Cheerleader recounts modeling exploitation on live radio show

Joseph Williams
Staff Writer

Young women in this country are split in their views on Playboy magazine. Some see it an opportunity to be paid generously while having some harmless fun, while others see it as a disgusting exploitation of feminine beauty.

UHD student Jennifer Ahmed could not be reached for comment on her views regarding Playboy or feminism, but she was very upset to have discovered revealing photos of herself on Playboy’s website. She recently took the step of calling into the popular “Roula and Ryan Morning Show” on local radio station 104.1 KRBE.

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Amanda Todd suicide raises more questions on bullying

Jessica Fuentes
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For several weeks now, Amanda Todd’s story has been splashed across news channels and web pages, recalling the sad tale of bullying that pushed a young girl over the edge. Her struggle has many questioning how a young girl that was desperately calling out for help could have been met with silence, leading to an untimely end to her life.

Amanda Todd began her search for help on YouTube, a highly trafficked video sharing site

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So You Think You Should Vote?

Lisa Rosci Staff Writer

Hello no you’re not going to vote! You may have the right to vote, but you are not going to. You are a college student. You are between the ages of 18 and 29 years old. You don’t care about politics. You would rather hang out with friends, watch TV, or sleep than drag your sorry butt to the polls. You are a statistic, a very lame statistic.

Neve mind that in 2012 approx. 46 million of you are eligible to vote. Of that 46 million, only 9 million turned out to vote in 2010, 1 in 5. By 2015 you will make up 1/3 of the electorate, according to “Youth Democrats of America.” That’s huge kids! You have the greatest power, yet you do the least. Way to use it.

You may say, “Politics don’t focus on my age group, my vote isn’t going to make a difference, I don’t care about current issues.” Well hello yes you do vote, remember? Why should politics focus on your age group? Should the current politics focus on your age group, my vote is going to make a difference? I don’t care what you are going to vote.

You are a college student, you’re a lame statistic and I dare you to prove me wrong!

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4. Internship experience provides opportunities to gain valuable work experience.

Pleasant vote.

Senator Mario Gallegos, UHD’s voice in legislature, dead at 62
Angela Lecht
Editor

State Senator and Houston ambassador Mario Gallegos passed away Tuesday, October 17, following complications associated with his 2007 liver transplant. Sen. Gallegos, a Democratic lawmaker representing 22 years in Texas Legislature, had a career marked by controversy and commitment to his constituents. A graduate of UHD, he served a strong voice for the university in the legislature.

As the first Hispanic elected to the Senate from Harris County, he worked to resolve issues in the Hispanic community despite his numerous health issues, going so far as to install a hospital bed in the office of the Senate seargent at arms in order to vote against a bill requiring voter identification. He argued that the bill would discriminate against voters.

Gallegos has been described by fellow Senators as a “man of matreless generosity” as well as “a man who...fought hard for the underdog.”

Gallegos is survived by his wife, Theresa, three children, and five grandchildren.

Racism: An Interview with Cheryl Steinwender
Jeny Sorto
Editor

At a recent workshop offered by The Center for the Healing of Racism, I had the opportunity of interviewing its Executive Director, Cheryl Steinwender. The Center's main goal is to create a safe and supportive environment for attendees to share their feelings about the issues. Sharing is voluntary and every one can feel secure knowing that their comments are confidential.

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If you would like more information about The Center for the Healing of Racism, their workshops, fundraisers, volunteering opportunities, or other events, visit their website at: www.centerhealinracism.org

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You must make a difference.

“I believe we are NOT doomed to repeat the mistakes of the past. To make things happen, you must believe that you were chosen to make a difference in the world and you must believe that you will be given the opportunity to make a difference.”

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5) Besides electing a colored President to the White House, what else can people do to chip away at racial inequality?

“We must all abandon the fear of self- examination as well as the refusal to openly acknowledge racism. After the 2008 election, the media went into a frenzy, using phrases like ‘post-racial America’, and this infuriated me because the election of Barack Obama did not mean that racism had disappeared. When Houston elected its first openly-Lesbian mayor, it did not do away with homophobia.”

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Ed-U-Gator: Unmasked

Michael Avila
Staff Writer

Although we can’t show you the face behind the mask, Ed-U-Gator’s mystery man sat down with our staff this past week to give you a peek at who’s truly under that Gator suit.

The person behind Ed-U-Gator has asked to keep his name anonymous in order to conceal his true identity, as is policy within the mascot code, but answered any and every question we threw at him. Here’s a little look at who’s really running “ED’S” show.

As a musical, “The number one obstacle is “Ed’s” own self-described “shy” qualities; project right out of Houston, A: “The number one obstacle is the combination. Q: When did you first get interested

Join the Down Syndrome Association of Houston and The Dateline: Downtown for the 12th Annual Buddy Walk

Come and join hundreds of Houstonians at the Down Syndrome Association of Houston’s 12th Annual Buddy Walk. The Buddy Walk will be held at Minute Maid Park November 10, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Diamond Lot.

The event will be hosted by Rene Heredia of Univeristy Radio and Katherine Whaley of KHOU. From a line style hot The Margarita Festival

The Margarita Festival was ready to serve up patrons with a mix of three important ingredients: good food, great music, and the most popular mixed drink in Texas, making for one heck of a festival.

The band members relaxing after the show at Walters (photo by Aron Negashi)

The band is headed at 300 Westheimer Houston, TX 77006. So if you’re up for jammin’ out to a new perspective of.

Arfeo Yllana – Vocals
Glen Allinger – Bass
Peter Smuda – Drums
Mario Lence – Guitar
Gerardo Barrera – Guitar, backing vocals

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Conservative Student Group wins Free Speech Case
Palm Beach students fight for their right to exercise free speech

Tianna Thomas
Staff Writer
A student group at Palm Beach State College has won a two year long free speech based case against the university. Young Americans for Freedom v. Bryant, which was originally brought before the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida has finally come to a settlement that requires the University to revise its speech code to better allow students to exercise free speech.

In 2010, the student group, Young Americans for Freedom (YAF), was instructed by administrators to cease distribution of flyers provide to the Heritage Foundation, a national "public policy research institute" founded by radio personality and political commentator Rush Limbaugh. Allegedly, the students were told by school administrations that they were not allowed to distribute flyers in the school's "free speech zone", a designated area created by some universities to allow students to freely express social and political opinions.

The incident began when club president, Christina Beattie, was told by administrators that the organization was not allowed to participate in the school's annual Cuba Rush, an event held by many colleges where student organizations are allowed to recruit new members, which usually requires permission from school administration. Christina explained that she had been give verbal permission by an unnamed official, but was still not allowed to participate until written, official permission documents were produced, which required official registration. When Christina began to seek official permission, she was told by the staff of the Student Activities Office that organizations were not permitted to distribute literature under the college's speech code.

The organization filed suit in 2011 and was represented by the legal counsel of Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF), a Christian, non-profit organization that has a goal of "building an alliance to keep the door open for the spread of the Gospel by transforming the legal system and advocating for religious liberty, the sanctity of life, and marriage and family", according to their website. Upon further investigation, the ADF lawyers found that PBSC's speech code was one of the most restrictive among public universities. As a part of the code, flyer distribution and off-campus activities after 9pm or on weekends were without two week advanced permission from the dean and at least two adult college staff members present strictly prohibited. As part of a provision by the suit, PBSC was ordered to eliminate speech policies required for public speech and flyer distribution. PBSC is not the only university whose speech policies have caused controversy. In 2011, Yale University prohibited their freshman class from using the names of Bill Gates, Mark Zuckerberg and Matt Damon on their Freshman Class Council Harvard-Yale shirt under the university's "Use of Name" code. The code specifies the context in which the university's trademark can be used. The ADF's recent crackdown on restrictive university speech policies has included University of California at Los Angeles, Virginia Tech and the University of Alabama, and 40 other colleges. The schools have decided to alter their speech policies to better protect the student population.

music, but I also want to have a family. I don't want to be a dad that's gone for 6 months out of the year. I don't know how far I'll get, but I know I will always play music and I know the rest of the band feels the same.

Q: What does it feel like to be on stage and see a crowd of people who are there to enjoy the music you make?
A: "It's rewarding. It's the main reason we do it. I'm sharing my passion with the world and sometimes sending a message."

Q: Where do you see your band in 5-10 years from now?
A: "I don't know. Maybe successful and maybe not successful. I don't know. I won't always play music and I know the rest of the band feels the same."

Q: What advice would you give to young people who want to go into the music career?
A: "The best advice I can give is to explore all the music that's out there. Don't stick with the only music you heard before; it's always good to explore because you never know what else is out there that inspires and motivates you. To me, finding new music is like meeting someone new. With all the achievement, the band members consider each other families as they create music and travel together. "It is like one of those families when you are sometimes very angry at each other and then sometimes you're really happy; it goes up and down, I definitely consider each other family," says Sergio.

Buxton is on its way to play along the West, but Sergio explained it's not fun to pack up and unpack and be away from home, but the only thing that makes it worth it is seeing the crowd of fans dancing to the beat of his music.

Now reaching 2,734 likes on Facebook, the band is on their way to affect students not involved in the protests. The students are forced to hold classes in tents and soccer fields, and many have expressed their frustration over the deplorable conditions in which they hold classes under. The students complain of flooding in the tents after rainfall and the lack of the necessary facilities, such as computers. Many students also fear that future employers will steer clear of them simply because they attended the college and will somehow associate them with the violence.

The recent upheaval brings back bitter memories of past protests, some of which have erupted into violence, such as the Tlatelolco massacre in 1968, which resulted in the death of several civilians.
Social Networking: Friend or Foe?

Alma Garcia
Contributing Writer

Before social networking was the “norm” in society, people would gather in parks, have parties, and meet for coffee to catch up with a friend that one hasn’t seen in a while. Now, however, you can simply type a name on the social networks “friend finder” or search page and find yourself instantly connected to that person, given that you get accepted. While social networks can begin as a harmless aim at finding lost friends, it can end in a hurtful way if it is not used wisely.

For example, the media has exposed many politicians and celebrity figures as unfaithful and liars. Most of the time, the audience is the first person to know this tragic episode before their families, friends, and respective partners find out. Not so far from these respected public figures is the average true person who opens a social network they expect that person to be a mature and independent person, given that you get accepted. are real? The answer is that you cannot use the “I was young, I didn’t know what I was doing excuse,” your pictures and other information while social networks can begin as a prove the person’s existence unless you have complete access to your pictures, comments, status, and even the places where you have been. But how do you know that this person actually exists? Have you met them in person or have they shown proof besides the pictures, that they are real? The answer is that you cannot prove the person’s existence unless you meet them. That is not to say that I am encouraging anyone to set up a meeting with these strangers, but it would be wise to start thinking twice about adding that physically attractive person who just so happens to have found you.

It is hard to think that all of those care free and party moments could one day cost someone their job, but it’s true. When a company hires a person, they expect that person to be a mature and professional adult. You may have grown out of the parties and the drinking, but merely erased from one site. While information for the purpose of tracking person who opens a social network they expect that person to be a mature and public figures is the average true person, their job, and steal a person’s identity theft because this person has identity: the good news is that social networks are helping real life friends and family members to keep in touch. Just be careful with what you publish, because remember: nothing is truly erased in cyberspace.

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the website of a company that she claims she never gave permission to photograph her or her photos for any purpose. Ms. Ahmed is an international business student who will be graduating this spring, as well as the founder of the UHD cheerleading squad. She is also currently a litigation assistant for a law firm, and she is planning to attend law school in the fall. It is common for potential employers, future clients, and admission boards to search the internet for any mention of the person they seek as a business partner or student, or through academic, legal, or business circles because of one ill-advised decision that she made several years ago. This warrants investigation to the implications that it holds for this young woman’s future. Beyond that, admissions boards to hopefully it will serve as a warning to current students. Think carefully before you take any picture or post any message, send any email, or add any new tweet to your Twitter account. Once something is on the internet, it can forever be accessed by anyone and used against you at any time.
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