

The legacy of Américo Paredes

University to observe centennial of scholar, folklorist

Monica Gudiño
THE RIDER

Musician, scholar, folklorist and Brownsville native Américo Paredes helped to set the foundations for modern Mexican American scholars.

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley will host “A Texas-Mexican Centennial: The legacies of Américo Paredes,” a panel discussion, at 5:30 p.m.



Américo Paredes

Wednesday at the PlainsCapital Bank El Gran Salón. The event is a joint effort with the University See PAREDES, Page 10

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Breaking the silence

UTRGV to host events for Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Jesus Sanchez
EDITOR IN CHIEF

About four-fifths of sexual assaults are committed by someone known to the victim and 47 percent of rapists are a friend or acquaintance, according to the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (rainn.org).

RAINN states that every 107 seconds, another sexual assault occurs and 68 percent of sexual assaults are not reported to the police. Ninety-eight percent of rapists will never spend a day in jail.

Physics senior Andrea Téllez said she encourages students to speak with a person they trust when it comes to sexual assault incidents.

“Well, I think [the students] should have more information about [sexual assault awareness] because you never know,” Téllez said. “You just know when you are in the problem.”

She said the university should host more events that promote sexual assault awareness and provide information for the campus community of the steps to take to prevent it.

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Office of Victim Advocacy and Violence Prevention (OVAVP) will partner with several organizations on campus to host a campaign called Turn Texas Teal. OVAVP will set up tables Wednesday in Brownsville



*Source: National Sexual Violence Resource Center

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and Thursday in Edinburg for students to take a pledge to bring awareness on issues of sexual violence.

The tables will be set up again April 19 and 28 in Edinburg and April 21 and 27 in Brownsville.

James Loya, assistant chief of police, told *The Rider* the University Police department

will host a free Rape Aggression Defense System training today, April 18 and 25 at the Edinburg police department and May 4, 12 and 19 at Brownsville police department. The course is exclusively for women and is open to faculty, staff and students.

“In this training, we’ll have

people dressed in RedMan suits,” Loya said. “It’s a padded suit, kind of looks like a transformer. ... The people and the trainees in the class will go full hands-on striking, trying to get out of those types of situations.”

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New bench boss

Lew Hill selected as men’s basketball coach



NATHANIEL MATA/THE RIDER

Newly hired men’s basketball Head Coach Lew Hill (right) holds a UTRGV jersey beside UTRGV President Guy Bailey during a news conference last Wednesday. Hill joins the Vaqueros after being an assistant coach at Oklahoma University since 2011.

Nathaniel Mata
SPORTS EDITOR

The UTRGV Athletic Department has hired Oklahoma University’s Lew Hill as the new coach of Vaquero men’s basketball. The long-time assistant will move to the head coach position for the first time in his career.

In an introductory news conference Wednesday Head

Coach Hill got his first face-to-face with UTRGV. Student-athletes, university executives and members of the media crowded in to meet Dan Hipsher’s successor. Hipsher was reassigned March 15 after three losing seasons since taking the position, according to a news release.

After sitting through

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TIPA 2016

UTRGV Student Media wins 27 state awards

Jesus Sanchez
EDITOR IN CHIEF

UT Rio Grande Valley’s student newspaper, magazine, radio and TV stations netted 27 awards at the 107th annual Texas Intercollegiate Press Association Convention held March 31 through April 1 in Dallas.

Colleges and universities from across Texas gathered in the Sheraton Dallas Hotel to compete in numerous on-site contests and attend workshops. TIPA is the nation’s oldest and largest student press association.

More than 500 students and advisers representing 46 colleges and universities attended the convention.

Competition categories included news writing, public relations writing, television announcing, feature photography, magazine design and radio announcing, among others.

In the on-site contests, *The Rider* garnered four awards. Photographer Michelle Espinoza received second place in feature photography; Cartoonist Clarissa Martinez, third place in editorial cartoon; Reporter Monica Gudiño, honorable mention in Spanish news writing; and Editor-in-Chief Jesus Sanchez, honorable mention in print news writing.

UTRGV-TV Assistant Station Manager Steven Cavazos earned second place in the on-site live video news competition; Reporter Atalia Lara, third place in TV news writing; Reporter Jazzelle Ortiz, third place in TV advertising; Reporter Cassandra Torres, honorable mention in radio announcing (Spanish); and Station Manager Orlando Vargas, honorable mention in TV announcing.

Pulse magazine Graphic Design Intern Melissa Alatorre won second place in the on-site magazine design competition and Editor-in-Chief Betzaida Rivera received honorable mention in PR crisis management.

In a collaborative effort, Pulse magazine Photographer Gustavo

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Make a Difference Fair
Outside community organizations will offer volunteer opportunities for students during the **Make a Difference Fair**, scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday on the Main north lawn in Brownsville and April 21 on the Chapel lawn in Edinburg. For more information, call the **Office of Student Involvement** at 882-5111.

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 **"Relationships: How to Get It Right,"** 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.

Action Summit
The **Texas Say What!** program, in partnership with the **Hidalgo County Tobacco Prevention & Control Coalition**, will host its annual regional **Action Summit** April 16 at the McAllen Convention Center, 700 Convention Center Blvd. The event seeks to engage local youth in promoting

tobacco prevention efforts and learning leadership skills and strategy. For more information, call 787-0004.

Health and Wellness Series
A presentation, titled **"Cultural Barriers and Sexuality,"** will take place from noon to 1 p.m. April 20 in Cortez Hall 118 on the Brownsville campus. The session is part of the **Health and Wellness Series** sponsored by the **Counseling Center**. For more information, call 882-3897.

Vaquero Ice Cream Bar
Ice cream will be served from noon to 1 p.m. April 25 in the Main Building courtyard on the Brownsville campus. For more information, call the Student Union at 665-7989.

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.

Peace of Mind Yoga
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 women by women, 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 March 21 and April 3.

March 21
10:39 a.m.: A staff member reported receiving harassing emails to her UTRGV email account. She said the emails appeared to have been sent by an unknown male requesting money from her. The case is under investigation.

March 29
10:56 a.m.: University Police responded to a call regarding a staff member who was possibly having a seizure in the soccer complex on the Edinburg campus. Emergency medical services staff determined his blood sugar level was low and transported him to the Doctors Hospital at Renaissance for further medical assistance.

March 30
8:34 a.m.: A UTRGV student reported a white Tahoe followed him on Expressway 77/83, striking his vehicle and damaging it during the pursuit. The chase ended at the Texas Southmost College music building parking lot, where one of the Tahoe's occupants got out with a hammer and broke the victim's car windows. Brownsville Police received the suspect's description and vehicle information and are investigating the crime as an aggravated assault with a motor vehicle.
6:50 p.m.: An alarm company contacted University Police to report a motion alarm activation in the Follet bookstore on the Brownsville campus. Officers found a woman inside the building after business hours. The woman said she found the front door open and went inside to make a purchase. She did not see anyone inside or a sign signifying the normal business hours. The manager of the bookstore was informed about the situation.

March 31
12:26 p.m.: An officer responded to a call about a man and woman who were exchanging clothing in the Main Building Courtyard as part of a performance. Several witnesses gave conflicting stories regarding the level of nudity witnessed by people in the area. The performers, who are not affiliated with the university, were invited to the campus by a student organization and the organizer of the event said the performers exchanged clothing but did not expose their genitalia. They were issued a warning for criminal trespass and were escorted off campus.

3:09 p.m.: A staff member reported that a former student made contact with

her while she was at the Student Union. She said the man's behavior was not acceptable and she no longer wanted any type of contact with him. He did not use any vulgar language nor did he make any type of threats toward her.

April 1
7:54 p.m.: A staff member reported that a faculty member contacted him while he was cleaning a restroom and used vulgar language toward him. The faculty member wanted him to leave a stack of paper towels on the counter and followed him to the restroom, yelling. The staff member was afraid the faculty member was going to strike him and did not want to file charges. The Office of the Provost was notified.

April 2
8:03 p.m.: An officer working the alcohol venue at the baseball stadium made contact with a female student who had purchased alcohol for another female student, who was a minor. During the investigation, the underage student gave the officer a wrong date of birth. Both students were arrested. One female student was charged with purchase/furnishing alcohol to a minor and the other was charged with failure to identify. Both were taken to Edinburg City Jail. A report was forwarded to the Dean of Students Office.

April 3
12:59 a.m.: A staff member reported a suspicious man had entered the baseball stadium and that he believes he might have entered through the gate. When he approached the male, the suspect left the area on a dark colored bike. After reporting the incident to University Police, an officer stopped and identified a man in parking Lot P. He appeared

to be intoxicated but not a danger to himself or others and was released. After reviewing camera footage, it was revealed the subject entered the stadium fence by sliding under it, and was inside the fenced area for six minutes and then had an encounter with the staff member. The man is then seen leaving Lot N1, crossing Lot C and disappearing between the University Recreation Center and Student Health. The subject entering the stadium in the video in Lot N1 and the male identified later in Lot P appear to be wearing the same clothes. The staff member checked the area at the stadium and reported that baseball shoes had been thrown all over the grass outside the locker room. Nothing was reported to missing or damaged. The case is under investigation.

4:21 a.m.: An officer on foot patrol at the Village Apartments detected an odor of marijuana outside one of the apartments. He saw two males exit the apartment and quickly enter another nearby. When officers knocked on the first apartment they made contact with two males inside and asked for them to step out as well as those who went into the separate apartment. When K9 Odin was brought to sniff the area there was a general odor of marijuana in the apartment but he was unable to pinpoint to one area. All four men stated that some of their friends that smoke marijuana had just been there but that no one smoked in the apartment and that there were no narcotics in the apartment. No marijuana was found. A report was forwarded to the Dean of Students Office.

--Compiled by Andrea Torres



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The grandmasters of UTRGV

University chess team places second at The President’s Cup tournament

Rick R. Ramirez
SOCIAL MEDIA EDITOR

Four members of the UTRGV Chess Team competed in The President’s Cup tournament. The grandmasters placed second in the national competition, falling short by one point to Webster University.

“We are the best of Texas,” UTRGV Chess Coach Bartlomiej “Bartek” Maciejka said. “There was only one more team from Texas presented there: Texas Tech. We won against them in the first round, so it’s a huge success. Last time we qualified for the Final 4 [of College Chess] was five years ago.”

The President’s Cup tournament, also known as the Final 4 of College Chess, took place April 1-3 at the Marshall Chess Club in New York City.

UTRGV defeated Texas Tech by 3-1, lost against Webster University by 2.5-1.5 and was victorious 3-1 over Columbia Univeristy.

The tournament closed with Webster University at 8.5 points; UTRGV, 7.5; Texas Tech, 5.5; and Columbia University, 2.5.

The last time the team qualified for The President’s Cup was in 2010 as legacy institution University of Texas at Brownsville.



RICK R. RAMIREZ/THE RIDER

Grandmaster and senior computer science major Holden Hernandez practices with Chess Coach Bartlomiej “Bartek” Maciejka last Tuesday afternoon.

Each team member who competed in the tournament is an international student and relatively new to the U.S.

Carlos Hevia, a freshman computer science major from El Vedado, Cuba, said his father taught him how to play chess at an early age. He later enrolled in a sports school before joining the Cuban National Developmental Chess team.

“Estuve tres años en la Preselección Nacional de Cuba antes de venir acá”, the Cuban national said. “He jugado en varios campeonatos nacionales, varios torneos importantes en Cuba”. (“I was three years in the Cuban Developmental National team before coming over here. I’ve played in several national championships, several important

tournaments in Cuba.”)

Physics sophomore Andrey Stukopin, like Hevia, has spent less than two years in the U.S. and has been playing chess for more than 10 years.

“I started when I was 7,” Stukopin said. “Chess is very popular in Russia. Many of my friends started as early as 4.”

Stukopin is a native of Rostov, Russia, and visits his family each summer. He shares an apartment with team member and computer science senior Holden Hernandez, who also competed in the Final 4 of College Chess.

“We showed a very decent quality of chess and we tried our best,” he said. “[Coach] Bartek made the success real. He puts a lot of hard work and even helps us with our homework.”

Anton Kovalyov, a computer science junior from Montreal, Canada, also participated in the tournament.

To qualify for The President’s Cup, the UTRGV Chess Team competed and tied for first place in the Pan American Intercollegiate Chess Championship in Cleveland, Ohio, in December 2015.

“That’s the most prestigious, most important event of the year. All colleges that have chess programs participated,” Maciejka said about the Pan American Intercollegiate Chess Championship. “It was a huge success. We never tied for first before.”

Dare to venture

Pokémon scavenger hunt at UTRGV underway

Bryan Ramos
THE RIDER

As the semester begins to wind down and stress starts to build up, a student’s best friend can be anything that helps take the mind off the grind. Venture at UTRGV, a social media video channel run by students, has combined a scavenger hunt with Pokémon to create an exciting escape for those looking to have some fun on campus.

Pokémon is a card and video game created in Japan that became popular in the United States in the late ’90s which revolves around capturing and training creatures.

Senior Angela Ruiz, president of Venture at UTRGV, explained the idea behind creating the Pokémon QR Code Scavenger Hunt.

“I wanted to provide something really fun for the student body that’s happening at both campuses,” said Ruiz, an art education major. “I would love to see UTRGV jump on Pokémon the way UT Austin jumped on quidditch and now they’re actually national champions of quidditch. I would like to see UTRGV as the Pokémon masters in the United States.”

The Pokémon QR Code Scavenger Hunt is a challenge for students to search high and low around school to capture

the most Pokémon. The event began April 4 and closes on April 25. There are 50 different QR codes on fliers posted across the Edinburg and Brownsville campuses, which when scanned by a QR code reader application on a smartphone will reveal which Pokemon you’ve found. Simply screenshot the page of the Pokémon to complete the capture. Each campus has 25 QR codes that will feature different Pokémon.

A map providing hints to the locations of the Pokemon QR codes can be found on the Venture at UTRGV Facebook page.

Venture at UTRGV is a student-run YouTube channel established in February, intended to provide students with a platform to create video and animation content, allowing them to build a portfolio compiled of digital and social media experience.

The contest runs through April 25 and concludes with an online registration for participants to submit the Pokémon they’ve captured. The top three Pokémon hunters win prizes: first place wins a Saturday pass to South Texas Comic Con and a Pokémon Master T-shirt, second place wins a Pokémon Gym Leader T-shirt and a Whataburger gift card, and third place takes home a Pokémon Trainer shirt. The T-shirts have been custom designed by UTRGV printmaking



COURTESY PHOTO

The Pokemon QR Code Scavenger Hunt contest, held by Venture at UTRGV, runs until April 25. The first place winner will receive a one-day Saturday pass to South Texas Comic Con.

students.

Timothy Butler, assistant professor of marketing at UTRGV, said QR code technology combined with a Pokémon scavenger hunt can be good for campus life.

“This is the first time something like this, using QR codes, has been done here,” Butler said. “These types of activities will

help unify UTRGV as consisting of one university.”

For more information regarding the online registration and prize information, visit the Venture at UTRGV page on Facebook. Keep an eye on the page for updates regarding the Pokémon QR Code Scavenger Hunt and school-related media.

UTRGV Graduate Medical Education to welcome 42 new residents in July

Andrea Torres
THE RIDER

Edinburg native Dr. Eduardo Luna is a step closer to becoming an endocrinologist and helping those with diabetes and thyroid conditions in the Rio Grande Valley.

That step starts with the completion of his residency at the UTRGV internal medicine program at Valley Baptist Medical Center in Harlingen.

“I’ve been a member here for a third year already. I graduate in June,” Luna said. “I found myself at this program here at UTRGV. It’s been an absolute blessing in disguise for me. ... I do believe that if you aspire to do what you want to do, you can definitely do it. It’s been great to come back and provide for the community, especially at the RGV.”

Luna received his doctor of medicine



ANDREA TORRES/THE RIDER

The Valley Baptist Medical Center in Harlingen has one of the six UTRGV medical residency programs where students can conduct their residency in internal medicine. In the 2016 Match Day, 10 residents were matched to this program.

degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston and is among five students who will graduate in June from the internal medicine program.

After completing his residency, Luna will take part in a fellowship program at UT Health Science Center San Antonio and train for two years in endocrinology and metabolism.

“I understand that the time commitment to try to strive for medicine or any other type of medical field but at the end of it, it’s been completely worth it,” Luna said. “We have wonderful faculty members. Dr. James Hanley, who’s our program director here, has been pretty much pivotal and an inspiration for us. [He] has really, you know, taught us a lot about medicine.”

The internal medicine program at Valley Baptist Medical Center is among

the six residency programs UTRGV offers for doctors to undergo clinical training.

For this year’s Match Day, held March 18, the university was paired with 42 doctors from across the nation to take part in these programs.

Applicants from across the country were paired up through a computer-based process by the National Resident Matching Program.

“The match is a system, it’s how we pair applicants to the programs of their choices,” said Dr. Yolanda Gomez, associate dean of Graduate Medical Education. “Some candidates may come and do, like, 10 interviews across the states or even here in Texas. At the end, it’s kind of like Match.com because they put it in order from their best preference to the lowest where they wanna go.”

The programs do the same as the See MEDICINE, Page 7

Campus Q & A

How often do you use UTRGV’s advising services? Why or why not?



“I use it about every semester and it’s only for when weird complications come up with my classes, such as right now with my course. With one of the courses I’m taking for my major, for different sections they teach for different majors, so it’s like one would teach for engineering and the other one teaches for like biomedical, but it’s the same course with the same name and so I just need to know if the one I’m taking is for my major or not.”

Kristian Recio
Computer science junior



“He ido alrededor de cuatro veces, yo creo. Qué tan efectivos han sido? Creo que no mucho en lo personal. Se que hay gente que sí les ha ayudado más que nada porque saben qué carrera realmente si tienen algo con lo que tienen dudas. Yo en lo personal no he tenido muchas dudas y ha sido muy calmado todo el camino así que realmente no he ocupado la ayuda”.

Aarón A. Sosa
Filosofía tercer año



“I’ve used it maybe two or three times per semester. It is pretty helpful for all my classes and all my questions.”

Nadia Anzaldúa
Criminal justice freshman



“I’ve used them about three times this year and every time it was just a huge mess, and I actually need to go back to them because they lost the papers that I filed to substitute some classes. I am supposed to be

graduating in May. I don’t know what is wrong with them. I’ve visited them a couple of times and the advisers try to help, but it is such a mess that they can’t. It is definitely due to the merger because I am from UTB, so they literally don’t even have my papers on campus and that’s because I live in Edinburg now. So, I have to drive to Brownsville anytime I want to have anything done.”

Jazmin Gonzalez
Government and sociology senior

--Compiled by Michelle Espinoza and Lesley Robles

Autism Awareness Month



‘Don’t be ugly’ culture

Accepting that you don’t know everything and where to go from there

Marissa Rodriguez
THE RIDER



Like most of us, I don’t like being told what to do. Like most of us, I don’t like being told that I’m wrong. And like most of us, when it comes to a lot of things, I don’t know what I’m talking about.

In the past few years, political correctness has become a buzzword in social and news media, as well as being a label that many have found themselves on the receiving end of. The word itself can mean a lot of things in a lot of different situations. The New York Times calls this an “era of outrage,” in

which everybody has a problem with somebody and they let it be known.

To be politically correct is to insist that somebody change the way they phrase something or refrain from saying something that is offensive or “triggering” to a marginalized community of people.

Now this is where the outrage comes in. Opposers of P.C. Culture claim that millennials just like to complain and shouldn’t stifle their right to free speech. Proponents of political correctness would claim that people who make racist, sexist, anti-LGBTQ remarks should be called out and that they will be.

Regardless of whatever leftist or rightist agenda they may subscribe to, I concede that some people just need to imagine that their mother is sitting next to them and will pinch their leg if

they’re about to say something dumb or offensive. Some people need to hear a threateningly whispered “Don’t be ugly” every now and then.

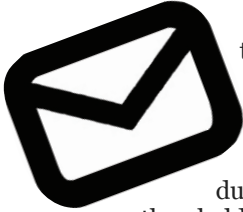
Sure you can say whatever you want and that is your right. But why be so ugly about it?

You know that thing where somebody reminds you of something you said or did years ago and it makes you want to melt into the earth and never be seen again? Well, I think that sometimes when people call you out for something you say it’s like catching a glimpse into the future. Maybe you are continuing with some kind of outdated rhetoric that people have a right to take issue with. It’s not about free speech. It’s more about wondering if future-you will be embarrassed by the current-you. To be clear, when your right to free speech

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Letters to the Editor

Retirees thank student



I would like to take this means to thank a student for the assistance she provided to a group of university retirees during the program they held in conjunction with FESTIBA on March 1. Members of PARA, the university’s retirees organization, put on a program of creative activities that members engage in during their

retirement, including poetry readings, jewelry making, and writing and publishing books of a historical nature.

This FESTIBA event was held in the Visual Arts Building on South Clossner in Edinburg, a very nice and well-equipped facility. Some of the members wanted to use the computer and projector system in the room so that they could illustrate their presentations with images projected on the screen. Unfortunately, we had some difficulty getting the system to operate properly for us. In stepped student Kassandra Castillo who had

come to observe our program. We were lucky that Castillo was there because she knew what to do and she graciously helped out and made it possible for us to proceed with our presentations.

So, thank you, Castillo; we are very glad you came to our program and we appreciate the assistance you gave us. All the best to you in whatever you do.

Frederick (Ted) von Ende, Ph.D.
UTPA/UTRGV Professor Emeritus
Editor, PARagraph (PARA’s newsletter)

SGA ticket endorsement

Some say that a sitting student government president should refrain from endorsing a particular candidate in an SGA election. I agree.

However, every rule has its exception, including unwritten ones.

Last year, I had the privilege of including Denisse Molina for the position of vice president for the UTRGV Brownsville campus in my presidential ticket for the first ever UTRGV SGA elections. As I ended my term as the UT Pan American SGA president, and headed into the UTRGV elections, I was in need of people with strong leadership

and great administrative skills all around the board. I met Molina shortly before the filing deadline; I immediately knew she had the experience necessary to be our top SGA official on the Brownsville campus. From the first day of my

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administration, I knew I made the right choice with her.

Molina was an SGA outsider who knew what needed to be done to improve student representation in our university. The strength of a student body president lies 100 percent in the people that he

or she can bring together to work for a common goal. Molina has proven time and time again--and other candidates come nowhere close to her experience--that she has the right set of skills to bring the UTRGV student body together. In just our second election, I encourage all my fellow UTRGV students to cast their votes for Molina’s ticket for 2016-2017 SGA executives.

Alberto Adame
UTRGV Student Government
Association President

Painting the stress away

Student expression through art

Ena Capucion
NEWS EDITOR

As a director for one play with involvement in another, UTRGV junior Sabrina Rodriguez knows what it's like to juggle classes as a full-time student as well as other outside activities such as church involvement. She painted her stress away along with about 30 other students at Edinburg's first "Picasso Your Stress" last Tuesday at the Student Union.

The Counseling Center hosted PYS and encouraged students to let go of their anxieties by expressing themselves through art.

Rodriguez began painting her canvas black, then blue because it was her favorite color. Then the colors and ideas kept flowing until she had a colorful canvas with a purple peace sign in the middle.

"I have a lot of things going on in life, so I'm just trying to find my center again," the theater design major said. "[I'm] trying to get the collaboration of that production and the other production in a time sync with my [classes and church involvement]. The reason I painted this picture is because there's lightness and there's dark and in the middle there's everything in between, but the purple represents Christ. And so, the purple brings us peace within the good and the bad and everything in between."

UTRGV freshman Elda Peña noticed the canvases lined up and, having not painted for quite some time, took the opportunity to create something more galaxy-like.

"I've done like galaxy kind of stuff before, like I did one painting like that for my mother like a long time ago," the



GABRIEL MATA/THE RIDER

Theater design junior Sabrina Rodriguez loses herself in her music as she paints during the "Picasso Your Stress" event last Tuesday at the Student Union in Edinburg.

graphic design major said. "I guess I got inspired by that maybe because I'm not sure what I'm doing. I'm just working with what I've got."

While Peña painted for leisure, UTRGV freshman Alex Galindo painted on behalf

of financial stress.

"Painting is fun, it gets you away from the stress," the computer science major said. "To begin with, I had no idea what I was doing, so I went for [a] Rubik's Cube,

but that's a complete failure. In the end, it's just kind of throwing something together as it comes to me. It lets me forget about the worldly matters even just for a little bit."

Check the Pulse!

UTRGV to release first student magazine in late April

Trisha Maldonado
THE RIDER

Pulse, the university's first student magazine, is to be released by the end of the month. Pulse is the new name for legacy institution UTPA's student magazine, the Panorama.

Twenty to 25 people have been working hard since last semester to put the magazine together.

Donna Pazdera, program adviser for Pulse magazine, provided insight on what is to be featured in the magazine.

"It's sort of a compilation of what's going on in culture, what's going on in a regional level, school, art and entertainment, and fashion," Pazdera said. "So, we try to get a variety of area of interests so that way, hopefully, there is something for everyone."

She said she is excited about some stories that are going to be published.

"One is about the Sacred Heart church in McAllen," the communication lecturer said. "I think a lot of people have forgotten that, that was pretty much ground zero for the immigrant crisis from Central America a couple of years ago, so this story is about a student who volunteered at the church and just kind of chronicles her experiences and talks about the crisis."

Pazdera also mentioned there is going to be a story on politics and a randy story on the sex life of Winter Texans, which came to light from one of her students during class.

"I'm pretty happy with the content this

time around," she said. "It's nice and the cover is beautiful."

She said the most challenging part of putting the magazine together was making sure to cover some stuff from Brownsville.

"It's tough because [the Brownsville campus'] communication program is a little different from [the Edinburg campus] and so they don't necessarily offer the same courses that we do," Pazdera said. "I mean, they are now, but I mean it's a challenge."

Enrique Ybarra, a computer science major, said he will pick up a copy once Pulse is on the stands.

"I feel like a lot of it would be featured in sports because they are pretty good," Ybarra said. "And I would hope that they try and diversify a little, like

not just all sports. Maybe some of the projects in the engineering or the arts."

Ybarra said he is aware of different plays that are held on campus.

"It's pretty cool," the sophomore said. "That's basically all I hope for the magazine."

Pulse magazine is free of charge and will be distributed across both campuses. Look out for them, grab a copy and check the Pulse!

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CLUB SPOTLIGHT



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Members of the Habitat for Humanity executive board are Secretary Karyna Martinez (from left), Vice President Amanda Saenz, Sergeant-at-Arms Shahin Owji, Treasurer Joshua Patino, President Alfonso Perez Basilio and Historian Jacobo Strong.

Name: Habitat for Humanity

Purpose: Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization that believes every person should have a decent, safe and affordable place to live. The organization builds, renovates and repairs houses across the Rio Grande Valley using volunteer labor and donations. It welcomes all people to work in partnership. Habitat for Humanity advocates an increase in access to decent, affordable housing around the world.

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Activities: Volunteers at the ReStore nonprofit home improvement store and donation center, fundraises, participates in school and community events, and holds socials.

Meetings: 12:30 p.m. every other Tuesday in Science Building room 2.102.

Membership requirements: Submit a request on V-link to become an official member. There is a \$20 membership fee, which also pays for the club's T-shirt.

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Jonathan Flores (left), bilingual English as a Second Language coordinator for Seguin Independent School District, gives information to Diana Burton, a San Benito head start teacher, about the different programs Seguin ISD offers during the Spring Teachers Job Expo last Tuesday at the PlainsCapital Bank El Gran Salón on the Brownsville campus. Representatives from more than 50 school districts attended the fair, which was hosted by the UTRGV Career Center.



GABRIEL MATA/THE RIDER

Faustino Garces (left), an interdisciplinary studies senior specializing in special education, speaks to Willie Watson, assistant superintendent of Human Resources for San Marcos Consolidated Independent School District, about job opportunities in San Marcos during the Spring Teachers Job Expo last Friday in the Fieldhouse on the Edinburg campus.

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applicants by ranking those who were interviewed by the highest and lowest preference. The NRMP then evaluates the choices of the programs and applicants to match them together, Gomez said.

Nationally, the match this year was the largest on record, with more than 42,000 applicants competing for 30,000 positions, according to a university news release.

Among the students accepted were six new residents for each of the family medicine programs at McAllen Medical Center and Doctors Hospital at Renaissance; 10 residents for internal medicine at Valley Baptist Medical Center; and the remaining 20 for the Doctors Hospital at Renaissance, 12 in internal medicine, four in obstetrics and gynecology and four in general surgery.

With the addition of these 42 residents, UTRGV has at least 100 medical residents in training.

Previously, the Valley Baptist and McAllen programs had 27 residents in their programs under UT Health Science Center San Antonio. These students were transferred to UTRGV July 1, according to the news release.

“We’ve had two programs that have been here a while,” Gomez said. “Valley Baptist [Medical Center] internal medicine has been here more than 10 years [and] family medicine McAllen Medical Center has been here more than 30 years.”

The university welcomed the first class of medical residents last June with 42 doctors who were matched in March 2015.

Among those was Dr. Cesar Gutierrez, who advises those who wish to apply for the programs to never give up.

“I had trouble getting into residency, like, this was my second opportunity trying to get into residency,” Gutierrez said. “It’s just never give up. If this is what you really want, then always strive

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Reconnect the food system

Community leaders promote open discussion and collaboration to address need

Marissa Rodriguez
THE RIDER

A Texas A&M University professor and a few social workers are going door-to-door to visit homes in a colonia to assess the living conditions in the community. One social worker asks a woman if she can look into her refrigerator and opens it only to find a single bag of chicken bones there. The woman quietly responded, “This way, when my children open up the refrigerator, they’ll at least see that something is there.”

Guest speaker Jeremy Everett, founder of Baylor University’s Texas Hunger Institute (THI), shared this anecdote at the second annual Food Insecurity Forum that took place Thursday on the Edinburg campus and was livestreamed to Salón Cassia in Brownsville.

A panel of seven community leaders who dedicate their efforts to issues related to hunger, food security and resilient food systems, came together to engage the community to take action. The panelists wished to open a discussion on what needs to be done to address the great disparity between food sustainability, the rapidly growing population and rising poverty rates.

In his opening remarks, Alex Racelis, Agroecology program director at UTRGV, said that in 2014, the Rio Grande Valley became the area with the highest concentration of certified organic farms in the state of Texas, but the region also suffers from the highest rates of food-related health issues and food insecurity.

Within the Biology department, Racelis established a nationally recognized research and student training Agroecology program, which helps students learn how to engage the community of farmers to facilitate sustainability despite urban growth.

Racelis argues that for a region that is surrounded by agricultural wealth, it is sadly ironic that one out of four people in the Valley are food insecure, meaning that they do not have physical, social or economic access to healthy foods.

“If you drive around here you see fields and farms everywhere and yet we have the issues that we have,” Racelis said. “I tell people that we are probably the most disconnected food system in the country because of this. ... So, how do we reconnect the food system?”

The panelists actively work in their community to answer this question. Everett has discovered in his travels throughout Texas that by engaging communities, great changes can be made to advance the mission to reduce hunger.

“We’ve seen increase over hundreds of millions of meals for children and their families over the past five years,” Everett said. “So, we’ve seen that these macro-social change theories can work and we know that they can expand access to healthy food for food-insecure families, but we know that we’re not done.”

The panelists discussed what still needs to be done to address this issue, what they are doing to help and how the community can help. Veronica Rosenbaum, Farmer’s Market manager for the Brownsville Wellness Coalition, reported that their hunger initiative has opened five community gardens, two urban farms and La Cocina Alegre,



GABRIEL MATA/THE RIDER

Jeremy Everett, founding director of the Texas Hunger Initiative, speaks during the forum on hunger insecurity last Thursday at the International Trade and Technology building on the Edinburg campus. Also shown is Alex Racelis, Agroecology program director at UTRGV.

or The Happy Kitchen, to help make healthy food choices more available in low-income communities. They also have a mobile market that rotates between the 10 public housing developments in Brownsville.

and diabetes are not often the result of lack of access to healthy food alternatives and lack of affordable resources.

“We know that it’s not just obesity or hunger but it’s obesity and hunger that live simultaneously in the same

“ For the first time ever ... we have young people being outlived by their parents. [Students] won’t be able to live as long as their parents have. So, there’s something there in stressing the importance of getting involved because we want to reverse those trends quickly.

Jeremy Everett
Founder of Baylor University’s Texas Hunger Institute

Omar Rodriguez, manager of Communications and Advocacy for the Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley, boasts that they were able to disburse over 35 million pounds of food through various churches, shelters and food bank locations throughout the Valley, 32 million of which were locally sourced items, meaning food that was produced within the region.

Rodriguez pointed out that where one out of every two children in the Valley are going to sleep hungry, the Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley is the largest nonprofit at work to reduce hunger in the region.

Belinda Reininger, interim chair for the Department of Population Health and Behavioral Sciences at the UTRGV School of Medicine, argues that the university can help to come together to work and form partnerships that can effect policy change that will prioritize nutrition and affordable access to food resources for the community. She also presented the idea that issues like obesity

households, in the same families,” Reininger said. “We’re gonna work together to address this issue. So, for the university, one of the issues we’ve taken on is to bring people together.”

While the event focused on getting down to the business of solving the Valleywide epidemic of hunger and food insecurity, the sincerity of the panelists’ mission was personified when Social Work Department Chair Suderhan Pasupuleti invited two women from the Edinburg Towers public housing development to

speak about their experience as recipients of food bank donations. The two women spoke with great pride and gratitude toward the efforts that the food bank has gone to make resources available to low-income families. These residents are now opening their own food bank to serve the needs of their neighborhood.

One of the most telling moments of the night occurred when Racelis remarked that, based on current statistics, this generation of college students will not live to the same age that their parents will, despite all medical and technological advances.

“For the first time ever ... we have young people being outlived by their parents,” he said. “[Students] won’t be able to live as long as their parents have. So, there’s something there in stressing the importance of getting involved because we want to reverse those trends quickly.”

To get involved with the initiative to end hunger in the Valley, information can be found at the Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley website, or the Brownsville Wellness Coalition. More information on the UTRGV Agroecology program can be found on the university website.

The Environmental Awareness Club will also host the UTRGV Farmer’s Market from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday in front of the UREC on the Edinburg campus.

COLUMN

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threatens somebody else’s right to exist, then you are out of line.

Also, take into account the pattern of ideologies that also defend their right to “tell it like it is.” Donald Trump has built an entire campaign off of “free speech.” While, we may know for fact that not all Mexicans fit into the “rapist” or “illegal” categories, there are many that identify with his assertions. Trump has cultivated a colossal following of people who feel validated by his “honesty” and

commitment to defending free speech, regardless of whether it is true or not.

Not to say that all anti-P.C. people are little Donalds, but in a world where “being chill” is the currency by which most college students live, it is very un-chill to be doggedly hateful against any marginalized group. Unless being homophobic or racist or whatever is really “your thing,” maybe we can just try to be open to people checking your attitude.

In the immortal words of the ubiquitous Ice Cube, “Check yourself before you wreck yourself.”

Check out SGA candidate profiles online



Rodrigo Gonzalez



Denisse Molina-Castro

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Doubles major in chemistry

Tennis duos build together

Bryan Ramos
THE RIDER

When people think tennis, most think of an individual sport. Two competitors squaring off, separated by a net, equipped with only a racket, tennis ball and the will to beat the person staring back at you on the opposite side of the court. When playing doubles, adding a teammate to the equation brings a different dynamic to the game of tennis that forces individuals to work together.

Tennis doubles requires communication, trust and rhythm between two teammates who share one common goal: win.

Top men's doubles pair, sophomore Koby Jansen and junior Juan Cruz Soria, and top women's doubles duo, senior Reegan Greenwood and sophomore Dominique Esparza, work together to build chemistry to achieve success on the court. The ultimate goal is to win the Western Athletic Conference Championships, a three-day tournament on April 29 in Brownsville at the Brownsville Tennis Center.

Men's tennis Head Coach Brett Bernstein, a former member of the UTPA tennis team from 2006-2010, broke down the complexity of doubles play.

"You're both trying to get the job done in your own way but you have to work along another individual, so you learn what that individual does well, how they handle themselves in certain situations, whether they're going to rise to the occasion or whether you're going to have to rise to the occasion," said Bernstein, who is in his first year as a head coach. "Tennis is a very individual sport and you're thrown into a team dynamic where you have to learn to rely on someone."



LESLEY ROBLES/THE RIDER PHOTOS

UTRGV's top pair of Juan Cruz Soria (left) and Kobe Jansen fist bump during doubles practice last Tuesday at the Orville I. Cox Tennis Center. Sophomore Jansen and junior Soria have played together for two seasons.



Dominique Esparza (right) returns a ball during her singles match against Lorena Maruffo of Laredo Community College. The Vaqueros defeated the LCC Palominos 6-1 on April 4 at the Orville I. Cox Tennis Center. Reegan Greenwood (left) looks on during her match against Laredo Community College's Lisa Carvajal. Greenwood defeated Carvajal (6-3, 6-4) on Senior Day, April 4.

HILL

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introductions from both President Guy Bailey and Athletics Director Chris King, Hill had the opportunity to tell those in attendance what he hoped to bring. A phrase he kept coming back to was "The losing stops today and winning starts today."

Hill's plan to end losing and start winning for men's basketball is deeper than just strategy on the court.

"I don't want to put a time on it, but once you start seeing the culture change the winning will come," said Hill, a native of Mount Vernon, N.Y. "With the recruiting and the mentality change, it will come."

Hill has been an assistant coach for 26 seasons. His last three stops have been high-profile programs at Texas A&M University, University of Nevada Las Vegas and Oklahoma University. During

his time at OU he helped coached the team to four-straight NCAA appearances, as well as an appearance in the Final Four earlier this month. The Sooner teams with Hill on the coaching staff had a combined 111-65 record.

Lon Kruger, the coach that Hill worked with at Oklahoma as well as UNLV, has a distinct Rio Grande Valley connection. Kruger served as UTPA's head coach from 1982 through 1984. Kruger's head coaching résumé also includes a brief stint in the NBA, leading the Atlanta Hawks. Hill has been a part of Kruger's coaching staff for the last 12 seasons.

Kruger, who was also in attendance Wednesday, visited with some fans who remembered his time in Edinburg over 30 years ago. He had a big part in connecting UTRGV with his former assistant and landing him the job and spoke highly of Hill's character.

"He's a people person. He's always about relationships, he's always about

In the NCAA Division 1 format, doubles matches are played first, followed by singles matches. There are three doubles pair from each team which face off to begin the match.

"It sets the tone for the match, really. It goes so quick, often it's over in half an hour, so you got to be switched on right from the word go," said Jansen, who hails from Queensland, Australia. "If your opponents are a little bit off, you can jump all over them and if you're not switched on, it can mess up your whole match. A lot of it is psychological, that first doubles point."

Greenwood, who with her win against Laredo Community College on Tuesday, moved into a tie with former player Mary Jane Meyer (1987-90) for fourth on the all-time career single wins list in school history, talked about how having a teammate in doubles compares to single play.

"Once you get to play with them a few matches, you get to know their game style and how you work together. If you're having a bad day you always have your teammate to pick you up," Greenwood said. "It's always good to have a good relationship off the court as well, which I

people," Kruger said. "Lew gets that, he'll reach out to people in the community. His players will love playing for him. He'll do great, he'll be fantastic. People will love him."

The new head coach will begin in the RGV with a clean slate, a five-year \$250,000 salary and all eyes on his team in the fall.

In Hill's favor is that UTRGV basketball has not had a winning season since the 2007-08 season, under the UTPA name. Tom Schuberth led that team to an 18-13 record. They did not have a conference that year. Since that year the Broncs and now Vaqueros have a combined record of 76-172, and a 19-37 conference record (including Great West Conference and Western Athletic Conference).

King conveyed confidence toward hiring a first-year head coach because of the long apprenticeship under Kruger.

"Everybody has to start somewhere. When you start with someone like Lon

think all of us do, so that helps."

Cohesiveness is a key in any team sport. Women's tennis Head Coach Stephanie Wooten-Quijada touched on the thought process that goes into choosing doubles partners and the team's goals as the season comes to a close.

"I think it's a lot of chemistry. Dominique and Reegan are good friends and they enjoy playing together so they're a great team. I try and place players with personalities that can mesh on court," said Wooten-Quijada, who's in her first season as head coach at UTRGV. "We need to stay happy and healthy. If they're happy they play hard and if they're healthy they play better. So, we're just looking to keep improving, especially in doubles. Right now, our goal is to win conference and go to the NCAA tournament."

Two UTRGV seniors, Greenwood and Julia Perez, a Roma native, were sent off with a 6-1 win on Senior Day against LCC, playing in the final home match of their careers.

The women's tennis team will wrap up regular season play when they take on the Texas State University Bobcats on April 15 in San Marcos at 9 a.m.

Kruger for 12 years and his blueprint for success, to me it doesn't get much stronger than that," the seventh-year director of athletics said.

King also praised Hill's recruiting abilities and connections, especially in major Texas basketball hubs.

"If you look at the best programs in the WAC, those coaches are some of the top recruiters in the country," King said. "We have four open scholarships. In the Houston and Dallas area, [Hill] has a tremendous amount of contacts. That's something that's imperative for us. If we're going to build a program, we need to build it from freshmen and up."

Hill has already met with the returning players on the men's team and will continue to build a new identity for men's basketball. Since NCAA basketball ended last week, he will have a full offseason cycle before he makes his debut next fall.

ASSAULT

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training. Registration will remain open until the 18 slots are filled. For more information, call 665-7151.

On April 27, OVAVP and the UTRGV Counseling Center in Brownsville will participate in Denim Day. Denim Day is an event in which people are encouraged to wear jeans as a visible means of protest against the misconceptions that surround sexual assault, according to denimdayinfo.org.

Sexual assault is defined by Texas Penal Code section 22.011 as intentionally or knowingly causing the sexual organ of another person, without that person’s consent, to contact or penetrate the mouth, anus or sexual organ of another person, including the actor.

Yvette Castro, a victim services specialist at UTRGV, said she is available to help anyone seeking help, including the outside community.

“I provide direct services to victims that come into the campus police department,” Castro said. “I work along with the investigator either here on campus or I work with our other agencies, you know, throughout the Valley to see how we can help the victim. ... I am employed with the police department. I am able to get direct services from the police department to the victims to give them advocacy.”

Castro will also be an instructor in the RAD System trainings.

Douglas Stoves, associate dean of Student Rights and Responsibilities, said the university provides multiple services for students, faculty and staff seeking help.

“We have a victim’s advocacy, which is a confidential source on campus that can work with victims and help them navigate both internal and external resources,” Stoves said. “We have, of course, Student Health Services, we have University Police, we have counseling and [students] have my office in the Dean of Students office. ... Our primary concern is the students, so that’s going to be our focus.”

He said the university is already taking initiatives to address and prevent sexual harassment, assault and violence.

“All new transfer and graduate students are required to go through ...

CampusClarity,” Stoves said. “That’s an online module that talks about not only alcohol but it talks about sexual assault and defines it. It also ... gives various scenarios and, basically, educates students not only if they see it to report it but also if it happens to them what they should do.”

Students, faculty and staff are able to report any sexual misconduct incident through the Vaquero Care Report It Form, which is available at utrgv.edu/reportit.

The campus community is encouraged to consult with Student Rights and Responsibilities staff to discuss the options available to the student in filing a report.

History freshman Carlos Aguirre said the university should provide information sessions discussing the punishments for sexual assault.

“I think there should be programs to let the people know the consequences of [sexual assault],” Aguirre said. “I think everybody should be informed. ... Maybe create student groups or maybe have some classes. If it was me, I would recommend to someone to report it or let someone know. It’s not good to just keep it in.”

Disciplinary actions against faculty and staff may include, but are not limited to, written reprimands, the imposition of conditions, reassignment, suspension and dismissal. Student disciplinary actions may include, but are not limited to, probation, suspension or expulsion, according to UTRGV’s Sexual Harassment and Sexual Misconduct policy.

The UTRGV Sexual Harassment and Sexual Misconduct policy is available at utrgv.edu/hop.

“One of the things we would like to remind everybody is to be aware of your surroundings,” Loya said. “I understand people want to have a good time and be out there but, you know, be cautious. Be cautious of what you’re doing and report anything suspicious. If you see something, say something. ... We rather go to 100 calls that turn out to be nothing than not to have responded at all.”

To report an incident, call 665-5171 in Edinburg or 882-8232 in Brownsville.

“Something very important to remember is that you are not alone,” Téllez said. “The university can help you in anything.”

on Medical Education until Oct. 15, it did not need it for the residency program to start, according to Patrick Gonzales, assistant vice president for University Marketing and Communications.

“The accreditation we were seeking at the time was for the school, so we can educate students to become doctors,” Gonzalez said. “The people that came into the first white coat, they are already doctors, so they do their residencies with the actual hospitals.”

The new residents will begin their orientation June 23 and start their programs July 1.

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of Texas at Austin.

“Américo Paredes had a major effect upon the development of Mexican American studies and is considered one of the founding figures of the field,” said John M. Gonzalez, an associate English professor and associate director of the Center for Mexican American Studies at UT Austin. “More generally, he was a really important figure in analyzing how Mexican Americans are imagined in the United States and how they respond to that.”

Paredes was born in Brownsville, on Sept. 3, 1915, and died on May 5, 1999. He attended Brownsville Junior College in 1934 and at the same time started working for the *Brownsville Herald* as a proofreader, translator and staff writer, according to a biography on the UT Austin website.

In 1937, his first book of poetry, titled “*Cantos de adolescencia*,” was published. Paredes quit his job to join the U.S. Army as an infantryman in 1944.

He returned to the U.S. in 1950 and enrolled in UT Austin, from which he graduated summa cum laude with a master’s degree in English and folklore studies. In 1956, he received his doctorate in the same fields from the university. His doctoral dissertation, titled “With His Pistol in His Hand: A Border Ballad and its Hero,” was on Gregorio Cortez, a South Texas folk hero.

Paredes had a tenure track position teaching folklore and creative writing at UT Austin. His “Folktales of Mexico,” which was published in 1970, and “A Texas Mexican Cancionero: Folksongs of the Lower Border,” in 1976, assured his scholarly reputation, according to the website.

The keynote speaker in the celebration will be Richard Flores, a professor of anthropology and senior associate

dean for the College of Liberal Arts at UT Austin. Flores was one of Paredes’ doctoral students.

“He has a very direct connection to the legacy of Dr. Paredes, which is something that we are also celebrating,” Gonzalez said.

The panel will consist of Rolando Hinojosa-Smith, who is the Ellen Clayton Garwood Centennial Professor in creative writing at UT Austin and who was Paredes’ colleague when they both attended UT Austin; Manuel Medrano, a lecturer in the History department at UTRGV; and Diana Noreen Rivera, an assistant professor of Literatures and Cultural Studies and an affiliate of the Center for Mexican American Studies at UTRGV.

“I’m going to be speaking about Paredes from this new generation of scholars, scholars who didn’t know him personally but still feel a very intimate connection at the power and wisdom and the narratives of his works,” Rivera said.

The closing panel will consist of UTRGV graduate students Gabriela Cavazos, Martha Garza, Abel Moreno and Victoria Valdez.

There will also be a corrido performance by José Villarreal. It will be followed by a reception outside the PlainsCapital Bank El Gran Salón, with live music provided by Los Halcones del Valle.

“He provided a voice for the people, for the Mexican American people, the ‘gente’ of the Rio Grande Valley, especially, who are often left out is this fringe community of our country,” Rivera said about Paredes.

A 3 p.m. shuttle from the Visitor Center on the Edinburg campus to the Main building on the Brownsville campus would get guests to the event on time. The returning shuttle leaves at 9 p.m. from Main and arrives in Edinburg at 10:30 p.m.

For more information about the event, call the Office of Mexican American Studies at 665-3212.

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to get what you want. If you fail the first time, then don’t give up and keep fighting. Eventually, you are going to get what you want.”

The Valley native is part of the internal medicine program at Doctors Hospital at Renaissance and earned a medical surgeon and midwife degree from the Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León.

Although the UTRGV School of Medicine did not obtain preliminary accreditation from the Liaison Committee

on Medical Education until Oct. 15, it did not need it for the residency program to start, according to Patrick Gonzales, assistant vice president for University Marketing and Communications.

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Flutist Cristina Ballatori, an associate professor, plays a solo section in “A Lindisfarne Rhapsody” by Philip Sparke during a performance by the UTRGV Wind Symphony on April 4 in the Texas Southmost College Arts Center in Brownsville. The event was part of the Patron of the Arts Student Ensemble Series.



Members of the UTRGV Wind Symphony perform “Rio Grande” by Michael Daugherty on April 4 in the TSC Arts Center. The piece was commissioned by the University of North Texas and a consortium consisting of five symphonies or bands and 15 universities from across the world, including UT Rio Grande Valley, according to the event’s program.

TIPA

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Huerta and Rider Photographer Gabriel Mata captured honorable mention in the on-site 2-person photo essay competition.

In the previously published and broadcast categories of the competition, works from UTRGV and its legacy institutions, UT Brownsville and UT Pan American, won 15 awards.

UTRGV-TV was awarded second place for TV Best Newscast among Division 2 schools.

Cavazos received first place in TV News Non-Feature for his video story on the red tide at South Padre Island.

Former Social Media Director Vanessa Mares and former Reporter Jennifer Galvan shared second place in TV Sports Feature Story. Vargas garnered third place in Television Audition Tape.

UTRGV-TV News Director Patty Hinojosa, UTRGV Radio News Director Mark Lopez, Contributor Greg Treviño and Contributor Alfredo Zepeda received honorable mention for TV Spot Commercial/PSA. Hinojosa, Lopez and Contributor Jessica Ortiz shared third place for Radio Spot Commercial/PSA.

Former the *Pan American* Design Editor Francisco Rodriguez was awarded second place in the newspaper illustration category. Former *Pan American* photographer Michael Medina received first place in news photo.

In the Spanish Writing division, former *Collegian* Spanish Editor Michelle N. García received first place for her article “*Ciudad comenzará a aceptar solicitudes para la comisión*” and third place for “*Mejorando el tratamiento para el cáncer de la próstata.*”

Sanchez, Gudiño and Reporter Andrea Torres shared third place in in-depth reporting for an article headlined “Professor: States can’t turn away refugees.”

Rider Sports Editor Nathaniel Mata earned an honorable mention for his headline “Rockin’ by the hardwood” in the headline competition.

Former *Panorama* Contributing Artist Veronica Cortez received third place in General Magazine Cover Design. Omar Garcia Jr., former *Panorama* contributing photographer, garnered first place in the General Magazine Feature Photo competition.

The *Panorama* graphic design section earned an honorable mention in General Magazine Overall Design.

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