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A Trump presidency



“Me siento un poco desanimada porque creo que va cambiar mucho a como estamos acostumbrados ahora que está Obama, a como todas las ideas que él trae que nos van a perjudicar a los mexicanos y no solo a los inmigrantes pero a todos los inmigrantes. Pienso que el país va estar loco con la economía, va a afectar mucho la economía y va a devaluar mucho el peso mexicano, y también no solo va a afectar a Estados Unidos, pero va a afectar a todos los países que tienen tratos con los Estados Unidos”.

Alejandra Soria
Estudiante de tercer año de ingeniería manufacturero



“I was very surprised. I think no one was more surprised than Donald Trump when he won the election. I think he was in shock. ... As a historian, I think it'll be 50 or 100 years down the road, in all seriousness, before we really can say, ‘Was Donald Trump really a good president or not? Was this something that people were anxious and worried about, but it turned out just fine? Or were those people who were very upset about Trump being elected, were their concerns valid? Did they prove to be valid?’ We probably won't know for quite a while.”

Harriett Joseph
History professor



“Creo que la noticia fue una sorpresa para todo el país, pero supongo que ganó bien. Le ganó mucho con los votos a Hillary Clinton. Entonces, ¿pues ya que se le hace?”

Karina Rodriguez
Pre-nursing senior



“Big surprise. I believe all the polling has been wrong. I'm real concerned that maybe in the runup, because everybody was reporting that Hillary [Clinton] was ahead, that maybe people were discouraged to vote, assuming that she would win. No reason for panic. I think it's going to be a lot less crazy than people think. I think it's going to mellow.”

Arno Forst
Accounting assistant professor



“A part of me still doesn't believe it, like it doesn't feel real. I'm mad and I'm sad and I'm disappointed because I can't believe that the majority of the people actually voted for him.”

Hilda Tijerina
Theater/television/film junior



“I don't think it's good. I can't really say a reason. It's just from things that he said and what I've heard from people. People aren't happy about it, basically.”

Daniel Guevara
Biology freshman



“I don't have much feelings. I am not able to vote. If I were to have the opportunity to vote, I would have opted out toward the other candidate because of her political background.”

Magdalena Garcia
Student Involvement administrative assistant



“Es triste saber que Estados Unidos sigue siendo un país muy racista porque no nos quiere aquí. Soy una estudiante internacional preocupada por, no sólo por Estados Unidos, sino también por México, porque México depende mucho de Estados Unidos y sólo espero que Donald Trump no afecte mucho el dólar y muchas otras cosas”.

Alejandra Escobedo
Estudiante de tercer año de gerencia



“I don't support Donald Trump because of his views on females, other cultures, and he's not very accepting.”

Jasmin Santibañez
Biomedical sciences senior



“Personally, I didn't support him throughout the election and I do not agree with a lot of his policies. I read what the campaign wants to do for the first 100 days, of what they wanted to do with his policies, and a lot of them I don't really agree with. I was really surprised. I did not expect Trump to win and I did not expect to see so many states to have gone red.”

Jason Krentz
Nursing junior



“Todavía estoy en 'shock'. No lo puedo creer”.

Jaime Fonseca
Estudiante de tercer año de contabilidad



“I'm grateful every day for the stability of the United States government. No matter how we vote, we still have power, we still have food, we still have all the social services, and other people around the world can't necessarily say that. So, actually, every election, I'm grateful for that.”

Kristin Croyle
Vice president for Student Success



“Como latino, siento que durante este período de los cuatro años que se aproximan será una prueba para los latinos para poder quizás enseñarle pero más que nada, para que el se de cuenta que nosotros los latinos no somos violadores o drug dealers como el alguna vez hizo un comentario al respecto.”

Alejandro R. Garcia
Estudiante de tercer año de contabilidad



“I think everything is going to go downhill in the four years that he is in office.”

Princess Chavez
Theater design sophomore



“He does not represent anything I stand for. I'm worried that he's going to further deregulate business. ... If he actually gets rid of the EPA, like a lot of the Tea Party Republicans want to do, then we won't be regulating the environment. In general, I think it's disastrous. If he does all the things he said he was going to do, up to the wall, we'll be the laughingstock of the world.”

John Cook
Communication Department Chair



“At first, I was worried, but then I just remembered that God is in control and everything is for a reason.”

Jesus Abrego
Kinesiology junior



“La verdad, se siente super feo que una persona como Donald Trump esté en la presidencia por todo lo que representa, y nosotros como hispanos, hijos de inmigrantes, bueno, yo soy estudiante internacional aquí. Entonces el hecho de que una persona como él, que nos discrimina a todos nosotros, está en la presidencia me hace sentir muy mal”.

Valeria Chavarri
Estudiante de tercer año de contabilidad



“Regardless of the outcome, the fact that we have an opportunity as females, myself a female Hispanic, to actually vote is important and it's a right that nobody can take away from us. So, we have to feel proud and empowered that we can do that even if the outcome isn't the way we wanted it.”

Maggie Hinojosa
Vice president for Strategic Enrollment



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

‘Finding Dory’

The **Campus Programming Board** will screen the movie “**Finding Dory**” at 7 p.m. on the Student Union lawn in Brownsville and Wednesday at the Edinburg Quad. The board will serve popcorn, nachos and pickles. Drawings will be held. Admission is free. For more information, email bianca.zapata01@utrgv.edu.

Tuesday

November

Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity will host a fundraiser from noon to 1:30 p.m. today and Thursday at the Student Union Commons (staircase area) in Edinburg. The fraternity is raising awareness about men’s cancers. For more information, email adam.bostan01@utrgv.edu.

Safe Zone Ally training

Student Involvement will host **Safe Zone Ally Training** from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Cenizo Room at the University Ballroom on the Edinburg campus. The interactive training with social activities will spread awareness of **LGBTQIA+** related topics. It is an open, safe space where participants can speak their mind, ask questions and be themselves. To RSVP, go to utrgv.collegiatelink.net/form/start/92453. For more information, call 665-7989.

Rhythm Night

The **Student Union** will host **Rhythm Night at the Union** from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Student Union PlainsCapital Comedor in Brownsville. The Rhythm Room will teach students the hottest new moves to the latest music. For more information, call 665-7989.

Flute Concert

Amy Hardison Tully, an associate professor of music at Coastal Carolina University, will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the **UTRGV Performing Arts Complex Auditorium** in Edinburg. Tully is the principal flutist with the Long Bay Symphony in South Carolina and has toured Germany, Austria, Bulgaria, Italy and the Czech Republic. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$5 for students with ID. Tickets can be purchased at patron.utrgv.edu or at the door. For more information, call 665-3881 or email patron@utrgv.edu.

Wednesday

Breakfast to go

The **Baptist Student Ministry** will provide free breakfast from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Main East Front Lawn on the Brownsville campus. For more information, call 383-7491.

Thursday

La Posada

Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority Inc. will host **La Posada** from 4 to 10 p.m. in the University Ballroom in Edinburg. The event will have free food and activities. For more information,

email maria.neyra01@utrgv.edu.

Friday

Yule Ball

The **British Culture Guild** will host its third annual **Yule Ball** from 6 to 8 p.m. at the University Ballroom in Edinburg. The organization’s members invite students to join them for a magical evening as they celebrate the end of the semester. For more information, email britishcultureguild@gmail.com.

La Fiesta

Alpha Psi Lambda National Inc. Alpha Beta Chapter will host **La Fiesta** from 5 to 11 p.m. in the Gran Salón in Brownsville. The chapter will present the new members of the Fall 2016 semester to the UTRGV student body. For more information, email vanessa.soto02@utrgv.edu.

“El Himno”

The **Latino Theatre Initiative** will host the reading of “**El Himno**” from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Student Union in Edinburg. *El Himno* will transport the audience to the past, when Mexico was still recovering from the wounds suffered during its war of independence. For more information, email maria.alvarado01@utrgv.edu.

Diwali celebration

The **Indian Culture Association** will host a **Diwali** celebration from 6 to 9 p.m. in Room 2.130 of the Student Union in Edinburg. Diwali is one of the largest festivals in India. The event will teach the community about the Indian culture. There will be food, music and dancing. Admission is free. Only 45 seats are available, so the organization is asking people to RSVP through their Facebook page @ICAofUTRGV or email sunpreet.kauro1@utrgv.edu.

Saturday

Tournament

The **South Texas Summoners** will host the **League of Legends Tournament** from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Room 1.106 of the Academic Services Building in Edinburg. For more information, email jonathan.kasofsky01@utrgv.edu.

2016 Cromanía

The **Deaf Rehab Club** and the **Rio Grande Valley Interpreters for the Deaf** will present deaf comedian and actor **Crom Saunders** from noon to 10 p.m. at the Community Engagement and Student Success building, 1407 E. Freddy Gonzalez Dr. in Edinburg. For more information, email yessica.prida01@utrgv.edu.

Opera Fall Gala

The **Bravo Opera Company** will present its “**Season of Love**” **Fall Gala** at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday in the **Texas Southmost College Arts Center** in Brownsville. The company celebrates its 20th anniversary with scenes from beloved operas and musicals, including “**West Side Story**,” “**The Magic Flute**”

and “**Rent**,” among others. Tickets are \$10 for seniors and adults, and \$5 for students with ID. Tickets can be purchased at patron.utrgv.edu or at the door. For more information, call 665-3881 or email patron@utrgv.edu

Sunday

Symphonic concert

The **Symphonic Band** will perform at 5 p.m. in the **UTRGV Performing Arts Complex Auditorium** in Edinburg. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at patron.utrgv.edu or at the door. For more information, call 665-3881 or email patron@utrgv.edu.

Nov. 21

Piano concert

The **Piano Duo: Sangmi Lim and Dino Mulic** will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the **UTRGV Performing Arts Complex Auditorium** in Edinburg. Mulic, a native of Bosnia-Herzegovina, is a piano lecturer at UTRGV. Guest pianist Lim, a native of South Korea, has performed in Japan, Italy, Bosnia-Herzegovina and throughout the United States. Admission is free. For more information, call 665-3881 or email patron@utrgv.edu

Nov. 22

Orchestra concert

The **University Symphony Orchestra** will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the **UTRGV Performing Arts Complex Auditorium** in Edinburg. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at patron.utrgv.edu or at the door. For more information, call 665-3881 or email patron@utrgv.edu.

Food Sales

Nachos

The **Student Accessibility Council** will sell nachos and hot Cheetos with cheese from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. today at the South Quad in Edinburg. For more information, email elizabeth.rodriguez05@utrgv.edu.

Baked goods

The **British Culture Guild Club** will sell baked goods from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday at the Student Union East Patio A area on the Edinburg campus. For more information, email britishcultureguild@gmail.com.

Hot chocolate

Kappa Delta Chi Sorority-Alpha Beta will sell hot chocolate and *pan dulce* from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Wednesday at the Library CTY B area in Edinburg. For more information, call 393-9102.

Pizza

The **Animal Therapy Club** will sell pizza from noon to 1:00 p.m. Wednesday in the Library CTY A area in Edinburg. Combos will include chips and a soda. For more information, email summer.deluna01@utrgv.edu.

POLICE REPORTS

The following are among the incidents reported to University Police between Oct. 31 and Nov. 6.



Oct. 31

1:13 a.m.: University Police received a call from a Casa Bella resident regarding an unresponsive student inside her apartment.

Emergency Medical

Services and resident assistants were requested. Officers found the student lying on the floor of her room, possibly having a seizure. The student regained consciousness and was transported to Valley Regional Hospital by EMS for further evaluation.

Nov. 2

8:42 a.m.: A woman reported a minor vehicle collision involving her and another student. She reported that both parties were going to settle the damage among themselves. There are now conflicting statements on how the accident occurred. The students were referred to the civil court process.

Nov. 3

9:16 a.m.: A student attempting to park pressed the accelerator instead of the brake pedal and went over the grass divider and struck two legally parked and unattended vehicles on the other side of the divider. A tow truck removed the striking vehicle from the grass divider and later it was driven away by the owner. Police contacted the owner of the second vehicle and information was left on the third vehicle with the report information.

Nov. 4

1:39 a.m.: Police stopped the driver of a vehicle for running a red light. The driver was an unlicensed operator who exhibited signs of intoxication. She was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated and booked into Edinburg Municipal Jail, where she refused to provide a breath sample.

Nov. 5

1:36 a.m.: An officer who stopped a driver for speeding on the 300 block of

West Chapin Road in Edinburg noticed the odor of marijuana in the vehicle. The officer found two bags containing marijuana within the vehicle. The driver was arrested on a misdemeanor charge of possession of marijuana and booked into the Edinburg Municipal Jail.

Nov. 6

7:05 p.m.: A UTRGV officer was approached at a convenience store by a concerned citizen who wanted to report possible child abuse she witnessed about two minutes before the officer entered the store. The officer advised all parties involved to remain in the immediate area and called the Brownsville Police Department (BPD). A BPD officer later advised the UTRGV officer that he found no evidence to support the reporting party’s claim that the child had been physically abused.

--Compiled by Megan Gonzalez

Transit service plan in development

Monika Garza
THE RIDER

The City of Brownsville has hired a transportation planning firm to develop a five-year plan to identify service gaps, needs and opportunities to improve its transit services.

The comprehensive study, which will cost about \$180,000, will improve transit service in Brownsville, said Norma Zamora, B Metro director.

“[Nelson Nygaard] is going to be conducting a study of comprehensive operational analysis of all our services to give us a recommendation on what is working, what improvements could be made and how we could improve our services,” Zamora said.

The five-year plan will be completed in July 2017.



MARIO GONZALEZ/THE RIDER
James Gamez, a senior associate at Nelson Nygaard, speaks to students about plans and future improvements in the B-Metro and Valley Metro transportation systems.

attractive to the community,” he said. “So, this is really the first step in the project.”

History senior Rodrigo Moreno said the Brownsville transit system helps students travel from one campus to the other.

“I think that it helps to connect the students who don’t have cars that have to take courses in Edinburg,” Moreno said. “It takes a while to get there, but it’s good for the people that do not have cars.”

Gamez said the study will look at how the routes are designed, how the schedules are laid out, what the connections look like and the ridership patterns at the system, route and bus stop levels.

“So, we know at every single bus stop, how many people are getting on and off the bus,” he said.

Gamez noted some of the weaknesses present in the transportation system.

“Right now, what we

observed and what we heard from people is that some of the routes, it takes a long time to get there—where they want to go. ... Another thing is reliability. Sometimes, buses break down because some of the buses are older buses. ... Also, the evening service is a big thing heard from students, that if you have a late class you can’t catch the bus because the last Metro Connect is at 7:30 p.m.”

Asked how much it will cost to

implement the changes, Zamora replied: “That will be dependent on the recommendations of the study.”

Boris Palchik, a principal at Nelson Nygaard, said the plan aims to improve the weaknesses of the transportation system and make it better.

“There are certain guiding principles that can improve transit service for everybody and if we can implement those guiding principles, we think that it will make a better system. So, at the top of that list of guiding principles is that service should be simple,” he said. “Things like having better passenger information, things like having more direct routes, things like having new transport opportunities; those are all important features that we think will help reduce the barriers.”

Zamora said the last comprehensive study was made 23 years ago.

“We are very grateful that we have the opportunity to get this comprehensive study,” she said. “The last comprehensive study that was done on the services that were provided by Brownsville Metro was back in 1993. So, we haven’t had a full analysis of the services since then. So, we are very excited and hopeful to be able to have some good recommendations that we would be able to move forward with.”

‘A walking canvas’

Brenda Garza
THE RIDER

Mali Corpus de Cantu, creator of Fashion Fest and owner of The Glass House, will celebrate Fashion Fest’s five-year anniversary at 7 p.m. Friday at the McAllen Convention Center.

This year’s show will promote local designers and shops and will have many surprises in store for the audience.

In 2011, Cantu decided she would create the first Fashion Fest fashion show for the Rio Grande Valley.

“In McAllen, there was no fashion platform in which people could get any type of guidance on how to style,” Cantu said in Spanish.

Although there were other fashion shows, Cantu said they were mostly inside clubs. Women couldn’t sit down and enjoy the show.

“The difference this year, compared to the other years, is that McAllen has grown a lot,” Cantu said. “I want to give ideas and educate people on how to dress. I want to promote fashion and propose trends.”

After seeing last year’s Fashion Fest pictures online,

Cindy Ngoc Pham, an assistant marketing instructor at UTRGV said, “I’m really impressed, to be honest. I would love for her to come and speak to my fashion marketing class because in the Valley, we don’t have much fashion events like this going on.”

Fashion Fest will do things that Rio Grande Valley fashion shows have not done.

Four fashion bloggers will post on their social media during the event, including a live stream of the show.

Unlike previous years, the show will have more front-row seating. Last year, the runway was shaped like a horseshoe. This year, there will be four runways that will allow for a better view of the garments.

Fashion Fest will also have pop-up shops.

“Everything that is seen on the runway will be available for purchase instantly, at the end of the show,” Cantu said.

Francisca Showroom, It’s Good to be Queen, Lace & Pearls Couture, Bm.Society, designers Alejandra Meza and Hanna Herrera, and The Glass House will be on the runway and will have their own pop-up shop in

the lobby.

“We were discussing that customers really want the clothing right there and then,” said freelance social media blogger Luis Alejandro. “Mali tried it out last year and it went very well. So, this year, we wanted to try it with all the stores.”

Fashion Fest will have 50 models showcasing the collections. Five freelance hairdressers and five freelance makeup artists will work with the models backstage, all of whom Cantu selected.

“I feel like this is going to be a big event for the Valley and for girls who are into fashion,” Pham said. “There are several types of collections that are really unique, special and good quality.”

Alejandro said Mali is a “rollercoaster of creativity.”

“Fashion Fest is a walking canvas and an art show,” he said. “It’s an experience and mind-blowing. You don’t want to miss it.”

Doors will open at 7 p.m. and the show will start at 8 p.m. Presale tickets are \$20 and \$25. They can be purchased at the door, at The Glass House, 5723



COURTESY PHOTO
Models walk down a runway in the 2015 Fashion Fest at the McAllen Convention Center.

N. 10th St. in McAllen; or in Francisca Showroom, 3400 W. Expressway 83, Ste. 730.

For more information, call 534-2166.

Ruck March: walking with a purpose

Monika Garza
THE RIDER

The South Texas Afghanistan Iraq Veterans Association (STAIVA) will host a 5 and 22K Ruck March from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Brownsville Sports Park.

“The [purpose] of the 22K Ruck March is to raise awareness of suicide and PTSD [post-traumatic stress disorder] within the military members and ... to educate the public of the importance

and to be aware of the suicide rate among veterans,” said Yajaira Escobedo, treasurer for STAIVA. “Twenty-two mean it’s an average of 22 veterans that commit suicide a day in the United States.”

The military-style march will proceed from the Brownsville Sports Park to Roberta Road and back.

“We are going to start from there and then walk all the way over to Roberta, which is past Rancho Viejo, and then back,” said Arturo De La Garza, a

member of STAIVA. “So, it’s a long ruck march but it’s fun because there is going to be members and leaders of the community and also veterans.”

STAIVA serves the community, especially veterans and their families through volunteering and fundraising events to raise awareness about issues important to veterans, according to the STAIVA website.

“We are a veterans’ advocacy group,” De La Garza said. “We pretty much do a lot of

community outreach and a lot of awareness raising events.”

The event is open to the public. The participation fee is \$15 for the 5K Ruck March and \$40 for the 22K. The fee for veterans is \$20 for the 22K.

Funds collected from the march will fund and maintain programs that STAIVA has introduced to the veterans within the community, Escobedo said.

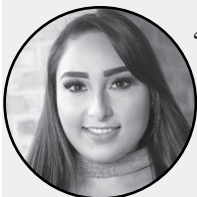
“One of the programs that we have is a \$250 stipend for veterans who are seeking work

or who got a job and need clothes for the uniform or just to start working. ... A second program, it’s a loan,” she said. “We provide loans for veterans as well for emergencies, such as if they are going through a divorce or they need to move out and that sort of nature.”

Participants may register through Event Brite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/22k-ruck-march-tickets-25140078652>.



What are your plans for Thanksgiving?



"This Thanksgiving, I plan to celebrate it with my family, of course, and also my boyfriend's family. We are all coming together for dinner this year."

Aisha Hussain
Criminal justice sophomore

"Honestly, stay home and then on Thanksgiving, visit with whichever family is taking us this time because I've got my mom's side of the family, my dad's side of the family and then my stepdad's side of the family and we kinda just switch with whichever one we are going each year."



Shawn Munguia
Electrical engineering senior



"Well, I usually go to my grandpa's house to celebrate Thanksgiving, but he's planning on selling his house, so I have no clue what we're going to be doing this year. I'll probably end up playing 'Battlefield 1' all break."

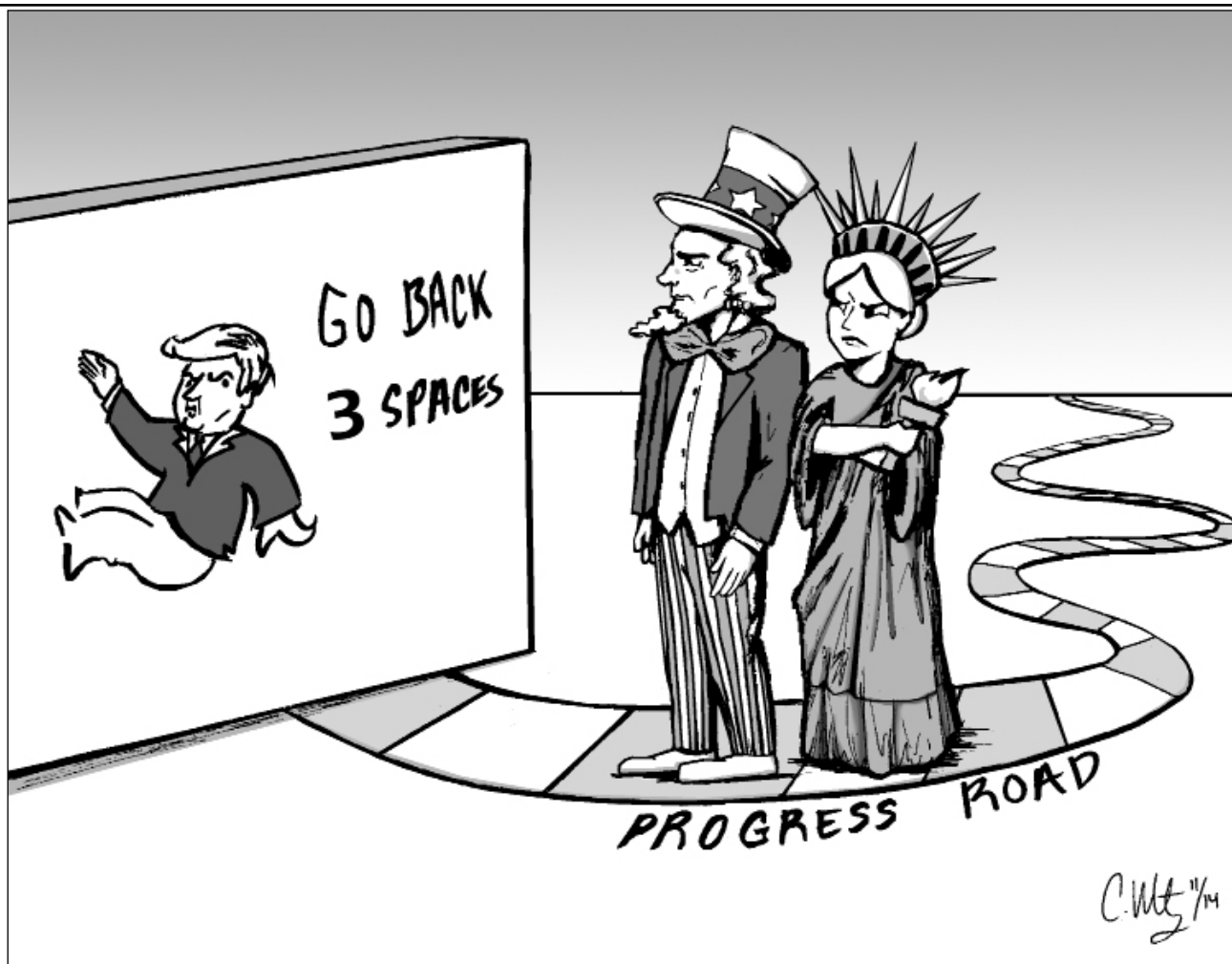
Jevon Harding
Management freshman

"Crying about the semester, definitely. Trying to get those practicum hours. It's fun, yeah, but it's also stressful at times. And sometimes you can spend your holidays doing the stuff, too."



Amy Ambriz
Theater design junior

--Compiled by Ana Cahuiche and Gabriel Mata



The consequences of living



Ana Cahuiche
THE RIDER

More often than we would like, we find ourselves thinking, "Why did I do that?" or, "How did I get here?" after something didn't go as expected. I have stumbled upon the idea that if I just stop making "poor" decisions, nothing "bad" will happen.

The last two years of college have taught me many lessons not only academically, but also personally. I have learned how to face difficult situations. The only reason why I have been able to grow and mature personally has been by making those "bad decisions" and learning from my mistakes.

The idea I had before entering college was to avoid being wrong in order to have a good and peaceful life:

“Difficult situations should not limit our power; they should encourage our ability to think beyond that.”

It was complete nonsense. Bad things happen despite our actions. We end up in uncomfortable situations no matter if we are the most conscious person alive. These are the consequences of living.

I have outgrown my fear of failure by realizing that one can only grow and perfect aspects in oneself by taking the best out of the worst.

Difficult situations should not limit our power; they should encourage our ability to think beyond that.

Pain was not created to paralyze, but to alert us that

something is wrong and help us take action to fix it.

Mistakes should not bring us down, but serve as lessons to become better.

Being afraid of being wrong, I believe, is something many of us can relate to and it is the biggest limitation we share. I encourage you to try

new things, learn from what didn't go as planned and embrace every aspect of life.

Nothing great can ever happen if you stay immobile. You only live once, right? Don't be afraid to live it!

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Chess Team A wins Texas Super Finals Trophy



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UTRGV Chess Team A Grandmasters Vladimir Belous (from left), Andrey Stukopin, Chess Coach Bartek Maciejka, Carlos Hevia and Anton Kovalyov pose last Thursday with the first-place Super Finals Trophy.

Nubia Reyna

THE RIDER

UTRGV Chess Team A defeated UT Dallas and Texas Tech University to win first place in the Super Finals Trophy tournament, held Oct. 22-23 in Dallas.

Team A members are Anton Kovalyov, Andrey Stukopin, Vladimir Belous and Carlos Herevia.

“We’ve been practicing every day, every week for many years. ...” said Coach and Grandmaster Bartek Maciejka. “We did

not have a special preparation for the tournament.”

Maciejka said the team stays in good shape by constantly practicing.

Belous, a Grandmaster and freshman finance major from Ukraine, said he has been practicing chess since his childhood.

“We’ve been practicing all the time ... even before they came to Brownsville,” Maciejka said.

Kovalyov, a Grandmaster and senior computer science from Canada, said, “We practice [together] twice a week.”

Maciejka said only three colleges qualified for the tournament: UTRGV, UT Dallas and Texas Tech.

“They based the winner on match points,” he said. “Each college was allowed to send two teams, so there were in total six teams participating.”

UTRGV played against two teams from UT Dallas and two from Texas Tech. The team won three matches and drew one.

“We wanted to win and we tried our best,” said Grandmaster Stukopin, a physics junior from Russia.

Maciejka said he thinks his students were more motivated to win. “They wanted it more,” he said.

“All of us were exhausted, except for Bartek,” Stukopin said.

Maciejka said he was a “happy coach” when they announced the winners.

“Wherever we go, we win,” he said.

The team is getting ready for the 2016 Pan American Intercollegiate Team Chess Championships, set for Dec. 27-30 in New Orleans.

Club Spotlight



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What does
President Trump
need to do to unite
the country?

“I think he has to not send all the immigrants back to where they came from and he needs to make better choices in regards to the way he says things.”
Sophia Benavides
Accounting freshman

“He really has to think about all the things he said during his campaign before actually doing them.”
Yamileth Uribe
Political science freshman

“He has to focus on his job and on the things that really matter and as soon as he does that, he is going to show the results and then the people will eventually see the results and they will be, like, ‘We were wrong about this guy. He said this or did this in the past, but he found the problem and he fixed it, so he ended up being a good thing.’ So, people would recognize that.”
Esteban Ramos
Criminal justice sophomore

“I don’t know if we can be united after this race. What happened last night was essentially white men of America and, to some extent, white women saying that America doesn’t belong to you, to people of color, to gay people, to women, to Muslim Americans, and you can’t unite that. This isn’t like other elections, where it was a disagreement of policy, where it was Mitt Romney thought that this tax policy would work and Obama thought this tax policy would be good. We can unite after that. You can’t have a candidate that exposes hate for entire groups of people, where his base is violently attacking people and loudly exposing hate and racism. You can’t unite that because that’s not an issue of disagreement on policy, that’s an issue of people deciding that other people are not human and that’s not a reparable rift.”
Mimosa Thomas
Biology junior

“A lot. I think they have to compromise and if you saw the elections, it was very split, like the person that won didn’t win by a lot, so that means that there is a lot of things that they have to do to ensure that they can unite the country. It’s a difficult thing to do because even for our university, it was hard to unite us when we were two different people, but us as citizens should start showing that level of unity to show our government that we are united. So, I don’t think it’s not what he can do, it’s what we are going to do.”
Denisse Molina-Castro
Political science senior

“I think they really have to acknowledge the people living in this country who live in a societal blind spot, such as people of color who are within in the LGBT community, people who are living in poverty and more.”
Omar Casas
Rehabilitative services senior
--Compiled by *Monika Garza and Lesley Robles*

2016 Election: Now what?

Oscar Castillo
NEWS EDITOR

Following one of the most unconventional presidential campaigns, which ended Tuesday with Republican Donald Trump defeating Democrat Hillary Clinton, the UTRGV campus community is

Countdown
to Election Day

Last in a series

reacting with uncertainty about the future.

About 13 students gathered last Wednesday night in front of the University Library on the Brownsville campus, not to protest the election results, but the president-elect’s “hate message.”

At the UT Austin campus, more than 250 students marched downtown in protest of Trump’s victory the day before.

“I don’t think that sort of general demonstrations against President Trump is really all that valuable, but I think that what people need to do is identify the issues that are important to them and organize with like-minded people and be active,” said UTRGV political science Professor Mark Kaswan.

Protests like UT Austin’s have taken place since Wednesday in most major U.S. cities, including New York, Boston, Chicago, Seattle and Washington, D.C., and at college campuses in California, Massachusetts, Michigan and Pennsylvania.

The anti-Trump protests across the nation chant the same message, “Not my president.”

Asked what Trump needed to do to unite the nation, Cameron County Republican Party Chair Morgan Graham said: “There are number of things that he has to do. But, there are number of things that we have to do. Over the course of his campaign, up to the primary, Donald Trump actually became far more palatable to a broader voter base. He actually became more moderate when it came to immigration. He met with the Latino groups to discuss the matter of the immigration policy toward the case of a more compassionate, conservative policy, which means that people who have been here and for most of their lives and contributing to the system will have the ability to continue to be here and contribute to the economy. So, what he needs to do is to continue along the line of what he has promised and to undo a lot of the damage that has been done by previous administrations from both parties.”

Cameron County Democratic Party Chair Amber Medina said she thinks it’s amazing the county voted in record



MARIA RINCÓN/THE RIDER

Jesus Zamora, a criminal justice freshman, writes messages against the border wall Wednesday in front of library on the Brownsville campus. Zamora was among a dozen students who wrote the messages in front of the main library on the Brownsville campus in reaction to the results of U.S. presidential election. One student said they were not speaking against the U.S. presidential election results, but rather the messages of hate and racism voiced by President-elect Donald Trump.

numbers, and says she doesn’t know what Trump can do to unite the country since he created a lot of division during his campaign.

Hidalgo County Republican Party Chair Sergio Sanchez said Trump tapped into a deep-rooted desire to seek political change and he would need to

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Jerry Polinard
UTRGV Political science Professor

address that in order to unite the country.

“There’s going to be many sit-downs before he takes office, many lunches and breakfasts with the different factions and political leaders up in D.C.,” Sanchez said. “There’s a few things he has to tackle, things that he promised. Things like addressing the broken immigration system in this country, and stopping illegal immigration and stop it as much as he can. The backlog against visas, people trying

to get into the country legally and it’s not fair to them, but they have to wait so long and all that stuff. How to grow the economy again. He’s going to have to conduct a continuing series of sit-downs with the congressional leadership and the incoming congressional leadership in order to hit

the ground running at the beginning of next year.”

Although Trump did win the Electoral College, 279 to 228 as of press time Thursday, Clinton won the popular vote by more than 200,000 votes.

“The reality is, Clinton won the popular vote. Clinton won the popular vote by over 200,000 votes, according to the latest count, which means that Trump only won because of the Electoral College,” Kaswan said. “So, it’s a unique feature to the American political system. No other political system in the world has anything like the Electoral College. ... It’s this very strange thing. It has now produced what we would call a corrupted result, for the second time in less than 20 years.”

In the 2000 election, Democratic candidate Al Gore lost to Republican George W. Bush in the Electoral College, 271 to 266, despite garnering 500,000 more votes than Bush.

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said Jerry Polinard, a UTRGV political science professor. “But because of the peculiar structure of the Electoral College, the way that works, he would win the college. That would be the fifth time this happened in our history.”

The U.S. elects a president on a state-by-state basis. Candidates either win or lose each individual state based on the plurality of the votes, not the majority. Once a winner is selected in a state, the state’s electoral votes, which are determined by the number of seats in Congress plus two for the number of members in the senate, are tallied up with all 50 states.

Texas’ 38 electoral votes went to Trump during election night after he received 800,000 more votes than Clinton.

“Politics in Texas becomes very, very different if people in the Rio Grande Valley start to vote on a regular basis and vote in significant numbers,” Kaswan said. “If we start to vote at the same level as the rest of the states, so above the statewide average, things will start to change. ... If we start to get turnouts in the 60, 70, 80 percent range, we become the tail that wags the Texas dog.”

Of Hidalgo County’s 338,990 registered voters, 175,995 voted, a 51.92 percent turnout.

“It broke the record,” said Hilda Salinas, Hidalgo County election analyst. “

With about 197,700 registered voters in Cameron County, 134,229 voted, a 47 percent turnout. This is a 5 percent increase from the 2012 election, which was the highest turnout in the county, said Remi Garza, Cameron County elections administrator.

The polling site at UTRGV’s Edinburg campus had 5,834 ballots cast; the Brownsville campus had 1,008; and Texas Southmost College’s campus, 1,022.

Teatro en el Valle: bilingüismo en su más bella expresión



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Rosalinda Montero durante la obra bilingüe infantil, “La piñata más grande del mundo”, de Mario Lamo Jiménez.

Rebeca Ortiz
EDITORA DE ESPAÑOL

La Iniciativa de Teatro Latino, LTI por sus siglas en inglés, presentará la lectura de la obra de teatro “El Himno” escrita por Mario Quijano y basada en la historia del Himno Nacional Mexicano, la cual tomará lugar a las 5:30 p.m. el viernes en el edificio unión estudiantil del campus de Edinburg.

El grupo que inició en diciembre del 2009 nació como un esfuerzo para incrementar la presencia de teatro latino en UT Pan American, actualmente conocido como UTRGV, y en la región.

“Este grupo se juntó con la finalidad de traer más teatro latino al Valle porque ... es una comunidad grande latina o de raíces latinas”, dijo Lucero Rodríguez, estudiante de teatro/ actuación y matemáticas aplicadas, organizadora del evento y miembro de LTI.

Su meta es la de celebrar y hacer uso del bilingüismo y conocimiento bicultural que muchos estudiantes de UTRGV y la comunidad poseen, de acuerdo a su sitio oficial.

Cabe destacar que la Iniciativa de Teatro Latino no es únicamente para miembros bilingües.

“Incluso a personas que no hablaban inglés, que querían ser parte de un proyecto los ayudábamos a la pronunciación y a la memorización de sus líneas si era necesario”, dijo Rodríguez. “No es un grupo exclusivo, es inclusivo, incluye a todos como hispanos, angloamericanos. ... Todos son bienvenidos. No hay discriminación”.

Entre sus proyectos se encuentra la creación de varias obras de teatro infantiles las cuales han llevado a varias escuelas primarias del Valle, como es el caso de la obra bilingüe, “La piñata más grande del mundo” del colombiano Mario Lamo Jiménez, la cual fue producida localmente, presentada en Edinburg y Donna y llevada a festivales en New Orleans y Houston.

Rodríguez quien también participó en dicha obra dice que “muchas de las escuelas a las que el LTI ha llevado teatro hay niños que solamente hablan español, que la gran mayoría hablan español y en su vida han visto una obra de teatro”.

Dentro de su público infantil encuentran

de vez en cuando una población bilingüe por lo que también manejan obras así “que van de un lenguaje a otro”, dijo Rodríguez.

“Entonces, de esta manera estás incluyendo a la minoría y a los niños les encanta, les encantan los colores, la música, y les traemos algo nuevo, que incluso si acaban de

llegar a los Estados Unidos, saben que aquí pueden encontrar otra casa, que no es solamente el inglés, que pueden ser ellos mismos” dijo ella.

Esta semana es el turno de “El Himno”, obra de teatro del autor local, Mario Quijano, la cual recoge los hechos históricos sobre la concepción del Himno

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Lucero Rodríguez

Miembro de Iniciativa de Teatro Latino



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Armando González (de izquierda), Susan Tristan, Janet Jasso y Rosalinda Montero durante la presentación de “La piñata más grande del mundo” presente en el festival de artes, FESTIBA 2014.

Nacional a manos del poeta potosino Francisco González Bocanegra en 1853.

Rodríguez dice que la obra les gustó mucho por su contenido histórico y su explicación de algunas palabras del Himno Nacional que inclusive muchos mexicanos no saben.

“Aunque lo cantan cada lunes, a veces no saben que hay detrás del significado de esas palabras”, dijo ella.

La obra teatral cuenta la historia de cómo la entonces prometida de Bocanegra, Guadalupe González del Pino, encerró al poeta en una habitación para que este escribiera y de esa manera participara en la convocatoria para la selección del poema patriótico, ya que este no deseaba participar.

Dicha convocatoria para un himno a la patria tuvo lugar el 12 de noviembre de 1853 bajo el gobierno del entonces presidente de México, Antonio López de Santa Anna.

El siguiente año se buscaría a quien compondría la musicalización del poema, convocatoria de la cual resultaría ganador el músico español Jaime Nunó.

En las estrofas del himno nacional mexicano se consolida el más profundo nacionalismo y el compromiso de los pobladores de defender a la patria en contra de cualquier peligro y a costa de su propia vida.

Cabe resaltar que es considerado el himno más bello del mundo después de la Marsellesa de Francia, aún cuando relata sobre guerra y sangre más que muchos otros.

Durante el desarrollo de la obra, otros personajes célebres de la época, tales como Bocanegra, González del Pino, Guillermo Prieto y el mismo Santa Anna, se van incorporando y prestan su voz para desglosar la historia detrás de los versos del himno.

Conforme van discutiendo, se va explicando la referencia a las batallas históricas ahí mencionadas, esclareciendo así su respectiva dedicatoria en cada estrofa.

El inicio de la obra será amenizado por el Mariachi Juvenil Azteca de la escuela preparatoria Edcouch-Elsa.

Los actores que participarán en la lectura son la presidenta de LTI, María Alvarado; las organizadoras del evento, Yuliana Quiroz y Lucero Rodríguez; y los miembros Francisco Garza Rincones, Alex Anguiano, Itzi Ortega, Edgar Rodríguez Tiburcio, Anahí de León, Cindy López, Juan José Quezada, Ana Sofía Rodríguez y Karina Molina.

Ready for WAC war

Volleyball enters conference tournament with high hopes



SARAH CARVAJAL/THE RIDER

Sophomore Dubravka Vukoja celebrates a point with her teammates during a WAC match earlier this season. UTRGV will enter the WAC tournament this weekend in New Mexico, trying to build on the winningest season in program history.

Bryan Ramos

THE RIDER

The UTRGV Volleyball Team has made significant strides in year two, improving across the board in nearly every statistical category, including the most important one, the win column.

After a 12-19 finish in 2015, Head Coach Todd Lowery and his squad have turned things around in 2016, finishing with a 17-13 record overall, as of press time Friday. The team has earned its way into this weekend's Western Athletic Conference Tournament, where the top six teams fight it out in a win-or-go-home match for the league crown.

"I feel like we're in a better situation at the end of this season than we were last year," Lowery said. "I thought we went into conference tournament and played really well up there last year. So, we're excited about the conference tournament this year."

The team made a leap over the summer, becoming more balanced with three women at the net who can provide big swings at any time. The team's kill total increased from 1,270 in 2015 to 1,453 this year, while total blocks jumped from 184.5 to 284 and digs went up from 1,427 to 1,627.

Alisha Watson, a senior outside hitter who has racked up 1,039 kills and counting, said the work they've put in at practice has resulted in the team peaking at the right time.

"I think the things we've done the last few weeks we've applied really well," Watson said. "It just shows how strong we are coming together at the

right time. So, hopefully, we can keep that going into the WAC tournament. You try not to take any ball for granted in practice, but I think it's even more crucial. Right now, you take every chance to play a ball because that's a new opportunity to get better. Now we're just trying to fine-tune everything because the little stuff matters."

Last year, the women lost seven of the first eight conference matches before getting hot late and picking up three wins to qualify for the last spot in the WAC tournament with a 4-10 record in league

6-7 through conference play, as of press time Friday, and has set itself up to finish as the fifth or sixth seed in this year's WAC tournament.

Lowery said his team has played well throughout the season in dealing with tough teams in the WAC conference.

"I think we got off to a really good start but it goes to show the strength of the WAC," Lowery said. "At times, it's a little bit of an underrated conference. I think we played well early in the season, but it's a tribute to the grind of the season and how hard it is to win in this

“ Going into the tournament on a neutral court I think anybody can beat anybody, really. It's going to be who can show up, who can be healthy and play the best volleyball. ”

Todd Lowery
Head Coach

play. In last year's tourney, the volleyball team made a statement, as it upset the third-seed Utah Valley in the opening match, sweeping them in three straight sets. In the semifinals, the team fell at the hands of California State University Bakersfield in straight sets, but got a taste of what it was like to win on that stage.

This year, the ride through WAC play for UTRGV has seen its ups and downs. The team started out winning its first three games before dropping two straight, a trend that has kept up through the grind of WAC play. The team has gone

conference on the road."

Looking forward to the tournament, Lowery said the conference is up for grabs as every team is capable of knocking out the other, like UTRGV did by upsetting Utah Valley last year.

"I think the conference 1-6 is very close," Lowery said. "Going into the tournament on a neutral court I think anybody can beat anybody, really. It's going to be who can show up, who can be healthy and play the best volleyball."

The team could be without one of its key players as junior outside hitter Bojana Mitrovic,

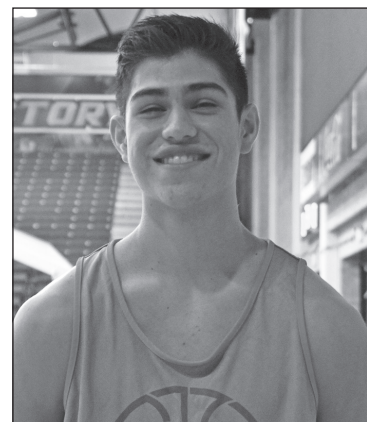
who has posted 305 kills over 25 matches, is coming off an ankle injury suffered Nov. 5 in a five-set thriller against New Mexico State. Her status for the WAC tournament remains up in the air as Lowery said the team is playing it by ear.

With Mitrovic's playing status unknown, the team will have to step up to make up for her potential absence, and with a more balanced team, they are ready to do so. Watson is determined to bring home a conference championship to UTRGV in her senior year. Knowing each match could be her last, she is locked in and focused on going out with a bang.

"This year I'm looking for a championship," Watson said. "I think everyone is pretty scared to see us in the finals and also eager at the same time because anybody who goes up against us is going to be an interesting match, it just depends on who throws more on the floor. Everyone's going to be on their A game, so we're trying to be comfortable with being uncomfortable in practice."

The WAC tournament quarterfinals begin at 6 and 8:30 p.m. Nov. 17 in Las Cruces, N.M., as the Aggies play host. UTRGV's first-round opponent was to be determined as of press time. To keep up with the latest volleyball, follow the team's Twitter @UTRGV_vball.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



SARAH CARVAJAL/THE RIDER

Name: Nick Mora

Sport: Basketball

Position: Guard

Classification: Freshman

Major: Interdisciplinary Studies

Age: 18

Hometown: Weslaco

Who is your favorite athlete? "I think Kobe [Bryant] because he's a basketball player and he's fearless. He doesn't really care what others think about him and he does what he needs to do. I feel like that's someone I really look up to."

Who is your role model? "Probably my dad because he's hardworking. He supports our family and he's always there for me. He does whatever it takes for me and my family, so he's someone I really look up to."

What was the best advice you've been given and by whom? "Probably from my dad, to never give up and always try to be the best at whatever it is I'm doing. He's always telling me he doesn't care what I do with my life as long as I try to be the best that I can at whatever it is."

When did you begin playing basketball, and why? "I started playing basketball when I was 5 years old. I played in church leagues and youth basketball groups. I played mostly because my uncle played college basketball, so he taught me a lot of what I know. Knowing that he played in college made it something I wanted to do, too."

What's your favorite place to hang out on campus? "Probably here in the gym, practicing with the guys. This is a special team and I really like being here."

What are your academic goals? "My academic goals are to get a 3.0 or higher on my GPA."

How do you feel about being part of this team?

"This is a special team. These guys are hardworking and fun to be around. The coaches are also great. They care about us as people and not just basketball players. In practice, it's fun. Everyone pushes each other and it's just a great place to be."

What are your personal goals for this season? "My personal goals are probably just to do whatever the coaches need me to help out, whether it be on the bench hyping people up or getting in a few minutes to help and do what I can."

--Compiled by Sarah Carvajal

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Alumni: Where are they now?

Name: Maria Imelda Perez
Age: 22
Hometown: Reynosa, Tamaulipas, Mexico, and raised in Mission
Degree: Bachelor in broadcast journalism with a minor in Spanish
Graduated: 2016
Current job: Fox News and Univision weather anchor and entertainment reporter
How would you describe your college years? “Very fun. Very time consuming. I would always work in teams, and that’s something I’m still doing now. It was very important and I really enjoyed it. Very interesting.”
What were your favorite things to do while in college? “Eat. Starbucks. Just hanging out with friends. I was learning about the TV industry, so most of my time was just studying and in the communications building with Mr. [Fred] Mann, [whom] I love to death.”
What do you miss most about college? “I think my classmates. I miss hanging out with them and studying together and I miss my professors. But, more than anything, I miss Mr. Mann because he was my mentor. He guided me and gave me a lot of good advice, which I use now that I’m working here.”
What motivated you to pursue your degree? “Well, I always liked TV. Ever since I was a little girl, I would watch the news anchors and I kind of wanted to do that when I grew up. When I was in high school I actually took a different degree and graduated as a patient care assistant, so I was working as an assistant nurse at the hospital. I was working at the hospital and I was a phlebotomist for like two years and I was 16 at the time. I liked it and I was good at it, but then I said, ‘No, this is not what my heart says I should be doing.’ So, I went to Pan Am and I looked over the degree plan for broadcast journalism. With all the areas that communication covers you can do so many things under a mass communication degree. I knew it’s a competitive industry, but I was going to go for it. In my heart, it’s just what I wanted to do. It was my passion.”
Did your degree prepare you for the real world? “It did. Don’t get me wrong, it’s very different to what we study in college. It’s very different once you get here. The way they taught us how to write in college is the basics. Once you start in news, it’s way different. You work with hard news, soft/sad news, [and] you also have happy news, so you have a little bit of everything. The way we produce here, in the news department, is much different in the way I was taught in school. But, it did prepare me in terms of what it is to be in front of a camera [and] learning the basics on how to use a camera out on the field. It did prepare me in several ways, but it is very different once you start here.”
Briefly describe what you do in

your job? “I do a little bit of everything. I got hired as a weather anchor for Fox and Univision. When I get here, I get my graphics ready because I have to do weather for other markets, like Univision Corpus Christi, Fox Laredo, Fox for the Rio Grande Valley, and Univision for the Rio Grande Valley, Univision Orlando, Univision Tampa and Univision Washington, D.C. I also do entertainment for Univision. Like, when celebrities get here, I go interview them. I inform the community of local events [and] local concerts that are going on across the Rio Grande Valley. And, I also do packages for networks, like Univision Miami’s ‘*El Gordo y La Flaca*,’ and ‘*Primer Impacto*.’ I interview the celebrities here, I get in contact with them, and then I send off the interviews and [they] air them on national TV. I produce my own weather segments. If I have entertainment, I produce my own entertainment packages, and interviews. I sometimes go out to the field and I produce Fox News; I’m the assistant producer. So, I do a little bit of everything and little projects on the side, so I feel very blessed.”
What experiences have you had that you would say are out of the ordinary? “I’ve had so many. This job is so interesting. It’s stressful, but it’s fun. If you like what you do, it’s fun. Something that I hate is lightning. As a weather anchor, if it’s severe weather, you have to go outside. You have to inform the community of what’s going on. ‘When is the storm going to end?’ So, just to experience that adrenaline—being outside, informing the community—you have to say bye to your fears because there is no being scared of lightning. Even though there is lightning falling right next to you, you just have to hold it in and inform the community of what’s going on. You feel those hurricane winds and you feel the rain just smacking you in the face. I think that is just the scariest, but coolest, experience I’ve had so far within the industry.”
What is the most memorable moment of your career? “Meeting celebrities that I grew up watching and singers that I admire so much and having the opportunity to be friends with them and interview them. But, I have to share: The most memorable moment is winning my first Lone Star Emmy. Oh my gosh, like, I won my first Emmy as a weather anchor and our evening newscast won, too. Just going up there, and saying my little speech, is a dream come true. I made history in the television industry here in the state of Texas. Competing against other journalists is just amazing. Any journalist wants to get an Emmy. I didn’t expect it, but it’s a dream come true and it’s my most memorable moment till now.”
What motivates you to push forward? “My parents and my brother.



The support that they have given me since the first day that I started working on television is just incredible. I can’t compare it to anything else [and] just making my parents proud. Just making a difference within my family, *me llena de satisfacción. Entonces, poder hacer la diferencia y poder seguir mi carrera es algo muy importante. Y el apoyo de los papás*, if you don’t have that support from your parents, it’s really hard to continue doing what you are doing. I’ve been blessed with having parents like that. They love me and motivate me.”
What’s next, careerwise? “I want to go national. I’ve been blessed with the opportunity with Univision Miami. I want to further my career in journalism as a bilingual journalist because I have become very attached to my Fox viewers and to my Univision viewers. So, going national would be my next step.”
What advice do you have for anyone pursuing your degree? “Not to give up. We have had a lot of interns here and I can identify myself with them because I myself was an intern once. So, the interns that come now, I always tell them, ‘Don’t see this as an internship that, ‘Oh, I have to complete this course because I need a credit to graduate.’ No. Don’t see it that way.’ Once you step into this building or any other TV station here in the Valley, all eyes are on you. The news director [and] other reporters want to see what

you got. So, you have to come in here and give it your all and work your butt off. You’re going to start off in production first and they teach you how to work the cameras. Once you feel like you have that down, hey, tell the news director or the technical director or whoever you are shadowing, ‘I want to learn this; I want to learn that.’ Make them know that you want to learn and you want to work here and that this is what you want to do when you graduate. In my case, it was a little different because I got hired right after my internship and I hadn’t even graduated yet. But, they saw that I wanted to work here. So, don’t give up and don’t let anyone tell you that you can’t do it because the TV industry is competitive. It is competitive. So what? Keep going. You can do it and there is always a spot for everyone here in the news department, in the radio department. We have production, we have sales; we have a little bit of everything here. If your mind is set that you want to work on television, then keep going. Don’t let anyone tell you, ‘You can’t do it.’ I got told so many times that I wouldn’t make it. So, for all those people that told me that, I’m proving them all wrong. But also, stay humble. That is one thing that has helped me a lot. Once you’re humble, you will fit in anywhere.”
--Compiled by Brenda Garza

5 places that most college students want to visit

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1. Paris
It is hard not to picture the Eiffel Tower when you hear the word “Paris”; however, there’s much more to the city than just that. Paris is home to other beautiful attractions, such as the Louvre, the Arc de Triomphe, de Musee d’Orsay, the Notre Dame Cathedral and more.
2. Cancún, Mexico
Perhaps many college students want to visit Cancún because “*En el mar la vida es mas sabrosa*”. Located on the Yucatán Peninsula bordering the Caribbean Sea, Cancún is a must-go paradise full of beautiful beaches, beautiful sunsets and fun for everyone. Some places of interest are Playa Delfines, Avenida Kukulkan, Parroquia de Cristo Rey and Dolphin Discovery.
3. Amsterdam
The Netherlands capital might be one of the most liberal and culturally diverse cities in the world. The city has many attractions, such as Central Station, the



Portuguese Synagogue, the Van Gogh Museum, Anne Frank’s House and a series of beautiful canals throughout the city that extend for about 100 kilometers. Nonetheless, the ability to legally buy

and consume marijuana and soft drugs in “coffeeshops” and access to the Red Light district, a tolerance zone with sex shops and legal prostitution, might be what makes Amsterdam so different

from other places.
4. Venice, Italy
Did you picture a guy with a striped shirt and a funny hat maneuvering a kayak-looking boat in a city canal? Well, if you did, you are thinking of a gondolier in a gondola. Venice is well known for having beautiful canals that connect the 117 small islands that make up the city. A gondola ride is a must in Venice, but there are other things to do, such as visiting Saint Mark’s Basilica, the Piazza San Marco, Doge’s Palace, Teatro La Fenice and many astonishing bridges located throughout the city.
5. Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Dubai might not be too affordable, but that’s because the city houses many astounding attractions. They include the Burj Khalifa, which is the tallest skyscraper in the world; the Dubai Mall, which measures more than 12 million square feet and is the biggest mall in the world; and The World, a man-made series of islands that resembles the shape of a world map.

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Greek tragedy ‘Antigone’ opens Wednesday



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Theater performance senior Priscilla Perales rehearses her lead role in the play, “Antigone.” The Greek tragedy will be performed Wednesday through Sunday.



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Assistant Professor Thomas Pearson rehearses as Creon, scolding the soldier, played by Isaac Gonzalez, in the tragedy “Antigone.”

Megan Gonzalez THE RIDER

Antigone, the Greek tragedy in which a sister defies a king in order to properly bury her brother, will open at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Albert L. Jeffers Theatre on the Edinburg campus.

Theater Lecturer Richard Edmonson will direct “Antigone,” (an-tig-uh-nee), written by the playwright Sophocles and translated by Don Taylor.

This will be Edmonson’s fifth student production. His past productions include “To Kill a Mockingbird,” “Real Women Have Curves,” “Evita: The Musical” and “The Miracle Worker.”

“People have come up to me afterwards and said, ‘Thank you. These are great stories. You did a great job with this,’ and that makes me feel really good,” Edmonson said.

The main cast is composed of Priscilla Perales (Antigone), Aubrey Lopez (Ismene), Tom Pearson (Creon), Gerrad

Christian (Haemon), Kent Smither (Teiresias) and Selina Soto (Eurydice).

“It’s a little overwhelming just ’cause so many people have been saying how wonderful the role is. It’s sending out a message and ... I’m more than happy to be playing Antigone,” Perales said.

A dress rehearsal is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

In addition to the Wednesday showing, the play will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is free for UTRGV students, faculty and staff, who may bring one guest to the performance. Reserve seating is \$15; general admission, \$10; and non-UTRGV students with school ID, \$5. Children below third grade will not be admitted.

For more information, call Elva Galvan, theater business manager, at 665-3581 or email elva.galvan@utrgv.edu.

Learn a new language at MultiLingua Fest

Megan Gonzalez THE RIDER

The University Texas Rio Grande Valley will host the second annual MultiLingua Fest from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Ballroom (EDBCX) in Edinburg and Thursday in Salón Cassia in Brownsville.

The Office of Global Engagement and the Department of Writing and Language Studies will host several activities, such as Chinese checkers and lotería, to help visitors learn about different cultures and languages, which include Chinese, Korean, French, German, Russian, Spanish and American Sign Language.

“It started last year when we became UTRGV. ... The idea was to promote different languages and different cultures among students because we’re in a place where people forget that it’s a big world and we actually have a lot of things offered by the university,” said Writing and Language Studies Lecturer Regine Pellicer.

In 2015, more than 800 people attended the festival, including representatives from

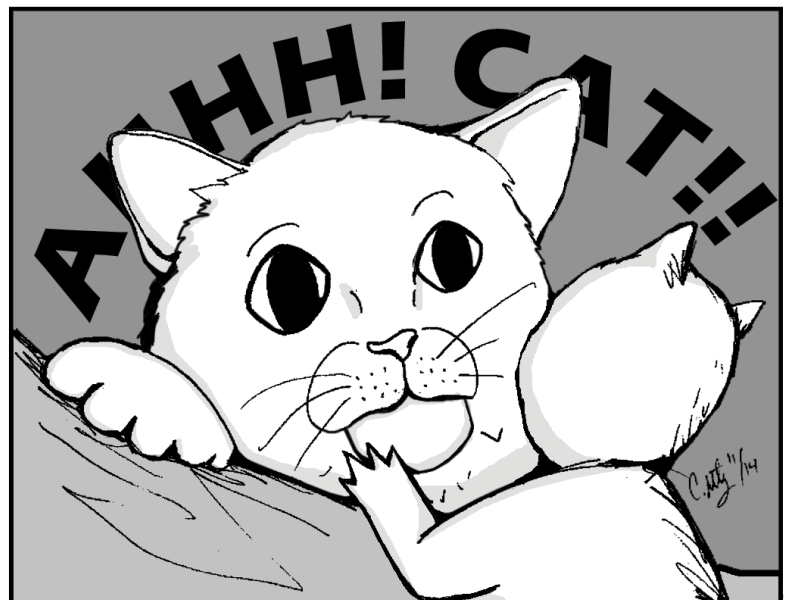
the South Texas Business, Education and Technology Academy (BETA).

UTRGV students are encouraged to volunteer for the event. For more information, contact Writing and Language Studies Assistant Professor Shannon McCrocklin at 665-3428 or shannon.mccrocklin@utrgv.edu.



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