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use phones across the Students may Brownsville and Edinburg campuses in case of an emergency.

UTRGV to observe Campus Safety Awareness Month activities

Angela Cantu

A relay race in which teammates are rescued from a smoke-filled room is one of the activities students can participate in during the Fire Safety Awareness event scheduled from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Union's south quad in Edinburg.

During the race, students will put on a firefighter's uniform, extinguish a fire and rescue teammates from a smokefilled room using the Edinburg Fire Department trailer and then return to a fire truck.

The event is part of UT Rio Grande Valley's first observance of National

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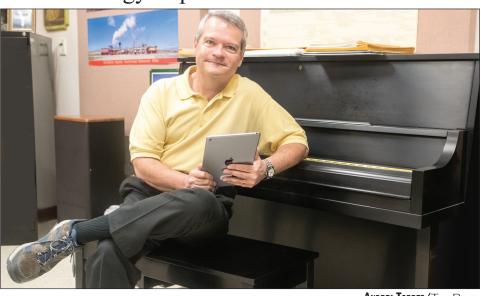
'Late Nite' face-off



University of Texas Rio Grande Valley students play volleyball during the UREC Late Nite last Thursday on the Edinburg campus. Students were served pizza and received free T-shirts. Around 100 students also participated in Zumba dancing, an inflatable obstacle course and a photo booth.

iPads replace textbooks

Technology implemented in the classroom



ANDREA TORRES/THE RIDER

School of Music Professor Art Brownlow has incorporated iPads in his courses

Astrid Gonzalez

Two UTRGV professors are using iPads in their classes to integrate technology into education.

Art Brownlow, a professor in the School of Music, and Elias Villarreal Jr., a clinical associate professor in the Physician Assistant Department in the College of Health Affairs, attended the Apple Distinguished Educator (ADE) institute program for members from Latin America and North America July 9-14 in Miami, Fla.

One of ADE's goals is to create a system of networks for institutions that allows students to have access to the necessary materials in a cost efficient

Brownlow's mission to use technology as a device to expand music education began when he was awarded a grant to improve computer-based instruction in music classes. His wide-ranging use of the Apple iPad in almost of all of his music history classes has helped students be more engaged in the classroom environment and it has been reflected in their grades.

"I've always been excited to use technology to teach music," Brownlow said. "In the early years of Apple, I developed a Hyper-Card Program to explain music to music and non-music majors. Between 2012 and 2013, [UT

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Hungry for more

Food selection on Brownsville campus grows



Graduate student Zuemi Lozano prepares an espresso coffee last Thursday at The Grid, a Sodexo convenience store on the Brownsville campus

Ena Capucion ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

With the opening of the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Sodexo will expand to the Brownsville campus with

three new food services, The Grid, The Grille and SubConnection.

Sodexo Inc. is a North American branch of the Paris-based management

company that provides numerous support services, such as restaurants, to businesses and institutions. The University of Texas Pan American first signed a 10-year contract with Sodexo in 2001. When UTPA and the University of Texas at Brownsville merged to become UTRGV, the new school signed a 10-year contract to expand Sodexo's

"A representative from each company will come and present their company to the university and whoever fits the university perfectly will be [chosen]," said Alyssa Reyna, unit marketing coordinator for UTRGV.

Reyna works closely with the university's Auxiliary Services to determine what concepts and ideas from Sodexo will be placed on either of the two campuses.

The Edinburg campus has 10 places to eat, including Jazzman's, Chick-fil-A and Slice of Life. Soon, the Brownsville campus will have access to The Grille and SubConnection, which closely resembles the one on the Edinburg campus. Currently, the only food service

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CEME

Monday Night Science Café

The Monday Night Science Café is scheduled from 7:30 to 9:30 tonight at El Hueso de Fraile, located at 837 E. Elizabeth St. in downtown Brownsville. The event, hosted by the UTRGV

Physics Department, consists of talks and discussion on topics related to science, art and humanities. Live music will be performed and food and beverages will be available. For more information, call the department at 882-

Fire Safety Awareness contest

UTRGV student organizations will compete Tuesday in a series of fire safety awareness activities for a chance to win a pizza party. The contest will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Student Union South Quad in Edinburg. The Safety Awareness Program sponsors are Student Rights and Responsibilities, Environmental Health and Safety and the Edinburg Department. For information, call Student Rights and Responsibilities at 665-5375.

State of the Student Body Address

The UTRGV Student Government **Association** invites all students to attend the First State of the Student Body Address from noon to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Union's Gran Salón on the Brownsville campus. For special accommodations, call 665-1752.

Celebrating El Grito de Dolores

Celebrate Mexican Independence Day from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Main Courtyard on the Brownsville campus. The event will feature a best grito contest, with prizes awarded to first-, second- and third-place winners. Coffee and pastries will be served. For more information, call UTRGV International Admissions Student Services at 882-7092.

Constitution Day

The office of Student Involvement and student organizations will host information booths and activities in observance of Constitution Day. The event will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday on the Chapel lawn in Edinburg and on the Student Union lawn in Brownsville. For more information, call Student Involvement in Brownsville at 882-5111 and in Edinburg at 665-2660.

Rock the Vote

Students are invited to participate in

National Voter Registration Day during the Rock the Vote Rally, which is scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday on the Chapel lawn in Edinburg and on the Student Union Lawn in Brownsville. For more information, call Student Involvement in Brownsville at 882-5111 and in Edinburg at 665-2660.

Deputy voter registrar training

Student Involvement and the Cameron and Hidalgo county elections offices will conduct Volunteer Deputy Voter Registrar training from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday in the University Center Ballroom in Edinburg and in the Student Union's Gran Salón in Brownsville. To register, call Student Involvement in Brownsville at 882-5111 or in Edinburg at 665-2660.

Color the Campus run

Color the Campus, a 5k run that raises awareness about gender-based violence and safety on campus, will take place at 8 p.m. Sept. 30 on the Brownsville campus. For more information, contact the Office of Victim Advocacy and Violence Prevention at ovavp@utrgv. edu or call 665-8287.

-- Compiled by Mario Gonzalez

APPLE

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Brownsville] had an iPad pilot program where they offered professors [the opportunity] to submit a proposal for an iPad-based project in their classrooms, and that's what got me started on my current project."

Apple had already recognized Villarreal's work when the Physician Assistant Department at the University of Texas Pan American was selected as an Apple Distinguished Program for the 2013-2015 award cycle. Villarreal, alongside Frank Ambriz, chair of UTRGV Physician Assistant Department, invented an iBook that exhibited the way the UTRGV program will make use of the iPad in an environment of diversity and ambience in these programs.

The biomedical sciences program at UTRGV is also applying the TEx app into the curriculum for medical students. The physician assistant program will allow students to download all course materials into their iPads for all classes in the program.

TEx (Total Educational Experience) is a revolutionary, mobile-first, application designed by the University of Texas System to boost student engagement and retention, according to an Aug. 25 system news release.

"Students are still doing traditional work, they're still taking notes, and taking exams, but now they're doing it in a modernized way," Villarreal said. "They're now doing things through the cloud, and instead of reading a textbook, they're reading an electronic textbook. They're able to access a vast amount of textbooks through the iPad now."

Although Brownlow and Villarreal work in different academic departments the iPads have enabled equivalent results with their students.

"ADE really helped me understand the Apple software," Villarreal said. "It helped me integrate and incorporate those type of things to my classes here on campus. It also helped me gather new ideas from other successful educators that are using the iPads in their own disciplines, and how I can apply them



LESLEY ROBLES/THE RIDER

Members of the Association of Latino Professionals for America are (from left) Julio Cantú, Israel Rios, Mariel S. Muñoz, Leonlel Cantú, Ana Carolyn Cano, Kenndy Garza and Raymundo Araujo.

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For more information, email: alpfa. utrgv@gmail.com

--Compiled by Lesley Robles

SODEXO

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available in Brownsville is The Grid, a convenience store located in front of the University Library. The Grille will offer American-inspired food such as custommade burgers and fries.

Price ranges for the three new food services won't be much higher than other places to eat off campus.

"Well, they're not a dollar menu," Reyna said. "The price structure is the

same you could see here at the Edinburg campus. They are retail pricing, so they're a little more than let's say a Whataburger or McDonald's menu. But to compete [with] restaurants we do try to keep our prices around the same price structure you would see off campus. So, an average meal would be about six [or]

More information regarding the new food services on the Brownsville campus will be released as soon as both Sodexo and UTRGV finalize the details.

Starting off on a high note

season to begin Friday



Photo Courtesy Rebecca Fay Photography

Soprano Alisa Jordheim will perform at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the TSC Arts Center.

Andrea Torres

Soprano Alisa Jordheim will kick off the 31st season of the Patron of the Arts program with a recital at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Texas Southmost College Arts Center in Brownsville.

Jordheim, a native of Appleton, Wisconsin, recently performed as Lulu Baines in "Elmer Gantry" with the Florentine Opera and as Marzelline in "Fidelio" with the Madison Opera, according to the Patron of the Arts

"She has a beautiful, light, lyric soprano voice," Daniel Hunter-Holly, UTRGV interim associate director for the School of Music, said about Jordheim. "She's going to be doing a variety of songs, ranging from Respighi, [who] is one of the composers, to Poulenc and then some American musical theater as well."

Jordheim will be accompanied by UTRGV Staff Accompanist Eric Jenkins. Students may buy a Patron of the Arts

membership for \$20, Hunter-Holly said. "Every concert they go to is \$5, so if they're going to go to more than four concerts, it's a great deal," he said. "Patron is on both campuses, both in Edinburg and Brownsville. We have about 60 or 70 concerts in Brownsville; there's another 40 in Edinburg that

students can all go to with just one pass." Visit www.facebook.com/utrgvpatron for information on upcoming events.

Ospreys suffer first league loss



Mkhitar Hobosyan(foreground), a member of the Rio Grande Ospreys, concentrates during an online chess match Wednesday against the San Francisco Mechanics. Also shown are International Master Guillermo Vasquez and Grandmaster Andrey Stukopin.

Jesus Sanchez ÉDITOR IN CHIEF

The Rio Grande Ospreys lost 1.5-2.5 against the San Francisco Mechanics in their third online match of the U.S. Chess League tournament.

Grandmaster Andrey Stukopin won his game in the match held last Wednesday.

International Master Max Cornejo drew his game and Mkhitar Hobosyan and International Master Guillermo Vasquez lost their games.

"That was our first defeat in the UTRGV season," Chess Coach Bartlomiej "Bartek" Macieja said last Thursday. "The opponents were strong and experienced. I still think we had a

UTRGV Patron of the Arts season to begin Friday Cuban theme for Saturday's Hispanic Heritage Concert



The Patron of the Arts program kicks off with two events this weekend in the Texas Southmost College Arts Center.

Rick R. Ramirez

Saturday's Hispanic Heritage Concert will feature a Cuban theme.

The concert is part of the Patron of the Arts program at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and will take place at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the Texas Southmost College Arts Center in Brownsville.

Members of the UTRGV faculty and local artists will perform.

"In the past, our Hispanic Heritage [concert] has been more of a potpourri of different music from all over Latin America," said Daniel Hunter-Holly, UTRGV interim associate director for the School of Music.

The event will showcase different musical performances highlighting the many influential characteristics of Cuban music and culture.

"Cuban music is exceptional in terms of its influence worldwide. It has a variety of influences from Africa, as well as Spain, so there is a unique quality to that music that's been very influential," Hunter-Holly said.

The 2015-2016 season will be the 31st for Patron of the Arts in Brownsville and its first in Edinburg. Tickets (\$5 for students and \$10 for non-students) to this and other events may be purchased in advance in Eidman Hall or at the box office at the TSC Arts Center. The Patron of the Arts offers a variety of memberships for students and the public that allow admission to both concerts and art exhibits in Brownsville and

Concert attendees are encouraged to arrive early to secure parking and seating.

First address



ANGELA CANTU/THE RIDER

Alberto Adame, UTRGV Student Government Association president, addresses about two dozen people at the first State of the Student Body address Sept. 10 in the Student Union theater in Edinburg. Adame will address students on the Brownsville campus at noon Tuesday in the Student Union's Gran Salón.

good team and we had chances to win."

Macieja said the team will use a couple of different players for their next match in an effort to improve their record.

"We need to start winning again because we need to qualify to playoffs," he said. "In order to qualify for playoffs, we need to have more than 50 percent in wins."

The Ospreys will take on Minnesota Blizzard at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday for their fourth match in the tournament.

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Thank you, Mom

Jesus Sanchez **EDITOR-IN-CHIEF**



On Oct. 10, 1995, was pronounced dead. Ironically, that was also the day I was born. I'm still here and this column is proof that I'm safe and sound. I have only one person to thank, my mother.

When all hope of me making it was gone, my mother still had faith that I'd be OK. She said a prayer and promised our Lord she would name me after him if I somehow

I don't need to wait for Mother's Day or her birthday to express how grateful and thankful I am to have her. I will do it right

Mom, I know I've let you down before. I know I'm not the perfect child and I know I've said things I don't mean. Sometimes, you get on my nerves and frustrate me like no one else can.

I can't express how hard it's been growing up as a young man without a father. I've had to take a back seat whenever the other children talked about their adventures with their dads. I didn't have any cool stories to share or any dad to speak of. Instead, I had something better; I had you.

My sister and I have only you. It's only us three. In a world where my sister and I weren't supposed to make it far, we are both in college with stable jobs, and it's all because of you. We're trying our best to make you proud, yet we still have a long way to go.

In the darkest days and most dreadful times, you always made everything better and kept us safe. When I would tell you I wanted some toy or my sister wanted new shoes, I could see the sadness in your face when you had to tell us no. We didn't always get everything we wanted but we always had everything we needed.

All the times you said no, all the times you punished me, it was always for my own good. I didn't understand then but I get it now and couldn't be any more thankful.

The numerous times I screwed up and failed, you were always there by my side ready to tell me to try again. No other person has ever made me feel as safe as you

All you did, all you said, you did your best to raise us both. Even though I say I don't, of course I care and want you here with me forever. I want you to guide and enlighten me about how to be a great parent for my kids just as you are for me.

I want you to watch me graduate from college and see me become successful. I want you to be there with me forever to tell me when I'm doing something wrong or that I'm the craziest boy you've ever seen. I need you with me forever because I have no one else.

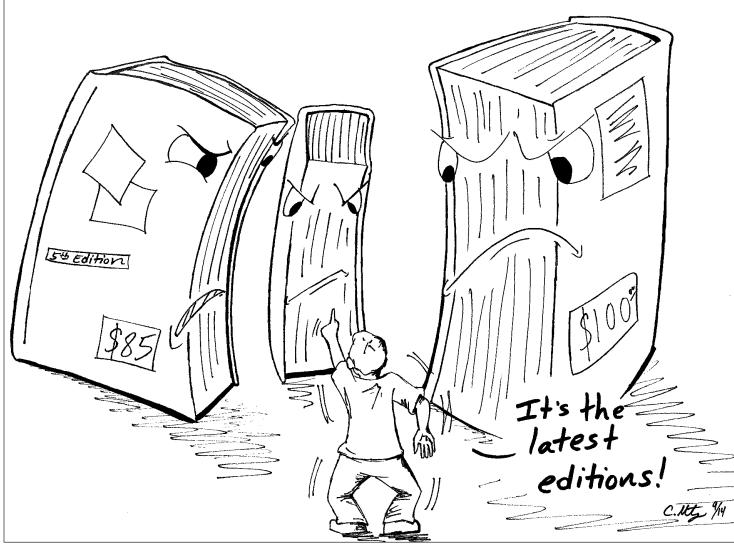
All children fight with their parents and a few of their arguments may be as crazy as ours, but I love you Maria Jimenez. Even though I didn't have a father figure to look up to, I promise you that I will never be a bad father to my kids.

If they took everything away from me and I had to travel across the world to find my kids, I would. That's what you would have done for me.

Most people have two guarantees in life, death and taxes. I have one more: As long as I'm alive, my kids will always have a dad no matter what.

You were my role model before I even knew what those words meant. Do you know what the best part about having you as a mom is? My kids will have you as their

I know one day we'll have to go our separate paths, and as I write this I'm overwhelmed with sadness, but I want to take this opportunity to thank you for being my mom and my dad. I love you, Mom.



Campus Q & A

Have you purchased any of your books yet? If so, where from?

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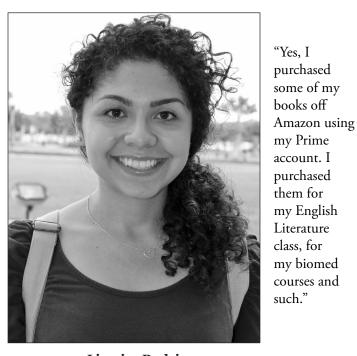
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Kevin Rivas Sociology junior

"Yes, for three sociology classes, a Spanish class and an English class. I got them all from Amazon."



Limairy Rodriguez Biomedical sciences junior

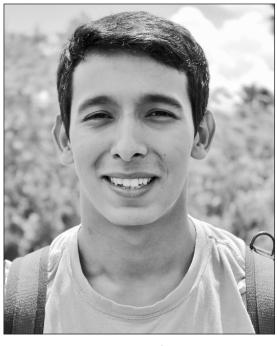


Ashley Saenz English junior

them for my Rehab class, my Texas Culture Literature, Children's and Adolescent Literature, and Advanced Creative Writing in Adolescent Literature. I purchased them at the bookstore, through Chegg and Amazon.'

--Compiled by Michelle Espinoza and Lesley Robles

"Yes. I purchased



Juan Ramirez Nursing junior

"Most of the courses that I'm taking, I got my books through PDFs so they were free. So, if anything, I had to pay for one book, which I ordered on Amazon for like seven bucks, but that's about it."

Back for year two

Women's soccer trying to avoid sophomore slump



LESLEY ROBLES/THE RIDER

Vaquero sophomore midfielder Andreya Barrera (left) and Prairie View A&M University Panther freshman defender Rachel Johnson battle for possesion of the ball Aug. 28 on the UTRGV Soccer and Track & Field Complex. The game ended in a 2-2 draw.

Nathaniel Mata SPORTS EDITOR

With a year of experience under their collective belt, Vaqueros women's soccer looks to improve on the 2014 season, in which they finished 8-9-4 overall and 2-7-1 in Western Athletic Conference

Head Coach Glad Bugariu knows that another year means not only more confidence for his team but also more expectations among the squad.

"Well, there's more pressure this season. The first year, basically, it's a year where nobody expects anything from you," said the native of Romania, in his second year at the helm of the team. "The second year those expectations grow and those expectations continue to grow every year. They've created a culture. There's a women's soccer culture now here at UTRGV, and they're the founders of that. It's partly on them to spread that culture to our newcomers."

In nonconference play a season ago, the team's record was 6-1-3 before entering WAC. A pair of games remain on the schedule before the WAC opener Sept. 27 in New Mexico, including a match at 7 p.m. Wednesday against Texas Southern University at the UTRGV Soccer and Track & Field Complex. Bugariu knows this part of the season, before conference begins, is important for players new and returning alike.

"Obviously, we want to win every game we play but at this point we're still trying to blend in 13 new players and that has its challenges both tactically and from a team chemistry standpoint," the nine-year coaching veteran said. "We work very hard to make sure these things are set before the first conference game."

One of those 13 newcomers is freshman Meghan Oram from Calgary, Canada. The forward's first goal came Sept. 6 against Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

Oram also stressed the importance of the early season and nonconference play for the team's chemistry.

"I think these games are just as important as those conference games because this kind of gets our team starting to build together, our chemistry on and off the field," the 5-foot-6-inch Oram, from Western Canada, said. "It helps with getting ready to prepare for those big games in the conference, to see where we're at and start putting the

sponsored by the Clery Center for Campus Security," David Mariscal, assistant director for UTRGV Student Rights and Responsibilities, said about

This is the second year the event is held on the Edinburg campus; it was previously hosted by the University of Texas Pan American, Mariscal said.

NCSAM events will be held on the Brownsville and Edinburg campuses throughout September. programs promoting risk reduction and student safety will continue throughout the year, said Doug Stoves, associate dean for Student Rights and Responsibilities.

For more information on Campus Safety Awareness Month events, call the Student Rights and Responsibilities Office in Edinburg at 665-5375 or visit them on the second floor of the University Center. In Brownsville, call 882-5141 or visit Cortez Hall 204.

pieces together and start getting ready."

The forward's experiences are shared with 12 other players who are playing for UTRGV for the first year with the program. Oram says that training, despite this fact, has gone smoothly.

"With all new teams, I think, the beginning is always a little bit rocky, because we all don't know each other, we've never played together, people all play differently," Oram said. "But I think, so far, we've all been training together very well, considering the fact we've got half the team being new players, either freshmen or transfers. I think we are improving every day and getting better all the time."

There are two more opportunities for the team to get better before conference begins and the games will count for standings and seedings in the end of season tournament.

After the WAC opener on the road against New Mexico State University Sept. 27, the team returns for its conference home opener. That game, against Grand Canyon University, will take place Oct. 2, when UTRGV will attempt to improve its conference record and carry momentum to the WAC tournament in November.

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on Youtube with KARINA SEGOVIA & STEVEN CAVAZOS

Athlete of the Week



Name: Bojana Mitrovic Classification: Sophomore **Major:** Marketing

Sport: Volleyball **Position:** Right side hitter

Hometown: Novi Sad, Serbia Who is your favorite athlete? "Ivan Miljković. He was the right side hitter in the national team in my country. Now, he is retired. He's such a beast, so I really

like him." Who is your role model? "I would say my mom because she's been through a lot and she's a fighter and she's pushing me through everything and she's giving me a huge support here."

What is the best advice you've ever been given and by whom? "I would say my mother and my coach. The best advice that I got from my mother is that the more confidence you have the more you're going to accomplish more stuff, and the best advice I got from my coach is that everything in the court is related to life and if you're making other people better, you're a great player."

What do you like to do for fun? "I like to read. I like to listen to music and hang out with my teammates."

When did you begin playing volleyball and why did you start playing? "I started playing volleyball when I was 13 and I always liked the sport. Nobody in my family played it ever, but I always watched it on TV. I just liked it and started playing it."

Did you play in high school and did you get any awards? "Yes. I played in high school and I got a lot of awards at home but, I mean, it's not going to help

What are your goals for the season? "Our goal this season is to win the conference and to get as far as we can as a team."

What is your favorite movie? "My favorite movie I would say is 'Inception.' I've watched it five times and every time I take it on a different way. There's so many different ways to understand that movie."

Is there a song that gets your head in the game? "I have a lot of favorite songs, so every week I'll find a new one. As long as I like the song, it's good."

What are your plans for the Fall 2015 semester? "I think school is very important for every human being. Of course, for athletes as well because we don't have a lot of time to commit at it but, I mean, it's all time management. My goal is to have 4.0 GPA this fall, so I'm going to try my best."

How do you feel about being part of the first UTRGV Volleyball Team? "It's a big deal. It's a new school, a new team. Everything is new for us and I'm really proud of how hard we are working and I know that we're going to get far."

--Compiled by Jesus Sanchez

SAFETY

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Campus Safety Awareness Month and is hosted by the school's Student Rights and Responsibilities and Environmental Health and Safety departments.

Members of the Edinburg Fire Department will also distribute information on fire safety.

The Clery Center for Security on Campus, an organization created to bring a safe learning environment to college students, started the campaign in 2008. Each year, the center comes up with a different slogan to encourage student involvement. This year's slogan is "Know More, Do More." The organization also aims to keep

college campuses aware of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and

"It's part of the overall national campaign on campus safety that's

TASTE OF SUCCESS



LESLEY ROBLES/THE RIDER

Raymond Salas, program coordinator for the Zen Recovery Center in the University Center on the Edinburg campus, informs social work freshman Hortencia Zavala about the services the program provides. Students on both campuses learned about services and organizations during last Wednesday's Student Success Open House.



MICHELLE ESPINOZA/THE RIDER

Freshman art major Bianca Gutierrez (left) and freshman Kenya Rodriguez pick up ice cream and fliers during the Student Success Open House, held Wednesday in the Student Involvement Office in Brownsville. Students visited Student Success offices on both campuses to get informed about services, enjoy refreshments and win door prizes.

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Remembering 9/11



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