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Provost's Hasty Departure Leaves Unanswered Questions



Ed Hugetz (uh.edu)

Jacqueline Reyes
Staff Writer

The departure of the former Provost, Brian Chapman, has left UHD in an unsettled state, raising questions on everything from annual evaluations of faculty to the core curriculum, tenure process, and how merit raises

should be determined. UHD's new interim senior vice president for Academic Affairs and newly appointed Provost Ed Hugetz has a lot of work ahead of him considering the short time he is expected to stay in

the position.

UHD began the process of revamping the curriculum to meet state guidelines under the direction of the former Provost, leaving some faculty members concerned as to whether the proposed changes were going to improve the university.

Faculty also voiced concern about the former Provost's direction of the Academic Affairs committee. As head of the Academic Affairs committee, Chapman placed faculty members as chairs on committees' outside their field. The former Provost also became known for creating policy that did not conform to the current UHD guidelines.

The new Provost has expressed a desire to work with faculty and administrators while finding a direction for the university. Hugetz's 34 years of experience in academic and administrative roles in the UH system speaks toward his credibility, making President Dr. Flores's choice to appoint him as interim

senior vice president for Academic Affairs and Provost a seemingly strong move.

Hugetz's background as chair of the faculty senate and interim senior vice president and Provost at UHCL lends to his ability to manage things here at UHD. During his term at UHCL, he was in charge of the oversight of the university's reaccreditation process with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Throughout his tenure with the UH System, he has also advanced the development and growth of off-campus and distance learning across the university system.

Hugetz briefly commented on the core curriculum during the faculty senate meeting on January 15, 2013. According to the meeting minutes, he stated, "(We are)...working on the common core. Good work

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Proposed Firearm Ban Aimed at the Second Amendment

Alma Garcia
Staff Writer

The Second Amendment in the constitution states the following: "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a Free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed. It is the only amendment in the constitution that states a purpose for the given right."

Now President Obama is pushing forth a proposal that would ban the sale, transfer, manufacturing, and importation of at least 150 specific firearms including semiautomatic rifles or pistols that can be used with a detachable or fixed ammunition magazine that hold more than 10 rounds and have specific military-style features, including pistol grips, grenade launchers or rocket launchers.

The proposal excludes firearms used for sports

and assault weapons lawfully owned before the law's enactment. The law would also require background checks for the sale or transfer of grandfathered weapons and would bar the sale or transfer of large-capacity feeding devices owned before the bill's enactment.

The NRA has criticized this as an extreme measure and stated that instead of enforcing laws for gun control, the government should focus on prosecuting criminals and fixing the mental health system.

While the President is working towards reducing the number of guns in the hands of civilians, Texas Senator Brian Birdwell, is pushing a new gun law that would allow concealed handgun license holders to carry weapons on campus. The idea is that if an individual threatens the life of students, those other stu

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Only in America... (image courtesy of Google)

UHD Students Attend Inauguration in Washington



UHD students and Texas senators in Washington (photo courtesy of UHD SGA)

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A group of student leaders and two advisors representing UHD were able to attend the 2013 Presidential Inauguration in Washington D.C., courtesy of tickets provided to them by Sheila Jackson Lee's office and Senator Ted Cruz.

The student group consisted of seven student leaders that were representatives from the Student Government As-

sociation, Ambassadors, Environmental Club, Black Student Alliance, Health Professions Organization and Pre-Law Association.

"We didn't just represent UHD, we also represented the various faces of the youth, starting from ethnicity, creed to our majors. We created a very integrated group that was passionate about one thing; the future of America," said Mirna Garcia, a double major in Criminal Justice and Broadcasting, and

President of the UHD Ambassador Organization.

Tarah Taylor, a distance education student involved in the American Marketing Association, Black Student Alliance and Pre-Law Association, said that one of the main reasons she went was to represent and shed light on her school. "UHD has some GREAT leaders and in the coming years, I want to see us get a lot more recogni

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Help Get Our Staff Out of the Dungeon



Angelica Leicht
Editor

Hey Clubs/Organizations/
Groups/Anything that could
possibly fit under this cat-
egory -

Listen up.

This editorial is for you.

Our staff down here in what we lovingly like to call the "Dateline Dungeon" desperately need your help.

Here's our dilemma: Although we try our darndest to be in tune with what's going on around the university, we're struggling. When I was at UH main, I couldn't walk across the grass in front of the library without being handed stacks of fliers on parties, SGA elections, club meetings and whatever else you can possibly imagine. Well, our school isn't set up in the way that the University of Houston's main campus is - and it can be hard to get the word out on what's going on.

That leaves the staff down here stuck. When our print deadline comes, there's no vitamin D drenching our skin - we're stuck in the basement looking for typos and poor grammar. We want to be hip; we really do, but a large part of our week doesn't allow it.

This is where you come in.

Without you calling us, throwing up paper airplanes, or thumbtacking stuff to our door, chances are we don't know about your bake sale or car wash (or awesome foam party, perhaps?). Unless it's a car wash in the dungeon, we're oblivious.

Please, please, PLEASE start sending us information on what's happening around campus. We've slathered my email across nearly every page on the paper, but if you still don't want to glance two inches over to find it and send me an email, it's right here, in bold:

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We want to hear from you.

I won't judge your email etiquette, or send you an edited version of your flier, complete with red marks where I feel you could improve. I'll just take the info and try to convince a writer to check out what's happening.

If you don't send us your stuff, we're stuck stealing bulletins off the bulletin board on the second floor, and to be honest, it's not working out so well for us. We've already managed to attempt to cover events that don't exist - some of the fliers we "borrowed" are over two years old!

Help us, please?

We're pale from lack of sun, and we're suffering from eye strain trying to pick up stray commas and misplaced apostrophes. Give us an excuse to leave the dungeon and come hang out with ya'!



Letters to the Editor

Have something to say?
Want to rag on us missing that "their", "there" or "they're",
or tell us something cool?
Let us know.
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01/31/2013

Hey guys,

Just would like to pay you guys a compliment on the paper, good stuff. One quick thing is that there are a few spelling/punctuation errors here and there.

Cheers,
Owen Taylor

Hi Owen!

We hate typos and spelling errors too! We have so much in common.

And thanks for the positive vibes! We're working hard to improve the quality of the paper with each issue, so don't break up with us just yet. We'll get better. Our editor is crackin' the whip. She's a real control freak. :)

- The Dateline Staff

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Dr Flores: Message on Provost Search Committee

Dr Flores's message to the Faculty and Staff on the Provost Search Committee, sent on Monday, January 28, 2013:

Jan. 28, 2013

Dear Faculty and Staff:

I am pleased to report on the status of UHD's search for a permanent senior vice president for Academic Affairs and provost. While we are following an aggressive timeline to fill the position, our singular focus is identifying the right match for our University.

Members of the search committee include:

Dr. Gene Preuss, president of the Faculty Senate, Co-Chair
Johanna Wolfe, vice president for Advancement and External Relations, Co-Chair
Dr. Ermelinda Delavina, associate dean, College of Sciences and Technology
Dr. DoVeanna Fulton, dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Dr. Gary Greer, assistant dean, Advising and Mentor-ing Center

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Cynthia Santos, registrar and interim director, Enrollment Services
Dr. Kurt Stanberry, professor, College of Business
Dr. William Waller, associate dean, University College
Dr. Marvin Williams, professor, College of Business
This month, we also hired one of the nation's top 10 executive search firms, Witt/Kieffer, to help us find the best candidate and fit for UHD. This firm is the largest of its kind specializing in senior-level executive searches for higher education, health care, academic medicine and not-for-profit organizations. Witt/Kieffer's higher education practice specializes in searches for presidents, chancellors, provosts, deans, senior advancement officers and directors of major academic and administrative units. With more than 40 years of experience and nearly 500 executive search assignments annually, I am confident that this firm will identify the best pool of national

candidates for this important position.

We plan to bring candidates to campus for interviews this semester with the goal of beginning the fall 2013 semester with the new provost in place.

Multiple constituencies in the University community will have the opportunity to meet final candidates and provide valuable input throughout the process. More information will be provided to you as the search progresses.

On behalf of UHD, I am grateful to Ed Hugetz for agreeing to serve as interim provost and I thank him for the energy and commitment he has brought to the role.

I look forward to finding the best academic leader for the permanent position and to working with you to accomplish this goal.

Sincerely,

Bill Flores
UHD President

New Study Finds that Crabs are Friends, Not Food

Alma Garcia
Staff Writer

Most of us don't think twice about the possibility of our seafood dinner having feelings; were are way more focused on the effort put in to boiling the rich tasting lobsters or crabs. It's not like they're cows or chickens - we've all seen the PETA videos, and we know the horrors of a slaughterhouse.

But did you know that the crab you're eating may not have been too thrilled with the boiling pot you submerged it in?

Well, the Journal of Experimental Biology just published a new study that proves that crustaceans, such as lobsters and crabs, do feel pain.

The study followed 90 crabs who were individually placed in a brightly lit area where two shelters awaited the crab. Each crab had the freedom to choose which shelter they preferred. Once they had made their choice, the crabs were shocked in one of the shelters. They allowed the crabs to rest for a while



and then returned them to the testing area.

Once again, the crabs were allowed to choose their shelter and once they had chosen their shelter, they were shocked a second time.

After a short rest, they placed the crabs in the test-

ing area a third time. This time, most of the crabs retreated to the second shelter, avoiding the one where they were shocked. Their choice of a new shelter indicated that they wanted to avoid the shocks, or the source of their probable pain.

Because it is impossible for an animal to talk, the study performed had to be done in a way where scientists could measure the reaction to the shocks, which was done with the use of a shelter.

Yes, this probably won't change our feelings towards the succulent taste of lobster meat or crabs. In fact, we probably won't think about their pain the next time we go to a restaurant and order them as our meal. We will most likely continue to ignore the rattling because it is less appalling than what is made by injured animals such as cows and pigs.

This study won't change our eating habits, but it does serve to remind most of us that every living thing on this earth has feelings. Whether we pay attention or not is our own dilemma.

Mining Asteroids: The Guide to Destroying the Galaxy

Curran Kelly
News Editor

A small California company announced recently their plans to create a gold rush in space by mining asteroids for gold, platinum, and other precious metals.

Deep Space Industries intends to build spacecrafts around the size of a laptop, called Fireflies, that will fly past asteroids to collect data on the structure and composition, so as to give scientists a better idea of how to harvest the resources, and tell them just what is there.

A three-craft mission estimating to happen as soon as 2016, will cost around \$20 million, and will target specific asteroids after data is collected on them, aiming to bring back samples weighing up to 150 lbs.

The round-trip will last anywhere from 2-4 years. Should the mission be successful, the company hopes to build structures in space using purely asteroid material such as communications platforms and solar power satellites, with technology created to convert the asteroid material straight into printed parts. However, funding for the construction in space will not be available until at least

the 2020s.

Mining asteroids though brings to question a big issue of ownership. Will future companies pursuing this industry be able to lay claim to asteroids they hope to harvest, and do they have a right to claim? Many asteroids today have yet to even have a catalogued orbit.

As the industry of mining branches out past the limits of our planet, many ethical questions will begin to arise. The future of this field remains a mystery as science continues to expand the horizon.



Bucknell University Officials Admit to Inflating SAT Scores

Tianna Thomas
Copy Editor

Bucknell University officials have admitted to intentionally inflating SAT scores for students admitted to the university over the past seven years.

The private liberal arts university in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, released an official statement on January 25th, admitting to allegations of purposefully tampered scores. The university's president, John C. Bravman, stated that their staff had "omitted from the calculation the SAT scores of a number of students".

Bravman also stated that a portion of the omitted scores were higher than those reported, but the majority were lower than reported.

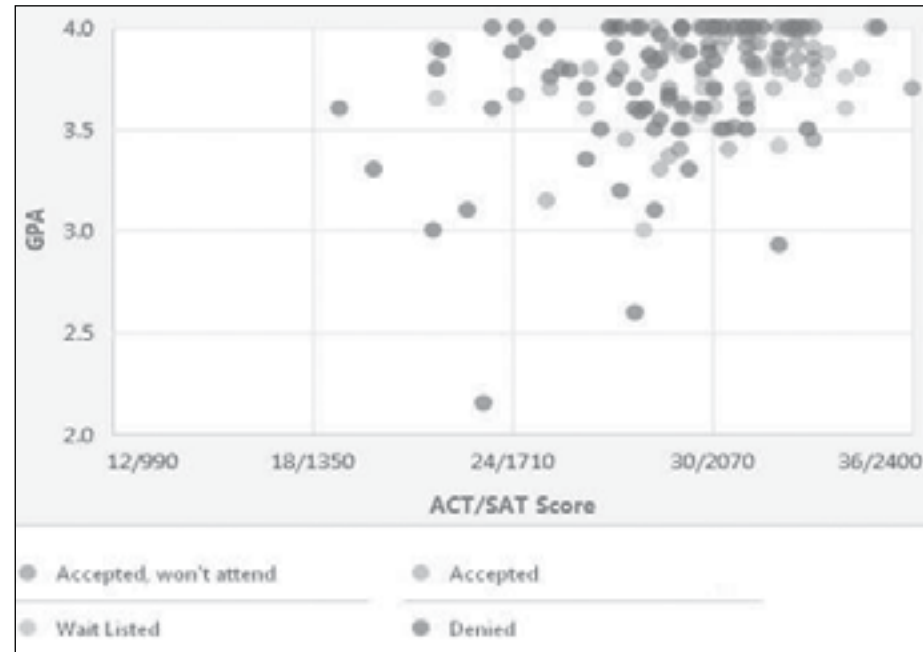
The president proceeded, stating that the omission of the scores resulted in a 7 to 25 point increase of the mean scores on the 1600 scale. 32 students were omitted yearly during the seven-year stretch.

Bravman attributed the manipulated scores to "Enrollment management leadership no longer with the University".

There is no current word on how the admission of guilt will affect the school's U.S. News & World Report ranking, but the president expressed his intention to contact U.S. News officials directly to have the scores corrected.

Bucknell is currently ranked 32nd in the Best National Liberal Arts Colleges categories on the U.S. News website, a popular and highly credible site that issues official university rankings.

Recent revelations about universities such as Claremont McKenna, Emory, and Tulane have also been revealed, detailing the fabrication or inflation of student statistics. George Washington University was stripped of its ranking by U.S. News



after errors were found in the reported data. To date, the university has not regained its ranking.

An internal investigation has been launched in response to the Bucknell University revelation to review data and ensure accuracy.

Texas Senator Proposes Gun Bill for College Students



Curran Kelly
News Editor

Five days before a shooting on the campus of

Lone Star College, state Senator Brian Birdwell filed a 'campus carry' bill into the Texas senate to allow licensed gun owners to carry concealed weapons on Texas college campuses.

With rising conflict, the debate of gun violence remains a heated issue in the Texas legislature. Opponents of the bill feel the recent Lone Star shooting is more proof of why weapons on college campuses would be a disaster, and those in support feel the recent shooting in north Houston was another event that could have been prevented if students had the opportunity to defend themselves.

A week after Representative Birdwell's bill was introduced, Representative Giovanni Capriglione introduced a bill also calling for the legalization of concealed handguns on campuses, saying, "It's not going to be easy, but for the sake of our students, it needs to happen".

Many student groups have formed to voice their opinion for the bill, such as the National Students for Concealed Carry, stating they won't feel safe on

campus until they know they have the right to defend themselves.

While guns remain a large part of Texas culture, those who remain opposed to these bills feel there isn't much hope for their prevention of their passing.

Colin Goddard, assistant director of federal legislation for the Brady Campaign Against Gun Violence, said the future does not look good. "People want to be the hero, I understand that. They play video games and they think they understand the reality. It's nothing like that".

Both bills would only allow the prevention of carrying concealed handguns on the campus of private universities and dormitories; however, Birdwell's bill will allow carrying on "certain other locations associated with institutions of higher education".

Should they be passed, the bills will become effective as law September 1, 2013 just in time for the start of the 2013-2014 school year.

Horsemeat Used in Popular Food Chain Burgers Raises Concern

Tianna Thomas
Copy Editor

In a bizarre and unappetizing revelation, Irish and British versions of the popular chain restaurant Burger King have ended business dealings with a supplier after traces of horsemeat were found in the patties.

On January 24th, the officials at the UK and Ireland branches of Burger King cut ties with Silvercrest Foods, a longtime meat supplier, in what they called a 'voluntary and precautionary measure'. The supplier recently recalled over 10 million burger patties and shut down one of its production lines after horse DNA was discovered in the patties.

The recall may affect Burger King's sales numbers in the UK and Ireland, as they stated that the recall may make some of their regular items unavailable

temporarily to consumers.

Burger King officials maintain that their food does not serve as a health risk, but many consumers are wary of consuming their products after the episode. The revelation also raises concerns about food safety regulations, and whether producers are upholding those standards.

There is also worry that the horse DNA found in the patties could contain phenylbutazone, a drug given to horses for anti-inflammatory purposes, known to cause cancer in humans.

There is still no word as to whether Burger King will investigate other suppliers.



New Delhi Gang Rape Trial Commences, Suspect to be Tried as Juvenile

Tianna Thomas
Copy Editor

The New Delhi gang rape case that sparked riots across the city officially went to trial in a closed courtroom on January 24th, 2013. One of the 6 men accused, an unidentified teenager, will be tried as a juvenile due to the recent revelation that he was below the age of 18 at the time of the attack.

The case follows the brutal attack of a 23 year-old New Delhi medical student on a bus to her home last month. The victim succumbed shortly after to injuries sustained in the ordeal.

The teen is said to not be in possession of his birth certificate, which, according to VOA News, is a common occurrence for children who are not born in hospitals. The lack of physical evidence supporting the claim that the suspect was underage at the time of the crime provokes speculation as to whether it is an appropriate display of justice to try his case in juvenile court. Protesters have gained new momentum after the arrests, with many calling for the death penalty for those accused, if they are found guilty of the crime.

There have been several reports of sexual assaults in India since before

the end of 2012. A seven year old school girl was raped in a toilet of her school in January of this year. Protesters called for the arrest of the school's headmistress, who is said to have attempted to cover up the assault by giving the child a bath and attempting to destroy her clothes. The headmistress also cleaned the toilet where the assault had occurred.

More recently, a 23 year old woman in Uttar Pradesh set herself ablaze after she was gang raped and abducted on January 23rd.

A 16 year old girl was also raped by two young men, then pushed into a well after the assault.

A special government panel has been created in the wake of protests regarding the crime. The panel focuses on "sexual crimes and women's safety" according to the LA times.

J.S. Verma, a prominent member of the board has attributed sexual crimes to a failure of governance.

The committee has reviewed thousands of suggestions from women's groups and proponents of human rights, and many call for serious reform in the archaic British-era laws that are used to investigate rape cases and improved enforcement of laws made to prosecute perpetrators. The group has also called for increased prison sentences for rapists.



Police remove protesters from the area outside the courtroom in New Delhi, (thehindu.com)

Don't Mind Me, Civilian. I'm Just Drunk.

HPD's Police Union Picks Up the Cab Tab for Drunk Officers; MADD Approves of the Program

Curran Kelly
News Editor

Houston Police Officer's Union implemented a permanent program to eliminate drunk driving by providing prepaid cards for union members allowing free taxi rides home.

After a four month trial run with Yellow Cab, the Houston Police Officer's Union made the "Courtesy Ride" program permanent, distributing prepaid cards to all union members who first signed a rules sheet, spelling out regulations.

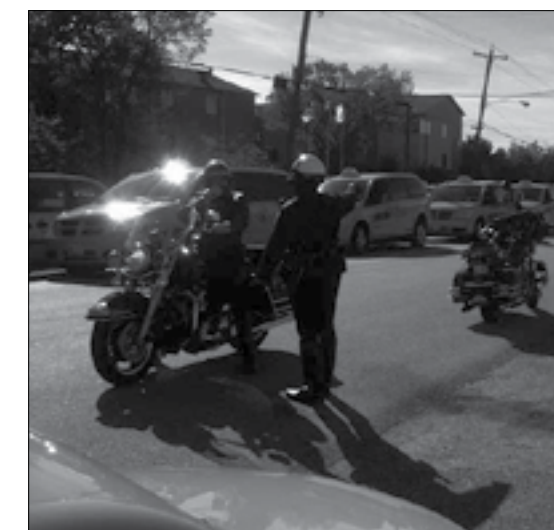
Officers are to contact Yellow Cab by phone after consuming any amount of alcohol, "after a night out, [it's] a responsible choice for their ride home at no cost to them," Vice President of Houston Police Department Union.

Cards are reloadable, and can be used by union officers either for themselves or another in Houston, Austin, San Antonio, and Galveston, for rides to their residence only "no questions asked, and we pay for that through our union," Ray Hunt, President of Houston Police Officer's Union. Usage will be monitored online by Committee Chair of the trial program, Joe Gamaldi, along with two other union board members.

The program is voluntary, and privately funded by the union, not by public funds or union dues.

Harris County is the national leader in drunk driving fatalities. The "Courtesy Ride" program is stressed to simply be a preventive measure though in 2011 two union board members were fired for drunken related incidents.

The program is backed by MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving), and HPOU is so far happy with the results. They now challenge other Houston organizations and businesses also to contract with Yellow Cab, in order to stop Harris County from being a statistic.



But we're not getting on that ladder... We're scared of heights.

The Mountaintop

A Play by Katori Hall

Wendy Williams
Staff Writer

The Mountaintop, a play by Katori Hall, aims at depicting the events of the last night of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life. What it manages to do is the unimaginable: it presents the leader of the Civil Rights movement with the same haunting eloquence that he held while still walking our earth. It shows the human side of Dr. King, while still encompassing the power that he had to change the minds of even those most closed to it.



The story begins with Dr. King in Memphis attempting to assist the sanitation workers with a peaceful protest during their workforce strike. He is not in the best of spirits after giving a speech earlier that evening at the Mason Temple, where he spoke of "having been to the mountaintop but not actually making it to the promise land." He meets a room attendant, Camae, played by Joaquina Kalukango, who is an angel in disguise. She's been sent by God "herself" to prepare Dr. King for his journey to Heaven.

The script includes a look into the future, in which Dr. King is introduced to the modern day, referencing items like cell phones. It is there that Dr. King gets to see the "baton" passed on, and understands that there will never be another man to do as much as he did for the equality of races. He is allowed to be a hero in the moment, while maintaining his human form.

Bowman Wright, who performs as Dr. King, gives a very convincing performance with mannerisms reminiscent of the late Dr. King. Kalukango, or "Camae", also gives a brilliant and moving performance, helping to guide the audience through the making of a true hero, well past his time on earth. The mirroring of the set was intended to recreate the infamous balcony and room #306 of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee, and has an element of realism that, simply put, engrosses the audience.

There will never be another Dr. King, but the play comes close to reassuring us that his soul will live on,

influencing the movement of mankind toward a more equal earth.



FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

SPOTLIGHT ON: EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA



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Glorious is being modest when describing the church home of the late Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. located at 407 Auburn Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia.

There is a definite presence of peace immediately when entering the building. On either side is a short stack of stairs leading up to a desk monitored by the National Park Service in which visitors are advised to make themselves at home, take pictures, admire, but to be mindful of the sanctuary and to refrain from entering the preaching pulpit area.

In the sanctuary there is a recording being played of one of Dr. King's sermons preached years ago,



and looking around, the stained glass windows are marked with church dedications and tributes from some of the earliest Ebenezer church members.

The basement contains photos and archives of the King Family's earliest beginnings with Ebenezer, which began with Dr. King's maternal grandfather A.D. Williams, who became pastor in 1894. It was A.D. Williams who moved the church to its historic location at the corner of Auburn Avenue and Jackson Street. Upon the passing of Williams, his son-in-law Martin Luther King, Sr., husband of Williams' daughter Alberta, became pastor.

There are photos throughout Ebenezer of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who was ordained and appointed assistant pastor at Ebenezer in 1948. One picture in particular is a breathtak-



ing hand painted piece that is located in the front atrium close to the National Park Service desk.

A video is played in the basement also where Dr. King's sister, Christine King Farris, discusses the family and how she and her brother loved the music ministry and that they both sang in the church choir.

Visitors range from every age group, every nationality, culture, gender, and ethnic background.

If one listens closely through the buzz of conversation, many different dialects can be overheard that give notice of the diverse visitors.

Dr. King would be so proud of the diversity, and would perhaps be able to see the realization of his legacy and the fulfillment of his "dream."

The College Guide to Pinterest

Jessica Zamora
Staff Writer



Anyone can follow directions on how to put a bookshelf together or how to paint a blank wall. What if you could take those tasks and turn them into something special and personal? Not only would you have a new bookshelf, but creative décor that can be made from things you have around your home. As for that newly painted wall, add shelves to change the volume of the room or a cluster of pictures to add character.

How can someone think of these brilliant ideas, you ask? Simple, they turn to Pinterest.

Now I know what some of you are thinking, "What is Pinterest?" There is only one word that can describe Pinterest in my vocabulary - lifesaver.

Don't just see this as praising on the website or over exaggerating on how great it really is, but as new ideas that can make changes in your life-

style and spending habits.

My home is more organized, my fitness motivation and routine has improved, and my preparations for meals not only taste better, but cost me way less than what I was paying for before.

Let's take meal planning for example. When planning a meal the two questions that come to mind are,

what the easiest thing to make is or what can I afford to pick up from the drive thru. This is when I turn to Pinterest and gather my pins.

Not only do they offer ideas for different meals to prepare, but ideas on ways budget your meals. I have to say; finding an easy recipe for oven baked orange chicken on Pinterest and then making it for dinner for my

family turned out better than what I had expected. I made a delicious meal and saved on what I could have spent for Chinese takeout. Food and Drinks are one of my favorite categories to browse through on Pinterest. You can use Pinterest for a one up on Health and Fitness, too. I don't know about most college students, or any other human being for that matter who actually have the time to take a well planned trip to the gym, but there are times when I tell myself, I am going to the gym today and then find myself at home busy being distracted with work, school and family life.

Sometimes it's hard to try to balance or trade your everyday life with a healthy one. The way Pinterest can help with this dilemma is the many workout plans and benefits it shows you for both men and women to do in

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Wendy Williams
Staff Writer

UHD's College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Cultural Enrichment Center, and the Department of English are presenting month long activities on Campus in celebration of Black History Month during the month of February.

Beginning Monday, February 4th, from 11:30 am-3:30 pm, there will be a Read-In in the Buffalo Bayou Room A300 in which the UHD community will gather together to read favorite passages and literary works of various African American artists.

On Wednesday, February 6th, in C-100 from 1:00 pm-2:30 pm, a discussion will be held on the importance of discovering one's African Roots as part of a Center for Public Deliberation Event.

A film screening of 500 Years Later will be held on Tuesday, February 12th from 1:00pm-3:30pm. This independent documentary discusses the aftermath of slavery throughout the world. This documentary was the winner of 5 International Film Festival Awards. Upon the completion of the film there will be a discussion.

Another film screening is scheduled on Wednesday, February 20th from 1:00pm-3:30pm of The Black Power Mixtape 1967-1975 in room 1099 North which is footage created by Swedish journalists about the Black Power Movement in the United States.

The final event takes place on Tuesday February 26th from 1:00p.-2:30pm where guest speaker Dr. Sophia Belay, a clinical psychologist will discuss higher education and its effects on Black College students. This event will be held in the Wilhelmina Cullen Robertson Auditorium Room 350-South.

These events can be viewed per the public events calendar at calendar.uhd.edu/ EventList or contact Crystal Guillory who is the chair of the African American History Month Committee at guillorycry@uhd.edu for more information.

Learn to be a Valentine's Day NINJA!

Jessica Zamora
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Flowers, candy and mushy cards are what Valentine's Day is about, but do we honestly keep all those gifts?

We all know that somewhere in your closet is that oversized bear from a couple of years back and that long message on a card you skimmed through and then put aside for "safe keeping".

Let's get real people; Valentine's Day does not have to be about spending money and getting every piece of pink and purple candy there is, it's about having a good time with people you love and not breaking the bank while doing it.

There are a few ways to spend this year's Valentine's Day without being alone or spending money at a restaurant you feel like you have to whisper in. The idea is to make the day memorable with loved ones and friends and not try to overcompensate for the days you don't plan something special for your significant other.

Take it from me, there are other options my husband and I have opt for besides going all out on an expensive date. By the end of the night, I'm satisfied with the outcome of our plans and our wallets still feel heavy.

Planning a day or night out for Valentine's Day can happen with three main rules:

First, plan on how much you would like to spend. From a woman's point of view, I personally don't like receiving flowers because they eventually die, and I don't like receiving chocolates or any other kind of candy because I wouldn't want to ruin my new year's resolution after a month of being good. Listen up; don't waste your money on buying these overpriced gifts - simply exchange it with something indulging but still bikini-season friendly, preferably something homemade. This option is cheaper and tastes way better, and you can control the calories by the ingredients you use. If you can't figure out how to bake something out of a box, I'm at a loss as to how to help you. It's not brain surgery. (Maybe have a mint. You can't go wrong with a mint.)

Second, whether you are single or coupled up, always think about what you would like to do. Typically, couples want to have dinner together, but what can you possibly talk about differently on Valentine's Day that you didn't talk about the night before? Saying the words "I love you" as many times as you can while

tearing bread doesn't sound very special to me, and it can be annoying if you're trying to enjoy the tasteless yet overpriced meal. Why not gather some friends, couples or singles, and plan a home cooked meal or BBQ to lighten the day to a level much less mushy and romantic? Not only do you save money, but you save time on waiting for a table while spending most of your Valentine's night sitting in an overcrowded waiting area, dealing with some random couple disgustingly making out next to you. (Don't be that couple. Everyone hates that couple.)

Finally, make the night fun by having a Valentine's Day theme night to go along with your dinner. Get creative with it to keep the cost down. A game board or karaoke is the way to go. Don't want to spend too much on a new game board? Make up games with charades or invent a card game with a twist for the loser. Most bars with karaoke don't have a cover charge, so go right on in, have a drink or two, and sing a few songs for your audience (who probably think you shouldn't be singing in the first place).

Be the one to make your loved one and friends remember this year as throwing the best Valentine's Day party without putting a hole in anyone's pocket or wasting the night away.

For all you single ladies (or gents), this just might be the best thing to catch the eye of the one you've wanted to impress with your creative and inexpensive ideas.

Good Luck!

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tion.

We're not just the little school on the hill in downtown Houston; our programs are producing leaders. It was important for me to get the UHD brand in the faces of our Congressmen, Representatives, Public Servants, and Organizers in DC," she said.

The trip did not take place solely to represent UHD at the 2013 Presidential Inauguration. It was created to help the representatives share their experience with the student body by way of something more "tangible." After much brainstorming they decided to make a non-partisan video while on their trip to encourage the youth to become more political efficient. The student leaders said they wanted to follow up on an event hosted last semester called Walk to Vote where 1500 students were able to register to vote. The title of this video "The 44 Mil," represents the 44 million eligible youths that are able to vote, yet don't choose to participate in the process.

Kimberlyn Garcia, former President of the Environmental Club, said the video "highlights the reasons why the youth should be more involved in politics not just through voting."

"We hoped to be able to let everyone know how important politics is and why the youth should be more involved since we ARE the next generation. We also would like to let the government know we are not invisible and we are striving to protect and improve our future," she continued.

The students delegated tasks and agreed on what role they should play in the video. They even went so far as to create the entire video in poetic verse. They explained that they were not all poets but were able to make it possible because, "a lot of great minds came together."

"We revised each other's work, it was definitely a group effort," said John Locke, a Senator for SGA.

"Most of us only had about one or two hours of sleep while over there because we were up trying to figure out what we were going to say," added Ivan Sanchez, SGA President.

They are in the process of completing the video, which they plan on sharing not only with UHD, but with as many people as they can reach out to.

UHD Students Respond to Lone Star Shooting

Jacqueline Reyes
Staff Writer



22 year-old accused shooter Carlton Berry's HCSO mugshot

The recent school shootings at Sandy Hook and Lone Star Community College have students across the university discussing their feelings on campus safety. Although the circumstances surrounding the Lone Star shooting were in stark contrast to the premeditated massacre that took place at Sandy Hook Elementary, the Lone Star shooting left students with an unsettled feeling nonetheless.

Anthony Butcher, a UHD Communications major who is involved in various organizations on campus, spends much time of his time at school. "I basically live here," he said. Butcher elaborated, saying that after the recent shootings he doesn't feel as safe on campus as he should. "I would like to see more UHD police present, patrolling the university, I feel like they don't patrol enough," he said.

Mia, whose last named she wished to not be published, is a first semester transfer student from Lone Star North Harris Campus. She says this does not affect how she feels about her safety on campus. Seeing patrol cars as she walks from building to building and the overall vibe of the school helps Mia feel safe. In her opinion, a tragedy can strike at any time and any place.

"It upsets me how so many people overreacted to this event because it was 'close to home,'" stated Mia.

She also feels it might be counterproductive to see a beefed up police presence on campus. "If I began seeing more police inside and out of the buildings, I think I would feel less safe." She explained that this would create a 'just in case' attitude, where students might feel more inclined to carry their weapons around.

Butcher explained that he feels if more UHD police would patrol the school, people will think twice before pulling out a gun, which will prevent altercations.

The UHD Police Department's Annual Security and Fire report of 2011, which can be found on uhd.

edu/campus/pd, provides details from "Reporting Crimes" to "How to Shelter in Place." The Firearm policy on page 17 of the 2011 report states that it is a federal and state offense to possess or use any firearm, ammunition, or illegal weapon on university property except as a duly authorized law enforcement officer or for legitimate classroom instruction.

However, there are talks in the Texas Legislature about a measure allowing concealed handgun license holders to carry their weapons into college campuses as a method of self-defense. The measure failed to pass in 2011.

Butcher agrees with Texas lawmakers to some extent. He feels there should be strict policies in place, such as the police department having a list of students with guns. He stated that individuals should only use guns when their lives are endangered, never in an argument. Otherwise, he feels there shouldn't be any weapons on campus, because they often fall into the wrong hands.

Mia feels that there should not be guns allowed on campus at all. "With guns it does not matter if your goal is to kill or to defend, either way you would be hurting another life. We are so used to war and violence that we often fail to see the big picture. All we need is more love, and more trust," she stated. "I realize many people disagree with me... Most [will] probably reply saying that guns are not the problem that humans are. Humans do not need to defend or be against each other if we simply trust and live for one another."

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dents have the right to defend themselves. In 2012, gun statistics showed the following:

- 154,873 calls for background checks on Black Friday
- 47% of Americans reported having a gun
- 62% of online firearm sellers wouldn't be able to pass a background check
- U.S. #1 in firearms owned per 100 people
- U.S. #1 in deaths caused by firearms

The events in the last 15 years of the United States history have been plagued by the misuse of firearms ending tragically. Among the most unforgettable mass shootings are:

- April 20, 1999. Columbine Shooting in Littleton, Colorado; Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold killed 12 students and one teacher before taking their own lives.
- July 8, 2003. Doug Williams, a Lockheed Martin employee, killed seven coworkers before taking his own life.
- March 21, 2005. Teenager Jeffrey Weise killed his grandfather and his grandfather's girlfriend before opening fire on Red Lake Senior High School, killing 9 people on campus and injuring 5. Weise then killed himself.
- October 2, 2006. Charles Carl Roberts opened fire on an Amish schoolhouse in Lancaster, PA. He separated the boys from the girls, binding and shooting 5 of the girls. Roberts committed suicide afterward.
- April 16, 2007. Virginia Tech shooting where Seung-Hui Cho killed 32 students.
- November 5, 2009. Army psychiatrist Nidal

Malik Hasan killed 13 people and wounded 29 others at the Fort Hood army base in Texas.

- January 8, 2011. Jared Loughner shot former Rep. Gabby Giffords in Tucson, AZ. He killed six people, including Arizona District Court Chief Judge John Roll and a 9-year-old girl
- September 6, 2011. Eduardo Sencion, 32, entered an IHOP restaurant in Carson City, NV and shot 12 people. Five died, including three National Guard members.
- July 20, 2012. During the midnight premiere of The Dark Knight Rises in Aurora, CO, 24-year-old James Holmes killed 12 people and wounded 58.
- December 14, 2012. Adam Lanza fatally shot 20 children and six staff members at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newton, Connecticut.
- January 22, 2013. Shooting at North Harris Lone Star College in Houston, Texas leaves two injured.

According to the second amendment, the right to bear arms is solely for the protection of oneself if there is a reasonable doubt of safety.

With the recent debates regarding the protection of the citizens against the dangers of firearms, it is left up to the public to decide if the proposals of the President are justified and necessary, or simply useless. Would you feel safe knowing that your classmates are armed? Would you consider being armed? These are the kinds of questions that have politicians wracking their brains as they are trying to ensure the security of the country as a whole.

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has been done, but there is more to do. The core does need to be redone, so we must move forward." More information on the core curriculum can be viewed at library.uhd.edu/corecurriculum2014.

In a statement released to the Daily Cougar, Hugetz said that he will be working in conjunction with the faculty and administration, as he knows many of them through his work in the UH system over the years.

"Together, I'm convinced that we can make some great strides in the short period of time I plan to spend here." - Provost Hugetz

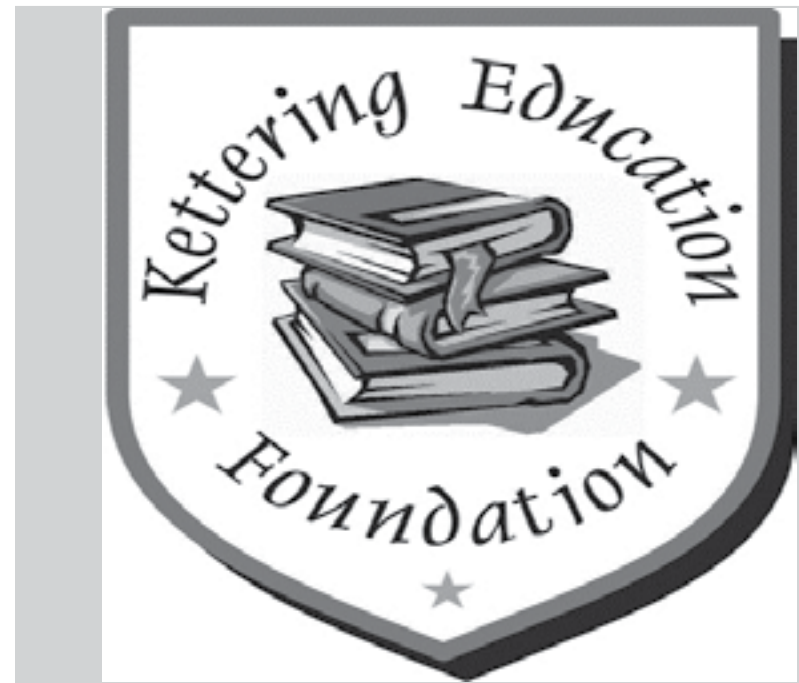


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A Look Back at Kettering



David Slaughter
Staff Writer

In November the University of Houston Downtown was represented by faculty and students as they traveled to Dayton, Ohio to participate in a forum at the Kettering Foundation called, "College Students and The Public Research Exchange."

Dr. Windy Lawrence, Dept. of Arts & Humanities and David Slaughter, a student in her fall "Facilitating Public Deliberation" class, attended the conference with funds graciously provided by the Kettering Foundation. The UHD Center for Public Deliberation, (CPD) has been active at UHD for years and is co-directed by Dr. Lawrence.

According to the UHD CPD website, the CPD is a "collaborative, non-partisan group that encourages citizens to actively participate in the deliberative democracy process through public discussions about issues that affect their lives," and "is an affiliate of the National Issues Forums (NIF) network and partner to the Texas Forums project at the Lyndon B. Johnson Library in Austin, Texas. [They] are supported in part by the Kettering Foundation."

On November 29-30, 2012, professors and students from around the country were assembled to participate in focus group meetings on public policy related issues, such as what shapes and impacts the politics of students.

The results of last semester's deliberation held at UHD were presented and discussed by Dr. Lawrence and her student. There was great interest generated in the next steps to be taken as a result of the forums conducted in the fall.

The CPD is operating this spring semester with two interns: David Slaughter and Rommy Khalaf, who will be moderating two

forums. The first one is off campus at Bellaire High School. The issue to be deliberated is: "How Should Higher Education Help us create the Society we want," and will include participants from the administration from Bellaire High School, members of the faculty, community, and debate team, which is nationally ranked.

The second CPD deliberation will be held on the campus of UHD and will include members of the SGA, community, faculty, administration and Dr. Lawrence's deliberation class this semester. The topic will be framed by Dr. Lawrence and will focus upon the priorities and planning of SGA as it pertains to representing the entire student body, and how it impacts the Houston community.

Each of the forums will be followed one week later by a "Call to action," brainstorming session. These sessions will aim to reach some consensus for recommendations, and to initiate a plan of action, which will be documented and included in a forum research, all to be forwarded to the Kettering Foundation in April.

Dr. Lawrence and David have been invited back in May to continue their participation in Kettering's ongoing research involving students and the community.

Stated on their website, "The UHD CPD serves as a resource to help leaders and citizens engage in and facilitate thoughtful conversations about important public issues like health care, education, fair wage, unemployment, racism, and other issues that are relevant to Houston and the nation."

According to one of the UHD interns, "We are excited about taking our forum this semester into the Houston community and equally excited about the partnership with such an important organization on campus as the SGA."

UHD's Sports and Fitness News: Rosters and Schedules, Volleyball and Basketball

Amy Duncan
Sports and Fitness

During the week of January 23rd, tryouts were held for the Women's Volleyball squad as well as the Men's Basketball team. Richard Sebastiani, director of UHD Sports & Fitness, said he was pleased with the participation for the tryouts, although, "[...] the women's volleyball club [participation] was higher than we anticipated and men's basketball club [participation] was lower than we anticipated."

The sports clubs had a decent season last year, with the Lady Gators finishing last spring's volleyball season at 3-6, while the Men's Basketball team finished their fall season at 7-1 in conference play with an overall record of 8-1.

When asked about his outlook for the spring 2013 season for both sports, Sebastiani said, "I fully expect that the wom-

en's volleyball and basketball club teams will be competitive in their respective conferences. These teams have always made the playoffs and they have the talent to do again this semester."

In order to be eligible to compete, returning and potential members of the club sports teams are required to attend a tryout at the beginning of each season. Athletes are also required to be in academic good standing, enrolled in six hours with the university, and able to attend weekly practices and games.

Dateline UHD congratulates the returning and new members of both teams and wishes them a successful season.

For more information on UHD Sports & Fitness Club Sports, Intramurals, and Fitness Programs, please visit www.UHD.edu/SportsandFitness or call 713-221-8225.

UHD Men's Basketball Roster

Christian Barnes
Kendrick Barnes
Dominick Bess
Cody Collins
Chris Hill
Jonathan Hill
Marcell Humphrey
Stephen Kidd
Thomas Martin
Domonique McKinney
Fabion Moffett
Muhammad Sharif
Kevin Thomas
Monzelle White

UHD Volleyball Roster

Savanna Argo
Claudia Avalos
Porsha Belle
Krizia Campos
Zadai Castillo
Breanna Garcia
Maria Gaspar
Brittany Goff
Yolanda Melendez
Jennifer Munoz
Jackie Noyola
Lorena Padron
Malissa Warzeka
Coryn Wolfe

Schedule

Friday, February 1st 7:00pm
vs. HCC-Northeast
Friday, February 8th 7:00pm
vs. Houston Baptist
Friday, February 15th 7:00pm
at LSC-Cy Fair
Friday, February 22nd 7:00pm
vs. Lee College
Saturday, February 23rd 1:00pm
at HCC-Southwest
Friday, March 8th 7:00pm
vs. LSC-Montgomery
Friday, March 22nd 7:00pm
at Sam Houston State

Schedule

wednesday, February 13th
7:00pm
vs. Texas Southern University
wednesday, February 20th
7:00pm
at Lone Star College-Kingwood
wednesday, February 27th
7:00pm
at Lone Star College-Tomball
wednesday, March 6th 7:00pm
vs. Houston Baptist University
wednesday, March 20th 7:00pm
vs. University of Houston
wednesday, March 27th 7:00pm
vs. Houston Community College
wednesday, April 3rd 7:00pm
at Lone Star College-North
Harris

The Tech Files

Michael Avila
Tech Guru

Changing the Way We Hear with ViviTouch

Dirk Schapeler and his team at Artificial Muscle Inc. have created a very special kind of technology that will change the way we hear things. They have named it ViviTouch.

The creators originally intended to concentrate their work on haptics for gaming. Little did they know how important their creation would be beyond the entertainment industry. "This is a printed process, with electrodes printed top and bottom," says Dave Humphreys, head of sales at Artificial Muscle. "Then we put a voltage across it and by electrostatic attraction, these electrodes come together. All that happens is it moves 0.1 millimeter." It is that 0.1mm variable movement that is capable of conveying an amazing realism to a wide range of actions.

It was not until about a year ago that one of the designers in the company decided that he wanted to put this technology into a pair of headphones. He discovered that it resulted in an amazing sub-woofer effect. It uses skin sensation bring a vibration effect without any air pressure at all. To gain a better understanding of what the feeling is, imagine yourself at a concert. The feeling of the drums and bass guitar thumping into your chest from the massive amplifiers gives you a better understanding of the ViviTouch. There is nothing out there that is similar to these vibrating headphones.

ViviTouch merged with Able Planet in order to make something even greater. Able Planet has a piece of technology called Sound fit. You just slide in your personal listening device into your ear, press a button and it expands and locks into the ear canal. Its technology allows for an altered audio signal to activate the hearing organs in your ear. ViviTouch— which would be the coating around the device— expands to create a wide surface area of contact, which would make it the most efficient sound conduction technology in the world. Their haptic technology circumvents the ear and goes right to the auditory system of the brain.

For Able Planet's part, they plan to have the ViviTouch haptic technology in an affordable line of headphones by this summer.

Pebble Smartwatch App Clocks in for IOS, Android

Owners of a Pebble smartwatch can now download an IOS or Android app to get even more out of the watch. Both IOS and Android versions offer a dashboard for Pebble watch. First, you simply pair the watch with your phone or tablet via Bluetooth. Once that is done the app offers several handy features.

You can install custom watch faces onto the Pebble and receive notifications when updates are available, send text messages, and access how to guides. Of course, in order to use the app you must first purchase the Pebble smartwatch.



So, you must be asking yourself what this watch is and how to get one. The watch will cost about \$150, meaning it does more than just tell you the time. The Pebble smartwatch can sync with iPhones and Android Phones and can notify you of incoming calls, instant messages, and calendar appointments. The display uses e-paper technology which allows you see it easily in direct sunlight. It also has the ability to run mobile apps

Like many products, the Pebble smart watch kicked off through a Kickstarter campaign and resulted in a huge success. Just last May it reached its goal of \$100,000 in funds. Then it went on to generate a total of \$10.2 million from eager backers. The company said its factory is making 800 to 1,000 Pebbles per day and is striving to reach full capacity of 2,400 a day. You can pre-order you Pebble smart watch at \$150 on Pebbles website.

It's Now Illegal to Unlock Your Cell Phone

You most likely have a cell phone with carriers such as AT&T, T-Mobile or Sprint. That phone only works on your carrier's data network unless you "unlock it" Unlocking is a software process that allows the user to use their phone on another carrier if they put in a new SIM card. The U.S Copyright Office and Library on Congress are no longer allowing phone unlocking to remain an exemption under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) without the carrier's permission.

"It wasn't a good ruling," said Rebecca Jeschke, a digital rights analyst at the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF). "You should be able to unlock your phone. This law was meant to combat copyright infringement, not to prevent people to do what they want to do with the device they bought." However, the carriers like the new rule because it ties their customers to their network. If a customer unlocked a cellphone before the new rule was created, then they are now grand-fathered in and will not face any legal issues.

If a person violates the DMCA, they may be punished with a civil suit or if it was done for commercial gain, may be prosecuted as a criminal act. Worst case scenario, a person who commits a civil offense could be charged \$2,500 fine. As for those who plan to profit from unlocking, the act will present a \$500,000 fine with prison time. In 2015 there will be another ruling over the exemptions of whether it should be legal to unlock phones. Phone carriers still offer unlocked phones at a much higher price. If you are really upset with the latest rule change, you can sign a "We the People" petition on the White House's website that calls for the Librarian of Congress to rescind this decision, and failing that, champion a bill that makes unlocking permanently legal.

(Pinterest continued)

your own home. I can't tell you how many times I have scheduled to go workout at the gym and was not able to make it due to a task I needed to take care of first. Of course, the benefit of working out at home is also saving money on having to pay for gym membership fees. On Pinterest, you can find workouts from simple to advance cardio and cross fit training that can be done in your own backyard. Just think, maybe making a change in your health by turning to Pinterest could make things work out for the better.

In addition to the brilliant ideas mentioned before this final one, the idea that Pinterest can be the most creative tool to be used for just about anything.

Starting from household organization to party planning and fashion, Pinterest is your one stop "shop" to creative thinking. Being a college student and having a family comes with a lot of worries for both my husband and I. The way we do things is pick apart each other's brain and come up with ways to help each other.

When is the best time to organize your home? There never really is a best time because no human being has the time to do so, but when the time does come up, don't worry about going out and buying some new device to clean clutter out of your life. Pinterest can provide you with the ideas of organizing your small apartment into something spacious and comfortable to budgeting on homemade décor of pictures and household items.

With the many ideas I have taken from Pinterest, my husband and I have used our basic wardrobe we currently have and turned it into something that just jumped out of the magazine.

It's the time and money that you need to think about when it comes to Pinterest.

Pinterest is not just something that can by your time till the day ends, it's a way of looking at things a little clearer and doing it for the better one pin at a time.

We sent our staff photographer on the hunt for UHD's hip & trendy crowd, to scout out where they hung out and more importantly, what they were wearing. Here's what we found:



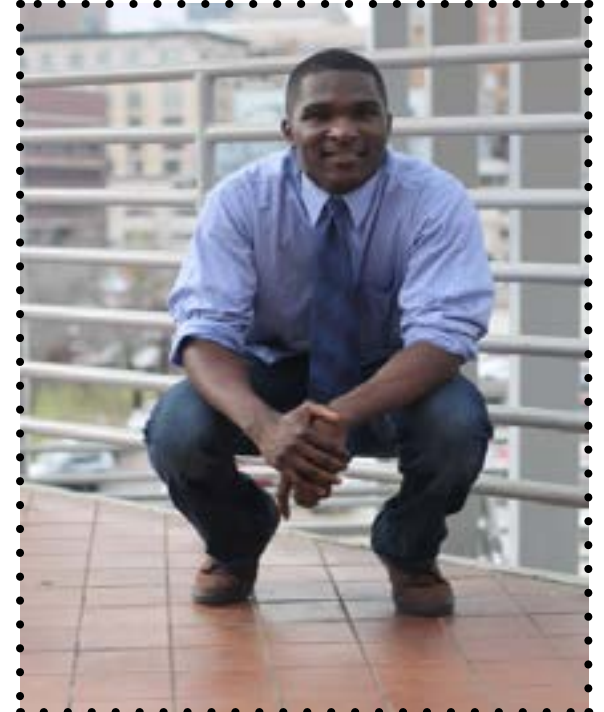
Ivan Canales

Eyewear - Ray Ban Sunglasses
Shirt - Ralph Lauren
Shoes - Sperry
Shorts - Ralph Lauren



Lupita Negrete

Sweater - Forever 21
Pants - Clothes Max
Flats - Ross
Bag - JcPenney



Marlon Chapman

Blue Tie - Via Vaneto
Blue Shirt - Calvin Klein
Jeans - Forever 21
Shoes - Nike

(photos by Elpidia Medina)



Pedro Muniz

Shirt - Old Navy
Pants - Carbon



Breonna Coneser

Shoes - Wet Seal
Tights - Dots
Shirt - JcPenney
Jewelry - Thrift