt, told CNN. "The United States S.S. [Secret Service] sent us an e-mail late this morning [Monday] asking us to take it down.

At that point, it had already been removed, and we let them know." Furthermore, Schnitt insisted the application was "immediately suspended while the inappropriate content could be removed by the developer and until such time as the developer institutes better procedures to monitor their user-generated content." Schnitt says they are cooperating fully with the

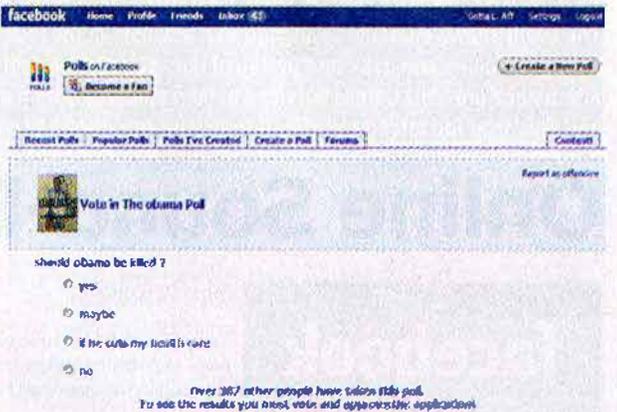


Image via www.thepoliticalcarnival.blogspot.com  
This website was the first source to alert the Secret Service. Above, President Barack Obama is depicted as a parody of Sacha Baron Cohen's character Borat, who (in the movie) was attempting to learn the cultural differences between America and his native country of Kazakhstan.

Secret Service. The United States Secret Service has launched a full investigation and they plan to take action

as if it was any other threat to the president. Their mission is to seek out the individual who

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# STUDENT LIFE

## Destination Downtown

**Rebecka Black**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This fall, UHD will open its doors to the community in order to promote its unique campus, boast about its scholastic achievements, and showcase our award winning faculty in hopes of continuing the growth of our dynamic university. This is an event that will offer prospective students and their families a chance to not only tour our growing campus, but also offer them a chance to preview college life at UHD. Faculty and staff will be present to answer questions and meet potential new students who may study in one of our five colleges. A variety of student organizations will also be present in order to showcase their members and activities. The day's event will also include fun activities such as bayou boat rides and several prize-giveaways to keep the event exciting and entertaining for all.

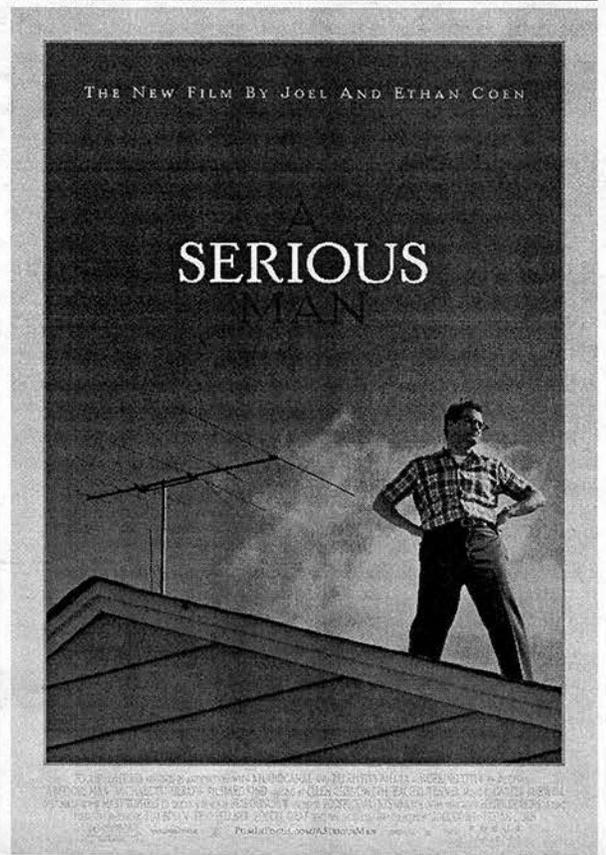
Event festivities close out with Marketplace of Activities at the City of Houston's historic Allen's Landing, ideally located between the Main Street and Commerce Street buildings. UHD's Campus Open House event has continued to grow and improve every semester and the 2009 event coordinators

plan to continue this growth in quality this fall. According to event coordinators, "The entire UHD community has really answered the call to participate" in order to highlight what our unique university has to offer to the Houston area. Past events have received tremendous response from several of our university departments. The Co-Chairs for the event, Mercedes Gonzales & Kecia Osbourne, are very grateful for the continued energy and momentum generated from the university community.

This year's Destination Downtown, will be held Saturday, October 31, 2009, from 9 am to 3 pm. This open house style event will be free to the public and everyone is encouraged to invite prospective students and their families to participate. Registration is available online at: <http://www.uhd.edu/admissions/openhouse/index.html>. The coordinators want to emphasize that this is a university wide event and everyone – staff, faculty, current UHD students, and alumni – are encouraged to participate. Volunteers may register online as well. If a student organization is interested in volunteering or staffing an information table, they are more than welcome to participate in a variety of forums.

**Domestic Violence Speaker and Care Package-Making**  
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**Declaration Information Fair 2009, OCT 6 9AM to 3PM**  
**Location: A300 (One Main Building, Special Events Room).**  
The event allows students to engage with advisors in the four colleges, gather direction on degree plans and ask other pertinent questions to the degree they are pursuing. Also in attendance are UHD Career Services to help students obtain guidance in their career paths and Financial Aid attends to offer information on options to pay for their education.



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HoustonPress RT @danjoyce: RT @URBANOSnews: Mayoral Forum at Rice 2night @PB4Mayor @GeneLOCKE @AnnisePARKER// I guess their just too busy for **UHD**.



wanjun idiot **UHD** professor quote of the day "y'all know what a scantron is, right?"



lupedoroteo Wow! That's what's cool about **UHD**. My group members are from kenya and rwanda. The one from rwanda was affected by the tutsi discrimination



brownboyrocks RT @danjoyce: Cougar High up to 12 on the AP. #fb // It's not just **UHD** that gets made fun of. Why not change UH's name instead.



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## Tenured Professors : The Process and You

By A Dateliner

Tenure is commonly described as an academic instructor's contractual right for protection of his or her teaching job, for life. It is essentially permanent job security. Time periods vary from institution to institution, but typically after six years of – teaching as well as academic – discipline advising, researching, and publishing, one who holds a Ph.D. is eligible to submit his name for consideration for tenure. Those doing so, who have been

preparing for that moment are often described as being on a tenure track. Tenure is sought by an individual within the particular Department within which he teaches.

Decisions regarding tenure are lengthy and involve input from various sources. Often, tenure decisions begin with input about a candidate – from the already – tenured faculty of a Department, the Chairman of that Department, and the Dean of the College of which that Department is a part, which is only the beginning steps at the local level. In order to advance a tenure petition, typically two of these three factions must be in accord. If there is not majority-consensus, a candidate still wishing for tenure must reapply the following year. There are some benefits for those with

tenure such as the “untouchable” status it affords them.

However, there are also extremely negative aspects of tenure such as: “groupthink,” academically and politically that it can fester. A concentration on research rather than on teaching that can contribute to a decline in a classroom where a professor really does not want to be there and are essentially retired-in-place; and who on top of everything else CANNOT TEACH, despite having the credentials to do so. In general, a governing body like a Board of Regents is the only entity that does have the capability of taking tenure away, from one to whom it has been accorded. Given the importance of the tenure issue and the student's centrality in it, it is a matter in see **TENURE** on page 7

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## I Like to Ride My Bicycle

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When asked how drivers on the road interact with bicycle riders, avid UHD bicyclist Mercedes Gonzales stated, “Most car drivers do not like cyclists. Although we are considered vehicles and are required to obey the rules of the road any four-wheel vehicle follows, we are slower than cars and basically get in their way. There are car drivers out there, however, that are very courteous and give us the right

of way. My tip, which I always follow when I'm driving a four-wheel vehicle, is to move over to another lane when there are cyclists on the road.” Drivers: take caution when approaching cyclists, they may be like those on our very own UHD Cycling Team, dedicated not only to enjoying the sport of cycling and individual rides, but also to improving our city by actively participating in charitable events and rides as often as they can!

“No Cyclist Left Behind” is quite the fitting motto for

the team whose focus includes promoting the sport of cycling through riding, encouraging participation at all levels, and having a great time doing so! Throughout the year, the team participates in a number of organized rides. Both recreational and charitable events are included in their calendar. The team's most recent ride was the Tour de Pink, a bike ride that supports services for underserved women. Staying active around the community, team members have also ridden in the Tour

de Houston led by Mayor Bill White, and the Houston Police Department's Moonlight Bike Ride. The team's next ride will be the Moonlight Ramble scheduled for Halloween night.

Weekly, the cycling team meets for a “Gatoride” – a short, less than ten mile ride from UHD to Hermann and back to UHD. There are also morning weekend rides scheduled about twice a month. Some ride days are changed each semester to help accommodate the schedules of as many members as possible and the team also holds an on campus quarterly meeting

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## BIKE

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for members. As with any sport, safety is a top concern for the team and appropriate precautions are taken to allow riders the most enjoyable experience possible. All riders are required to wear helmets, and no headphones are allowed.

Many members have found that although biking shorts and gloves are only highly recommended, they too become required for more comfortable riding. On rides, the team actively uses hand signals and calls out maneuvers to other riders, stays on the right side of the road, and uses lights on their bikes when necessary. Last Fall was the official formation of the team, which has grown to 26 members and counting. New members are encouraged to join anytime; with dues set at only \$20.00 collected every Fall and Spring Semester, the team welcomes new riders throughout the school year. All skill levels are welcomed as well- current team members range anywhere from beginner to advanced riding levels, so if you have any interest, you are encouraged to try it out for yourself!

To join, interested riders must be a current UHD student, staff, faculty, or alumni and must enthusiastically want to support the sport of cycling by riding, volunteering, and supporting other cycling events. For more information, or if you're ready to join, you may contact Mercedes Gonzales at [gonzalesmer@uhd.edu](mailto:gonzalesmer@uhd.edu) or check out the Cycling Team page located on the UHD Sports and Fitness website, under Club Sports.

## Poetry Fest; and or, Bash

By Aldo Cruz  
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The annual Houston Poetry Fest, which is co-sponsored by the University of Houston-Downtown's Department of English and UHD's Cultural Enrichment Center, will take place on Thursday, October 08, 2009, 5:30 p.m., in room A-405, followed by the 3-day festival. The Houston Poetry Fest is a nonprofit 501 ©(3) organization and is staffed in its entirety by unpaid volunteers. Since 1985, in October, the Houston Poetry Fest has gathered poets from many Houston area groups and beyond to "celebrate the art of poetry and those who create it." To commence the Houston Poetry Fest, UHD's Cultural Enrichment Center will bring nationally (and internationally) known poet Valzhyna Mort to read on campus. Born in Belarus, Mort is famed throughout Europe for her vibrant reading performances.

She made her debut in the U.S with the poetry collection "Factory of Tears", (Copper Canyon, 2008) co-translated by Elizabeth Oehlkers Wright and Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Franz Wright. "Factory of Tears" has been translated into Swedish and German. Mort writes in Belarusian as part of efforts to re-establish the traditional language against earlier governmental attempts to absorb it into the Russian language. She performs in both Belarusian and English. Mort received the Crystal of Vilenica award in Slovenia in 2005 and the Burda Poetry Prize in Germany in 2008.

She has been a resident poet at Literarisches Colloquium in Berlin, Germany, and has received a fellowship at Gaude Polonia, Warsaw, Poland. Mort, age 28, has the distinction of being the youngest person to ever be on the cover of Poets & Writers Magazine. On its 24th anniversary, the Houston Poetry Fest will take place at the UHD Willow Street Pump Station, 811 N. San Jacinto, and will run on the following schedule:

Friday, October 9  
7:30 p.m.- Opening Session of Houston Poetry Fest 2009- Friday Evening Reading: Including Valzhyna Mort, Paul D. Ruffin, the 2009 Texas Poet Laureate, and others.

Saturday, October 10  
1 to 5 p.m. - Traditional Open Reading: Hosted by Robert Clark, President of the Festival's Board. Poets can simply show up to this session

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# OBAMA

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created the post. Although the poll (posted this past Saturday), has been removed from the popular social networking site, the Secret Service is taking no chances.

"We are aware of it and we will take the appropriate investigative steps," stated Darrin Blackford, a Secret Service spokesman. "We take all of these things seriously." Did this 'third-party developer' merely post this out of curiosity or irritation of the latest healthcare controversy? Or does this developer truly intend to carry out violence against the president? The Secret Service says that is exactly what they are investigating. Schnitt insists that normally, the polls posted on the site are often trivial.

Jesse Farmer, the creator of the polling software is currently working with the Secret Service to put in safeguards to avoid circumstances like this in the future. Farmer reported in an article on RawStory.com, that occurrences such as this are "unfortunate, but it's the reality of giving people an open platform to say what they want. Someone is bound to do something reckless, libelous, or illegal eventually." As a prime example, this particular third-party developer has indeed crossed the line. So the question arises: When did Facebook, a once seemingly harmless networking site, become associated with something so inappropriate, so vulgar; that it has now escalated from being examined by inquisitive employers and concerned parents, to a full investigation led by the United States Secret Service?

# Organize and Mobilize Opinion Editorial Piece

By Wilbert Chinchilla and Dateline Staff  
MANAGING EDITOR & STAFF

"I think school spirit needs to be addressed more."  
"I don't like the tuition increasing again."  
"There isn't enough parking."  
"A name change is unnecessary and has already wasted thousands of dollars."

All of these things are issues that seem to be echoed throughout the halls of our university and many across the country. Qualitative inadequacies in our school seem to be brought to the forefront by everyone; yet, has anyone really organized and mobilized? Our current U.S. president did just that to become a historic figure that all of our (current and future) children can look back

upon. His presidential bid was blueprint for a successful campaign in the history of politics. Our university's history and future is billed as the school of opportunity to those who may not have gone to a four-year university, are the first generation college students, and to a generation that seems to be in search of hope. Organizing and mobilizing are the keys to change.

Luckily, we live in a democratic nation where our voice can be heard. Our god-given rights are available to all (in certain respects). What can we do to make our voice matter as stakeholders to a public university funded by us? This past year has been one of the most difficult for every person in this country, state and school. We are weathering a suffering economy, where layoffs are increasing amidst exorbitant

salaries for executives; we have a chancellor and board of regents that wants to change our name and tuition — they don't seem to be backing down. The bureaucratic check and balance we have against these constituents are the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) and the legislative personnel of Texas (who are currently no longer in session); whom you elect.

You also act as a check and balance for anything that goes on in this public domain, whatever your stance may be or become. Like university or national presidents, things change for the better (we hope). The reason why you should have any stance may vary. You could just be here to transfer to another school. You may also be here to simply satisfy your job requirements to obtain a see **OP-ED** on page 7

# The Orange Envelope

Judith Wattlely  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

As soon as you get out of class, you look forward to going home and relaxing from a stressful day at school. When you get to your car you see that your windshield has an orange envelope under the wiper. You just got a ticket. First instincts make you look around your car trying to figure out why you were given a ticket. Then you open the envelope and read what the parking enforcement officer typed; it shows that you were not properly parked within the lines. I am sure many students have gotten a ticket like this, because I recently got a ticket in the Daly Street parking lot.

It was not because I was taking up two parking spaces, parking directly in a no parking zone, or just creating a parking spot; but because I was a little too far over the line. My car was not deliberately parked in the middle of the no parking zone; I just on the edge of it. After I paid my ticket and went to the UHD Parking and Transportation Services Office, I was informed that there have been other students that have complained about tickets



Photography by Dateline Downtown  
An orange envelope will be placed under your windshield if you have parked incorrectly. You can challenge parking tickets if a mistake has been made. You would have to go to the Parking and Transportation Services Office. Note, the parking tickets are issued by UHD Police.

similar to mine. UHD Police writes these tickets and if I wanted, I could appeal the ticket. I decided to call and speak to an official at the UHD Police Department.

He explained to me that in a situation like mine, "as long as it is not intentional and you are not parked

deliberately in the middle, the chances of you getting a citation is slim to none." He also stated that a "majority of the officers have been doing this for a while" and they know that "nobody is perfect and mistakes happen." This parking enforcement officer must be new since he does not understand that not everybody is perfect and mistakes happen. To avoid being ticketed for mistakes, students should know that the UHD Parking and Transportation Services Office are not physically giving you the tickets; it is the UHD Police department. Get a copy of the Parking Rules and Regulation from the UHD Parking and Transportation Services Office.

If you get a ticket, you are able to appeal the ticket, even though it might take several days to weeks. Then your ticket might be reduced by 50 percent if your payment is made in person, but your payment must be made at the Cashier Office. If you ever want to see why you really got the ticket, there are pictures available. With each ticket the parking enforcement officer writes a picture is taken, and these can be reviewed at the UHD Police Department.

So students, be careful when parking, because the parking enforcement officer is out there ready to give you a ticket, whether it is just or not.

# FORUM

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attended forty and it appeared that the number of forums was causing the candidates to lose interest in participating. This was highly visible at the TSU debate last week. Organizers of the UHD event were worried about candidates' attendance, and called to confirm each campaign that same day. It was confirmed that the forum would go on.

Despite their assurances, on September 22, students again received an email regarding the forum. This time it was announcing the cancellation of the Mayoral Forum. This not only disregards the students here at UHD, but any number of people who read the Houston Press and submitted their own questions. In fact, the only candidate still willing to meet with students is Roy Morales, who was quoted in the Houston Chronicle, saying, "This is about the citizens having an opportunity to hear the message, and if it's only my message they hear, better for me." The worst part of

the cancellation is that UHD followed up immediately, double checked that they would be here, and then these politicians canceled anyway—barely a week before the event was to take place.

Richard Connelly is the Houston Press journalist who was scheduled to be a panelist at the forum. In doing his part, he received questions from Houston Press readers, only to be faced with the cancellation of the event. In reply to the question of whether this has happened before, Connelly states, "I have not heard of the leading mayoral candidates agreeing amongst themselves to cancel a whole slew of already-scheduled events." The collapse of the forum came unexpectedly, not only to those at UHD, but also to professionals who had planned to attend. "We did an item saying it was still on because the candidates had seemingly confirmed, then things changed."

The only thing that this decision has done for the candidates is ensure that all those spurned by their disregard will consider their vote with a sour taste in their mouth.

**Green Tip:**  
If you have plastics at home and are not aware of where the closest recycling center is, bring them to UHD. The blue receptacles all around campus are strictly for plastic recycling.

# Greener Gators

## An Eco-conscious Column



Photography By Greener Gators

A few semesters ago the Greener Gators created this visual to increase recycling awareness on campus. The net was hung on the third floor corridor and information was provided regarding plastic recycling. At the time, our most accurate figures indicated that 1700 bottles were discarded on campus daily. We are working to figure out the updated numbers that included total bottle consumption versus recycled ones.

### Greener Gators

The greatest ripples in the history of mankind have been caused by individuals who looked, not at the world around them, but at the world within. We are looking to create such an effect, and that means that as a collective group we should gauge our determination.

Further more, as individuals, we need to look within ourselves. So, what exactly are we asking you to look for? Look

for willpower, for resolution, and for consciousness. We want you to have the will to become an ambassador of the future, have the resolution to turn that willpower into action, and remain conscious of your actions as well as those of the people around you. Consider this example to reinforce what we mean.

Hypothetically speaking, maybe you become convinced that recycling in general and, more specifically, plastic

recycling is a must. You then start bringing your recyclables to school from home, or find another mode of accomplishing the task. Lastly, you become aware of all of the plastic that goes straight to the landfills and find yourself reminding friends to recycle their containers, help you in collecting bottles, or you might even volunteer to be the bottle collector at your next outing at the park. This would be an ideal exemplification of the willpower, resolution, and consciousness method of creating an internal revolution.

We challenge YOU to become more environmentally conscious. Adding one "green" habit a week, and taking away one ill-practice is enough to change the world. So start this week by recycling your plastics, or volunteering to dispose of your old neighbors' tree stump properly, or just switching a few of the light bulbs at home to CFL's. Become aware of the ways that you could improve your habits even if it is something as simple as using your yard clippings as compost, turning off your appliances when they're not in use, or carpooling with a friend to school.

We want to alleviate an existing problem; the issue of

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degree. Whatever the case may be, it is time to make efforts to better our school.

We have our own grounds to make this school a better place for all. Everyone here works for you. You must voice your stance to make things happen. Colleges and universities have been known for ushering action and reform. To make this happen things need to change. To make this happen, we need to change.

The mindset of this school starts from the top down, but we have to let it be known what we expect from the bottom up. As a public institution you pay for, you deserve to know by whom, for what, when, where, and why your money was spent. UH on Cullen, with which UHD shares one Chancellor, was part of an investigative report in the spring that highlighted tuition money being spent on alcohol and travel. We all know the how; we pay

our tuition bill eventually. I am not a native Houstonian, but I have come to love my school because it has and will give me the experience and title of entering the workforce as a qualified candidate. Houston is known for being a city that practices co-opetition (cooperation and competition).

Maybe it will be in our time, our semester, with our resources that can check and balance any and all unfair practices. The name change is a perfect example of unfair practices, especially since it was shot down by THECB immediately for being developed with haste. The same haste which can be said about this newspaper at times. Let us be the ones who check and balance the school, which cannot have a name that (ironically) could not include Houston, Downtown, or UH in the title. If it is time to make a name for ourselves, let it be on our own terms and grounds. Now is the time for action from the largest voice any university has, which is you the student.

How? As an outsider living in Houston for about four years,

co-opetition seems to be the key to the city. We need to support the tier-one status of UH-Main because it would give a great boost to the Houston economy and in turn keep our tuition at a bay (hopefully). Supporting this idea for tier one doesn't guarantee UH achieving this goal. We need to support UH-V and the eventual UH-CL downward expansion movement that is currently taking place. We need to be more informed as students, including all of us as part of a student newspaper. It is obviously weird why UHD always seems to be dealt with tougher choices, but it is time to make them together cohesively by organizing and mobilizing co-opetition between ourselves and the campuses — which are not satellites, yet.

(THECB) <http://www.thecb.state.tx.us>

(Story on UH Alcohol Budget) [http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/13\\_undercover&id=6804334](http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/13_undercover&id=6804334)

# POEM

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and sign up; no reservations are required.

7:30 p.m.-Saturday Evening Reading: Including Houston Poetry Fest Guest Poet, Michael Sofranko and others.  
Sunday, October 11  
2 p.m.-Sunday Afternoon Reading-This session will be lead by Guest Poet Pablo Miguel Martinez.

# TENURE

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which students have a vested financial (tuition and tax payer) as well as educational interest, and a matter that is core to a student's academic experience. It is a matter of paramount significance, to the learner/student. The last line of defense to ensure that only those who will and can teach, receive the honor of tenure, is you – the

student.

Students need to be very vocal about who are and who are not, good teachers. Students suffer when and if teachers are elevated to tenure status, who do not deserve it, and UHD suffers as well. Students must and can make a difference, and the time to do so and act is when tenure decisions are made – now. Students pay teachers' salaries. And, students deserve teacher who are themselves, truly deserving of tenure and all of its benefits and perks.

Through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), the Dateline obtained the list of those who are up for tenure consideration at UHD this academic year, a process which starts in October. Dateline has committed itself to giving "the student a voice." Here is your opportunity, as a student, to have your voice heard loudly and clearly, and to have the strength of all other students, with you. If someone is teaching see **TENURE** on page 8

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# GATOR

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parking. As the Greener Gators, we are fully aware of the parking problem that has been causing headaches for many of you. We're not the type of people who just complain without actually proposing any recommendations. In addition to relying more on public transportation and driving to school only when necessary, we hope to start an efficient, self-sustaining carpooling network. And we are willing to do all of the work – with your help, that is. The greater the number of students who participate in this initiative, the greater the probability that we could pair you with one or two individuals who live very close to your

place of residence. All you would then need to do (after we introduce you to one another) is to try carpooling together for a week. Each pair or group could decide on how to fairly distribute the driving responsibilities. It could even be the case



that one person would always drive and get reimbursement for gas money. Another scenario is if two individuals take turns driving each week, with the exception of any days that are not convenient. So we invite you to join us! If you already carpool, pat yourself on the back, and let us know if you are willing to take part in this initiative. If you drive to school alone, e-mail us so that we could partner you with one or two

individuals who live in your vicinity. We will expand this initiative and you'll be sure to hear about it if you e-mail us. [GreenerGators@gmail.com](mailto:GreenerGators@gmail.com)

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at UHD and should or should not get tenure, write the dateline a letter and convey – why. The Dateline e-mail is [dateline@gator.uhd.edu](mailto:dateline@gator.uhd.edu), you may also call (713) 221-8569 to ensure it was received, if you so wish. Your privacy and anonymity, will be protected.

The Dateline is and always will be the newspaper for and of the student, protecting and giving “the student a voice”. It goes without saying there are some good teachers at UHD. But, there is a lot of room for improvement, and who knows better what needs to be improved upon than students in the classroom, sitting before and paying - those who either can or cannot teach. Let your voices be heard.

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- 2 Rice
- 3 University of New Mexico
- 5 University of Florida
- 6 University of Memphis
- 8 Brigham Young
- 9 University of Kansas
- 12 Emory
- 14 Arizona State
- 15 University of Indiana
- 18 Colorado State

### ACROSS

- 4 Georgetown
- 7 Bowling Green
- 10 Drexel
- 11 UConn
- 13 Michigan State
- 16 Fresno State
- 17 Baylor
- 19 University of Montana
- 20 University of Arkansas

Get to Know UHD answers:

Across: 1. Gilbert, 2. scantron, 4. registrar, 5. Rangel, 9. Bualo, 10. O’Kane, 11. degree, 12. Gator, 14. studio, 15. Vista, 17. Ensor

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