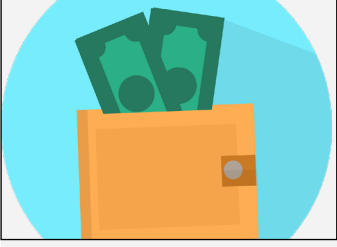


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Exercise your right



Lindsey Villalpando/THE RIDER

Lauren Killeb (left), an environmental sciences freshman, and Hector Charles, a mathematics freshman, register to vote Sept. 27 at the Student Union in Brownsville during National Voter Registration Day.

Jessica Mendez
THE RIDER

The UTRGV community is encouraged to take advantage of the early voting sites available on both the Edinburg and Brownsville campuses from Oct. 22 through Nov. 2.

Susannah Holliday, a history freshman, said she is registered to vote, and for her, being able to cast a ballot on campus is more convenient.

"It's a long distance to drive back to my district to vote, so it's easier for me to vote here," Holliday said.

On the Brownsville campus, the first week of early voting runs from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 22-26 in La Sala at the Student Union.

From Oct. 26-Nov. 2, early voting will take place at the same time in the Mary Rose

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Division of Health Affairs reorganizes its colleges

Kathryn Alonso
THE RIDER



Christopher Ledingham

The College of Health Affairs, as of Sept. 26, is referred to as the College of Health Professions. This change was initiated by

the Division of Health Affairs. Along with the name change, the School of Nursing and the School of Social Work are now separate colleges.

Sofia Hernandez, the chief of staff for the Division of Health Affairs, said the split of the schools can allow for more programs within the College of Health Professions.

"Having the division really brings all the health profession programs together," Hernandez said.

She said the name allows for a "richer" experience professionally in regard to adding more programs that can fit under "professions," as well as the School of Nursing being able to provide more advancements.

Hernandez said the process for approval started in April and went before the University of Texas System board of regents. Once the board approved the proposal for the name change, the School of Nursing and the School of Social Work, it went to the

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Ready to lasso the competition



Cristian Cervantes/THE RIDER

Senovia Castillo, a UTRGV bus driver, holds the first-place trophy she won at the 2018 UTRGV Bus Roadeo. Castillo and two others are qualified to represent the UTRGV Vaquero Express in the 2019 Bus Roadeo regional event in February.

Leslie Medrano
ONLINE EDITOR

Senovia Castillo, a UTRGV bus driver, will go head-to-head in skillful competition with drivers from several transit entities in the Rio Grande Valley in February at the 2019 Bus Roadeo.

Although apprehensive about UTRGV's internal bus roadeo last June, Castillo was able to top her fellow peers by placing first overall.

"It was fun. I really did not want to participate, but Mr. [Gabriel] Zuñiga made it fun," Castillo said, referring to UTRGV's director of transportation.

The Bus Roadeo is a yearly event that puts drivers' technique to the test in a variety of comprehensive and hands-on obstacles.

Not only does the event test the participants, but it also

gives them the opportunity to network with others across the Valley, state and nation.

The competition consists of three levels: regional, state and national.

February will be UTRGV's first year competing in regionals.

Public transit drivers from the City of McAllen, City of Brownsville, Valley Metro and more will compete for a chance to qualify in state competition.

Last summer, UTRGV held a Bus Roadeo in Edinburg for its employees that mimicked the actual event.

"I decided to do one internally, just for us, to kinda give them the idea of what to expect," Zuñiga said.

The roadeo consisted of eight different obstacles that tested the drivers' braking, curving skills and more.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Monday
Hispanic Heritage Read In The Student Union Inqspot will

present a **read in and open-mic night** at 6 p.m. in the Student Union Food Court on the Edinburg campus. Participants are asked to bring their favorite novel, essay or poetry by their favorite Hispanic authors. For more information, call 665-7989.

Wellness Mondays

The **UTRGV Counseling Center** will host **one-hour workshops** on topics related to enhancing personal wellness, such as healthy relationships, stress management and beating the blues. The workshops will take place from 3 to 4 p.m. in Salón Jacaranda in the Student Union on the Brownsville campus. For more information, call 882-3897 or email counseling@utrgv.edu.

DIY Madness

Decorate your own **trucker hat** with stencils and neon markers at 11 a.m. in the Student Union Commons. On the Brownsville campus, the event will take place at the same time in El Comedor. For more information, call 665-7989.

Keep Calm & Vaquero On

The **UTRGV Counseling Center** will host a **stress management workshop** from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union's Oleander Room on the Edinburg campus. The workshop will focus on how to stay calm during stressful situations and identifying triggers. For more information, call 665-2574 or email counseling@utrgv.edu.

'Yu-Gi-Oh!' Tournament

The **UTRGV Student Union** will host a "**Yu-Gi-Oh!**" **Tournament** at noon in the Student Union game room on the Edinburg campus. For more information, call 665-7989.

Beat the Blues

The **UTRGV Counseling Center** will host a workshop on improving well-being and lifting a low mood at 2 p.m. in the Student Union's Salón Jacaranda on the Brownsville campus. The workshop is for students who have experienced difficulty with sadness, lack of energy and motivation or have felt disconnected from others. For more information, call 665-2574 or email counseling@utrgv.edu.

Tuesday

Hold'em Poker Tournament

The **Student Union** will host a **Texas Hold'em tournament** at noon in the game room on the Brownsville campus. Students can play for free and get a chance to earn V-Bucks. For more information, call 665-7890.

Invitational Choir Festival

The **Harlingen High School Choir**, the **Economedes High School Choir** and the **UTRGV University Choir** will perform at 7 p.m. in the UTRGV Performing Arts Complex on the Edinburg campus. Admission is \$5. For more information, call 665-3881.

Distinguished Artist Series

Russian pianist **Yury Martynov** will perform at 7 p.m. in the Texas Southmost College Performing Arts Center on the Brownsville campus. General admission is \$10, and \$5 for seniors and students. For more information, call 882-7025.

Wednesday

Eat, Sleep, Exercise, Repeat

An **interactive workshop** on finding a routine that works, hosted by the **UTRGV Counseling Center**, will take place from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union's Palmetto Room on the Edinburg campus. For more information, call 665-2574 or email counseling@utrgv.edu.

Rhythm Night

The **Student Union** will provide **free dance lessons** from 6 to 8 p.m. at the UTRGV Ballroom on the Edinburg

campus. For more information, call 665-7890.

Thursday

Believe in a Cure

The **UTRGV Volleyball Team** will face **California State University, Bakersfield** at 7 p.m. in the Fieldhouse on the Edinburg campus. There will also be a watch party at Adolios in Brownsville. The first 200 attendees will receive pink "**Believe in a Cure**" rally towels to raise breast cancer awareness. For more information, call 665-2221.

Friday

UTRGV Madness

UTRGV Madness, a night of music, contests and prizes, will take place from 9 to 11 p.m. in the Fieldhouse on the Edinburg campus. The event will also include the premiere of the UTRGV men's and women's basketball teams and a student organization dance-off. Students are encouraged to upload their photos to Twitter and Facebook with the hashtag #UTRGVMadness to see themselves on the video board. Admission is free. For more information, call 665-5301.

'Fortnite' Fridays

Students can play "**Fortnite**" for free and enjoy snacks from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the game room on the Edinburg campus. For more information, call 665-7890.

Upcoming events

Zombie Walk Food Drive

The fourth annual **Zombie Walk**, to benefit the **UTRGV Food Pantry**, will take place from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. Oct. 23 in the ELABS 107 Studio Theater on the Edinburg campus. Participants who donate five cans of food will receive a zombie makeover; those who donate seven cans will be entered in a raffle for a chance to win various items. For more information, email marianita.escamilla@utrgv.edu.

--Compiled by Jessica Mendez and Lindsey Villalpando

POLICE REPORTS

The following are among the incidents reported to University Police between Oct. 1 and 7.



Oct. 1

4:36 p.m.: A staff member reported that a university wheel lock was removed from a vehicle in Lot E12 on the Edinburg

campus without the authorization of the Parking and Transportation Office. The vehicle was locked for multiple citations. Surveillance cameras showed the driver removing the lock with little effort.

4:57 p.m.: A woman attempted to purchase a Chick-fil-A meal with a counterfeit \$20 bill at the Student Union in Edinburg. The cashier used a counterfeit marker on the bill and determined it was fake. The woman then purchased the meal with her debit card and left the area. The case is under investigation.

Oct. 2

1:10 a.m.: A staff member reported finding narcotics inside a computer lab at the library on the Edinburg campus. The white powdery substance was in a clear plastic bag and tested positive for cocaine. An officer photographed, tested, weighed and submitted the

substance for destruction.

2:25 p.m.: An officer noticed a student lying on the ground in the library on the Edinburg campus. The student was experiencing shortness of breath and sweating profusely. He was transported by emergency medical services to Edinburg Regional Hospital for a medical evaluation.

Oct. 3

3:15 p.m.: A Parking and Transportation staff member reported that a parking enforcement officer wheel-locked a vehicle for unpaid tickets in Lot E19 on the Edinburg campus. It was later discovered the vehicle displayed license plates for a different vehicle. The owner said he switched the license plates because his car was breaking down. The owner was issued a court appearance citation and the license plates and registration insignia were confiscated.

4:14 p.m.: A faculty member reported the theft of a computer on the Edinburg campus. He said the equipment was last seen over two weeks ago. It is unknown if the computer contained security sensitive information.

Oct. 4

6:24 a.m.: Officers were dispatched to a non-affiliated man asleep in the second-floor balcony area in the Student Union on the Edinburg campus. The man was issued a written criminal trespass warning and escorted off campus without incident.

7:32 p.m.: A student reported her laptop was stolen from the science complex on the Edinburg campus. It was later determined the laptop was in the lost and found, and she recovered it.

Oct. 7

7:23 a.m.: A non-affiliated man was found asleep in the courtyard of the Cueto/Lucena Buildings on the Brownsville campus. Officers issued a criminal trespass warning and the man left the area without incident.

9:51 p.m.: A staff member reported stepping into a deep hole and bending his ankle while at the scene of an off-campus traffic collision, where he was assisting the Edinburg Police Department. The staff member declined emergency medical services.

--Compiled by Ana Trujillo

VOTE

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Cardenas Hall on the Texas Southmost College campus.

On the Edinburg campus, the two weeks of early voting will take place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Student Union Commons.

Remi Garza, Cameron County elections administrator, said that as of Oct. 8, 206,071 individuals were registered to vote, but the applications were still coming in.

"We've seen a marked increase in

our registration," Garza said. "Our last election in 2016, we had state, federal and local officers on the ballot. We had 109,000 individuals who were registered, so we've seen a good increase."

Cameron County will have 29 polling locations, which include the UTRGV and TSC campuses, the Main and Southmost branches of the Brownsville Public Library, the Brownsville Independent School District building, New Horizons Medical Clinic and the Cameron County Courthouse, he said.

Yvonne Ramon, Hidalgo County

elections administrator, said she's impressed that as of last Thursday, Hidalgo County has 360,191 registered voters, with about 3,500 applications pending review.

"Oh, we have never, never in my 10 years here ever reached 360,000," she said.

Ramon said that during the primary elections in March of this year, the number of registered voters was about 349,000.

"We hope that aside from high numbers of registration, what we

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Need money? FAFSA!

Maleny Ortega
THE RIDER

The 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid is now available with a priority deadline of Jan. 15.

Jael Perez, the associate director of Financial Aid Operations, said submitting the FAFSA early is important. "The FAFSA process is not just submitting the application," Perez said. "Sometimes, students can be selected for a process called verification in which they need to submit additional documents."

Last weekend, UTRGV held Super Saturday, an event to help explain the FAFSA and Texas Application for State Financial Aid, or TASFA, application processes. The event took place on both campuses. Students received help from staff to complete their applications.

Marla Perez, a computer science junior, said that even though she filled out her application early in the past, she was still required to submit additional documentation that lengthened the financial aid process.

"I had submitted my FAFSA, like, the very first day that it opened, so, you



Robert Benavidez Jr./THE RIDER GRAPHIC

know, I spent all these months thinking that I had completed my FAFSA," Marla Perez said. "It was coming to the semester, the next semester starting, when they told me that I was missing some information on my FAFSA."

The earlier a FAFSA is submitted, the more time students will have to provide additional documents, if needed. If an application is submitted late or with not

enough time for verification, students run the risk of not receiving their financial aid on time.

Jael Perez said it is also beneficial to submit an application early because certain forms of financial aid are limited in funding, such as the Texas Public Educational Grant (TPEG) and the TEXAS Grant.

"The FAFSA can be submitted online at www.fafsa.gov," Perez said. "The student will need income information from the 2017 income year, so tax returns from the student and the parents, W-2's and any other income information that the family may have. So, for example, if they receive certain benefits, such as veteran benefits and disability benefits."

Eliseo Alexander Cobos, a biomedical sciences

freshman, encourages students to visit the Financial Aid Office to receive help with their applications.

"Go to the service desks, like the Tower," Cobos said. "Ask questions, of course, to those people and they'll help you out. They'll be able to take you in the right direction on what you need to do."

Students can visit the U Central locations on both campuses without an appointment to receive help with the application process. The Financial Aid Office is located in the Main Building Tower on the Brownsville campus and on the first floor in the Student Services building on the Edinburg campus.

Students who are not eligible for financial aid, may apply for scholarships and "other forms of financial assistance, including institutional aid programs, tuition funding for military veterans and their families, and waiver programs from the state of Texas that allow certain out-of-state or nonresident students to pay in-state tuition," according to the Financial Aid webpage.

The final deadline to submit a FAFSA is June 30, 2019. For more information, visit www.utrgv.edu/finaid.

UTRGV Chess in Super Finals Team will compete at Texas Tech



Robert Benavidez Jr./THE RIDER

UTRGV Chess Grandmaster Kamil Dragun (left) plays against Chess Coach Bartek Macieja last Wednesday on the Brownsville campus. The chess team is preparing for the 2018 Texas Collegiate Chess Super Finals on Saturday at Texas Tech University.

--Vladimir Belous, grandmaster and finance sophomore

--Hovhannes Gabuzyan, grandmaster and computer science freshman

Team B:
--Carlos Hevia, grandmaster and computer science senior

--Guillermo Vazquez, international master and computer science senior

--Joshua Daniel Ruiz Castillo, international master and computer science senior

--Felix Ynojosa, international master and finance junior

Alternate:
--Yannick Kambrath, FIDE master and computer engineering junior

The UTRGV Chess Team won the 2016 championship, but placed second at the 2017 competition.

"In 2016, we won that event, which was an amazing success," said Bartek Macieja, chess coach and grandmaster. "[In] 2017, we finished second, which was also good. This year we want to claim the trophy again, claim the title."

Macieja said the new addition to their staff resulted in the shift of concentration to the team.

"For us, the main [actual] difference is because we have, finally, a second person working at the chess office, a second full-time employee, so that helps me a lot," he said. "I have more time which I can dedicate for trainings instead

of some, also important, but administrative."

Alex Mista, a grandmaster, joined the UTRGV Chess Program as the new program manager this semester.

Dragun said competing in the Super Finals is not easy due to the level of competition.

"It's not easy; everybody is going there to win," he said. "Everybody is competitive, but we will try our best. I think everyone is preparing when we have some free time. So, I think we can think positively."

Douglas Stoves, senior associate dean for Student Rights and Responsibilities, reflected on the outcome of last year's game.

"Last year was really exciting," Stoves said. "There's no such thing as an unimportant game and it literally came down to the third or fourth board and how did they do. You know, that's what ultimately decided who got first and who got second place."

After competing in the Texas Collegiate Super Finals, the UTRGV Chess Team will focus on the 2018 Pan American Intercollegiate Team Chess Championship scheduled for December.

For more information about the 2018 Texas Collegiate Super Finals, call 882-5761 or email chess@utrgv.edu.

Victor G. Ramirez
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The UTRGV Chess team will compete in the 2018 Texas Collegiate Super Finals championship Oct. 20-21 at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

The championship is an annual chess tournament in which the three best colleges in Texas send two teams each

to compete for the title.

The 2018 Southwest Collegiate Championship served as the qualification tournament for the Texas Super Finals.

UTRGV, University of Texas at Dallas and Texas Tech will compete for the title.

Each school's teams will compete at the tournament, but will not play against their own teammates.

Five grandmasters, three

international masters and one Fédération Internationale des Échecs (FIDE) master will represent UTRGV.

Team A consists of four grandmasters and Team B consists of one grandmaster and three international masters with an alternate.

Team A:
--Kamil Dragun, grandmaster and management sophomore
--Andrey Stukopin, grandmaster and mathematics senior

VAQUERO VOICE



What is your experience with FAFSA?



“My experience with FAFSA was actually really great. I originally planned on attending UTSA; however, due to the fact that FAFSA was not going to be able to cover everything over there, I stayed here because they covered everything here. So, you know, although I wanted to leave, I’m still very satisfied with how things turned out.”

Juan S. Forero
Biology freshman

“I’m a student at UTRGV and thanks to financial aid, I have been getting my education paid for. I transferred from [South Texas College]. I got my associate’s there as an elementary education [major]. I appreciate the help I’ve been getting from them. I think it’s a great experience because without their help, I wouldn’t be able to come to college.”



Valeria Fuentes
Interdisciplinary studies junior



“Well, this semester I had to pay out of pocket because my FAFSA account didn’t get the documents through. I got picked, unfortunately, to further review my status and for that reason, my financial aid couldn’t come through. So, I’m still in the process: They made me wait, like, a couple of weeks each step, asking for additional documents, and yeah, it was very frustrating.”

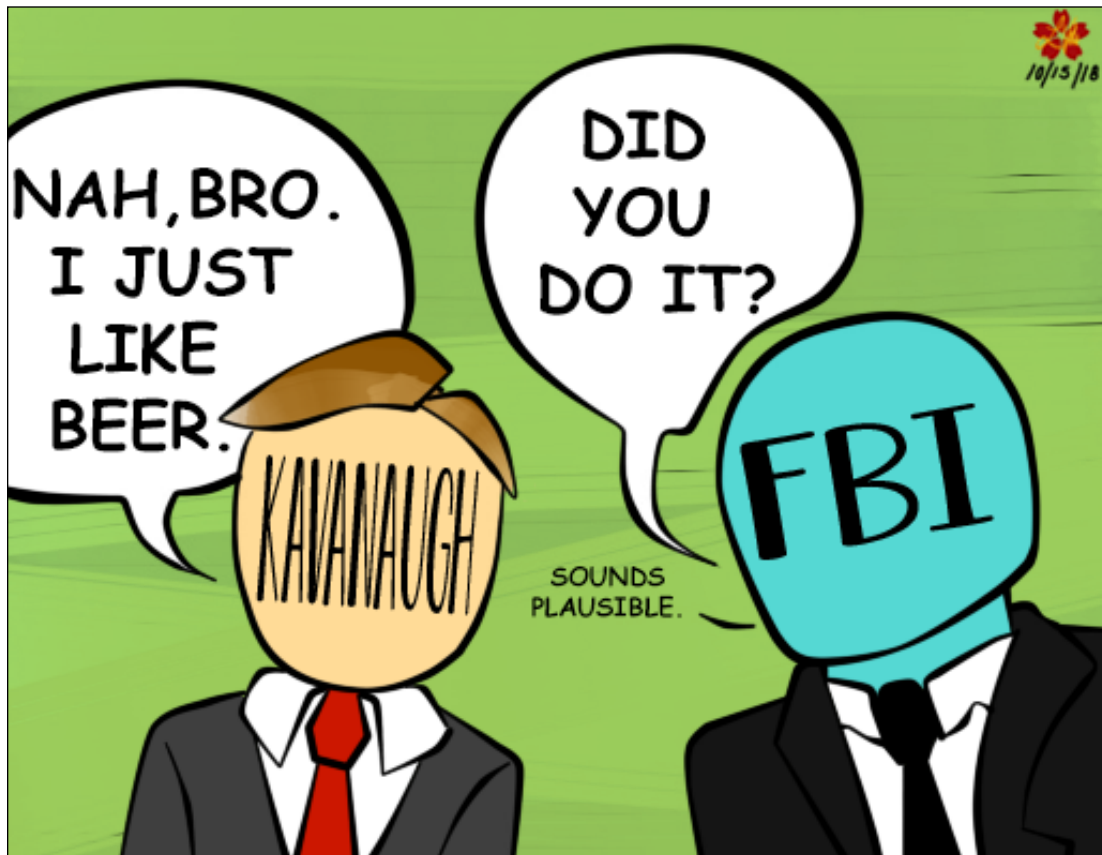
Edna Diosdado
Biomedical sciences sophomore

“It’s a lot of paperwork, but I mean everything is for a reason. It does kind of suck that it is such a long process, but I mean, you know, as they say, the early bird gets the worm. So, the faster you get it done, the faster it processes, the faster, you know, you get the money that you need. In my experiences here, I’ve been good. I mean, they were very well-informed, the people here at the Financial Aid office. They really helped me out with all the paperwork and if I ever had a question, I could always call and be like, ‘I don’t know what to do with this.’”



Alfonso Lopez
History sophomore

--Compiled by Robert Benavidez Jr. and Aaliyah Garza



Brush it off



Zugay Treviño
THE RIDER

In elementary school, I wore dresses regardless of whether it was sunny outside.

On a windy winter morning, when I was about 6, my worried mom refused to let me stay outside with only a dress on.

“Your lips are turning blue, Zugay,” Mom said.

“But princesses don’t wear pants,” I replied.

I loved the Disney princesses way too much as a child and wind wouldn’t stop me from wearing dresses.

“Jasmine does,” she said.

I’d never considered that. Her words blew my mind. Eventually, I grew out of my princess phase. I realized females don’t necessarily need dresses to look or feel like a princess.

Since then, my style changes often. Depending on the day, I love wearing all-black outfits Wednesday Addams would approve. I also love makeup and wearing pink everything, à la Regina George, “On

Wednesdays, we wear pink.”

My style, and others’ style, has been shaped through others’ comments.

Most people have a strong opinion on makeup and dresses. Although seemingly trivial, appearance raises many questions, including whether it’s antifeminist to wear dresses or why women should wear makeup when most men don’t.

Over time, I concluded it doesn’t matter what I wear if it’s appropriate for the occasion.

If you wear makeup, you might face judgment for wearing too much, looking high-maintenance, or applying it in a specific style. If you don’t, it might be seen as being lazy. Wear a dress and you might be too girly, as if being a female is bad. Don’t wear them, and you might be tomboyish, as if being a male is bad.

I have been told all those comments for dressing up too much or not enough. I wish I had a dollar for every time I was asked why I’m “so dressed up” for a casual outing. I’d finally be able to buy my dream Gucci purse. I

stopped wearing makeup and dresses for a while because of it. Eventually, I learned it doesn’t, and shouldn’t, matter whether you choose to wear makeup or dresses.

You can’t win with everyone. So, stay authentic and do what makes you happiest. For others and me, makeup is a way to highlight your best features, pun intended. Dresses can be comfortable since they aren’t tight like pants, easier to wear in the morning, and they give you that princess-like feeling when you twirl.

Still, you don’t need any of that, especially if you’re tired, don’t care for it, or makeup irritates your skin. Sleeping in 30 minutes extra instead of dressing up shouldn’t be a worry. Jasmine didn’t need dresses, and neither does anyone, to look great.

If we are to live in a society where everyone is equal, how we look shouldn’t matter. We need to value appearances less when meeting new people and at work. It’s only when someone hides insecurities behind layers of makeup that it’s a problem.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Roses for Rosie Jimenez

Rosie Jimenez was a young mother in McAllen on the road to becoming a teacher. As a child of migrant farmworkers living in poverty, she didn’t want her child to experience struggle like she did.

In late September 1977, Jimenez sought abortion care with her doctor, but she was turned away because the Hyde Amendment, which took effect only two months prior to Jimenez discovering her unplanned pregnancy, did not allow Medicaid coverage of abortion services. Henry Hyde’s motives for this amendment were the closest he could get to banning abortion after the Supreme Court’s 1973 landmark decision *Roe v. Wade*. Instead, he just made accessing abortion much more dangerous.

Ultimately, Jimenez received an unsafe abortion and contracted an infection from the unsanitary tools used. On Oct. 3, 1977, she passed away from sepsis at McAllen General Hospital. Jimenez is the first person recorded to have died as a result of the Hyde Amendment. We mourn her life, future and motherhood, but we also celebrate them. Jimenez’s story could be the story of all women and people, in the past and today, who risk their lives for their reproductive autonomy. She, like, countless others, should be here. These distressing political moments demand we reflect not only on the future of reproductive autonomy, but also the barriers poor women of color have had to resist and overcome for ages.

To honor the life of McAllen native Rosie Jimenez, Frontera Fund will host a vigil titled, “Roses for Rosie,” from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Archer Park in McAllen.

Cathryn Torres
Sociology senior

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¿Necesitas dinero? ¡FAFSA!

Fecha límite de prioridad, 15 de enero

Maleny Ortega
THE RIDER

La Solicitud Gratuita de Ayuda Federal para Estudiantes 2019-2020 está ahora disponible, siendo el 15 de enero el plazo de prioridad.

Jael Perez, directora adjunta de Financial Aid Operations (Operaciones de Ayuda Financiera), dijo que terminar la solicitud de FAFSA tempranamente es importante.

“El proceso de FAFSA no es solamente enviar la solicitud”, dijo Perez. “Algunas veces, los estudiantes pueden ser seleccionados para un proceso llamado verificación en el cual necesitan entregar documentos adicionales”.

El fin de semana pasado, UTRGV fue anfitrión del *Super Saturday*, un evento que ayuda a explicar los procesos del FAFSA y la Solicitud de Ayuda Económica Estatal de Texas (TASFA, por sus siglas en inglés). El evento tomó lugar en ambos campus. Los estudiantes recibieron ayuda del personal para completar sus solicitudes.

Marla Perez, una estudiante de tercer año en ciencias computacionales, dijo que a pesar de que en el pasado completó su solicitud con anticipación, aún le pidieron que entregara documentación adicional, lo cual alargó el

proceso de la solicitud.

“Ya había completado mi FAFSA, desde el primer día que la abrieron, así que, tú sabes, me la pasé todos esos meses pensando que ya había completado mi FAFSA”, dijo Marla Perez. “Ya fue cuando ya venía el semestre, cuando empezó el siguiente semestre, cuando me dijeron que me faltaba información en mi FAFSA”.

Entre más temprano se complete el FAFSA, mayor la cantidad de tiempo que los estudiantes tendrán para proporcionar los documentos adicionales, si es necesario. Si una solicitud se entrega tarde o sin tiempo suficiente para la verificación, los estudiantes corren el riesgo de no recibir su ayuda financiera a tiempo.

Jael Perez dijo que es beneficioso completar la solicitud con anticipación porque ciertos tipos de ayuda financiera tienen fondos limitados, como el Texas Public Educational Grant (TPEG) y el TEXAS Grant.

“El FAFSA se puede completar en línea en www.fafsa.gov”, dijo Perez. “El estudiante necesitará información de ingresos del año fiscal 2017, que son las declaraciones de impuestos de los estudiantes y los padres, los W-2s y cualquier información de ingresos que la familia pueda tener. Por ejemplo, si están recibiendo ciertos beneficios, tales como



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Los estudiantes de UTRGV pueden obtener ayuda para completar sus solicitudes de FAFSA en las ubicaciones de U Central en ambos campus. La Oficina de Ayuda Financiera está localizada en el Main Building Tower en el campus de Brownsville y en el primer piso del edificio de Student Services en el campus de Edinburg.

beneficios de veteranos y por discapacidad”.

Eliseo Alexander Cobos, un estudiante de primer año en ciencias biomédicas, incita a los estudiantes a visitar la Oficina de Ayuda Financiera para recibir ayuda con sus solicitudes.

“Vayan a los centros de servicio, como el *Tower*”, dijo Cobos. “Hagan preguntas, claro, a estas personas y ellos te ayudarán. Ellos te llevarán en la dirección correcta en lo que tienes que hacer”.

Los estudiantes pueden

visitar las ubicaciones de U Central en ambos campus sin necesidad de una cita para recibir ayuda para el proceso de las solicitudes. La Oficina de Ayuda Financiera está localizada en el Main Building Tower en el campus de Brownsville y en el primer piso del edificio de Student Services en el campus de Edinburg.

Los estudiantes que no sean elegibles para la ayuda financiera, pueden aplicar para becas y “otro tipo de asistencia financiera,

incluyendo programas de asistencia institucional, fondos para la colegiatura para los veteranos militares y sus familias, y programas de exención del estado de Texas que le permiten a estudiantes de otros estados y no residentes pagar la colegiatura regular”, de acuerdo con la página de internet de Ayuda Financiera.

La fecha límite oficial para completar el FAFSA es el 30 de junio de 2019. Para más información, visite www.utrgv.edu/finaid.

Opinión

El juego de la ‘tolerancia cero’

Eric Montoya
EDITOR DE ESPAÑOL

Conforme te diriges a tu escuela, trabajo o reunión, miles de niños migrantes deambulan en “mini-cárceles”, también conocidas como refugios, anhelando el día en que se les permita reunirse con sus familias.

Hace dos semanas, bajo la luz de la luna, alrededor de 2,000 menores provenientes de diferentes refugios de Estados Unidos, fueron trasladados a Tornillo, Texas, una ciudad desértica que ahora luce como una nueva ciudad: “la ciudad de las carpas”.

No es necesario ser psicólogo para entender que el separar a los niños de sus padres es perjudicial para su salud física y mental.

He quedado conmocionado en diferentes ocasiones al leer y escuchar los innumerables testimonios de los malos tratos, las deficiencias educativas y las exasperantes experiencias que estos niños tienen que sufrir.

Los menores no pueden ser procesados junto con sus padres; por lo tanto, después de ser detenidos por la Oficina de Aduanas y Protección Fronteriza de EE.UU. (CBP, por sus siglas en inglés), el Departamento de Seguridad Nacional y el Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos envían a los menores a los refugios mientras sus padres son puestos bajo custodia del Servicio de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas (ICE, por sus siglas en inglés), de acuerdo al sitio web www.dhs.gov.

Los menores tienen que alojarse en los refugios por días, o en ciertas ocasiones meses, donde solo se les permite una o dos horas de tiempo de recreación al día, hasta que puedan conseguir un patrocinador (padres, tutor, otro pariente adulto, o

un proveedor de cuidado provisional) o hasta que se resuelvan los casos jurídicos de sus padres o tutores legales.

Esta situación no empezó hoy o la semana pasada. La chispa que comenzó el incendio fue la política de “tolerancia cero” del presidente Donald Trump, la cual entró en vigor el 6 de abril. Esta política “prohíbe ambos, el intento de entrada ilegal y entrada ilegal a los Estados Unidos por un extranjero”, de acuerdo a la página de internet del Departamento de Justicia de EE.UU., www.justice.gov/opa/pr/attorney-general-announces-zero-tolerance-policy-criminal-illegal-entry.

A pesar de que hay muchos funcionarios de la administración, incluyendo a Trump, que aseguran que las leyes creadas por el Partido Demócrata son las causantes de la separación de las familias migrantes, no existe ninguna ley o política que obligue al gobierno a separar a dichas familias. Es muy interesante ver como varios legisladores y funcionarios gubernamentales usan el problema de los niños migrantes como una herramienta para conseguir más partidarios, incluso cuando esto implica tener que hacer declaraciones falsas.

Contrario a lo que estos funcionarios afirman, el gobierno de Trump creó y apoyó la política de “tolerancia cero”. El Memorandum para los Fiscales Federales de la Frontera Suroeste por el Fiscal General Jeff Sessions publicado el 6 de abril indica claramente que “si el adoptar dicha política requiere de recursos adicionales, cada [Oficina del Fiscal de EE.UU. en la frontera suroeste] debe identificar y solicitar dichos recursos adicionales”.

No se puede negar el hecho de que cada país tiene que tener algún tipo de política para controlar la afluencia de inmigrantes. Sin embargo, la razón por la que la política de “tolerancia cero” ha causado tanta agitación y caos es simplemente porque esta

involucra a menores inocentes.

Un artículo publicado por el *Texas Tribune* reporta que el 20 de septiembre había 5,099 menores viviendo en los refugios, de acuerdo con la Comisión de Salud y Servicios Humanos de Texas, la cual es la unidad encargada de regular a los “refugios financiados a nivel federal”. Además, el artículo señala que las áreas del Valle del Río Grande y Houston tienen la mayor cantidad de refugios texanos con 10 y nueve instalaciones, respectivamente.

Compañías privadas “sin fines de lucro”, tales como Southwest Key Programs, han estado usando la situación para obtener ganancias. Independientemente de como se describen a sí mismos en los medios de comunicación, gracias a los múltiples testimonios de niños, exempleados y periodistas, la credibilidad de estas organizaciones ha sido quebrantada.

Juan Sanchez, director ejecutivo de Southwest Key Programs, ganó \$1.5 millones de dólares aproximadamente en el 2016, de acuerdo al *The Washington Post*.

A pesar de que Trump rescindió la política de “tolerancia cero” en junio, ha habido reportes de casos donde niños que cruzan la frontera aún están siendo separados de sus padres o tutores, además de los cientos o miles de niños que aún permanecen en los refugios.

El confuso y agotador viaje está todavía lejos de terminar para muchos de los menores migrantes quienes aún están en los refugios. Desafortunadamente, el problema seguirá siendo usado como una herramienta política y una forma de generar ganancias. Esta situación es solamente parte del mismo juego político, la única diferencia es que, aquí, los niños no están jugando.

Club Spotlight



Joahana Segundo/THE RIDER

Tau Beta Pi-Texas Nu's officers include (from left) Volunteer Board Director Cristian Barron, Treasurer Arlett Rodríguez, Secretary Maria Cavazos, President Analily Treviño, Secretary Advisor Amairany López and Social Media Director Colton Coyle.

Throughout this academic year, *The Rider* will explore the student organizations at UTRGV. This is the eighth in our series. *The Rider* interviewed Analily Treviño, president of Tau Beta Pi Texas Nu, for information.

Name: Tau Beta Pi Texas Nu
President: Analily Treviño
Vice President: Jennifer Ramos
Secretary: Maria Cavazos
Secretary Adviser: Amairany Lopez
Treasurer: Arlett Rodríguez
Volunteer Board Director: Cristian Barron
Social Media Director: Colton Coyle
Advisers: Lecturers II Gregory Potter and Samantha Ramirez
What is the purpose of Tau Beta Pi-Texas Nu? "Tau Beta Pi recognizes engineering students with high academic achievements. That's the main purpose, to recognize them and their hard work."
What are the membership requirements? "So, as an undergraduate student, you need to have a 3.5 GPA in your engineering courses. So, we mostly have juniors and seniors as members, because they need to have certain amount of hours in the engineering courses."
For more information, email: taubetapi.utrgv@gmail.com or analily.trevino01@utrgv.edu
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—Compiled by Joahana Segundo

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VOTE
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ask for are high numbers of voter participation," she said. "That's what really counts."

Hidalgo County will have 31 locations for early voting and 74 sites during Election Day, Ramon said.

Cindy Mata-Vasquez, UTRGV director of Student Activities, said that during National Voter Registration Day on both campuses, about 150 students, faculty and staff registered

to vote.

"It takes one vote to make a difference," Mata-Vasquez said. "This is your opportunity to make your voice be heard by voting."

Veronica De La Garza, director of Governmental Relations, said that in 2017, UTRGV had almost 19,000 registered voters and the goal for this year is to exceed 20,000.

"It's important for people to get involved, watch the news and kind of get a sense of who they want to vote for," she said. "The vote number is not something that is just important for

the university but it's really important for the community as a whole."

In an email sent to *The Rider*, De La Garza said that curbside voting and reserved parking will be available at the Edinburg and Brownsville campuses.

For this year's midterm elections, Democratic hopeful Beto O'Rourke and Libertarian Neal M. Dikeman will challenge Republican incumbent Ted Cruz for the U.S. senator position.

Democratic incumbent Filemon M. Vela and Republican Rey Gonzalez are vying for the District 34 U.S. representative spot.

Republican Tim Westley and Libertarian Anthony Cristo are challenging Democratic incumbent Vicente Gonzalez for U.S. representative for District 15.

Running for U.S. Representative for District 28 are Democratic incumbent Henry Cuellar and Libertarian Arthur Thomas IV.

Election Day is Nov. 6 and both UTRGV campuses will serve as polling sites.

For more information regarding voting sites, visit votetexas.gov.

Oct. 15-19 Schedule



MONDAY

Live Newscast, 9:30 a.m.

"Asian Invasion" (Elisia Gallardo) 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

"Unfinished Business" (Luis Rubio) 1-2 p.m.

"Rockin' at Ease" (Mia Morales) 2-3 p.m.

TUESDAY

"People of UTRGV" (Andrea Aleman) 2-3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

"Wrestling Power Hour" (Rolando Avila) 2-3 p.m.

"K-Ray" (Ashley Castellanos) 3-4 p.m.

THURSDAY

"UTRGV Alt" (Karina Aguirre) 4-5 p.m.

"The Rewind Zone" (Alex Flores) 1-2 p.m.

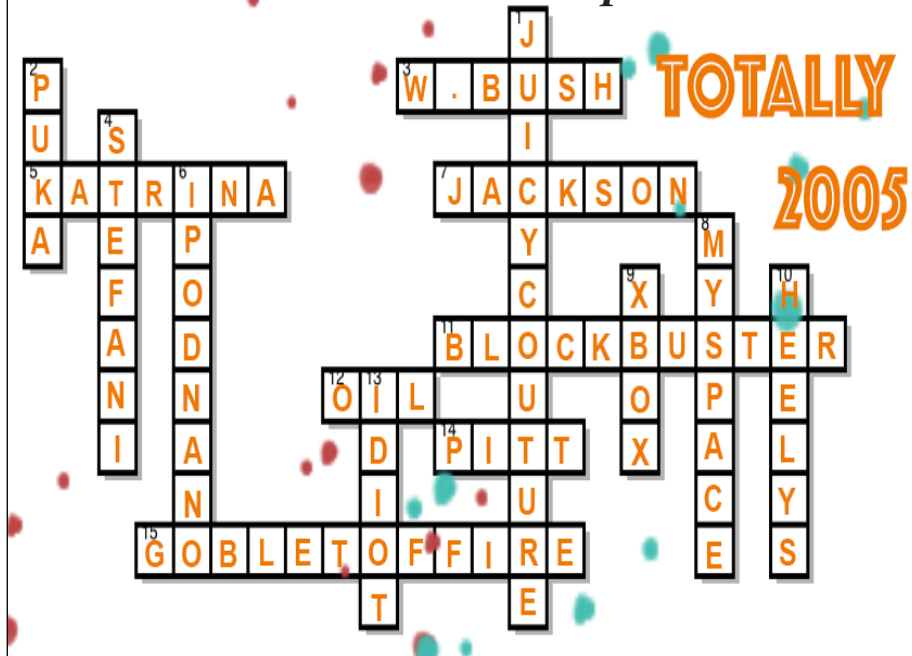
"Vaquero Vindication" (Erik Webster) 2-3 p.m.

FRIDAY

"Evening Daylight" (Jake Escamilla) 4-5 p.m.

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Answers to last week's puzzle



Russian pianist to hold concert at UTRGV

Britney Valdez
A&E EDITOR



Britney Valdez/THE RIDER

Yury Martynov will perform a piano recital at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Texas Southmost College Performing Arts Center in Brownsville as part of the Distinguished Artist Series. The next performance in the series is the Russian String Orchestra, set for 7 p.m. Nov. 2.

exceptionally long pieces. When you see a piano player play at that high level, it's unbelievable to see how much accuracy a human can have and how much they can achieve [as well as] their talent level."

Bautista encourages the campus community, especially non-music majors,

to attend.

"Music in general is an interesting subject. It works the mind, it molds the mind and, psychologically, it helps you understand complex problems," he said. "There are studies that show that music students have a correlation with higher grades. You can actually learn interesting

stuff [by attending], going to recitals and enjoying them. And why not take a risk to have fun, you know?"

The community is encouraged to attend.

"The [local] older community has a place to meet up and socialize. [Attending these concerts] build that kind of sense of community

like that," Bautista said. "It also opens the community up to culture of stuff they may not see on a day-to-day basis. For instance, you may not be walking down the street and see a Russian pianist playing crazy licks on it."

General admission to the concert is \$10, and \$5 for children, students with a valid ID and seniors 65 and older.

Bautista appreciates the university holding the Distinguished Artist Series since it brings outside musicians he may not have had a chance of meeting otherwise.

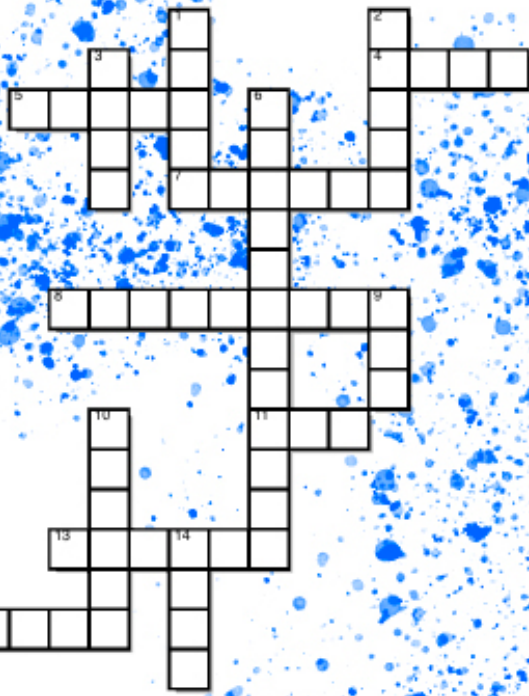
"It brings guests artists to UTRGV and shows our music majors an example of what a good musician is, what you should strive for," he said. "It also allows us to network with them and gives music majors the opportunity to get a gig or a job because of them."

Other upcoming artists in the Distinguished Artist Series include the Russian String Orchestra on Nov. 2; guitarist Andrew Zohn, Nov. 5; and cellist Gabriel Royal, Nov. 7.

For a complete schedule, visit patron.utrgv.edu/2017-2018-distinguished-performers-series.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Perfect Pairs



- Across**
4. These two robots from the "Star Wars" franchise are best friends. C3Po and _____.
 5. Plumbers and brothers Mario and _____, wear red and green outfits in this video game series.
 7. The human companion of Scooby-Doo.
 8. Charlie Brown's dog Snoopy and his bird friend _____.
 11. _____ and Jerry are a cat and a mouse with a rivalry in this Hanna-Barbera animated series.
 13. These spices, salt and _____, add flavor to food.
 15. _____ Parker and Clyde Barrow were outlaws who robbed and killed throughout the United States in 1930.

- Down**
1. A side dish usually served with a hamburger.
 2. A topping for mashed potatoes.
 3. _____ is good for dunking cookies in.
 6. An iconic sandwich often eaten by children, _____ and jelly.
 9. Barbie and her boyfriend _____ have been together for 57 years.
 10. A dish made of cooked macaroni pasta and cheddar, Mac and _____.
 12. Fictional characters in Shakespeare's play of the same name. Two star-crossed lovers, _____ and Juliet.
 14. A comedy, magician duo who consist of _____ and Teller, who doesn't speak during the act.

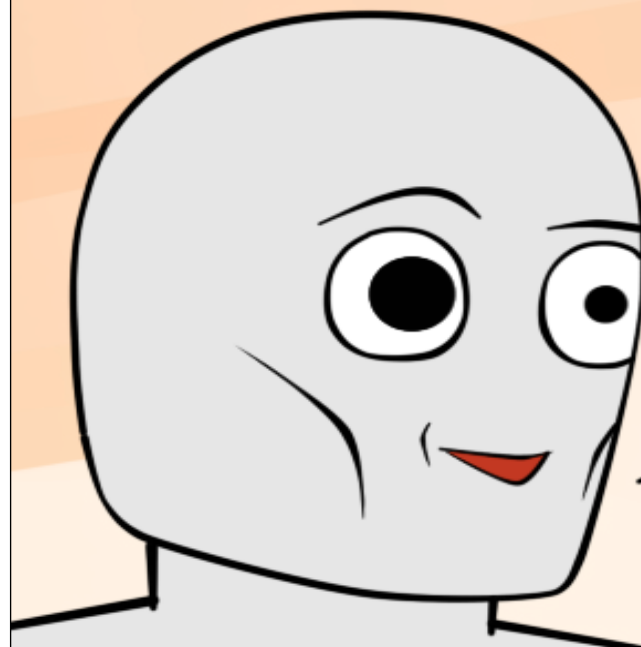
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Zombies for a cause

English class charity for Food Pantry

Ana Trujillo
THE RIDER

Lecturer III Marianita Escamilla's English writing class will host the fourth annual Zombie Walk Food Drive on Oct. 23. By bringing five cans of food, students are eligible for a zombie makeover.

The event will take place from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. in the Studio Theater, located in Liberal Arts Building South 107 on the Edinburg campus.

All donations collected from the Zombie Walk Food Drive will go toward UTRGV's Food Pantry.

"Zombies are kind of a representative of what happens when we let things go really bad," Escamilla said. "We don't want society to become ... filled with zombies and things that we can't control and ... fix."

Last year, over 100 students attended and helped with the event, and around 759 pounds of food were donated, according to Escamilla. This year, students are trying to break the record and their goal is to collect 1,000 pounds of food.

Escamilla's class will be working

with theater Assistant Professor Jennifer Saxton's makeup class. Saxton's class will do the zombie makeovers.

UTRGV's Food Pantry will benefit from these donations, especially from high-demand foods such as canned chicken, tuna, water and tea.

"With all the items donated ... here at the food pantry, we're going to organize them and they're gonna go directly out to the students," said Carla Garcia, a psychology senior. "We are missing more liquids and some protein."

Garcia said the Food Pantry



Joahana Segundo/THE RIDER PHOTO ILLUSTRATION


Lecturer III Marianita Escamilla has been hosting the Zombie Walk Food Drive for four years as an initiative to help collect cans for UTRGV's Food Pantry. The Zombie Walk Food Drive will take place from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. Oct. 23 in the Studio Theater (ELABS 107).

gets donations from the Food Bank and community; therefore, their donations are selective and sometimes they don't get the items that are most requested.

For students to get a zombie makeover, they are required to bring five cans of food. For two extra cans, they can enter a raffle, in which the prizes vary from departmental items to signed items from the "Z Nation" cast.

The English writing class has a Facebook page, "Zombie Walk Food Drive for UTRGV Food Pantry," for students who wish to donate, but can't attend the event. A link can be found in the publications section.

For more information, email Escamilla at marianita.escamilla@utrgv.edu.



Zombie Walk Food Drive

When: 12:15-1:15 p.m. Oct. 23

Where: ELABS 107

Bring: Five cans of food

Showcase your talent

Holiday card contest now open

Maleny Ortega
THE RIDER

The President's Holiday Card Contest is now open for students to submit their artwork and be eligible to win a \$1,000 scholarship.

This year's theme is to reflect what the holiday season means to the contestant. The design must incorporate UTRGV, the holiday season and the color orange.

To enter the contest, participants must be UTRGV students in good academic and judicial standing. Dual-credit and concurrent students are not eligible. The artwork is submitted electronically, along with the official entry form.

A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to the first-place winner of the card contest and a \$500 scholarship to second- and third-place winners. The scholarships will be for the upcoming spring semester.

The winning card will be reproduced digitally and sent via email to the campus community.

UTRGV President Guy Bailey will print a few hundred hard copies that will be sent to people on his mailing list, which include



Robert Benavidez Jr./THE RIDER GRAPHIC

key stakeholders of the university, other presidents and the chancellor, according to Patrick Gonzales, associate vice president for University Marketing and Communications. Credit will be given to the card's artist.

The deadline to submit artwork is Nov. 8. Winners will be announced Dec. 7 and will be recognized at Bailey's holiday reception, where they will be awarded

the scholarship. Gonzales said Bailey brought the holiday card contest tradition with him when he first started working for UTRGV.

"He just loves it because it really allows our students to kind of show their talent and their creativity and to also reward those students who are victorious in the contest," Gonzales said.

According to the

contest website, the card specifications are that the finished size must be 7 x 5 inches with a .25-inch bleed and a safety zone of 6.75 x 4.75 inches. The card may be in landscape or portrait orientation, be of full quality, uncompressed only, and all artwork must be CMYK at 300 dpi. The accepted formats are PDF, EPS, AI, TIF or JPEG.

If the digital artwork does

not meet these requirements, the submission will not be considered.

Raymundo Lopez, a history sophomore, said he would like to see the card incorporate presents and family.

"I guess, basically, presents," Lopez said. "It's one of the main things people look into when it comes to the holiday season and I guess more of, like, family gathering."

Past winning cards have included holiday objects such as piñatas, seasonal flowers, a Vaquero boot and a loteria card.

Gonzales encourages students to participate in the contest.

"I would like to encourage all of our students to consider ... entering the contest," he said. "We're always amazed by the talent of our students."

For more information on the contest, contact the University Marketing and Communications Office at 665-2741 or umc@utrgv.edu. To submit an entry, visit utrgv.edu/feature/eblasts/president-holiday-card/contest.

Court is in session

Vaqueros to begin basketball season

Juanita Maldonado
SPORTS EDITOR

The UTRGV Men's Basketball Team is ready to begin the season under the direction of Head Coach Lew Hill. This will be Hill's third season with the program. His coaching staff includes Assistant Coaches Jai Steadman, Kenya Crandell and Luke Mackay.

Last season, Hill coached UTRGV to a 50 percent increase in victories, from 10 to 15, and a 200 percent increase in WAC victories, from two to six. His six WAC wins have been the most the program has ever had, and that includes legacy institution University of Texas Pan-American. The Vaqueros have the highest number of conference victories since 1995-96.

UTRGV finished fifth in WAC play in the 2017-18 season and went on to make its first postseason appearance since 1981.

Hill coached former Vaquero Nick Dixon to National Association of Basketball Coaches All-District Second Team and All-WAC First Team honors.

His goal for the upcoming season is to improve on last year's performance.



Aaliyah Garza/THE RIDER

Forward Solomon Hainna dribbles during practice last Thursday. Also shown are Tyson Smith (from left), Uche Dibiamaka, Isaiah Fontaine and Jamal Gaines.

"When I came in, I wanted a plus five every year and we've done that," Hill said.

"I mean, in the second year, we went to a postseason tournament, the first time in a long time, so we're taking the right steps of moving

forward.

"My first year, I think we finished

seventh. Last year, we finished fourth, so we're going in the right di-



UTRGV Madness

To kick off the season, the team will host UTRGV Madness at 9 p.m. Friday at the UTRGV Fieldhouse in Edinburg.

rection."

With Dixon's graduation last spring,

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UTRGV Athletics making history



Aaliyah Garza/THE RIDER PHOTOS

UTRGV women's soccer midfielder Gina Steiner chases after University of Missouri-Kansas City player Rylan Childers during the Sept. 28 match at home.



University of Missouri-Kansas City forward Michele Drago attempts to move the ball toward the goal during a match Oct. 5 against UTRGV. Vaqueros forward Rooby Dalusma tries to block the pass.

Juanita Maldonado
SPORTS EDITOR

For volleyball, women's and men's soccer, the season is halfway through, and each team has already posted significant accomplishments.

On Sept. 8, the UTRGV Women's Volleyball Team pulled off a historic upset against No. 15 Baylor University in a 3-2 win.

Three days later, captain and senior middle blocker Alexandra Ecker broke the career blocks record in a 3-0

sweep against Texas A&M University Corpus Christi. Ecker ended the game with 343 blocks. As of Oct. 10, Ecker had 369 career blocks.

UTRGV was not done breaking records. In a game against Texas Tech University, the Vaqueras filled the Fieldhouse with a record home crowd of 2,176.

In that same game, senior outside hitter Ragni Steen Knudsen became the ninth member of the UTRGV 1,000 kills club with 1,011 kills.

On Sept. 29, the Vaqueras reached

a season-high 12 aces to defeat Seattle University 3-0. The 12 aces are recorded as the highest total for UTRGV.

The last time the volleyball program reached 12 aces was back in October 2014, when legacy institution University of Texas Pan-American played Texas Southern University.

Knudsen moved into sixth place on the UTRGV NCAA Division I all-time kills list with 1,124 kills after the Vaqueras defeated Chicago State University 3-0, which earned her WAC Volleyball Offensive Athlete of the Week

for the third time this season.

Also receiving WAC honors was senior libero Giselle Zayas, who was named WAC Volleyball Defensive Athlete of the Week on Sept. 10.

As of last Wednesday, the Vaqueras were on a five-game winning streak and in first place in the Western Athletic Conference.

The Women's Soccer Team is on the same path to success. On Aug. 30, the team upset the University of Miami

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This week's home game schedule

Volleyball

- 7 p.m. Thursday vs. California State University, Bakersfield at UTRGV Fieldhouse
- Noon Saturday vs. Utah Valley University at UTRGV Fieldhouse



Women's Soccer

- 2 p.m. Sunday vs. California Baptist University at UTRGV Soccer and Track & Field Complex



Men's Soccer

- 7 p.m. Friday vs. California State University, Bakersfield at UTRGV Soccer and Track & Field Complex
- 11 a.m. Sunday vs. California Baptist University at UTRGV Soccer and Track & Field Complex



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Leonardo D. Carmona
Psychology Major
Works in Student Life

“ Before working at UTRGV, I had no idea of all the resources that were available to students and how useful they were to improve one's academic performance. Since I started working at the Dean of Students office, I have come to know and work with so many other departments that have such friendly and helpful staff that are so engaged in the lives of our students. I enjoy my job each and every day and I'm happy to be part of the difference that is made in our Vaqueros' lives. ”

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Carolee N. Lopez
Fine Arts Major with a concentration in Graphic Design.
Works in Student Involvement

“ Having the opportunity to create visual communication pieces for the Student Involvement department for UTRGV has been a great experience so far. I've met great people that are always willing to help, and I really enjoy having a job where being creative is also being a part of helping to improve student life across campus. ”

ATHLETICS

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2-1 in overtime. The game ended 1-1 in regulation, but freshman forward Emily Zapata scored the game-winning goal for the Vaqueras.

Zapata has been a key component of the team as she has scored 10 goals this season as of Oct. 10, making her the team's lead scorer and tying her for the lead of most goals scored in the WAC with the University of Missouri-Kansas City forward Kelsey Mothershead.

Five of the 10 goals scored by Zapata have been game-winning, which sets a new program record for most game-winning goals in a season.

Topdrawersoccer.com, a website dedicated to providing college and club scores, noticed her success on the field and ranked her 91 among the top 100 freshmen. She has also earned the

WAC Women's Soccer Offensive Athlete of the Week.

Also earning the WAC Women's Soccer Defensive Players of the Week were junior goalie Kinga Szemik, who was selected three times, and freshman goalie Maile Lunardi, who was selected once.

Szemik was also called back to Poland to play with her national team. She made her debut with a 3-0 win over Estonia.

On Oct. 4, the team learned that it had earned the United Soccer Coaches Team Academic Award for achieving a team grade-point average of 3.0 or higher during the 2017-2018 academic year.

The Vaqueras recorded a 3.54 GPA, which is the third-highest mark among women's soccer teams in the state.

On the men's side, the Vaqueros finished second at the Rio Grande Valley

Invitational hosted by UTRGV at the Soccer and Track & Field Complex.

Junior forwards William Akio and Kyle Edwards, along with senior forward/midfielder Isidro Martinez, were selected for the RGV Invitational All-Tournament Team. Antone Jarvis was selected as the Defensive MVP of the tournament.

After that, the Vaqueros achieved a five-game winning streak by defeating Northern Illinois University, the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, the University of Central Arkansas, Jacksonville University and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

On Sept. 25, the Vaqueros learned they earned regional rankings and climbed in the Ratings Percentage Index.

UTRGV was ranked No. 10 in the United Soccer Coaches Far West Region and had an RPI of 32 in the first

NCAA RPI release of the season. At the end of last season, the Vaqueros were ranked 157 in the RP.

The men also earned the United Soccer Coaches Team Academic Awards for achieving a team grade-point average of 3.0 or higher during the 2017-2018 academic year.

UTRGV finished with a 3.50 GPA and was one of 14 teams to have a GPA of 3.50 or higher.

A new record has been set by the men's team as it has won five straight home matches (5-1-0), breaking the NCAA Division I program record for most home wins, which was set back in 1991 and 1989 (4-1-0).

Akio was selected as the WAC Men's Soccer Offensive Player of the Week.

All three teams are looking to end the season with even more record breaking, game winning and history-making events.

HEALTH

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Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for final approval.

In College of Health Professions, Hernandez said the division is considering master's degrees in dietetics, biomedical sciences and doctoral degrees in physical therapy, occupational therapy, pharmacy and audiology.

Christopher Ledingham, an associate professor for Health & Human Performance, said the School of Nursing and the School of Social Work hold careers that are in high-need in the Rio Grande Valley.

Ledingham said programs previously in or presumed to be in the College of Health Professions are proposed to be in stand-alone colleges.

"The administration looked at this as a way to increase our ability to attract the best students and the best faculty," he said.

Ledingham said the College of Health Affairs made it sound like it was a government office, but the College of Health Professions showed

that the college is for "training the next generation of health care professionals."

Hernandez said this change affects not only current, but future students, as well. Although some students would agree

struggled in their own program.

"When there are already so many flaws within the existing programs, I feel that money going to these new colleges and programs should be used to fix the

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--Christopher Ledingham, associate professor Health & Human Performance

that it only affects future students, some current students still struggle with their own programs.

Sophia Ochoa, a senior exercise science major, said she is glad that UTRGV is able to expand the colleges and programs for the future students, but she and her fellow students have

issues that we have first, before adding anything else very new," Ochoa said.

She said some students in her major are having trouble with capped classes, classes being available on both campuses and prerequisites. The problems have been addressed to administration, but she has yet to get a response.

Brianna Escobar, a master's student in the Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling program, said she is glad they are adding more opportunities and hopes they can find more professors.

She acknowledged that some students do not care about the new programs because they don't pertain to them and stressed that they should care for their community.

"Even if they believe that it won't affect their family or affect them in any way, they have cousins, they have siblings, they have somebody that they know that they hold near and dear to them, that's going to attend this campus eventually," Escobar said.

Hernandez said that for the students, this doesn't change anything organizational and they will continue with their classes, but it does open new possibilities.

"I think it means great opportunities for students pursuing careers in health professions and interested in getting additional degrees in their respective degrees," she said.

She hopes students can continue their journey in health care and the school, as a whole, can grow together.

COMPETITION

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Castillo and her peers utilized a Gillig bus to complete the practice course because they are considered a more traditional type of transit bus and will be the ones utilized in state and national competitions, Zuñiga said.

"Girls do rule! Not only men," Castillo said when asked about her overall performance.

Jose Ibarra, the transportation supervisor on the Brownsville campus, served as a judge in this summer's competition and not only mentioned Castillo's excellent performance, but also the importance of the event.

"Not only is it a fun activity, but it is also for the drivers to practice safety and also train on whatever areas they need to train on to provide better service for the passengers," Ibarra said.

The location of the regional competition is yet to be voted on and confirmed by the Regional Transportation Advisory Panel.

Vaquero Express is part of RTAP, as is every transit agency in the Valley, along with other transportation entities, Zuñiga told *The Rider*.

"We're hoping that it'll be somewhere in UTRGV, we just don't know exactly where," Zuñiga said. "Again, we have to go through the committee so that we can vote on where we are going to have it, but the idea has been to host

it here at UTRGV, more than likely the Edinburg campus."

Drivers will compete in the bus portion of the event only, according to Zuñiga.

Winners of the regional competition will advance to the State Bus Rodeo, which will include a comprehensive portion.

State competition will take place in March.

Castillo has been an employee of the university since Aug. 1, 2016. She was previously employed as a bus driver by IDEA Quest and the Edinburg School District.

"To me, being a driver, is responsibility," Castillo said. "No matter the age of the passengers, they

are considered precious cargo and to me, even though they are old enough or older than me, they are considered my children."

Castillo, Edwardo Arteaga and Luis Garcia have qualified to represent the UTRGV Vaquero Express in the regional contest.

In other UTRGV transportation news, Ibarra will receive an Accessibility Achievement Award at the third annual UTRGV Accessibility Achievement Award Ceremony in El Gran Salón on Friday.

Ibarra was nominated by students after his involvement in the construction of a wheelchair-accessible ramp and sidewalk for a passenger with disabilities at Casa Bella Apartments in Brownsville.

BASKETBALL

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Jackson was able to play only five games last season because of an injury. During those games, he reached double figures in scoring three times.

Varner scored a season-high 14 points twice, against California State University, Bakersfield and Our Lady of the Lake University.

This will be Fontaine's first season with the program. He previously played with Tyler Junior College.

Gueye joined the program during the spring semester, but had to sit out due to NCAA transfer regulations. He previously played for St. Bonaventure University.

The sophomores on the team are guards Greg Bowie, Javon Levi and Marlon Williams.

Bowie led the team in scoring twice, rebounds once and assists once. He reached double figures in scoring six times.

Leading the team threetimes in rebounding and 17 times in assists is



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UTRGV forward Isaiah Fontaine dribbles across the court of the Fieldhouse in Edinburg.

Levi. He also reached double figures in scoring three times.

Williams made his first career basket with two rebounds and one steal in eight minutes against OLLU.

Joining the program are freshmen guards Quinton Johnson II and Uche Dibiamaka, along with forward Jamal Gaines.

Johnson is an Oklahoma City native.

He was ranked 25th in Oklahoma and represented the state in the 2017 Faith 7 Bowl against Texas.

Dibiamaka is originally from Adelaide, Australia. He attended Second Baptist School in Houston and was ranked in the top 50 players list in Texas. He represented South Australia in the Australian National Tournament.

Before coming to UTRGV, Dallas native Gaines was ranked among the top 50 players in Texas.

The team will conduct open tryouts for current UTRGV students at 6 p.m. Oct. 24 at the UTRGV Fieldhouse.

Those interested must submit a tryout form, completed physical, proof of insurance and verification of full-time enrollment at UTRGV by noon Oct. 24 to participate in the tryout. The form is available at goutrgv.com.

The Vaqueros will host their first game at 7 p.m. Nov. 6 against Texas A&M University-Commerce at the UTRGV Fieldhouse.



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