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INVESTITURE WEEK SCHEDULE MARCH 6-13

"Changing Lives, Building Futures"

Saturday, March 6, Fulbright Arts Festival at 7 p.m. in the Robertson Auditorium, followed at 9 p.m. with a reception in the adjacent Coffee House. The free evening will feature music, dance and literacy readings by Fulbright Scholars from around the world.

Tuesday, March 9 Celebration of UHD Faculty at 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Library Special Events Room, 420-North. Meeting UHD faculty authors who will be signing books.

Tuesday, March 9, Evening of Creative Writing at 7 to 9 p.m., in the Robertson Auditorium, will be from featuring UHD alumni Marco Cervantes, Jesús Ávila and UHD faculty.

Tuesday and Wednesday, March 9-10, Investiture Open House will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at various locations at the UHD campus.

Wednesday, March 10, Lecture by The Honorable William P. Hobby: A Political Atlas of Texas will begin at 1 p.m. in the Robertson Auditorium, followed at 2:30 p.m. with a reception in the adjacent Coffee House.

Thursday, March 11, Investiture Ceremony for William V. Flores, fifth president of UHD, will begin at 10 a.m. in the Wortham Center, 501 Texas Ave., and seating is limited. Only individuals who register will be admitted. Register at www.uhd.edu/rsvp by Friday, Feb. 26.

Friday, March 12, Go Gator Day will be from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. with activities in the Special Events Center and South Deck of One Main Building. Wear UHD blue to a day of spectacular activities featuring the Work/Life Round-Up, Buffalo Bayou boat rides, and a chili cook-off with live country music.

Friday, March 12, FotoFest 2010 Biennial Exhibit Opening Night will be from 8 to 11 p.m. at FotoFest Vine Street Studios, 1113 Vine St., Houston, near UHD's Shea Street Building.

Friday, March 12, UHD Chili Cook Off will be at 5 p.m. on the UHD South Deck. The UHD Staff Council sponsors this scholarship fundraiser with free live music, dancing and Chili tasting. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

Saturday, March 13, 38th Annual Buffalo Bayou Regatta will begin at 9 a.m. The boat race will begin at San Felipe and Voss and finish at Sesquicentennial Park, 401 S. Heights Blvd. where there will be finish festivities. This is one of the largest canoe and kayak races in Texas. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

Musical performances will be ongoing at various locations throughout the week. The cast of UHD's first musical production "Ain't Misbehavin'" will perform selected numbers at times and locations to be announced. For more information, visit the UHD Web site at www.uhd.edu or the official Investiture Web site at <http://investiture.uh.edu>.

This is a public service announcement created by the Dateline: Downtown. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this celebration for UHD and its newest president.

Let Us Officially Welcome Dr. Flores

By Amanda White
STAFF WRITER

The University of Houston – Downtown's Investiture Week is coming up soon on March 6-13, 2010. The purpose of Investiture Week is to officially welcome President Flores to the university, and provide the community with a chance to learn more about UHD. "At most colleges and universities, investiture ceremonies are held during the president's first year in office or at the end of his or her first year in office," as stated on the investiture web site. In relation to colleges and universities, investiture is the formal induction of a president to an institution. At an investiture ceremony, the president is presented with an institution's medallion, which officially grants him or her authority. Most students come to UHD to change their lives for the better; collectively UHD's investiture theme is "Changing Lives, Building Futures."

In addition to introducing President Flores to UHD, Investiture Week will also offer an array of activities for all faculty and students. Some activities scheduled for the week include Drawing Lessons featuring art students from the League of New York, UHD salsa champion performance, boat rides on Buffalo Bayou, a mini parade featuring Sam Houston High School marching band, UHD Gator Crawl (where Downtown Houston's finest restaurants

pay a visit to UHD), a pep rally for the volleyball team, a speech from former Lt. Governor William P. Hobby, and many more activities. Although most activities are suited for students and staff; there are some activities that are only planned for faculty, such as the Staff Program and the Scholarship dinner. To find out more information about Investiture Week, go to UHD's home page and look for the Investiture Week link on the right side of the page.

In case you didn't know before, here are some facts about President Flores; he became UHD's president

on August, 1, 2009. He has an extensive educational background, including a B.A. in Political Science from UCLA. He also earned an M.A. in Political Science from Stanford University and a Ph.D. in Social Theory and Public Policy from Stanford University. Before coming to UHD, President Flores served as Deputy Secretary for the New Mexico Higher Education Department for two years, appointed to the post by New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson. President Flores is UHD's fifth president in the school's thirty – five year history.

The Face of a Martyr



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STUDENT LIFE

Partners in Pie Professors Volunteer for HPO

By **Salma Turrubiarres**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

UHD Health Professions Organization (HPO) has held activities, including one last fall, to raise enough funds for their first medical field experience out of the country in Costa Rica. And what better way to continue to raise funds than by throwing pies at UHD professors? The event titled "Do you want to throw a pie at your professor?" took place Tuesday, February 16 on UHD North Deck between 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm in which students eagerly participated by throwing pies at their professors.

HPO advisor Jerry E. Johnson, Jr. states that Costa Rica hosts refugees from countries around the region. These refugees have limited access to health care or no health care at all. By going to Costa Rica, HPO will be providing medical related assistance to refugees within the context of their medical mission. They will talk to refugees about hygiene and volunteer with physicians, among other things. He added, "Any activity that students would do in the U.S. they would do in Costa Rica."

Dr. Johnson came up with the pie fundraiser. It makes some wonder whether his colleagues

will attempt to get payback. Dr. Johnson knew that selling pizza or candy would not raise enough funds, which is why he came up with this brilliant idea. Did the creator of the fundraiser receive a pie in the face? "From head to toe", he said. Dr. Johnson also recruited fellow professors for this fundraiser. Among the volunteers are Dr. Lisa Morano and Dr. Akif Uzman. Dr. Johnson said about six to eight professors were bestowed with this honor.

When asked if enough funds were raised, Dr. Johnson said no. The cost per student for this trip is \$1600, he said. A total of nine people are scheduled to go — seven students, Dr. Johnson and another UHD faculty member. This mission trip is set for Spring 2010. HPO student members only have a few more weeks to come up with the remaining sum and



Courtesy of HPO

From left to right- Dr. Lisa Morano (no affiliation to HPO; only volunteered for pie-throwing), Dr. Akif Uzman, Chair of Natural Sciences (no affiliation to HPO; only volunteered for pie-throwing), and Dr. Jerry Johnson, faculty mentor to HPO. Front page photography by Kevin Li Hing Yung.

contributions are welcomed.

The HPO is a student club that mentors students who have an interest in the medical field by scheduling events that will give students exposure to a medical field environment. HPO is designed to build a competitive background. Students sign up by completing

an application and pay a small fee per semester. This joining fee covers costs associated with the HPO student activities. It has about 50 to 60 members, according to Dr. Johnson. For students who are interested in becoming a member, they can contact him or any of the HPO student officers.

advice

If you need advice from Ms. Trust, please send an email to MsTrust002@gmail.com



Ms. Trust

Dear Ms. Trust,
I'm a 20 year-old straight

woman. I've been having a friends with benefits relationship with a guy for about six months. The sex has been amazing and we both get along really well. I can see myself being with this guy in a relationship but I don't think I'm in love him. He's told me he wanted to be in a three-way with another girl who he also sees. He's brought it up while we're making out and then started bringing it up while we were just hanging out. At first, I said it turned me on while I was in the moment but outside, I'm not interested. She's willing to but we've never even met. I've never been into girls but I think should at least try to know what it's like. Should I?

– Not That Curious.

Dear Advent,
College is for experimenting with your interests in studies and in relationships but it's more important to discover how to assert yourself in them. Over the years there has been a moment for women to be more open about their sexuality including

lesbianism, bisexuality, and relationship exclusivity. This, of course, is awesome. But doing something that you have no interest in just for the experience with someone you've never met makes for a tricky situation. If the situation fills you with more dread than butterflies, say no. If you're fine with talking about it while getting hot, that's fine. Fantasizing and sharing fantasies are perfectly normal even if the other partner isn't that interested in whatever it may be. It's called being a responsive lover and it's a good thing to be. Tell him that you're okay with fantasizing with him but that's about it. If down the line you realized it's the dreaded butterflies and willing to give it a shot, be responsible. Meet up with both of them without the intention of having sex that night. Tell him beforehand that this is so there is no pressure during. See if you enjoy both of their company and they both enjoy yours. If you like them, lay out rules and limits beforehand so you don't accidentally run into any surprises with your pants down. If you get a bad feeling or just aren't that attracted, it's perfectly alright to bail. And always, always, use protection.

Dear Ms. Trust,
I've been skipping classes a lot lately. I've been stressed out about work, family, and school. I usually sleep in because I work late at night, and even if I don't, I can't seem to get myself going. I just stay at home and play xbox or just sleep. I'm not drinking or on drugs or anything. I'm just tired.

–Sleepy

Dear Sleepy,
Disconnect the xbox, the cable or satellite, and uninstall any games on your computer. If you're downing energy drinks, toss them. Right Now. No, I don't care about your rep or your saved games. Nobody does. They're all on xbox hard-drive, anyway. Come back and read the rest of this when you've done this....All packed away? Good. After a certain point, all that stuff does is eat away at your mind, body, and soul. You can schedule yourself time to play your consoles to a couple of hours a week when you've taken care of yourself. Video games fill us with instant feelings of accomplishment and status. The important thing is to establish a connection with the feeling of accomplishment and actual success. Do NOT isolate yourself from your professors, classmates, and friends. It makes it easier to skip. Be honest with people you trust and work with them. Professors don't like giving up on their students. It makes it harder to get tenure down the line. Call your friends up to play some basketball in our gym or go for a walk. Exercise, even in moderation, helps boost energy levels and concentration. You might as well use that eye-hand coordination for something. The most important part is to stick with it. It's going to suck at first because you're still going to be sleepy and frustrated, but that will slowly change. If you're still feeling tired and frustrated, make an appointment with UHD's counseling services. They are FREE and they are CONFIDENTIAL. There are two locations- one on and one off campus. You can call them at 713-500-3327, 24 hours a day. It's spring, Sleepy. Time to put it back in your step.

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Calendar & Notices

March 1 - March 22 Events Calendar

March 15-20, 2010 Spring Break 2010

March 1- Open Interview Session for UHD Provost
Candidate: Dr. Jeffrey Cass A-405

March 1- Guest Speaker: Sister Helen Prejean speaks about "Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States": Cullen Auditorium

March 2 – HSF Alumni Dinner C-100 7pm to 9pm RSVP at uhd.hsf@gmail.com (Exclusive Dinner with UHD Alumni)

March 2&3- UNICEF Fundraiser 12pm-6pm in the Shea Street Building

March 4- Presentation by Chancellor Renu Khator Cullen Auditorium; RSVP at <http://uhd.edu/rsvp>

March 4- Open Interview Session for UHD Provost
Candidate: Dr. Thomas Keon A-405

March 4 - Three Point & Free Throw Contest 2 pm
Student Life Center West Gym

March 4- Texas Job Fair 10am-3pm @ Houston Baptist University Glasscock Center, contact UHD Career Services for information

March 5- Natural Sciences Intervention Series: "The Dance of Cell Division: Mitosis vs. Meiosis" N-1099

March 5- First Aid Training: CPR/AED Certification and First Aid Training, 2-4 pm, A-425, \$5 fee. Contact Rhonda Scherer at (713)221-8481 or schererr@uhd.edu

March 6- Gender Across The Disciplines (200- Word Proposal are due)

March 6- Fulbright Arts Festival, Cullen Auditorium

March 8 - Resume Workshops 11:30 am & 3:30 pm
(make reservations with Career Services)

March 9- CAB Gator Novelty South Deck 5pm to 8pm
(Limited Quantity)

March 10 – CAB Interactive Game Show South Deck 12:30pm (\$200 Cash Prizes)

March 10- Health Workshop: Eat to Fit into Your Swimsuit: 12- 1, N-1099

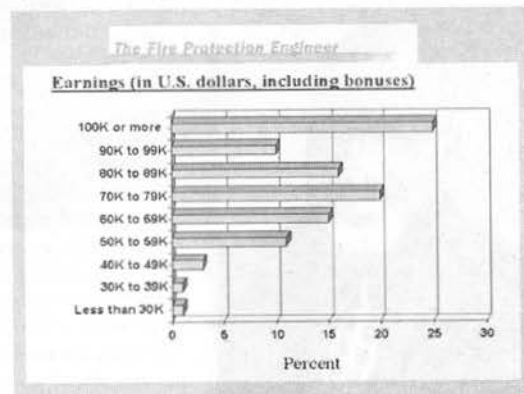
March 1 - Resume Workshops 9:30 am & 5 pm
March 2 - Resume Workshops 11:30 am & 1 pm
March 10 - Resume Workshops 10 am & 4:30 pm
March 11- Resume Workshops 3:30
March 12 - Resume Workshops 10:00 am
March 22 - Resume Workshops 9:00 am & 4:30 pm
(make reservations with Career Services)

March 23- Fotofest Artist Presentation: Sara Terry, 12-1:15, Cullen Auditorium

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alec2k7 Got to remind a few of my friends at UHD that Christianity is not about rules!

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OffTheMarq now I'm lookin for jobs/internships via the uhd website...

7 days ago from Power Twitter



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CAMPUS NEWS

Get to Know the Four Potential Provosts

By Michael Zamora and Christina Rodriguez



Robert Hampton

Robert L. Hampton is one of the four top candidates for the open Provost position and submitted his letter of interest and curriculum vitae on December 29, 2009. His area of interest and specialty is centered on the family. He earned his M.A. in Sociology from the University of Michigan in 1971 and his Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Michigan in 1977. He served as the Provost/Executive Vice President at Tennessee State University (TSU) from 2006 to 2008 and is currently a Professor of Sociology and Social Work at TSU. He has also worked with many research studies that gained significant research on his major fields of interest and was a member of the United States Army Reserve. His letter of interest shows an understanding of what the University of Houston- Downtown stands for as an urban university.

This knowledge will definitely be useful for any candidate to keep in mind as they advance farther into the interview process.

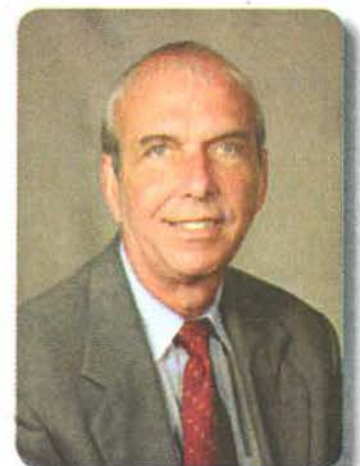


Joe King

Joe King is a Professor of Biology and Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Student Affairs at the University of New Orleans. He received his B.S and his M.S degrees in biology from Sam Houston State University and his Ph.D in botany from the University of Texas-Austin. At the University of New Orleans he has oversight over oversight of academic programs, development and implementation of new programs, development and renewal of Centers and Institutes, student affairs, budget planning, university admissions, library, registrar's office, financial aid, international studies and distance learning. He is also responsible for helping to stabilize student enrollment at the university after Hurricane Katrina. After the storm his, the University of New Orleans' enrollment fell from 17,800 students to about 4,700 students. Today the university has just under 12,000 students enrolled thanks to the leadership of Dr. King. With his commitment to increasing student enrollment, even in times of great disaster, Dr. King would make a great provost at UHD.

Thomas L. Keon is a Professor of Management and Dean of the College of Business administration at the University of Central Florida. He earned his Ph.D. in Management at Michigan State University with statistics and research design and labor and industrial relations as additional areas of emphasis. He also possess a Master of Business Administration degree from Babson College, Master of Education degree from Suffolk University, and bachelor's degree in accounting from Bentley College. Under his guidance, UCF enrollment has grown by nearly 3300 hundred students, 1000 of those being graduate students. In his letter of interest to UHD, Keon stated that he is interested in increasing the university's ability to recruit, maintain, and graduate outstanding students. He will accomplish this through what he calls a holistic enrollment management program. This strong commitment to UHD's future makes him yet another worthy candidate for the position of provost.

Images Via UHD Public Affairs
Each of the candidates are presented in no particular order.



Thomas Keon

Literary scholar Jeffrey Cass boasts a highly educated background, continuous involvement with the college community, and numerous publications. He obtained his M.A and Ph.D from the University of California San Diego and B.A in English and German from the University of Dallas. He has published over 40 books and articles, delivered over sixty presentations and received numerous awards, including Sigma Tau Delta's Teacher of the Year. He is currently serving as the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Louisiana at Monroe. Before that, he was associate provost for Texas A&M University in Laredo, Texas for four years. In his letter of intent, Dr. Cass stated that the main reason he has applied for the position of Provost at UHD is because of the opportunity to work in a diverse environment with people who value the role diversity plays in education. With his strong academic background, his involvement and leadership in the college community, and his desire to work in a diverse community, Dr. Cass is a strong candidate for UHD's next provost.



Jeffrey Cass

Future Teachers and Writers Converge at UHD

By Brittany Musgrave
STAFF WRITER

Scribes on the Rise is an exhibit promoted by the Urban Education Department that was on display on the third floor from February 15th through the 19th. The exhibit was displayed in the Academic Building (near the auditorium) with letters written by EC-12 students from HISD; EC-12 stands for Early Childhood through grade 12. This exhibit benefited both the students from HISD and also gave the Urban Ed department a chance to really strengthen their relations with HISD. Scribes for Students also allowed Urban Ed students to practice writing responses to written pieces. This exhibit as a whole allowed current relations to strengthen, and helped educate UHD students.

Scribes on the Rise allowed

each North Region school in HISD to choose two students. These students would have their writings displayed and read by Urban Ed students. The writing submissions from the students were telling of a happy memory. For example, John Zamora wrote about when his parents took him sky diving during summer vacation. Another student, Adolfo Montes wrote his letter about a time when he went to work with his father. Both students described a time when they were very happy and had a lot of fun participating in an activity with their parent or parents. After reading the submissions, Urban Ed students wrote responses to the writings from the HISD students; their responses were displayed next to the HISD student's writing. On Thursday, February 18th during a reception held for the Scribes on the Rise participants,

tours of our school were given to the students, parents, and various HISD staff by UHD students. Following the tour and a chance for photos with the UHD Gator, an awards ceremony was held. At this ceremony the participants read their readings and the Urban Ed students read their responses. All the Scribes on the Rise participants received a journal and pen set and were recognized at the ceremony.

This exhibit was not a one-sided project. Both UHD and HISD worked together to create the exhibit. Carol Bedard, the representative for UHD, gave me an inside look as to how the exhibit was created. "Several years ago, Roberta Raymond, a literacy specialist for HISD's North Region came up with the idea for a writing exhibit and contacted me," says Carol Bedard of UHD's Urban Ed



Photography By Brittnay Musgrave
Various UHD students stopped and read the pieces written by various HISD students in the North Region.

department. After that they worked together and created the Scribes on the Rise exhibit. Creating this exhibit received the nod of approval from all of the Urban Ed professors because as Carol Bedard stated,

"all teachers are teachers of writing."

The Scribes on the Rise program allowed for HISD and UHD to grow ties. Since

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Gold Level Headache



Photography by Alexis Rylander

By Jose Gutierrez
STAFF WRITER

In the past months, the issue of the gold level parking has become a major topic of discussion in the development and expansion meetings here at the University of Houston-Downtown. The addition of a new and improved Student Government Association (SGA) office in the gold level

parking lot brings many questions of new upcoming problems. I held an interview with Vice President for Administration and Finance, David Bradley.

One of these is the fact that SGA will not be able to immediately move in to the space due to the fact that the parking lot emits exhaust into the air. So the lot itself would have to be relocated to an area that looks like it was prepared for it in the first place—the area currently above the visitor parking which has a clearance enough to house a second level of parking. The Parking issue here at UHD is still a hot topic amongst the students and staff. The current "soft" plan is to move the bookstore down to the remaining parking structure that is currently called Gold level parking.

The next question I asked Vice President Bradley was, "What is the current "soft" plan with the area that is currently the book store?" The answer is very interesting and exciting for the University. The plan is to finally build the new student lounge or game-room. I also asked whether the students should be a little more vocal on this subject; the answer is yes. Student involvement is not only welcomed but

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The Work of Diplomacy

By Luis Galindo
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

There is arguing, and then there is debate. On April 8th through the 10th in the Shea Street building, the world's issues will be discussed in a diplomatic setting at the Houston International Model United Nations (HOUIMUN). Like in the United Nations based in New York City, topics will be presented on the world's most dire issues and debated by delegations of different countries. Every student involved in the summit will carry the banner of their respective country; every nation has the opportunity to have their voice heard.

There are four different councils: the Security Council, the Human Rights Council, the UNICEF Council, and finally the General Assembly. The General Assembly represents the broadest panel; every nation has an equal voice in the largest committee and as such allows for a larger cross section of ideas. The UNICEF Council is concerned with the welfare and protection of children across all borders. The Human Rights Council is involved with the creation of solutions

for many urgent humanitarian crises. The Security Council operates under slightly different rules; it is the only sanctioning UN body and is concerned with international stability and military action. There are 5 veto powers within the Security Council which allows for those countries to have increased control in the debate, but can also draw much criticism.

For UHD students, the simulation of the United Nations is an excellent opportunity to meet their fellow student body while learning more about the causes of international problems. High school students as well as students from other college campuses will be participating in the debate. Occasionally the debates become heated, but this is where the real fun begins. The effective use of passion within a diplomatic setting creates a unique environment for verbal jousting. The research conducted by participants on their countries' interests on the conflict topic becomes apparent to fellow debaters as the simulation progresses; the debate winners are usually the leaders of the conversation.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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SXSW Film Festival 2010 Will Kick-Ass

By Wilbert Chinchilla
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The 2010 SXSW Film Festival will take place March 12-20 in the hipster capital of the U.S, Austin, Texas, where the geeks are sure to come out for this year's headlining movies. Last year's movie premieres – *I Love You, Man*, *The Hurt Locker*, *Moon*, *(500) Days of Summer*, and *Adventureland* – have seen incredible success. This year's most anticipated world premiere films deal with a beloved comic book series, a feature film based on a skit spoofing an 80s tv show, and a teenage vampire playing a punk legend. I'll be heading down to SXSW Film Festival this year and wanted to create somewhat of a preview of some of the films that have been generating a lot of buzz.

The Movies

At the beginning of 2010, the announcement of *Kick-Ass* opening the film festival allowed movie buffs to guess its appeal to comic book fans. Those unfamiliar with the comic had no idea that the mortal-heroes included a little girl who would much rather get a beretta than a doll house for her birthday.

Another recent announcement was the premiere of *MacGruber*. It's a movie that spoofs *MacGuyver*, and has apparently led to a lawsuit from the ever-resourceful secret agent. It's a beloved skit on *Saturday Night Live* (SNL) and has the potential to be a hilarious movie with *The Lonely Island's* Jorma Taccone taking on the role of director. As one of the only enjoyable moments in any SNL episode these days, *MacGruber* shouldn't disappoint. *MacGruber* isn't the only comedy. *Cyrus* is a film starring John C. Reilly and Jonah Hill, who hopefully aren't typecast to their typical roles.

The last movie on the headlining list that should garner attention because of its star power is *The Runaways*. Kristen Stewart

has shown her range in *Adventureland* and become a superstar with *Twilight*, but her portrayal of Joan Jett might help push her career in a different, non-vampire direction. Of course, Dakota Fanning is a proven veteran who will not disappoint as the scribe Cherie Currie. It is a bit odd that the film, based on a book preaching an anti-drug message, includes the casting of Tatum O'Neal.

Litmus test for the Entertainment Industry

As the headlines of companies going bankrupt grew more common and the recession continued to make the public question the power of big businesses, the entertainment industry saw beginning declines. Although this was occurring throughout the world economy, the SXSW 2009 Film Festival continued to see an increase in attendance and injected more than \$99 million into the Austin area. Also, media coverage was valued at \$21.4 million. There is no doubt that the 2010 SXSW Film Festival will be a great place to geek out in one of the hipster centrals of the Midwest. Each headlining movie should continue to validate the amazing talent that comes to this festival every year.

Film festivals are no stranger to Houston. Houston's own Cinema Arts Festival brought headlining films to the city. According to the festival's web site, "The list of high-profile guests was short but selective. It's a shame that Tommy Lee Jones dropped out, but with



Image Courtesy of SXSW Film Festival
Dave Lizewski (Aaron Johnson) is a comic-book fanboy who decides to take his obsession as inspiration to become a real-life superhero. This twisted, funny, high-octane adventure, based on the comic written by Mark Millar and John S. Romita, Jr. will be opening the SXSW 2010 Film Festival.

Tilda Swinton, Guillermo Arriaga and Richard Linklater on hand, the festival did more than fine." Although the Houston film scene has seen an increase in film production and interest, Austin continues to become the Hollywood of the Midwest and a staple in the film festival circuit.

For the entire list of films at this year's SXSW Film Festival check out SXSW.com.



Image Courtesy of SXSW Film Festival
MacGruber

Other Headlining Films

Get Low
Director: Aaron Schneider, Screenwriters: Chris Provenzano and C. Gaby Mitchell, Cast: Robert Duvall, Bill Murray. A film spun out of equal parts folk and real-life legend about a mysterious, 1930s Tennessee hermit who plans his own rollicking funeral party... while still alive.

Elektra Luxx
Director and Screenwriter: Sebastian Gutierrez, Cast: Carla Gugino, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Timothy Olyphant, Malin Akerman, Adrienne Palicki. A convoluted day in the life of recently retired porn superstar Elektra Luxx as she tries to make it in the straight world.

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The UHD Dance Marathon Fundraising Event is:
Tuesday March 30, 2010
from
4pm to 10pm

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SPORTS

Big Game, Big Deal, Big Loss



Image Courtesy of UHD Sports
Both UHD Men's and Women's Basketball intramural teams had the opportunity to play in the Toyota Center. For more information on the basketball intramural teams and other, you can go to <http://www.uhd.edu/sportsandfitness/intramuralsports/spring.html>

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University of Houston-Downtown's two basketball teams got a chance to play at the Toyota Center on February 24th. The Lady Gators took on the Lady Hurricanes of Lone Star- North Harris. If you weren't there you missed a great game, even though the game started slow and our Lady Gators trailed from early on. Our Gators played an up tempo offensive game, shooting threes and taking the ball to the paint. They also played hard-in-your-face defense causing numerous turnovers by the Lady Hurricanes. Unfortunately the erratic and uncontrolled play in the second half led to the Lady Hurricanes taking a 28-19 point lead with five minutes left. At that point the Lady Hurricanes played keep away and ran as much time off the clock as possible. The final score was 34-28 and it was the Ladies' of North Harris win.

As for the men's team, you could tell from the tip-off that this game at the Toyota Center meant a lot to these players. The intensity was at an all time

high. UHD's Jourdan Isom hit the first shot of the game from the wing to get things started. The Men's Gators held North Harris scoreless for the first three minutes of the game, and North Harris' first point came on a free throw. Both teams played great defense early on, but the aggressiveness of the Gators put the Hurricanes in early foul trouble with eight minutes left in the first half. They could have taken advantage of the situation, but North Harris turned the tables and became the aggressors. This led to a 13-12 lead for the Hurricanes with two minutes left in the first half and a 21-15 lead at half time.

UHD began to establish a presence in the paint with big man Oscar Trevino going on a 9-1 run to start the second half. Midway through the second half the Hurricanes began to take control with defense and tight full court pressure caused too many turnovers. Though the game was close and teams exchanged leads back and forth, the final score was 37-33, with North Harris taking home the victory. Coach Trimmingham's response to the loss was the

Individual Scores

UHD Men's
Lamar Lane 1 pt.
Jourdan Isom 10 pts.
Stephen Kidd 2 pts.
Aaron Brown 4 pts.
Houston Posey 4 pts.
Gerard Cartwright 2 pts.
Justin Clay 2 pts.
Oscar Trevino 10 pts.

UHD Women's
Teya Warner 14pts.
Joy Okoro 5pts.
Shar' Dae Welcome 2pts
Jennifer Juarez 2pts
Chenevia Vinson 5pts.

phrase "lack of execution." One may wonder if the length of the NBA court presented a problem for both men's and women's teams as far as conditioning, stamina, and finishing strong.

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the Urban Ed department does their field work with HISD this exhibit really allowed the two groups to be positively influenced by the other. Since it is necessary for Urban Ed professors to teach their students how to respond to writings by future students, this exhibit gave Urban Ed students the chance to guide the student writer in the hopes of eventually teaching future scribes.

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encouraged to participate in the various committees that are for the further advancement of this University. The idea is to allow the students along with the staff and administration to guide this university in a natural direction. UHD is projected to grow up to 15,000 students in the next three years. This growth will put the population at almost half of the Main Campus'

undergraduate population. The main issue used to be where to sit the students to learn but now it's where to park our cars, as UHD has started out as and currently is a commuter college.

When asked, "Why don't we just build another parking structure?" Bradley stated, "How or when we don't know in which direction the Metro light rail will move and if we do just put one up will we regret having built it." We have to take into consideration the growth and direction of the University. Will

the University better benefit from a Science and Technology building, or perhaps a building for the Arts and Humanities and/or Social Sciences.

These are just a few of the problems that have become a headache for not only the administration, but also the students. Problems such as the name change are also on the agenda but one by one, as a whole, we can solve these problems and issues and move this University to a level and direction that is most beneficial for everyone.

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