

## { From the Desk of Mike Pede }

A message from UHAA President & CEO



### **Greetings fellow Cougars and friends of UHAA!**

We are so very excited to team up with our friends from the University of Houston's Center for Public History to bring you this historic look at the University of Houston as it celebrates its 85th anniversary.

I hope as you read through this special collector's edition magazine that celebrates the people who make up the eighty-five year history of this great institution that you will feel your stock in the process. All of us who have walked the halls of this special place feel a kinship with it and, for our own special reasons, a bond that cannot be easily broken. Whether we want to admit it or not, many of us had our lives turned and our horizons broadened by what we learned here, the friendships made here, and the special memories forged here.

I hope as you flip through these pages you feel as prideful as I do, every day, of this great institution and get a stirring of your own memories. They are memories that don't fade and memories that remind you that you need to be even more involved with UH and UHAA than you are now, in whatever way you can. With this edition of the *UH Alumni Association Magazine* and *Houston History*, it means even more now to say, "to thy memories cherished, true we'll ever be."

Mike Pede ('89)  
UHAA President & CEO  
Life Member

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