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Appeal spurs tuition break for grad students

Receive \$50 scholarship per credit hour



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University of Texas Rio Grande Valley students wait in line to pay their tuition Aug. 25 at the cashier's window in the Main Building's Tower in Brownsville.

Rick R. Ramirez
SOCIAL MEDIA EDITOR

On the verge of the UTRGV's inaugural year, graduate student Pepe Garcia started an online petition to raise awareness about tuition increases for Fall 2015.

"This semester, I'm going to have to pay \$700 more for the same amount of classes I took last year," Garcia said in an

interview Aug. 18.

Garcia, an international student from Mexico, relocated to the Rio Grande Valley to attend graduate school at UT Pan American last spring semester. He said he used to pay about \$2,500 for nine credit hours as a graduate student at UTPA.

Garcia was going to enroll in Mexi-See PETITION, Page 14

Shuttle service between campuses begins today

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SOURCE: UTRGV TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING

MARIO GONZALEZ/RIDER GRAPHIC

Jesus Sanchez
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley is transporting students, faculty and staff between the Brownsville and Edinburg campuses via shuttle.

"What we're trying to do is minimize the cost to students for transportation," UTRGV President Guy Bailey said of the free service. "Our goal for the future is to minimize travel for students."

A Vaquero Express shuttle can transport a maximum of 22 people at a time. Two shuttles, one based on each campus, will be used to transport members of the campus community Monday through Friday.

UTRGV conducted a transportation needs survey between June 12 and July 5, asking the campus community for feedback on current and future demand of transportation between the UTRGV campuses and the local community.

"We did see some demand, especially from faculty and staff," Rodney Gomez, UTRGV director of parking and transportation. "We also used enrollment information to help determine the demand for transportation among students."

Gomez said the university will add more shuttles depending on the demand

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Over 28,700 students enrolled at UTRGV

\$238M awarded in financial aid

Jesus Sanchez
EDITOR IN CHIEF

As of Aug. 27, 28,773 students had registered for the Fall 2015 semester at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, exceeding the goal of 28,000 students that university officials set.

Magdalena “Maggie” Hinojosa, UTRGV associate vice president for student enrollment, said surpassing their enrollment goal was a remarkable accomplishment for the university in its first year.

“It’s a testament to UTRGV being an exciting place students want to attend,” Hinojosa said Aug. 26. “We’ve worked extremely hard to have a great freshman class. ... It’s truly an exciting time.”

Saturday is the last day to register for classes for continuing students and entering freshmen that have attended orientation.

UTRGV President Guy Bailey said he is very happy with the number of students enrolled for the Fall 2015 semester.

“We exceeded our goal of enrollment,” Bailey said. “We’re very pleased and think that that’s great. I think in 10 years we’ll be at close to 40,000 students. ... It’s our goal to educate students from the Valley, so we’re delighted that we’ve surpassed our goal.”

Among those who registered for classes this fall was sophomore interdisciplinary studies major Julio Manzano.

Asked what he thought about



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Biology pre-med sophomore Uriel Góngora assists social work junior Mayra Maldonado at the Students Services Department in Edinburg

the number of students enrolled at UTRGV, Manzano replied, “That’s a lot of students. Honestly, it’s all about your attitude [toward the university]. ... I think UTRGV is a great way to consolidate the Valley as far as unifying all the students and promoting education.”

Manzano said he had trouble registering for classes back in May.

Bailey told *The Rider* in a phone interview Aug. 24 that the university will have glitches but that they would

be fixed over time.

“Within five years, there won’t be any skepticism toward the university,” Bailey said. “As people begin to see new programs implemented, I think that skepticism will disappear. ... The end result of this change is that you will have opportunities here [in the Valley] that you never had in the past.”

More than 22,000 students have been awarded financial aid as of Aug. 25, Hinojosa said.

“To see enrollment grow to 21,000 students [at UT Pan American] last year was significant,” Hinojosa said.

UT Brownsville had nearly 7,500 students enrolled last spring semester.

“Now, being very close to 29,000 students across multiple campuses awarding a quarter of a billion dollars in financial aid is something I am privileged and honored to have the opportunity to be a part of.”

We will celebrate

Best Week Ever events kick off UTRGV’s inaugural year

Andrea Torres
THE RIDER

Today the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley opens its doors to more than 28,000 students, faculty and staff for its first year.

To celebrate the consolidation of UT Brownsville and UT Pan American into UTRGV, a series of events called the Best Week Ever is underway. Activities began Aug. 27 and will continue through Friday on the Edinburg and Brownsville campuses.

“It’s going to be a weeklong series of events designed to kick off UTRGV as a new university,” said Abraham Villarreal, program specialist for student organizations for the UTRGV Office of Student Involvement. “[With] these events, we hope to accomplish a sense of unity for the campus to really make students feel welcome, get them excited about the new year and the new opportunities UTRGV is going to present to our students.”

Between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.



MICHELLE ESPINOZA/THE RIDER

Jerry Martinez helps his daughter, freshman education major Victoria C. Martinez, unpack her belongings during Thursday’s Freshman Vaquero Move-In at Casa Bella, the UTRGV student housing complex in Brownsville.

today and Tuesday, info depots will be located throughout both campuses for students who have questions or need help finding a classroom.

Have some spare change? Then join students, faculty and staff at the Toss for Luck event at noon today at the water fountain in front of the Main Building

in Brownsville and the water fountain at the Chapel of the Lord’s Prayer in Edinburg to toss a coin and ask for good fortune.

This evening’s signature event, The Stomp, will bring the campus communities in Edinburg and Brownsville together to celebrate the inaugural year of

Chancellor on campus today

Jesus Sanchez
EDITOR IN CHIEF

University of Texas System Chancellor William McRaven will be on the Edinburg and Brownsville campuses today to help celebrate the launch of the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

McRaven will be at the flag raising ceremony from 10 to 10:45 a.m. at the flagpole on the north side of the Student Services building in Edinburg and at the proclamation celebration from 2 to 2:45 p.m. in Main Building’s Plumeria Courtyard in Brownsville.

the university.

“It’s going to be a really big event,” Villarreal said. “We’re going to have student organizations, departments, volunteer agencies, local businesses, community members coming onto campus on both sites just to kick off and start the

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The day we have been anticipating, since rumors of the merger between the University of Texas Pan American and the University of Texas at Brownsville began, has finally arrived. The final curtain has dropped and two universities have become one.

At first, many were not thrilled about the idea of having to leave everything they have known for decades. Who could blame them? Change can be overwhelming. Both universities have been around longer than some of us taking classes at them have been alive. We grew up hear-

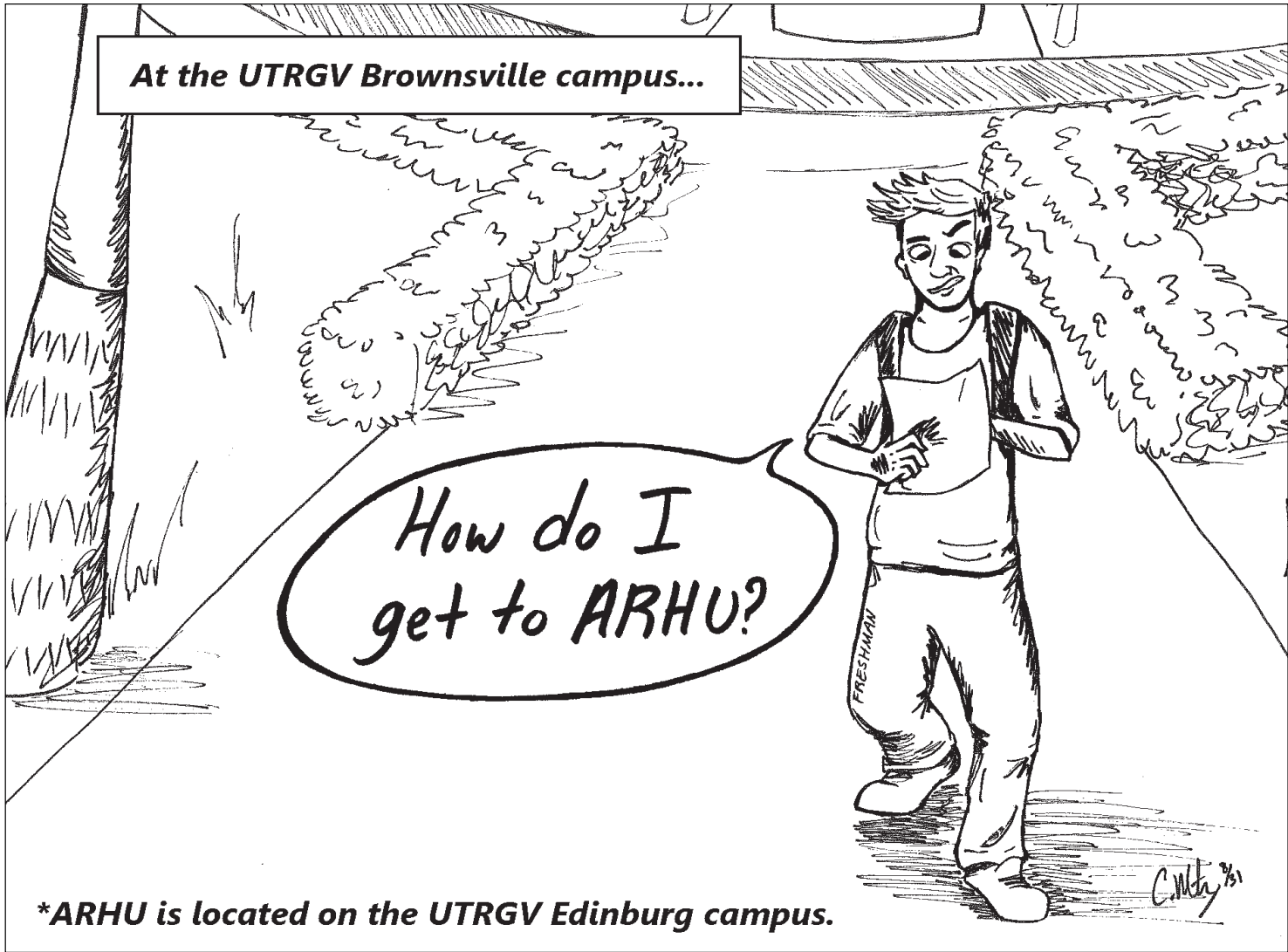


ing their names. We deemed it necessary to try to fight for what others had established before us. Why would anyone want to demolish something that meant so much to so many?

For years, *The Pan American* at UTPA and *The Collegian* at UTB were the students' voice. These two newspapers helped students voice their opinions while reporters remained unbiased and informed not only the student body but also the community. The sleepless nights, long hours behind a computer and laughter among co-workers are now nothing more than a memory. No longer will we be adding to a legacy but to something not many knew would exist

until today, Aug. 31, 2015.

Enough about the past, we have a new legacy to establish. A name does not define who we are. We are not the name of a newspaper, we are ourselves. We have the ability to create something new. The possibilities are endless! We have the chance to establish something new and make it far greater than what came before it. It will not be easy but, with hard work and effort, I believe this newspaper and other university ventures will succeed. We hope you will join us on this wild ride as we build a legacy. We are the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and it is my pleasure to introduce to you, *The Rider*.



Campus Q & A

“What excites you the most about UTRGV?”



Valeria Contreras
Mass communication sophomore

“What excites me more about UTRGV is to see what kind of events and new projects they are going to bring up. Maybe they are going to be better and that will make us stand out more at the college level.”



Diana Olvera
Freshman

“What I’m most excited about for UTRGV is to start my first classes here this semester and I look forward to having a very good experience here at UTRGV.”



Daniel Gonzalez
History junior

“I’m most excited about the new classes that are going to be offered. All the new events. The new medical school that is part of the campus now. I’m also excited about being part of UTPA.”



Robert Sanchez
Social studies composite sophomore

“The changes don’t really worry me. I just want to get back to classes, and just study, work hard, and do my best.”

--Compiled and photos by Lesley Robles & Michelle Espinoza

VA extends service to veterans on campus

Tele-Health program starts this week

Mario Gonzalez
PHOTO EDITOR

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley's Office of Veteran Services and the Veterans Affairs Clinic in Harlingen will collaborate to bring Tele-Health services to UTRGV veteran students.

Tele-Health is a program that will give veteran students the same counseling services provided by the VA clinic without having to leave campus.

"This is a quality healthcare service for veterans. It allows our veteran students to access various VA services through a Tele-Health system without having to spend a lot of hours on the road," said Michael Banegas, UTRGV associate dean for student support.

Veteran students can start using this teleconference service Tuesday in the Veteran Services Office on the Edinburg campus.

"If a student veteran in Edinburg is receiving counseling through the VA Clinic in Harlingen, instead of driving all the way there to meet their provider, they will go to our office in the Edinburg campus," said Martin Rodriguez, UTRGV director of the Veterans Services Center.

The Veterans Services Office will provide this service Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to



MICHELLE ESPINOZA/THE RIDER

Martin Rodriguez, director of the Veterans Services Center, explains the benefits of the Tele-Health program which will allow counseling services specifically for veterans on each campus locations to avoid traveling inconvenience. The UTRGV office of Veteran Services and the Veterans Affairs Clinic in Harlingen are collaborating to bring Tele-Health to UTRGV veteran students starting Tuesday.

4 p.m.

Veteran students need to be screened by their VA provider at the Veterans Affairs Clinic in Harlingen to be eligible for the services on campus.

"The veteran will reach out to the VA during their initial visit that they are interested in Tele-Health. If that student is already receiving services, they should let their VA provider know or they can

contact Giovanni Gonzalez at giovanni.gonzalez2@va.gov," Rodriguez said.

Banegas said there are plans to expand the Tele-health services to the Brownsville campus.

"We are testing the program in the Edinburg campus for 60 days. After that, if there are no issues, concerns or things to modify, we are going to provide the same services in the Brownsville campus," he said.

Mayela Garcia, a UTRGV veteran student from the Brownsville campus, told *The Rider* that she would be interested in this program, but would prefer if it were available in the Brownsville campus as well.

"The program itself, I think, is very positive and I think it would help both campuses, but I think it is not very convenient that it is happening in one campus for now," Garcia, said.

For more information about Tele-Health services, contact the Veterans Service Center at veteranservices@utrgv.edu, call 956-665-7934, or visit their offices in the Edinburg campus in University Center 113. Call their office in the Brownsville campus at 956-882-4195 or visit them in Cortez Hall 104.

PSA nominated in national conference

Bronc Radio a finalist in competition



JACQUELINE ARIAS/THE RIDER

The Bronc Radio booth

Jacqueline Arias
THE RIDER

In their final year before the transition to UTRGV Radio, Bronc Radio became a finalist for the College Broadcasters Inc. National Student Electronic Media Convention.

Universities across the country participate and compete at this convention along with professionals offering sessions and speeches.

Bronc Radio became a finalist in the best audio public service announcement and best audio special broadcast categories.

Patricia Hinojosa, a senior at UTRGV, led the project with classmate Jessica Ortiz in a class with professor Fred Mann, and they decided to create the PSA, "Domestic Violence." Mann,

the UTRGV Radio adviser, then asked Hinojosa to submit the PSA to the CBI Convention through the university.

"The PSA will knock your socks off. It gives you goose bumps," the Army veteran said. "Well done and well produced. A big problem in the Valley, but also worldwide."

Hinojosa didn't think her PSA would be nominated for the CBI, but when she received the call from her professors and colleagues at Bronc Radio, she was humbled.

"I didn't think someone would be calling me saying, 'Hey, your PSA has been nominated,'" Hinojosa said. "I didn't think something would come out of it."

Radio News Director Mark Lopez

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On the road to a doctorate

UT Brownsville graduate receives National Science Foundation fellowship



MICHELLE ESPINOZA/THE RIDER

Jose Eduardo Mejia graduated from the University of Texas at Brownsville with a bachelor's degrees in mathematics and finance in Fall 2014. Mejia is pursuing a master of science and doctor of philosophy in mechanical engineering at Texas A&M University.

Andrea Torres
THE RIDER

An internship at NASA has opened doors for Jose Eduardo Mejia, who graduated from the University of Texas at Brownsville in 2014 with bachelor's degrees in finance and mathematics.

"He came back [from NASA] and that transformed the way he looked at things. It's like the world just had opened its doors to him," UTRGV Career Center Director Juan Andres Rodriguez-Nieto said about Mejia.

Mejia said his 10-week internship consisted of "a house design activity of an electric sail propelled spacecraft

that will travel to the edge of [the] solar system quicker, compared to Voyager I and II, as part of the NASA Innovative Architecture Concept."

He conducted research in June 2014 at the NASA Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala.

Mejia used that experience to apply to the Texas A&M University System Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship program, which is funded by the National Science Foundation.

He was accepted into the program and will begin the fellowship today in

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LYRICS: PAST AND PRESENT

Similarities between classic poetry and modern music compared

Andy De Llano
THE RIDER

A familiar voice washes over you as you're driving to school and you smile. Automatically your lips know the words that are coming next and you unconsciously lip them as you drive. Sometimes you even sing along at an unrestrained volume. After all, you know that no one can hear you.

Those words that flow so easily in the air around you, those catchy key lines that silently follow you for the rest of the day, are called lyrics. They're purposely created to be repetitious and easy to memorize so that the song may be followed by anyone who listens. Humans have been creating these repetitive lyrics

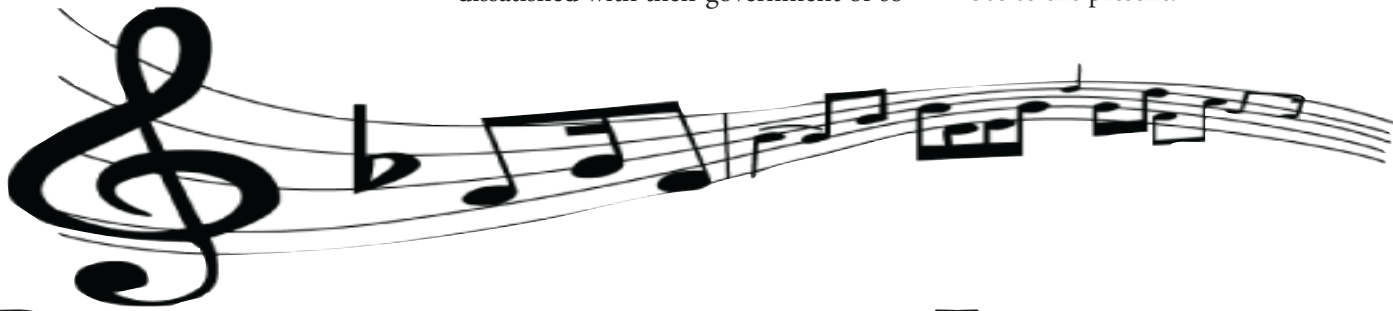
since ancient times as a form of relaying information or storytelling.

Back in time when a majority of the population was illiterate, poems were shared through word of mouth and in a musical manner, just as hymns and ballads were sung to crowds of listeners. Every line of a poem was written with a musical rhythm. As time went on, oral recitations of poetry became less common. Still, poets continued to use the same musical meters in their poetry.

Classic poetry has more in common with modern day music than most people realize. Lyrics are used to discuss touchy themes such as depression, war, death and they shed light on public unrest. This includes whether people are dissatisfied with their government or so-

cial constraints. All of this is present in the lyrics we hear today. Poems from the past, along with uplifting messages, call out for readers and listeners to fight, to open their eyes, to hope for a better day and try to live as if that day were already here.

You would think something written over a hundred years before any of us were born would have no relevance in our lives. That is not the case. Many classic poems deal with issues that are still relevant today. In my new blog, Lyrics: Past and Present, I will pick out a song and poem every other week to compare. The poems will be from authors who wrote them before many of us were born and the songs will largely be from the '80s to the present.



PLUGGED IN

Blog on gaming and the industry

Nathaniel Mata
SPORTS EDITOR

Last spring I was lucky to be given the freedom to blog about my favorite way to pass time, video games.

This summer was a period of huge change, especially for student media, but I'm thrilled to say that this blog isn't going anywhere. In the past I've covered topics ranging from games themselves, to the hardware used to play them, down to the metrics of sales. I also put together lists of my favorite games and things to look out for.

It's a ton of fun to have the freedom to write something in addition to the hard news that normally comes with sportswriting. I spend a lot of time reading, looking up and ultimately playing video games. It's going to be great to have the opportunity to share that yet again.

DECREASE IN DOWNTIME

I'm sure not everyone had the luxury of pouring countless hours into their gaming systems this summer. Many people spent time studying, working and all sorts of tasks that are important and demanding.

Now I'm right back in that same boat after a very relaxing break. School hits hard and often days can go without any time to sit down to enjoy some gaming.

The good thing is running a blog about games is a lot of fun. Playing new stuff or checking up on gaming news is never a chore to me.

MY SET UP

In my room where I play I have a PlayStation 3 and 4, a Wii and 3Ds. In another area my brother has an



Xbox 360 and is hoping to add an Xbox One to the mix. It may seem like an overkill amount of systems but with limitations between generations and companies it's good to have devices that can play as many things as time allows!

Games across all platforms get covered in my blog as well as technology that may directly or indirectly affect the industry.

HECTIC 2015 SCHEDULE

Fall and winter are set to be an exciting time for game releases. Big, triple-A studios are coming out with hard to miss games and it seems to be started early.

Sports giants E.A. Sports have already released their annual Madden football game, which is known to fly off the shelves no matter what the content is.

Mad Max and Metal Gear Solid

V: The Phantom Pain are kicking off September with their anticipated releases.

October will see Halo return to the spotlight with their first Xbox One game, which is exciting diehards again. 343 industries have the faith of the entire Microsoft fanbase in their hands, and early indications lean toward Halo again being a huge success.

My personal favorite, November, is going to be chock-full of games that will probably make my wallet cry. Fallout 4, which has been in the making for half a decade, Star Wars: Battlefront, the game that Star Wars fans have been waiting for since the PS2/Xbox days and even Call of Duty: Black Ops 3 looks to bring back the formula that made that franchise so successful.

It's always a fun time to be a gamer, stay tuned and stay plugged-in here.

SGA advisory council prepares bylaws

Drafts rules include creation of committees and dress code

Andrea Torres
THE RIDER

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Student Government Association is preparing ground rules that will strengthen its constitution, its president says.

"We've been working a lot to get ourselves set to begin the semester," SGA President Alberto Adame said in an interview Tuesday. "What happens is that we have to develop some sort of document that's called the bylaws that allows us to have a big, better structure than the one we already have in the constitution."

The advisory council, a group of students from the executive, legislative and judicial branches of the student government, has been meeting to develop bylaws that will be presented to the student senate for approval at the beginning of the fall semester, Adame said.

"We can't tell you these are the bylaws because they are just a draft," Alondra Galvan, chair of the SGA senate, said in a phone interview Thursday. "They first need to get approved by the senate. Basically, it's just to maintain order, to have some rules, to make sure everything is running smoothly in the meetings."

Items to be presented for approval in the bylaws include the creation of four committees and duties and a dress code for senators.

"I'm really excited, they're going to be able to help out a lot of students," Galvan said. "We're going to have a campus life committee and several others. We do have something written up for some duties that senators would like to see, such as creating townhall meetings, creating an event for [their] respective college and for senators at large."

As the first year of UTRGV begins, the SGA is preparing to participate in events and talk to students about the association, Adame said.

"Our main purpose is to be out there ... we're talking to students letting them know that we're here," Adame said.

Biology senior Javier Mejia believes there should be more communication between the student government and the student body.

"I feel the student [government] association needs to talk more to the student body, to see whatever they need help in or whatever they think is wrong," Mejia said. "I know that, personally, I don't know where their office is. I know who they are, I know what they're in charge of but a lot of the students don't know, especially the incoming freshmen."

The SGA has offices located on both campuses, inside the Office of Student Involvement in the Brownsville Student Union 1.28 and in the Edinburg University Center room 218.

Students are welcomed to voice their issues or concerns during the petition session of their biweekly meetings, Galvan said.

"SGA is here to help, lead and serve the student body," she said.

Unique opportunity

Men's soccer back in the RGV, hoping for new success

Nathaniel Mata
SPORTS EDITOR

The 18-year absence, dating back to 1997, of Division I National Collegiate Athletic Association men's soccer in the Rio Grande Valley is over.

The new program will compete with Paul Leese at the helm. The Liverpool, England, native has been in Edinburg since March 2014. He has spent the last 18 months recruiting, training and now preparing his team to begin play in an inaugural season. He spent time identifying the players as well as the staff who will restart the program.

Vaquero men's soccer is made up of 24 players, coming from different clubs, high schools and regions around the world. The fact that all players are new to the team creates a unique situation in which every single player is joining the program at the same time, with no returning players that already have experience in the way the team operates.

Coach Leese expanded on some of the challenges and rarity of these circumstances.

"We have some very good players but they all come from different backgrounds, maybe played different style of soccer," Leese said. "So now we're asking them to all do the same goal. Sometimes we need to unlearn what we've been doing, so that's the biggest challenge."

Competition is intense among Vaqueros. With no players returning, every Vaquero is competing for an ideal position and playing time. Eagerness is the most prevalent emotion among the group.

"The thing that occurs with new players is they're very eager to show the coach that they can do a good job," the



LESLEY ROBLES/THE RIDER

Members of the UTRGV Men's Soccer Team practice last week.

English national said. "They are eager to show and please the coach because they want to play. So they have nerves in that regard, because they don't know if I'm going to start them or not. We've magnified feeling 24 times because we have 24 guys that are all eager to show all how they can play. My job is to make sure that I can help relax them and allow them to play their best."

Anticipation has been building from the coaching staff, team and even alumni from UTPA men's soccer team which last represented the sport here.

The Western Athletic Conference is a month away and the squad's preseason slate was created in preparation for the

first conference weekend. That first road trip, Oct. 2 and 4, sees men's soccer play in Arizona versus Grand Canyon University and then against defending conference champions University of Nevada Las Vegas.

Before conference play, three opponents will visit here for the Rio Grande Valley Invitational tournament, including Houston Baptist University, a team the Vaqueros will face at least one more time in conference play. After that tournament, four straight road games will test the team. First, a pair in the Carolinas, against UNC-Greensboro and Presbyterian College, followed by a pair of games in California against Cal State

Fullerton and San Diego State.

Leese said the schedule was crafted to expose this level of opposition to his players.

"For me the most important thing is that they can recognize the level immediately," he said. "If they can see how quick, how strong, how skillful that level of opponent is, that's the best preparation. That's why I picked strong opponents."

A year ago it was women's soccer at UTPA who were headed into uncharted waters. The UTRGV men now hope to bring a strong product on the men's side as well.

Forging a program

UTRGV Volleyball looking to start strong

Nathaniel Mata
SPORTS EDITOR

Change is everywhere you look on Sam Williams court for UTRGV volleyball. The floorplan and colors are new with the Vaqueros insignia now decorating the hardwood. The women on the team wear new jerseys and are under the direction of a different head coach.

Former University of Texas at Brownsville Head Coach Todd Lowery has moved his home office 60 miles west to Edinburg and will lead a Division I National Collegiate Athletic Association program for the first time.

Lowery's four National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics championships may have helped in the hiring process, but now the level of competition has been raised in the NCAA and the Western Athletic Conference.

Recruiting is a big aspect the head coach feels is strongly affected by the change.

"The game's the game, court's still the same size, the net's the same height," said Lowery, the two-time NAIA Na-

tional Tournament Coach of the Year. "We definitely have seen more interest in the ability of kids we're able to get. That's been something exciting along the recruiting trail, because we can always throw that in now, 'We are the Division I.' We might not see the benefits of that maybe right away, but it's coming."

The Vaqueros open at 7 p.m. Tuesday with a home match against Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, followed by the nonconference UTRGV tournament this weekend. The Vaqueros compete at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Friday and at 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

The home tournament will show the new program to the community, student body and fan base. From logos on the hardwood to jerseys and athletes, there will be a lot of new things to take in.

"[There are new] uniforms, and just a new energy in the team," the 13-year head coach said. "We sat down with the team and talked about that: There's no more UTB, no more UTPA. Whatever the team was here last year, and whatever Brownsville did in the past, is all part of

the past. This is the group of girls to start to establish what UTRGV will be. This is their chance to shape a program, and we want to do it right from the start."

UTRGV will participate in three other tournaments around the state, leading up to their first WAC game Sept. 26 in New Mexico. Much of September will be spent on the road. This weekend's tournament will be the last home match until the conference opener against the University of Missouri-Kansas City Oct. 1.

"The nonconference schedule is a mixed bag," Lowery said. "I think there's some good competition in there and some matches we definitely expect to win. And our biggest thing is to go out from day one and be better every day. Where we are next Friday we want to be better next Saturday, and the following Tuesday. So that's really what we're preaching to our girls. Just building the process of getting better everyday and getting ready for a tough WAC schedule."

The journey of a new program is al-

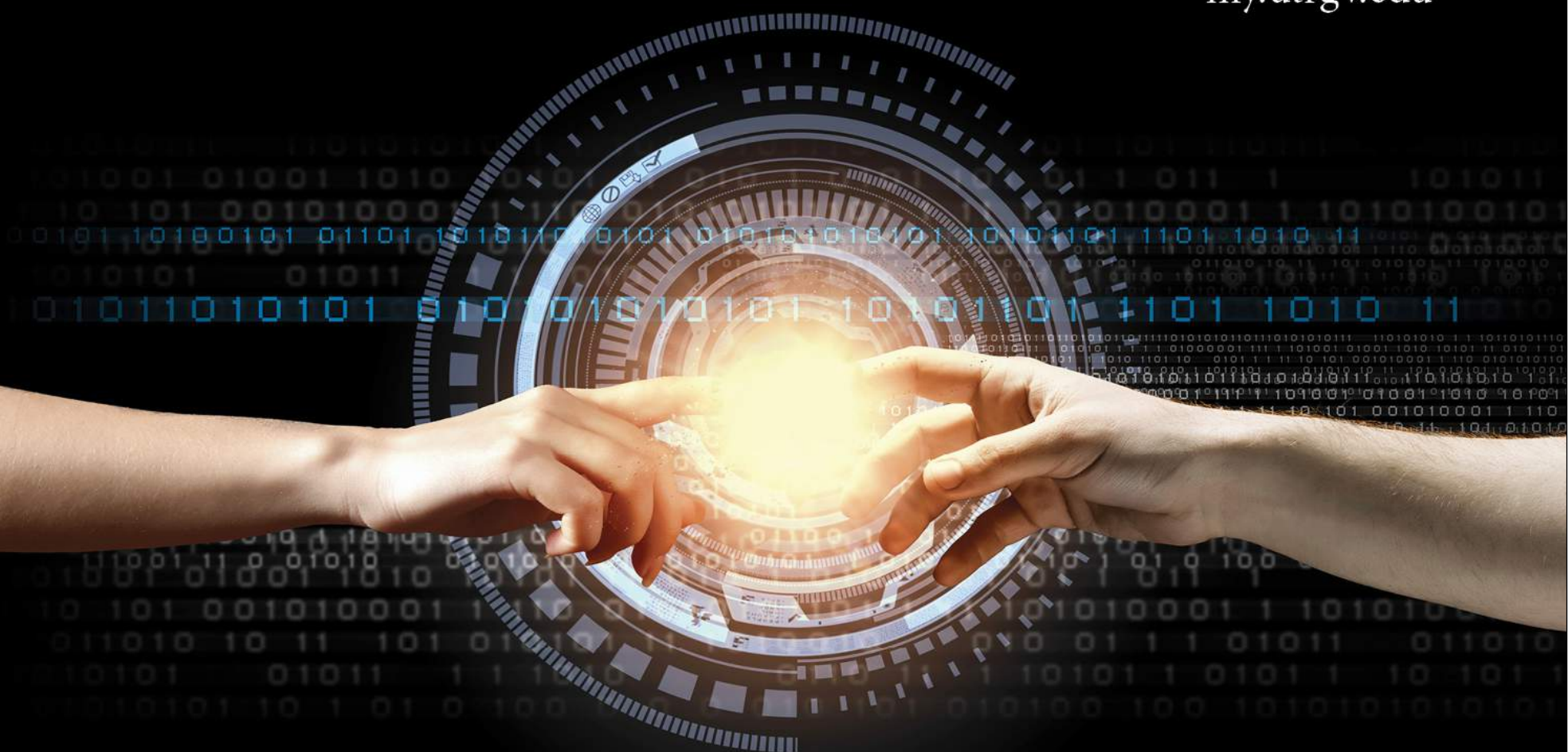
ready underway and the first season will be a test for the team and coaching staff. Not only will they face these changes but also deal with opponents who have similar aspirations of a strong season.

Home matches, as always, will be held at the UTRGV Fieldhouse.



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Celebrating freedom

UTRGV students commemorate India's Independence Day

Jesus Sanchez
EDITOR IN CHIEF

More than 70 UT Rio Grande Valley students from India attended the 69th annual Independence Day celebration at the Edinburg City Auditorium, hosted by the Indian Association of the Rio Grande Valley. Independence Day, observed on Aug. 15, is a national holiday in India that commemorates the nation's independence from the British Empire in 1947. India gained autonomy following an independence movement noted for largely nonviolent resistance and civil disobedience led by the Indian National Congress. "We had a very good event," IARGV President Harsha V. Puttagunta said. "There was about 300 people that attended the event. ... We



PHOTOS COURTESY SAIGIRIDHAR "SAI" MULLAPUDI

Pavan Preamsingh, a computer science graduate, sings in the Edinburg City Auditorium on Aug. 15 for the 69th Independence Day celebration, hosted by the Indian Association of the Rio Grande Valley.



Silvi Mallavarapu, a computer science graduate, dances in the Edinburg City Auditorium on Aug. 15 for the 69th Independence Day celebration, hosted by the Indian Association of Rio Grande Valley.

had a lot of students from [the university] participate in the activities."

The activities included unfurling the tricolor, colorful parades, cultural dances, classical music, singing and re-enactments by children depicting the sacrifices made by freedom fighters and leaders of the Indian nation.

Haindavi Chalasani, a computer science graduate student, attended the event.

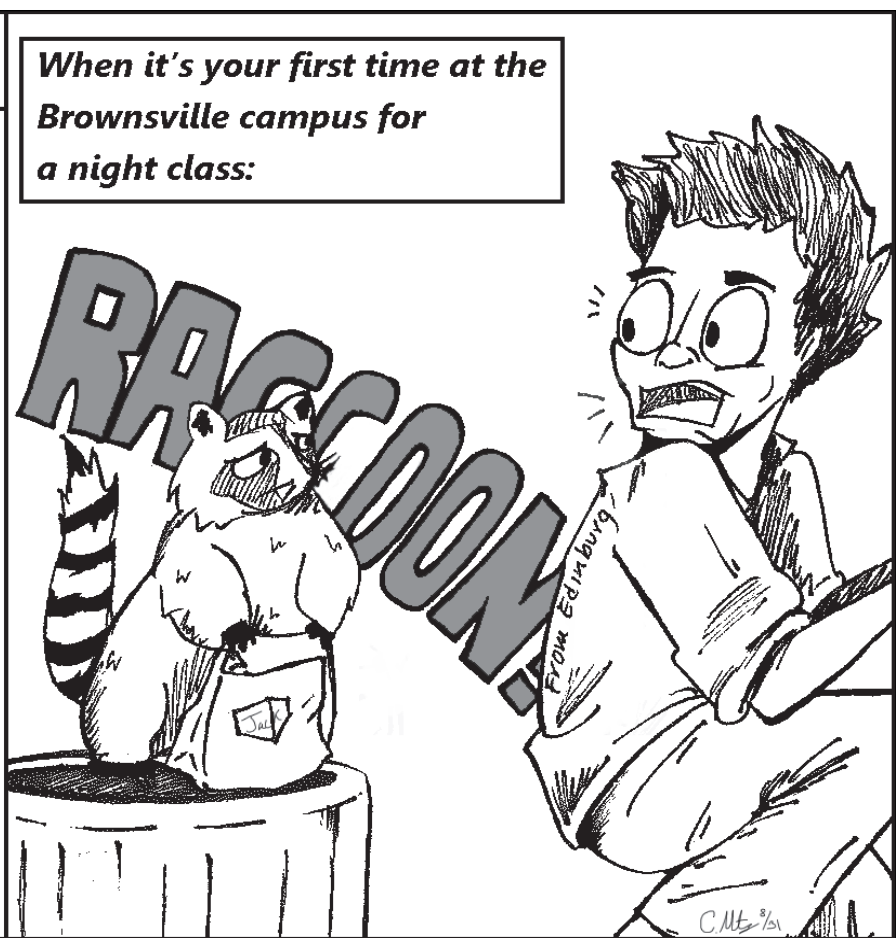
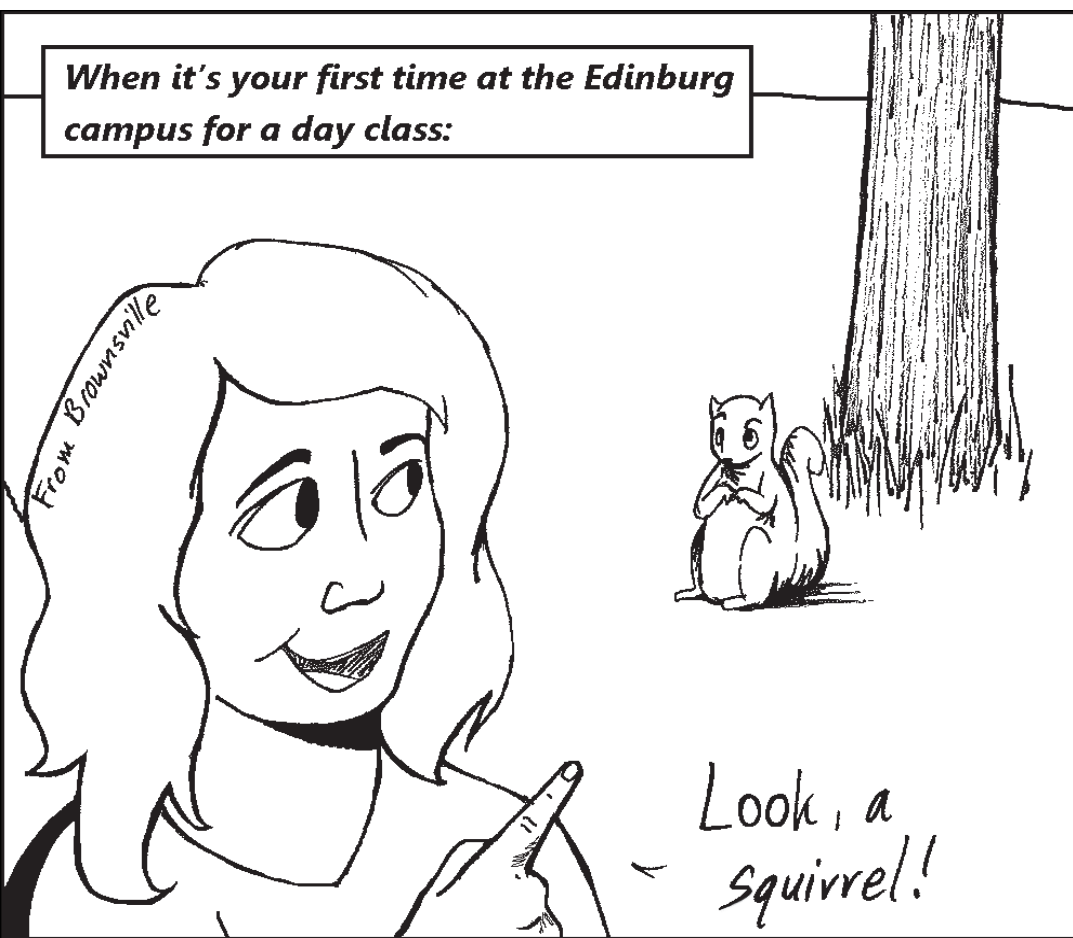
"I celebrated [the event] with a few Indian [students] here," Chalasani said. "My favorite part was, obviously, the dance. We enjoyed it a lot."

Indians celebrate by displaying images of the national flag on their clothing, accessories and homes, listening to patriotic songs, watching patriotic movies and bonding with family and friends.

"I think it's great that we celebrate [India's Independence Day] here so the kids can learn a little bit about the culture and why it's actually celebrated," UTRGV Business Economic Research Associate Saigiridhar "Sai" Mullanpudi said.

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LOCAL ACTIVIST SPREADS AWARENESS

UTRGV STUDENT CREATES NATIONAL TWITTER TREND

Ena Capucion

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Despite the national legalization of same-sex marriage on June 26, Houston is facing the potential loss of the Houston Equal Rights Ordinance, or HERO--an ordinance prohibiting discrimination against sex, race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, familial status, marital status, military status, religion, disability, sexual orientation and genetic information.

Ismael Melendez, a computer science junior at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, stumbled upon a Huffington Post article reaching out to Beyoncé to speak out in favor to keep HERO, as Houston is her hometown. Melendez took it upon himself to create the hashtag that has since then received national recognition, #BeyBeAHero.

HERO was passed in April 2014 and since then the ordinance has been under attack. Residents and Houston officials against the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community have sought to place HERO on a ballot to repeal the ordinance in November.

"The reason Republicans and conservatives are against [HERO] is because it protects LGBT people, but in reality it protects students, pregnant women and many other minorities," Melendez said. "So that's what's important and should be focused on now is to change that conversation to make people realize that it protects a lot of people and not only LGBT people."

Melendez has always been a strong



ENA CAPUCION/THE RIDER

Ismael Melendez

follower when it comes to social media and a local private group revolving around activism worked together to direct national attention toward HERO. Since then, websites such as Infusion and ThinkProgress, as well as NBC, have covered the trend.

"The idea came really easily," the 23-year-old said. "We created a social media campaign and tried to get other popular accounts to join us and get the media to look at [the hashtag] and cover it and, hopefully, she'd see it."

Melendez's activism began during his education in high school at the Science Academy of South Texas in Mercedes. Two women came up to his doorstep on behalf of Arise, an all women nonprofit organization for the migrant community.

He is also a first-generation Chicano, another term for a Mexican

American that grew up in a low-income family. Melendez struggled with his education due to constant moving throughout the state of Texas before he finally settled in the city of Pharr.

"I'm very passionate because there should be more opportunities for everyone to be able to move up in life to be better, to live better than their parents did," Melendez said. "That's why a lot of people come to America in order to give a better opportunity to their children and I think that's being stopped right now. There [are] more barriers being put and I do my activism to give more opportunities to people in my community."

From 2010 to 2011, Melendez played a big part in creating Occupy McAllen, an organization to promote income equality throughout the Rio Grande Valley. This particular

movement came from Occupy Wall Street, a protest movement for income equality on a worldwide scale.

Once Melendez graduates December 2016, he hopes to have a career combining both activism and computer science.

"I would like to do something ... maybe work at a non-government organization or a nonprofit organization. I know there's a lot of these new organizations that are starting [to] do government work or nonprofit work, but they do coding ... so that'd be ideal."

However, Melendez might have to relocate since the technology field in the Rio Grande Valley lacks openings. After gaining some income, he hopes to come back to his hometown to help improve the well-being of the community.

"I'd want to pay off my loans ... first [so] that'd be a good start. I would love to come back to the RGV definitely to give back and help make our community better, which is already happening."

Come November, residents of Houston will make the final decision regarding HERO. Until then, Melendez will continue to advocate for equal rights.

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EXPANDING THE ARTS

UTB program extends to UTRGV

Ena Capucion

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Patron of the Arts debuted in 1984 at the University of Texas at Brownsville to educate and entertain the community and students through live events performed by artistic professionals. With the new beginning of the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, the arts have expanded to include the Edinburg campus to create UTRGV Patron of the Arts.

UTRGV will host a total of 74 shows throughout the fall and spring semesters. The Edinburg campus will host 31 shows while the Brownsville campus will host the remaining 43.

For special guest performances, individual tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children and senior citizens and \$5 for students with a valid I.D. For faculty shows, tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens, children and UTRGV students with a valid I.D. Admission for student en-

sembles have a consistent rate of \$5 for all ages.

Last year, UTB Patron of the Arts had over 200 members and a total of seven different annual memberships are available to the public (see graphic at left). Each pass gives full access to all performances and gallery showings in the Art Gallery at Rusteberg Hall on the Brownsville campus and the Charles and Dorothy Clark Galleries on the Edinburg campus.

For more information, contact the Edinburg campus' senior program coordinator, Tony Casas, at 665-3471.

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Members of the UTRGV Spirit and Dance program groove to "The Wobble" during The Roundup, held Aug. 28 on the Student Union veranda on the UTRGV Brownsville campus.

Farewell, Dr. Fannin



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UT Brownsville President at Interim William R. Fannin (right) speaks with Fredrick Jenet, director of UTRGV's Center for Advanced Radio Astronomy, during a farewell reception for the president and his wife, Valerie, held Thursday. Fannin served as UTB's interim leader during the transition to the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. UTB has consolidated with UT Pan American to become UTRGV.

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Ospreys come back against Tornadoes

Chess players join online league

Jesus Sanchez
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Rio Grande Ospreys, a chess team of UT Rio Grande Valley students and alumni competing in the online U.S. Chess League, defeated the Lubbock Tornadoes 2.5-1.5 last Tuesday.

UTRGV Senior Program Chess Coordinator and International Master Alfonso Almeida and Mkhitar Hobosyan each won their game, Grandmaster Andrey Stukopin drew his game and International Master Felix Ynojosa lost his.

“It was a pretty tough match,” Almeida said Wednesday. “They started winning the first game, so we were down for almost 30 minutes. ... [Stukopin] then drew, so we were still down in the score. Then, all of a sudden, [Hobosyan] won his game, so we tied.”

Almeida said the team was counting on his game to win the match. He defeated FIDE (Fédération Internationale des Échecs) Master Steven Breckenridge, of the Lubbock Tornadoes, to secure the victory for the Ospreys.

This will be the second year the Ospreys compete in the U.S. Chess League tournament. Last year, as a rookie team, the Ospreys qualified for the tournament playoffs but were eliminated in the second round.

“Rio Grande Ospreys is a local community team but it’s based on our university players,” UTRGV Chess



MICHELLE ESPINOZA/THE RIDER PHOTOS

International Master Alfonso Almeida concentrates during an online chess match Tuesday against the Lubbock Tornadoes. The Rio Grande Ospreys won 2.5-1.5.



Grandmaster Andrey Stukopin (foreground), along with other members of the Rio Grande Ospreys, focuses in the online U.S. Chess League match in which the Ospreys won 2.5-1.5 Tuesday on the Brownsville campus of UTRGV.

Coach Bartłomiej “Bartek” Macieja said. “In our roster, everybody is either a student or a graduate student from [UT Brownsville]. This tournament is a very prestigious tournament.”

During the 10-week tournament, the Ospreys will compete against teams from across the country. All matches will be streamed live on www.chessclub.com.

The team is composed of nine players but only four can compete during a four-game match. Hobosyan, who is a new

member of the Rio Grande Ospreys, is enthusiastic about the coming year.

“Last year, I was very excited to see the formation of this team and I was following it from the side because I wasn’t playing,” Hobosyan said. “This year, it is a very big honor for me to be invited and to be playing with these super strong guys.”

The next match for the Ospreys will be against the Dallas Destiny at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

CLUB SPOTLIGHT



ANDREA TORRES/THE RIDER

Members of the Student Association for Medical Spanish include (front row, from left) Historian Lesley Robles, Secretary Frida Gonzalez, President Sandra J. Reyna and Public Relations Officer Maria Pinto. Back row: Treasurer Daniel Loreda, Vice President Javier Mejia and Fundraiser Coordinator Julio Carrizales.

Name: Student Association for Medical Spanish

Purpose: Practice to interpret medical Spanish or Spanish. Performs community service and fundraises for a weeklong Latin America Community Service trip.

President: Sandra J. Reyna

Vice President: Javier Mejia

Secretary: Frida Gonzalez

Treasurer: Daniel Loreda

Activities: Community service, fundraising and socials.

Meetings: Sept. 8 and 22, Oct. 6 and 20, Nov. 3 and 17, and Dec. 1 in ARHU 304 in Edinburg

Membership requirements: Speak Spanish and a \$20 fee.

For more information, email: samsutrgv@gmail.com

--Compiled by Lesley Robles

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today First Day of Class

Students who have questions or are looking for a classroom are encouraged to visit the Info Depots from 7:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. (outdoor locations) and 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (indoor locations) today and Tuesday on the Edinburg and Brownsville campuses. For more information, contact the Student Involvement office at 956-665-2660 (Edinburg) or 956-882-5111 (Brownsville).

Toss for Luck

Students, faculty and staff are invited to throw a coin at noon today in the Main Building water fountain in Brownsville and in the Chapel of the Lord's Prayer water fountain in Edinburg.

The Stomp

University departments, student organizations, community service groups and local merchants will greet students and celebrate the opening of the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley from 6 to 10 tonight in Main Courtyard in Brownsville and the Old Track and Field in Edinburg.

Tuesday Picnic with the President

Enjoy free food, music, entertainment, games and win prizes during the picnic with University of Texas Rio Grande Valley President Guy Bailey, scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Quad in Edinburg. In Brownsville, Picnic with the President will take place from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Thursday on the Student Union lawn.

Volleyball game

The UTRGV Vaquero volleyball team will play vs. Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi at 7 p.m. in the Fieldhouse.

Wednesday Ropin' Rec Fest

The University Recreation Center will host the Ropin' Rec Fest from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Soccer Complex in Brownsville and the Quad in Edinburg. The festival will feature a variety of recreation programs and activities. For more information, contact University Recreation at 956-665-7808 (Edinburg) or 956-882-7176 (Brownsville) or email UREC@utrgv.edu

Friday Orange Out

Bring non-perishable food items to obtain free admission to Vaquero games for "Orange Out" for Hunger Action Month. UTRGV students will receive a reward for participating. All donations will be given to the Rio Grande Valley Food Bank. The volleyball team will face off against Incarnate Word at 11 a.m. and against Southern University at 6:30 p.m. in the Fieldhouse.

Soccer game

The UTRGV Men's Soccer Team will play vs. University at Buffalo in the Orange Out game at 7 p.m. in the soccer complex in Edinburg.

Costello Concert

Immediately following the soccer game, Costello will perform at 9 p.m. at the soccer complex in Edinburg.

Saturday Volleyball game

The UTRGV Vaquero Volleyball Team competes vs. San Jose State at 6:30 p.m. in the Fieldhouse.

Sunday

Men's Soccer will battle the Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne Mastodons at 7 p.m. in the soccer complex in Edinburg.

--Compiled by Astrid Gonzalez

RADIO

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mentioned some of the techniques that really made the PSA stand out.

"Patty used a lot of great sound effects. Glass cracking and stuff like that that really pushed the limits of what we can do with a PSA. It was really good."

What really motivated the 22-year-old to produce the PSA was the problem of domestic violence and what it meant to her to bring awareness.

"It's something I feel strongly about."

FELLOWSHIP

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College Station.

Finding resources for tuition can be challenging for students who are starting their graduate studies, as was the case for Mejia.

"When I applied for my master's of science in mechanical engineering in Texas A&M University, I was trying to find some funds to be able to cover my tuition," he said. "The department of mechanical engineering told me that I should find a mentor, a professor, from that university that is willing to help me out."

He contacted Jorge Alvarado, an associate professor in A&M's Engineering Technology and Industrial Distribution Department.

Alvarado encouraged him to apply for the fellowship program, which provides a stipend and helps cover such expenses as tuition and books.

"I applied and one of the qualifications for that fellowship is that you have to be interested in pursuing a doctorate's degree and also interested in research,"

Women here in the Valley don't really have a chance to speak out about it, so we put together that idea."

The Bronc Radio and TV family were honored and proud to have been nominated at the convention in their final year for UT Pan American. Previously, they've been nominated five times, but have never received first place. In October, they'll know if they can bring a first-place win as UTPA's last year.

"I'm super proud of the kids and the organization," Mann said. "UTRGV Radio and UTRGV-TV work together for a common good."

Mejia said.

In a phone interview with *The Rider*, Alvarado said he received a message about the program from the department which he later forwarded to Mejia.

"Yeah, it's quite prestigious to receive a fellowship like that. ... Basically, what I tried to do is to give him specific information for the application to make him more attractive, let's say, to the committee," Alvarado said.

Students applying for the fellowship must submit their graduate record exam scores, transcript and a 2,000-word essay on their research experience as an undergraduate, Mejia said.

The fellowship program is "aimed at increasing the quality and quantity of underrepresented students successfully completing science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) baccalaureate degree programs, and increasing the number of underrepresented students interested in, academically qualified for and matriculated into programs of graduate study," according to its website (<http://tamuslamps.org/bridge-to-the-doctorate-btd/>).

Asked what advice he has for students about scholarships and internships, Rodriguez-Nieto replied: "My recommendation is for students to be proactive, to start building their résumé, to apply for internships and to apply for scholarships. It takes time and it takes commitment. They have to be active; they cannot be passive and waiting for those scholarships to come to them. They actually have to be searching for those scholarships."

Students can look for internships using the Career Connections tool at myUTRGV, Rodriguez-Nieto said.

"Once they create a profile, they can look for employment on and off campus and among the opportunities they can seek [are] internships," he said. "Some of them are nationwide internships and some of them might be in the region. What we like about this tool is that it's Valleywide, is that students can access job postings Valleywide."

PETITION

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can American Studies courses to receive a graduate studies certificate but because of financial constraints decided to opt out of additional classes.

"I was going to have it complement the creative writing [master's]," Garcia said. "I spoke with Dr. Marci McMahon, who is the director of the program, and I told her I can't afford it."

Garcia said he had difficulty reaching UTRGV officials. He sent an email to UTRGV President Guy Bailey regarding his situation and received no response.

He reached out to Student Government Association President Alberto Adame, who assured Garcia that his situation would be addressed.

"We spoke with Student Government Association President, [Adame],

and he's been nothing but helpful," Garcia said.

In an interview with *The Rider* last Tuesday, Adame said he expressed Garcia's concern to Bailey and Cynthia Brown, deputy provost for UTRGV.

"Dr. Bailey called me and tells me, 'We're going to give a scholarship to all continuing graduate students,'" Adame said. "The next day, his chief of staff reached out to me. They offered a \$50 scholarship per semester grade hour [to graduate students]."

If an average course is comprised of three credit hours, a graduate student will ultimately receive a \$150 scholarship. This scholarship only applies to graduate students enrolled in the fall semester.

Once a graduate student is registered for courses, no further action is required to receive the scholarship.

Asked about his response to the on-

University Recreation will host the Ropin' Rec Fest from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Soccer Complex in Brownsville and at the Quad in Edinburg.

To wrap up the celebration and observe Hunger Action Month, UTRGV will host the Orange Out event Friday on the Edinburg campus. Orange Out will consist of two volleyball games (in the Fieldhouse), a men's soccer game (at the soccer complex) and a concert by Costello immediately following the game. Attendees who bring four non-perishable food items will receive free admission to the events. Throughout the season, UTRGV students who present

line petition, Bailey replied: "I would just encourage [students] to talk to financial aid counselors. We did raise tuition a little bit, but we have significantly more financial aid this year."

Garcia attempted to get 2,000 signatures for his online petition and he gathered 1,296 before it was closed on Aug. 19.

Adame said Garcia did most of the work finding a solution to the high tuition rates. With Adame's guidance, Garcia's concern was addressed by UTRGV officials.

"Gather facts ... bring up the facts and we will help you work with it and we'll get it to the respective authorities," Adame said about helping students with their concerns.

their new university IDs will receive free admission to all games.

"It's really the start of the collegiate sport season for UTRGV," Villarreal said. "We're going to have a big pep rally before the [soccer] game and then students can attend the game and after that there's going to be a big concert in Edinburg for the students."

The UTRGV Vaquero volleyball team will take on the University of Incarnate Word Cardinals at 11 a.m. and the Southern University Jaguars at 6:30 p.m. Friday in the UTRGV Volleyball Tourney. Both games will be held at the Fieldhouse in Edinburg.

The UTRGV Vaquero men's soccer team will take on the University at Buffalo New York Bulls at 7 p.m. at the soccer complex in Edinburg.

BEST WEEK

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year off right. We're going to have a lot of rides, inflatables."

The Stomp will take place from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Main Courtyard in Brownsville and the Old Track and Field in Edinburg.

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#FirstClass Roundup



CLARISSA MARTINEZ/THE RIDER

UTRGV freshmen participate in an icebreaker during The Roundup, held Aug. 28 on the UTRGV Brownsville campus. The Roundup was a mandatory event for entering freshmen and the second part of student orientation.

SHUTTLE

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and number of students.

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Criminal justice sophomore Armando Lopez said the new shuttle system will benefit students.

"I think it's pretty good," Lopez said. "If it's free, why not? ... I think it's going to be a good thing for students."

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The Stomp
6-10 p.m. at Main and Library Lawn in Brownsville and HPE Track and Field in Edinburg

THE Signature event that brings University departments, academic programs, student organizations, area merchants, and community service agencies together in a festive environment to welcome students during the first week of fall semester. Free food, entertainment, cool swag, and your one stop for connecting to all the opportunities to get involved.

Tuesday, Sept. 1

Info Depots
7:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. (outdoor locations)
7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (indoor locations)
Brownsville and Edinburg campuses

If you have a question on the first two days of school, swing by one of the Info. Depots located in various campus locations where you can talk to faculty, staff, or an upperclassmen who can help point you in the right direction.

Picnic with the President
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Quad-Edinburg

Student picnic with President Bailey. Enjoy free food, music, entertainment, games, and prizes.

Wednesday, Sept. 2

Ropin' Rec Fest
6-9 p.m., Soccer Complex-Brownsville and Quad-Edinburg

Enjoy the great outdoors and come out for a taste of UREC life and stay active. Be prepared to participate in a variety of recreation programs and activities.

Thursday, Sept. 3

Picnic with the President
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Lawn between Biomedical and LHSB -Brownsville

Student picnic with President Bailey. Enjoy free food, music, entertainment, games, and prizes.

Friday, Sept. 4

Orange Out

"Orange Out" for Hunger Action Month. Bring four non-perishable food items to receive free admission to the game/match. All donations that are collected from these games will be donated to the Rio Grande Valley Food Bank. UTRGV students will also receive an incentive for participating.

UTRGV volleyball vs Incarnate Word
11 a.m. at the Fieldhouse

UTRGV volleyball vs Southern University
6:30 p.m. at Fieldhouse

UTRGV men's soccer vs Buffalo
7 p.m. at Soccer Complex-Edinburg

Live Music Concert featuring Costello
9 p.m. at Soccer Complex-Edinburg (immediately following soccer game)



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