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## Teen Activist Targeted by Taliban

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Editor

The Taliban are claiming responsibility for the shooting of Malala Yousafzai, a well known 14 year old Pakistani advocate for girls' rights for education.

Malala launched a crusade for the right to education for all girls nearly three years ago, espousing what the Taliban consider "obscenity"; by speaking out against the Taliban ban on educating girls she is "propagating" Western culture.

She is now facing promises of death by the Taliban if she survives this attack.

On Tuesday, October 9, 2012, a Taliban gunman walked up to the bus carrying her home from school and asked for her by name. She was shot multiple times in an assassination attempt, sustaining wounds to the head and neck. Two other girls were wounded, one of them critically. Doctors performed emergency surgery after the left side of her brain began swelling. She is currently expected to survive.

Malala began her crusade for girls' rights to education in response to the Taliban control of her homeland. Malala is a resident of Mingora, a Swat province of Pakistan on the



Malala Yousafzai, 14 year old Pakistani advocate rights was shot Tuesday, October 9 by the Taliban. (Google images)

front lines of battle against the Taliban. In 2007, the Taliban gained control of Swat, but were partially removed in the summer of 2009 by a Pakistani military offensive.

During its time in power, the Taliban closed and destroyed girls' schools, leaving behind little more than piles of rubble; enforced its own interpretation of sharia law; and banned the playing of music in cars.

Malala began a blog in response to the oppressive force of the Taliban; she documented life in Mingora for the BBC under the control of the Taliban, penning her blog under the pseudonym "Gul Makai". She spoke of hiding her uniform under plain clothing to conceal the fact that she was attending school, going so far as to hide books under her shawl in a desperate bid for an education.

The Taliban eventually gained control of her private school and shut it down. She had no choice but to pause her education.

Her brothers, however, were free to continue their education.

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Pakistani protesters show support for Malala Yousafzai (AP photo/Mohammad Sajaad)

## The End of Affirmative Action?

Angelica Leicht  
Editor

The U.S. Supreme Court made a rare move during a hearing over an Affirmative Action case Wednesday, October 10, 2012; they allowed extra time past the normal one-hour allotment to hear arguments, indicating their deep interest in a case that may dictate the college admissions process across the nation.

Abigail Fisher v. University of Texas has launched to the forefront of the fight against the use of race as a factor in college admissions.

Filed by Abigail Fisher, a white Texan denied entrance to the University of Texas; she claims that Affirmative Action put her at a disadvantage for admittance to the University of Texas.

Many universities, UT included, use a scale that considers minority status in college admissions, often giving preference to minority applicants to achieve diversity. Known as a "Personal

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Abigail Fisher talks to reporters outside the Supreme Court Wednesday. (AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

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# Dissecting the Debate

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Unless you have been hiding under a rock for the past few months, you're aware that in less than a month's time, President Barack Obama and Governor Mitt Romney will be competing in a head to head battle (yes there are other candidates, but don't forget that this is America and they don't truly matter all that much) for the Presidency of these United States of America.

Great. You already knew that. After all, you haven't been hiding under a rock. Although, if you had, you would want to immediately get in touch with the writers at Dateline so we could feature your story about how you went from rock-life to student UHD. It would be quite the read indeed.

So now that we have established what we all already know, let's talk about why it's important to us - us being students, or as some don't consider often enough: the future of this nation. But! Before we do that, let's be honest with one another: you don't want to read tens of thousands of words about each of these candidate's policies in rapid detail, nor do I want to write them at this juncture.

For brevity's sake, let's keep this first edition simple and focus on an issue that affects all of us: education.

I suppose I should really preface this by disclosing that I have no political bias, nor do I affiliate with any political party - I choose my candidates solely for who they are and what they represent or rather

claim to represent - not their party's dogma.

During the first Presidential debate on October 3rd, Governor Romney stated that the U.S. needs to have "the best schools in the world." He did not go one however to say how we would have the best schools in the world. Governor Romney has before admitted that he wants to shrink the budget for education in an effort to reduce the national deficit. He has been quoted as saying that he wants to make the Department of Education "a heck of a lot smaller." Sounds promising.

President Obama responded by saying, "That is not a recipe for growth. Budgets reflect choices. And if we're asking for no revenue, that means we've got to get rid of a whole bunch of stuff. And the magnitude of the tax cuts that you're talking about, Governor, would end up resulting in severe hardship for people, but more importantly would not help us grow." Governor Romney dismissed Obama's claim however

saying, "I don't have any plan to cut education funding and grants that go to people going to college. I'm not planning on making changes there."

Obama's vision has always been that for our country to grow and succeed globally education is paramount - and it starts at the early stages of life, not just at the University level. His plan is to put more teachers in schools. However although during his administration he has created 250,000 new jobs for teachers, hundreds of thousands of other teachers have lost their jobs and what they (teachers) deem to be important - compensation - has not been adjusted significantly.

As Governor of Massachusetts, Mitt Romney's administration posted some of the highest ranked schools in the nation - the highest in fact.

The issue with politics, or rather political candidates is that they tend to flip-flop on issues whenever it seems convenient for the particular

audience they are catering to. We all know this and we all have witnessed this. Our job as responsible citizens is to make a choice come November 6th. And yes, while the future may seem daunting to some, voting is a

responsibility and a duty.

The good news is that we're the ones who have the power to mold the future. As someone much more fictional than I once said, "With great power, comes great responsibility."

Don't forget to vote.



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# Exercise Your Voice with Walk to Vote

**SGAPress Release**

In response to student voter turnout at an all time low, the student leaders at the University of Houston-Downtown have resolved to empower students by encouraging them to vote. UH-D's Student Government Association are asking students to unite to vote and play a critical role in the November elections at the Walk to Vote on November 1st. UH-D students are not your typical students; we are comprised of parents, of working professionals, and everything in between. Many of us go the extra mile to get our education, and we should lead by example in by also being politically active. In 1971 the United States of America ratified the 26th Amendment to the Constitution granting the right to vote to 18-20-year-olds. The 26th Amendment was the fastest to be ratified in U.S. history. Traditionally, young people comprise the smallest voting bloc. As a result, many young people feel as if

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their voices will never be heard. Some even question whether their vote even matters. It does.

Since the beginning of the Fall 2012 semester various student organizations have passionately competed with one another in an effort to see who could register the most voters. To date, we have registered over 1,000 students who will now be eligible to vote in the November elections. In honor of this, the Student Government Association, under the leadership of President Ivan Sanchez, hasve orchestrated an event to encourage our students

to vote and inspire them to let their voices be heard.

Join us on November 1st on the UHD's South Deck from 1:00pm to 2:00pm as we celebrate our achievements and exercise our constitutional right to vote.

Who: University of Houston-Downtown Students

What: Students will walk to vote and exercise their voice

When: November 1, 2012

Where: University of Houston Downtown South Deck to 1001 Preston

Guest: Mayor Annise

Parker, UHD President Flores and Council Member Ed Gonzalez

The event will proceed as follows:

- 1:00-1:15 - UHD Greek Steps
- 1:15-1:25 - UHD Cheerleaders Performance
- 1:25-1:30 - UHD ROTC and the Presentation of Colors
- 1:30-1:35 - UHD President William V. Flores Speaks
- 1:35-1:40 - Council Member Ed Gonzalez Speaks
- 1:40-1:55 - Houston Mayor Annise Parker Speaks
- 1:55-2:00 - UHD SGA President Ivan Sanchez Speaks
- 2:00 - We all walk to the Harris County Administration BLDG at 1001 Preston to vote.

For more information on Walk to Vote, or to get involved with SGA, please contact:

Student Government Association  
Room N210  
[www.UHDSGA.com](http://www.UHDSGA.com)

## Did You Know...

### New polling highlights from Generation Opportunity say this about our generation's views on the political climate:

- 89% of people ages 18 - 29 say the current state of the economy is impacting their day-to-day lives
- 84% of young people ages 18 - 29 had planned to but now might delay or not make a major life change or a major purchase due to the state of the economy
- 38% believe that today's political leaders reflect the interests of young people
- 76% of Millenials plan to vote in the election for president this year

## Why Should YOU Vote?

According to Generation Opportunity:

- The unemployment rate for 18 - 29 years olds in August 2012 is at a staggering **12.7 percent**
- The unemployment rate for 18 - 29 years old **African-Americans** in August 2012 is at **22.4 percent**
- The unemployment rate for 18 - 29 year old **Hispanics** in August 2012 is **13.7 percent**
- The unemployment rate for 18 - 29 year old **women** in August 2012 is at **12.6 percent**

The declining labor participation rate has created an additional 1.715 million young adults that are not counted as "unemployed" since they are not in the labor force, which means they have given up looking for a job due to a lack of available positions.

If the labor force participation were factored into the 18 - 29 employment calculation, the percentage would rise to 16.7 percent.

# Unexpected Interview Questions, Beware

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College Students: Be prepared for unexpected job interview questions, let UHD Career Services help YOU!

Preparing for a job interview can be stressful if you are not expecting the unexpected. Sure, we all have a list of dream job titles that fit the lavish life style we desire to live, but anticipating interview questions is where some of us stumble and sometimes fall.

Regardless of if you are a recent graduate or a future graduate, it is never too early to start preparing yourself for the inevitable.

Enough flowery talk, time to get down to the meat and potatoes.

Prospective employers want insight on your character. They may ask you questions such as, "If you could pick a job at any company or business, doing anything, what would be the title of that job?" How would you answer that question?



If your answer was something along the lines of, "I would definitely be interested in a managerial position", you might as well pick up your brief case and take a step towards the door. You have given the prospective employer the perception of someone who is title hungry. Provide an answer that gives the employer a glimpse of you as a person: "While I do want to grow with a company and advance

within a company, my ultimate concern is the way I influence others."

By responding in this manner, you are telling the employer that yes, it is important for you to grow with a company and that you do desire to move up in ranks within the company; however, you are more concerned

with doing your job well and leaving a lasting impression with customers.

As graduation vastly approaches, be proactive about searching and landing a job in your desired career field. There is a Career Services center available free of charge to all registered UHD students. It is located on the third floor near the O'Kane theatre. There you can set an appointment for mock

interviews, and they will also review your resume and advise you on ways to enhance the quality of your resume.

If you do not have time to stop by Career Services, visit their page on the UHD website where you can find cover letters, resumes and thank you note samples. And to stay updated on what Career Services has to offer, like them on Facebook where they can provide you with informative articles, workshop schedules and upcoming career fairs.

Once you have become an interview master, go to the Career Services home page and use the jobs4gators job search, which is also free for registered UHD students and UHD Alumni, to search for jobs within your career field.

There is no limit to where a degree can take you, but it is the interview that helps you land the job.

## Gators Grab for Jobs at Career Fair

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Staff writer

Hundreds of University of Houston-Downtown students and alumni poured onto campus Thursday, October 4, 2012, ready to connect with potential employers at the campus career fair. With most hoping to land internships or entry-level jobs from the Career Fair; their chances with the over sixty companies in attendance were good.

With almost every university major represented by the job seekers, UHD students and alumni made connections and networked with companies from all over the city, state, and nation. Many big name companies were in attendance; job seekers had the opportunity to talk to representatives from a diverse group of companies.

Kroger, The Princeton Review, Exxon-Mobil and Stage Stores as well as some local companies were among those looking to hire on well-rounded new recruits. Exchanging resumes for business cards and informational pamphlets, students



Eager students visit career fair booths hoping for a connection at UHD (photo by Bayan Ribani)

were able to schedule interviews and arrange phone calls and emails for the upcoming weeks in order to launch onto the path of a new career.

"I'm really excited!" senior Finance major Sarah Zamani exclaimed when asked how she

felt about her prospects at the career fair. "I think it's great how so many companies are here and recognize the value of the students at UHD. I went to a career fair last year on campus and it wasn't nearly this big and there weren't nearly as many students. I feel good about my chances and am just really blessed. It just goes to show you how great a university this is."

With Houston being one of the most thriving job markets in the country, it's easy to say that UHD's students have a much easier time than most (soon to be) college graduates at getting work in a field of their choice.

Good luck students.

The world is your oyster.

UHD students who were unable to attend the fall career fair can go to JOBS4GATORS at [www.uhd.edu/career/jobs.html](http://www.uhd.edu/career/jobs.html) for daily updates on job and internship opportunities. UHD plans to host a career fair in the spring as well.

## Wands and Batons: Harry Potter and the Symphony

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If you step foot into Jones Hall, you will feel the passion of the musicians, the history of the orchestra, and a stage where some of the greatest performances have taken place.

However, what you may not find are children trotting in with excitement as they show off this year's Halloween costume of choice.

On October 9, 2012 the Houston Symphony hosted its first family concert of the season entitled, Wands and Batons: The Music of Harry Potter and More. Every season the Houston Symphony has four family performances that invite parents, grandparents, extended family and children of all ages to come enjoy the beautiful and exciting sounds of a full orchestra.

As children came dressed in costumes representing different Harry Potter characters, the orchestra led them on a journey through different scenes of the Harry Potter movies with their musical selections.

With Robert Franz as the conductor, his sixth season as Associate Conductor of the Houston Symphony, Wands and Batons became an event filled with laughter. As he approached the stage fully dressed as the white owl named Hedwig, it was clear that this was a conductor with experience as well as a great sense of humor. He was, after all, conducting for a room filled with eager kids, so a bit of humor was necessary.

What made this Houston Symphony performance different from most is that the conductor interacted with the audience. During the performance eight audience members were selected to come on stage and test their Harry Potter knowledge by participating in a game; the orange team versus the green team.

The teams were asked specific questions that only true Harry Potter fans could answer. The game ended with the orange team having two points and the green team winning with four points; however, both teams took home prizes.

The orchestra ended the performance with the popular Children's Suite from Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by John Williams, an impressive piece that awed even the smallest youngsters.

The members of the Houston Symphony are in agreement on some of their favorite moments at the symphony; they always enjoy



The owl, conductor Robert Franz, leading Houston Symphony in their performance of Wands and Batons (photo by Elpidia Medina)



The owl-led Houston Symphony performing the music of Harry Potter (photo by Elpidia Medina)



Bradley White, Houston Symphony (photo by Elpidia Medina)

performing at the family concerts. Bradley White, a tenor trombone musician with thirty years of experience, has spent the past 12 of those years with the Houston Symphony. He expressed his excitement about performing music for the family concerts, stating that he "enjoys playing music composed by John Williams because it is most accessible, there is always a hook between the music and some movie for everyone, adults and children."

The music selections from the Harry Potter movies were not all that the Houston Symphony's Family Concert had to offer. For the children who arrived an hour or two early, there was an arts and crafts section where they could make their own Harry Potter hats.

For the aspiring young musicians or those who were simply intrigued, there was an instrument petting zoo. Families could explore the Houston Symphony store for some take home trinkets; and in the lobby of Jones Hall was a group of talented student musicians performing for the crowds of parents and children.

This family event definitely captures the essence of what all family events should be about - family, fun, and laughter. Even the children who were too young to have found a love for Harry Potter still found themselves engaged in the sounds of the symphony.

The Houston Symphony Family Concert provides both children and adults with more than just a music performance; it allows children the chance to interact with the orchestra and express themselves through creativity.

For those young aspiring musicians, or those who simply love the sounds of the symphony or want to appreciate the musical environment, the Houston Symphony invites all young adults, ages 14 and up, to join the Houston Symphony League.

As a member of this league they will have many opportunities to volunteer in education and community outreach programs, participate in fundraising events and attend League social events. Many of the young adults who do join this league will volunteer at the family concerts at the arts and crafts station and the petting zoo.

Vickie Hamley, Director of Volunteers stated, "We have volunteers come in from various organizations, including the Houston Symphony League. Our volunteers range from members of non-profit organizations, honor societies, (continued on page 11)

# Houston Paranormal Research Team

From possessed beer cans to eerie phone calls, Houston's HPRT seeks to answer the unknown

**Angelica Leicht**  
Editor

Tired of the weird occurrences in your house? Are keys being moved, weird mists or cool blasts appearing suddenly, or strange noises bumping in the night? (Dare I say, is there something strange in your neighborhood...?)

We know who to call.

We sat down with Scott Zarosky, founding member and lead investigator for Houston Paranormal Research Team, a non-profit paranormal research group based out of Houston to find out all there is to know about the art of chasing ghosts.

To understand how one could have an interest in ghost hunting, it's important to know Scott has met ghosts well before he started chasing them.

As a high school kid, Scott didn't think much of the spirit world. He wasn't even particularly interested in looking for ghosts; that is, until



a strange weekend led him on the quest for answers about the unexplained.

Like any good ghost story, Scott's begins with a party while his parents were out of town. Following typical scary story protocol, there was plenty of beer, girls, and chaos. The house clears out, and he starts hiding the evidence. Beer cans shoved into

boxes and set on the counter for disposal far from the family garbage cans, he steps outside. Steps back in; beer cans are strewn up the stairs, down the hall and up on shelves. Places even the cat couldn't reach.

Scott checks the house.

No one there.

The banging and noise kept Scott awake that night. No explanation; no excuse. Just questions and beer cans and pounding.

Whatever was there wanted him to know it.

It even called him.

He recalls this story without an ounce of hesitation or bravado; he was just a freaked out kid with a

bunch of beer cans to hide.

All a great story, but why would a ghost toss beer cans and prank call?

The same questions that we had are the questions Scott set out to answer for himself; what was that in his house that night, and why has strange stuff been popping up in his life ever since?

Contrary to expectation, Scott seems more of a skeptical scientist than anything. There isn't a penny earned by the group; they search for ghosts merely for the answers it may bring.

He has an ease with a subject that can be polarizing; the spirit world opens doors for questions about religion, philosophy, and beliefs that he answers with little hesitation.

"I'm not sure what my beliefs are. I know I believe that there's other - I don't know - planes? But I don't know if I believe spirits are stuck, or if there's a heaven or hell that they're in between on. I just know they're here."

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## The Lancaster Hotel, Houston's "Secret" Haunt

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Business Manager/Writer

The Lancaster Hotel – just the name alone sounds prestigious. Built in 1926, the hotel is known as one of the oldest and finest hotels in the city of Houston, the Lancaster boasts an unrivaled charm and air of brass. Upon entering the hotel, one finds themselves enamored by the vintage decor harmoniously coupled with the modern fixtures. The original works of art on the walls make you feel as if you are in a Sherlock Holmes movie, doing detective work as you navigate the hallways.

The Lancaster offers many sizes of rooms ranging from double rooms to suites and accommodation packages for business oriented and romantically inclined guests.

In the heart of Houston's business district, its proximity to Jones Hall, The House of Blues, and Houston's Theatre District makes it one of the

most desirable places to stay in Houston for out-of-towners and Houston locals alike.

Described as a "boutique" hotel (Houston's first), the Lancaster was built in 1926 by Michele (read: Michael) DeGeorge – the current owner's great grandfather. The Lancaster is still family owned



The Lancaster Hotel, known as the site for haunted experiences in downtown Houston (photo courtesy of Google images)

and operated and has been a Recorded Texas History Landmark since 1984. It is also the only member of the History Hotels of America from Houston.

The Lancaster Hotel is part of the legendary Houston Pub Crawl. When enjoying a meal at The Bistro, you can be sure to anticipate hearing a legendary story about one of the many times Clark Gable stayed at the hotel or how celebrity clients entertained World War II veterans in the wine cellar underground.

Oh, and it's haunted.

While the hotel management is certainly ready to promote the history and prestige behind its roots, the one thing staff won't readily tell you is that the building has a more sordid past, once known to be a house of "ill repute", or a female boarding house in Houston's original Red Light district.

Although the other worldly tenants of The Lancaster are widely known among patrons and Houstonians, there seems to be little acknowledgment from the owners that anything out of the ordinary exists.

When inquiring about the haunting, staff would only speak on the condition of anonymity. (continued on page 9)

# Halloween Procrastinators, Unite

**Angelica Leicht**

Editor

You know how the old story goes...

A guy wakes up the morning of Halloween with no clue what to dress as. The girlfriend has had her costume for weeks. He does a quick jog past the leftovers at Party Boy and Frankel's, but gives up on his combination of samurai sword and Darth Vader mask when he spots the line winding around the building. He rushes home, digs through the other half's closet, and winds up in a dress and wig, while massacring a decent pair of heels.

Every Halloween there are at least a handful of guys at a party dressed as women. Guys. C'mon.

We've been there, done that...and most of you can't pull it off. The hairy legs and ballooned accessories are not flattering.

So before some of you resort to dressing in drag, we've decided to help the procrastinating brothers out on this one.

No one wants to see that, really.

Here are some ideas to keep you out of the doghouse, and your hairy trunks out of our faces.



**Trust the Gordon's Fisherman**  
Got a yellow raincoat and matching hat? Even if you don't, that section at Target is bound to be less crowded than their trampled Halloween aisles. Throw them on and you're set. Add a faux beard for authenticity, please.



**The Hangover**  
T-shirt? Check. Aviators? Check. Baby B'jorn, baby doll, and matching infant sunglasses? Well, you may have to borrow the last few items, but what's easier than dressing as a guy with a wicked hangover and a baby strapped to his chest?



**Marty McFly is Fly!**  
Who doesn't own a denim jacket and a puffer vest? If you've resorted to digging in the girlfriend's closet, at least pass up the dresses and throw on her old denim jacket. Not sure where you'll find a flux capacitor, but we're sure you'll try.



**Brawny Man**  
Just throw on a plaid shirt, jeans, and some old hiking boots and you've transformed to the epitome of every housewives' fantasy. Carry around a package of your paper towels with your face on them (for authenticity AND spills).



**Gangnam Style, Take 2**  
Don't give in to the urge to dress as Psy, your favorite Korean internet phenom. Dress as his awesome dance battle partner instead! It'll give you a chance to perfect your moves to fight to the death against the hundreds of Psy's you'll encounter this Halloween.



**Red Solo Cup, Anyone?**  
Bring the party with you. Borrow your little sister's hula hoops and drape fabric through two of 'em. Strap it on with clear suspenders, and you'll have people trying to figure out what the heck you are all night.

(photos courtesy of Google images)

## The Haunted, Houston Style

The top places to go in Houston to get your haunt on

**Gilleys** - Gilleys is an old indoor rodeo that burned to the ground, killing some in it.

**Hogg Middle School** - Janitors and late night librarians have seen and heard shadows and footsteps of a famous gangster here.

**La Carafe** - Located in a pre-Civil War building, employees have reported hearing footsteps and the sound of heavy objects being dragged across the unoccupied second floor. A figure of a large man has also been seen.

**Mendel Elementary** - Rumored to be built on top of an old graveyard, footsteps and whispers can be heard in the halls and restrooms. Faucets and stall doors are said to be moved by the ghosts.

**Old Greenhouse Road** - Home to the ghost of an old woman who died in a car wreck, the bridge is said to form the shape of a person on clear nights.

**Old Park** - Visitors have seen a little girl wearing white and wandering behind trees, calling for her mommy.

**Patterson Road** - Located between Highway 6 and Eldridge, it is rumored to be the site of a Civil War battle and now has hauntings at the bridge by the spirits of dead soldiers.

**Spaghetti Warehouse** - The long-ago owner is said to have died after falling down an elevator shaft. The ghost now reportedly moves things, appears in apparitions, and leaves mists throughout the building.

**The old Downtown Library** - Ghostly violin music can be heard late at night. It is rumored to be the spirit of a former maintenance man.

**Treebeards** - Some staff have reported seeing ghosts or witnessing unexplained activity.

# Mens Basketball Undefeated



(Photo courtesy of UHD Sports and Fitness Facebook)

**Brian Taylor**  
Sports Writer

As of the most recent game, UHD men's club basketball team remains

undefeated, pulling a victorious 4-0 record so far this season. The Gators were able to edge out The College of the Mainland at their most recent game for a game-winning score of 36-33.

The latest victory was won by the narrowest margin the team has seen all season. Coach Trimmings credits the team's will to win for the recent victory over College of the Mainland. However, the difficulty seen by UHD's team during this game also brought to light areas of weakness that Coach Trimmings plans to work on.

Coach Trimmings didn't hold back when asked about the game. "We got out rebounded, missed free throws, defense was lacking, and we allowed College of the Mainland to be more physical than us."

However, the play of (team captain) Houston Posey and third year player Justin Clay helped

propel the Gators. Posey scored a staggering 8 out of 14 points in the second half.

Justin Clay also provided a second half spark by dropping in 5 points in the second half.

Houston Posey made clutch free throws down the stretch to help to clinch the win for UHD.

The next game for UHD's men's club basketball team is being held on October 12, 2012 at Jesse H. Jones Gymnasium, the UHD gym. The matchup is against HCC Central at 7:00pm. Come support your home team on their rise to victory!

## UHD VS C.O.M.

### UHD

Name	Points
Joshua Caballero	6
Freddy Quiroz	5
Houston Posey	14
Domonique McKinney	2
Kevin Thomas	4
Justin Clay	5

### C.O.M

Name	Points
G. Wilson	6
K. Johnson	9
Z. Scroggins	4
D. Spriggins	2
M. Martin	7
L. Hatch	2

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# Powerlifting Profiled

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If you aren't a fan of UHD's Power Lifting team, it's time to jump on the bandwagon.

As a whole, the team has five consecutive national championship titles from the World Association of Benches and Dead lift. This world competition is known as the one to determine the best bench lifters in the world, and our team has excelled at it. Last year the UHD powerlifting finished second in the world lifting competition, missing an overall win by a mere five points. No Colligate team has ever won the WABDL World Championship, but it seems we may be close.

This year they step up to the three lift collegiate nationals, which poises them to compete against the University of Texas and Texas A&M.

Coach Hudson feels that this year may hold the best roster he has ever seen at UHD, which would give them a good chance at the world competition. The power lifting team consists of 28 students with some late walk-ons.

All lifters are required to have a 2.75 GPA to take trips to the world competition. The team has eight women this year, which has created the largest number of women this team has seen.

However, when Coach Hudson recruits, he doesn't just look for athletes - Coach Hudson looks for great students that happen to be athletes. This limits the bar to students scoring an 18-20 on the act score 950 sat score.

Powerlifting isn't seasonal; potential recruitment is a year round process, but the commitment is on a consistent basis. Athletes must be ready to endure a tough regiment of working out 4 days a week and up to 16-20 hours a week.

In terms of recruiting top athletes, Coach Hudson says UHD's power lifting team is such a huge draw that the only thing limiting statewide recruiting is UHD's lack of dorms. Chances are we would need a bigger rec center too, but there are opportunities to take the team to NAIA or Division III.

Ellean Rojas, one of team captains, is currently able to bench an impressive 468 lbs. However, he looks to his future goal to draw inspiration; he hopes to bench 500.

Jesse Torres, a freshman on UHD's Weight Lifting team, started with the team able to bench 290 pounds. Thanks to the intense training and support from the team he's now benching almost 400 pounds. The world record in his weight class is 364 pounds.

Coach Hudson

said every week lifters are hitting personal best.

Coach Hudson, a native of Michigan, grew up admiring Vasily Alexeev; a famous power lifter. However, his high school didn't offer power lifting; he was instead a collegiate wrestler when he began lifting. When he began power lifting, he wasn't naturally strong. He lost a power lifting competition to a 70 year old man.

However, things have improved since those days. A few world championships and a few world records - most set in the state of

Illinois - have launched him well past the days of losing competitions to anyone.

He believes that this is due to the belief that if you work hard at something and commit to it you can do your personal best and well beyond.

Coach Hudson will lift at the World Lifting Competition in November with his team; the day before his team competes he will attempt to break the bench press record for his weight class.

We wish them all good luck.



**2012 WABDL COLLEGIATE NATIONAL CHAMPIONS**

(The Lancaster continued)

"Oh yeah... sometimes when I'm walking around, upstairs or downstairs, I'll feel cold bursts of air coming from nowhere in particular... it's spooky," said a staff member.

Glasses are known to shake

or rattle in the bar, and many clients have had the feeling of being watched or have heard unexplained noises.

Despite the silence from most of the staff on the subject of ghosts, it seems where there's rattling glasses, there's fire.

The Lancaster Hotel is located at 701 Texas Street in downtown Houston, TX. TheLancaster.com

**START DATE:**  
MONDAY, OCT 22

**TIME:**  
MONDAYS  
BEGINNING  
@ 3PM

**LOCATION:**  
UHD GYM

Interested students must register online at  
[www.uhd.edu/sportsandfitness/intramuralsports/dodgeball/](http://www.uhd.edu/sportsandfitness/intramuralsports/dodgeball/)  
Entry Period Oct. 9 - 22  
\$20.00 Entry Fee per team

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(Ghost Hunters continued)

His inability to limit the spirits to one philosophy or belief is oddly comforting in his genuine interest in finding answers on the paranormal.

He has a matter-of-fact demeanor when questioned on the validity of his group. "I understand skepticism. You should be skeptical. I go into the investigations wondering what we'll find; people call us for all sorts of reasons. Sometimes there's legit stuff there, and sometimes they're crazy or attention seeking or bored." he says. "You just never know."

Scott's team differs quite a bit from how paranormal groups are portrayed in the media. His group does not consist of psychics and mediums, and is instead comprised of members with day jobs as teachers or writers. Like Scott, most are looking for concrete evidence of a haunting, often to rationalize their own experiences with the spirit world.

He doesn't find much similarity to the highly edited shows about paranormal activity. "I'll be honest with you. Sometimes ghost hunting is boring. People think you're waiting around for that cold hand to the shoulder or dark figure appearing. Most of the time you're sitting around waiting, and the answers don't come 'til you start reviewing the tapes and cameras. Then it gets interesting."

Armed with an arsenal of equipment, Scott and his team use a host of equipment - hi-8 infrared video cameras, thermal cameras, emf meters, digital voice recorders, still regular & infrared cameras, and motion detectors, to name a few. No Ghostbuster zapping equipment here, though, folks; they'll find your ghost, but getting rid of it is all you.

Gone are the days of ouija board investigations; they want to prove this with electronics and cold, hard evidence.

And evidence they have.

From pictures of figures to electronic voice recordings, HPRT has gathered enough evidence to tilt even the most hardened skeptic. All readily available for view on the HPRT website and Facebook, the group has no qualm with readily sharing the evidence they've gathered.

What they won't tell you is whether you should believe in their ghosts.

They'll let you gather your own answers on that.

(Affirmative Action continued)

Achievement Score" at UT, the admissions program aims to bring more "underrepresented" minorities into the school, a process previously supported by the Supreme Court.

It seems now, however, the Supreme Court may be having a change of heart.

The justices expressed deep concern with the vagaries of using race in the admissions process, and may at least temporarily put a stop to the practice.

More than 150 colleges and universities filed briefs in support of UT. Many follow similar protocol; admissions processes allowing race to be considered are both constitutional and standard to the admissions process.

However, the majority

of justices have now stated that there is no guideline available to determine whether a school is sufficiently "diverse", which renders Affirmative Action unjustifiable. Racial discrimination is subject to strict constitutional scrutiny, and if the use of the discrimination is not justifiable, it fails.

Both the Chief Justices and Solicitors were unable to define what "critical mass" of diversity actually is, but they were all in agreement that the scale to measure diversity does not include a number. Unfortunately, with no clear definition of "critical mass", the concept seems to be lacking as a reasonable argument to continue Affirmative Action for most of the Supreme Court Justices.

The case of Abigail Fisher v. University

of Texas is not as clearly defined as it appears, either. UT's admissions processes are complicated, and the university has stated that plenty of more well qualified applicants were denied admission. Abigail did not fall into the automatic admission for UT by graduating in the top ten percent of her class, and her standardized test scores were average for admission.

There is a question as to whether the top ten percent rule is adequate at recruiting minorities, as it is credited with bringing in more minority students than Affirmative Action. UT argues against this; stating that the top ten percent rule is depicting faulty numbers of minority students of privileged backgrounds. UT wants minorities from different backgrounds too.

If the case goes the way Abigail Fisher hopes, it will change the face of university admissions as we know it.

It's too late for her, though. She took her second choice, Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge, and now works in finance. Dreams of UT dashed, she hopes to keep others from facing the same admissions processes.

With the case in front of the Supreme Court, and one justice that has recused herself, the decision is left to the remaining eight. If the decision is deadlocked, it will hold up UT's admissions process.

It is not likely to decide the case for many months, and may not render decision until 2013.

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# Top Halloween Apps (Yes, for Droids too!)

## APPLE APPS

(Sorry, Apple users...no scan things to load the apps. But no worries. There's probably an app for that.)

Carve-a-Pumpkin

Hauntfinder

Zombiebooth: 3D Zombifier

Halloween Costumes Fashion Fun

Halloween Sounds Pro

Halloween City

## HALLOWEEN

Scrap It: Halloween HD

Halloween Card Creator  
True Ghost Stories from  
Around the World



## DROID APPS

Halloween Live Wallpaper

Customize your Halloween endless choices! Halloween Live Wallpaper full of playful fright with witches, bats, pumpkins, ghosts, & more



Haunted House 3D

Creep towards a looming Haunted House on Halloween night. Tiptoe past glowering pumpkins and a mailbox with your own custom name or message. If you dare, slam the knocker attached to a nameplate with your name or message on it, and push the creaking door open.



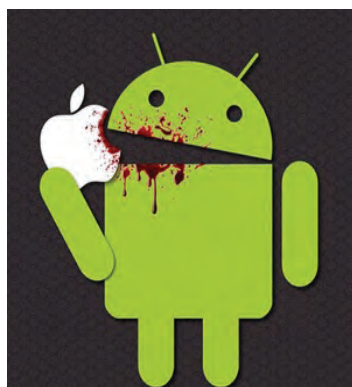
Trick or Tracker

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Pumpkins vs Monsters

Simple control, flick the pumpkin, attack the monster! Full moon night, the dark world is no longer calm, monsters are revived and began to invade human homes. But the human is still sleeping. The Pumpkin



(Targeted Activist continued)

She spoke of the sadness that came with watching her school supplies sit solitarily; "I am sad watching my uniform, school bag and geometry box".

In 2011, she was a nominee for the International Children's Peace Prize, and was subsequently awarded Pakistan's first National Youth Peace Prize.

Although Pakistan's army chief general has stated that the Taliban has "failed to grasp that she is not only an individual, but an icon of courage", she still faces the threats on her life after this horrific event. The Taliban have made it clear that she must be killed in order to silence her.

(Wands and Batons continued)

corporate donors, and various student volunteer groups. What we want everyone to know is that you do not have to be a part of any organization or society to volunteer."

She also stated that while the process of being a volunteer is easy, obtaining the volunteers is not so easy." If anyone desires more information about joining the Houston Symphony League or volunteering, and also desire more information on the volunteer opportunities available, they can contact her at Vickie.hamley@houstonsymphony.org.

The Houston Symphony has only performed their first family concert of the season so there are yet three performances. They would love to see more families attend as they can assure that those who do will hear a wonderful music performance from the passionate musicians of the Houston Symphony.

Upcoming Family Concerts

Hip Hoppin' Nutcracker

December 8, 2012

Join the Houston Symphony for a Hip Hoppin' Christmas performance!

Aladdin and the Arabian Nights

January 19, 2013

Come fly away with the Houston Symphony as they take you on their Arabian carpet ride!

Dinosaurs!

April 20, 2012

Come enjoy pre-historic music from a Symphony filled with history!

# Schedule of Events

October 15 to 28 2012

## October 15

**Monday**

**9 am**

**Tyke Hike at Houston**

**Arboretum-** @ Houston Arboretum & Nature Center

**11 am-1 pm**

**Fun Day Monday at Menchie's**

There will be face painting, reading time, playtime, balloon animals and more! All ages. Free Location: 512 W. 19th St., Houston.

**10 am-4 pm**

**Spontaneous Memorial:** A Commemorative Installation by Frank McEntire @ Houston Baptist University Gallery

**7 pm**

**Metric-Performing**

House of Blues

**9 pm**

**Little Joe Washington**

@ Boondocks  
1417 Westheimer  
Houston, TX 77006

## October 16

**Tuesday**

**11 am**

**Hope in Houston: Hot Pink Luncheon**

Benefiting the Breast Cancer Research Foundation

**6pm**

**Champions for Children "A Night at The Improv"** benefiting Texas Center for the Missing

## October 17

**Wednesday**

**10am-2pm**

**City Hall Farmer's Market**

Free Admission

**6pm**

**Third Annual Be Bold Margarita Competition** benefiting Girls Inc. @ Firehouse Saloon

## October 18

**Thursday**

**2pm-5pm**

**Natural Science Museum**

Permanent Exhibits Free

**8pm**

**Houston Symphony-Hear**

Lang Lang perform three of the most beloved Beethoven piano concertos Location: Jones Hall

## October 19

**Friday**

**7:30 pm**

**Ballet**

Ballet Folklorico de Mexico de Amalia Hernandez

**8 pm**

Jekyll & Hyde

Sarofim Hall - Hobby Center

## October 20

**Saturday**

**8 am**

**Houston Habitat for Humanity's Bike to Build** @Minute Maid Park

**9am-8 pm**

**Festival**

Texas Renaissance Festival

**11 am**

**6th Annual KBR Kids Day** on

Buffalo Bayou @ Eleanor Tinsley Park

**1 pm**

Kid's Comedy Magic Show @ the Improv

**7:30 pm**

Red Hot Chili Peppers in Concert @ Toyota Center

## October 21

**Sunday**

**10:30 am**

**Discovery Hoop Dance@**

Discovery Green. Free Admission.

**12pm**

Texas Contemporary Art Fair @ George R. Brown Center

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## October 22

**Monday**

**3 pm**

**Main Street Theater** presents

Life Is a Dream

**6 pm**

**Deferred Action Information Session**

Location: A300, Academic Building

**6 pm**

**Upscale Karaoke** @ Red Cat Jazz Cafe

## October 23

**Tuesday**

**10 am**

Toddler Tuesday @ Discovery Green

**7:30 pm**

Death of a Salesmen @ Alley Theatre

## October 24

**Wednesday**

**11 am**

Swing, Jive & Pop Into Dance @Miller Outdoor Theatre

## October 25

**Thursday**

**8 pm**

**Madonna In Concert** @ Toyota Center

## October 26

**Friday**

**12pm**

The International Gem & Jewelry Show @ Reliant Center

**7:30 pm**

**This is the 60s** @ Miller Outdoor Theatre

**8pm**

MFAH Mixed Media Halloween Style @ Museum of Fine Arts

## October 27

**Saturday**

**8am**

**Wings Over Houston**

**Air Show** @ Ellington Airport

**11 am**

**UHD Fall Family Festival**

Location: South Deck

**10:30 am**

**Young Writers** @ Discovery Green: HPL Express. Free Admission.

**3pm**

The Urban Market

Houston Antique Show@ Bayou City Event Center

**7 pm & 9pm**

**Ghost Walks**

Ghostly guides lead you on a two-hour past haunted sites in Houston's Downtown Historic District. Start Location: Spaghetti Warehouse. Fee\$15

## October 28

**Sunday**

**9 am**

Houston Gun Collectors & Antique

**2pm**

Bayou City Outdoors Fourth Annual "Picassos By Paws" @ Archway Gallery

**8pm**

Justice in Concert House of Blues Houston

