



(Clockwise from left front) UHD students Jaelyn Trejo, Lizeth Navarro, Jessica Aquirre and Cayra Castillo enjoy a game of foosball in the Student Activities center, while the guys enjoy a game of pool in the background. Photo by David Melendez

New lounge area offers a place to relax, unwind

Lucha Morales

Staff Writer

The Student Activities area has a new look from pool tables to ping pong tables, and with expansion plans in the works, it seems the updated Student Activities area might help students establish a common ground outside the classroom, while taking a break.

The addition of two pool tables, two foosball tables, a ping-pong table, a chess table, and some music in the background has given the Student Activities area a fresh new look and sound.

Michelle Falcon, associate director of Student Activities and Events, says more students have been frequenting the area. Falcon believes there is a need to create experiences outside of the classroom on campus.

“The classroom experience is important but the outside of class experience – that’s important as well,” said Falcon.

She discussed expansion plans by The Student Lounge Committee (SLC) for the Student Activities area.

Plans include the addition of some flat screen TV’s to view sports or movies, 18 new cubicles for student organizations, a Wii console and emphasized the need for satellite radio. Falcon even discussed a possible stage area for “coffeehouse performances”.

Currently, a space is being renovated for a new computer

lab within the Student Activities area for students to use.

In 2008, The Student Lounge Committee was formed to address the need for a student lounge at the University of Houston-Downtown (UHD). Falcon, also co-chair of the SLC, thinks an improved Student Activities area “will help bring a sense of university life” to UHD.

UHD freshman Juana Ramirez recently started hanging out in the Student Activities and said the Student Activities area gives her some downtime in between classes.

“I think it’s important you kinda take a break from studying” said Ramirez.

It seems not every student feels the same about expanding the Student Activities area.

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The State if the Union is strong



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Columnist

According to President Barack Obama, the United States is struggling, but the country still stands and will come out of the current economic mess as powerful as ever.

Obama, in his second State of the Union address, laid out a series of investments to guide the nation into the future and, in a political move, made a contrast between his Democratic policies and the ideas of his conservative detractors. At times the speech was full of compromise and showed a willingness on the part of the president to work with those on the other side of the aisle, but Obama also drew some lines in the sand, indicating where he expects progressives to dig in and stand their ground.

On healthcare reform, Obama said he is willing to make improvements, specifically to the effects of the new policy on small business, but the president is not willing to consider repeal. That is the right approach to take.

Progressives wanted more dramatic reform of the healthcare system and conservatives wanted to leave well enough alone. The reform that came out of that was fairly middle-of-the-road, certainly more in line with what Democrats wanted, but oddly similar to the reforms proposed under Republicans in the early 1990s. The reforms put in place may need to be tweaked, but outright repeal is not an option, and any rhetoric from the right is simply political posturing.

President Obama laid out his ideas for investment in infrastructure - roads, bridges and the like. The interstate highway system was started in the 1950s to help move troops and supplies across the country in the event of war, and that system shaped America's car-centric culture. Now, that system is not exactly crumbling, but it is falling further and further into disarray with every passing year. Engineers recently graded our infrastructure at a D. For years we have ignored pressing needs to invest in these areas and people will pay for this with their lives. It's that important.

Not only is this something that directly affects people, but any investment in this area creates jobs immediately. The money spent on upgrading roads, bridges and the energy grid has to be spent in American communities and these jobs cannot be outsourced to China or India.

Obama's mention of high-speed trains is especially promising. Trains, like those used in Europe and Asia, should criss-cross America, moving people and goods cheaply, cleanly and quickly.

During his speech, Obama also extended some olive branches to the right. He encouraged college campuses to allow ROTC and

money right now, the economy is a mess and there are only a few options on how to fix it. Spending in these areas would help, but it would entail borrowing money or raising taxes to pay for it. Both of these options are political kryptonite.

Obama did mention the Bush tax cuts on the wealthiest Americans. Congress recently



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military recruiters on site, Obama showed a willingness to consider an earmark ban Republicans have supported for several years now, and the president promised to simplify the tax code. All of these issues are near and dear to Republican hearts, and all are good ideas. These are the types of things everyone should be able to agree on. The Democrats and Republicans in Congress should find these commonalities and work hard to hammer out the details together. There are certainly plenty of more contentious issues to fight about in the press.

Obama did leave out a few key facts.

The speech was surprisingly light on numbers, with very few specifics mentioned. The investments Obama laid out in education, infrastructure and technology were all good ideas, but he failed to lay out a plan for paying for them. The country is short on

extended those tax cuts in a compromise with Republicans to extend unemployment benefits. Those tax cuts are not financially sound, and Obama said we cannot afford to extend them permanently. Revoking those tax cuts for the richest two percent of the population would go a long way to paying for the investments in the future that we desperately need.

President Obama's speech was full of promise and goodwill for the future. He truly is an optimist and we expect that from him, especially in a State of the Union address. However, some tough decisions are going to have to be made in deciding what path the country will take in the future. Americans need a president that can envision and lay out a positive plan for growth, and then make it happen. Rhetoric alone will not get the job done.

Talk to expand student lounge area still on the table

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This new development being undertaken in the Student Activities Center is part of what the Vice President of Administration and Finance David Bradley calls the first in a series of moves toward getting a more stable, larger student lounge put in place.

Bradley said the addition of the games and computers there are to make it "a more inviting place for students to come and hang out. Not just students in clubs, but any student."

"The SLC has kept the pressure on, but in the real world you can't just drop everything and make things happen."

—David Bradley
UHD VP of Administration and Finance

He points out that this temporary game room buys the school some time in making more changes that will enable the school to



Rick Gonzalez and Krystal Marimele share a few laughs during a recent visit to the gaming area of the Student Activities Center. Photo by David Melendez

build a student lounge.

He describes the project as having three phases. The first is currently in action and there are plans to stock the game room with more pool tables and other games. The second phase is to talk to the student body as a whole in order to find out exactly what they want in a student lounge.

Lounge

UHD junior Delpha Roy, who works full time and goes to school full time, won't be able to spend that much time in the area. Roy feels it could take time away from studying. Even so, Roy expressed some interest in expansion plans if the SLC focuses on installing gaming consoles such as a Wii or an Xbox.

The SLC is working towards creating a place where students can unite outside of the classroom. Falcon hopes many events will be hosted in the Student Activities area, such as a pool tournament to be organized by The

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Campus Activities Board. Falcon said SLC's ultimate goal is to have a student union built off campus.

The SLC meets every Friday at 11 a.m. in the Student Activities area and is open to all students.

Falcon has a positive outlook for the Student Activities area and encourages all students to stop by. The Student Activities area is open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays.

The third phase of the project is the budget.

There is no budget right now that is dedicated to the student lounge, but after completion of phases one and two would be the time to discuss it and decide on what the school hopes to set aside and how they are going to pay for the ultimate goal that the SLC has proposed, which is a stand-alone building that has food, drinks and more games.

Before UHD builds a freestanding student lounge, the theory that has been most discussed is to shuffle the bookstore and gold level parking and convert some of that space into a student lounge.

Specifically, the bookstore would move to what is now gold level parking (the middle of the second floor), and the student lounge would take up the space that is currently the bookstore. The third floor would become a lounge and the second floor a game room.

Bradley said that if this plan were acted on, the Student Activity Center would not have to find a new space.

Bradley points out that every theory has a domino-like effect. For the bookstore to move, gold level parking needs to move, fur-

ther complicating the existing UHD parking conundrum. The solution could be to enlarge the visitor parking underneath the Academic Building, accessed from Girard Street, below the school. This plan has been on the table for months and will begin in March.

There will be two new floors of parking built into the current visitor parking area, but of course, construction means that this area will be closed until October or November of the Fall 2011 semester.

Bradley admits this is problematic, but says, "At least at that point we'll be in a position to take the gold level parking away and to look more seriously at the whole shift."

The SLC is keeping the pressure up to put their plans in motion.

"The SLC has kept the pressure on but in the real world you can't just drop everything and make things happen. They do understand that and have been reasonable and firm. They've been good to work with and they've been very mature about it," said Bradley.

The SLC is comprised of students from the Campus Activity Board and the UHD Student Government Association.

Brian Chapman named Provost and Senior Vice President

Houston --University of Houston-Downtown (UHD) President Bill Flores has announced the appointment of Brian R. Chapman as provost and senior vice president.

Flores selected Chapman from among four finalists. His appointment, effective March 1, is subject to ratification by the University of Houston System Board of Regents and will be considered at the Board's Feb. 16 meeting in Houston.

"We are excited by the leadership, energy and experience Dr. Chapman brings to UHD," Flores said. "He is an excellent fit with our needs and I know he will provide proven academic leadership for the institution."

Chapman, a professor of biology at the University of North Carolina Wilmington, has more than 30 years of experience in higher education.

"My wife, Sandra, and I are delighted to be returning to Texas and look forward to working with UHD faculty, staff and students," he said as he reflected on his appointment as the University's chief academic officer. "Together we can address the challenges and opportunities that will move UHD to the next level as a premier city university."

Chapman served as provost and vice president for academic affairs at West Texas A&M University from 2005 to 2008, stepping in as acting president from January to May 2006. He served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Sam Houston State University from 2000 to 2005. He has also worked at the University of Georgia, the University of Oklahoma and Texas A&M Corpus Christi.



Chapman, whose research interests include vertebrate ecology and management of endangered species with emphasis on birds, bats and rare or protected species, will replace Michael Dressman who has served as interim provost and vice chancellor since

Molly Woods retired in July, 2010. Flores said that he and Dressman will work with Chapman to ensure a smooth transition.

UHD College of Business Dean Don Bates and UHD Faculty Senate President Philip Lyons co-chaired the search committee.

"It is rare that the search committee, the faculty, the faculty senate executive committee and the president all agree on the top person in the pool, but that is what happened in this search," Bates said. "We look forward to having him here."

Lyons said, "I welcome Dr. Chapman to UHD on behalf of the faculty. His accomplishments in improving student success and retention, promoting teaching excellence and developing support for research and scholarship align well with UHD's goals and aspirations. I anticipate that the UHD faculty and Dr. Chapman will work together closely through the principles of shared governance to position UHD as Houston's premier undergraduate university."

Chapman earned his Ph.D. and master's degree in zoology from Texas Tech University. He completed his bachelor's degree in biology at Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

UHD is the second largest university in Houston and the 13th largest four-year, public university in Texas. UHD ranks 34th nationally for graduating Hispanic students with bachelor's degrees and 47th nationally for graduating African American students with bachelor's degrees.

Chapman has two adult daughters, Lisa Delao and Paige Najvar, and four grandchildren who live in Austin. His brother, Carl Chapman, and sister, Adelene Pless, live in Houston.

Mrs. Chapman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Spencer, and her brother, Jimmy Spencer, reside in Corpus Christi. Her brother, Ron Spencer, lives in Austin and her brother, Steven Spencer, lives in Houston.

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The history of Black History Month

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February has been a month dedicated to celebrating African American history for thirty-five years, and although most Americans are aware of Black History Month, and use the time to embrace black culture, the history of how Black History Month evolved remains unknown to most.

Black history month is a very important time in American history, the history behind it was actually formed quickly, and it is also easy to understand.

The origins of Black History Month date back to 1915, which was the fiftieth anniversary of the passage of the Thirteenth Amendment that outlawed slavery. A black historian of the time named Carter G. Woodson founded an organization called the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH). The goal of the ASNLH was to highlight the achievements and accomplishments of black Americans and people of African descent. As the organization grew in popularity, it established and began observing Negro History Week in February 1926.

Negro History Week was set in the second week of February to coincide with Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass' birthdays (two men who were directly involved with the emancipation of African Americans from slavery). As the decades continued after the 1920s, schools, community organizations and mayors in major cities began to recognize Negro History Week as an annual American tradition.

During the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, Negro History Week became extended into a month long celebration on many college campuses.

In 1976, President Gerald Ford officially designated February as Black History Month. President Ford emphasized that it is important for Americans to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history".

Since 1976, every president has observed and designated February as Black History Month.

Over its nearly four-decade lifespan, every Black History Month has been based on a theme central to black history and culture. Over the years, Black History Month themes have ranged from African American success in politics, economics and education. The theme of 2011 is African Americans and the

Civil War.

This year's theme will focus on the service and contributions of African Americans during the civil war, and on their quest to obtain civil rights. More than two hundred thousand African Americans fought in the Civil War, and their duties ranged from spies to nurses. Although African Americans faced discrimination during the war, they always maintained resilience and looked forward to ending slavery.

In addition to the Civil War theme, 2011 is also named the United Nations International Year for People of African Descent. The importance of this international year is to educate the international community about the historical contributions that people of African descent have made to the world, and the efforts to promote human rights among all societies.

Celebrate on Campus

Film: *Ethnic Notions*

When: Feb. 1, 2:30 p.m.
Where: Room N-420
Cost: Free

African American Read In

When: Feb. 7, 11 am. -3 p.m.
Where: Room A-300
Cost: Free

Film: *Bamboozled*

When: Feb. 8, 2:30 p.m.
Where: Room N-420
Cost: Free

Poetry Slam, "Def Jam on the Bayou"

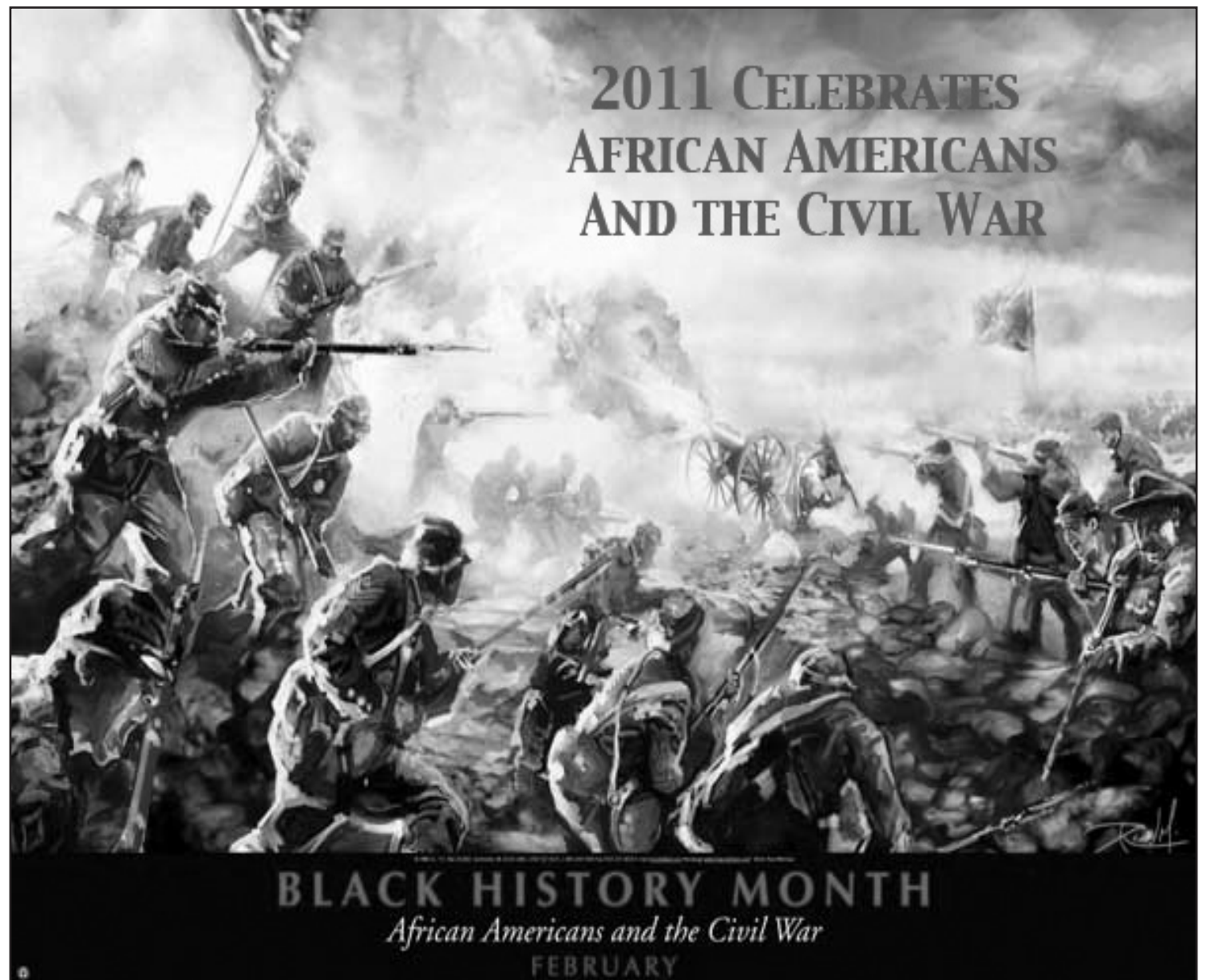
When: Feb. 8, 7 p.m.
Where: O'Kane Theater
Cost: Free

Film: *Imitation of Life*

When: Feb. 15, 2:30 p.m.
Where: Room N-420
Cost: Free

Film: *Good Hair*

When: Feb. 22, 2:30 p.m.
Where: Room N-420
Cost: Free



One flight up, two down could ease elevator burden

BISSAN RAFFE

Staff Writer

Although the facilities management has the elevators on their agenda, their plans only encompass maintenance and testing; there are no plans for renovation or enhancement of current elevators.

With the present economical deficit and the limited budget facing the University, priority maintenances such as the W. I. Dykes library renovations, are more favored rendering, elevator inconvenience a trivial issue compared to the rest.

The juncture of ups and downs started on a high note for the University of Houston-Downtown (UHD) this year. One particular quandary facing the university this time has more

downs than ups per se.

UHD has an accumulation of seventeen elevators servicing the community for both the academic and main building. During peak hours, between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., the traffic facing the elevators is often hindering, and at times frustrating, to students and faculty.

"They [elevators] scare the heck out of me," said Communications Professor Robert Wawee. But, when urged between new elevators and better parking, he confidently favored better parking.

Others seem less concerned with the elevator traffic.

"I have no problem with the elevators, maybe during peak traffic it is a hassle, otherwise, there is nothing wrong with simply taking the stairs, exercise is good," said Ana-Maria Medina, visiting professor of Spanish Linguistic.

Getting to class on time is more enforced this semester; professors are cracking down on absences and enforcing attendance to increase grades. Getting to class on time is as crucial as ever, nonetheless, students have been seen simply lingering waiting for an elevator to arrive for as long as ten minutes.

Students with disabilities are affected the most by elevator traffic.

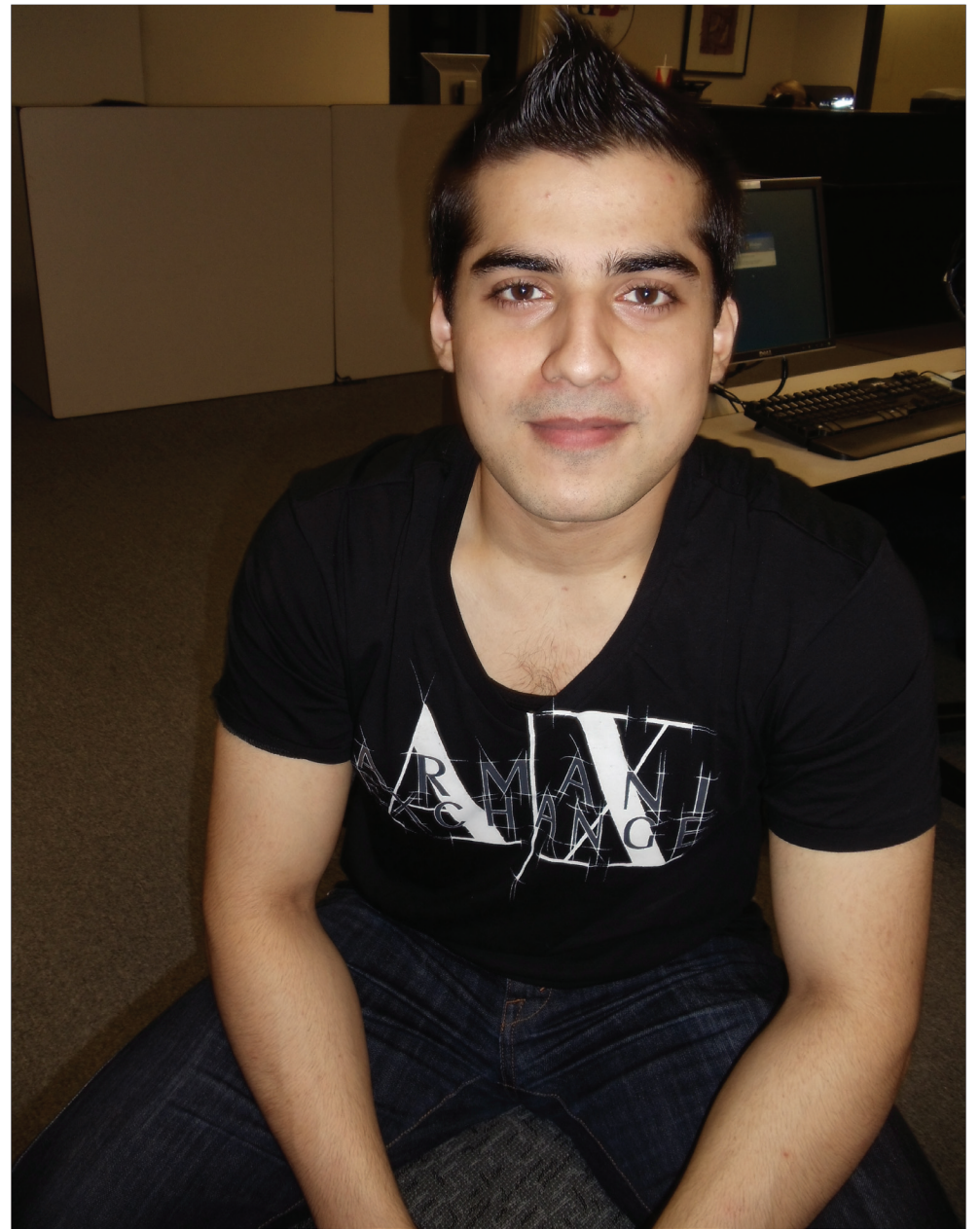
"It is hard to fit my wheelchair into an elevator with so many students, sometimes I end up waiting even more to try to get to class," said biology major Benjamin Nelson. "And some only needed to go up one flight."

Students going a few flights up or down are encouraged to use the stairs. Walking up one flight and down two can help ease the elevator delays tremendously.



I think it would potentially help the traffic, but if it were a rule it would be difficult to regulate.

– Alex Weston, Junior



I think if students chose to do so, it would not only help with traffic, but also alleviate stress for students rushing to class in the morning.

– Basit Jawad, Senior



I've made it a personal rule not to use elevators unless absolutely necessary. I think if more students followed this rule, both the elevators and the hallways would become less clogged.

–Cherie Riebow, Freshman



It would potentially be a benefit, but in reality, most students, when they walk by and see an open elevator, will take it regardless of how many floors up or down they are going.

– Melvin Anyanwu, Senior



Not really, most students would not do so and the traffic is so high there might not be a noticeable difference.

– Katherine Duong, Senior



I think if such a thing came to pass, it would make a huge difference, especially since the absence of those using the elevators to go from the 3rd to the 4th floor would make room for those using the elevators to go from the 3rd to the 10th floor.

– Finale Carroll, Junior

Mardi Gras comes to UHD



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University of Houston will hold its annual Mardi Gras festivities, Thursday, Feb. 10 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., with a brief intermission from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Maria Garret, coordinator of Student Activities that hosts the event each year, says there will be live music provided by Nooney and the Zydeco Floaters, complimentary Cajun food catered by B.B.'s Café all day, and a cash bar will be added to the festivities beginning at 5 p.m.

Garrett believes the event will be a good place for students to get to know one another, and become familiar with the student organizations on campus. Each organization will have informational booths set up during the event so students can become familiar with the organizations, in hopes to increase membership and get more students involved at school.

Mardi Gras is a huge celebration that happens yearly in New Orleans, La. The celebration is known for its lavish parties and parades, and it is customary to see people wearing masks and beads.

Mardi Gras can be linked to the ancient

Romans, but it was brought to the United States in 1699 when a French Canadian explorer, Jean Baptiste Le Moyne Sieur de Bienville, landed on a piece of land located 60 miles from what is now New Orleans, La., which he chose to name, Pointe du Mardi Gras.

The first Mardi Gras festivities were not held in New Orleans, but were held in Fort Louis de la Louisiane in 1703, which is now Mobile. By the 1730s the festivities were being celebrated by the governor who would throw elegant social balls.

Mardi Gras parades started in the 1830s, however, instead of masked men on floats there were masked men in carriages, and the events became popular enough that newspapers began to print the festivities. Now, Mardi Gras is celebrated with lavish parades consisting of giant decorated floats.

Rex, King of Carnival, was invited to be in the parade in 1872, which launched the Mardi Gras colors, purple, green and gold.

Finally, in 1875, La. Governor Henry Warmoth passed the Mardi Gras Act, which made Mardi Gras an official holiday throughout Louisiana.

UHD has held a Mardi Gras celebration for several years and knows how to make it a good time for all those who attend.



Adult acne vs Rosacea

People often suffer from what they think is "adult acne" when in fact it could be rosacea. Rosacea is a fairly common chronic, inflammatory skin condition seen in adults. Women are more prone to it than men and Caucasians more than other races. Famous people who have rosacea include former President Bill Clinton, Lady Diana, Cameron Diaz and others.

Signs and symptoms include a tendency to blush easily, red areas on the face, small, red bumps or pustules. These are not the same as whiteheads or blackheads. With progression, the small blood vessels in the cheeks and nose become very noticeable. Some persons experience a gritty sensation in their eyes. Over time, without treatment, some develop physical changes in the nose so that it looks redder and more bulbous.

Rosacea usually shows up in stages: pre-rosacea, vascular and inflammatory. Pre-rosacea begins with a tendency to blush easily and progresses to redness of the cheeks and nose. With vascular rosacea, small vessels on

the cheeks and nose become visible. During the inflammatory stage, small, red bumps or pustules appear and spread across the nose, cheeks, forehead and chin.

Experts still do not know what causes rosacea but most believe it is a combination of hereditary and environmental factors. Hot food, beverages, hot baths, spicy foods, alcohol, sunlight, stress, anger or embarrassment and strenuous exercise are among the things that make rosacea worse. So, if you have fair or light skin, experience frequent flushing or blushing, have a family history of rosacea and are between the ages of 30 and 60, you may have rosacea. Rosacea cannot be cured but it can be treated and progression halted.

If you suspect that you have rosacea, make an appointment with your health care provider.

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Nothing graceful about *Black Swan* movie

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The new year has barely started, but there's one film for sure that's getting all the talk. Director Darren Aronofsky's *Black Swan* has everyone praising and critics everywhere seem to be eating this up.

But this movie falls a bit short and constantly makes one want to just stop watching. If you don't watch it more than once, chances are you will end up lost and confused.

Black Swan is another cliché psychological thriller where the main character is losing their mind, leaving the audience wondering what is, and is not really happening to the character.

The film revolves around a production of Swan Lake by a New York City ballet company. Nina Sayers (Natalie Portman) is a frigid, timid dancer who is chosen to play the lead in the ballet, but it is clear before most of the drama begins that this girl is highly psychotic.

Nina's overbearing and seemingly insane mother Erica (Barbara Hershey), could be to blame for her daughter's obsession with perfection. An obsession that leads her down a path of crazed delusions and elaborate hallucinations.

As the film progresses, it seems Nina is

taking the whole role of Swan Queen beyond what she is capable of, getting too involved in her character following in the steps of the ballet company's former star, Beh MacIntyre (Winona Ryder), who also seems to be a bit crazed.

Judging from the two characters, the only conclusion that can be drawn from them is that they are both clearly crazy, and the ballet is only making it worse.

There's no subtle moment in the movie,

everything becomes over the top and bizarre.

Nina is crazy from the beginning, even before she is cast in the leading role. She keeps to herself and is rarely seen socializing with the other girls in the company, who all notice her unexplained scratch marks and mental breakdowns.

Her main problem after landing the role is breaking free of her goody two-shoe personality and adopting one that is more of the black swan. It begins to seem as if her life has

just become the play she is in, only darker and more melodramatic.

The most redeeming quality of the film is the choreography and Vincent Cassel's performance as the demanding, brilliant company owner, Thomas Leroy, who pushes Nina to her limits until he gets the performance he has been craving.

Much of the movie is unnecessary, and certain scenes that might explain why it was given the R rating didn't fit to what was happening in the movie. The story was about a dancer who was abused all her life by her mother, who decided to live through her daughter because she had given up her own dancing career when she became pregnant.

Nina's crazed yet vivid hallucinations are annoying and hard to follow. It is already clear that she is not sane, and doesn't understand that the drive for perfection is not a healthy one, nor is the constant pushing of oneself.

Forget all the hype on this and just wait for the DVD. Nothing remotely new happens in the film, it has all the marks of the typical Hollywood ending for characters such as Nina, especially when one can't see past the delusions.

Although it had some winning moments this film is just another psychotic trip that tries desperately to trick the viewer with the redundant question: What really happened, and what was all just in Nina's head?



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Continental Club offers downtown downtime

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Every Thursday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. the Continental Club, located at Main and Winbern, plays host to Beetle, the club's weekly house Beatles tribute band, and does so with no cover charge.

According to the band's Myspace page, they play "more earlier Beatles [songs] than the late Beatles [songs] mainly due to instrumentation, but we are always working on more songs." You will never hear the same set two weeks in a row.

The band has won a couple of notable awards. In 2008, Beetle won the Houston Press Music award for Best Tribute Band, and Best Cover Band in 2009.

The Continental Club always features another band after Beetle and offers a full bar with reasonable drink prices for those who

are of age.

A schedule of upcoming shows can be found at <http://continentalclub.com>.

Hungry between sets? Food is a very short walk away.

Tacos A Go-Go is located right next door and offers a large menu of chicken, beef, lamb, pork, fish and veggie tacos. Breakfast is served all day with a full assortment of salsas to add a little bit of spice to anything they serve and a few choices of dip, quesadillas, multiple entrée plates and of course, tacos. A full menu is available at <http://tacosagogo.com>.

So if you are looking to relieve some stress after a hard week, take a short drive down Main Street, to the Continental Club and Tacos A Go-Go and enjoy a great atmosphere, music and food.

The Continental Club is located at 3700 Main Street.



The Continental Club was an original Austin venue, but opened it's Houston location on Feb. 7, 2000. A decade later, it is still a place to unwind for locals and tourists alike. (Photo courtesy of <http://continentalclub.com>)

Moderately Confused

by Jeff Stahler



Pearls Before Swine by Stephan Pastis



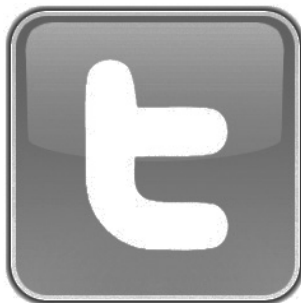
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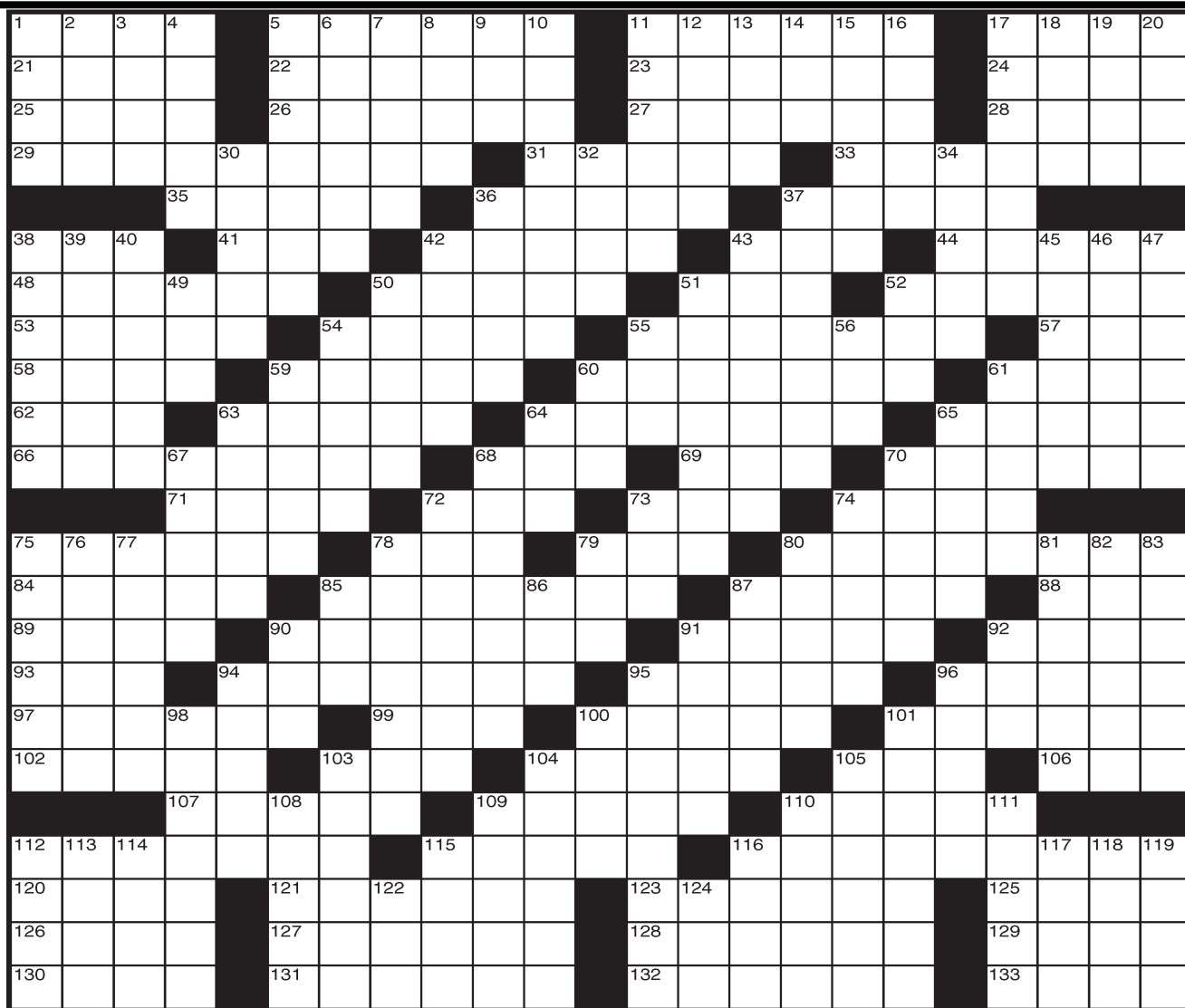
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 54 Slinkies
 55 Talkative
 57 Country addr.
 58 Do the cancan
 59 Made sharp
 60 Gum arabic trees
 61 Name in fashion
 62 Luau strings
 63 Mars explorer
 64 Terrestrial
 65 Colonial diplomat Silas —
 66 Suffused
 68 Gator Bowl st.
 69 Part of a giggle
 70 Rolled up
 71 Persia, today
 72 On the — vive
 73 Brown of renown
 74 Nuisance
 75 Didn't hog
 78 "The Magnificent Seven" name
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- 1 Lawyer's thing
 2 Mad scientist's aide
 3 Aborigine of Japan
 4 Facetious tribute
 5 Ballpark
 6 Officers-to-be
 7 Windy City airport
 8 Supplies with
- 79 Lawyer's thing
 80 Unkind remark
 84 Solitude enjoyer
 85 Ringing
 87 Coeur d' —, Idaho
 88 W-2 collectors
 89 Frozen waffle brand
 90 Xylophone need
 91 Trouser feature
 92 Baroque com poser
 93 From — — Z
 94 Salon employee
 95 Abyss
 96 Raw-fish delicacy
 97 Diamond-like gem
 99 Giants hero of yore
 100 Tusked animals
 101 Facade
 102 Pine
 103 Main rd.
 104 Chandelier pendant
 105 Snack
 106 Banned bug spray
 107 Cry of surprise
 109 Jet
 110 — Shire of "Rocky" films
 112 Fuji summit
 115 Marauds
 116 Don Quixote's horse
 120 Salmon variety
 121 Remove paint
 123 Peeked
 125 Stack
 126 Indigo dye
 127 Not as loose
 128 "1984" author
 129 Urn homophone
 130 Weathervane site
 131 Rose-petal oils
 132 Itty-bitty
 133 Old ruler of Venice



- 9 gear
 10 Helmsman's dir.
 11 Scraps
 12 Hogan dweller
 13 Computer com mand
 14 Singer — — King
 15 Kind of cycle
 16 Tied securely
 17 — — in the dark
 18 Mini-chickens
 19 Toward shelter
 20 P.M. times
 21 Get fresh
 22 Lock horns
 23 To be, to Henri
 24 Cubic meter
 25 Manufacture
 26 Charm
 27 Quit (2 wds.)
 28 Ump's call
 29 Shipping inquiry
 30 Thorny shrub
 31 Prevents weeds
 32 Kind of survey
 34 Chant
 47 Ogled
 49 Shirt-pocket stain
 50 Prepared fish
 51 Detests
 52 Pacino and Hirt
 54 Witches' band
 55 DVD alternative
 56 Greet the moon
 59 Rookie surfer
 60 Battery size
 61 Bo or John
 63 Harder to find
 64 Actor — Wallach
 65 Numskull
 67 Olive-green bird
 68 Least empty
 70 Pass out
 72 Trait
 73 Relay-race part
 74 Bluegill
 75 Trashy
 76 Incapacitate
 77 Longhaired cat
 78 Gets dingy
 79 ER staffers
 80 Smile upon
 81 Prejudiced
 82 Leaned backward
 83 Jeans go-with (hyph.)
 85 Fork over
 86 Morticia's cousin
 87 Burglar deterrent
 90 Natural elev.
 91 Facet
 92 Chignon
 94 Seattle hoopster
 95 It welcomes change (2 wds.)
 96 Arrive, as winter (2 wds.)
 98 Spread false fears (2 wds.)
 100 Carpet nail
 101 With reason
 103 Jazz fan
 104 They have jaws
 105 Flip-chart stands
 108 Ravioli or lin guine
 109 Scholarly article
 110 Subway fare
 111 Oohed and —
 112 Dueler's pride
 113 Kid's taboo (hyph.)
 114 Part of B&O
 115 — — -tat-tat
 116 Preacher on the mound
 117 Orchid-loving Wolfe
 118 Lemony taste
 119 D'Artagnan prop
 122 Same old routine
 124 Mine find

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 this week's puzzle.

Sports & Fitness - Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time	Location	Cost
1/31/2011	Specialty Classes Begin	Various Times	SLC Studio	\$10
2/4/2011	CPR/AED Training	9am-1pm	TBD	\$5
2/4/2011	What's Stopping You from Taking Care of You? - Healthy Workshop	9am-1pm	1099N	Free
2/4/2011	Women's Basketball vs. Texas Southern Univ.	7:00pm	Student Life Center	Free
2/4/2011	Men's Basketball vs. Texas Southern Univ.	8:30 PM	Student Life Center	Free
2/5/2011	Men's Baseball Tryouts	Starts at 10am	McReynolds M.S.	N/A
2/6/2011	Intramural Basketball League Game	1:00pm	Student Life Center	Free
2/9/2011	Women's Volleyball at HCC-Central	7:00pm	HCC-Central	Free

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Date Night

Comedy Show

Dinner



Date: Tuesday, February 8th

Comedy Show: 6:30 - 7:30p.m. Auditorium

Maria Falzone - Sex Rules

Dinner: 7:30 - 8:30p.m. Coffeehouse

Free Dinner with Reservations

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