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At first I thought "Tenured Professors: The Process and You" was a mere regurgitation of the same point written in the op-ed piece in the same issue: UHD students should be more informed about university issues that affect them. However by the third paragraph, a greater concern engulfs the overall tone. While I commend Dateline for encouraging students to be vocal about excellent and mediocre professors, there's an inherent risk in soliciting haphazard commentary in the midst of the tenure process. The author was mistaken to suggest that now is the time for students to lift their voices because the real time to do so is at the end of each semester when students are asked to complete course evaluations. Although many students are eager to use these evaluations to commend or criticize a professor and or chosen course materials, there are many students who blow this opportunity off and instead choose to post snide or asinine comments on RateMyProfessor.com. Likewise, some students wrongly assume that professors don't read or incorporate comments, criticisms, or suggestions for future classes. With such misguided assumptions in mind, this article only serves to inflame the egos of students who begrudge a professor for reasons unrelated to their course. Thus to anonymously solicit opinions in the manner we have to trust the judgments of constituents in charge of evaluations. -students who may want to praise or criticize- were presented. We absolutely wanted to inform all students about the process on the local level. There is a lot more that is involved with the process of obtaining tenure; the Dateline only shed light on a small portion of this process. You are right; there is an inherent risk in soliciting responses from students. But course evaluations seem irrelevant and ineffective, especially if students aren't aware that their comments can affect tenure. There is no real amount of data that could prove evaluations work. At the end of the day, we have to trust the judgments of professors up for tenure. The facts were presented, the author did not encourage hate mail; instead, the author was presenting an opportunity for students to have a voice. That is the ultimate goal of this student-run newspaper. Soliciting opinions is not a way to show disrespect, but a method to support professors who do deserve tenure. We do not want to regurgitate information, so if this article has informed the reader, then we have done our job. It is also our job to make sure that students who do respond do so in a coherent manner without using slanderous or libelous diction.

**Professor Asks for Recommendations**

Wilbert Chinchilla
Managing Editor

An overwhelming amount of students have contacted the Dateline Downtown after the "Tenure and you" article was published on October 5, 2009. The majority of the students were emailing the Dateline to recommend one professor in particular: Dr. Shengli Yuan. As one of his former students - who wants to remain anonymous - told the Dateline, “He sent me a personal email. I didn’t realize he remembered who I was because I took his class so long ago, but he remembered my grade and what clubs I was a part of.” This student decided not to write a letter because there wasn’t enough grounds for a person to write a recommendation if they only took one class with the professor. From Alumni to current students, The Dateline has received emails recommending Dr. Yuan:

Hello,

Yuan Shengli has been one of the best Computer Science professors I have had in UHD and I would love to see another great professor recieve tenure. Bukhari M.U.

Hi All,

I am a recent graduate of UHD. I am writing to recommend Dr. Shengli Yuan for tenure with the university. Dr. Yuan was my professor in a Computer Science Software Engineering course. Although the course team project required a lot of effort and his exams were challenging, I have benefited from the knowledge gained in that class. This year after graduation, I accepted a position J.P. Morgan Chase in a software release management position that allows me to apply information learned in Dr. Yuan’s class. Please grant Dr. Yuan tenure with UHD.

Sincerely,

Kern R.
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CNN Presents New Documentary at UHD

Latinos are officially the largest minority group in the United States. According to the U.S. Census, as of July 2006 there were about 46.9 million Latinos residing in the U.S. Furthermore, the U.S Latino population is expected to nearly triple by 2050—a projected population of 132.8 million by July 1, 2050. According to this estimate, Latinos will constitute about 30% of the nation's population, making it empirically impossible for this phenomenon to go unnoticed. For this and other reasons, CNN's Soledad O'Brien explored "how Latinos are reshaping our communities and culture and forcing a nation of immigrants to rediscover what it means to be an American". She compiled her findings in "Latino in America", one of CNN's most anticipated documentaries.

Although the film premiered on October 21 & 22, the University of Houston-Downtown had the honor to host an advance screening on October 8, which was then followed by a panel discussion. "It's a great honor for us to host this event," said UHD President Dr. William V. Flores. "CNN brings national recognition, so it's a great way to build a reputation for UHD in the city of Houston". The panel discussion was led by CNN in Espanol's senior anchor Patricia Janiot.

The individuals in the panel were: Dr. Laura Murillo, President & CEO, Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; Richard Farias, President & CEO, Tejano Center for Community Concerns; Adrian Garcia, Harris County Sheriff; Emily Probst, Producer, CNN Presents; and Dr. William Flores, President, UHD. Harris County Sheriff Adrian Garcia believes that CNN is being supportive of the Latino population by doing this, and that "what it will ultimately do is change the levels of awareness of the progress being made by Latinos, in our community." This is an issue that the documentary greatly emphasizes and tries to promote.

Although Latinos have come a long way thus far, prominent Latino individuals strongly believe that there is still more to do. "The next step is to empower ourselves more politically," State Representative Carol Alvarado said, "we are one of the only major cities that doesn't have a Latino represent us in Congress." "Latino in America" greatly emphasizes how Latinos are affecting America in numerous areas—religion, education, business, etc. Yet at the same time it describes the transition that Latinos are going through. Latinos trying to assimilate in America are forced to tradeoff the preservation of their beliefs in hard work and family values in order to become a part of American society. As Latinos, we now have the duty to find a middle ground.
Our Town Hosts Our Town

Christina Rodriguez
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Houston is known for many things, but one aspect of this city that is often overlooked is the Theatre District. The area is only minutes away from the University of Downtown-Houston and consists of Jones Hall, the Wortham Center, Theater Under the Stars, the Hobby Center, the Alley Theatre, and other organizations. The Pulitzer Prize-winning play Our Town is currently appearing from October 2 through November 1, 2009. This play was written by Thornton Wilder in the 1930s, and is considered a classic American masterpiece. It is described as ‘enduring’ in every advertisement, for the simple reason that the play deals with time directly. This play takes place in three acts: Daily Life, Love and Marriage, and Death and Eternity.

By setting the play in a tiny fictional community called Grover’s Corners, New Hampshire, Wilder allowed something as vague as time to be defined by members of the most trivial town. By doing this, he is making the play relate-able to anyone who sees it. The story follows two teenagers who fall in love in the first act and get married in the second. They are confronted with death and eternity in the last act. But this seems simple enough, right? Everyone who has read Romeo and Juliet can at least grip the feelings and intents in this play.

But the difference between this play and others is the manner with which the play is presented. To begin with, the stage is empty when the seats begin to fill. There is scenery, but it is only a brick wall with doors. Everything else that is necessary is rolled on and off stage on wheels. The Stage Manager, played by James Black, runs the production. He introduces the actors and even corrects and interrupts them. He also narrates between and throughout scenes. In the story about life and how beautiful it is, Black is constantly calling...
Editorial

Author Responds to Events after Published Tenure Piece

A Dateliner

The response regarding the recent article on tenure has been overwhelming. This Dateliner will continue to bring you information about your education and how your tax dollars fund education. As always your comments are most welcome, and The Dateliner looks forward to continue providing you with information to enlighten and demystify the educational system and how YOU the student and tax payer fund it.

As a point of interest with regard to the article, tenure is inestimably a very tedious, lengthy and encumbered process. It is a process that the individual seeking tenure has to want to endure, and if he or she is not successful, because it is such a grueling process on the candidate, often a candidate decides to associate with a different institution, take a job outside of academics, or to completely reevaluate his or her goals and priorities with regard to teaching. This is a result of the often grueling process that the candidates must go through.

The Dateliner is always pleased when its articles reach the reading spectacles of everyone. Vice President and Provost Molly Woods sent out a memo on ListServ regarding Dateline’s article on tenure. It is flagged as being of high importance. It is exactly reproduced below:

From: Woods, Molly
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2009 3:42 PM
To: DT_Faculty
Cc: Ahern, Susan; Bates, Donald; Pelz, Beth; Pincus, George; Flores, Bill; Woods, Molly
Subject: UHD Faculty Seeking Tenure!!
Importance: High
University Colleagues: Please take a few minutes to read the article in the most recent edition of our student newspaper regarding the process for obtaining tenure. The article addresses the tenure process from the unidentified author’s perspective and solicits comments from students regarding their support, or lack of support, for tenure for the faculty listed. Let us remember: The faculty listed are our colleagues asking to be considered for tenure. They need to be reassured that we have a policy-driven process that will be followed. Our candidates have worked hard to develop the report that will be reviewed by colleagues at each of the designated levels. The recommendation from each of these levels will take into consideration the comments from students enrolled in the candidate’s classes as indicated on the course survey provided toward the end of each course.

We will be following our policy. Molly Woods

Work Smarter Study Tips

Sana Tobaccowala
Contributing Writer

It feels like school has just begun and yet we are already in the middle of the semester. Work is overwhelming, and there is hardly enough time to blink or relax without thinking about the work that needs to be done. It seems like everywhere you go in school someone is discussing a paper they have to finish, a test they have to study for or just an assignment that needs to be completed. Now is the most critical time, where we spend our days working hard and trying to get everything done. But it’s hard to do everything at once.

Everyone wants to get good grades and wants to have more free time without constantly having homework on their conscience. The key is to take small steps: start off by getting an agenda book, and fill in different assignments, tests, or essays that need to be done as well as different times that you can do them in the day. You’ll soon find where all that wasted time is going and you’ll find you have more time for homework and other activities that you just couldn’t fit in before. If you’re having trouble with certain assignments, then you should form study groups with your peers in classes, as others might also be having the same problems as you.

Often talking about a subject in a small group makes it much easier for everyone to understand.

If you received a paper back from a professor and haven’t done well, don’t just disregard it. You should go and speak with the professor, and find out what you did wrong and how you can do better for the next paper. The most important thing is if you haven’t done well on a test or anything else that is important, don’t just give up when you think you’ve failed. This should push you to work harder so you can still make a high grade. It’s always possible, and just takes some determination and there are always going to be obstacles, we just have to learn how to overcome them. If you follow some good study habits, you’ll do well in this semester and all the upcoming ones.
If you Define Sexuality between Loading Screens, You’re a Gaymer

Wilbert Chinchilla
MANAGING EDITOR

Video games are becoming a part of daily American life where half of us, according to a recent NPD report, plug into gaming machines to escape reality avoiding the issues of real life; not so for “gaymers.” Gaymers are video game enthusiasts who identify as being lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender (LGBT). “People act like it’s a weird thing to find; like we’re unicorns,” says Eric Hulsey, the blogger and organizer of the social “meet-up” group, Houston Gaymers. Established between friends, Eric Hulsey, 23, Lee Longoria, 25, and Ross Lewis, 25, Houston Gaymers is an organization started for gay men and women to just play video games.

Four months after launching a website, twitter and facebook group, the Houston Gaymers entertain attendees at meet-ups with games and drinks; like the “Mario and Luigi Shot.” The consensus of attendees is singular; “there is a lot less dancing, drugs and judgment where it’s not about one thing.” “A lot of people complain they don’t fit into the gay scene and that causes a problem with people trying to identify with it. When they see other gay guys with other common interests then they feel like they are part of the community” says Lee Longoria. This portion of the gaming community is seen as invisible to the public because of the divide of the once underground word “gaymer,” according to graduate student at the Department of Comparative Media Studies, at MIT, Jason Rockwood.

As an undergraduate at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Rockwood produced the “gaymer survey,” one of the only academic surveys to shed light on the topic of LGBT gamers. During the survey’s undertaking in 2006, 80 percent of the 10,204 surveyed identified themselves as LGBT. Rockwood states that “there are two different [gayming] communities. Some people used [gaymer] as a term of pride and at the same time, there are other video gamers, particularly because the environment is so hostile towards gays in general, [who] stay away from the term.” The Houston Gaymers group is the former of these communities.

“There is no discrimination; I can be close and hold my boyfriend’s hand in public where nobody looks at it weird,” says attendee Zachary who is in a relationship with a gaymer. Although discrimination is not exercised with other common interests, anonymity in online gaming provides a window of duress for gaymers via their video game consoles and names."

Homophobia Online Looking In

“I wanna shoot you right now. Maybe hang you. I wanna hang you since you’re gay.” “That’s not nice.” "I know it’s not nice but its true," replies another unknown gamer to “xxxGayboyxxx” in a widely publicized video titled “Halo 3: Homophobia Evolved.” This account of homophobia is a reaction to the word “gay” in a player’s Xbox gamertag (a screen name). In online gaming, Gaymers experience homophobia “always” 10.6 percent, see GAYMER on page 7.

Marching on National Coming Out Day

Judith Wattley
STAFF WRITER

National Coming Out Day was this past October 11, 2009 and to commemorate it lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) individuals came out to support The National Equality March (NEM) in Washington D.C. that ended with rallying speeches at the Capitol Building. President Obama spoke the day before at a fund-raising dinner for the Human Rights Campaign. During this dinner, President Obama vowed to allow gay men and lesbians to serve openly in the military by stating, “I will end don’t ask, don’t tell.” Among the fanfare, Obama failed to offer a timetable for doing so. This omission has inflamed critics who say he is not fighting aggressively enough for gay rights.

At the NEM, Supporters young and old gathered together letting President Obama know that there is no such thing as partial equality for the LGBT or any community. The partial equality addressed is the passing of Proposition 8 in California, which prohibits and does not recognize same-sex marriage and bigotry at the work place. The NEM was created in order to open the eyes of all Americans throughout the nation and recognize that marriage is between two people that love each other; not just a man and woman. Among some of the speakers at the podium in front of the capitol building were activists Bruce Bastian, Cleve Jones, Penelope Williams and Lady Gaga who made the crowd go wild with her speech. Lady Gaga graced the stage with her presence, as she greeted and humbly thanked the crowd for allowing her to be there.

As Lady Gaga spoke she screamed out to President Obama see EQUAL on page 7.
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those left went on the offensive to eliminate the few remaining zombies. The townsfolk kindly gave us the rifles of the fallen. In those days spent fighting an overwhelming number of zombies, somebody quoted Sir Winston Churchill's speech, "We shall fight on the seas and oceans, we shall fight with growing confidence and growing strength in the air, we shall defend our Island, whatever the cost may be, we shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender". That single British quote became our

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attention to small details such as what kind of flowers the ladies keep in their gardens. His actions are justified at the end of the play when Death and Eternity refer to letting life slip by without notice, only to miss those moments so much when someone has passed away. After seeing this play without any prior knowledge, it is apparent that it is one of the first to interpret situations in a way that is widely used now.

The best way to explain is by talking about A Christmas Carol. In the scenes where Ebenezer Scrooge is taken into his past, his regret at his actions is apparent when he tries to speak to the girl he once loved, and she can't hear him. The same happened in Act III: Death and Eternity. The dead is even warned by other dead souls, but still goes back to her favorite memory, thus tarnishing it by her inability to speak to her family. This was probably the only part of the play that I did not like, since this image has now been used and exhausted. Regardless of what pop culture has done to classic American literature, this was a play that used minimalist style to enhance its meaning. It deals with humanities' happiest and most innocent moments, but also in their saddest and loneliest moments.

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"Are you listening?" in attempt to let him know that this issue cannot be ignored for much longer. With the LGBT community and its pundits stating that action for change needs to happen now, many are growing tired of being ignored. Barney Frank, Massachusetts' openly gay house member, told the Associated Press, that the event was "a waste of time at best." About 200,000 LGBT marchers gathered, where organizers like Equality Across America believe "at the very least the organizers of the NEM have altered the terms of debate. They have set out an inspiring new vision as only a new generation could have done, taking the LGBT movement beyond the dark days of the struggle against HIV/AIDS, standing on the shoulders of the giants of the civil rights movement, to catch sight of a goal that may be closer than you think: 'Equal protection for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender people in all matters governed by civil law in all 50 states.' Some of the other celebrities that attended were Perez Hilton, Cynthia Nixon from Sex and the City, artist Staceyann Chin, Kelly Osbourne, and Fall Out Boy Pete Wentz.

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Time flew by and we gathered our force and noticed not one amongst us suffered at the hands of the zombies. We jumped into the van and I fell asleep only to awaken later with a copy of "The Zombie Survival Guide" by Max Brooks. Its nice to know that the cuts, burns and bruises on my body are from work and not zombies. The townsfolk kindly gave us the rifles of the fallen. In those days spent fighting an overwhelming number of zombies, somebody quoted Sir Winston Churchill's speech, "We shall fight on the seas and oceans, we shall fight with growing confidence and growing strength in the air, we shall defend our Island, whatever the cost may be, we shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender". That single British quote became our

available at the Alley Theatre until November 1. There are two dates for Student Matinees, which are October 27 and 28. For tickets to any of the remaining performances, please call (713) 220-5700.

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Powerlifting Today, Be a World Champ Tomorrow

If you've been to our gym lately, there's a great possibility that you've seen several guys—and some girls, too—seriously pumping some iron. You might've felt intimidated, though. You should be. They are the members of our Powerlifting Team, who are now heading to the World Championships to be held in late October in Reno, NV. They qualified after winning the World Association of Bench Pressers and Deadlifters' (WABDL) National Collegiate Bench Press and Deadlift Championships. What is even more impressive, though, is that the team was formed in 2007, clearly indicating a promising future. "I can't believe the talent I count with," said Coach Hudson.

Despite its short existence, the team has already won the National Championship back-to-back. The World Bench Press and Deadlift Championships will be a 6-day meet of intense competition, with competitors from all around the world—rarely representing an educational institution—most competitors represent elite gyms—our team counts with a distinctive racial makeup. Coach Hudson proudly labels his team as "the perfect picture of diversity." "I felt nervous about being one of the few minorities at Nationals," admitted Co-Captain Ian Rojas, "we were the underdogs." But this didn't stop the team from being highly successful at this meet. The team is open to everyone. The majority of the team's most successful members joined the team with no experience whatsoever. That means that it's open to anyone regardless of race, previous experience...and gender. Olga Hernandez, one of team's co-captains, became a National Champion after 2 years of being in the team. "My friends always told me I was a guy's sport," she said, "but I didn't listen to them." She is now heading to the World Championships with the rest of the team.

Haunt the Night With Rock

ESE is playing on Halloween at Jet Lounge in Downtown Houston, Texas on October 31, 2009. This is by far the best show for your buck. ESE puts on great shows when they play, and this is ESE's first Halloween show (which should be no different). The bands playing are ESE, Ghost Stories, 13 Black Coffins and Sewer Surfers. ESE recently returned from a west coast tour and has played few shows since then. They are looking forward to debut new songs that are going to be considered for their much awaited third album. 13 Black Coffins always play like there is no tomorrow while the band features a female lead singer who sounds like someone between Janice Joplin and Amy Winehouse with a driving Psychobilly sound that is very intense, and yet very smooth. Ghost Stories are your classic Psychobilly band with a constant mix of English and Spanish lyrics that keeps you listening for more. The Sewer Surfers are a great up and coming band from San Antonio that will rock as hard as the city they come from. Halloween should involve cheap booze, crazy costumes and great music; this is going to be fun and something not to be missed, so don't miss out. For more information just show up to the Jet Lounge. It's 1515 Pease Street, Houston, TX 77002, Tel (713) 659-2000 not far from the Toyota Center.
knowledge of a Professor not to be incorporated, at some step in the process? Surely they are, all the time, in such situations. And, can VP Woods prevent anyone from writing a letter commenting on a candidate, would she want to, and would UH lawyers want her to even suggest anyone cannot do so, based upon the Free Speech laws of our land? These are the questions. The Dateline would like VP Woods' responses to, much more than a memo that seems to slice at the vocal cords of students. Carefully read her memo, just as she suggested to her "colleagues" to all "read " The The Dateline appreciates the publicity, by the way.) Use every brain cell you have honed at UHD to discern what is stated in her memo. And, NEVER let anyone EVER take away your right to have your voice heard, ESPECIALLY when you foot the bill.

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Prof Protests Student "Witch Hunt"

Dateline Staff Report

DOWNTOWN, Oct. 14, 2009— Calling a recent Dateline op-ed piece that encouraged student input on faculty members currently going up for tenure a "witch hunt," a UHD professor has sought to resign her membership on the Student Publications Advisory Committee (SPAC) because Dateline staff "allowed" the item to be published without a byline. In Dateline's previous issue, an anonymous contributing writer had called on students to express their opinions of tenure-track faculty in letters to the editor, and indicated that such students' privacy and anonymity will be protected.

In an email on Monday, Oct. 12, Dr. Marilyn McShane indicated that such students' privacy and anonymity will be protected.

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Progression and Celebration

Jimmy Hopkins is a fifteen year old boy that can kiss other boys (or girls). As a pixelated protagonist, Jimmy can define his virtual sexuality in the video game Bully where players can decide if he will be gay or straight. Players can also take on same sex marriages that can be performed in video games like Fable 2 and The Sims 3, allowing same sex couples the right to marry; a variable not yet determined in the real world. The Sims 3 contains more possibilities for virtual same sex couples than other games because players can plan an entire virtual wedding. Other games like World of Warcraft have been home to gaymers since its origins of the shirtless-speedo wearing sprites called "himbos" in SimCopter or not. As game designer Bryan Wilson states, "as far as games and gaymers, I don't care. I could care less, as long as they bring the game that's awesome."
Introduction to College, or CSP

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Most new students enter college with feelings of excitement and anxiety. Now that students are in college, they have more freedom to make their own decisions. Some decisions are easy to make, such as having burgers or pizza for lunch. Other decisions such as finding the right time and place to study are harder to make. There is no need for students to worry.

Adjusting to college is a learning experience for everyone and UHD has a program to make the process easier. College Success Program, or CSP, is a one hour credit course designed to help students adjust to college life. According to Michelle Falcon, the course instructor, “CSP has been a course at UHD for over twenty years, and originally started off as a special services grant program.” In the 1990s the grant was renewed and was turned into an actual course.

Any student is welcome to enroll in CSP, however the course is strongly recommended for freshmen and returning students. Time management skills, study skills, stress management, and critical thinking skills are just a few of the topics that are taught in CSP. CSP also provides information to students on how to use university resources such as the library and Academic Support Center. Of course, CSP does not only help students survive academically in college, but also gives students the support on current events and happenings around campus.

You’ll pretty much know about what’s happening next at UHD before other students if you’re enrolled in CSP. CSP is also a great course to learn how to become a well rounded student. Professor Falcon states, “Students who get involved on campus are more likely to stay in school, have higher GPA’s, and feel a sense of belonging to their school over students who only go to class.” Professor Falcon also states, “A well rounded student takes advantage of opportunities that the university has to offer, meet new people, and are more likely to finish college.”

Jared Lum, a freshman currently in CSP said, “I’ve learned to appreciate the culture of UHD. I’ve also learned to like some of the fun activities that UHD has to offer.” CSP can’t stress enough how important it is for students to get involved on campus. CSP will often have guest speakers from organizations and activities to speak to students about how to join an organization on campus, or just provide more information to students. CSP also has guest speakers from the Academic Support Center and the library to talk to students about tips and tricks to using resources provided by UHD to their advantage. Be prepared for anyone to speak to a CSP class, from the president of UHD, to a math professor, and maybe even someone outside the university like a well known author. When asked how CSP has been helpful in transitioning from high school to college, Jared responded, “CSP has helped me learn how to be responsible in college. I’ve also learned other things such as time management, study skills, and how to shape my college experience.”

Jared was also asked if he would recommend this course to incoming freshmen. He answered, “Yes, because CSP can help new students deal with college situations.” The Professor Falcon was asked what are two goals that she has for CSP for the Fall 2009 semester, and she replied, “To see all students graduate from UHD and for all students to succeed in the classroom and in extracurricular activities.” CSP is for students who want to get to know UHD, the people who attend UHD, and for those who want to make the most out of their college experience. If that sounds like you, and you’re interested in enrolling in this exciting course after reading what Jared and Professor Falcon have to say about CSP, then you should log on to www.uhd.edu/e-services and click on class schedule and see if CSP is available for the next semester.

Is Texas Economy Sinking or Floating?

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Last week, Governor Rick Perry insisted in a Washington D.C. meeting that Texas is one of the leading states that will save the United States from the current economic crisis. About 1,000 people are coming to Texas everyday throughout the country in order to find jobs, and he encouraged other state governors to adopt the financial policy of Texas. On the other hand, Kay Bailey Hutchison, the senior Texas Senator and a Republican candidate for the 2010 Texas gubernatorial election, argued that the governor pretends ignorance about the pain of the Texas residents.

Beyond those political issues and exaggerated interpretations, how is the actual current economic condition of Texas? Is it on the way of recovery? Many experts believe that the U.S. economy has already hit the bottom and shows clear signs of economic recovery. Unfortunately, the economic indicators in Texas give contradicting explanations. It is true that the economic condition of Texas is far better than any other states so far. However, there is an important thing that the governor didn’t mention in the meeting. Last month, Texas reached the highest job loss in the U.S. According to the statistical report of the federal government from July to August, 62,200 jobs disappeared in Texas. This rate exceeds Michigan, which previously had the highest unemployment rate in the country. In 2008, the unemployment rate was below 5% in Texas. The majority of the states in the U.S. had 60 percent unemployment increase in 2009, and Texas was among them.

Considering the current major economic indicators, it is hard to deny that Texas is facing a great economic downturn. More than one out of four people don’t carry medical insurance in Texas. Furthermore, there are huge disparities between the success of cities of Texas. Whereas the cities on the Gulf Coast area are experiencing the business recession, other cities like Austin are showing signs of prosperity. We should always remember that many Texas residents are experiencing pressure from the current economic crisis and are not yet fully out of a swamp of stagnation.
Greener Gators: Etiquette

This question remains, "how can we make UHD students more eco-conscious?" Since we have to begin somewhere, why don't we start with computer use. If you use computers in an evening class or work in a computer lab, please remember to turn off the CPU's at the end of the day. Not all labs take advantage of the remote shut-down feature to turn the computers off; therefore, it sometimes is required that the computers be manually shut down (pressing on/off button on the CPU once shuts down most computers). In a related matter to computers, when printing Powerpoint slides for your classes, please be mindful of how much paper you use; you should be aware to only print a few slides per page.

There are numerous areas of improvement that fall under the category of "restroom etiquette." First and foremost, be mindful of water use. Do not keep the tap running at full if you are still rolling up your sleeves, or brushing your teeth after lunch. Just remember that in other parts of the world, people wish for safe, drinking water to be available in their homes. As far as paper towels are concerned, we have a long-term vision of convincing administration in implementing the use of hand-dryers in the restrooms.

For those of you who like to use paper towels for opening the doors due to sanitary reasons, we have a recommendation for your concern, as well. With the removal of paper towels, you would still be able to open the restroom door using the foot pulls that we would like to have installed behind every door. Of course let's not forget recycling etiquette. The blue plastic recycling receptacles have been conveniently placed near most trash cans. We believe that no students should be careless enough to not hold on to their plastic bottle or container until they find the closest blue bin.

A survey of the amount of plastic and aluminum that had been thrown into the trash cans was conducted by the Greener Gators, and we regret to report that although the amount of trash in the blue bins has greatly diminished, there are still numerous plastic bottles in the classroom trash cans. Students, be a hero for a day and remind your friends to recycle their plastic bottles. On the issue of paper, please remember to place all of your unwanted paper into the paper recycling containers that are conveniently placed near most printers and copiers on campus. So, here's a quick wrap of what some of these great habits that we ask you to put into practice are: turning off computers (as well as lights and other unessential electronics) in the evenings, printing several slides per page, being mindful of water use, recycling each and every plastic container as well as disposing of unwanted paper products in the paper receptacles. Work on making these practices part of your daily routine, until out suggestions next time.

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carpooling idea is an effective way of alleviating some of the congestion. We ask that you not worry for now if there are any people near where you live, or if their schedule fits yours, etc. Leave all of those issues to us. We will work our best to pair you with compatible student(s).

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