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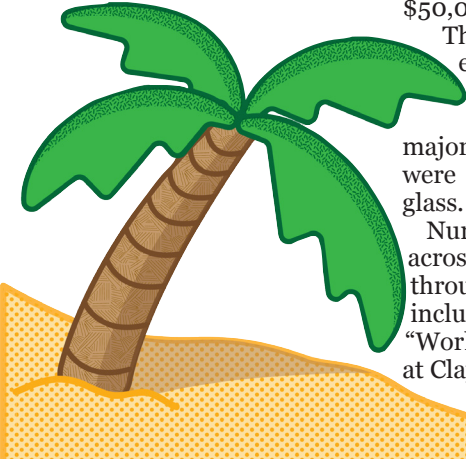
SPI prepped for Spring Break

Ena Capucion
NEWS EDITOR

Multiple music performances will rock South Padre Island this month for college and high school students alike.

Gary Ainsworth, public information officer for the City of South Padre Island, said Spring Break 2016 began Feb. 27 for the city, when Rice University was first let out for the vacation. On March 4, Baylor, Texas Christian and Southern Methodist universities will begin their Spring Break and South Padre will expect more students to head to the island.

Texas Week runs March



13-19.

"That's the week that none of us look forward to," Ainsworth said. "I don't mean that literally. ... You have 25 state universities that are out here, plus the other 30 or 40 [from] the rest of the nation [that will end up congregating] here. From a

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work standpoint we're all really busy. We're all prepared for it. We've been preparing for it since January. ... If you fail to plan, you plan to fail."

This month, Ainsworth is expecting a sales tax revenue ranging between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

The city would like to emphasize that glass of any kind is banned from the beach because the majority of injuries in the past were mainly due to broken glass.

Numerous musical events across the city will take place throughout the month, including Foam N' Glow "World's Largest Foam Party" at Clayton's Beach Bar and Grill at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Ticket prices range from \$25 to \$75 and



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the show will feature Mashd N Kutcher, Jayceeoh, Corbin Kelly and others.

Clayton's will also host nighttime shows with DJ Skribble on March 14; Casey Donahew Band, March 15; T-Pain, March 16; French Montana, March 17; Kesha, March 18; Kid Ink, March 19; and Young Thug, March 20.

Separately, Clayton's will also host its free Mega Beach

Party that include several music performances, such as QUINTINO on Sunday; IheartMemphis, March 16; Crizzly, March 17; TWRK and OG Maco, March 18; and Prince Fox, March 21.

The Isla Grand Beach Resort, the former site of Coca-Cola Beach, will feature Lil Dicky at noon Wednesday.

Ultimate Music Experience (UME) will begin March

16, opening up with main performers DJ Snake, followed by Kaskade on March 17; Porter Robinson, March 18; and Dimitri Vegas and Like Mike, March 19.

For more information on hotel pricing and booking, visit www.sopadre.com/find-lodging. Tickets for UME can be purchased at www.umesouthpadre.com.

25% voter turnout in Hidalgo, Cameron counties

Oscar Castillo
and Trisha Maldonado
THE RIDER

More than 125,000 people from Cameron and Hidalgo counties voted in the Texas primary elections, in which Hillary Clinton and Ted Cruz won their respective party's vote for the state.

"Anybody who was looking for greater clarity got some on the Democratic side but not on the Republican side," said Mark

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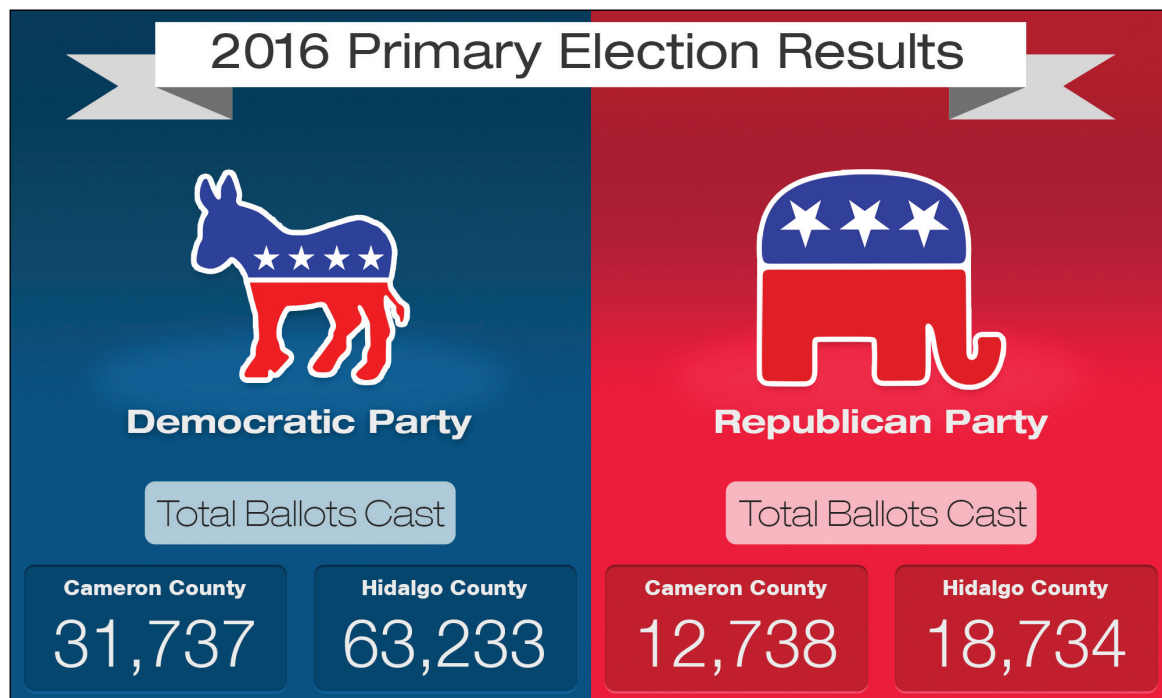
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Kaswan, a political science professor at UT Rio Grande Valley. "So, I would say that on the Republican side, the field is pretty much as muddy today as it was when they started voting [Tuesday]."

Texas has a record number of registered voters at 14.2 million but only about 30 percent voted in the primary, a Texas secretary of state official said.

Clinton won 65.21 percent of the Democratic vote, compared with Cruz, who won 43.75 percent of the Republican vote statewide.

In Hidalgo County, Clinton won the Democratic vote by taking 40,276 votes of the 58,320 cast. Among the Republican candidates, Cruz garnered the most votes, 7,098 of 18,652.



MARIO GONZALEZ/THE RIDER GRAPHIC

"Unofficially, for Democrats, we had 63,233, again without the final, final count. That's the unofficial. And for Republicans, record high, over 18,734," Hidalgo County Elections Administrator Yvonne Ramón said about the number of votes cast in the primary. "Unexpected from what I'm listening on the news throughout the state. ... Historically, 2008 was the largest voter turnout. They had 5,726, so having 18,734 is a new record."

Ramón said the numbers were still unofficial because

they are awaiting a few mail-in ballots from overseas and provisional voter ID ballots that need to be processed.

Hidalgo County has 317,730 registered voters, but only 81,967 people voted, which is about a 25 percent voter turnout.

In Cameron County, 44, 475, or 25 percent, of the 185,720 registered voters cast ballots.

Clinton received 20,326 votes of the 29,799 cast in the Democratic race. Cruz edged fellow Republicans with 4,451 votes of 12,634 cast. Donald

Trump came in second with 4,286.

Remi Garza, elections administrator for Cameron County, said the number of voters in the Democratic primary was higher than average.

"In 2008, they had almost 50,000," Garza said. "It's not the highest turnout, but on average 24,000 to 27,000 is the normal turnout, so it's above average."

Garza said the number of votes for the Republican

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Kappa Sigma fraternity suspended

University investigating report of shots fired at ranch
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Jesus Sanchez
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The UTRGV Kappa Sigma fraternity has been suspended following media reports that members allegedly fired rifles in an Alton-area ranch early Thursday, university officials say.

"The safety of our students is a top priority for UTRGV, and we take these matters very seriously," Patrick Gonzales, assistant vice president of University Marketing and Communications, said in a statement released Thursday night. "UTRGV is conducting its own investigation to ensure that this situation is handled appropriately. Consistent with our policies, the organization's operations will be suspended for the duration of the investigation."

According to KGBT-TV Channel 4, police cited four people after fraternity brothers started firing rifles in the ranch early Thursday.

"We're beginning our investigation," Gonzales said. "As you know, it happened this morning, so it hasn't even been 24 hours. ... We're taking the matter very seriously, that's why we're investigating it, and to

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Spring **CAREER** **EXP**

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Graduation around the corner

Bookstore to host fair March 21-24

Andrea Torres
THE RIDER

With commencement just over two months away, the Follet bookstore will host a graduation fair where students can pre-order their cap and gown.

“They have until March 24 to pre-order,” said Carmen Rodriguez, store manager for the Follett bookstore on the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Edinburg campus. “If you don’t pre-order, then you can come into the bookstore. We’ll have extras here in the bookstore, but it’s going to be generic. The pre-ordering is for the purpose of getting your size and getting it fitted.”

The graduation fair will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 21 and 22 in Edinburg and March 23-24 in the Brownsville bookstore.

“The faculty regalia is also being pre-ordered,” Rodriguez said. “For a rental, it’s \$60, more or less, but it depends what university they graduated [from] and if it’s a [master’s] or Ph.D.”

Those who pre-order will receive an email two weeks before graduation notifying them their package has arrived at the bookstore, Rodriguez said.

UTRGV’s second commencement will consist of four ceremonies, the first on May 13 in Brownsville and three the following day in the McAllen Convention Center, officials say.

The Brownsville ceremony, which will take place at 6 p.m. on the Student Union lawn, includes all colleges.

At 9 a.m. May 14, graduates from the College of Business and Entrepreneurship, the College of Sciences, the College of Education and P-16 Integration will receive their diploma in the McAllen Convention Center, followed by the College of Liberal Arts and the College



ANDREA TORRES/THE RIDER

Graduation items are on display in the Follett bookstore on the Edinburg campus. The bookstore will host a graduation fair from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 21 and 22 in Edinburg and March 23-24 in Brownsville.

Engineering and Computer Science at 1 p.m., and the the College of Fine Arts and the College of Health Affairs at 5 p.m., according to an email sent to *The Rider* by Kristin Croyle, UTRGV vice president for Student Success.

Students graduating in McAllen will receive five tickets each for guests due to limited seating at the venue, Croyle wrote. There will be an overflow seating area for guests without tickets. Tickets will not be needed for the Brownsville ceremony.

Students will be invited to the commencement location based on where they have taken the majority of their courses.

For those students who are within six hours of completing their degree and “after summer enrollment begins, enroll

in their remaining courses” are welcome to participate in the May or December ceremonies because there will be no summer ceremony, according to Croyle’s email.

On Feb. 5, the Office of the Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration sent an email asking the campus community to fill out a survey, which would help in the design development of the UTRGV official ring.

“The group that is working on it, including art students and faculty, they got the student feedback about what symbols are important to them,” Croyle said. “Based on that feedback they are going to design the ring that is the reflection of UTRGV. It takes some time

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Police chief: Slap case is closed

The Rider files second open records request

Jesus Sanchez
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Rider has filed a second open records request for the offense report of the case in which a professor allegedly slapped a student on the Edinburg campus.

On Feb. 10, *The Rider* filed an open records request for a copy of the report. The request was submitted to UTRGV Chief Legal Officer Karen Adams.

Adams sent a letter Feb. 25 in response to *The Rider*’s public information request. In the letter, she wrote that UTRGV has information responsive to the request but it must be withheld to comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. § 1232g.

The newspaper disagreed and stated in its second request that FERPA does not apply based on the 20 U.S.C. 1232g(a)(4) and 20 U.S.C. 1232g(a)(4)(B)(ii) sections of the law.

Adams wrote that “FERPA does not permit local or educational authorities to disclose any un-redacted, personally identifiable information contained in educational records without parental or student consent.”

However, the newspaper filed the second request because FERPA also states that education records do not include records “of the law enforcement unit of an educational agency or

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Spring Break 2016

PARTY SAFE

Ana Cahuiche
THE RIDER

As you pack your bags for Spring Break 2016 at South Padre Island, make sure to not only take your swimsuits, beach towels and sunblock, but also these safety guidelines, too!

This information was provided by Gary Ainsworth, public information officer for the City of South Padre Island.

Laws to keep in mind:

- No glass on the beach. Zero tolerance, violators will be cited.
- No litter on the beach. Trash cans will be available about every 65 feet.
- No underage drinking.
- No minors carrying coolers with alcohol in them.

Ainsworth said there was an increase of about 20,000 people at this time last year on the Island and all hotels were booked during Spring Break.

“When we have that many people in one small [place] the potential for things to happen, percentage-wise, is higher,” Ainsworth said. “So, we just want everybody to be careful.”

There will be an active police presence on South Padre Island and the use of drones will be implemented this year.

Safety guidelines recommended for Spring Breakers:

- Drink alcohol in moderation.
- Keep valuables in your car out of sight.
- Lock your cars.
- Lock your rooms.
- Be mindful of where you are and of the situation.
- Be careful of people you’ve just met.
- Don’t go anywhere alone.

“Everything we are doing is to watch out for people and to keep people safe. It’s not to limit anybody from doing anything, it’s just to keep them safe.”

--Gary Ainsworth

Drop the beer, pick up the hammer

Alternative Spring Break offers students a service learning experience



MARIO GONZALEZ/THE RIDER

Raul Leal, program coordinator for Leadership and Social Change at Student Involvement, talks about the Alternative Spring Break last Tuesday.

Felipe Zamorano
THE RIDER

A group of students from the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley will skip most of their Spring Break to give back to the community.

The Alternative Spring Break program, coordinated by Student Involvement’s Leadership and Social Change program, provides another option for students who seek a different experience during their vacation.

“I think it’s a great opportunity for students to give back to the community, to learn [from] other things aside from just books,” said Erika Rodriguez, a senior math major who works in Student Involvement.

Rodriguez, who participated in UT Brownsville’s program before its consolidation with UT Pan American last fall, said she obtained leadership skills and networking opportunities while giving back to the community and learning to be grateful for what she has.

Raul Leal, program coordinator for Leadership and Social Change at Student Involvement, said Alternative Spring Break is a unique way to give back to the community, and provide students with a way to “pull themselves out of their normal mindset.”

“We want [students] to get a broader perspective of different social issues and community service agencies out

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Campus Q & A

What are your thoughts on the Texas primary elections?



Karina L. Marquez
Chemistry senior

“I feel that having [Hillary] Clinton with a higher percentage over the other candidates is good because I stand for a Democrat position.”



Andrew Neeley
Psychology freshman

“From what I heard, out of all the registered voters only 4.2 percent voted. Personally, I was rooting for [Bernie] Sanders and I am not upset that he lost. I’m

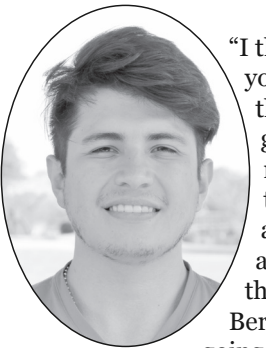
upset that not many people went out and voted, you know. We are American citizens and we have that right to vote. A lot of people around the world don’t have that right. I feel like not a lot of people took advantage of that, and it’s kind of disappointing.”



“Lo que yo pensé es que está bien eso que Hillary había ganado de nuestra parte demócrata y de republicano Ted Cruz porque en realidad yo no le veo ningún futuro con Donald Trump.

Los comentarios que él hace no me llaman la atención como los comentarios que hace Ted Cruz. En la parte democrática, con Clinton, le veo más futuro, porque ella sí sabe. Ella si ve, no [solamente] en los hispanos, ella ve todo en general. Con Trump, él [solamente] ve a los que [él] quiere, y no le veo yo a él nada”.

Margarita Ramirez
Estudiante de segundo año en estudios de ingeniería mecánica



Christian Miranda
Engineering physics senior

“I thought that the young people of the state were going to take more action than their actual words, and I really thought that Bernie Sanders was going to win for the Democratic Party.”

--Compiled by Michelle Espinoza and Lesley Robles

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Michelle Espinoza
THE RIDER

You get home at night from a terrible, stressful day at school and work and you physically feel drained of all energy. When this happens to me, the moment I walk into my house I’m greeted by my precious, adorable loves.

These loves of mine are my small 4-year-old schnauzer/poodle mix dogs. These two siblings are one of the best gifts I’ve received from my parents.

I’ve always wanted indoor dogs but it wasn’t until four years ago that I got the privilege to own these cuties.

It never matters what mood I’m in or how bad my day is going, the moment I look at my dogs and they run up to me wagging their tails with complete bliss

Perfect pawls



Daisy and Scotty

and overjoyed, my heart melts and I can’t do anything but put a smile on my face.

Studies have shown how playing with or petting an animal can increase levels of the stress-reducing hormone oxytocin and decrease production of the stress hormone cortisol.

If you ever feel overwhelmed with stress or ever get lonely, I would highly recommend that you consider owning a dog.

There are hundreds of neglected dogs waiting for love and affection in animal shelters that you can adopt.

Who knows, it could be one of the best decisions you make.

These animals are also known for saving human lives.

From service and therapy dogs to K9-Unit breeds that work for the police, these creatures never stop giving!

These little floor-cleaning, alert-giving, love-smothering creatures are truly a human’s best friend in my eyes.

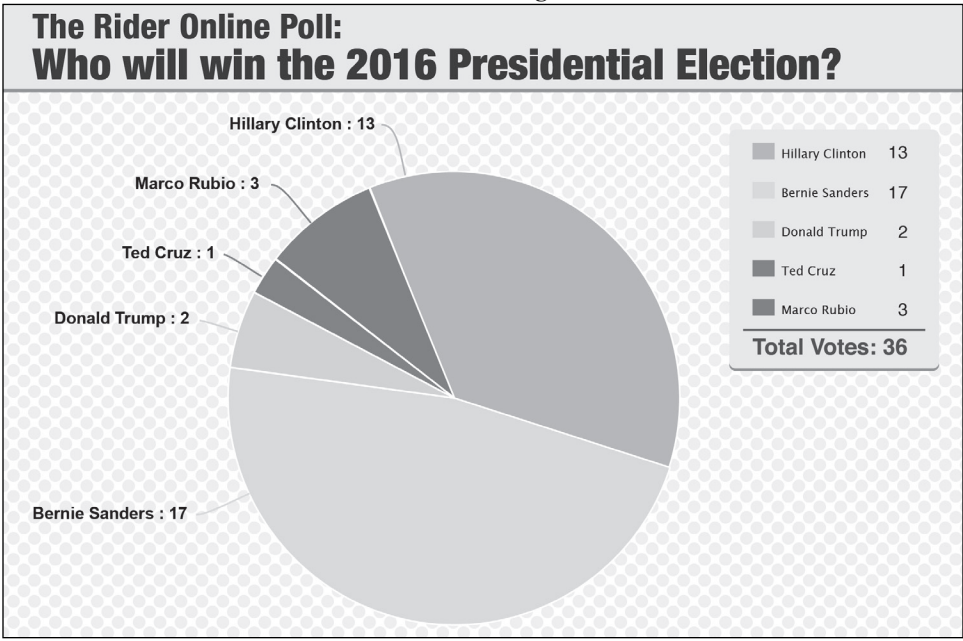
There’s never a dull moment with my dogs, from when I hear their heavy breathing and scratching alongside my bed as they attempt to conduct their daily wake-up routine for me, to when I hear them snoring across the room from their enduring quest up and down the stairs, I enjoy every part of it.

These loyal animals are a blessing.

Dogs practically live for their owners in the short time they’re here on Earth. They seriously love you like Kanye loves Kanye.

Every day I cherish the time I spend with my loves because I know there will be a day when their time comes to an end.

Honestly, I’m dreading that day but for now I’ll continue loving every moment with these perfect pals.



2 buildings going up in Brownsville

To house music department, general classrooms and Learning Center

Monica Gudiño
THE RIDER

One of the big concerns since UTRGV opened last fall semester was the lack of classroom space on the Brownsville campus. To address this issue, the university began construction of two buildings that will open in Spring 2018.

Bartlett Cocke General Contractors started construction in mid-January for the new academic buildings next to Main Building on West University Boulevard. The buildings will have three stories each.

“They will be arranged to create a courtyard-type area,” said Patrick Gonzales, assistant vice president of University Marketing and Communications. “The facility will support general academics, music instruction and recitals, science teaching labs, and flexible student collaboration and study space.”

The price tag for the two buildings is \$54 million that will be paid with monies from the Permanent University Fund from the University of Texas System, Gonzales said.

These buildings will be beneficial for the Music Department on the Brownsville campus since it is currently housed in Eidman Hall on the Texas Southmost



MICHELLE ESPINOZA/THE RIDER

Bartlett Cocke General Contractors workers continue construction on two three-story academic buildings next to the Main Building last Wednesday on the Brownsville campus. The buildings are expected to open in Spring 2018.

College campus.

The music building will have a general purpose meeting room, which will double as a recital hall. It will have two rehearsal halls, 10 individual practice rooms, 18

teaching studios/faculty offices, a music library, an electric piano lab, technology lab, 20 faculty offices with three department chair offices and offices for the Patron of the Arts program, according

to an email from Marta Salinas-Hovar, associate vice president of Facilities Planning and Operations.

“It’s going to make a huge difference in everybody’s experience--students and professors and staff--to have everyday operation in a facility that’s designed to support what our mission is: to create high-quality instructional environments for music,” said Michael Quantz, a professor in the Music Department and the College of Fine Arts representative on the design committee for the structure.

The other building will be used mainly for general purpose instruction and the Learning Center with tutoring, study and meeting rooms. The building will also house four chemistry laboratories and their respective prep rooms, one advanced chemistry lab, an instrumentation room, two environmental science labs and one environmental science research lab with its respective prep room, Salinas-Hovar wrote in the email.

“It helps solve the concern of lack of classroom space in Brownsville,” Gonzales said. “This building itself will almost double the amount of classroom space that’s available now. It’s very important for us to have more classroom space in Brownsville.”

Fee committee hears more funding requests

Food pantry, mentoring and Student Media propose budget increases



MICHELLE ESPINOZA/THE RIDER

Jennifer Cerda, food pantry coordinator, speaks before the Student Fee Advisory Committee during a meeting Feb. 26 in Cortez Hall 118 on the Brownsville campus. Cerda proposed more space for the food pantry in Brownsville along with other requests.

Rick R. Ramirez
SOCIAL MEDIA EDITOR

Associate Dean of Students for Student Support Michael Banegas and Food Pantry Coordinator Jennifer Cerda have gone before the Student Fee Advisory Committee to ask for a budget increase in the program.

Banegas and Cerda were among four administrators who addressed the committee Feb. 26 in Brownsville.

“You have to see what we’re doing with the little bit of money that we have,” Banegas said. “I’m just so proud of everyone doing their part.”

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Food Pantry opened its doors in late November of last year in Cortez Hall on the Brownsville campus. Since its opening in Brownsville, the Food Pantry has served 143 students.

During Cerda’s presentation, Associate Dean of Students for Student Rights and Responsibilities Doug Stoves asked if the students have to register when they use the food pantry and its services.

“They register and fill out two forms,” Cerda said. “The first form is a household assistance form. That form lets us know their income and how many people live in their home. The second form is an online form that we have on our website, which asks questions like their name

and student ID. Once they fill out that paperwork, they’re already in our system and they are good to go.”

Banegas asked the committee for funding to help purchase more nonperishable items, hire more personnel and increase employee wages.

“It’s just a great need on our campus, it really really is,” Banegas said. “It takes all of us, it really does. Now that I have the ability to help, I’m going to do it.”

Delma Olivarez, director of leadership and mentoring and interim associate dean for Student Involvement, proposed an increase in the Retention Initiative program’s budget. Services focus on mentoring students, informing their families about academic opportunities and strengthening their academic and leadership skills.

Olivarez also proposed budget increases and structure change for the Student Leadership Academy initiative.

“We focus on topics like goal setting, ethical leadership, effective communication, leadership diversity and self-reflection,” she said. “I’m very pleased. We have a very unified group of students.”

Students participating in the Freshman Leadership Academy help incoming students better prepare to take on leadership roles in student organizations

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A PR job on wheels!

UTPA alum drives Wienermobile as brand ambassador for Oscar Mayer



COURTESY PHOTO

Juan Rocha

Trisha Maldonado
THE RIDER

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley will hold its first Spring Career Expo this month.

In Brownsville, the expo will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 23 in the PlainsCapital Bank Gran Salón and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 24 in the Fieldhouse on the Edinburg campus.

Local and national employers will be looking to hire students for jobs after graduation and provide information on internships and careers.

On Feb. 25, Oscar Mayer hosted an information session on the Edinburg campus for job opportunities after graduation.

Juan Rocha, a recent management graduate of UTRGV legacy institution UT Pan American, was a guest speaker at the information session and several classes throughout the week.

Rocha was recruited as an undergraduate and works as a brand ambassador, also known as a “Hotdogger,” for Oscar Mayer.

“As a brand ambassador, our motto is ‘Spreading Miles of Smiles,’ which means we go around all across the country doing all different kinds of events,” he said. “Those events are festivals, parades, grocery store appearances.”

Rocha said he attended an Oscar Mayer’s information session as an undergraduate and got to interact with last year’s “Hotdoggers.”

“They told me that you get to travel for an entire year, get to meet thousands of people, and sometimes you get to meet celebrities on the road that are sometimes able to network with you,” Rocha said. “So, I was like ‘Wow, this is a dream job! Who doesn’t want this?’ So, all of those elements and aspect of the job got my attention and motivated me to apply as a Hotdogger.”

He said he has had the opportunity to travel to 27 states from the Midwest, East Coast and to the Southwest while gaining experience.

“Sometimes still today, we see our reflection in the store building,” Rocha said. “[Or] with the Wienermobile and I’m still kind of surprised that I’m doing all this. It’s cool.”

Ed Roland, senior experiential and scale marketing manager at Oscar Mayer Kraft Heinz Foods, said the position of brand ambassador is competitive.

“We recruit great people from all over the country,” Roland said. “We get an excess of 1,000 people, sometimes as many as 1,500 every year try for 12 spots. It is a unique job. It requires 100 percent travel for an entire year from June to June, so we need to have someone who can work independently, that is very self-motivated, that is someone we can trust.”

Roland said the types of majors

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Marching to the beat



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Ramon Barrera, a drummer for the Organix band, claps along as community members dance to African beats during the presentation, “African American Quartet and the Art in Marching with Martin,” held last Tuesday at the Visual Arts Gallery in Edinburg. Among the guests were Caroline Brewer, a literacy specialist and author of 10 books. Lorenzo Pace, a renowned storyteller and professor of art at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, showcased songs relevant to human rights struggles around the world today. The event was part of the university’s Festival of International Books and Arts.

HOTDOGGER

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that typically apply for this position are marketing, advertising, public relations and communication majors. However, it is not only limited to these. Rocha is a management major and other “Hotdoggers” graduated with degrees such as biology.
“I think that we’ve had a history of success at UTRGV and I think the students should just keep working hard and building on those skill sets that we are looking for: independent, proactive and hardworking individuals,” Roland said.
He said Oscar Mayer is recruiting for Hotdoggers Class 29. Rocha is in team 28.
Rebeca Rodriguez, a management senior, said she learned about Oscar

Mayer’s information session through her organization, the Society for Human Resource Management.
“People always emphasize on internships and experience before you actually leave college,” Rodriguez said. “So, getting information was helpful to go and see what it was about.”
She encourages people to attend the information sessions.
“It doesn’t hurt to just go and hear about it,” Rodriguez said. “It might be, at the end of the day, a position you don’t like but at least you got to go and say ‘OK, I don’t like this’ or ‘OK, I like this’ and then you go and research more about it. You don’t lose anything on that.”
For information on internship or job opportunities, call the UTRGV Career Center at 665-2243 in Edinburg or 882-5627 in Brownsville.

CLUB SPOTLIGHT



MARIO GONZALEZ/THE RIDER

Members of the Chemical Agents at UTRGV include Vice President Hector Rivera (from left), Tania Alvarez, President Michael Carrillo, Secretary Alex Treviño and Treasurer Alan Villarreal.

Name: Chemical Agents at UTRGV
Purpose: The purpose of Chemical Agents shall be to foster leadership development through the coordination of educational and awareness projects.
President: Michael Carrillo
Vice President: Hector S. Rivera-Marrero
Secretary: Alex Treviño
Treasurer: Alan Villarreal
Adviser: Wei Lin, associate professor in

the Chemistry department.
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Meetings: noon to 1 p.m. every Thursday.
Membership requirements: Open to all majors.
For more information, contact: Carrillo at michael.carrillo001@utrgv.edu or Treviño at alex.treviño001@utrgv.edu
--Compiled by Monica Gudiño

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such as the Student Government Association.
Student Media Director Azenett Cornejo requested funding for the student newspaper, radio, magazine and television programs.
Cornejo made a one-time funding request to purchase golf carts to deliver the student newspaper on the Edinburg and Brownsville campuses.
“Currently we have to borrow golf carts from other departments to deliver the paper,” Cornejo said. “Those golf carts are critical to the timely delivery of our newspaper on both campuses.”

Cornejo also requested one-time funding to replace old computers that are used by students in the UTRGV-TV program. Stoves asked her if there were other funding sources for the department.
“We do have a multimedia advertising and underwriting program,” Cornejo said. “We broadcast on YouTube and not on our university website because [the university is] still building our website.”
The committee deliberated the proposals for Fiscal Year 2016 one-time budget requests and Fiscal Year 2017 budget requests last Friday in Brownsville.
The next SFAC meeting will take place at 2 p.m. Friday but will be closed to the public.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vaquero Ice Cream Bar

Ice cream will be served at noon today in the Student Union Commons on the Edinburg campus. For more information, call the **Office of Student Union** at 665-7989.

Game Room tournaments

A **Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament** will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Union Game Room on the Edinburg campus. VBucks will be awarded to top-place finishers. For more information, call 665-7989.

The Gentleman's Code

Counseling and Psychological Services will host a free session, titled **“Fatherhood: Before & After Our Pregnancy,”** at noon Wednesday in Cortez Hall 118 on the Brownsville campus. The males-only session will take place the second Wednesday of every month. For more information, call 882-3897.

Women's history movie

In observance of **Women's History Month**, the **Office of Student Involvement** will screen the movie **“Suffragette”** at 7 p.m. Thursday on the Student Union lawn in Brownsville and at the Student Union theater in Edinburg. For more information, call 665-2660.

The Hunting Ground

The **Delta Zeta** sorority and the **Office for Victim Advocacy and Violence Prevention** will screen **“The Hunting Ground,”** a documentary on sexual assault, at 7 p.m. Thursday in EDUC 1.102 on the Edinburg campus. There will be a question-and-answer forum and discussion after the film. For more information, call 245-8710.

Union Canvas

The Student Union will host a **Union**

Canvas from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday in the Student Union Commons on the Edinburg campus. Students will paint the Vaquero logo under the instruction of Carl Vestweber, a lecturer in the Art Department. Materials will be provided. There is limited seating. Students can sign up at the Student Union Information Desk with a UTRGV ID. For more information, call 665-7989.

Summer entrepreneurship program

The **University of Texas System** is accepting applications from students in all 14 institutions for the **Student Entrepreneurship Fellowship**, a five-week summer program from May 31 to July 1 at the **IC2 Institute** in Austin. The fellowship offers 20 two-person student teams the opportunity to learn from nationally recognized faculty, instructors and facilitators, and will utilize evidence-based entrepreneurship methodologies to test their business concepts. The deadline to apply for the tuition-free training program is March 14. Students may apply at www.ic2.utexas.edu/sef. For more information, email IC2 Program Manager **Aprille Raabe** at SEF@ic2.utexas.edu or call **Ken Ma** in the University Affiliates Department at (512)499-4778.

Volunteers needed

The **Cameron County Children's Advocacy Center** is looking for volunteers for its San Benito and Brownsville locations. The center is a nonprofit organization that advocates for and serves child victims of abuse. For more information, call **Elsa Garcia**, volunteer coordinator/community educator, at 361-3313.

Graduation application deadlines

Students who plan to graduate in Fall 2016 must submit their application by

May 1. For more information, contact the **Graduate College** at 665-3661 or email gradcollege@utrgv.edu.

Free flu shots

UTRGV Health Services will administer **free flu shots** for students from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at its clinics, located in Cortez Hall 237 on the Brownsville campus and at 613 N. Sugar Rd. on the Edinburg campus. For more information, call Office Assistant **Beverly Estrada** at 882-3896.

Peace of mind yoga sessions

Learn how to manage stress levels and do various types of yoga exercises from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday on the Brownsville Student Union lawn. The event is sponsored by the **Student Government Association**. For more information, call 882-5937.

Meetings

Social-confidence group

The **UTRGV Counseling Center** hosts a social-confidence group, **“Reveal Yourself,”** from 3 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays in Cortez Hall 118 on the Brownsville campus. For more information, call 882-3897.

G.A.L.S.

A group therapy session for females by females, titled **“Growing and Loving Ourselves”** (G.A.L.S), takes place from noon to 1 p.m. each Monday in Cortez Hall 220 on the Brownsville campus. For more information, call the **UTRGV Counseling Center** at 882-3897.

LGBTQ Group

The **LGBTQ Group** meets at 4 p.m. each Tuesday in University Center 306A on the Edinburg campus. Meetings are facilitated by experienced counselors and discussion is driven by concerns and needs of the group. For more information, call the **UTRGV Counseling Center** at 665-2574.

--Compiled by Monica Gudiño



POLICE REPORTS

The following are among the incidents reported to University Police between Feb. 25 and 29.



February 25

9:52 a.m.: A student fainted outside the Computer Center on the Edinburg campus. After emergency medical services were called to the scene, he refused help and said he believed his condition was a result of stress and fatigue. The student passed out two more times in the Math General Classroom building and still refused emergency medical services and an offer of an escort to Student Health Services. His father was contacted and arrived at the scene to take him to a physician.

11:08 a.m.: A student reported an unknown male used profane and abusive language toward her after a dispute over a parking space in Lot K2 on the Edinburg campus. The suspect's vehicle was identified and a review of video footage shows the incident was recorded. The student wishes to file criminal charges if the suspect is identified.

7:08 p.m.: University Police was dispatched to the Counseling Center in reference to a student who needed to be evaluated by Tropical Texas Behavioral Health for having suicidal ideations. She was then transported to the center where it was found that she needed to be hospitalized. She was then transported to the state hospital in Harlingen.

February 26

2:03 a.m.: University Police conducted a traffic stop in Lot C on the Edinburg campus, for a traffic violation. The driver and two passengers, all of whom were students, were found to have alcoholic

beverages with them in the vehicle. The passengers were under 21 and had a detectable amount of alcohol on their breath. The driver, 22, admitted to buying the beverages and was arrested on a charge of furnishing alcohol to minors. The two passengers were issued citations for consumption of alcohol by a minor.

11:20 a.m.: A student reported she received three calls to her cell phone from a man speaking in Spanish, saying that her mother had been kidnapped and she needed to pay a ransom. The calls were from a phone number outside the United States. The student called her father, who said that her mother was with him. The mother and father came to the university and met with the officer. The student was advised to call University Police or the local police department if she receives any more calls from the suspect. The report noted there is an influx of virtual kidnapping calls being reported in the Rio Grande Valley.

February 28

4:15 a.m.: University Police saw a student on the ground in Lot C on the Edinburg campus. He was found to be disoriented and stated that he had been drinking at the Veranda Apartments and did not know how much he had drunk. He had slurred speech, bloodshot eyes and was deemed to be a danger to himself and others. Emergency Medical Services took him to the Edinburg Regional Medical Center for further evaluation. The student was referred to the dean

of students and criminal charges are pending.

February 29

11:13 a.m.: University Police were called to the University Library on the Brownsville campus, after a staff member found a bottle of liquor inside the first-floor men's restroom. The bottle was empty. There is no indication as to who might have left it in the restroom.

3:25 p.m.: Two faculty members in the Mexican American Studies program reported that a student, who is a member of the group, believes they should not be teaching the program because of their race. The student has also made posts on Facebook that show his discontent with the professors teaching in the program. The professors also reported the situation to the dean of students.

5:47 p.m.: A staff member reported receiving an alarming telephone call that came from an unknown individual who claimed he was calling in regard to her children being kidnapped. The staff member said she heard the sound of a young child in the background saying, “Mommy, help me.” University Police determined the phone number was from out of the country. The staff member, who said she does not have any children fitting the age of the child heard on the phone, contacted her family and confirmed they were fine. She was advised to file a report with the Brownsville Police Department for precautionary purposes.

--Compiled by Andrea Torres

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make sure we take the proper measures.”

The *Rider* tried to obtain information about the fraternity from the Office of Student Involvement but a staff member there said he would have to check what information could be released. He referred *The Rider* to Gonzales.

Kappa Sigma's V Link has been

turned off momentarily, said Abraham Villarreal, a program specialist for the Office of Student Involvement.

The fraternity has more than 40 members on record, Gonzales said. UTRGV has 15 Greek organizations.

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What’s happening in Vegas

Basketball conference tournaments this weekend



LESLEY ROBLES/THE RIDER PHOTOS

Nathaniel Mata
SPORTS EDITOR

The Western Athletic Conference regular season is over. Fourteen games are now in the books for both men’s and women’s hoops.

While the regular season is wrapped up, both teams have a chance to extend their season in the WAC Tournament in Las Vegas. The tournament runs this weekend at Orleans Arena. It follows a single-elimination format, meaning every game someone is moving on and the other is out.

MEN

UTRGV men’s basketball has had four conference wins in 14 attempts. The team will only need to win four games during the conference tournament to be crowned WAC champions. However, three wins against teams all seeded higher than them is a tall order. The men’s team has only won consecutive games once since the season started in November.

Assistant Coach Jai Steadman said that it’s an opportunity to overwrite the regular season.

“At this point everyone is 0-0, so it gives you the chance. Viva Las Vegas! Good things can happen, you can either go broke, or you can win the WAC tournament,” the assistant coach and former RGV Vipers assistant said. “Pretty much everyone in the tournament we have a chance to beat. You’ve seen each other, you’ve scouted each other twice. The third time goes around, whether you’ve lost twice or maybe beaten them twice, the opportunity to upset somebody is huge in this tournament.”

Four of UTRGV’s five starters are averaging double digit points. The only outlier, Dan Kimasa, is averaging 9.8 points per game.

The balance offense will need to catch fire at Orleans arena if they want to surprise teams in the tournament.

Graduate forward Dakota Slaughter looks forward to a conference tournament where anything can happen.

“Every game counts and, if you think about it, every possession matters. You’ve been working all year for moments like this,” said Slaughter, a transfer from the University of Alabama. “This is where your mental toughness and the bond that you’ve created with your team gets tested. Anything can happen in March, that’s why it’s March Madness.”

WOMEN

Women’s basketball kicked off the WAC season rolling through its opponents. Five games and five wins had the Vaqueros in a good spot through Jan. 22. Larry Tidwell’s team was averaging 13.9 point victories over this stretch.

In their next eight games, only three were wins. The second half of the season was dramatically different. Of the seven teams they compete against in the

Left: Antonio Green looks for an open teammate in the men’s home opener against Texas A&M-Kingsville. The freshman has started 22 of the team’s 23 games.

Right: Shawnte’ Goff prepares to shoot a free throw in a home win over Utah Valley in Janurary. She enters the WAC tournament as the conference’s leading scorer.



conference, UTRGV only swept two opponents, Chicago State University and Grand Canyon University. One of those teams, Grand Canyon, is ineligible for the tournament. The other has the last-place seed locked up heading into Vegas with only two conference wins.

It’s tough to tell which version of the 2015-16 Vaqueros will show up Wednesday through Saturday. Coach Tidwell said it speaks on the parity of the conference they play in, but feels his team is capable.

“This is a balanced tournament, a very balanced year,” Tidwell said. “We’re going to be OK, we’re ready to play this tournament. The only way we’re going to win is if we play great defense, and it starts with Rickell Preston. She’ll get us going defensively.”

Preston, the senior, echoed the importance on defense as a way to ensure strong performances.

“I feel like everybody as a team, as a collective whole, needs to go out there and give 100 percent,” Preston said. “Play together, share the ball, be resilient, stuff like that. I feel like if [Shawnte’ Goff] gets down we have more people who can step up until she has the chance to get back into her flow. Like Coach Tidwell says, it starts with defense, that’s mainly our

game.”

Lastly, she said she wants to leave a mark at UTRGV, knowing these may be her last games. She recalls the championship game loss a season ago against New Mexico State and wants to improve on that.

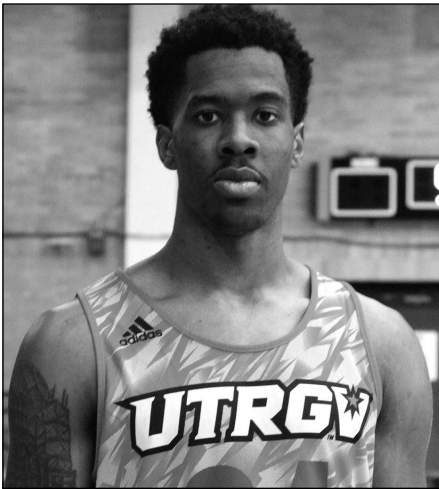
“I feel like the only thing I’m taking into the tournament with me is that we lost the championship [last year] and we could have won that,” Preston said. “We all have to come and play our best game and give this university what they really need, and that’s a championship.”

How to watch the Vaqueros in Vegas

All games in the rounds leading up to the finals will be broadcast on the WAC Digital Network. The women’s final will be broadcast at 3 p.m. Saturday, followed by the men’s championship at 10 p.m. on ESPN.

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Athlete of the Week



JESUS ESPARZA/THE RIDER

Name: Shaquille Hines
Classification Senior
Age: 22
Major: General studies
Hometown Chicago, Ill.
Who is your favorite athlete? Kobe Bryant. “Growing up I started watching [him] play since I was 9 years old. He’s been my favorite player ever since.”
Who is your role model for your life? “My mom because of how hard she worked, and how she never gave up.”
What is the best advice you’ve been given and by whom? “By my mom, always have faith and never give up.”
Favorite place to hang out on campus? “Probably my apartment because I get to chill, hang out, lay back, watch TV.”

When did you begin playing basketball and why did you start? “I started playing when I was 10 years old because growing up in Chicago that was the thing to do, you know. You go outside and see all your friends playing basketball, so you automatically started playing. That’s why I started playing.”
Did you get any awards in high school? “I was team MVP.”
What are your academic goals? “Graduate with a 3.0 ... and graduate in May.”
What is your favorite movie? “Tough question. Probably I’ll have to say ‘Paid in Full.’”
Where’s your dream vacation? “Probably Brazil. The weather, nice women, the beaches.”
How do you feel about being part of the first UTRGV Men’s Basketball team and playing your senior year? “It’s definitely an honor. I’m glad I was here to be a part of UTRGV because UTPA no longer exists, so I’m happy I played for UTRGV, so my name could still be here as a UTRGV athlete.”
--Compiled by Jesus Esparza

Home Games

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6 p.m.

UTRGV Baseball Stadium

Sunday, March 13

Baseball
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primary almost doubled what they normally see.

“The issue is there was only a 25 percent turnout,” Kaswan said. “So, we can’t really say for sure whether these results really reflect the preferences of the people of Cameron County because 75 percent of the voters didn’t vote.”

The political science professor said that although Cruz won Texas, Marco Rubio won Minnesota and Trump won Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Massachusetts, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Vermont, they each still have a tough road ahead of them.

“What the results of Super Tuesday really show is that it’s very unlikely that any Republican would go into the convention with a majority of delegates,” Kaswan said. “If nobody has the majority of delegates and you don’t get a first ballot winner at the convention, then it’s very doubtful that Trump would end up with the nomination. ... It’s very doubtful that if it goes to what they call a brokered convention--so a convention in which nobody gets the nomination for the first ballot--then I do not think that either Trump or Cruz would end up with the nomination. Who gets it? Your guess is as good as mine.”

Art freshman Dominique Flores said she has mixed feelings about the winners of Super Tuesday.

“Donald Trump has a very interesting image he puts out, and [Hillary] Clinton, well, I get mixed feelings,” Flores said. “I am very worried, especially, in the Republican side, like who is winning, which obviously [is] Donald Trump and it makes me feel uneasy about it.”

Flores was then asked who she thought was going to win the presidency in November.

“There’s a high chance it could be Donald Trump,” she replied. “He’s pretty high on polls but [Trump and Clinton] are neck and neck, so it’s a 50/50 percent chance. I actually don’t know what to expect, but I feel a Republican might win the elections.”

Texas Secretary of State Communication Director Alicia Pierce said this year’s 30 percent statewide voter turnout is higher than in 2012 but not as high as in 2008.

“There was a presidential election, which historically lends itself to higher turnout, and that there was no incumbent,” Pierce replied when asked to what she attributed the increase. “So, there were races in both the Republican and the Democratic primaries, which were perceived as highly competitive.”

For more information on the election, visit VoteTexas.gov.

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to do that design.”

The UTRGV Official Ring Committee received over 800 responses to the survey, which ended Feb. 19, said Letty Benavides, assistant vice president for Campus Auxiliary Services and chair of the committee. More than 70 percent of

County Elections

In Cameron County:

--Eddie Treviño Jr., an attorney and former mayor of Brownsville, and Dan Sanchez, an attorney and current Cameron County Pct. 4 commissioner, are in the run-off for county judge. Treviño received 12,935 votes; Sanchez, 10,705; and Elizabeth “Liz” Garza, 5,769.

--County Attorney Luis V. Saenz won the Democratic race with 14,648 votes to 13,856 by Carlos R. Masso. Saenz will face Republican Jeremy Sorelle in November.

--Incumbent Sheriff Omar Lucio III outpaced Democratic rival Gregorio Puente III by a vote of 20,563 to 8,134. Lucio will face the winner of the Republican run-off between John Chambers and Victor Cortez. Chambers received 3,395 votes; Cortez, 2,662; Robert Rodriguez, 2,365; and Michael Watkins, 2,182.

--Incumbent Pct. 1 County Commissioner Sofia C. Benavides will be in a run-off with Beatrice G. Rosenbaum. Benavides received 3,392 votes; Rosenbaum, 2,335; Fausto “Pato” Martinez, 647; and Joseph Cantu, 517.

--David A. Garza, the incumbent Pct. 3 county commissioner, ran unopposed, receiving 4,761 votes.

--Gus Ruiz defeated Chino Sanchez by a vote of 4,192 to 2,049 for Precinct 4 county commissioner.

In Hidalgo County:

--Vicente Gonzalez and Juan “Sonny” Palacios Jr. are in the Democratic run-off for District 15 U.S. representative. Gonzalez received 17,241 votes; Palacios, 8,354; Dolly Elizondo, 5,741; Joel Quintanilla, 5,250; Rance G “Randy” Sweeten, 1,525; and Rubén Ramírez, 1,466.

--In the Republican race for District 15 U.S. representative, Xavier Salinas and Ruben O. Villarreal will face off in a run-off. Salinas received 4,453 votes; Villarreal, 3,515; and Tim Westley, 3,258.

--Renee “Rena” Rodriguez-Betancourt and Jesse Contreras are in the run-off for 449th state district judge. Rodriguez-Betancourt received 24,508 votes and Contreras, 22,243.

--Marcos Ochoa and Arnaldo Corpus are also in a run-off for Justice of the Peace Pct. No. 3, Place 2. Ochoa received 5,413 votes; Corpus, 4,112; and Leo Gonzalez, 1,584.

--J. E. ‘Eddie’ Guerra won the Democratic nomination for sheriff. He will face off against Republican Albert “Al” Perez in November.

--David Fuentes defeated Democratic incumbent AC Cuellar Jr. in the Precinct 1 county commissioner race. Fuentes received 10,235 votes to Cuellar’s 9,947.

--Democrat Joe M. Flores outpaced Daniel Diaz by a vote of 7,114 to 3,687 for Precinct 3 county commissioner.

the respondents were students.

“We have to let the students, you know, go through design process, however long that might take,” Benavides said. “The committee wants a design that is going to stand the test of time, that we’re not going to have to go back and modify.”

Students who plan to graduate in Fall 2016 must submit their application by May 1.

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there,” Leal said. “It kind of opens your eyes to some of the issues that aren’t really prevalent or don’t really get to the forefront of our thoughts.”

The program runs from the March 14 to 17, during which participants will stay at the Unity Hall on the Edinburg campus. Students will be provided with three daily meals and transportation to and from the sites where they will volunteer. They must provide their own pillows, sheets and blankets.

The deadline to apply was last Friday and students who were accepted will have the opportunity to work with six nonprofit organizations.

Participants will work in off-campus locations such as Habitat for Humanity, where they will help build a house in Alamo, and at the Rio Grande Valley Food Bank in Pharr. On campus, students will write cards to servicemen and women for the nonprofit organization A Million Thanks, make paracord bracelets for Operation Gratitude and create decorative pillow covers for hospitalized children for Ryan House.

This experience, however, is not meant

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institution, subject to the provisions of §99.8.” The act neither requires nor prohibits the disclosure by an educational agency or institution, such as UTRGV, of its law enforcement unit records.

On Jan. 21, a student on the Edinburg campus reported that her philosophy class was having a discussion about right and wrong and while the discussion was taking place, the professor slapped her on her left cheek. The student told University Police she was shocked because the slap was unexpected.

to consist only of hard work. Students will also be provided with some recreational time.

“In between service activities, we will have some pool time at [UREC],” Leal said. “We will also provide them with one dinner at the Main Event so that way, they can relax after a full day of volunteering, do some bowling and de-stress.”

Additionally, participants will take some time each day to journal and reflect on the day’s activity, as well as to interact with their peers.

Soraya Berlanga, a criminal justice freshman who attended an informational session last Tuesday on the Brownsville campus, showed great interest in participating this year.

“I think it’s a very good experience volunteering, and I enjoy helping my community and giving back to others,” Berlanga said. “I would love to learn more of the real world.”

A similar session was held on the Edinburg campus.

Students who missed the deadline to apply may send an email to raul.leal01@utrgv.edu and leadership@utrgv.edu to present their case for a late application.

UTRGV Police Chief Raul Munguia said his department closed the case on Thursday.

“Basically, there’s no more investigation,” Munguia said. “The investigation is closed unless we get some new information that makes us take another look at it. We can always reopen the case.”

As of press time, the chief said no charges had been filed.

Calls to Provost Havidán Rodríguez, Faculty Affairs and Diversity Vice Provost Ala Qubbaj and Hidalgo County District Attorney Ricardo Rodriguez on Thursday were not returned.

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Dating and relationship advice

Ena Capucion
NEWS EDITOR

David Coleman, the Dating Doctor, visited the Brownsville and Edinburg campuses on Wednesday and delivered the presentation “Making Relationships Matter.”

He first began giving presentations on dating 3,500 shows ago during a conference. At that time, about 80 people were in the audience and soon after, about half of them approached Coleman asking if he’d present at their respective campuses for revenue.

“It was kind of decided for me,” Coleman said. “I hit on something, I was decent on delivering it [and] I had some unique ideas and look what it became.”

UTRGV junior Teresa Lopez attended the presentation because she was drawn by curiosity as to what Coleman had to advise.

“I was curious more than anything to see what it was going to be about,” the rehabilitation services major said. “I was just reading through the pamphlet and it sounds really interesting.”

Coleman opened with what he called the negative self-fulfilling prophecy. Whether students or people alike are on campus, at church or at the grocery store, they tend to catch their eye on someone. However, negative thoughts creep into the individual’s mind convincing the self that the person is not good enough for their potential lover. Coleman advised the audience to gain confidence.

“You will not find the right person until you become the right person,” he said. “If you are not your own greatest walking ambassador ... how can you expect



GABRIEL MATA/THE RIDER

David Coleman, The Dating Doctor, speaks to a crowd about dealing with breakups, approaching someone you’re interested in and abusive relationships last Wednesday at the PlainsCapital Bank Theater in the Student Union on the Edinburg campus.



ANA CAHUICHE/THE RIDER

Nursing freshman Yael Garcia answers a personal relationship question during David Coleman’s presentation last Wednesday in the PlainsCapital Bank Gran Salón on the Brownsville campus.

anyone else to want to date you?”

Coleman mentioned several red flags during dating that include mental, physical and emotional abuse, an unhealthy lifestyle, a questionable history and a quick temper. If an individual runs into someone with the aforementioned qualities, it is advised to turn the other way.

He later covered breakups and when they tend to occur. The majority happen right after Thanksgiving, primarily due to long-distance relationships between college students, after Valentine’s Day, after Spring Break and before summer break.

“We are stupid enough as a society to allow a Hallmark holiday to dictate whether our relationships are going well or not,” Coleman said, regarding Valentine’s Day.

He spoke about bad breakups and an acronym called D.A.T.E., which stands for distance, activity, time and exit. When going through a bad breakup, it’s advised to keep one’s distance, keep busy, allow time and have closure on one’s own

terms. Coleman created a ratio for the amount of time someone should expect before finally moving on from a breakup. For every month someone dates another, the individual should wait about two weeks. And for every year, two months should be allowed.

The dating doctor revealed that the person who controls the relationship is the person who is least invested. The person who is least invested is the person who loves, cares and tries the least between the two. However, the one who has to work twice as hard to keep the other interested has a lot more to lose.

“If your significant other honestly believes in their heart that you will walk away from them and never look back if they mistreat you or disrespect you, they won’t do it,” Coleman said. “But if the worse they treat you, the harder you work to keep them in your life, they will do it for as long as they know you.”

Coleman closed with questions from the audience.

UTRGV freshman Rose-Emmeline Alce attended with her partner, and found the presentation to be interesting.

“I learned a lot of stuff that I didn’t know before,” the mass communication major said. “I learned the seven characteristics you should look for in a partner because that really did open my eyes. It showed me that [my partner] fits all seven.”

Around 30 students attended the show and the majority of those participated during his session. Coleman adjusted his presentation to get to know the audience more so than he would have in a theater of 100.

“I love having shows, but I have to tell you, I have enjoyed both shows today,” Coleman said. “I really like the students down here. They’re sweet, they’re humble, they came for the right reasons. They had things they wanted to learn [and] they asked great questions before, during and after my show. They’re humble, they’re polite [and] I really enjoyed the students on both campuses.”



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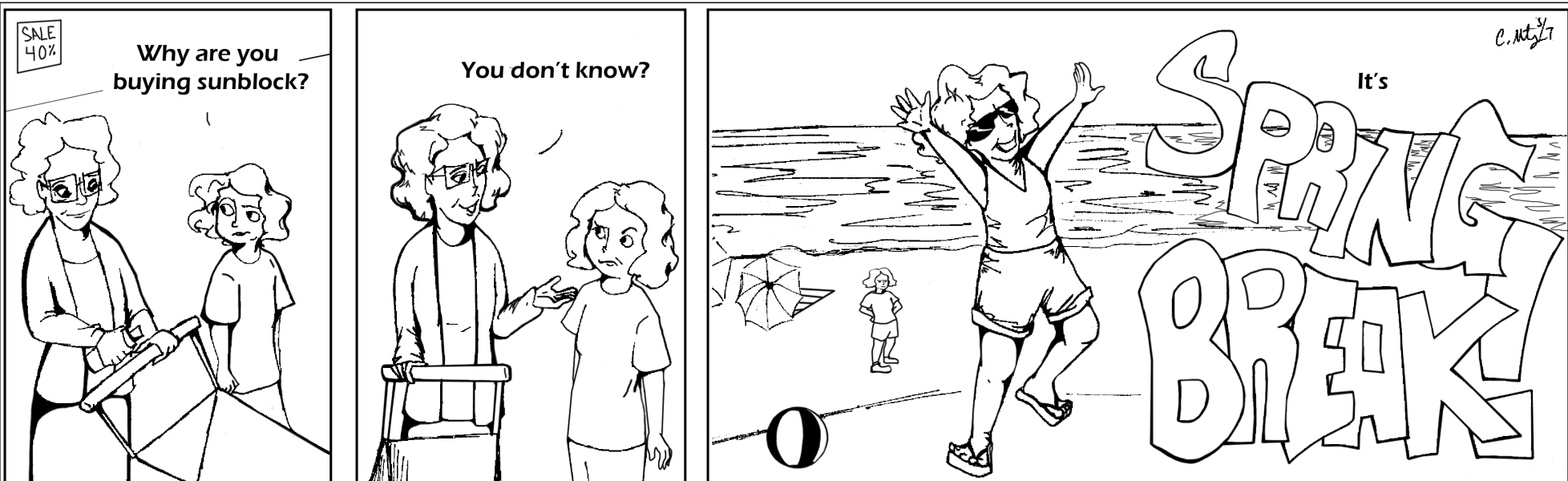
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