

Staff senate holds special meeting on RIF today

President García and Provost Artibise will address group

By Joe Molina
THE COLLEGIAN

The UTB/TSC Staff Senate's executive board has scheduled a special meeting today at 11 a.m. in the SET-B Lecture Hall to bring employees up to date on the university's reduction in force.

In a campuswide e-mail sent Nov. 29, the board urged members to attend the meeting,



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"[The meeting] will clarify the situation more than what we have now, [and] it will provide the staff with up-to-date information," Staff Senate President Ernesto Tusa told *The Collegian* in a phone interview Nov. 29.

UTB/TSC President Juliet V. García and Provost Alan Artibise will speak at the meeting.

"The right-sizing exercise for staff will be

undertaken early in the new year," Artibise told *The Collegian* in an interview Nov. 6. "We haven't set our dates but my educated guess will be that most staff will receive a clear notice about whether they are being retained or right-sized by the end of February."

At least 89 faculty members have received reduction-in-force notices this year. The university is "right-sizing" in anticipation of its separation from Texas Southmost College in 2015.

Brightening up the Holidays



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Student Union tree lighting ceremony set for Tuesday

By Kaila Contreras
THE COLLEGIAN

UTB/TSC will hold its fifth annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6 p.m. Tuesday in front of the Student Union.

Student Union Assistant Director Patricia Longoria said this will be the first year Student Life will work with The Ambassadors student organization to organize the ceremony.

Junior bachelor of applied arts and sciences-legal studies major Claudia Rangel helps decorate UTB/TSC's Christmas tree in front of the Student Union last Wednesday. Rangel is a member of The Ambassadors student organization, which assisted in the decorating. UTB/TSC will hold its fifth annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6 p.m. Tuesday in front of the Student Union.



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"The student organization that won the contest will have the honor of lighting the tree," Longoria said.

During the ceremony, *pan dulce*, hot chocolate and coffee will be served. Children will have the chance to take a free picture with Santa Claus. The event is open to the public and admission is free.

"It's just something to relax people as they get ready for finals and to remind them that we're in the holiday season," Longoria said of the event.

Shown is last year's Christmas tree. During the ceremony this year, *pan dulce*, hot chocolate and coffee will be served and children will have the chance to take a free picture with Santa Claus. The event is open to the public and admission is free.

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'Fierce' symbol



UT System regents approve ocelot as UTB's mascot

By Estefania Rodriguez
THE COLLEGIAN

The head of a "fierce" ocelot in front of the letters UTB graces the new logo of the University of Texas at Brownsville.

On Nov. 15, the University of Texas System board of regents approved the ocelot as the university's mascot.

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Off to a new start 1,100-plus students to graduate Dec. 15

By Viridiana Zúñiga
SPANISH EDITOR

UTB/TSC officials are making final preparations for Winter Commencement, scheduled at 9 a.m. Dec. 15 on the Mary Rose Cardenas Hall South Lawn.

There are 1,186 eligible students for graduation, according to Martie DiGregorio, the university's director of special events and presidential services.

As of Nov. 29, the Registrar's Office was reviewing 1,172 applications for graduation, Registrar Albert Barreda said. Of these, between 800 and 850 students will participate in the ceremony.

Degrees that will be awarded range from certificates to master's degrees; three applications for doctoral degrees have been received.

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Alternative wheels

Campus Recreation to rent bicycles starting in Spring 2013

By Magaly Rosales
THE COLLEGIAN

UTB/TSC's Campus Recreation Department will start a bicycle rental program in the Spring 2013 semester.

The program will give the campus community the opportunity to rent bicycles to use as alternate means of transportation.

Campus Recreation Aquatics and Events Coordinator Jamie

Barnhill said that riding bicycles will bring benefits to the university by reducing the parking problem.

"Bike riding is a great alternative to motor transportation because for one, it's going to cut back on a lot of the parking issues that we have," Barnhill said.

She said many students, faculty and staff park their cars in one lot to get to class, then drive across campus for their next class and have a hard time finding a parking

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Junior psychology major Myrna Casillas rides one of the bicycles that will be available for rent from Campus Recreation beginning in Spring 2013.

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POST-ELECTION FORUM

MICHELLE ESPINOZA/COLLEGIAN

UTB/TSC Government and Behavioral Sciences faculty members discuss the results of last month's presidential election and what it means for the nation and for the state of Texas during a forum held Nov.20 in the Education and Business Complex's Salón Cassia. About 160 students attended the forum. Shown (from left) are moderator Professor Mark Kaswan and panel members: Behavioral Sciences Department Chair Diamantina Freeberg, Government Department Chair Guadalupe Correa Cabrera, Assistant Professors Michelle Keck and Carlos Figueroa and Professor Terrence Garrett.



Club Spotlight

COURTESY PHOTO

Members of the French Club include (front row, from left) Vice President Cindy Saenz, Sandra Guzmán and Claudia Teran. Back row: Jose Saldivar, Blanca Garcia, President Jose De La Cruz, Francisco Guevara, Historian Luis Saucedo, Special Events Coordinator Albert Medina, Marketing Coordinator Triana Ramón, Barbara Guajardo and Christine Garcia.

Name: French Club

Established: 2012

Purpose: To promote Francophone culture to the UTB/TSC community of students and faculty and promote unity and fraternity among its members through the organization of various cultural, intellectual, academic and social activities.

President: Jose De La Cruz

Vice President: Cindy Saenz

Secretary: Laura Ruiz

Treasurer: Luz Cepeda

Special Events Coordinator: Albert Medina

Conversation Group Coordinator: Tanya Vasquez

Marketing Coordinator: Triana Ramón

Historian: Luis Saucedo

Advisers: Modern Languages Department Lecturer Audrey Viguier and Adjunct Faculty Arnaud De La Tour.

Community service: Volunteers at Gladys Porter Zoo's "Boo at the Zoo" and at Carlotta Petrina Museum's "Día de muertos".

Meetings: 5 p.m. Thursdays in the Student Union's Salón Bougainvillea.

Membership requirements: Must be a UTB/TSC student with a 2.0 grade-point average or higher.

Dues: None

For more information: call De La Cruz at 521-7099, e-mail utbrownsvillefrenchclub@gmail.com or http://www.facebook.com/groups/utbrownsvillefrenchclub

—Compiled by Eréndira Santillana

Survival: travel

Last in a series

By Marlane Rodriguez
THE COLLEGIAN

Winter break is around the corner, which means students will be traveling home or to vacation spots for the holidays. While traveling can be fun, students should keep in mind some safety tips before hitting the road.

Global Engagement Director Alla Paroiatnikova said there are important safety guidelines to keep in mind while traveling, including having a valid U.S. passport and international travel insurance.

"International travel insurance provides you with high-quality care for practically no cost," Paroiatnikova said. "Things happen, you can slip and fall. How much is that going to cost you if you don't have health insurance?"

The University of Texas System has insurance providers for students and faculty who travel abroad, she said. The insurance costs about \$8 to \$12 per week and will provide qualified medical assistance.

Before traveling, Paroiatnikova said students should conduct research and have a plan.

"If they want to travel individually, they need to have a very clear plan of where they're going to go, what they're going to do, and make sure that they have everything researched," she said. "... Make all the reservations while you are on



BRYAN ROMERO/COLLEGIAN

A Greyhound bus sits at the Brownsville Multimodal Terminal on International Boulevard. Buses are one mode of transportation travelers will use this holiday season.

this side of the Atlantic."

When it comes to packing for the trip, she suggests students stick to the bare necessities.

"You have to hold all this heavy luggage, on the train, on the bus, off the train, off the bus and very often up the stairs. You just need a carry-on [piece of luggage] or a backpack," Paroiatnikova said. "If you are careful in selecting what pieces you are taking, you don't need five pairs of shoes."

She suggests that students roll their clothing up for more room in the carry-on luggage and wash their laundry in the lavatory while abroad.

Hostels are clean and provide good accommodations for students needing a place to stay,

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The Office of Student Media is accepting applications for:



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All applicants must submit a résumé and an unofficial transcript along with their application. The deadline to apply is 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5. For an application or more information, call 882-5143.

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Elevator malfunction

Student files complaint after door closes on her

By Samantha Ruiz
THE COLLEGIAN

The door to the Arnulfo L. Oliveira Memorial Library elevator closed on Florencia Gracia as she exited on Nov. 8. This was not the first time the incident has happened to Gracia.

The sophomore special education major reported the second incident to Campus Police and declined medical services after suffering only minor injuries to her arm.

In the first incident, Gracia said she was assisted by a man she believes works for UTB/TSC. She said he had to pull open the door of the elevator.

She suffered a bruised wrist.

Gracia admitted to being embarrassed about reporting the incident and believes

A student reported being struck by the door of the elevator in the Arnulfo L. Oliveira Memorial Library.



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that same feeling is preventing others from reporting similar incidents.

In a message to *The Collegian* last Wednesday, Gracia said: "The university really has to get on the ball and get this fixed immediately!"

Other locations on the UTB/TSC campus are experiencing similar incidents.

A staff member reported being stuck

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The champion's blitz

Freshman sensation Aura Salazar and chess team to battle at Princeton

By Michelangelo Sosa
THE COLLEGIAN

Aura Salazar, an International Woman's Master chosen to attend UTB/TSC on a full chess scholarship, is pursuing a mathematics degree and recently attended a Colombian national competition, where she received two gold medals, a silver and a bronze.

The accomplished chess master has made a name for herself in international competitions and she's only 17.

The young scholar is a native of Pamplona, Colombia, and was recruited to become a part of UTB/TSC's Chess Team.

"When I was 6, my father taught me how to play [chess]," Salazar said. "And then I started playing in school tournaments, and after that I was trained by a coach, and then I played in my first international competition at the Pan-American Competition when I was 10 years old."

She became an International Woman's Master in chess, a national champion in Colombia and ranked third in a World Youth Chess Championship at the 16 and under age group.

Salazar was recruited to UTB/TSC by Grand Master Nadya Ortiz. She was offered a full chess scholarship to attend the university.

"This is my first semester, so I have not discovered yet what path I would like pursue," she said.

In the last month, Salazar competed in a chess competition in her native country,



MICHELANGELO SOSA/ COLLEGIAN

Woman's International Master Aura Salazar teaches children from across the Rio Grande Valley to play chess during a public exhibition Oct. 15 in the Education and Business Complex's Salón Cassia.

and came back with superior rankings in the Classic competition, where she received the bronze medal; Blitz, where she received silver; and Rapids, where she received gold in a national competition in Pamplona. In these competitions she was the only player to receive a medal in each competition and helped her home team garner a gold medal in the tournament.

Salazar said that she was greatly encouraged to play chess by her family, and could achieve success through the spirit of hard work and discipline.

From Dec. 27-30, she will compete for the first time at the collegiate level at the Pan-American Intercollegiate Competitions at Princeton University in New Jersey.

Although Salazar does not believe that she can do well in the Pan-Am competitions, Chess Program Director Russell Harwood disagrees.

"Aura can do as much good as any other top board. ... She was the top board for her

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Easing the transfer process



PHOTO COURTESY IMMANUEL EDINBAROUGH

UT-Brownsville and TSTC-Harlingen sign articulation agreements

UTB engineering technology graduate Mauricio Ochoa uses a robotic vision system to program an industrial robot in this photo taken last year.

machining technology, mathematics and physics may transfer to the bachelor of science program in UTB's College of Science, Mathematics and Technology.

Students who plan to transfer to UTB without losing semester credit hours will need to meet the requirements. They must complete an associate's degree at TSTC, and only those students in the TSTC programs that are articulated with the eight programs that UTB offers may transfer, university officials said.

"We want to transfer as many students, but on the other hand we want to transfer

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By Estefania Rodriguez
THE COLLEGIAN

Articulation agreements between Texas State Technical College-Harlingen and the University of Texas at Brownsville will make it easier for students in certain programs of the college to transfer here beginning next spring semester.

TSTC students who receive an associate of science degree in biology, computer science, engineering science, mechatronics technology, wind energy and turbine technology, architectural design and engineering graphics,

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~Letter to the Editor~

Take a stand on BSN program delay

According to the news release, "A New Era in Nursing Begins with New Nursing Degree," published on the UTB website on July 19, 2012, "The Texas Board of Nursing has approved The University of Texas at Brownsville offering a new bachelor's degree in nursing beginning in Fall 2013."

In the news release, Sally Roach, associate professor and bachelor's of science in nursing program coordinator in the College of Nursing, was quoted as saying: "A new era of nursing begins at UTB. This new BSN program offers a more seamless approach for students to obtain their bachelor's degree. I hear from students every day who are excited about this new program."

The release further states that in early June, "representatives of the Texas Board of Nursing visited UTB's College of Nursing to inspect instruction space and talk to faculty members. Board representatives cited the high caliber of the nursing faculty and their experience in pre-licensure professional nursing education and the abundance of clinical opportunities for students as some of the reasons they supported the program's creation."

"The site team was impressed with the quality of the labs we have," Edna Garza-Escobedo, interim dean of the College of Nursing, was quoted as saying in the release. "The students can get a good foundation before they go to the hospitals."

Student recruitment was to begin immediately to fill the first 50-slot cohort that can take pre-nursing classes beginning this fall, according to the release.

"Students accepted into the full-time degree program will complete 120 semester credit hours. The first cohort of students is scheduled to receive the degree in spring 2015," the release stated.

On Sept. 17, *The Collegian* published the online article, "A New Beginning," by Kaila Contreras that said "The [UTB] president said in the U.S. today, 50 percent of registered nurses hold a bachelor's

degree, compared with only 27 percent in Cameron County. The American Nursing Association wants to increase this number to 80 percent. On July 19, the Texas Board of Nursing approved a new bachelor of science in nursing degree at UTB to begin in Fall 2013."

On Oct. 31, *The Collegian* published the article, "UTB delays bachelor's in nursing program until 2014," by Joe Molina. The program, which was scheduled to start in Fall 2013, has been postponed until Fall 2014.

"There is no change in what we are doing," Provost Alan Artibise told *The Collegian* via phone Oct. 26. "The new degree had been approved by [the Texas Board of Nursing] and at one time we thought we'd start in Fall [2013], but we are delaying that a bit."

According to the Oxford American Dictionaries, "a bit" is "used to suggest that something is not severe or extreme," and this is not the case in this particular situation. This decision makes us feel indignant and impacts us financially. It makes us feel like we wasted our time completing the required courses to enter the BSN program. The delay has tremendously impacted the students in the University Scholars Program.

Are you a victim? *You are not the only one.* Many students have been affected.

We ask you to help us by e-mailing us your story on how UTB's decision has affected you. We are planning to collect signatures and take a stand on the issue.

Our time is invaluable. We cannot put our lives on hold and/or spend a year of tuition for classes that we do not need.

Please contact us via e-mail: bsnocelots@outlook.com. Together, we can make a difference.

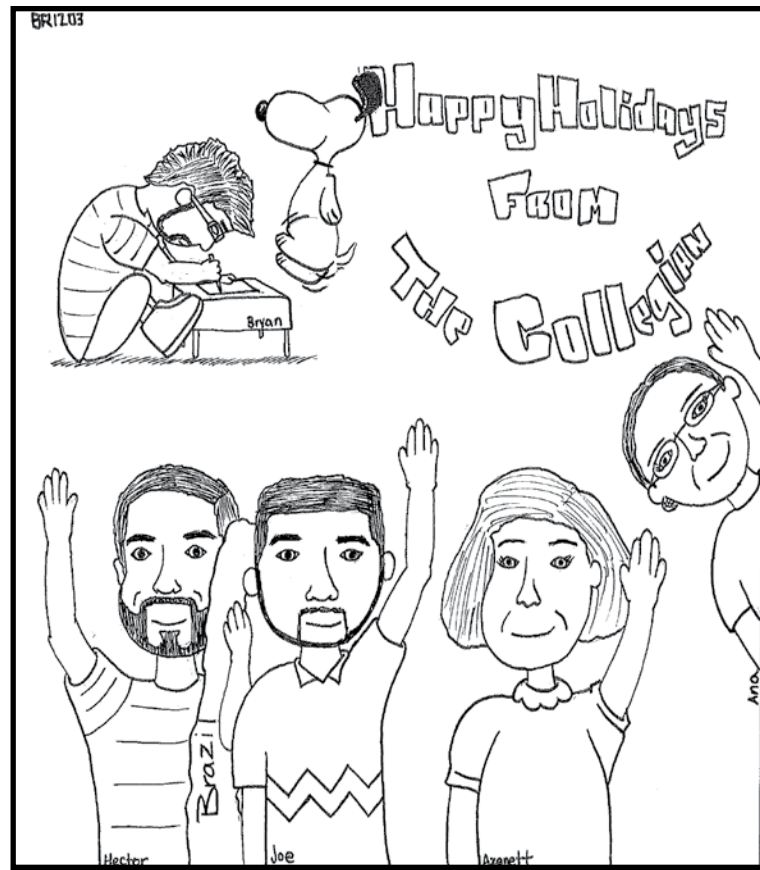
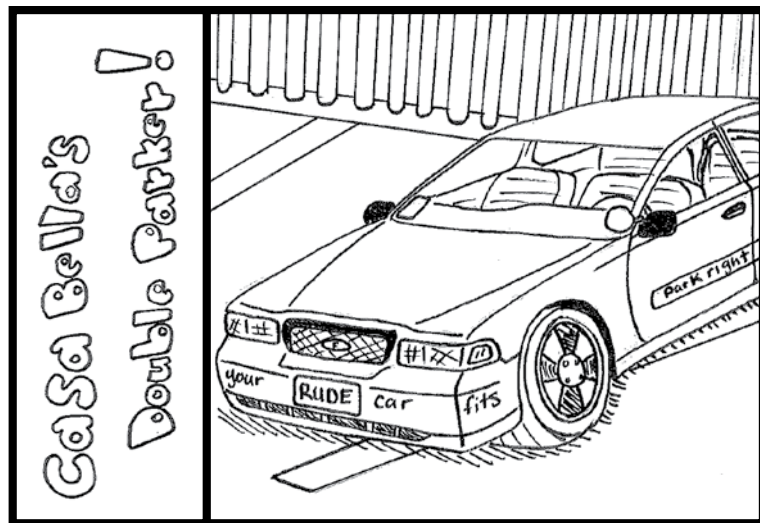
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WHAT'S YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?



"I think my New Year's resolution would be to cut back a little on my weight. You know, it's been something I've been working on this past year. It's going very well and I just want to continue that and something else. This fantasy of, I guess, would be to travel to L.A. and try to find Mila Kunis on the streets. She is my fantasy girlfriend, I love her to death, and that would pretty much sum up some of my New Year's resolutions."

Gerardo Vega
Computer science sophomore



"I want to get better grades. I want to spend more time with my family and I want to get a puppy, a Maltese."

Suzelly Garcia
Marketing sophomore



"Well, my New Year's resolution is to get good grades in school, come to class every day, party less, obviously, and do well in all my classes."

Dulce Salas
Nursing freshman



"My New Year's resolution is to spend more time with my family [next] year. Go on vacation with them, you know, everything to be with them."

Austin Garza
Engineering physics-mechanical sophomore

Reality check



By Cori Aiken
COLUMNIST

There are plenty of reality shows on television. These programs seem to follow a certain formula. Take attractive people, add a dash of cursing, a sprinkle of drama, a heaping spoonful of alcohol and *voilà!* You've got yourself a hit. "The Jersey Shore," "The Real Housewives" and "Keeping Up with the Kardashians" all have the same pattern of people wanting to live "drama-free lives," yet they end up getting into bar fights--flipping tables, pulling out weaves and various other altercations.

Don't get me wrong, I myself indulge in a few of these guilty-pleasure shows. A fist pump at the shore, a sassy housewife

with dirt on another cast member, or family fights, it's easy to become hooked on the ridiculous appeal of overhyped, mindless fluff TV.

What happens when viewers take it to the next step and become crazed fans?

Here is a sentence I never thought I'd type: Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi made the New York Times Bestseller list. Did you hear that? Mark Twain just rolled over in his grave.

Recently in England, the rapid trio of Kardashian sisters caused a riot at a shopping center, resulting in a stampede of 10,000 screaming fans. Not even soccer hooligans act this ridiculous.

"Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" star Kyle Richards' 4-year-old daughter has close to 20,000 followers on Twitter. Why on earth would anyone follow a 4-year-old on Twitter?

To these cuckoo fans and followers I would like to suggest unplugging your television. Go for a walk. Take up a hobby. Volunteer!

Cut these shows out of your television diet. Similarly to eliminating junk from your eating regime, you'll feel better.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENIOR ART EXHIBIT

"From the Mundane to the Spiritual, Welcome to a Fish Bowl," an exhibit by senior art majors **Samir Orozco** and **Priscilla Ann Gutierrez**, will open with a reception at 6:30 tonight in the Art Gallery at Rusteberg Hall. Admission is \$1. For more information, call Gallery Director **Ruben Lozoya** at 882-7097 or the Visual Arts Department at 882-7571.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY HOURS

The **University Library** will stay open until midnight for the first two weeks of December. The new hours are from 7:30 a.m. to midnight today until Thursday and Dec. 10-13. On Friday and Dec. 14, the library will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Dec. 8, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday and Dec. 9, from 3 p.m. to midnight. A security guard will be on duty to ensure the students' safety and the Public Service Desk will be open from 10 p.m. to midnight. No student ID photos will be taken, no fines will be collected and no change will be provided during the extended hours. Operating hours for the **Arnulfo L. Oliveira Memorial Library** will remain the same: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 882-8221.

BLOOD DRIVE

The **City of South Padre Island** and **United Blood Services** invite the public to a community blood drive from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday at the City Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall, 4601 Padre Blvd. To schedule an appointment, log on to www.bloodhero.com. Eat a full meal and bring a picture ID and donor card. For more information, call Public Information Officer **Naida Robles** at 761-3800.

SUNSHINE HAVEN

The **Mathematics and Science Academy** is collecting household items for terminally ill individuals at **Sunshine Haven** in Olmito. Suggested donation items are Kleenex, hand soap, toilet paper, paper towels, disinfecting wipes, dishwashing soap, disinfecting spray and binders. Donation boxes are located in

Education and Business Complex Room 2.112 and SET-B Room 2.342. For more information, call MSA Student Council President **Savannah Hostetter** at 742-6337 or e-mail savannahrh@hotmail.com.

MR. AMIGO UNVEILING

The **Mr. Amigo Association** will announce the selection of Mr. Amigo 2012 at 10 a.m. Thursday in the courtyard of the International Technology, Education and Commerce Center (in front of the Mexican Consulate Office). Mr. Amigo Association President **Yesenia Patiño**, Brownsville Mayor **Tony Martinez** and the U.S. and Mexico consuls will preside over the meeting. For more information, call Public Relations Chair **Sergio Martinez** at 465-5815.

FEED ME FRIDAY

The **Catholic Campus Ministry** will serve a light lunch at noon Friday, followed by a Bible study at 1 p.m. in the Newman Center, 1910 W. University Blvd. For more information, call 541-9697.

RN-BSN ONLINE PROGRAM

The deadline for applications for the UTB/TSC **College of Nursing's RN-BSN Online Program** has been extended until Friday. Applicants must also submit a copy of their UTB transcript, their current RN license, CPR card and immunization record form. Students accepted into a nursing program are required to clear a security background screening. For more information, call nursing secretary **Lourdes Requena** at 882-5070.

STUDENT REP NOMINATIONS

Nominations are being accepted until Friday for the **UT System Student Regent** and **Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Student Representative**. Nominations can be dropped off at the Dean of Students Office in the Student Services Building. For more information, call Administrative Secretary for Student Affairs **Melissa de la Rosa** at 882-5141.

CHALUPA NIGHT

The **Ocelot Ranger Club** will host a

chalupa game from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday in Education and Business Complex Room 2.402. Proceeds will go to the annual **Military Ball**. The prizes range from gift certificates to cookware. The fee to play is \$10 for three cards. Participants may buy tickets from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday in the **UTB Army ROTC Office**, located in Lightner Center Room 103. For more information, call Cadet **Raul Rosales** at 832-8692.

TREINTA Y SEIS GUADALUPES

The **Guadalupe Regional Middle School** will host a silent auction of 36 paintings of **Our Lady of Guadalupe** by various artists from 6 to 10 p.m. Dec. 13 in the **Alonso Building**, 510 E. St. Charles St. Refreshments will be served. Tickets are \$25 and sponsorships of \$120, \$240 and \$360 are available. For more information, call 504-5568.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The **Resaca de la Palma State Park** seeks volunteers for its annual holiday event from 6 to 9 p.m. Dec. 14. Volunteers are encouraged to wear festive attire. For more information, call Interpretive Park Ranger **Jade Rutledge** at 350-2990.

UTB/TSC TOY DRIVE

UTB/TSC is collecting donations for its **21st annual toy drive**. Donation boxes are distributed throughout campus. Students from **Skinner Elementary School** will receive the toys at 9 a.m. Dec. 19 in the Stillman Town Hall, located at the Fort Brown Memorial Center. For more information, call Director of the Fort Brown Center **Maria Ruth Torres** at 882-7941 or Senior Telecommunications Operator Installer **Olga Garcia** at 882-7015.

ACT PREP COURSE

The **Language Institute** will offer **ACT prep courses** from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in the International Technology Education and Commerce Center (D3A-Room 106). Sessions will be held Jan. 15-Feb. 7, March 19-April 11 and May 14-June

6. The cost of the course is \$300. For more information, call 882-4180.

FOOD FOR FINES

Campus Police is sponsoring a **Food for Fines Drive** to help support the community. Non-perishable food items may be donated in lieu of paying for parking citations. Donations in amounts equal to the value of the outstanding parking citations will be considered for fines issued before Dec. 31. Donations will be accepted from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday until Jan. 13, 2013, at the front desk of the **Campus Security Center**. Suggested food items include baby formula, boxed macaroni and cheese, canned fruit and vegetables, canned tuna and chili, packaged dry noodles, rice, soups, Vienna sausages and Spam. For more information, call 882-7201 or e-mail police@utb.edu.

GUITAR CLASSES

Jonathan Dotson, international concert artist and founding member of the **Texas Guitar Quartet**, will teach guitar (**MUSI 1192** and **MUSI 1193**) during the spring semester. The course does not require experience. For more information, e-mail jonathan.dotson@utb.edu.

SPRING ESL SESSIONS

The **Language Institute** will offer **ESL courses** from Jan. 14 to April 29 in International Technology, Education and Commerce Center Suite D3A (workforce training and continuing education area). For more information, call 882-4180 or e-mail language.institute@utb.edu.

HIRING STING MENTORS

The **STING** program seeks sophomores, juniors and seniors with a 3.0 grade-point average or higher to be **STING mentors**. Responsibilities include keeping records of student contacts, office appointments and helping students with their study techniques. For more information, call Student Success Coordinator **Magdalena Goga** at 882-6596 or e-mail magdalena.goga@utb.edu.

—Compiled by *Kaila Contreras*

POLICE REPORTS

The following are among the incidents reported to Campus Police between Nov. 5 and 9.

Monday, Nov. 5

11:23 a.m.: A student was sent to Student Health Services after she almost fainted due to not eating in three days. Another student said that while they were in class, the other student got up and told her to go outside with her. While outside, the student sat down on the floor and almost fainted. The other student told Campus Police the young woman may be ill because she had not eaten since she recently broke up with her boyfriend. A nurse from Student Health Services said they would be observing the student for an hour.

2:48 p.m.: A staff member reported finding a \$20 bill in a book inside the University Boulevard Library the day before. Because the system does not document the book's history of checkouts, they were unable to determine who had the book last.

4:31 p.m.: A staff member reported that she was trapped inside the elevator in the Education and Business Complex. At 4:44 p.m., a Physical Plant employee was able to open the door and said the elevator was not functioning due to power outages experienced in that building and others across campus.

Tuesday, Nov. 6

1:35 p.m.: A faculty member reported that a university-owned laptop computer was among the items stolen from her home. The faculty member said she had already filed a report with the Brownsville Police Department about her home being burglarized.

4:55 p.m.: A staff member reported that two air-conditioning condensers behind the Jacob Brown Auditorium were missing copper lines. The loss was estimated at \$800.

Wednesday, Nov. 7

1:43 p.m.: A pregnant student requested emergency medical services because she believed her "water broke." At 1:53 p.m. the student was transported to Valley Regional Medical Center-Brownsville.

4:56 p.m.: Campus Police took custody of a juvenile because a U.S. Border Patrol agent did not want to have to take the juvenile's mother into custody for being an illegal immigrant. The agent said that while on patrol he saw three individuals, one of whom ran away from him. The agent was going to call the mother of the juvenile but the youth told him that his mother was in the country illegally. The agent said if the mother is an undocumented immigrant he would have to take her into custody and he did not want to separate the family and was asking for assistance from Campus Police to release the youth to his mother. The youth was then taken to the Campus Police station, where his mother picked him up and signed a waiver of responsibility. The mother was thankful.

5:49 p.m.: A student's parents threw away her parking permit when they took her vehicle away after a verbal dispute. After getting her vehicle back, the student received a citation for not having a parking permit and was told by her parents that they removed it and disposed of it.

6:51 p.m.: A student was placed under arrest on charges of possession of marijuana, unlawful carrying of a weapon and for making a false report to an officer after another student reported that he had struck her Nissan Rogue and continued driving inside Lot U. The student who reported the incident said she was waiting for traffic at the exit of the parking lot when a Ford Mustang entered with a sharp turn and hit the rear bumper of her Nissan. The Mustang's driver

did not stop and proceeded to a parking space inside the lot. When Campus Police arrived, the Mustang was still in the lot and an officer approached the student inside the vehicle. The officer asked the student inside to lower his window and noticed that he was smoking a cigarette. The student hesitated to lower his window and when he did, the officer smelled burnt marijuana. The student said he was smoking cannabis that he had purchased from a local smoke shop. Asked why he did not stop when he collided with the other vehicle, the student said he thought the impact was minimal and no real damage was caused. The student was placed under arrest and a search of his vehicle was conducted. Police officers found a plastic bag with a leafy substance that smelled like marijuana, but

the student claimed it was legal cannabis. He was asked if there were any weapons inside his vehicle and he said no, but later said he didn't want to lie and told the officer he had a handgun in the trunk of his vehicle and that it was fully loaded with a round in the chamber. The officer took the handgun, the plastic bag, the cigarette and a small pocket knife that was inside the student's pocket. The student then allegedly admitted to lying to the officer about the leafy substance being legal because he was scared. The substance tested positive for marijuana and weighed .59 ounces. The student was also cited for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license and for having no insurance. He was transported to the Carrizales-Rucker Detention Center.

—Compiled by *Samantha Ruiz*

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Studio art majors to present their senior exhibits

By **Eréndira Santillana**
THE COLLEGIAN

“From the Mundane to the Spiritual, Welcome to the Fishbowl,” an exhibit by senior studio art majors Samir Orozco and Priscilla Ann Gutierrez, will open at 6:30 tonight in the Art Gallery at Rusteberg Hall.

Orozco and Gutierrez are students in Visual Arts Professor Carlos G. Gómez’s senior exhibit class and are featured as part of the course requirements.

The exhibit includes sculptures, drawings, mixed-media paintings, digital photography and silver gelatin prints. Its name is a combination of the students’ senior thesis titles.

“Samir’s is ‘From the Mundane to the Spiritual’ and mine is ‘Welcome to the Fishbowl,’” Gutierrez said.

Asked which is his favorite piece, Orozco replied: “There’s a few that I’m happy about. Maybe one that is appropriate of what is going to happen is called ‘The End of a Journey and the Beginning of a New One,’ because it’s a piece that talks about what you’ve been through and what lays ahead of you. In a way, that is what is happening to me right now; I’m about to finish a period of my



COURTESY PHOTO

Priscilla Ann Gutierrez’s “On Sacred Ground, in the Best of Company”

life and graduate.”

Gutierrez said she is excited to present “On Sacred Ground, in the Best of Company,” a digital photo she took at Arlington National Cemetery.

“I’m really excited about that one, it’s been my favorite out of all of them,” she said.

Refreshments will be provided at tonight’s reception. Admission is \$1.

Last week, fellow senior studio art majors Hanna Benavidez and Sergio Garcia presented “*Dos clavos necios*,” an exhibit consisting of paintings, sculptures and ceramics.

They named the exhibit “*Dos clavos necios*” based on the Spanish saying “*Un clavito saca a otro clavito*,” often used when one breaks up with a boyfriend or girlfriend and tries to get another partner as soon as possible in order to forget the previous one.

“Many people say that art is a very difficult career, that if you

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Attention Grabber

Review: ‘Six Characters in Search of an Author’

By **Alex Rodriguez**
THE COLLEGIAN

UTB/TSC’s Communication Department presented Luigi Pirandello’s “Six Characters in Search of an Author” Nov. 15, 17, 18, 23, 24 and 25 in the SET-B Lecture Hall.

Communication Professor Sharaf Rehman directed the absurdist play within a play.

It kicks off with a director, played by sophomore communication major Jon Cruz, about to begin a rehearsal when a family waltzes in off the street and interrupts them. The family of six is in a search of a writer to capture their tragic story. After hearing the plea, the director reluctantly agrees to write the story and develop a new play.

In order to capture the play, the director asks the family to perform their story, but the task seems difficult given the drama within the family. The actors that are supposed to play the characters are left speechless by the impromptu show put on by the family.

The director asks the actors to perform the family’s misery but when he starts to cast the roles, the father, portrayed by English Lecturer Donald Crouse, and stepdaughter (communication freshman Estefania Rodriguez) speak out. The stepdaughter does not think the leading lady (accounting freshman Lorna Varela) is good enough to perform her role, and the father does not think the leading man, (UTB/TSC graduate Josue Rodriguez) will be able to portray



HÉCTOR AGUILAR/COLLEGIAN

Sophomore communication major Jon Cruz, who plays the director in “Six Characters in Search of an Author,” listens to the stepdaughter, freshman communication major Estefania Rodriguez, during the Nov. 15 dress rehearsal for “Six Characters in Search of an Author.” Also shown is freshman biology major Katheryn Salazar.

the complexities of his role. The family disapproves of the melodramatic play.

The director then explains to them that the play will not display their emotions but will tell the family’s story.

That is when the family’s story becomes even more tragic: the baby of the family is placed in a well and his brother (Saint Joseph Academy seventh-grader Jorge Varela) shoots the elder daughter (education junior Kayla Acosta) in cold blood.

After the dramatic happening, the family

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Liberty Carpenter (from left), Zoe Acker and Hope Carpenter look inside the historic village library during a visit to the Holiday Village display at Dean Porter Park last Wednesday. The Holiday Village is sponsored by the Mitte Cultural District and the Brownsville Parks and Recreation Department.

Shown is the inside of the historic village library.



STACY G. FOUN/COLEGIAN

Brownsville residents stroll through the Holiday Village at night at Dean Porter Park. The free exhibit, which is open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, continues through Jan. 1. The lights turn on around 6 p.m. and there are 19 cottages displayed this year. Mellena Conner came up with the idea of displaying the cottages three years ago with the help of the Holiday Village advisory committee and the city of Brownsville.



Cornucopia of Music

COURTESY PHOTO

Handel's "Messiah" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in UTB/TSC's Arts Center.

Ensembles to perform Christmas favorites

By **Eréndira Santillana**
THE COLLEGIAN

The Arts Center will present two Christmas concerts, George Frideric Handel's "Messiah" and the Notevole Singers' "He Is Born," next weekend.

Dennis N. Pitcock, supervisor of choral music for the Brownsville Independent School District, will direct the presentations.

About 90 high school and college students and members of the community accompanied by UTB/TSC's Symphony Orchestra will sing the "Messiah" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

"Messiah" is a work that was created by George Frideric Handel in the 18th century. It has taken a life of its own and has become a traditional Christmastime favorite," said Jennifer Nichman, Porter High

School's choir director and "Messiah" conductor.

Nichman said the "Messiah" consists of three parts, but the ensemble will perform only one part—the prophecy of Christ's birth.

Pitcock said the tradition of performing the work started "back in the late '50s [or] maybe in the early '60s" under the leadership of Robert Buchanan, who was the Brownsville High School choir director.

"Robert Buchanan was very instrumental in starting and keeping this tradition alive," he said.

The solo roles will be performed by UTB/TSC vocal music majors Nohemi Loza, a soprano; alto Valeria Ontiveros; tenor Cristian Torres and bass Jason Whitney.

"It's going to be an
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LOGO

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“Although it was hard for the UTB alumni to let go of the scorpion mascot, they were thrilled that thousands of current students had engaged in voting for the ocelot as their new school mascot,” said Mari Fuentes-Martin, associate vice president for Student Affairs and dean of students.

For many years the scorpion represented both UTB and Texas

Southmost College. Earlier this year, TSC adopted the scorpion as its mascot, which was its mascot before it formed a partnership with UTB. By respecting the partnership with TSC and the splitting of both institutions, UTB adopted the ocelot as its mascot, Fuentes-Martin said.

The logo represents school spirit. Although it is not a formal school logo, its fierce look is intended to show strength, Fuentes-Martin said.

Athletics Director and Head Women’s Volleyball Coach Todd Lowery met with a consultant to coordinate the design of the logo.

The Athletics Department kept the scorpion mascot this year.

“Fees are being paid by both UTB and TSC students and so what is our identity?” Fuentes-Martin said. “Are we ocelots or scorpions? We are not a blend of both. So we are looking forward to next year to be able to use the ocelot identity.”

She said the ocelot will be used

as UTB’s mascot during orientation next summer.

UTB is using the new logo as a starting point. It will become more formal so that it can be used on official correspondence.

Asked when the university will implement the logo on all items, UTB Vice President for Economic Development and Community Services Irv Downing replied: “Fall 2013 is when we will have it on athletic uniforms, on caps, bumper stickers, pens, anything.”

For those who want to sell items with the logo on them, “we require that they adhere with the standards of the logo and after filing the trademarks with the federal trademark agency, then any vendor in Brownsville will be able to sell it, as long as they use the right color scheme and that they follow the trademark logo,” Downing said.

Next spring, the university will work on the mascot’s name, costume and the university’s alma mater, Fuentes-Martin said.

CHESS

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country in the Olympiads [Chess Olympics] and she was played against 2500-2600-rating players and performed pretty well against them.”

Harwood also believes the university’s chess team has a very good chance of placing in the top four positions this year, despite

not having a coach.

“We have a strong team this year, and every year there seems to be surprises at the Pan-Am competition,” Harwood said. “We have a shot. The A and the B team are both very strong teams; I think that we’ll make a good show, and represent the university well, make it a good battle.”

Nine players will go to the Pan-Am competition. The A

team will consist of Grand Masters Mauricio Flores and Axel Bachmann, International Master Max Cornejo and Woman Grand Master Katerina Nemcova. The B team will consist of Salazar and fellow Woman’s International Masters Luciana Morales and Daniela de la Parra. Also on the B team are Jeffery Serna and alternate Armando Cortez.

“This is actually the biggest

competition in college chess,” Bachmann said. “We have a great team and the team has spirit, so we definitely have decent chances at making it into the top four rankings in the tournament.”

The UTB/TSC Chess team has been preparing among themselves and anticipating the Pan-Am competition for the past year.

“Since some of the players [Bachmann and Flores] will be

leaving the team, we are hoping to go out with a bang and make it into the next round in April,” Harwood said. Bachmann and Flores graduate next spring.

If the team makes it into the Final Four teams of the competition, there will be a President’s Cup of Collegiate Chess of 2013, where the final four teams will battle each other for first place.

GRADUATION

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The total number of graduates will be finalized Dec. 14, a day before commencement.

“The certification of graduation is a yearlong process, so we try to clear certain student records along the way,” Barreda said. “... For example, two days prior to commencement, the only thing that we have left is grades for those students that are currently enrolled. So, we go through the process of posting those against their degree plans and making the final determination of whether or not they met all of the requirements.”

This year, diplomas won’t be distributed at commencement because of time constraints, DiGregorio said. Graduates will pick up their diplomas at the Registrar’s Office or will have them mailed a week after the event.

“We still have some time afterward to go through all of

the work ... and [to] ensure that everybody who has a diploma printed actually met all the requirements,” Barreda said. “So there are still quite a bit of review of records after commencement to make sure that everybody is eligible.”

For graduating government senior René Hernández, the school experience does not end here: Baylor University law school is his next stop.

“Academically, I feel confident and ready to start a new life away from my school,” Hernández said. “I really liked being a UTB student; I received a high-quality education, I had very good and inspiring teachers and, well, the campus itself is nice.”

Héctor Ruiz, founder and chairman of Advanced Nanotechnology Solutions Inc., will be the commencement’s keynote speaker.

A native of Piedras Negras, Mexico, Ruiz received a bachelor’s degree and master’s in electrical engineering from the University of Texas at Austin.

He earned a doctorate in the same field from Rice University. Both schools have honored him as a distinguished alumnus, according to a news release from UTB/TSC’s Office of News and Information.

Fortune magazine named Ruiz to its 2006 Power Portfolio-30 People Who Shaped the Face of Business and in 2007, Latino Leaders magazine named him to its 101 Most Influential Latino Leaders list.

DiGregorio told *The Collegian* that 4,200 seats will be set up for graduates and guests. Accommodations will include a special area for people with disabilities and a sign language interpreter. The ceremony will also be broadcast on TV screens in the Garza Gym.

“I’m looking forward to the most important event of the year, that’s commencement,” Barreda said.

Further information about the event can be found at www.utb.edu/em/registrar/Pages/registrarcommencement.aspx.

SURVIVAL

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Paroiatnikova said. Students can check out different hostels and their prices at hostels.com.

Cultural cues, rules and regulations of the country are other things that students should consider when traveling.

“If you’re up at night in a bar with people you don’t know, and you drink, you’re inviting trouble,” Paroiatnikova said. “You don’t know how people behave under stress and alcohol, and you don’t know how they interpret your looks. A smile from a girl might be an invitation for something you’ve never thought about or never intended.”

She said students should not go into areas that are not advised by the hostels and should use common sense.

“It’s always a good idea to come and talk to us, because we will direct the students to the right website, where they can find low airfares and low hotel prices,” Paroiatnikova said.

The office takes walk-ins, but appointments are preferred.

Communication Professor Sharaf Rehman has taught study abroad courses.

“You want to go to a new culture and experience it,” Rehman said. “It is immersing your entire self into a new culture.”

TSTC

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students who are prepared and ready to take these courses,” said Mikhail Bouniaev, dean of UTB’s College of Science, Mathematics and Technology.

TSTC has two-year technical programs. Students who take advantage of this program will be able to transfer technical courses as a block transfer rather than one by one, said Immanuel Edinbarough, associate dean of UTB’s College of Science, Mathematics and Technology. These TSTC students will be able to transfer to UTB in the Spring 2013 semester.

“At UTB, we focus on minds on and hands on,” Edinbarough said. “Students must understand the problem they are solving, then find the solution and finally implement

When traveling abroad, however, Rehman said students should stay in groups and stay connected with those who have been to the area before.

“Do not go out and wander off on your own,” Rehman said. “That would be dangerous in some places.”

Junior psychology major Stephanie Saenz is among the students who is traveling with her family for the holidays. Saenz has visited many places, including Alabama, Missouri, Indiana and Aguascalientes in Mexico. She is visiting San Antonio during the winter break to watch her brother graduate from the U.S. Air Force Boot Camp.

“I am proud that he is serving our country, and he is my baby brother and I miss him,” Saenz said. “I [also] enjoy the diversity and culture in San Antonio.”

Because her brother is going to show Saenz and her family around the Lackland Air Force Base, Saenz is packing casual and comfortable clothing.

“We’re going to be doing a lot of walking, so I want to dress comfy,” she said.

Saenz is preparing for cold weather, so she is packing boots, scarves and sweaters into two pieces of luggage.

“I’m just going to try to squeeze everything [in],” she said.

it.”

TSTC transfer students can major in biology, computer science, computational science, engineering technology, engineering physics, mathematics, multidisciplinary studies-physics, chemistry or environmental sciences, according to a Nov. 20 news release from the university’s Office of News and Information.

UTB and TSTC officials signed the articulation agreements during a ceremony Nov. 16.

An estimated 50 students are expected to transfer to UTB this coming spring, said Barbara Bennett, associate vice president for student learning at TSTC.

“I try to encourage students to continue studying and not stop at an associate’s degree,” Bennett said. “This will make students’ lives so much easier to transfer.”

ELEVATOR

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inside the elevator in the Education and Business Complex at 4:31 p.m. Nov. 5. At 4:44 p.m., a Physical Plant employee was able to open the elevator and get the staff member out.

The staff member reported that she was fine and did not require any medical attention.

The Physical Plant employee said he believed the elevator stopped working due to power outages experienced in that building, as well as at the University Boulevard Library, the Center for Early Childhood Studies, the Arts Center and the University Boulevard Classroom Building.

Martin Cortez, a facilities maintenance supervisor for Physical Plant, said the elevator

in the library has been fixed.

The department has received about three reports of the elevators malfunctioning in the last two weeks.

“Normally those problems ... the elevators not working at all, sometimes the equipment, depending on power outages, it will trip and need to be reset,” Cortez said.

At times the cause of the problem with elevators will be power outages but because the elevators are computerized, the system will sometimes have to be reset, he said.

Martha Sendejo, a safety specialist for Environmental Health and Safety, said the department has received only one complaint in reference to elevators.

Sendejo said that she placed a yellow tape in the library’s

elevator and said if people stand on that tape, they might be too close and risk getting hit by the door.

“By the time you get out, you get hit,” she said. “It depends on the distance where you stand, or how you’re standing.”

The contractor for the elevator was called and everything was working fine after the department checked the elevator, Sendejo said.

She said she does not believe the power outages might be the cause of the malfunctions.

Cortez urges the campus community to call Campus Police or Physical Plant when these types of incidents occur. If people get stuck in an elevator, he suggests they use the emergency phone inside the elevator to call for help.

you. There were many things going on at once that made it a bit confusing. But overall, the actors’ performances shined through.

“Six Characters in Search of an Author” has an intriguing plot that grabs one’s attention from start to finish, but if you miss one minute of it, the plot will seem foreign to

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is grief-stricken and the director and actors quit the production of the play.

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Por Viridiana Zúñiga

EDITORA DE ESPAÑOL

Oficiales de UTB y TSC están ajustando los últimos detalles para decir adiós a más de 1,100 alumnos durante la ceremonia de graduación que tendrá lugar el 15 de diciembre a las 9 a.m. en el patio de Mary Rose Cárdenas Hall South.

De acuerdo a Martie DiGregorio, directora de eventos especiales y servicios presidenciales, hay 1,186 estudiantes elegibles para graduarse.

Al 29 de noviembre, la Oficina de Inscripciones (Registrar's Office), estuvo revisando 1,172 solicitudes de graduación, dijo Albert Barreda, director de la Oficina de Inscripciones.

De los más de 1,100 alumnos elegibles para graduarse, entre 800 y 850 participarán en la ceremonia.

Se otorgarán desde certificados hasta maestrías; a la fecha se han recibido tres solicitudes para doctorados.

El número total de graduados será oficial el 14 de diciembre, un día antes de la ceremonia de graduación.

“La certificación de la graduación es un proceso de un año, así que intentamos examinar algunos de los registros estudiantiles durante este tiempo”, dijo Barreda. “...Por ejemplo, dos días antes de la ceremonia, lo único que nos falta son las calificaciones de aquellos estudiantes que están inscritos actualmente en clases, entonces nos damos la tarea de compararlas con los requisitos de sus planes de estudio para decidir si los cumplen o no”.

Debido al límite de tiempo, los títulos no se distribuirán durante la ceremonia, dijo DiGregorio. Los graduados tendrán que recoger sus títulos en la Oficina de Inscripciones o recibirlos por correo regular una semana después de la graduación.

“Todavía tenemos tiempo para repasar todo el trabajo... y asegurarnos de que

todos los que tengan un título impreso en realidad cumplieron con los requisitos”, dijo Barreda. “Así que, después de la ceremonia, todavía tenemos que revisar unos cuantos registros para estar seguros de que todos son elegibles”.

Para René Hernández, que está por graduarse de la especialidad de gobierno, la experiencia escolar no termina aquí: su siguiente parada es la Universidad de Baylor. “Académicamente, me siento con confianza

y listo para empezar una nueva vida lejos de mi escuela”, dijo Hernández. “En verdad me gustó ser estudiante de UTB; recibí una educación de calidad, tuve maestros muy buenos y que me inspiraban y, bueno, la universidad en sí está muy bonita”.

Héctor Ruiz, el fundador y presidente de Advanced Nanotechnology Solutions Inc. (compañía de Soluciones Avanzadas de Nanotecnología), será el orador principal en la ceremonia.



René Hernández, estudiante de último año, es uno de los casi 1,100 alumnos que están por graduarse el 15 de diciembre.

VIRIDIANA ZÚÑIGA/COLLEGIAN

Ruiz, oriundo de Piedras Negras, México, recibió una licenciatura en 1968 y una maestría in 1969 como ingeniero eléctrico en University of Texas at Austin. Obtuvo un doctorado en ingeniería eléctrica in 1973 de Rice University en Houston. Ambas universidades lo han honrado como un alumno sobresaliente de ingeniería.

La revista *Fortune* nombró a Ruiz en su portafolio de personas poderosas del 2006—30 Personas que Moldearon la Cara de los Negocios. La revista *Latino Leaders* lo agregó en su lista de Los 101 Líderes Latinos

Más Influyentes.

DiGregorio le dijo al *Collegian* que habrá 4,200 asientos para los graduados y demás asistentes. Además, se dispondrá de una sección especial para personas con alguna discapacidad y de un intérprete de lenguaje con señas.

“Estoy esperando el evento más importante del año, que es la ceremonia de graduación”, dijo Barreda.

Para más información sobre el evento, visite www.utb.edu/em/registrar/Pages/registrarcommencement.aspx.



Estudiante de HOY

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“Desde que estaba pequeña yo siempre he querido ser doctora y desde los 12 años he trabajado con mi mamá, [la cual] es una educadora en un jardín de niños. Siempre me han interesado los niños y la medicina, y cuando entré a la preparatoria me tocó ir a los hospitales y al ‘nursing home.’ [En base a estas experiencias] supe que la medicina sería la carrera para mí”.

¿Quién es tu inspiración o modelo a seguir?

“Ahorita estoy trabajando con una pediatra, su nombre es Dra. Carmen Rocco y ella es uno de mis ídolos a seguir porque ella también vino de otro país, ella vino de Cuba, y gracias a Dios se ha dedicado mucho al estudio y ahora es una pediatra excelente, [por ello] quiero ser como ella”.

¿Cuál sería tu trabajo ideal? “Ser una pediatra neonatóloga”.

¿Qué técnicas usas para estudiar? “Leo las lecturas de los libros y para química orgánica, practico los problemas hasta que me salen; también [recurso] a los grupos de estudio”.

¿Cuál es tu consejo para los alumnos de nuevo ingreso? “Que se involucren en la escuela, se unan a los ‘clubs’ y obtengan lo mejor que UTB les puede ofrecer”.

Anécdota: “En el verano del 2008 estaba haciendo clases de ‘Dual Enrollment’ aquí en UTB. Me encontraba caminando con mi amiga Valeria en EDBC (Education and Business Complex) y [agarré] su bolsita de maquillaje. [Adentro] me encontré un frasco, el cual pensé que era un dulce de menta para el aliento; entonces lo rocié en mi boca y como sabía horrible me di cuenta de que [lo que ingerí] era ‘Germ-x’, Valeria se empezó a reír de mí”.

--Recopilado por Eréndira Santillana

Alumbrando las fiestas decembrinas

El árbol de navidad de Student Union se encenderá el martes

Por Kaila Contreras

THE COLLEGIAN

UTB/TSC llevará a cabo la quinta ceremonia anual del encendido del árbol navideño a las 6 p.m. del martes frente a Student Union.

Patricia Longoria, subdirectora de Student Union, dijo que este será el primer año en que Student Life va a trabajar con el grupo estudiantil The Ambassadors para organizar el evento.

“En realidad ellos han organizado las presentaciones del mariachi, la banda de instrumentos de percusión, el coro, entre otras”, dijo Longoria acerca de la organización estudiantil que ella asesora.

Karla Lozoya, vicepresidente de la Asociación de Gobierno

Estudiantil (Student Government Association) anunciará al ganador del concurso de adornos navideños en el que participaron los grupos estudiantiles de la universidad.

“La organización estudiantil que gane el concurso, tendrá el honor de encender el árbol”, dijo Longoria.

Durante la ceremonia, se servirá pan dulce, chocolate caliente y café.

Los niños podrán tomarse una foto sin costo con Santa Claus.

El evento está abierto al público y la entrada es gratuita.

“Esto es algo que relaja a las personas mientras estudian para los finales y para recordarles que estamos en época de fiestas navideñas”, dijo Longoria sobre el evento.



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Claudia Rangel, estudiante de estudios legales de artes y ciencias aplicadas y Eduardo Ramos, estudiante de biología de tercer año, decoran el árbol de navidad de UTB/TSC el pasado jueves.



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Ave de 400 voces

Un cenzontle común (*Mimus polyglottos*) se posa en la rama de una bugambilia el miércoles detrás del edificio de Life and Health Sciences. Esta ave es un ícono en la literatura e historia mexicanas debido a que el monarca y poeta Nezahualcōyotl lo inmortalizó en su poema “Mi hermano, el hombre”. Dicho poema se plasmó en los billetes de 100 pesos de México, junto con la imagen de este histórico personaje.

Volleyball moves to quarterfinals

Women's Soccer ends season in historic advancement for UTB/TSC; wins NAIA character honor

By Samantha Ruiz

THE COLLEGIAN

The UTB/TSC Volleyball team was headed to the quarterfinals round of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics National Championship Tournament after a win last Thursday in Sioux City, Iowa, against the Westmount (Calif.) College Warriors.

UTB/TSC edged the Warriors in four sets with scores of 25-22, 25-19, 23-25 and 25-23.

The team had a combined total of 66 kills and 50 digs. Outside hitter Danica Markovic contributed the most kills for the team, totaling 23, and outside hitter Erica Chimak had the most digs of the game, 16.

The team had a combined total of 146 assists with Markovic tallying the most in the match--46.

Asked in a phone interview how he feels the team is playing in the national tournament, Head Volleyball Coach Todd Lowery, replied: "I think we're playing OK. We're getting better every day. I think we need to come with a little bit more energy now that we're in the bracket play."

UTB/TSC was scheduled to play in a quarterfinals match at 8 p.m. last Friday with the winner of a match between Oklahoma Baptist University and California's The Master's College. Results were unavailable at press time.

The semifinal matches of the national tournament were scheduled for last

The UTB/TSC Women's Soccer Team celebrates its 2-1 victory over Oklahoma City University last Tuesday in the second round of the NAIA Championship Tournament.



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Saturday at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., with the championship game at 8 p.m. that day.

Though their last game ended in defeat, the UTB/TSC Women's Soccer Team made UTB/TSC history by advancing to the quarterfinals round of the national tournament in Orange Beach, Ala.

The women were the first soccer team from UTB/TSC to make it that far after losing to Illinois' Olivet Nazarene University 1-0 last Wednesday. UTB/TSC ended its season with a 16-4-1 record.

Head Coach Nik Barjaktarevic said he is proud of how far the team made it against playing some of the best teams in the nation.

Barjaktarevic said UTB/TSC has made it to the national tournament twice, but lost in the first round both times.

"This is the farthest that we have been, elite eight," he said. "It's the farthest that any Red River Athletic Conference team, both men and women's soccer, have ever gone. So it's definitely quite an accomplishment, not only for our school and for our team but for the Red River Athletic Conference."

"I think that playing those top teams, and although we lost, it gave us valuable experience," he said.

Not having been there before might

have been a slight disadvantage to the team but it has built their confidence, Barjaktarevic said.

He credits the team and staff for their success.

The staff includes Assistant Coaches Helen Wagstaff, who played for UTB/TSC last year, and Juan de Dios Garcia, who has been with the team since it began in 2007.

He also thanks the campus community for its support of the team.

Of 200 teams in NAIA Women's Soccer, UTB/TSC was awarded the Champions of Character Award Nov. 24.

Barjaktarevic is proud that the team was able to receive this high award, one of the highest honors in the NAIA.

He said the program will make only minor changes for next season.

"This group of players [has been] building up on what previous players here have done," Barjaktarevic said. "We have really high standards now of the teams to come."

On the team's seemingly unlikely advancement, he said: "At the beginning of the season, I don't think anyone believed it would end like this but what a fantastic finish. I am so happy for the achievement of the whole team."

WHEELS

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spot. Then they end up parking illegally and getting a ticket.

"It would be much more convenient to get to school, park your car once and then have a bike to ride around," Barnhill said.

She also noted the other benefits of riding a bike.

"Having a bicycle to ride will increase people's opportunity to engage in healthy activity, so you are getting exercise, you are going greener, and you are cutting back on your carbon footprint," Barnhill said. "Rather than driving around on campus, riding a bicycle doesn't emit any gases, which is going to save money on your pocket because also now you are spending less money on gas and you are putting less wear and tear on your

car. All around, it's definitely more beneficial to do the bike riding than to drive a car."

Barnhill said she learned about cities and other schools across the country that have bike rental programs while she was in college.

"That's kind of where I got the idea," she said.

The program will be available for students, faculty and staff but it's aimed at students living in the Casa Bella student housing complex.

"They are always here on campus. I really see the bikes being a great resource for them," Barnhill said.

The bikes that will be used for the program are a hybrid between a mountain bike and road bike, she said.

The bikes can be ridden anywhere on and off campus but there will be certain rules to

be followed.

"Each person that comes to rent a bike will be given a map ... that shows you where all the routes are," Barnhill said. "There are areas where you can ride on the sidewalk. There are some areas where you need to ride in the street, as if you were [driving] a vehicle, and not on the sidewalk. We are partnering with Campus Police to find out all these rules and routes."

The map that will be provided will show all the different types of routes on campus and where the renter can ride the bicycle, whether it is on the street, on the sidewalk or walking the bike.

Currently, the program has eight bicycles but more will be bought as demand increases.

More bike rental details and fees will be announced at the start of next semester.

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want money you should study something else," Garcia said. He said that Benavidez and he "are those stubbed nails that won't give up; it doesn't matter if other

'nails' are trying to take [us] away from where we are right now."

Asked which is his favorite piece, Garcia replied: "I honestly love them all. I put a little bit of my soul in each one [but] I would say '*La semilla ya se plantó.*' It's a little bit special because it

was the beginning for the rest of them."

Benavidez said she has two favorite pieces: "The Mechanic" and "*Curiosidad corre.*"

"I do like my other pieces, but those were the ones I really enjoyed the most in making," she said.

MUSIC

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outstanding, exciting event," Pitcock said. "I think they'll be inspired by the music, by the magnitude of the work and the level of commitment and preparation that goes into bringing it all together."

The "Messiah" is produced collaboratively by the Arts Center, BISD, the UTB/TSC Music Department and the Brownsville Society for the Performing Arts, according to an Arts Center brochure.

Admission is \$12.

The Notevole singers, a group of 19 trained vocalists from the Lower Rio Grande Valley, will perform its Christmas program "He Is Born" at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Asked how the Notevole singers were selected, Pitcock replied: "I picked them based on what I know about them as colleagues, as teachers and their reputation."

The ensemble, Pitcock said, is an invitation-only group and requires a certain level of music reading skills.

The music selection consists of 16 songs from classical Renaissance and Baroque

periods, modern jazz arrangements, English carols such as "Carol of the Bells" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," traditional Castilian carols such as "*Danza Ron*" and an extended six-movement work called "A Feast of Carols."

"I think it's going to be a lot of fun, there will be something for everyone, great variety," Pitcock said about "He Is Born."

Admission is \$10, \$5 for UTB/TSC students and \$3 for those 18 and younger.

For more information about these events, call the Arts Center box office at 882-8557 or visit www.utb.edu/artscenter.com.



Name: Tabata Vieira

Classification: Freshman

Major: Kinesiology

Sport: Soccer

Position: Forward

Hometown: Contagem, Minas Gerais, Brazil

Favorite Soccer Player: "My favorite player is Neymar because he is a skillful player, he's objective and he is not scared by opponents. He plays in Santos." Neymar da Silva Santos Júnior is a Brazilian soccer player who plays for Santos Futebol Clube.

Who is your role model? "My grandmother is my role model, for sure. I was raised by her from the time I was born. I miss her a lot and she is a good example to follow not just for me but for everyone else. She taught me the manners that I have. I owe everything I have to her, she's very special. I talk to her on the phone quite a lot."

What are your goals? "First of all is to learn English, because I get really impatient not knowing how to communicate with everyone, and to graduate from the university. In the near future, I would like to help those girls that have the same dream that I do. ... I discovered that a dream that I have is a profession. In the future I intend on helping everyone that has the same dream as I do."

How long have you been playing soccer? "I've been playing soccer since I was 6 years old, now I'm 23. I started playing at school among the boys. They never let me play but I still tried anyway from then until now. At school I started there at 12 years old."

What sparked your interest in soccer? "I watched [soccer] on TV and I found it really interesting but there wasn't any girls' team. So, I started to think, "Why can't I do that?" so I started to play and every day I started to like it more and more. It's thanks to God that I have a gift. I'm happy."

What opportunities do women have to play soccer in Brazil? "Sadly, in Brazil, the situation for women's soccer is unfortunate because despite having one of the best soccer selections, having the best players in the world ... [women's] soccer in Brazil is not valued. There are not many professional teams. Therefore, most of the time, girls have to play and work; they cannot live off of soccer. I want that to change, I hope it changes but it will be difficult. [Women are] always trying to strive so that [women's] soccer in Brazil is seen in a better light."

What goes through your mind when you are playing? "I just think about the team. I have a lot of faith in our team. Therefore, when I'm on the field I forget everything that is happening aside from that, I forget what I miss, I forget about everything and only focus on the objective."

What is your favorite food? "I really miss rice and beans [from Brazil] because here they are very different. I haven't found a similar meat. Rice and beans, steak, French fries and eggs [are my favorite]."

What would you like to share about your country? "Brazil is a soccer country, right, as everyone knows. It's a nice country, interesting, what else can I say about Brazil. Everything is good in Brazil. I might say that because I'm from there. Brazil is a welcoming country; it's a very fun place to live."

What message would you like to share with others? "To continue! If you have a dream it is worth it to be persistent, because one day it will work out. I have a phrase that I always carry with me: 'God helps he who works.'"

—Compiled by Héctor Aguilar

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