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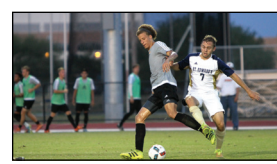
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School aims to create a smoother transition in its second year

Jesus Sanchez
 EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Like a boxer catching his second wind, UTRGV is ready to shake off the fatigue from its inaugural year and bounce back to begin its second year as an institution.

In May 2014, Guy Bailey was named founding president of the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, which was created from the merger of legacy institutions UT Brownsville and UT Pan American.

"It was a big transition, very fast and furious," Bailey said. "We were able to get all of our students transitioned from the legacy schools into the new institution. We were able to get all of our faculty [and staff] on the payroll. That was the key thing, to get up and running and to get the people moved over."

The establishment of the new university came with its share of problems that range from students not getting credit for courses they took and registration glitches as

well as leadership and shared governance issues with faculty.

Bailey told *The Rider* he is aware of the issues UTRGV faces and is working to resolve them, but it will take some time.

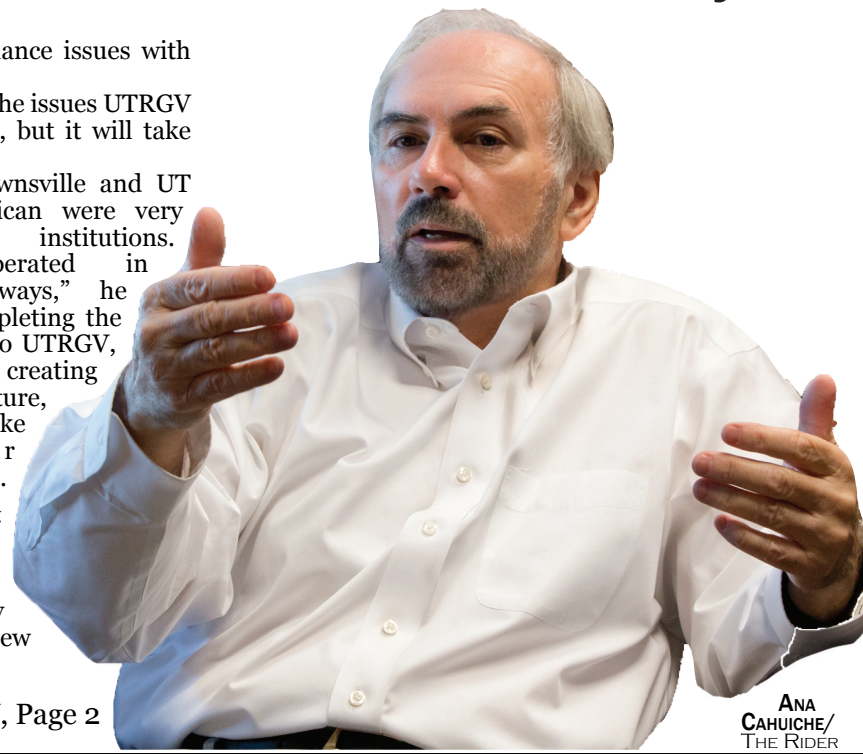
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Guy Bailey
 UTRGV President

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"UT Brownsville and UT Pan American were very different institutions. They operated in different ways," he said. "Completing the transition to UTRGV, in terms of creating a new culture, will take another year or two. ... It's a matter of everybody learning



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Catch 'em all--with caution

Community advised to remain aware when playing on campus

Andrea Torres
 THE RIDER

As students return to school today, some of them might encounter unusual creatures while walking on campus.

These virtual creatures are known as Pokémon and can be seen through the Pokémon Go application, which launched on July 6. The app, which is available for both Android and iOS users, has received 100 million downloads for Android as of press time.

In Pokémon Go, players are required to explore their real-world surroundings in order to gain experience points and "hatch" eggs. While doing so, they might encounter a wild Pokémon, which they then can

catch.

However, for some users, searching for these virtual creatures can involve going through certain areas at various times of the day that might be prohibited.

Such was the case with UTRGV student Dalia Orozco, who sent an email July 22 to *The Rider* in which she wrote that while playing on the Texas Southmost College campus, a security guard told her his supervisor didn't want Pokémon Go players on campus.

The TSC campus is adjacent to the UTRGV Brownsville campus.

The security guard didn't mention anything about allowing access to people who

go to the campus for exercise, Orozco wrote in the email.

She was not available for an interview because of scheduling conflicts.

American Surveillance Cpl. Leopoldo Menchaca said because of security purposes, the campus is closed after hours.

Menchaca did not provide any further information and directed *The Rider* to the TSC administration.

Edgar Chrnko, TSC director of Marketing and Community Relations, said the college allows the public to come onto campus as long as it is during operating hours.

"TSC doesn't have any policy

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Rent-a-bike

Contract between city and UTRGV is approved

Oscar Castillo
 NEWS EDITOR

The Brownsville City Commission has approved a two-year interlocal cooperation contract with the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley for a community bike share program.

Bike Share Rio Grande Valley, which launches today, will help community members reach their destination by checking out bikes through the online website called Zagster, which

is used by multiple universities such as UT Dallas as well as communities across the nation.

"So, you would pay a certain amount, it would not be more than \$40 for a year, and you'd be able to rent a bike using an app or a computer and it'll charge your card. But, if you already have a membership for the year, then you can go use the bike for an hour and as long as you return it within the

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2016 presidential election: 'the lesser of 2 evils'

Oscar Castillo
 NEWS EDITOR

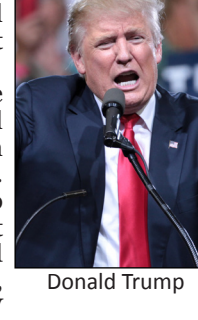
With less than three months left before Election Day, residents across the Rio Grande Valley find themselves in one of the most unusual presidential races in recent memory.

"It's the most unusual election in modern U.S. history in so many different ways," said Jerry Polinard, a UTRGV political science professor. "For so many of our, particularly,

our first- and second-year students, it's going to be their first presidential election and if they get involved, it'll be one they always remember."

Fellow political science Professor Mark Kaswan said that after following politics for the last 40 years, he has never seen an election in which both candidates are disliked.

"[Hillary Clinton] is strongly disliked and



Donald Trump



Hillary Clinton

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

Toss for Luck

UTRGV students, faculty and staff are invited to toss coins into the university’s water fountains today through Friday at the Main Water Fountain in Brownsville and at the Chapel of the Lord Fountain in Edinburg. Mobile water fountains will also be stationed at some **Best Week Ever** events. For more information, call 665-2660 in Edinburg and 882-5111 in Brownsville.

Active shooter training

The **UTRGV Police Department** will offer a training workshop for the campus community on how to respond in an active shooter situation from 1 to 5 p.m. today in Cortez Hall 118 on the Brownsville campus. Register online at www.utrgv.edu/training.

Tuesday

Free photo keychains

Students can get a free keychain with their photo on it from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Union Commons on the Edinburg campus and at the same time Thursday in the Main Courtyard in Brownsville. The event is sponsored by the **Campus Programming Board**.

Picnic with the President

Meet UTRGV President **Guy Bailey** and his administration team during **Picnic with the President**, scheduled from 11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Tuesday on the Student Union lawn in Brownsville and at the same time Thursday at the Quad in Edinburg. There will be free food, music

and games. For more information, call 665-2660 in Edinburg or 882-5111 in Brownsville.

The Stomp

University departments, area merchants, student organizations and community service agencies will gather from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Student Union lawn on the Brownsville campus to welcome students back to school. Refreshments will be served. In Edinburg, **The Stomp** will take place at the same time Thursday on the Quad/HPE 1 parking. For more information, call 665-2660 in Edinburg or 882-5111 in Brownsville.

Wednesday

CPBash

The **Campus Programming Board** will offer carnival food, obstacle courses and other games to celebrate the new academic year from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Student Union lawn in Brownsville and from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Quad in Edinburg. For more information, email cpb@utrgv.edu.

Free aguas frescas

Members of the **Baptist Student Ministry** at UTRGV will provide free *aguas frescas* from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chapel Lawn 1 on the Edinburg campus. For more information, call 383-7491.

International Meet and Greet

International and domestic students are invited to the **UTRGV Office of Global Engagement’s International Meet and Greet** from 11 a.m. to 12:30

p.m. at the University Center Circle in Edinburg. In Brownsville, the event will take place at the same time Thursday in the Main Courtyard. The celebration will include a parade of flags, music, food and prizes. For more information, email international@utrgv.edu.

First Anniversary Celebration

UTRGV will host its **First Anniversary Celebration** from noon to 1 p.m. in the Quad in Edinburg. In Brownsville, the event will take place from 4 to 5 p.m. in El Gran Patio. For more information, call 665-2660 in Edinburg or 882-5111 in Brownsville.

Veterans BBQ

Veterans and their dependents are invited to a barbecue hosted by the **Military and Service Success Center** from noon to 2 p.m. on the Student Union lawn in Brownsville. In Edinburg, the event will take place from noon to 2 p.m. Friday at the University Center. For more information, email veteranservices@utrgv.edu.

Friday

‘Orange Out’ game

The **UTRGV Vaqueros** will face off against the **Presbyterian College Blue Hose** in the “**Orange Out**” soccer game from 6 to 9 p.m. in the UTRGV Soccer and Track & Field Complex in Edinburg. Bring five non-perishable food items to receive free admission, or bring 10 non-perishable items to receive free admission and a T-shirt.

--Compiled by Monika Garza

POLICE REPORTS

The following are among the incidents reported to University Police between Aug. 12 and 21.



Aug. 12

2:04 p.m.: A UTRGV Police detective obtained two third degree felony warrants for a non-affiliated male who was tampering with a government record. The arrested suspect was allegedly in possession of a fraudulent Guatemalan passport and a fraudulent U.S. Social Security card. The Edinburg Municipal Court issued the charges and warrants will be served at the Hidalgo County Jail.

Aug. 15

9:22 a.m.: Two male faculty members reported being bothered by a non-affiliated female, who keeps taking pictures of them smoking within the building courtyard. The Environmental Health and Safety Department, which was already aware of the incidents, said there was an internal process to address the smoking that was ongoing.

Aug. 16

3:41 p.m.: A faculty member reported that one of his students has received a possible fraudulent check for \$400

for tutoring services he had not yet provided. The faculty member reported that the student had already reported this incident to the Brownsville Police Department. A UTRGV officer contacted the student by phone and requested he come by the police department so his side of the story can be obtained. The student reported that he would try to come by the police department to meet with an officer.

Aug. 17

5:55 p.m.: Officers initiated a traffic stop on an unaffiliated male, who was driving on the wrong side of the road and almost causing a collision. Upon making contact with the driver, the officers found loose and boxed ammunition on the passenger seat along with two handguns in plain view. They also found a pill bottle containing Farmapram /Alprazolam. The driver was booked into Edinburg City Jail on charges of unlawful carrying of a weapon and possession of a controlled substance.

Aug. 18

11:09 a.m.: A female student reported that an unknown male used his truck to communication with faculty, staff and students is “not ideal.”

Asked what is the concern regarding administrative communication with the campus community, Bailey replied, “I think what the Faculty Senate wanted was just more communication. I think part of it has to do with the first year and a lot of things happening. ... You’ll see in the second year, when there is less stuff going on, it’ll be easier to communicate.”

Another major issue in the White Paper is the spread of a “culture of fear.”

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“Most respondents indicated that the source of the fear stems from various levels of the Administration, including the President’s and the Provost’s levels,” the White Paper states. “However, there were also respondents who indicated that Chairs and Deans are complicit in suppressing open discussions that deal with potentially ‘contentious’ issues, and therefore, they contribute to the fear experienced by faculty members.”

follow her from her residence to campus. The student said she travels about 40 miles to get to campus. An officer was able to obtain video footage, which coincided with the student’s report. A UTRGV Police investigator found the truck off campus, interviewed the non-affiliated male and issued him a criminal trespass warning.

Aug. 21

9:11 a.m.

Officers tried to conduct a traffic stop on a light blue Ford Crown Victoria, but during the stop, the driver ran from the officers into a thick brushy area. The Edinburg Police Department assisted in locating the individual, to no avail. Parole papers in the vehicle identified the male, who has history with UTRGV and the Edinburg Police, who located the man’s last known residence. A family member advised the officers that the man had just left in another vehicle. UTRGV Police are in the process of seeking an arrest warrant for the suspect on a charge of evading arrest.

--Compiled by Megan Gonzalez

A “fear of retaliation” was boldfaced in the 23-page study.

“Comments from faculty reflect concerns about not being comfortable to openly express ideas at the department level and other levels due to fear of retaliation and fear of being labeled a ‘troublemaker.’ Even mid-management individuals expressed sentiments such as ‘I just keep my head down and do my work.’”

The study also states that disagreeing or debating with department chairs or deans may be seen as “verboten, even when it is done with the best of intentions.”

Recommendations made by the Faculty Senate in the White Paper include: --provide leadership training for administrators and staff and faculty senate leaders

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UTRGV to the rescue

Students and faculty help the Good Neighbor Settlement House

Monika Garza
THE RIDER

Earlier this year, UTRGV faculty and students sought funding for the Good Neighbor Settlement House agency, which was having financial problems.

The Good Neighbor Settlement House is a nonprofit agency at 1254 E. Tyler St. that serves the homeless community of Brownsville with basic needs such as warm food, showers and a place to sleep.

Last September, social work graduate students Erica Campos and Judith Rodriguez were sent by UTRGV faculty to serve an internship at the agency.

When the director of the Good Neighbor Settlement House died last April, the agency's board asked Jack White, a UTRGV lecturer in the Social

Work department, to be interim volunteer director at the agency, and he agreed.

During Spring 2016, White said the nonprofit agency started having financial problems, and this is when the UTRGV graduate students and faculty members came up with new donors. The organizations asked for statistics that showed how many people are served by the agency.

"Organizations, like, look at numbers, they want to see the percentage of how many individuals, how many children and how many women benefit from the Good Neighbor Settlement House," Campos said.

During 2015, 83,000 units of service were offered at the agency. Each unit is one free service, such as one shower or meal.



ANA CAHUICHE/THE RIDER PHOTOS

Local residents shop for clothes at the Good Neighbor Settlement House's thrift shop.

"What brings tears to my eyes is that, specifically, we asked for funding from the United Way and from the Legacy Foundation but I had never written grants in which somebody gave me twice as much I asked for," White said. "For United Way, we asked for \$30,000 and they were like, 'Wait a minute. We want to give you \$60,000,' and Legacy, we asked them for \$4,000, and they said, 'We think you need \$8,000.'"

White said that without the help from the UTRGV social work graduate students, the agency could never have accomplished what it did.

"We saved an organization which was over 60 years old," White said.

Although the students admitted that it felt scary the

to the students.

"We are here to help," Rodriguez said. "We love to help."

One person who benefits from this agency said she is satisfied with the service it offers.

"The Good Neighbor Settlement House has helped me to get ahead and to pick myself up," Cynthia Dominguez said. "I was in a bad situation and they helped me. There is nothing I would change from this organization."

There are many ways in which students can volunteer to help the Good Neighbor Settlement

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We saved an organization which was over 60 years old.

Jack White
UTRGV Social Work Lecturer



UTRGV social work graduate students Erica Campos (left) and Judith Rodriguez speak about the ways they have assisted the Good Neighbor Settlement House in Brownsville.

A warm welcome

Monika Garza
THE RIDER

Between classes this week, UTRGV students can hang out with the president, meet some international students and toss a coin in a fountain for good luck.

To commemorate the first week of school, UTRGV will host a series of events and activities called Best Week Ever today through Friday on the Brownsville and Edinburg campuses.

"To sum it up, it would be to connect students with the resources available on campus as well as in the community to ensure that they have a successful academic year with UTRGV," said Abraham Villarreal, UTRGV Student Involvement student program adviser.

If you don't know where your class is, today and Tuesday, volunteers at info depots throughout the Edinburg and

Brownsville campuses will guide you from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.

"We are expecting to welcome around 10,000 to 12,000 students ... at the events throughout the week," Villarreal said.

"It's a great way to meet people and communicate with others and get around to know the campus with other people," said Vanessa Mora, a mass

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MICHELLE ESPINOZA/THE RIDER FILE PHOTO

UTRGV students at last year's Toss for Luck event on the Brownsville campus.



MICHELLE ESPINOZA/THE RIDER

Student Government Association President Denisse Molina-Castro (left) discusses plans to collaborate with other campus organizations during the SGA President's Luncheon, held Aug. 16 on the Brownsville campus. Also shown is Rebeca Rodriguez, a bystander peer educator for the Superhero Project.

SGA meets with student orgs

Starts dialogue for upcoming year

Andrea Torres
THE RIDER

With nearly 28,000 students already enrolled at UT Rio Grande Valley for the fall, 39 of their peers represent the population each day and help address any concerns they may have as part of the Student Government Association.

"Our main goal is to service the student body," SGA President Denisse Molina-Castro said about the association. "When I

say service, I mean we are here to help with their concerns."

The SGA hosted a President's Luncheon Monday and Tuesday on the Edinburg and Brownsville campuses, which drew more than 50 students representing 27 organizations.

"The purpose of today's event was just to start a dialogue between organization presidents and other student-led organizations, to begin to know who SGA is and we can get to know who they are," Molina-

Castro said.

Among the luncheon attendees was Rebeca Rodriguez, a bystander peer educator for the Superhero Project.

"I know that the Superhero Project wanted to collaborate with the SGA and especially with all the organizations that are here as well," Rodriguez said during the event. "What we do is we train students on how

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Vaquero Voice

Campus Carry



"While I believe it is an extremely controversial topic at the moment, I feel like there should be a right for us to maybe defend ourselves in any case that we find ourselves in a bad situation. You know, there's been a lot of shootings lately and you don't want to find yourself at a disadvantage.

It is our right to carry guns, so might as well use them for protection as long as we are using them for the right thing and not anything else that is dangerous. There will be people that take advantage of this law and will want to commit crime against other people but I feel that is what we have the police for. So, as long as we are under their protection, then we have somebody to protect ourselves with, so that's good as well."

Sophia Rodriguez
English senior

"On the issue of open carry on campus, my opinion is kind of the same as on the issue of open carry literally anywhere else, where I feel that the only advantage that the general public has against someone who means to do them harm with a gun--a shooter who means to commit mass homicide--is that they can see the gun and they can react, they can run, they can go and find authorities. They can take whatever action they need in order to protect themselves. If open carry continues to be the law of the land, then seeing people holding a gun will no longer become novel, they will no longer react to it, they will see it as commonplace and that just makes it easier for someone to commit mass murder."



Matt Wyatt
Political science sophomore



"Well to be honest, I don't see how it's a problem. I think a really big thing is that we have the liberty to do that. I mean, obviously, it's one of our amendments isn't it? The right to bear arms. And I feel like if you're taking our right to bear arms, you're taking away sort of a portion of our self-defense, 'cause, I mean, anything's out there and I'm not saying that you have to go shoot somebody. But [for] some people, it's nice to have. And you know, guns don't kill people. Guns in the wrong hands kill people. So, I really think if you're kinda gonna take away my freedom and you're gonna say that I can't have something to protect myself, I don't know that I want to be with you. Because if you're not gonna let me defend myself, if you're not gonna let me feel free, feel relaxed and know that I can take care of myself, then why would I want to be there?"

Georgia Vela
Edinburg High School concurrent enrollment student

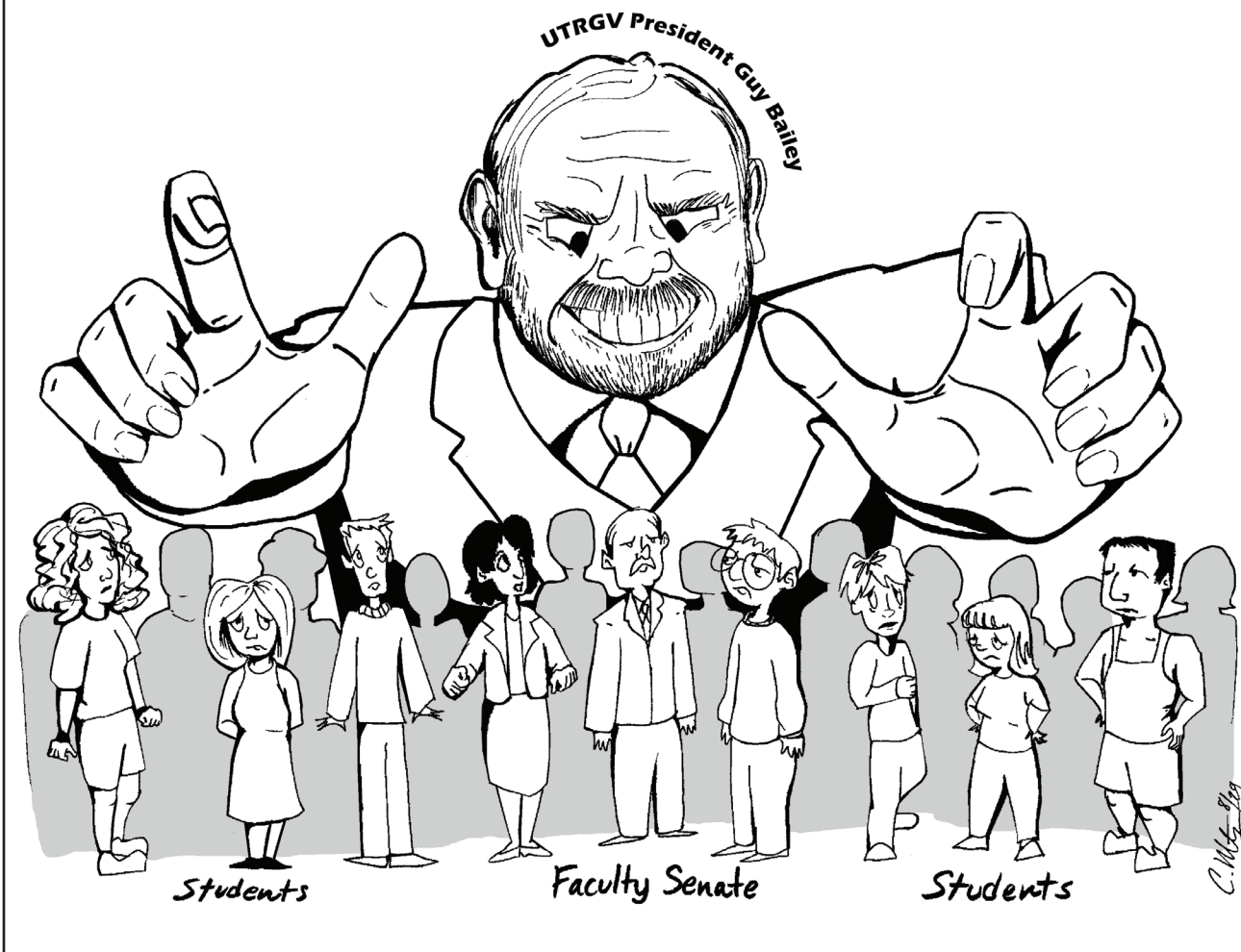
"Well, I think campus carry should not be allowed on any university due to the fact that it might increase the chances of shootings and I think it would put the students and the teachers and the faculty at risk of any harm, like if the students were allowed to carry guns in school."



Enrique Contreras
Manufacturing engineering freshman

--Compiled by Ana Cahuiche and Gabriel Mata

"Culture of Fear"



Summer of unrest



Nathaniel Mata
SPORTS EDITOR

Over the course of this summer the headlines and stories that deliver our news have been somber, to say the least. You would literally have to close your eyes or maybe plug your ears to avoid the onslaught of tragic news.

For a second we'll put aside topics like bombings in Brussels, continued bloodshed in Iraq, Syria and Afghanistan, not to mention a failed coup in Turkey that has led to the subsequent closure of 130 media outlets that oppose the current regime, according to a BBC News report. Not to say this news isn't important, we just don't have enough pages in a weekly paper.

Here on American soil, the summer has been plagued by gun violence. If you think the U.S. can't go a week without a mass shooting, you'd be partially correct; we average more than one a day, according to the Mass Shooting Tracker, a crowd-sourced project created to monitor and track mass shootings as well as how many were injured or killed.

The numbers are staggering. Last year, as a nation we averaged just over one mass shooting per day. In 2016, we've eclipsed 300 and it is only August. Mass Shooting Tracker defines a mass shooting as an incident when four or more people are shot.

Many gun owners and gun enthusiasts will stand by rhetoric like defense of home or my favorite, defense against the government. Staying armed against the government was an important value as the nation was being erected, and it made sense with our country being founded by rebels. It seemed a lot more practical when resistance against government was using a musket, in the 1800s.

In current times it's the AR-15 that takes center stage as it was the weapon of choice for the gunmen that rock our country the hardest. These weapons are powerful, strong enough to kill a bunch of people. It's asinine to think that these AR-15s would stand much of a chance against our military though, a military armed with automatic weapons, drones and unparalleled surveillance. It doesn't really make sense to take a gun to a drone fight.

The two deadliest shootings took place weeks apart in June and July. The first was in Orlando at Pulse, a popular gay nightclub. That night 49 lives were lost, many of Hispanic heritage. In early July it was a disgruntled

Army veteran who targeted the lives of Dallas Police officers. These are stories that you are probably familiar with by now.

I'm just trying to figure out what place these types of rifles have in our community, besides ripping families apart, of course. Assault rifles have no place in the hands of civilians. They are efficient killing machines and we're seeing that

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firsthand far too many times.

Since we've seen this story time and time again, it's easy to predict the public backlash against guns, the cries for stricter gun control and most likely the lack of change. Long, semiautomatic rifles, designed for civilian use, will continue to be commonplace and when the smoke clears will be at the center of shootings for the foreseeable future.

Maybe it's harsh to say but when blood continues to be spilled via gun violence it's also on the hands of lawmakers who are refusing to step in and make this less common.

Until any substantial legislation is made to curb these shootings, expect your children to grow up not only accustomed but also desensitized to mass shootings. It really is out of control when young people don't even blink an eye hearing stories of people getting killed. But when it's the world we create and allow, we start to reap what we sow.

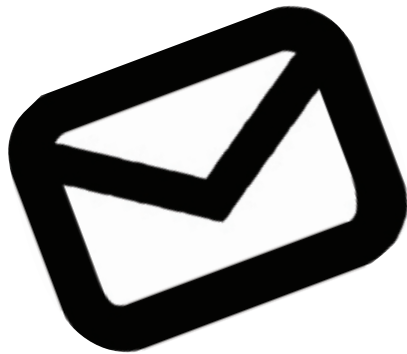
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Continuing to lead

Rebecca Gadson will serve another year as interim dean of students

Andrea Torres
THE RIDER

With the first anniversary of the creation of UT Rio Grande Valley on Wednesday, Rebecca Gadson thinks back on the many highlights that made up her first year as the interim dean of students and associate vice president for Student Life. “It’s a combination of all those opportunities that make this position unique and rewarding,” Gadson said. “The opportunity to serve the university and to serve students is definitely a big part of why, yes, I am willing to continue on in the interim role.”

Gadson will continue to serve in the position this academic year.

The decision comes after the university began its search in April for a candidate to fill the position permanently.

“Finding the exact right person for the position where it’s both a good fit for us and a good next step

for this person in their career, it’s a decision that we take very seriously,” said Kristin Croyle, vice president for Student Success. “After evaluating all the candidates, it wasn’t the right mutual fit at the time, and Ms. Gadson was doing a fantastic job.”

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Kristin Croyle
Vice President for Student Success

A university search committee chaired by Jonikka Charlton, the associate vice president for Student Academic Success, worked with a national search firm to look for applicants.

“[The search firm] did all the recruiting and they gave us a list of potential candidates,” Charlton said in a phone interview. “We went in and reviewed their materials, so normal things like CV and letter of application and references.”

The first batch of applicants was narrowed to 10 by the committee and after conducting interviews via video conference the committee narrowed the list to three who were then

Candidates also met in individual meetings with the vice president of Student Success, the provost, a Student Life leadership team, a student leadership group and a leadership team for Student Success and other associate vice presidents, Charlton said.

In all meetings and forums held, members of the community filled out written forms to evaluate each of the candidates.

Participants had to rate the candidates in the following areas: education background, budgetary experience, related experience, supervisory experience, ability to establish rapport among campus partners, candidate enthusiasm, communication skills, initiative and resources fullness, professionalism, ability to work well with diverse perspectives and experience in developing policies and procedures.

They also were asked about their perception of the candidate’s strengths and greatest skills, to give their overall assessment, and for their recommendation concerning the candidate’s qualifications to serve in the position.

Asked why the search did not start until April, Croyle replied that nationally, if a university is



GABRIEL MATA/THE RIDER

Rebecca Gadson

going to make a change, it often makes it at the beginning of the fall semester.

“Given all the other transitions we were experiencing, I thought it was a good idea for us to have a stable leadership,” she said.

The community’s feedback on the candidates was submitted to Croyle and she made the decision to keep Gadson because she felt the other candidates did not make a mutual match with the university.

“Well, any position, but particularly a leadership

position, has to be the right match mutually, both for the candidate, that this is the right place for this stage in their career, and for the institution, that this is the right person for us in our development,” she said.

Gadson is committed to help whoever is selected in the future be successful in the transition to the position.

“I am very committed to making sure that I am a good steward of the position and the responsibilities associated with the position,” she said.

Students accepted into D.C. fellowship program

Sergio Garcia
SOCIAL MEDIA EDITOR

Andrea Perez and Kathryn Brough, both mass communication seniors at UTRGV, arrived in Washington, D.C., Aug. 22 to take part in the Archer Fellowship Program.

The program was developed by William “Bill” Reynolds Archer Jr., a retired lawyer who served in the Texas and U.S. House of Representatives, in conjunction with the University of Texas System to offer students internship opportunities with a number of different agencies and organizations such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), CNN, CNN Español and American Federation of Teachers (AFT), according to archercenter.org.

Mark Andersen, dean of the UTRGV Honors College and local coordinator for the program, said it “is a great opportunity for students in the UT System” who want to pursue internships in Washington D.C.

“And, of course, that’s a major thing, a life-changing opportunity, so a lot of students want to do that, but in most of the rest of the country, students are pretty much on their own finding internships in D.C.,” Andersen said.

He said there are only about 40 slots in the program, so not everyone is accepted. Students must submit their application via archercenter.org. They are screened and interviewed by the corresponding coordinator for each campus.

To apply, students must have:

- an overall grade-point average of 3.0 or higher;
- previous work or internship experience;
- campus leadership and/or community involvement;
- junior or senior status;
- 24 credit hours completed in-residence; and
- completion of basic government requirements.

Students must submit a résumé, personal statement, policy essay, list of potential internships, two letters of recommendation, unofficial transcript and a signed disclosure statement.

The application deadline for Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 is Feb. 15. Applicants usually receive letters of acceptance by April. However, Brough recommends that students should “really start early” with the application process.

Perez said, “If anyone is interested, there’s going to be help out there for them. They are not doing the application process alone; people will help them.”

There are certain fees that need to be covered by the student, according to the archercenter.org; however,



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Andrea Perez

Andersen explained that UTRGV covers the program’s fees.

Perez said expenses such as housing, meals and transportation while in the city and the cost of traveling to Washington could be covered by financial aid, scholarships and monetary aid from the Archer Center.

This program lasts one semester. After completion of the program, students receive 15 credit hours, according to archercenter.org.

Bernadette Perez, who was enrolled in the program during Spring 2016, said it “encourages the students to become leaders.” She advises other students to apply because the program also teaches them “how to think out of the box and to see how we can work toward a better America.”

Perez said the Archer Center staff is “supportive of our ideas and that helps a lot, especially when you are in a city that you are not familiar with.” The program not only helped her achieve personal goals, but also decide what she wanted to do for her long-term career.

For more information on the program, visit www.archercenter.org or call Andersen at 665-2341.

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10 things To know about college

Sergio Garcia
SOCIAL MEDIA EDITOR

1. Road maps are just recommendations

You don’t have to follow the class layout given to you at orientation. Most incoming freshmen feel obligated to follow the schedule. However, later they realize that they can customize their schedules based on their personal needs.

2. Communicate with your adviser

It’s important to meet with an academic adviser. Advisers provide you with the guidance you need to understand your degree plan. They can help you change your major and understand the guidelines you need to follow in college.

3. Changing majors is OK

Some college students change their major at one point or another. College is a great place to explore what you like, and changing majors is part of this experience. Remember, you are not only choosing a major, you are also choosing your career.

4. Make friends

Making friends can be a step to success. It is beneficial to make new friends. For instance, friends can help you organize study groups, overcome the fear of being far away from home, support you emotionally when in distress and help you enjoy your stay in college.

5. Keep track of your grades

Knowing where you stand academically is crucial to pass your classes. Most professors don’t offer many grade updates during the semester, so it’s your responsibility to ask for reports if available. Also, make sure to give your all in every assignment; everything counts toward your final grade.

6. Know your professor

Meeting with your professor can help you achieve better grades. Professors will gladly help if you have any issues with grades, assignments or any questions regarding the class. Make sure that you stop by their office.

7. Help is there if you need it

UTRGV offers multiple services to help students with their assignments such as a math lab, science lab, communication research lab and a writing center. These services can help you master your classes.

8. Do not skip class

You will be treated as an adult in college, so many

Academic starter pack

Ana Cahuiche
THE RIDER

A new semester is on the horizon and so are many academic challenges. UTRGV offers several services to help students achieve academic success at all levels of their academic career.

Kristin Croyle, vice president of Student Success, and Jonikka Charlton, associate vice president of Student Academic Success and dean of the University College, shared some time management and learning tips to help students have a successful semester. They also encourage students to visit academic centers for help.

They both suggest keeping a calendar and planner for all your classes, assignments and projects.

“Keeping an academic planner in which students write down all of their assignments and study time ahead of time, that makes a big difference,” Croyle said. “Adding their courses on their phone’s calendars, sometimes it really does make a difference.”

They advise setting aside time for reading for each course and meeting your professors.

“A rule of thumb for university students across the country is that they should be spending two to three hours outside of class studying and preparing for class for every hour that they are in class,” Croyle said.

Besides reading and highlighting, Charlton suggests using different color highlighters and taking side notes while reading to help narrow down the

information and make further studying more efficient.

Reach out to your professors if you need help and even if you don’t.

“Something I think is very important in the first week, students should always talk to the bulk of their professors because having that personal contact can make a difference through the rest of the semester in how well they do on the course and how connected they feel to the course,” Croyle said.

Asking for help might be difficult sometimes but Charlton suggests emailing as a first outreach. Croyle also encourages students to approach professors after class and provide with the times they are available to meet with them and have them choose a time that meets their schedule. If it’s an online class, do the same thing through email and set an appointment to meet in person at their office.

“Here are a couple of times that would work for me. Is there a time that you are available?’ To go in with an attitude that your professors really want to talk to you can help a lot,” Croyle said.

Realize that “memorizing all the facts in the class will only get you halfway there,” she said.

There are multiple centers and programs under Student Academic Success to help:

--the Learning Center offers tutoring focusing mainly on lower-level courses for core curriculum classes and tutoring on request. The center works by the peer-led learning method.

--the Career Center helps students find employment and coordinates internship experiences.

--the Writing Center offers individual and group tutoring on writing in all disciplines and at all levels, according to its website.

--Academic Advising helps student select an academic pathway that fits their

interest and strengths.

--Engaged Scholarship and Learning [offers experiential learning] and research opportunities.

--the Dean of Students Office promotes involvement through student organizations, leadership development opportunities and mentoring programs for undergraduate students.

--the ASPIRE program offers tutoring, mentoring and financial and personal guidance to college students who are first-generation, income eligible or have a documented disability. The program is only available on the Brownsville campus. It is open to all students but requires an application.

--University College is the academic program for all UTRGV students who are undecided about what major to pursue.

“Until students are able to choose a major, they’re with us and we’ll be developing programming and workshops, things like that, [this] year to help students learn more about different careers, different opportunities and how the majors line up with those so they can make a choice,” Charlton said.

--Under University College is the Learning Framework Program, UNIV 1301, which helps students transition into the university, assists with career planning and engaging in the community. Each section is divided into each particular college to help students build friendships with other students with similar interests. About 60 percent of UTRGV’s first-year students take the course, Charlton said.

SGA

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to respond, how to intervene in harmful situations.”

Throughout the luncheon, various student organization representatives talked about the events they will host for the upcoming semester and how the SGA can help them.

The SGA helps students and student organizations financially with events they host and travel to conventions.

“Let’s say, I am in a club and we want to have an event,” explained Alondra Galvan, SGA vice president for the Brownsville campus. “[The event] has to be free

“ Our main goal is to service the student body. When I say service, I mean we are here to help with their concerns. ”

Denisse Molina-Castro
SGA President

for students, open to all UTRGV students. It’s definitely a great way we can help you all out.”

Travel funds are also available to students.

Eric Silva, SGA chair of the senate, said students can apply online via the SGA V-link page. The funds cover only hotel and registration fees.

The SGA is working on streamlining the travel application form, which is expected to be available in September, Silva said.

Students are also invited to attend the senate meetings, where they can voice their concerns and hear SGA members discuss issues they are addressing.

“We are here to serve the students, especially everyone in the legislative branch,” Silva said. “Every single person was appointed by the students in that first round through our selection process, from the senators at large to our senators representing the graduate students, to our senators representing the colleges. ... We are here to help.”

The next senate meeting will be held at 2 p.m. Friday in Biomedical Research Health Building Room 1.222 in Brownsville and in Education Complex Room 1.102 in Edinburg.

Molina-Castro will deliver the State of the Student Body Address from noon to 1:30 p.m. Sept. 13 on the Edinburg campus and Sept. 15 in Brownsville.

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

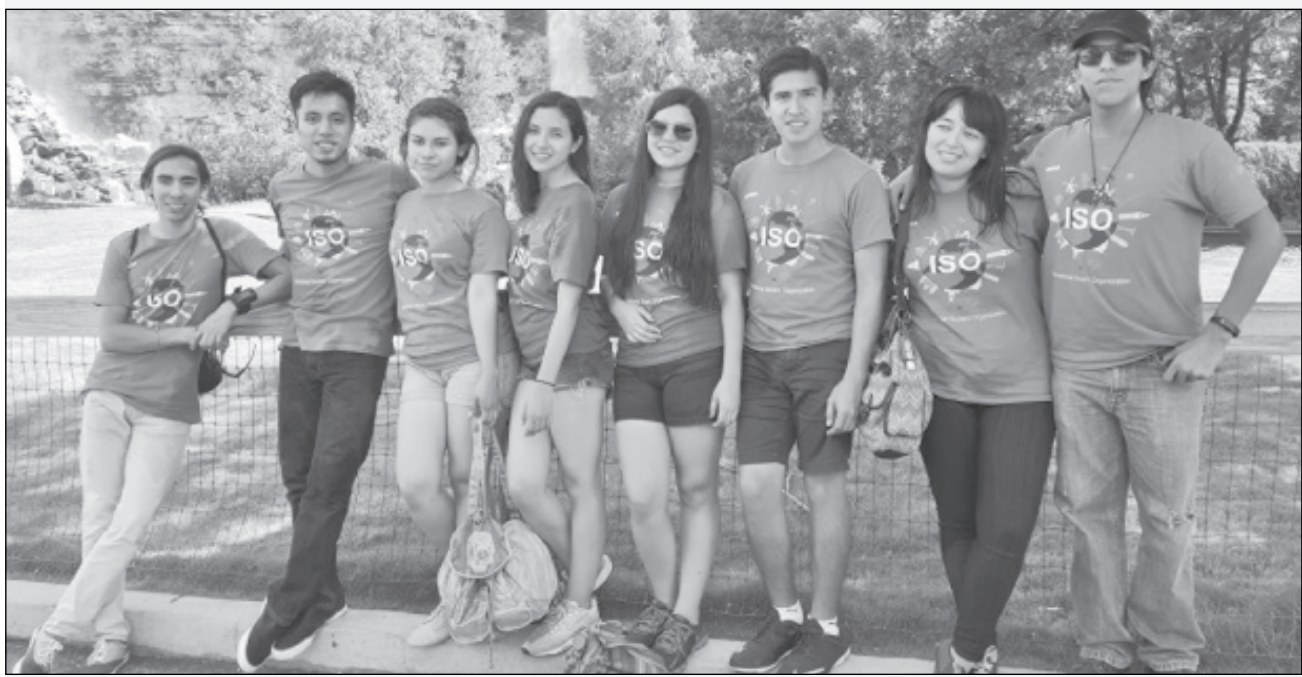


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Members of the International Student Organization-Brownsville include (from left) Historian Aldo Bañuelos, Ricardo Valverde, Treasurer Lilibeth Pesina, Dania Ruiz, Treasurer Valeria Galván, Daniel Juarez, Tania Alvarez and Alberto Vilano.

Name: The International Student Organization (ISO) –Brownsville

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Vice President: Maria Teresa

Secretary: Samuel Vallejo

Treasurers: Valeria Galván, Lilibeth Pesina

Historian: Aldo Bañuelos

Adviser: Aragelia Salazar

Activities: The organization participates in fundraising, community service projects, campus events and semester trips.

Meetings: TBA

Membership requirements: Anyone can join. Incoming members must pay a \$15 fee.

For more information, email: Lilibeth.PesinaAvalos01@utrgv.edu

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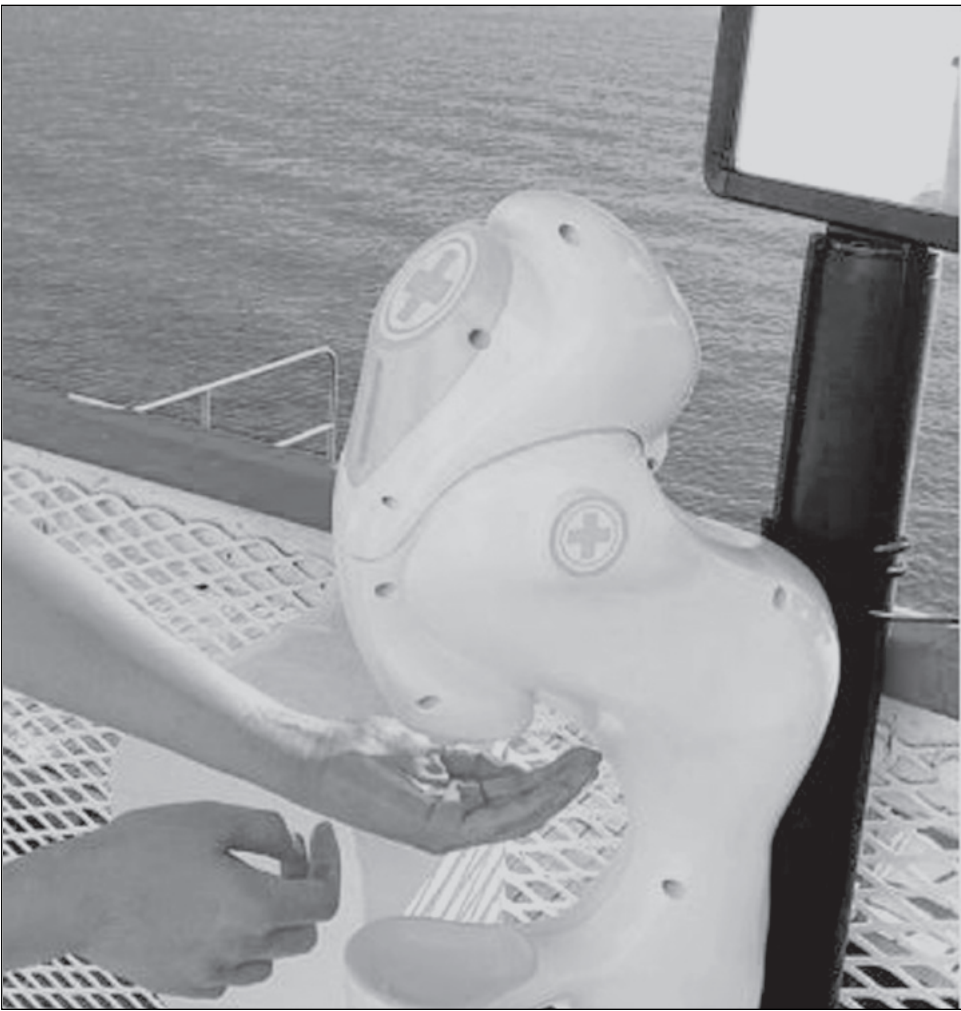
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Students promote skin cancer awareness

Megan Gonzalez
THE RIDER

RGV Against Skin Cancer, a nonprofit organization founded by siblings and UTRGV students Alexia and Marco Jauregui, plans to install sunscreen dispensers across the Rio Grande Valley. Constant overexposure to the sun can cause damage within the skin cells and increases the risk of basal, melanoma and squamous cell skin cancer, according to the Skin Cancer Foundation. Every year, new cases continue to appear. One in five Americans will develop skin cancer in their lifetime while one in 50 Americans will develop melanoma. “There are a lot of people in the Valley who work outside,” said Marco Jauregui, a pre-med biology major. “Just in general, there’s not a lot of protection here. We live about 45 minutes from South Padre Island, so everybody’s constantly going over there.” Walking across campus can expose people to the harmful ultra-violet rays of the sun. The idea originally started in 2014, when Joe “Mark” Noe, an associate professor in Writing and Language Studies, assigned a project to his class. “This started in the Tech Writing Class, that used to be 3333 for UTPA and now it’s 3342 in UTRGV. I thought the students could learn better if there was a reason to write and a reason to learn how to write,” Noe said. “I asked them all to come up with projects that they could write proposals on that would have life after the class was over. I call them actionable projects.” At legacy institution UT Pan American, the original team of the RGV Against Skin Cancer project proposed its ideas to the Health and Human Services Department at the Edinburg campus, but no funds were awarded. So, the assignment was abandoned.

However, when UTRGV started, Noe decided to give the project a second chance and assigned it to another team, composed of Alexia Jauregui, Delia Duarte, Eli Ruiz and Victoria Cerna. The new team applied for a grant from the RGV Community Foundation for the pilot phase. After receiving a \$5,000 grant, the team partnered with RGV Community Foundation and now relies on sponsors and donations to bring the first sunscreen dispensers to the Valley. Dr. Carlos Gomez-Meade, a Brownsville native who is a dermatologist in Austin, was the first donor and used his online clothing company, Little Leaves, as a sponsor for the program. Gomez-Meade works with Vitalogy Skincare, a full-service dermatology practice specializing in Moha micrographic surgery, medical dermatology, cosmetic dermatology, plastic surgery and clinical aesthetic procedures. In his spare time, Gomez-Meade and his wife, Dr. Carley Gomez-Meade run Little Leaves, which promotes a sun-protective clothing line that is designed to help protect children and adults from the harmful effects of chronic ultraviolet rays. “We are trying to take small steps towards including people’s awareness about skin cancer and particularly in [youth],” Gomez-Meade said. “It’s very important to protect our children, young adults and everyone, really, to teach our children good habits as far as protecting themselves from the damage of the sun because sun damage at that age has big correlation with developing skin cancer later in life.” Gomez-Meade donated \$500 to the organization. The Advanced Medical Program Initiative (AMDI) student organization’s members will conduct monthly inspections of each dispenser location. The



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Sun Shield dispenser releases sunscreen into a user’s hand. The dispenser will be located by the pool at the Wellness and Recreation Center in Edinburg.

dispensers will contain broad spectrum SPF 50-hypoallergenic sunscreen. “This isn’t just an assignment anymore, but a goal of mine to get implemented all over the Valley,” said Alexia Jauregui, who graduated with a bachelor’s degree in biology last May. Dispenser locations have been

secured in Mercedes, McAllen, Edinburg, and South Padre Island. To donate to the organization, visit www.gofundme.com/RGVSUNSHIELD. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/RGVAgainstSkinCancer.

What should I major in?

Throughout this academic year, *The Rider* will explore the programs of study at UTRGV. This the first in the series.

Major: Anthropology
School: College of Liberal Arts
Department Chair: Ramon Guerra
Prerequisites: None
Total credit hours needed to graduate: 120
What is anthropology? “It’s the study of people and experience from the past to the present and our evolution—who we are culturally and biologically are part of anthropology. So, I think it’s exciting and expansive. It expands your perspective of what the human experience is. We are interested in the study of human diversity. I think it’s a very intellectually liberating thing to study because it really takes you out of your comfort zone. We try to help students make that connection that they are learning these kinds of methods, and learning these kinds of project skills that they can apply to work settings no matter what, or even for graduate studies such as law or medical.”
Which classes should students expect to take? “If you choose to major in anthropology, you must have a minor in another field of your choice. We have four lower division required courses that also count towards the core requirements. We require an Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, Introduction to Archaeology and Human Evolution. Those three are the central areas of anthropology, which is why they are required, and then there is the upper division course, Anthropology Theory and Method.”
What are some possible careers with this degree? “Career possibilities for a bachelor’s degree in anthropology are very broad. You most likely won’t find a job saying that you want to be an anthropologist, but the skills you learn in our field are things you can apply to anything you do in the future.”
Which skills will students learn by the time they graduate? “We deal

with a lot of different things such as religion, culture and sexuality, and how you make sense of that. It gives you a framework of how to understand, and not be egocentric. It helps you be interested in human difference and not seeing it as a challenge or a problem. You see it more as an opportunity.”
Who are some possible employers? “Social service agencies, businesses, government offices (federal, state and local), libraries, museums. Again, anything that deals with humans, you can apply these skills.”
What salary can a student expect to earn after graduation? “It all depends on the area they go into.”
Student clubs related to the major: “Yes, there is an anthropology club that is open to anyone or any major. They get together pretty much weekly and plan events. The big event is usually a trip after graduation in May, where the club members go to archeological sites or museums. This past May we went to Washington, D.C., and stayed in a hotel close to where the Smithsonian museums are, so we visited those.”
For more information: visit UTRGVAnthropology on Facebook, email Anthropology Program Coordinator Margaret Graham at margaret.graham@utrgv.edu or call 665-7393.

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BIKE
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hour you won’t get an additional cost,” said Eva Garcia, a planner for the City of Brownsville’s Planning Department. “Let’s say you parked at the library and you need to take a bike to come to City Plaza to pay for a parking ticket or you wanted to come eat at Lola’s, then you can park at Rotary Park and, ideally, there’s a bike share station near your destination.” The city will place six stations with five bikes in each throughout downtown: La Plaza Terminal, Market Square, Linear Park, Cameron County Courthouse, Dean Porter Park and the Belden Trail. “I think it will be great for students to just have more transportation options to get around campus and then to get beyond campus, too,” said Rodney Gomez, UTRGV’s director of Parking and Transportation. “Like, if you want to go off campus to go to a restaurant or whatever, you can always check out a bike, and instead of walking in the hot sun, you can bike. So, we see it as an important part of the transportation options for students.” The bike share program will cost the university \$153,900 for the initial two years. This will include the “cost of

access to the bicycles, the stations, the technology (smart phone app), marketing materials, damage and theft protection, and all bicycle maintenance and repairs,” Gomez wrote in an email to *The Rider*. The funding will come from a special university account and not student fees, he said. UTRGV will place three stations and 15 bikes on the Brownsville campus, four stations and 20 bikes on the Edinburg campus and one station with 10 bikes on the Harlingen campus. The City of Harlingen also approved a partnership and will host one station with 10 bikes at McKelvey Park, Gomez said. Brownsville Mayor Tony Martinez said it was great that the city was

cooperating with the university for the bike share program. “I’m a big proponent of trying to be as cooperative with the university as possible and also a quid pro quo in the sense that, you know, we have to be part of each other,” Martinez said after the Aug. 16 city commission meeting. Checking out a bike costs \$2 per hour. The cost of the monthly pass is \$15 and \$35 for the annual pass. The first hour is free with all passes. To check out a bike, download the Zagster app or visit zagster.com/rgvbikeshare.

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Chef Gabriel Lara is UTRGV Dining Service's very own Executive Chef. With more than 20 years of experience, he personally makes sure that every student at UTRGV is served delicious food right off the menu. We got to learn a little more about the genius in the kitchen!

Q: What are your fondest foodie childhood memories?

A: My favorite memories are eating my mother's cooking. She is the best cook in the world. She still makes her corn tortillas from scratch. Whether it's rice and beans, or something more complex, everything tastes exquisite.

Q: When did you know you wanted to become a Chef?

A: I started working in the industry at a young age, as a fry cook. It wasn't until I started working at a Restaurant in Downtown Austin, that I knew I had found my passion in the kitchen.

Q: What inspires your menus?

A: I like to think outside the box and experiment with foods and ingredients. I have a library of books I like to go back to, when I need some inspiration.

Q: What is your favorite dish to cook?

A: I love making hors d'oeuvres, especially Spanish Tapas and Mini Desserts.



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[Donald] Trump is even more strongly disliked, so that's to some extent to Clinton's advantage, that she is disliked less than Trump is disliked," Kaswan said. "So, that makes it kind of an interesting election because the two primary candidates, the two main nominees are disliked by a majority of the public."

Kaswan said most of the dislike coming for Clinton has to do with the idea that she lies. However, when Politifact, a Pulitzer Prize-winning website, fact checked both nominees, Clinton turned out to say the truth nearly six times more than Trump.

"It's one of those things that people say, 'You're lying, you're lying, you're lying.' If that's repeated often enough, you can say, 'No, I'm telling the truth.' But, it's hard to make that case," Kaswan said. "So, this idea that she lies consistently is actually an ideological point. It's because people don't like her ideology and are trying to undermine her."

He said most of the support Trump has comes from people who oppose Clinton. However, there is a part of the American electorate that "likes him very much."

"We can apply what political theorists call an intersectional analysis in thinking about this group of low income, white men, who, historically in the United States ... their whiteness and their maleness had been the basis of their power. ... What they've seen over the past eight years: First, you had a black president that challenged the racial basis of their power, and, now, a female who's challenging the gender basis of their power. And, so, these guys feel like they're under attack," Kaswan said. "So, that's, I think, a lot of the very incendiary rhetoric that Trump uses, that plays very well to that group, is actually coming from their feeling."

Polinard said the candidates are lucky to be facing each other.

"In one sense they are fortunate that they are running against each other—they are the only ones that the other one can beat," he said. "If the Republicans

had nominated anybody but Trump, the Republican nominee would almost certainly be 20 points ahead of Clinton. If the Democrats had nominated anybody other than Clinton, the Democratic nominee would be almost 20 points ahead of Trump, so it's just a very unusual election."

Besides the candidates being disliked, Polinard said, social media and a 24-hour news cycle being used as weapons are what make this election an interesting

doesn't like us," Gonzalez said. "So, I'm just here to study, obviously. I want to get my degree before anything."

However, there are students such as international business freshman Abdiel Hernandez and studio art sophomore Jocelyn Torres who feel as if there isn't much of a choice.

"Yeah, I'm just avoiding it," Hernandez said about the presidential election. "It's like picking the lesser of two evils."

Torres, on the other hand, is looking at

“ [Hillary Clinton] is strongly disliked and [Donald] Trump is even more strongly disliked, so that’s to some extent to Clinton’s advantage, that she is disliked less than Trump is disliked. ”

Mark Kaswan
UTRGV Political Science Professor

one.

"Let the games begin," Polinard said.

Graphic design freshman Ruby Gamez said although she agrees with some of Trump's political views, she thinks his methods are a "too extreme."

"There's some things that he says that are crazy and are probably for entertainment, but they are not OK to say," Gamez said. "With Hillary, she's OK. I really don't have anything against her. Some of her political views—not that I'm against them—but she seems kind of shady. So, yeah I think I'd vote for Hillary."

Psychology sophomore Barbara Gonzalez said she doesn't support Trump because she feels that he would affect her education because she is a Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) student.

"[As] a DACA student, well you have a work permit and you have a permission to be in the U.S. and you have to renew every two years and, obviously, Trump

other options.

"I'm probably going to vote—if I decide to vote—for the Green Party candidate, Dr. Jill Stein," she said. "I just don't really have faith in the candidates the, you know, the main running candidates. I think they've been getting a lot of airtime on the media. I don't know, I just don't really believe them. ... Things are being withheld from the general public and it's either this candidate or this candidate

and it's ... they don't want us to know that we have other options."

Asked if Stein or Gary Johnson of the Independent Party have a chance of winning the election, Polinard replied: "Their chances of winning are nonexistent. It's rare for third-party candidates to even get Electoral College votes. They'd have to win the most votes in a given state. ... The impact they will have is who are they going to draw votes away from?"

He said a third-party candidate is more likely to win a swing state.

"It won't make any difference in Texas; Texas is going to be a solid red state," Polinard said.

However, Kaswan said that if voter turnout were to increase in the Valley, the Democrats might win Texas.

"People in the RGV have one of the lowest voter turnout rates in the state, one of the lowest voter turnout rates in the country," he said. "If the RGV turned out, it's almost certain Clinton would have very strong support in the Valley. If voters in the RGV turned out at substantially higher levels, if they voted at the same rate as people in Sugar Land and suburbs outside of Dallas and places like that, Clinton could win Texas, which would be a political earthquake in Texas."

He also said that if people in the Valley were to "wake up and start voting" they would have a major impact in politics in Texas.

Oct. 11 is the last day to register to vote for the Nov. 8 election. Early voting begins Oct. 24 and ends Nov. 4.



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POKEMON

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prohibiting Pokémon Go players or anyone else in the community to visit the campus," Chrnko said. "On the contrary, we welcome visitors to come and get to know the campus."

The community college is open between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. every weekday.

During other times, anyone can come on campus since it is a public place. However, a TSC security guard may ask them to leave the premises since the campus is considered closed, Chrnko said.

"If a person refuses to leave the

premises after they were asked to leave by TSC security, which is when a building or the campus is closed, well then TSC security will contact Brownsville Police," he said. "In that case, if Brownsville Police has to intervene, well then it would probably charge the person with criminal trespass."

As previously reported by *The Rider*, the UTRGV Police Department released safety tips through social media for the campus community.

They include:

--Do not play while driving.

--Do not trespass on private property.

--Watch where you are walking at all times.

--Be aware of your surroundings
--Playing with friends is safest rather than playing alone.

--Do not play Pokémon Go in a secluded area or places you would not usually go.

--Do not ride your bike, skateboard or hoverboard while playing Pokémon Go.

--Be aware of people, cars, bikes, construction sites, lawn mowers, trees, ditches, ponds, ledges, hills and holes.

--Be extra cautious when approached by strangers.

For more information on the interactive map that shows the active areas to play Pokémon Go, visit [www.](http://www.utrgv.edu/umc/public-relations/social-media/pokemon-go-tips/index.htm)

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EDITORA DE ESPAÑOL

Por favor dígame un poco sobre usted, ¿de dónde es?, ¿Qué carrera terminó y de qué universidad?

“Empecé en UTRGV como directora de control escolar (registrar) el pasado 9 de mayo, así que he estado aquí desde hace unos tres meses y han sido muy emocionantes. Previamente, fui contratada en la facultad de medicina aquí en UTRGV como la directora de servicios estudiantiles. Tengo dos títulos, mi licenciatura de Princeton [University] y mi maestría en educación en la University of Texas at San Antonio”.

¿Cuál es el último libro que leyó y cuáles son unas de las canciones que tiene en su *playlist*?

“Harry Potter y el legado maldito’, soy una grandísima fan de Harry Potter y mi gusto por la música varía de todos los géneros. Algunos de mis artistas favoritos son David Gray, The Red Hot Chili Peppers. Soy una enorme fan de Intocable, Shakira, un poco de todo. Si tengo Pandora se va de Pitbull a Intocable, si es que ando un poco nostálgica y extraño mi ciudad natal”.

¿De dónde es originaria?

“Soy de otra ciudad fronteriza llamada Del Río, oeste de San Antonio y a la altura de Ciudad Acuña; así que aunque el Valle no sea mi hogar, lo siento muy familiar porque sé lo que es ser criada a lo largo de la frontera de Estados Unidos-México”.

¿Qué la trajo a UTRGV y cuándo empezó?

“Trabajé en la Oficina de Registro del Health Sciences Center at San Antonio por 12 años antes de hacer la transición a la facultad de medicina aquí en el Valle, donde posteriormente se dió la oportunidad para directora de control escolar. Una de las razones por las que estaba muy emocionada es porque creo que UTRGV está balanceada para servir a una comunidad muy extensa, que tiene un interés muy grande en la educación. Quiero ser parte de los recursos que ayuden a generar oportunidades para que los estudiantes puedan inscribirse en programas aquí, para poder registrarlos y asegurarme de que concluyan su educación y si se puede hasta la maestría”.

¿Qué hace la Oficina de Registro?

“La responsabilidad principal es mantener los récords académicos de los estudiantes, asegurar la privacidad

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--administer a climate survey at regular intervals beginning in academic year 2016-2017

--establish regular and frequent communication from the administration to the faculty and staff

--strongly encourage chairs to hold regular and frequent departmental meetings during which culture and environment issues are included in the agendas.

The Rider tried to contact Faculty Senate President Bobbette Morgan for comment via telephone, email and in person but as of Thursday, she had not responded.

ENROLLMENT

As of Aug. 21, 27,445 students had enrolled for the Fall 2016 semester, a 4.2 percent decrease from the inaugural semester, preliminary figures on the UTRGV website show.

“We didn’t expect any enrollment growth this year,” Bailey said. “When UTRGV was put in place, we had new enrollment standards and so it’s harder to get into UTRGV now. ... We want to admit every student who has a chance to succeed. If we think you don’t, we’ll direct you to a community college and hope you’ll transfer. ... We’re not going to take your money unless we can graduate you.”

As of press time Thursday, there were 24,344 undergraduate and 3,101



Sofia Montes

SARAH CARVAJAL/THE RIDER

del estudiante y a su vez proporcionar servicios que ayuden a docentes y estudiantes”.

¿Cuánta gente trabaja en la Oficina de Registro?

“Actualmente tenemos varios estudiantes de medio tiempo en etapa de capacitación y un equipo de 19 profesionales de tiempo completo”.

¿Cómo directora de control escolar cuáles son sus deberes?

“Nuestro deber es proteger los records académicos de los estudiantes y asegurar que nuestra base de datos sea correcta”.

¿Qué hace por los estudiantes?

“Ofrecemos muchos servicios, en línea y en persona. Muchos de nuestros servicios son a través de Assist, al cual se puede acceder a través de myutrgv.edu. A su vez, los estudiantes pueden obtener información valiosa de U Central, ubicada en Edinburg, en vez de esperar a

graduate students registered for fall classes.

The Rider tried to contact Strategic Enrollment Vice President Maggie Hinojosa for comment. Hinojosa referred the newspaper to university spokesman Patrick Gonzales for “further clarification concerning interview requests on enrollment.”

Asked why the admissions criteria changed for UTRGV, Gonzales replied, “The criteria for UTRGV was changed because they were a new school. ... We took the processes of UTB and UTPA and they both had different requirements, admission standards, and so UTRGV needed a new set.”

At UTRGV, students who graduate in the top 10 percent of their class receive automatic admission, according to the university’s website. Other factors for review include class rank, prior college hours, SAT/ACT scores, leadership experience and community involvement.

Esmeralda Soto, a biology and math returning junior, said she hopes the enrollment process for UTRGV is smoother than it was at UTB.

“I hope it’s an easier transition for me than what it was back then, 2007-2008, when I stopped coming,” she said. “Back then it was a little harder to see an adviser. We didn’t have walk-ins. We didn’t have walk-ins to see the Financial Aid [office]. Back then, we had to stand in line for hours. ... Things have changed since the last time I was here.”

Soto said she decided it was time to

alguien en la oficina de registro”.

¿Cuántos estudiantes están registrados para UTRGV este semestre de otoño?

“Por el momento

tenemos a más de 28,000 estudiantes registrados y el número sigue aumentando. Aún no es muy tarde para hacerlo, e incluso el primer día de clases las inscripciones no están cerradas”.

De acuerdo a un reportaje de Channel 4 la tasa de inscripciones disminuyó un 4.3 por ciento y los oficiales están preocupados.

“Creo que podremos valorarlo mejor una vez que tengamos los números finales porque hay muchos componentes relacionados con la inscripción, como los nuevos estudiantes, cuántos estudiantes regresaron y cuántos más no se han registrado debido a que siguen aplicando

come back to finish what she started and believes UTRGV is a good place to do so.

The last day to register for classes is Thursday.

FALL 2016

New and returning UTRGV students, as well as the president, all have expectations they’d like to see the university meet.

Jose Trujillo, a manufacturing engineering sophomore, said he hopes UTRGV’s advising process improves for the Fall 2016 semester.

“It’d be great if they could explain to me what troubles I might face when registering for classes and what the requirements for specific classes are,” Trujillo said. “I’ve gone with the advisers but sometimes they don’t have enough information.”

The UTRGV Faculty Senate states in the White Paper that the university needs “to clarify the role of faculty in the advising process.”

One dean reportedly told faculty that they are not allowed to advise students, they can only mentor, according to the White Paper.

Soto said because she works, she can’t

para ayuda financiera. Puede que haya una cuestión logística que aún necesita ser resuelta para poder acercar el número a lo que fue el año pasado”.

¿Qué está ocasionando esta disminución?

“Definitivamente hay muchas explicacionesque continuamos señalando y que podremos identificar mejor una vez que alcancemos la fecha del censo; la cual tomará lugar el miércoles 14 de septiembre. Ese es el día que oficialmente informamos al estado de Texas nuestro número final de inscripciones y es entonces cuando podremos hacer mejoras para el próximo año”.

¿Cómo planea abordarla?

“Es algo que abordaremos a través de la institución. La Oficina de Registro tiene responsabilidades muy específicas, que a su vez están muy relacionadas con nuestras oficinas asociadas, como U Central y admisiones para licenciatura (Undergraduate Admissions).Con respecto a abordar la disminución es algo que examinaremos en la mesa directiva de los servicios de inscripción (Enrollment Services) ya que mi oficina es una de las cinco que la constituye”.

Si el total resulta ser menor que el del año pasado, ¿Cómo afectaría a la universidad financieramente?

“Definitivamente nos va a informar sobre lo que haremos en un futuro en cuestiones de superación, de publicidad para poder proporcionar a los estudiantes los recursos suficientes para ser exitosos. La institución recibe fondos de acuerdo a sus inscripciones, así que una vez que lo reportemos al estado tendremos una mejor idea de lo que será destinado a fondos”.

¿Cómo pueden contactarla los estudiantes?

“Por teléfono o por email. El mejor email es registrar@utrgv.edu”.

¿Le gustaría agregar algo más?

“Una de las mejores oportunidades aquí en UTRGV y de la que muchos estudiantes no están enterados es que se pueden registrar en 15 horas semestrales y solo pagar por 12. Por 12 horas obtienen tres gratis lo que equivale a menos colegiatura y menos dinero que tienen que pedir prestado si es que reciben ayuda financiera. Tenemos estudiantes que aprovechan esta oportunidad pero nos encantaría ver más”.

An English version of this article is available at utrgvrider.com

enjoy “college life” but would like to see students help the older generation with the new technology and software.

“[I would like to see] someone who’s helping the older generation of students [with the new technology] because not all of us are tech savvy,” she said. “A lot of us are struggling. ... I think that would be something that the older generation would really need.”

Soto suggested that perhaps work-study students can take on that role.

Bailey said his goals for Fall 2016 are to enhance student success, increase graduation rates and smooth the transition process at UTRGV.

“It’s still a very exciting time,” he said. “We expect the second year to be smoother than the first year. There are lots of issues we’re addressing. ... So, we’ve got a lot of hard work ahead of us. The end result is, just like our retention rates are now, I think the third best in the UT System, all of our other stuff is gonna be there too. A few years from now, you will have graduated from a university that’s going to be right up at the top of the UT System.”

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The Patron of the Arts keeps inspiring community

Nubia Reyna
THE RIDER

For more than 30 years, Patron of the Arts has entertained Rio Grande Valley residents with its artistic programs. This upcoming year is no exception.

UTRGV Patron of the Arts will host more than 45 concerts on both the Edinburg and Brownsville campuses for the 2016-2017 school year. The season will kick off at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 12 with a performance by soprano Yuri Saenz and pianist Shoko Kinsella at the UTRGV Performing Arts Complex Auditorium in Edinburg.

“We see our music as an inspiration to the students,” said Dahlia Guerra, assistant vice president for Public Art and Special Projects. “We hope they come and take advantage of this great opportunity. Patron of the Arts provides the community and UTRGV students with opportunities for enrichment and inspiration by experiencing a wide variety of live performances by professional guest musicians and our own outstanding faculty and students.”

The program offers a great variety of musical events, including mariachi, piano, choir and opera.

Pianist and Lecturer Dino Mulic, a native of Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, who will perform a solo on Sept. 16 on the Brownsville campus, said besides being a pianist, being an educator is the most humane and exciting job.

“I get inspired by seeing the progress of my students,” Mulic said. “It is an



The UTRGV Wind Symphony performs last spring in Brownsville.

THE RIDER FILE PHOTO

exciting opportunity for me, being able to play there [Brownsville campus]. ... I expect people to come and enjoy.”

Everyone in his mother’s side of the family played piano, introducing him to music at an early age. He has been interested in learning as much as possible since then. Mulic has performed in Austria, Canada, Croatia, Hungary, Italy, Herzegovina and the United States.

Faculty and guest artists are not the only ones that show their talent in Patron

of the Arts performances. Students also play a big part in these programs.

Alondra Gonzalez, a vocal major, said these events are an amazing experience, not only for performers, but also for the public.

“It is a really amazing experience as a musician,” Gonzalez said. “You get to perform what you have learned. It is also exciting to see someone else perform, especially when you’ve seen how hard they worked.”

Gonzalez has been interested in the arts since she was little, but seeing her professors and classmates working hard inspires her more.

“It makes you not want to stay behind them,” she said. “It is really fun to attend.”

Tickets are available on the Patron of the Arts Web page (patron.utrgv.edu) and in person at the concert hall. Season tickets are \$75 single, \$125 duo, \$200 family and \$20 for students.

Review

Netflix is appreciating the nostalgia

Megan Gonzalez
THE RIDER

Matt and Ross Duffer, the brothers who created the 2015 film, “Hidden,” now take Netflix back to the ’80s with their series, “Stranger Things.”

The show follows a group of kids, Michael Wheeler (played by Finn Wolfhard), Lucas Sinclair (Caleb McLaughlin), Dustin Henderson (Gaten Matarazzo) and a mysterious psychokinetic girl, Eleven “El,” (Mellie Bobby Brown), who are searching for their missing friend, Will Byers (Noah Schnapp).

With the town looking high and low for Will, Chief of Police Jim Hopper, played by David Harbour, begins to suspect something strange in the investigation and soon starts to uncover a secret

dimension hidden beneath the suburban town.

Producer and director Shawn Levy, the founder of 21 Laps Entertainment, is best known for his work in 2011’s “Real Steel” and the “Night of the Museum” franchise.

If you’ve watched the short series from start to finish, you might be one of the many who says that the visual aspect of the show is aesthetically pleasing, and I don’t blame you. It’s very

nostalgic to see old special effects coming back from the dead, especially if you’re a fan of Stephen King and his science fiction work.

There are endless references to retro films throughout the show.

Just by looking at the show’s intro, it doesn’t take a genius to figure out that this is an homage to the ’70s and ’80s. If you are someone

who admires the style, you are going to appreciate the work and effort it took to make this series.

With the advance in technology, there’s so much we can do to integrate the old and new ways of filmmaking. Even the studio, Imaginary Forces, which created the title sequence, admitted that it has used some old-fashioned tools to get the retro look. From the typography to the grainy posters, it makes you wonder how much time has changed.

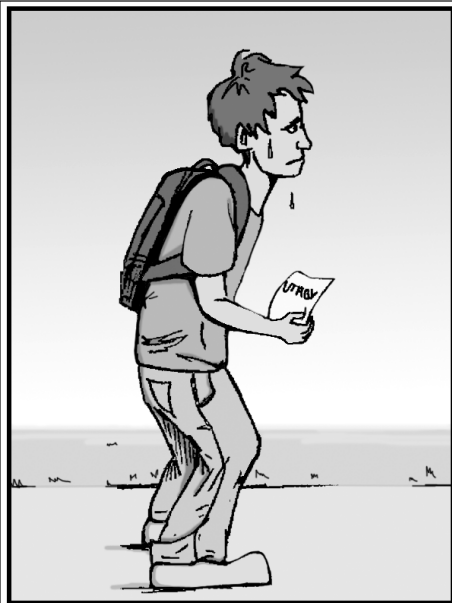
Some people may feel the nostalgia and admire the character that comes with it, although others might not like this idea and cringe at the stereotypes and clichés present throughout the series.

We have seen some of these characters portrayed hundreds of times, but, at the same time, I give the show some credit for the way it crushes some old clichés.



Ride Along

By Clarissa Martinez



Men's soccer alive and kicking

Looking to improve after inaugural season

Bryan Ramos
THE RIDER

After 18 years without NCAA Division 1 men's soccer in the Rio Grande Valley, last year the Vaqueros revitalized the men's soccer program at UTRGV to bring back one of the Valley's favorite sports at the highest level of collegiate play.

In 2015, the Vaqueros finished their first year back with a 5-12-1 record overall and a 2-8 record in the Western Athletic Conference. While the record might have not been a bright spot, the competitive nature of the squad was evident. The team battled in conference play and in eight of 10 conference games one goal determined the difference on the final scoreboard.

Head Coach Paul Leese, who has spent three years building the men's soccer program at UTRGV from the ground up, talked about the experiences of forming a foundation.

"We're trying to get new players connected with the system and build new habits. When you have new players coming in, you usually have a bunch of new styles of play," Leese said. "They may have done one thing with their old team and we're asking them to do something different and you don't change habits in five days, we all know that, so that's the biggest challenge. It's a process and it takes time."

The Vaqueros have their work cut out for them in 2016 as they

will square off against three teams who qualified for the 2015 NCAA Soccer Tournament when they take on Cal State Fullerton and WAC foes Utah Valley State and the nationally ranked Seattle University.

"For us, the better opponent you can schedule and play against, the more they're

going to expose you for the areas you need to work on more. We want to play the best teams in the

country because by doing that it can only make us better. It will be a challenge," Leese said.

Conference play begins on Sept. 30 when the Vaqueros enter the WAC season, competing against 10 other conference teams in hopes of finishing among the top six to earn a spot in the 2016 WAC Men's Soccer Tournament.

The Vaqueros were voted to

finish 11th place in the WAC in a preseason coach's poll by the 11 conference coaches. They will use this year,

determined to bounce back and establish UTRGV as a force within the WAC,

UTRGV defender Yayha Saeed battles for possession against St. Edward's University's Hunter Williams on Aug. 17 at the UTRGV Soccer and Track & Field Complex. The friendly match ended in a tie.

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proving doubters wrong.

Senior captain Juanito Garcia returns after leading the team in goals scored in 2015 with three, and is excited to be back out on the pitch getting acquainted with his new teammates.

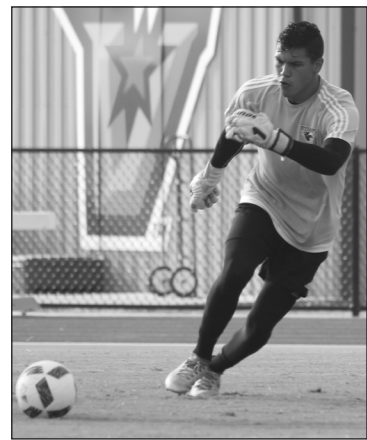
"It's been a long time coming, we've been waiting a long time for this. We're really excited and really anxious to get out here," Garcia said. "Our team goal is to finish first or second in the WAC and having that top seed in the WAC tournament. Every game is a new challenge for us to keep on building on our main goal and our main focus."

Spearheading the Vaqueros attack will be junior forward Olli Tynkkynen, who led the team in shots with 27 in 2015, and sophomore forward Isidro Martinez, who led the team in assists with five on the season. The team totaled 20 goals last season and hopes to improve on that number in 2016.

Coach Leese is working to build cohesion with his second year team, getting the student-athletes to buy in mentally and work together so the program will continue to take steps forward.

"It's a disciplined mindset. Every single player must know what they're responsibility is and the role of their teammate out there. That's discipline and that discipline to be in the right position at the right time and make the right choice when you're playing with the ball at your feet," Leese said. "We're trying to instill that in our players to make the right choice at the right time."

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



SARAH CARVAJAL/THE RIDER

Name: Leo Castillo

Sport: Soccer

Position: Goalkeeper

Classification: Senior

Major: Communication

Age: 22

Hometown: Houston

Who is your favorite athlete? "Lebron James because his work ethic is very good. He's always training and taking care of himself so he can work. I think that's good because he can follow through his steps and, hopefully, do something as big as he's doing right now."

Who is your role model? "My brother is my role model because I've learned a lot from him. He was the one that put me in the goal since I was a young kid. He's the one who chose this position for me. He's the one that has been pushing me through it. Every time he sees me with my head down, he pushes it back up."

What is the best advice you've been given and by whom? "My dad always says trust in yourself and be confident. You know what you can do. Train every day to work hard every day."

When did you begin playing soccer, and why? "I started playing soccer when I was about 4 or 5 years old. It has always been a family thing. I have a lot of cousins because I'm Hispanic and we always tend to have more. So, I have a lot of brothers, sisters and cousins, so we would go to a park and play. Then, I started getting into a little more competitive soccer. I became a goalkeeper when I was 13 or 14, and then we just went from there."

Did you win any awards? "I won a championship with Tyler Junior College in the JCAA in 2014. I was an All-American both years. I was a part of the team in Tyler."

What are your academic goals? "Get my degree because I know soccer doesn't last forever. Any injuries can take you out of the game just like that. My parents always tell me to stick with my degree because you'll live a little better life with a degree."

How do you feel about being part of this team? "I was really excited when I came in because I was happy to be here. The coaches here are very smart, and they are not just trying to win a championship for them, but also for us, and develop us as a player and a person. I think that's important because they tell us to play forward and go down the goal and pressure them because he wants us to play our best. They

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Revving up for year three

Women's soccer hopes to continue to build a strong program

Nathaniel Mata
SPORTS EDITOR

The new car smell is fading away; three years is too long to stay the new kid on the block.

Recruits who came as freshmen during 2014's inaugural women's soccer season have grown to become juniors.

Even though it is the third year of women's soccer, Head Coach Glad Bugariu said the team is still in its "infancy."

"Year three is just year three of a four-year recruiting process," Bugariu said. "Building a team from scratch has its big challenges and one of them is having that continuity. Again, we don't have any actual seniors that have been in the program for four years."

The six players who were in the core group of the inaugural team are moving into a leadership role as opposed to when they were underclassmen.

Bugariu said he felt his team may have overachieved in 2014, and underachieved last season. He hopes this year they can surprise some teams. UTRGV was picked to finish seventh out of eight by WAC coaches.

His words are echoed in the numbers from those first two teams. In 2014, legacy institution UT Pan American's overall record was 8-9-4, and they scored 29 total goals. Last year's



SARAH CARVAJAL/THE RIDER

UTRGV midfielder Elisa Espino prepares to kick the ball away from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi midfielder Emma Biba during the South Texas Showdown Aug. 17 at the UTRGV Soccer and Track & Field Complex. The Vaqueros won 2-1.

Vaqueros finished their season 5-12-3 and were only able to score 15 times.

One part of the core group is captain and Swedish national, Hanna Spets.

"We've built a foundation the last two years," said the midfielder from Karlstad, Sweden. "Our freshman year there was no pressure at all. We just came in to play. Second year, we started to build on the founda-

tion we created. Obviously now we're older, have that foundation, a couple new stronger players coming in. We're definitely taking steps towards the future and, hopefully, it'll show on the field as well."

This year, the number of newcomers to the team is less, which bodes well for chemistry. But one of those newcomers is speedy Ghanaian forward Sarah Bonney. The 5-foot-5-inch

student-athlete from Winneba, Ghana, does not look like the most imposing figure physically but it doesn't seem to faze her.

Leading up to their first game, Bonney was ready to get actual games started.

"I want us to play a game," she said after practice. "I'm always eager to play matches because when you don't play matches you don't know where → See **WOMEN**, Page 14

Howdy, new Vaqueros!



MICHELLE ESPINOZA/THE RIDER PHOTOS

About 4,000 UTRGV students gather for the Vaquero Roundup spirit rally last Friday in the Texas Southmost College Arts Center in Brownsville.



Members of the UTRGV Dance Team proudly wave to the crowd after their performance during Friday's Vaquero Roundup on the Brownsville campus.

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House. White said students studying such majors as culinary arts or education can help the organization.

"There is a lot of need here," Rodriguez said. "There is medical need, there is people who are undocumented, there is children, basically, people who need assistance," Rodriguez said.

For more information on volunteering at the Good Neighbor, call 542-2368.

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teach us how to play the correct way and be a student of the game."

What are your personal goals for this season? "My personal goals are, first of all, to get into the WAC tournament, and win it. I think we have a good chance this year to prove ourselves a little more now that we have returning guys coming back and we're helping the freshmen get incorporated quickly. It's a process and it's going to take time but we will get there."

--Compiled by Sarah Carvajal

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professors are not going to bother to keep track of attendance. You are expected to attend each class; however, you might feel tempted to skip for one reason or another. Skipping will only affect you negatively and this will reflect in your grades. Every class is a step to building a successful future.

9. Get used to reading

You will spend a lot of time reading and it is essential that you get used to it. It's necessary in every class. Making it a habit will help you not only in college, but also for the rest of your life.

10. Take advantage of the recreation center

You're paying for it, so you might as well use it. Whether you want to be fit or get rid of some stress, the recreation center is there for you. It is open for most of the day to accommodate even the busiest schedule. It is a service available to you and designed to positively impact your well-being.

WELCOME

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communication major on the Edinburg campus who attended last year's Best Week Ever events.

One of this week's activities is the Toss for Luck, where students can toss a coin in the Main Water Fountain on the Brownsville campus and in the Chapel of the Lord Fountain in Edinburg to wish for good fortune in the new school year.

At the Picnic with the President, students will be able to meet UTRGV President Guy Bailey and his administration team from 11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Tuesday on the Student Union lawn in Brownsville and at the same time Thursday on the Quad in Edinburg. Free food will be served and there will music and games.

"Dr. Bailey has expressed great interest in wanting to connect with the students at the event," Villarreal said.

The Stomp is the signature event, where university departments, student organizations, academic programs, local merchants and community service agencies welcome students in a fun environment offering many involvement opportunities to students. It is scheduled from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday on the Student Union lawn in Brownsville and at the same time Thursday on the Quad/HEP 1 parking in Edinburg.

The UTRGV Office of Global Engagement will host its first International Meet and Greet from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday in the University Center Circle in Edinburg and at the same time Thursday in the Main Courtyard in Brownsville. International and domestic students are invited to join the activities, which include a Parade of Flags, games and prize giveaways.

Veterans and their dependents are invited to a barbecue hosted by the Military and Service Success Center from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday on the Student Union lawn in Brownsville and Friday in the University Center in Edinburg.

"It is our intention to have [veterans] join us and spend some time getting to know our staff, our work-studies and community's resources," said Martin Rodriguez, director of the Military and Veterans Success Center.

The series of events will conclude Friday with the UTRGV Men's Soccer Team's "Orange Out" game, featuring the Vaqueros vs. the Presbyterian College Blue Hose. The match will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. in the UTRGV Soccer and Track & Field Complex in Edinburg.

For more information about Best Week Ever, visit <http://www.utrgv.edu/en-us/about-utrgv/news/press-releases/best-week-ever-events/> or call 665-2660 in Edinburg or 882-5111 in Brownsville.

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you stand."

The first opportunity to show their conditioning on the pitch was against rivals Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi on Aug. 19. It was also the inaugural game of the South Texas Showdown, a series against TAMU-CC that will reach across all sports for South Texas bragging rights.

UTRGV came out on top 2-1, while outshooting its guest 18-2 at the UTRGV Soccer and Track & Field Complex.

Hanna Spets scored the first goal from teammate Andyrea Barrera's header. The connection between two veterans on the team sparked dominance nearly the entire match. Kelzy Jepsen scored the winning goal; Barrera earned another assist on that tally.

After the match Barrera showed excitement for the win, getting back to game action, as well as having a new offensive weapon by her side.

"It was really good to get back to the pitch; that's why we train in the offseason," said Barrera, a junior from El Paso. "[Bonney] looks good out there. Her footwork is good. It's a great addition. I'm glad she came to us."

While she did not get on the score sheet, Bonney's energy was hard to miss when she came on as a substitute in the later stages of the second half. She was credited with two shots, one hitting the crossbar. Her speed and footwork was noticeable as she left many would-be defenders behind.

Offense was not the issue in their second game, a 3-2 overtime loss against Fairleigh Dickinson University. Diandra Aliaga found the back of the net twice.


What plagued UTRGV in the loss was a red card in the 76th minute that allowed the visiting team to score a late equalizer and then OT goal.

The team's core is set for a third year of growth. Now the younger ranks have a firm foundation to stand on as well.

Veterans like Goalkeeper Erica Gonzalez can depend on other vets like Frida Farstad-Eriksson to mold newer players to hold down the defensive third.

On offense the creative play from Barrera will now have a speedy complementary player like Bonney to try to finish the job on the offensive third of the field.

Only game action will decide if this version of Vaquero soccer can eclipse the success of the inaugural season or will repeat the shortcomings of a year ago.



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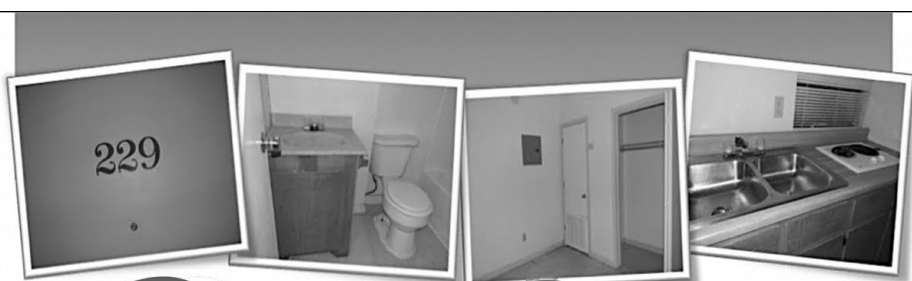
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