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More faculty offices coming soon



ANA CAHUICHE/THE RIDER

Portable buildings are being constructed to provide offices to new faculty on the Brownsville campus. They are located near the Biomedical Research II building and Zone 3 parking lot.

Monika Garza
THE RIDER

The university is constructing portable buildings in Brownsville to house new faculty in the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Engineering and Computer Science. Construction began during the summer.

“We are quickly running out of space in the Brownsville campus, which is a good problem to have,” said Patrick Gonzales, associate vice president for University Marketing and Communications. “It means that we are growing.”

The portable buildings will be used temporarily during this year until the new Academic Building, which is under construction, is completed. See **OFFICES**, Page 4

Countdown to Election Day

Editor’s Note: This is the first in a series on the 2016 presidential election.

Voting requirements: What you need

Oscar Castillo
NEWS EDITOR

For some students, the Nov. 8 presidential election will be the first in which they participate, and the first step they need to take is register to vote.

Vaqueros Vote, a nonpartisan coalition of UTRGV faculty, staff, students and nonpartisan community organizations that aims to institutionalize civic engagement as part of the culture, will conduct voter registration until Oct. 11, the last day to register.

To register, students must be at least 17 years and 10 months, but 18 to vote. They also must be U.S. citizens and a resident of the jurisdiction in which they are registering.

Voters must provide one of the following forms of photo identification in order to vote: a driver’s license; personal identification card; U.S. military identification card; U.S. citizenship certificate or U.S. naturalization that contains a photograph; U.S. passport; or a license to carry a concealed handgun.

“The State of Texas does require, if you have a driver’s license or any of the other six forms of ID that are acceptable, you need to present those to vote, but if you don’t or

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MARIO GONZALEZ/THE RIDER GRAPHIC

Students voice LNG concerns

Seek petition against deal with university



SARAH CARVAJAL/THE RIDER

UTRGV student Aileen Garza protests the agreement between UTRGV and NextDecade, LLC, last Thursday at the Quad in Edinburg.

Bryan Ramos
THE RIDER

Students are protesting UTRGV’s agreement with the developer of a proposed

liquefied natural gas project at the Port of Brownsville.

Last Thursday afternoon, members of the Environmental Awareness Club gathered at

the Quad in Edinburg, urging the campus community to call UTRGV President Guy Bailey to express their opposition to the memorandum of understanding between the school and NextDecade, LLC, the developer.

The protest follows the Sept. 2 meeting of the Student Government Association, in which a concern was announced regarding the LNG deal.

UTRGV and NextDecade, LLC, signed the agreement Aug. 31 at the President’s Office in Edinburg.

SGA President Denisse Molina-Castro said a student contacted the senate to voice a concern about the agreement.

The student asked the SGA See **SGA**, Page 8

UTRGV focuses on campus safety

Bryan Ramos
THE RIDER

For the second year, UTRGV will observe National Campus Safety Awareness Month, providing opportunities for the campus community to become more aware about the risks that come with being in a university.

David Marquez, the assistant director of Student Rights and Responsibilities (SRR) in Brownsville, said the university’s duty is to create a safe learning environment for the campus community.

“Part of our main goal is to promote a safe, friendly environment for students, and that is something we collaborate with closely with other departments,” Marquez said. “If we work together, we can be more efficient, working directly with students to help resolve any issues they may encounter.”

The events kicked off last Tuesday and Wednesday with Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Information sessions on the Edinburg and Brownsville campuses, hosted by the Office of Victim Advocacy



and Violence Prevention and the Superhero Project.

Mass communication students Stephanie Canales and LeeAnn Macias said they don’t feel safe walking alone at night.

“We have night classes and where our location is at, there isn’t enough lighting,” Macias said. “Usually, us girls will team up and walk together and one person will drive them to their cars so nobody is alone. We create our own safety system because we don’t see that within the campus.”

To help raise awareness for the reality women experience on a daily basis, the University Police department and SRR will host an information session on Safety Tips for Evenings and Walking to Remote Parking Lots from 7 to 9 p.m. Sept. 19 at the Main Courtyard on the Brownsville campus and at the same time Sept. 26 at the Student Union in Edinburg.

Today, Residence Life and Environmental Health, Safety & Risk Management will host a Fire Safety Awareness and Prevention Informational

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

Piano and soprano concert

Patron of the Arts will host the first concert of the fall semester from 7:30 to 9 p.m. today at the UTRGV Performing Arts Complex Auditorium in Edinburg. The concert will feature **Yuri Saenz** and **Shoko Kinsella**. Saenz has performed at Carnegie Hall in New York, Theatre du Chatlet in Paris, Theatre du Capitole in Toulouse and Suntory Hall in Tokyo. Kinsella, a UTRGV lecturer, has performed as a recitalist, concerto soloist and chamber musician throughout the United States, Italy and Japan. For tickets and more information, visit patron.utrgv.edu/events.

Free soft drink at Chipotle

UTRGV students can enjoy a free soft drink with a valid student ID at any **Chipotle Mexican Grill** location throughout September. For more information, visit Chipotle.com/septemberfreedrink.

Thursday

Recovery discussion

The UTRGV **Collegiate Recovery Program** will make a presentation on how to recover from addictions and how to be alcohol and drug free from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union Theater in Edinburg. For more information, call 665-2674.

Friday

Piano concert

Patron of the Arts will present a concert from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the

Texas Southmost College Arts Center in Brownsville. The concert will feature **Dino Mulic**, pianist and UTRGV lecturer, who will perform works by Scarlatti, Haydn and Beethoven. For more information and tickets, visit patron.utrgv.edu/events.

Cello and harpsichord concert

Santiago Alvarez, a harpsichordist, and **Asaf Kolerstein**, a cellist, will perform in concert from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the UTRGV Performing Arts Complex Auditorium in Edinburg. For tickets and more information, visit patron.utrgv.edu/events.

Food sales

Today

Burgers

Members of the **Christians at RGV** will sell burgers from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Library BBQ Area in Edinburg. For more information, call 577-5539.

Snacks

Members of **Delta Tau Lambda** at UTRGV will sell Hot Cheetos with cheese and nachos from noon to 1:15 p.m. at the Library in Edinburg. For more information, call 534-2870.

Tuesday

Bubble tea

Members of the **Filipino Student Association** will sell bubble tea from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Library in Edinburg. This sale will also take place at the same time and place Thursday. For more information, call 507-0372.

POLICE REPORTS

The following are among the incidents reported to University Police between Aug. 30 and Sept. 2.



Aug. 30

12:45 a.m.: A UTRGV officer responded to a report of a man and woman sleeping outside the Student Academic Center. The officer made contact with them and found a usable quantity of synthetic marijuana and drug paraphernalia. The individuals were found to have active trespass warnings for all UTRGV property. They were arrested and booked to the Edinburg Municipal Jail.

Aug. 31

3:30 p.m.: While on bike patrol, a UTRGV officer came in contact with a

man who was staggering around with blood on his face. The man appeared incoherent and the left side of his face was swollen. He said he didn't remember much of the incident, but recalls two men had started physically assaulting him. He was unable to recall their description or what direction they fled. Texas Southmost College security and the Brownsville Police Department were notified of the incident. Emergency Medical Services arrived on scene, and the individual was treated for his injuries and transported to Valley Baptist Medical Center.

Sept. 1

8:25 p.m.: An unknown caller contacted a female student's mother and claimed

Pizza

Members of the **Japanese Animation Club** at UTRGV will sell pizza, chips, sodas and chili dogs from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Quad BBQ area in Edinburg. This sale will also take place at the same time and place Friday. For more information, call 371-3306.

Hot Cheetos

Members of the **Latino Medical Student Association** at UTRGV will sell Hot Cheetos and soft drinks from noon to 1 p.m. at the Library lawn in Edinburg. For more information, email utrgvlmsa@gmail.com.

Snacks

Members of the **Social Work Student Association** at UTRGV will sell pizza, Hot Cheetos, pickles and more from noon to 1 p.m. at the Library in Edinburg. For more information, email swsa_utpa@yahoo.com.

Thursday

Burgers

Members of the **Society for Human Resource Management** at UTRGV will sell burgers from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Library BBQ area in Edinburg. For more information, call 739-6860.

Pizza

Members of the **Health Occupations Students of America** at UTRGV will sell pizza from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Library in Edinburg. For more information, email hosa.utrgv@gmail.com.

--Compiled by Monika Garza

VOTING

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you have a reasonable impediment to obtaining one of those IDs, you can use different items such as paychecks, other federal documents, a utility bill," said Remi Garza, Cameron County elections administrator. "There's a series of different items you can use and you also have to fill out an affidavit stating that you can't obtain one of the seven."

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals approved an interim remedy, which would allow voters to use photo identification forms that are expired for up to four years, according to a news release from the Hidalgo County Elections department.

The remedy was drawn up following a federal lawsuit challenging SB 14, Texas' strict photo voter ID law, filed by Brennan Center, Lawyers' Committee and co-counsel on behalf of the Texas State Conference of the NAACP and the Mexican American Legislative Caucus of the Texas House of Representatives, according to the Brennan Center's website.

"In addition, if a voter is not able to obtain one of the seven forms of photo ID, and has a reasonable impediment to obtaining them, the voter may vote by (1) signing a Reasonable Impediment Declaration, and (2) providing one of following various forms of supporting documentation; a certified birth

certificate (must be an original); a valid voter registration certificate; or a copy or original of one of the following: a current utility bill; a bank statement," the release states.

A voter must fill out the Reasonable Impediment Declaration at a polling site and state the reason for the impediment. Some reasons include lack of transportation, lack of birth certificate or items needed to obtain an ID.

Voters may also use original government checks or government documents that show their name and address.

Veronica De La Garza, UTRGV's State and Local Government Relations director, said six out of 10 people vote in Texas but in the Rio Grande Valley, it's only four out of 10.

With about 192,000 registered voters in Cameron County this year, the goal is to surpass the record high of 72,000 voters who turned out for the 2008 presidential election.

"There's a lot of interest in this race and these two candidates, so I think we're really going to see some activity," Garza said. "Plus, other jurisdictions have brought their election into November, like BISD and some of the city and other school board races, because even those can generate extra activity on top of the presidential. So, I think, yeah, we're going to be very close to that 2008 figure."

The voter turnout in 2012 for Cameron County was 41.47 percent and 45.60

they had kidnapped her daughter and were asking for money in return. The parent filed a police report with the San Benito Police Department, who directed her to the UTRGV police department. The student's mother said she immediately checked on her daughter's welfare and discovered she wasn't in any kind of danger.

Sept. 2

1:29 a.m.: During a traffic stop, a student driver was discovered with marijuana, paraphernalia and Alprazolam pills inside the vehicle. The driver was booked into the Edinburg Municipal Jail.

--Compiled by Megan Gonzalez

percent in Hidalgo County, according to the Texas Secretary of State website.

"In November of 2012, not only did we have the presidential election, we also had several cities and school elections, so that applies for this election also," said Belinda Sagredo, Hidalgo County's voter registrar manager. "We also have that health district that is also running. So, we do expect a big turnout for this upcoming election."

As of last Wednesday, there are more than 330,500 registered voters in Hidalgo County.

"The [voter] turnout among employees at [UT Brownsville] was 40 percent. ... For students, we were at 22.57, and then at [UT Pan American], among students we were at 27.89; this is the last presidential election cycle," De La Garza said about the 2012 election. "The employees at UTPA were at 50 percent."

She said students and student organizations are invited to attend their weekly meetings at 2 p.m. Fridays in the Cueto Conference Room in Brownsville and in the Office of Environmental Relations Conference Room in Edinburg.

The meetings will alternate weekly between both campuses. Students interested may contact De La Garza at 665-7373 or email at Veronica.DeLaGarza@UTRGV.edu. This Friday's meeting will take place in Brownsville.

In observance of National Voter Registration Day, Vaqueros Vote will See **VOTING**, Page 2

UTRGV keeps students active

Nubia Reyna
THE RIDER

More than 460 Texas Southmost College and University of Texas Rio Grande Valley students attended last Wednesday's Late Nite at the REC, the first ever on

line of students waiting to receive their bracelet to enter the event.

On the left side, Omega Sound cheered students with its colorful lights and loud music to set up a partylike atmosphere.

As you walked to the

Refreshments were available at the pool area, where students played games in the water as lifeguards stood watch.

"For this night, [I expected] students to relax and have fun," said Raul Cano, TSC

students to get to know what is going on here at the REC Center," he said. "The fitness classes, intramural events, the pool, all the services that we offer here for students."

Cristina Rodriguez, UREC marketing and member services coordinator, said both institutions began planning the event since last April.

"We kind of started the tradition, every fall semester, second week of school, we are going to have this event," Rodriguez said. "It is very enjoyable. ... Stay active, stay energetic, but also socialize."

TSC student Lucero Puente attended the event.

"It was awesome," Puente said. "It was a great night."

A similar event took place on the Edinburg campus last Thursday.



ANA CAHUICHE/THE RIDER PHOTOS

UTRGV and Texas Southmost College students gather by the pool to eat pizza and participate in paddleboarding.

the Brownsville campus.

The event came from a collaboration between UTRGV and TSC, which is adjacent to the university.

As you walked through the door, you saw a long

right side, students played on the inflatable games and participated in sports and videogame competitions. Prizes ranged from candies to T-shirts.

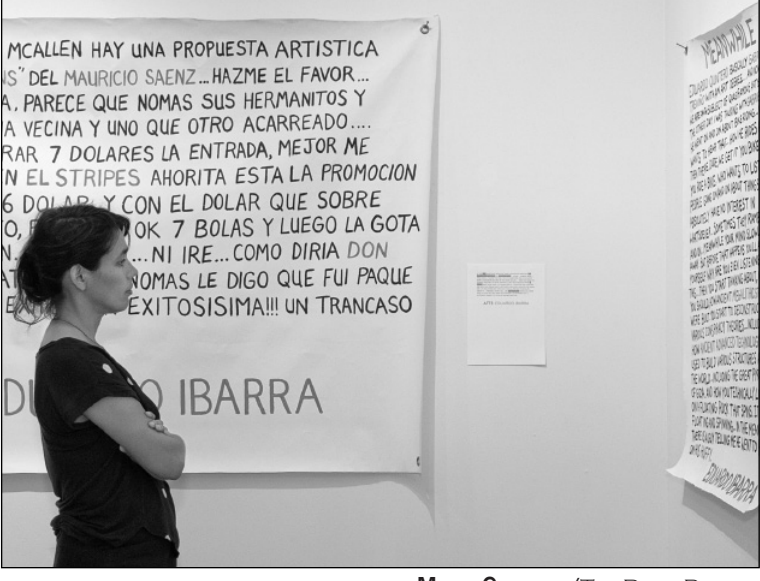
Recreation Center coordinator.

Cano said he wants students to know what the REC Center has to offer.

"[The event] is for



Nursing freshman Andrea Espinoza knocks down fellow nursing freshman Natalia Torres in an inflatable gladiator game during Late Nite at the Rec last Wednesday in Brownsville.



MARIO GONZALEZ/THE RIDER PHOTOS

Visitor Cristina Houle reads "MEANWHILE," one of the "narcomantas" featured in the exhibition.

Andrea Torres
THE RIDER

In of "Islands and Unicorns," artist Eduardo Ibarra comments on the scarce attendance at an exhibit in McAllen.

"Parece que nomas sus hermanitos y hermanita fueron, una vecina y uno que otro acarreado.... Luego te quieren cobrar 7 dolares la entrada, mejor me compro 6

taquitos en el Stripes," the piece states.

The artwork is part of Eduardo Ibarra's exhibit "False Flag: Operation Amalgam Rant," which opened Tuesday at Art Gallery at Rusteberg Hall in Brownsville.

Isamar Ibarra, an art education freshman was among 60 attendees.

"Something I really enjoyed are the little QR codes," the

Tailored tech art

freshman said about the works. "It makes it more personal, I know that he's used it before in other exhibits but this one makes it more personal like the songs."

Some of the pieces are embedded with QR codes, which provide a specific link to a video that is part of the story or statement the piece is making.

This is Eduardo Ibarra's first exhibit since 2007; he received a bachelor's degree in painting from the Kansas City Art Institute.

"The overall message is for people that know the people that I am talking about to have a good laugh while they are reading the messages," he said. "Some people won't get it because they don't know the people I am talking about."

For this show, Eduardo Ibarra said he considers himself to be a contemporary, regional and folk artist.

"What that means is just in this area that this work would work," he said. "It wouldn't

work anywhere else, it's tailor-made for this area."

The pieces displayed have words written with red and black acrylic paint. Some have names of people, places or concepts written in red for the viewer to think of it as it stands out.

Asked what advice he has for aspiring artists, Eduardo Ibarra replied: "Be original. Do things that nobody else has done. I mean, it's hard because there's so much information out there. It's hard to not, you know, utilize things that already exist."

The free exhibit continues through Sept. 30. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 1 to 5 p.m. Friday.

Three exhibits opened Sept. 1 in Edinburg.

Art Lecturer Marilyn Carren's mixed-media solo exhibit, "Babel," continues through Sept. 22 in the Visual Arts Gallery, located in room 1.201 in the Visual Arts Building, 2412 S. Clossner Blvd. Admission is

free. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

In the Charles and Dorothy Clark Gallery is "Vaqueros," a print exhibit by the late Mexican artist Ernesto Icazas. The gallery is located in the Liberal Arts Building South. Access to the exhibit is by appointment. To reserve a time to visit, call 665-3480.

UTRGV School of Art Director Susan Fitzsimmons' bronze sculptures and paintings will be on display until May 31 in the lobby gallery of the Performing Arts Complex. Gallery hours are by appointment or when the PAC is opened during performances of the Patron of the Arts.

For more information on the Edinburg galleries, email gallery Director and Associate Art Professor Maria Elena Macias at elena.macias@utrgv.edu and for the Rusteberg gallery, email Alejandro Macias at alejandro.macias@utrgv.edu.

1. Skip class

Skipping class affects your overall academic performance. Also, remember that you are paying for your classes, so skipping class will also result in a waste of money. Attend every class and always give your best.

2. Ignore your syllabus

Professors commonly review the syllabus on the first day of class; however, many students ignore it after that day. Ignoring it might have a negative outcome. The syllabus outlines assignments, tests, quizzes and other important course days. Checking the syllabus regularly will help you stay on track with your academic duties.

3. Cheat

Besides being totally dishonest, cheating can get you in serious trouble. From getting a zero in your test for copying a pal sitting next to you to being expelled

10 things You shouldn't do in college

from the university, cheating brings nothing but trouble.

4. Procrastinate

Procrastinating is common among college students. Procrastination can stem from perfectionist tendencies, feeling overwhelmed by an assignment or by wanting to be lazy that day. However, you should try to avoid putting off course work.

5. Party too much

It doesn't matter if your school is small or large, there's always a party at one point or another. College is supposed to help you grow academically and socially;

however, keep a balance because partying too much can negatively affect your grades.

6. Drink underage

As noted before, parties are part of college, so it's probable that alcohol might be present as well. The national drinking age is 21, so don't drink if you are not of legal age. Most important, don't drive while intoxicated because you might harm others or yourself.

7. Pull all-nighters

Staying up all night can affect your sleeping schedule, so always prepare beforehand. It might seem like a good

idea to study all night before that big test, but doing so might result in you falling asleep during the test.

8. Stay quiet when you have questions

If you have a question, ask it. Don't just sit there wondering what the answer to your inquiry might be.

9. Use drugs

Avoid the use of drugs. Abusing controlled substances can lead to overdose, hospitalization, incarceration and in extreme cases, death. Do not self-medicate. Always consult a doctor before using any kind of medication.

10. Plagiarize

The web is full of essays, reviews, summaries and awesome content that might be helpful for your assignments. Nonetheless, always keep in mind that using content that you don't own falls under copyright infringement.

Rebeca Ortiz
EDITORA DE ESPAÑOL

Tres departamentos de la universidad han unido fuerzas para traer actividades culturales a este mes de la herencia hispana, entre ellos, “Fiestas Patrias” las cuales comienzan el miércoles en Brownsville y el jueves en Edinburg.

La Oficina de Organizaciones Estudiantiles ofrecerá las “Fiestas patrias” de las 5 a las 8 p.m. en el patio principal de Brownsville. El evento contará con Mariachi, un grupo de baile folklórico, comida mexicana y juegos.

“Nuestra idea detrás del mes de herencia hispana es celebrar la cultura y la formación que es muy prominente y distintiva en esta región”, dijo Abraham Villarreal, especialista de programa de Organizaciones Estudiantiles. “El evento del año pasado fue muy exitoso, aproximadamente asistieron 300 estudiantes en el campus Brownsville y 400-450 en el campus Edinburg”.

La conmemoración como tal comenzó en 1968, como la semana de herencia hispana bajo el gobierno del presidente Lyndon Jhonson y fue expandida por el presidente Ronald Reagan in 1988 para cubrir un período de 30 días empezando el 15 de septiembre y terminando el 15 de octubre. Fue promulgado como ley en



Foto del Departamento Militar de Texas

“ Queremos demostrar que incluso en la hispanidad hay diversidad,”

Yaribel Caraveo
Coordinadora del programa de Liderazgo y Cambio Social

agosto 17 de 1988, de acuerdo a su sitio web.

A su vez, el programa de Liderazgo y Cambio Social ofrecerá “Latinos en América: Celebrando Nuestra Diversidad”, el cual consiste en

una degustación de diversos platillos latinoamericanos.

“Cuando la gente piensa en el mes de la herencia hispana piensan en los típicos tacos, elotes y tamales siendo que hay mucho más aparte de eso”, dijo

Yaribel Caraveo, coordinadora del programa de Liderazgo y Cambio Social. “Somos una población primariamente hispana aquí en UTRGV, lo cual engloba muchas cosas más. Queremos que aprendan más de ellos mismos y más acerca de su herencia”.

Por su parte, el Departamento de Estudios México-Americanos inauguró el mes de la herencia hispana el pasado sábado con el simposio de Angela Valenzuela, directora de National Latino Education Research Agenda Project (NLERAP) y Julio Cammarota, autor de “Sueños

Americanos: Barrio Youth Negotiate Social and Cultural Identities”.

“El Departamento de Estudios México-Americanos trae a muchos oradores al campus, algunos son autores locales, que no solo hablan de los libros que han publicado sino de su contexto y de su experiencia de liderazgo durante su jornada”. Caraveo dijo, “de manera que los estudiantes pueden ver que hay un mundo detrás de ser hispano”.

La estudiante de último año en biología, María García, dijo “Creo que es una buena idea que todos los estudiantes participen, sobre todo los estudiantes que se transfirieron aquí, para ellos puedan darse una idea de nuestra cultura aquí en el sur de Texas. Es una buena idea que ellos experimenten nuestra comida y música”.

El Departamento de Alojamiento y Residencia Estudiantil ofrecerá a su vez una “Noche de Cumbia” en las próximas semanas.

“Somos un campus que es primariamente latino, hispano, chicano. Queremos demostrar a nuestros estudiantes que estamos orgullosos de quienes somos, pero que hay muchos más sobre ti, hay mucho más que platillos típicos como tamales y tacos. Queremos demostrar que incluso en la hispanidad hay diversidad”, dijo Caraveo.

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conduct registration between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sept. 27 on the Chapel Lawn in Edinburg and the Student Union lawn in Brownsville.

Vaqueros Vote registration days will also take place at the same time on Oct. 4, 6 and 11.

For students, faculty or staff interested in helping the community register to vote, a deputy training will be conducted from 12:15 to 1 p.m. Tuesday in Edinburg’s Cenizo room. Another training will take place from 12:25 to 1 p.m. Wednesday in PlainsCapital Bank El Gran Salón in Brownsville. Refreshments will be served.

Early voting will begin Oct. 24 and end Nov. 4.

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construction on the Brownsville campus, is completed.

“We have to place them in these portable buildings until we get the nice Academic Building completed next year,” Gonzales said.

The new building will consist of several science teaching labs, spaces for music instruction and recitals and areas designed for UTRGV students to study, as well as new faculty offices. The cost of the new Academic Building is expected to be \$54 million.

UTRGV has not assigned the new portables to any professors or lecturers yet, according to Nina Gonzalez, program specialist for Faculty Affairs.

On the Edinburg campus, the Science Research Building is under construction. It will include classrooms, teaching labs and faculty and researcher offices. The estimated cost of this building is \$70 million.

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Vaquero Voice

Food on campus?


 “Lo que yo como normalmente antes de entrar a clase es como una malteada de “cookies and cream” que puedo comprar en The Grid como por unos cuatro dólares eso es lo que sería más o menos como en la tarde ya después de salir de todas mis clases voy otra vez a The Grid a comprar una comida que es como de cinco dólares. Normalmente compro uno que son como macarrones con tomate y está muy rico la verdad. Algunas veces me junto con unos amigos para ir a un restaurant, por ejemplo Pizza Hut. Pedimos unas veces una comida individual como una pizza individual o cuando somos varios pedimos unas dos pizzas grandes y ahí nos la pasamos muy bien”.

Josue Ricardo Valverde
Estudiante de mercardotécnia y negocios internacionales de último año

“A place I went to recently was called Fruit and Salad, next to Subway, here next to Stripes. It’s kind of like a knock-off of *Siempre Natural* in many ways, but it’s closer to the university and it provides the same sort of options as far smoothies, healthy alternatives to chicken salad. Affordability is important for students. We’re health conscious. We’ve got to be careful about what we put in our bodies. Things like that are important to me.”



Alyssa Serna
Political science junior

 “Around campus, there is a place called Luciano’s on Schunior. I find that I go there pretty often just because I’m a big fan of Italian food. Other than that, I tend to go a little bit further down on 10th Street to Costa Messa and usually get a *botana* whenever I’m in the mood for Mexican food. Other than that, I just stick to the area. Fast food, Jack in the Box and Long John Silver’s.”

John Wyatt
Multidisciplinary studies junior

“I wanted to mention that *El Comedor* has really good food but it is really expensive. It would be better if it was cheaper or if they sell at better prices.”



Arely Larrea
Psychology freshman

--Compiled by Ana Cahuiche and Gabriel Mata



When are we ready for adulthood ?



Megan Gonzalez
THE RIDER

We joke about it, but there may be a hidden fear beneath it.

In the essay, “Becoming Adult: Meanings and Markers for Young Americans,” author Richard A. Settersten Jr. writes, “The bottom line is that most young people today do not completely feel like adults—in some ways and with some people they do, and in other ways and with other people they do not.”

As children, we may be told there are high expectations in adulthood. From jobs, marriage, college, bills, this is the list of things grownups are supposed to know.

Now we are older and our view of growing up may have changed.

Have you ever stopped to think about this? Have you ever looked around and thought about these high expectations?

As a generation, today, we are no longer sure if we will get our dream job. The world is not the same as it was 10 years ago. Things are not easy.

From elementary school to college, educators try to prepare students for the real world, but how accurate can they get?

Settersten writes, “It is clear that building an adult identity is a process, not a discrete event. No single experience renders one an adult. Instead, it is a larger cluster of events and the gradual accumulation of experiences that eventually render one an adult in the eyes of self and others.”

People say growing up is optional. But, let’s be honest, life can happen. Whether it’s death in the family or moving to a new home, change can be difficult.

It can be scary receiving new responsibilities. There may be confusion and anxiety in the beginning, but, in time, these tasks will become part of your daily routine.

If you expect yourself to magically change at a certain age, you will be disappointed. We may never be ready to become an adult soon, but the best thing to do is live our days in life.

Just breathe and take it easy. Allow yourself to experience new opportunities at your own pace.

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Programs aim to build the perfect slate of games

Nathaniel Mata
SPORTS EDITOR

There’s no place like home. It doesn’t take ruby slippers, a wicked twister or a furry terrier to know that.

In pro sports, teams grind the entire regular season in hopes of hosting a playoff game or series.

The benefits of playing at home stretch beyond the ability to play in the same place you practice. Playing at home also means sleeping in the same bed, no worries about traveling and no unusual meal times.

So the struggle then becomes how many home games a head coach can get his or her team to play. Coaches in college make their own schedules, spending time calling coaches from other schools to agree upon open dates and the home team.

In every sport at UTRGV that experience is different. The factors of attracting strong opponents to play in Edinburg also vary.

Paul Leese, head coach of men’s soccer, says that being a new program creates reluctance for teams to play his second-year team. He said teams put a premium on creating tough schedules to raise their Ratings Percentage Index (RPI).

“Whenever you have a brand-new program, obviously, people don’t know what to expect. They’ll shy away at first because they want to see what they’re getting into,” Leese said. “You also have to face the other teams looking at high-ranking opponents. If you don’t win your conference championship you need to get an at-large bid [to the NCAA tournament]. So, a lot of teams focus on ‘my RPI has to be high to try to get an at-large bid.’”

A reason RPI makes such a difference in soccer compared to basketball is the size of the NCAA tournament.

The tournament to determine a national champion in basketball is 64 teams, but soccer only has 48 participants. The fact that three of four division 1 men’s soccer programs are already in the Western Athletic Conference makes it difficult to find favorable home or even road opponents without traveling far.

For now, as the team competes through its infancy, Leese and his staff have taken full advantage of their experiences as head coaches and the relationships created along the way.

“Then it comes down to ‘what is our network with college teams?’” he said. “Teams that I know well, teams that Donovan [Dowling], Lee [Williams] know. That’s the good thing about all three of us having been head coaches before; we have very good existing relationships.”

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25	26	27	28	29	30 Travel Day	

The experience is challenging for unique reasons for women’s basketball Head Coach Larry Tidwell. Not all of those reasons are bad.

“As our program continues to get better, we’re always going to have trouble scheduling home games,” Tidwell said. “People don’t want to come down here. We’re 29-9 at home [over the last three years]. My first year, I had people ringing me off the ball, wanting to play.”

Tidwell’s schedules have test-

ship Series] school. That’s what we put back into our program. Our administration uses that to pay for our summer school, cost of attendance and now our administration, [Athletics Director] Chris King, is putting that money back into scheduling so we can schedule more home games.”

This year is already an example of women’s basketball having considerably more home games than a season ago. Last year, Tidwell’s team had a mere 11 home games; this year, they play 15 times at the UTRGV Fieldhouse.

Also starting to enjoy more games at home is baseball Head Coach Manny Mantrana. While his team’s schedule hasn’t been released yet, it looks to add even more games in Edinburg.

“In the past, it was difficult to get teams to come down because of the location and the cost that they incur to come here,”

Mantrana said. “The difference moving forward, beginning this year, is that now we’re allowed to give the teams a [monetary]

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guarantee. Moving forward we will be getting a lot home games because the athletic department has given us permission to offer a guarantee.”

Since joining the program in 2009, Mantrana’s win percentage on the road is .283 compared to .587 at UTRGV Baseball Stadium. Needless to say, getting more home games would help the program.

“Playing at home really in any sport, it’s huge for the simple fact that they practice here every day, so they’re used to the little nuances of the field,” Mantrana said. “They’re in the same routine, they get to sleep in their beds, eat what they usually eat and then, obviously, playing in front of your fans. That 10th man is always beneficial. In every aspect, playing at home is a huge factor.”

Vaquero coaches in every program vie to make the most fruitful schedule to ensure a strong non conference lineup, as well as prepare for WAC play. A successful road team is important but the ability to bring opposition to Edinburg will always remain paramount.



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Forward Juanito Ramirez wins possession of the ball in the friendly match against St. Edward’s University on Aug. 17 at the UTRGV Soccer and Track & Field Complex. The game ended in a 0-0 draw.



SARAH CARVAJAL/THE RIDER

Name: Andreyra Barrera
Sport: Soccer
Position: Forward
Classification: Junior
Major: Psychology
Age: 19
Hometown: El Paso
Who is your favorite athlete?
“My favorite athlete is [Lionel] Messi because he’s really creative with his feet and he’s not scared to go against anyone, so that’s what I like.”

Who is your role model?
“My role model is my dad because he’s always been so giving to my siblings and me. I am part of a family of five children so he gives whatever he can to us. He makes sure we have a lot of opportunities.”

What is the best advice you’ve been given and by whom?

“I think the best advice I’ve received is from a former coach of mine. She told me that you always miss 100 percent of the shots you don’t take, and that’s stuck with me because I am a striker. If I don’t take the shot, I automatically miss, and if I go for it, there’s a chance that I make it or I miss. And, I think that can go for life in general as well.”

When did you begin playing soccer, and why?

“I was 3 or 4 and it was during the World Cup where the women’s team won, so my dad saw it and was really interested and he was like, ‘I’m putting you in soccer and I want you to play it.’ So, anytime I want to try something new, he says, ‘I’ll watch you, but I won’t do it forever; you’ll have to go back to soccer,’ so I always just floated back to it.”

Did you win any awards?

“Yeah, in high school, I got a lot of awards, like first team all-district. Senior year, I got El Paso Player of the Year. Since I got here, I got a WAC honor freshman year. I think it was Freshman of the Year. That’s it for now, but hopefully there will be more.”

What are your academic goals?

“Well, last semester I got a 3.8 GPA, so this semester I would like a 4.0. I am taking a lot of classes because I want to graduate this year, and start my master’s next year.”

How do you feel about being part of this team?

“I love my team. Any awards I get, it’s because they put me in situations, and I just have to finish it. I am grateful for them. We kill each other on the field, but we kill the other team as a whole. We go hard against anyone for each other, and we have each other’s back. I do love my team.”

What are your personal goals for this season?

“Well, personally, I hope to make a conference team, like first team or second team, but I’m not really worried about individual goals. I’m thinking kind of like teamwise, so I want us to beat teams that I think we can match up to. I’m thinking more of if I can help my team beat them because I want our school name to move up in rank. I want us to be at least four or five, and not seven or eight. Individually, if I can get up there with the other goal scorers in the conference, then that would be awesome, but I’m not going to press on that. I just want us all to do well.”

--Compiled by Sarah Carvajal

Getting involved



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Ingrid Ledbetter, vice president of the Campus Programming Board, talks to students about the benefits of joining a campus organization during the Student Involvement Fair last Wednesday on the Brownsville campus.



SARAH CARVAJAL/THE RIDER

Members of the Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority do their stroll at the Student Involvement Fair last Tuesday in Edinburg.



SARAH CARVAJAL/THE RIDER

Non-staff adviser Brent McBain does an activity with Art major Erika Buenrostro at the Destino club table. Destino is a non-denominational Christian student ministry group.



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Kei Lara-Bermea (right), program specialist for Student Involvement, talks with Elizabeth Rivera (left), a biology senior, about the upcoming events to be held on campus. About a dozen campus organizations took part in the fair.

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SGA

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to start a petition and protest against the LNG deal. Molina-Castro said it first needs to draft guidelines for petitions because the existing rules are from legacy institution UT Pan American.

The partnership aims to implement STEM-based education and research programs with pathway opportunities for students to enter the workforce in the energy, engineering and technology industries, according to a UTRGV news release about the agreement.

In other SGA business, Molina-Castro met with the judicial, legislative and executive branches to appoint four new members and approved the 2016-

17 Special Event and Travel Funds guidelines.

The four newly appointed students are Associate Justices Bryan Villanueva in Brownsville and Jasmin Alejandre in Edinburg, Chief of Staff Kevin Garza and College of Business and Entrepreneurship Senator Alberto Adame, who served as UTRGV's first SGA president.

Edinburg Vice President Peter Averack said the role of the SGA is to listen to the voice of the student body about controversial topics.

"The whole point of SGA is to function as the intermediary between the students and administration and faculty," Averack said. "As representatives, our goal is to be as informed as possible, to listen to that voice, and collect it, whatever it may

be, represent it to administration and at the same time offer information back to the students. If students wanted to go through the process of petition, it is our responsibility to represent the majority of the students."

Another point of discussion was the Special Event and Travel Funds for students in 2016. Eric Silva, senator at large and chair of the senate, said the special travel funds provide opportunities for students.

"We're encouraging students to attend conferences and competitions related to their field," Silva said. "Sometimes you may want to participate but financially you're not able to do that. By having this program, we're making it easier for students to be able to go

out and participate in conferences and competitions. We're really trying to encourage our students to experience that."

Any student or organization that wishes to apply for 2016-2017 special travel funds can visit UTRGV.edu/SGA.

The 12 months of the year are broken into quarters; those planning on traveling at any time must apply for funds within the first two weeks of a quarter. The application for students traveling between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30 opened last Tuesday via V-Link.

The SGA met last Friday. Visit utrgvrider.com for more information.

All SGA meetings are open to students. For more information, follow the UTRGV Student Government Association page on Facebook.

SAFETY

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Campaign from 10 a.m. - noon at Casa Bella Clubhouse in Brownsville.

The University Police department and SRR will host Coffee with the Cops from 9 - 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Student Union in Edinburg, giving attendees a chance to have an open conversation

with the campus police officers who patrol university grounds. The event will also be held at the same time Sept. 20 in Brownsville's Main Courtyard.

"This is an opportunity not only for police officers to demonstrate to their campus community, who they serve, that they're here to be proactive and work with the community," Marquez said. "It's also an opportunity for the students

get in a conversation with officers, learn about the work that they do and who they encounter. We're all members of the same community; they're here to keep the campus safe."

"Because I Got High," an event focused on drug use, will be presented by the Recovery Center. The event will take place from 11:45 a.m. - 12:30

p.m. Wednesday at the Atrium on the Edinburg campus and at the same time Sept. 27 in Brownsville's Casa Bella Clubhouse.

For more information regarding National Campus Safety Awareness Month, visit the UTRGV Student Rights and Responsibilities-SRR Facebook page or call Marquez at 882-5034 in Brownsville.