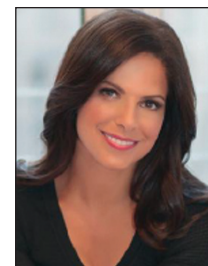


## Encouraging the generations

UTRGV hosts HESTEC to promote STEM fields

**Ena Capucion**

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR



UTRGV's first Hispanic Engineering, Science and Technology week is underway on the Edinburg campus. The series of events promote science, technology, engineering and math fields to students of different ethnic and racial backgrounds.

Texas and the nation will face scientific and economic challenges without an increase in the number of graduate students in STEM fields, according to the university's website, [utrgv.edu](http://utrgv.edu). In order to counteract that possibility, the University of Texas Pan American had been hosting HESTEC for 14 years with more than 5,300 college students participating. UTPA and UT Brownsville consolidated to form UTRGV this semester.

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# Explosives research at UTRGV

Physics Department conducts experiments with state-of-the-art equipment

**Andrea Torres**  
THE RIDER

A scanning electron microscope delivered to UT Rio Grande Valley last week will be used in research to help create new explosives for the Defense Department, physics professors say.

The half-million-dollar, Japanese-manufactured microscope was delivered in two boxes last Tuesday to the M1 building on the Brownsville campus.

"We're working with DOD to make the new kind of explosives," physics Professor Karen Martirosyan said last Tuesday during a tour of the applied physics laboratories given to *The Rider*. "We are working to make nanoparticles [that] can explode very fast. We are working to make some microengines, rockets, this kind of research, and also environmental research."

The microscope, which is the first of its kind in the region, was funded through a grant from the Defense Department and the research that will be conducted with the equipment is funded by the National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation and the Air Force, Martirosyan said.

"This is contributing to all biophysics and biomedical," he replied when asked what type of research can be conducted with the microscope.

Martirosyan said nanoparticles are about 50,000 times smaller than a human hair.

"So we need to look [at] that, how we will see and that is the [scanning] electron microscope," he said.

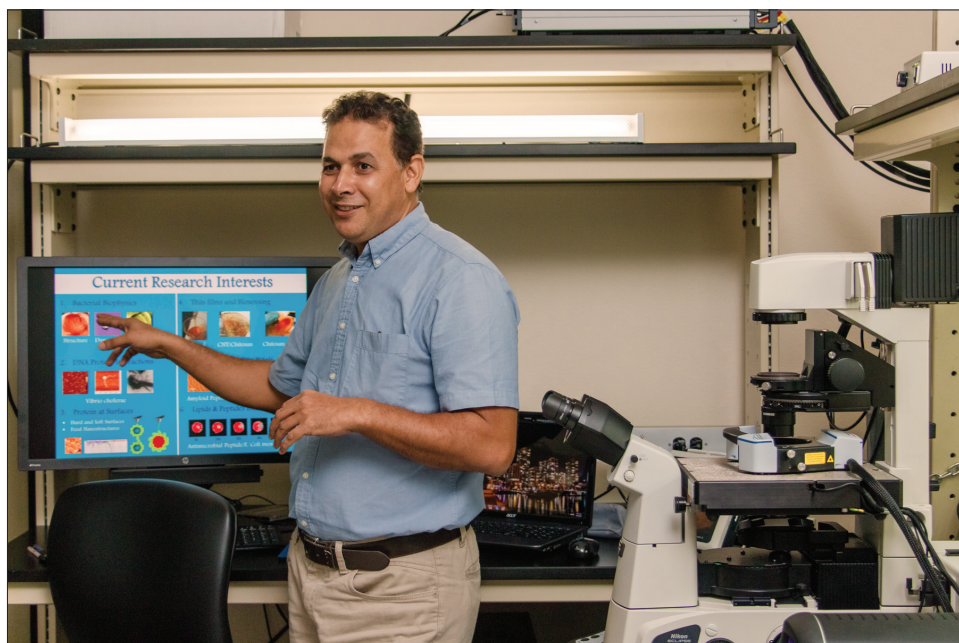
About 50 physics, biomedical sciences

## A good day for pets



LESLEY ROBLES/THE RIDER

Computer engineering freshman Elian Rodriguez pets one of many dogs from the Palm Valley Animal Shelter and the Paw Posse Animal Shelter during the Petting Party hosted last Wednesday by the RGV Atheists on the Edinburg campus. The event raised money for the shelters.



MARIO GONZALEZ/THE RIDER

Ahmed Touhami, a physics associate professor, explains the research that is conducted with the multifunctional Integrated Fluorescence/Atomic Force microscope, which the department received in 2013 through a \$276,233 grant from the National Science Foundation.

and biophysics undergraduate and graduate students work with Martirosyan and Associate Physics Professor Ahmed Touhami on research experiments, Martirosyan said. Visiting students and faculty from across the world also work with the department.

Touhami said the microscope will also be used by other departments in the university, including biology and chemistry.

Among the other equipment shown in the tour was the integrated fluorescence and atomic microscope that was funded

through a \$276,233 grant from NSF in 2013.

"This microscope allows you to image ... at nanoscale," Touhami said. "We are studying biological systems with the physical technique because in biology there is a lot of physics."

He gave an example of bacteria, which have "hair" that sticks to a surface.

"And, this stickiness is a force. ... Understanding the physics of this stuff is very important," Touhami said.

The techniques used to produce this research are unique to South

Texas. Students from UT Austin are also conducting research on biological systems at UTRGV.

*The Rider* also toured the optical physics laboratories, where research is conducted on gravitational waves. The labs are located in the Science, Engineering and Technology building.

The research is conducted in collaboration with and led by the California Institute of Technology and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. They also use laser interferometric detectors located in Hanford, Wash., and Livingston, La.

"This is purely research on a graduate level," said Volker Quetschke, a physics associate professor. "All the research that happens here has nothing to do with pre-manufactured classes. This is only stuff that is done on a novel basis when we want to find out something. Either we want to improve the detector as it exists or find some new stuff."

Among the students working in the optics laboratory is Artemiy Bogdanovskiy, a physics doctoral student.

Bogdanovskiy had this advice for undergraduate students who wish to conduct research in optical physics: "They need to think twice and make sure that is exactly what they want. If they do, well, they need to study math and physics."

Students interested in conducting undergraduate or graduate research with the Physics Department may email department Chair Soma Mukherjee at [soma.mukherjee@utrgv.edu](mailto:soma.mukherjee@utrgv.edu).



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# The road to recovery

On campus walkathon spreads awareness of available counseling services

**Rick R. Ramirez**  
SOCIAL MEDIA EDITOR

The UTRGV Counseling Center and the Collegiate Recovery Program sponsored the Recovery Walkathon last Tuesday at the Student Union in Brownsville.

The Recovery Walkathon aimed to spread awareness to students about addiction, substance abuse and other health-related issues.

“We’re bringing attention to recovery. We’re making sure that our students that are in recovery or want to be in recovery know that we have services,” said UTRGV Counseling Specialist Jorge A. Muñoz.

The Counseling Center invited several organizations that offer services throughout the community, including Origins Recovery of South Padre Island, Behavioral Health Solutions and Tropical Texas Behavioral Health.

“We had about 30 people sign up for the walk today and it was great,” Muñoz said. “They read statistics and quotes dealing with recovery while they walked.”

Members of the community and several UTRGV staff members helped with the Recovery Walkathon.

Muñoz said the department wants to help students, faculty and staff in all related mental health issues. Chris Albert is the director of and psychologist for the Counseling Center on both campuses. Albert can now refer clients to a local psychiatrist if he deems it necessary.

David Tejeda and Janaleen Solis, of Origins Recovery Healthcare, spoke about their role in raising awareness in the community.

“Something might be in the works to start helping with the public and the university,” Tejeda said. “We can educate



JESUS SANCHEZ/THE RIDER

Members of the Brownsville campus community take part in Tuesday’s Recovery Walkathon. Shown (from left) are communication junior Rebecca Rodriguez, Students Rights and Responsibilities Senior Program Coordinator Jaime Richeson, Counseling Specialist Jorge Muñoz, biological sciences freshman Jessica Banda, biology freshman Stephanie Lamas and education senior Felicia Rodriguez.

people and offer conferences.”

He noted the lack of programs and services offered, especially in the Rio Grande Valley.

“... We would like to help educate and

give back to the community,” Tejeda said.

Members of the community and several UTRGV staff members helped with the Recovery Walkathon. The Counseling Center plans to hold several more

events and programs targeted to help the university and community in the weeks to come.

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# Bright future?

Angela Cantu  
NEWS EDITOR



The future looks scary. Frankly, I'm afraid of what my future children are going to be going through. Right now, we live in a world where stand-alone cameras are going obsolete because everywhere you look, someone has a cell phone in their hand. I'm not saying cell phones are a bad thing because, well, I have one and use it around the clock. But, since cell phones are only getting bigger and will soon replace desktop computers, it makes me wonder how generations to come are going to document things.

Before cell phones, people would carry around their 5-pound camera to all of their children's events. You go to an event now and everyone either has a cell phone or an iPad ready to take photos. The world is right at your fingertips and we're only in 2015. While, yes, this is good thing, it is also may be a bad thing because we're so involved in our cell phones that we don't stop to look at everything else and actually enjoy the things around us. Our technology is so advanced right now, we can only imagine what we will have 10 years from now.

When I was a kid, my dad would pull out his clunky Canon camera and start taking photos of me no matter what I did. While it was a hassle to carry that big camera, you would, no matter what, because you wanted to have memories of your child. Now, you can carry a phone that weighs ounces, at the most, and be ready to take pictures of whatever you feel like.

Which leads us to the future: I can only imagine how technology will change in a few years. The new iPhone 6s, which was released last month, has a feature called Live Photo, which captures the moments just before and after your picture, according to Apple.com. Live Photo will make standard photos a thing of the past. Only time will tell, but who knows what future generations to come will have.

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Letter to the editor:

# Don't forget UTB's athletics legacy

We all know that UTRGV is a new institution built upon the foundation of two legacy institutions that no longer exist, UTB and UTPA. So why did I recently--and several times before this last incident--read in *The Rider* that "with a year of experience under their collective belts, Vaqueros women's soccer looks to improve on the 2014 season"? The Vaqueros women's soccer team did not have a 2014 season, this is their inaugural season. The UTPA Broncs had a 2014 season, as did the UTB Ocelots, but this is the *first* season for the UTRGV Vaqueros.

The article referred constantly to UTPA's last year's season with no mention of the UTB program's 2014 season. This, in my opinion, does a great disservice to the UTB women's soccer team, which has been in existence since 2007. The new UTRGV program is built not only on the UTPA program, but also on the UTB program, which has a history of excellence, highlighted by their 17-1-3 record and trip to the national tournament in 2011. Yes, the new UTRGV soccer (and total athletic) program is located on the Edinburg campus, but it is composed of players from *both* the

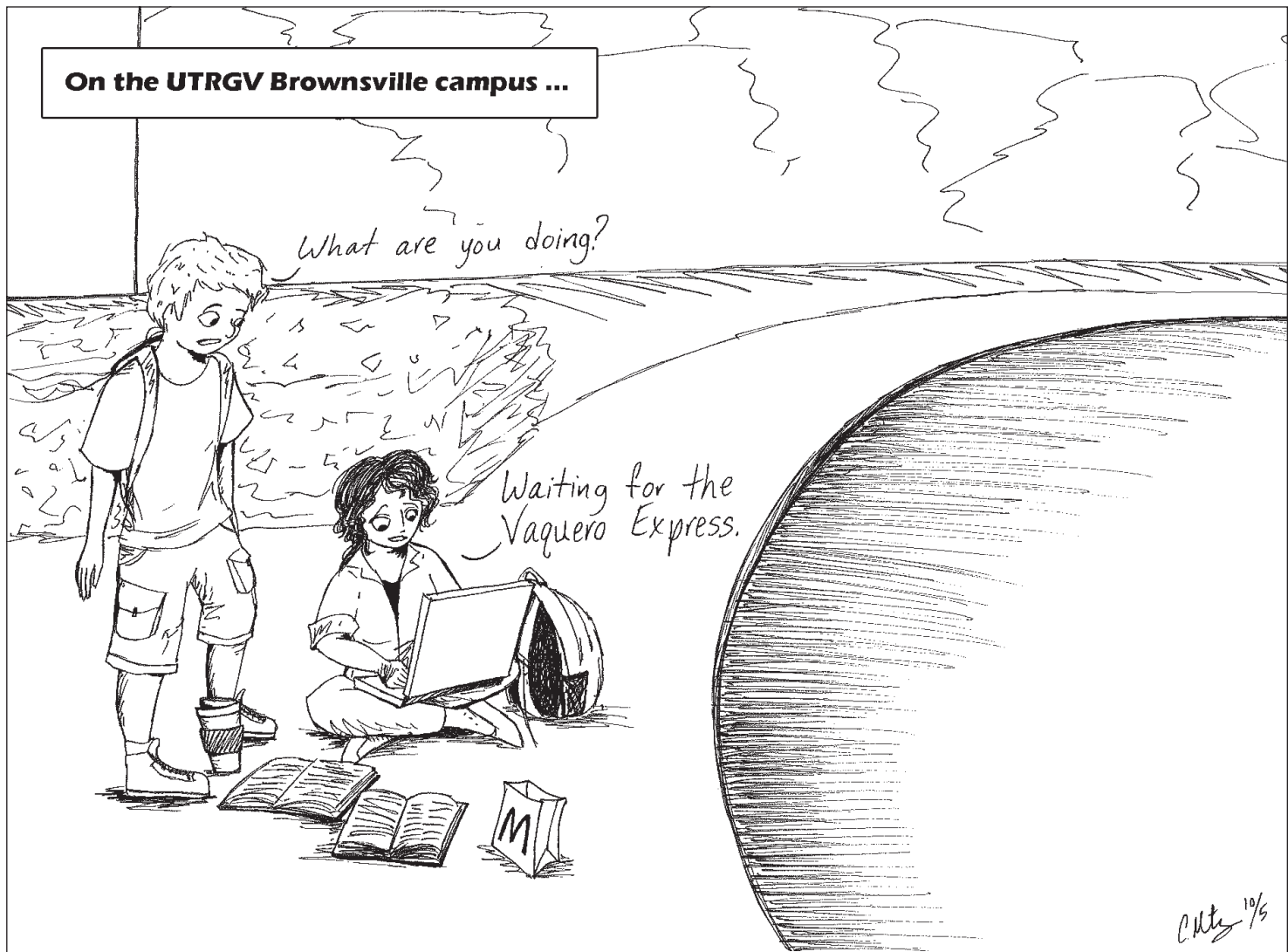
Edinburg and Brownsville campuses and represents this entire new institution in its first year.

I understand that there are many challenges in changing our collective mindset and thinking of the Edinburg and Brownsville campuses as parts of one institution, rather than the separate institutions they once were. But it seems to me that reporters for that one institution's official student newspaper have a special responsibility to help us all do precisely that, think as one. This is UTRGV's *first* year of existence, built on the foundation of two great

institutions, both of whose legacy needs to be recognized and honored. Hopefully, this will be the case in future *The Rider* articles.

Oh, and by the way, in Spanish doesn't "os" denote males, so aren't our female athletes correctly referred to as Vaqueras, not Vaqueros? Just sayin'.

Judith D. Walton, Ph.D.  
Emerita Professor  
of Kinesiology, UTRGV



## Campus Q & A

What courses would you like UTRGV to offer and why?

--Compiled by Michelle Espinoza and Lesley Robles



Carlos Avila  
English freshman

"Something I would like the school to add would be more creative writing classes."



Jordy Lopez  
Mathematics senior

"I would like more environmental studies classes. I know there's at least one already, but I think that raising awareness of the environment and preserving it is something that we should consider a lot since our campus, for me in my opinion, is very beautiful. It has a lot of nature and it has that potential for us to study and grow an amazing environment."



Naomi Hernandez  
Psychology senior

"I would like to see archery. I think that would be super cool, and people would be so interested in that. I'm not an athlete, but I would be interested in having a class like that."



Victoria Cavazos-Castañon  
Communication sciences  
and disorders freshman

"I would like UTRGV to offer more courses that have to do with live broadcast in journalism, but at the Brownsville campus because, well, a lot of people are passionate about that and having to go back and forth is a hassle for most and if they did that here, I'm sure they would get a great amount of response from the students, including me."



# Out of their comfort zone

UTRGV hosts Chicano artist Tuesday and exhibit for visually impaired opens Friday

Monica Gudiño  
THE RIDER

“Modes,” an exhibit by Chicano artist César Martinez, will open at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Rusteberg Art Gallery on the Brownsville campus.

“The show itself, I think it’s going to be a great opportunity for the whole Valley community to come and see and celebrate someone who is really at the high end of art,” said Carlos G. Gómez, a UT Rio Grande Valley visual arts professor.

Gómez said the show will feature Martinez’s new work.

“He did tell us that he was going to get way out of his comfort zone,” he said.

Martinez, a graduate of Texas A&I University in Kingsville, resides in San Antonio and has had his work shown in several museums, including the Houston Museum of Fine Art, San Antonio Museum of Art and Austin Museum of Art. He is perhaps best known for his Bato/Pachuco series, which focuses on “barrio” and street characters.

“I just want them to come and celebrate



PHOTOS COURTESY ALEJANDRO MACIAS

“Huizache Jaguar” by César Martinez

Admission is free for Patron of the Arts members. General admission is \$1 and student semester passes are \$3. The exhibit continues through Oct. 30.

For more information, call 882-7025.

### ‘Sensory and Perception’

Opening at 6 p.m. Friday in the Historic Brownsville Museum is “The Sensory and Perception Experience,” a hands-on exhibit for the visually impaired.

Those who are not visually impaired will be given the option to use a blindfold.

“My piece, it really is something that is out of my comfort zone,” said Alejandro Macias, a lecturer in the UTRGV Visual Arts Department, whose work will be part of the exhibit. “I don’t really dabble in anything three-dimensional or mixed media.”

Curator Lydia Blanchard, a graduate of UT Brownsville and Texas Southmost College, was inspired to put together this exhibit by her own experience of becoming visually impaired.

“How can I do art if I completely lose my vision?” Blanchard said, adding that she searched for museums that had art

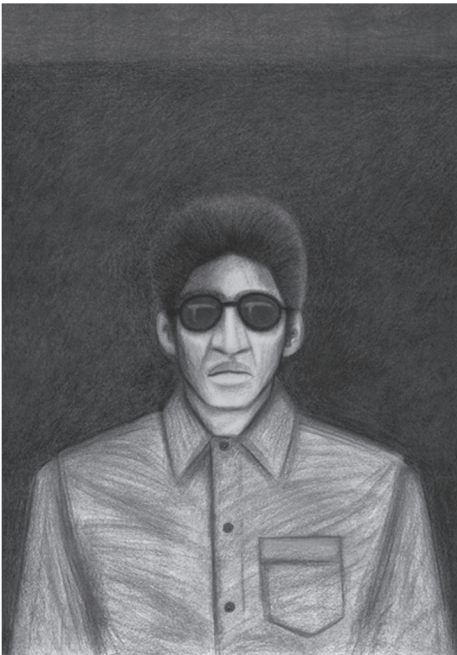
for the visually impaired.

“I didn’t find any that actually had art for the blind,” she said. “I did a little investigating and said, ‘Why not be the first one in the Valley?’”

Besides Macias and Blanchard, other artists to be featured in the exhibit are Mark Clark, Stephen Hawks, Maribel Ortiz, Ana Valdes, Roman Gonzalez, Chantel Lugo, Rebeca Arguelles, Samantha Grey and Rudy Anderson.

The museum is located at 641 E. Madison St. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. Admission is free for children and the disabled. Admission for adults is \$4 and \$2 for senior citizens and those age 16 or younger.

For more information, call 908-7730.



“Bato Con Sunglasses” by César Martinez



“Mona Lupe, The Epitome of Chicano Art” by César Martinez

something that UTRGV has worked really hard to establish and that’s quality art programs,” Gómez said.

Martinez will present a lecture at 4 p.m. in Eidman Hall I. Admission is free.

The gallery’s hours for Fall 2015 are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday and noon-4 p.m. Friday.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 'Finding a Faculty Mentor'

The **Office of Engaged Scholarship & Learning** invites undergraduate students to attend the **"Finding a Faculty Mentor"** workshop, which will be held from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in Academic Services Building 1.106 in Edinburg and in the Main Building's Salón Cassia on the Brownsville campus. Register online to attend the free event at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/finding-a-faculty-mentor-tickets-18832348060>. For more information and accommodations, call the office at 665-3461 in Edinburg or 882-4300 in Brownsville.

## 'Writing Chicana History'

Tejana feminist historian **Antonia Castañeda** will present a lecture titled **"Writing Chicana History"** from 1:40 to 2:55 p.m. and from 4:40 to 7:10 p.m. Tuesday in Education Complex 3.204 on the Edinburg campus. The lecture focuses on her recently published book, **"The Three Decades of Engendering History: Selected Works of Antonia**

**I. Castañeda"** and the state of Chicana/Latina studies. For more information, call the **Mexican American Studies Program** at 665-3212.

## Student/Employer Networking Social

The **UTRGV Career Center** will host a **networking social** for students to receive career guidance from employers. The social will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Student Union Commons on the Edinburg campus. For more information, call the center at 665-2243.

## Advertising Internship Info

The **Multicultural Advertising Intern Program** (MAIP) invites juniors, seniors and graduate students to its information session, scheduled from noon to 1 p.m. in ARHU 161 and from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday the Student Union's Palmetto room on the Edinburg campus. For more information, email MAIP campus ambassador **Carlos Molina** at [carlos.molina01@utrgv.edu](mailto:carlos.molina01@utrgv.edu).

## United Union LGBTQ

The **Student Union** invites students to attend the **Lesbian, Gay Bisexual, Transgender and Queer outreach**

**event** at noon Thursday in the Student Union Commons on the Edinburg campus. The event will provide educational and networking opportunities for LGBTQ members of the UTRGV community and all departments and organizations are invited to participate. For more information, call the union at 665-7979.

## Union Con

The **Student Union** will host **Union Con**, a cosplay convention for UTRGV students, from noon to 2 p.m. Friday in the Student Union Commons on the Edinburg campus. For more information, call the union at 665-7979.

## Salsa Dance Workshop

The **Brownsville Society for the Performing Arts** will host a professional salsa dance workshop from 10:30 a.m. to 1:50 p.m. Oct. 11 at Market Square, located on Adams Street between 11th and 12th streets in downtown Brownsville. Admission is free. For more information, email Omar Oropeza, artistic director at Klave FX Latin Dance Co., at [info@klavefx.com](mailto:info@klavefx.com) or call 455-2027.

--Compiled by Mario Gonzalez

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--Compiled by Lesley Robles



LESLEY ROBLES/THE RIDER

Members of the Catholic Campus Ministry include (from left) Vice President Amy Lee Martinez, Treasurer Victor Juarez and Secretary Denise Lopez.

## HESTEC

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The week will begin with UTRGV's first Distinguished Speaker Series featuring Soledad O'Brien, who is currently on her "Latino in America Tour." O'Brien is an award-winning journalist who served as an anchor for CNN and NBC and is now CEO of the multimedia production and distribution company, Starfish Media Group.

Educator Day, where teachers and administrators will participate in development workshops led by the nation's leading corporations, federal agencies and educational organizers, is scheduled from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today on the Edinburg campus.

Student Leadership Day will take place from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Fieldhouse, where students will actively participate in sessions meant to encourage the STEM areas and increase awareness about the opportunities available to them.

On Wednesday, female role models will inspire other female students and their mothers on Latina Day. The event will take place from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Edinburg campus.

During Robotics Day, scheduled Thursday, teams of numerous students across the Rio Grande Valley will gather to compete in presenting the best invention.

David Garza is one person looking forward to Robotics Day, set from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Fieldhouse in Edinburg.

"We get to see robots built by students and watch them duke it out to knock each other out of the arena," the computer science major said.

On Friday, there will be a U.S. Navy Seaperch Challenge. The challenge is meant to encourage students in science and math; that way, they can aspire to be the next generation's engineers and scientists.

The Seaperch Challenge will take place from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Natatorium on the Edinburg campus.

On Wednesday and Friday, the university will host two Career Expos. Recruiters from federal agencies, corporations and local businesses will discuss possible internship and employment opportunities with students. Wednesday's Expo will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Union's Gran Salón on the Brownsville campus. Friday's Expo runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Fieldhouse on the Edinburg campus.

While HESTEC will feature activities such as those mentioned above, campus organizations will do their part to promote the STEM fields as well. Clubs such as IEEE, ACM-W and ACM will be in the Engineering building throughout the week sharing the latest technologies. A member of IEEE, Larisa Botello, will volunteer to help out at the organization's booth.

"We had a grant and we used the money to buy, maybe, two Oculus Rift lenses," the La Joya native said. "We also have about five parallax robots where you can pretty much just tell it what to do through a program. We'll have a booth

set up throughout the week displaying some of these things along with an LED board."

The finale for HESTEC week is Community Day, which will feature food, student organizations and performances by local artists and musicians as well as Costello, Dove Cameron and Chris Young.

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# Camping without tents

Baseball coaching staff hosts variety of clinics



NATHANIEL MATA/THE RIDER

Shawn Redd, volunteer assistant coach and camp coordinator, warms up UTRGV baseball players before practice last Wednesday at the Edinburg Baseball Stadium.

**Nathaniel Mata**  
SPORTS EDITOR

At the beginning of September, the UTRGV baseball team announced that it will host 29 camps through the fall and winter.

During the first camp, Sept. 20, the UTRGV coaching staff evaluated high school teams.

Several high school hitting leagues are scheduled on three consecutive Wednesday nights. The first session begins Oct. 7, the next starting Nov. 4 and the last Jan. 13. The league consists of three-player teams that earn points in the batting cages. The final week of the camps will serve as a playoff and prizes will be awarded. The entry fee is \$150 per team.

On Nov. 8, the staff will host a high school prospect camp, which is an opportunity for athletes to showcase their skill sets in pro-style workouts. Pitchers and position players will be evaluated separately in given situations that replicate game decisions. The

instruction from UTRGV coaches will cost \$100 per player, and an additional \$25 if they want to be evaluated as a pitcher and position player.

“It’s been hectic in the terms of getting it started,” said Shawn Redd, volunteer assistant coach with the Vaqueros and primary organizer of the camps. “In terms of conducting the camps, it’s been run pretty smoothly.”

The 24 other camps that the Vaqueros staff will host are separated into three categories with four dates for each: hitting on Mondays, pitching on Tuesdays and fielding and catching on Thursdays. These camps are not restricted to high school students and aspiring prospects. They are divided into two age groups: 5- to 12-year-olds on the field from 6 to 7:15 p.m. and 13- to 18-year-olds from 7:15-8:30 p.m.

All camps are held at the Edinburg Baseball Stadium and for campers the experience is an opportunity to play and learn on the field of an NCAA Division 1 school.

“They get the opportunity to actually play on the same field as the college athletes

who they see on TV and get recruited and eventually play on a major league field,” said Redd, a former volunteer coach at Texas Christian University. “To give you an example, I had three 5-year-olds and they got to hit next to two of our starting players. For them that’s an experience not only they loved but their parents loved and that’s something they can take for the rest of their lives.”

The camps also serve as a chance for Vaquero coaches to scout from their home region.

“It’s a big opportunity not only for them but also for us because it gives us an opportunity to see the players from such a young age so that we can establish that connection with the Valley,” Redd added.

Head Coach Manny Mantrana says the camps can be valuable in the process of finding local athletes. The team currently has 12 players on the roster that are native to South Texas.

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## Athlete of the Week



LESLEY ROBLES/THE RIDER

**Name:** Alisha Watson  
**Classification:** Junior  
**Major:** Biomedical sciences  
**Sport:** Volleyball

**Hometown:** Round Rock

**Who is your favorite athlete?** “Ray Lewis.” Lewis is a former American football player.

**Who is your role model?** “My mom, because she takes advantage of all her opportunities and I hope I do the same to make the best possible life I can for myself.”

**What is the best advice you’ve ever been given and by whom?** “By my aunt, actually. She told me you can have this vision in your mind where you want to end up, and the best thing about life is that it doesn’t give a s--- about your plans. You’re going to get somewhere eventually. Just enjoy the journey because you’re going to expect to go one way and it’s going to take you another way. You might end up there and it may not be what you expect, but you kinda just have to keep pushing and keep going, whatever path life takes you on.”

**What do you like to do for fun?** “To be honest, I like to sing for fun.”

**When did you begin playing volleyball and why did you start playing?** “I started playing when I was in seventh grade. ... A lot of my friends and older sisters played and it looked like fun.”

**Did you play in high school and did you get any awards?** “I played in high school and I got honorable mention and second teams. All three years I got academic achievements as well. Also, I played on my national team and we won the Junior Olympics for a club.”

**What are your goals for the season?** “My goal for our team is to win the conference tournament.”

**What is your favorite movie?** “A Bug’s Life,’ hands down.”

**Is there a song that gets your head in the game?** “Bouncin’ Back (Bumpin’ Me Against The Wall) by Mystikal.”

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## Home Games

**Friday, Oct. 9**

**Men’s Soccer vs. Utah Valley**

**7 p.m., UTRGV Soccer and Track & Field Complex**

**Sunday, Oct. 11**

**Men’s Soccer vs. Seattle University**

**1 p.m., UTRGV Soccer and Track & Field Complex**

## Making a point



LESLEY ROBLES/THE RIDER

Bojana Mitrovic, sophomore right side hitter, celebrates after scoring during the Western Athletic Conference Volleyball home opener last Thursday in Edinburg. The Vaqueros dropped their second conference match 3-1 against the University of Missouri-Kansas City Kangaroos. The women faced off against the Chicago State University Wolverines Saturday in the Fieldhouse for their third conference game. Visit utrgvrider.com for results.



# A passion for words



ANA CAHUICHE/THE RIDER PHOTOS

Tejana actor, writer and activist Amalia Ortiz recites one of her poems Friday afternoon in the Student Union's La Sala on the Brownsville campus. Ortiz, who has been featured on HBO's "Russell Simmons Presents Def Poetry" show, opened for Jessica Helen Lopez, a fellow performance artist and poet laureate of Albuquerque, N.M.



Jessica Helen Lopez, the poet laureate of Albuquerque, N.M., interprets one of her works about death during last Friday's "Más Palabras: Slam Poetry." The event was part of UTRGV's observance of Hispanic Heritage Month.

## Free shots!



MICHELLE ESPINOZA/THE RIDER

UT Rio Grande Valley LVN Mary Ferguson administers a flu shot to a student Sept. 28 on the Brownsville campus. UTRGV Health Services staff will continue administering free flu shots to students from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday while supplies last. The clinics are located at 613 N. Sugar Rd. in Edinburg and in Cortez Hall 237 in Brownsville. For more information, call 665-2511 or 882-7643.

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"With the younger campers, it's more about teaching the fundamentals. The showcase camps, however, are for high

school players," said Mantrana, the head baseball coach since 2009. "Institutions are able to use the camps when they come in to look at players and eventually some of those players will wear the RGV uniform if we feel they are a good fit for

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**What are your plans for the Fall 2015 semester?** "My plans are to get a 4.0 and just for my team to get to the tournament and keep playing hard. Just

to get this group of girls pretty close and get somewhere from last year."

**How do you feel about being part of the first UTRGV Women's Volleyball Team?** "Oh my gosh, it's probably one of the best opportunities I've ever had. It's so great to be able to be

## Paws-itive experience



LESLEY ROBLES/THE RIDER

Terry Hathaway, a staff member of the Paw Posse Animal Shelter, informs Odalys Almanza, a rehabilitation services sophomore, about what the organization does for animals and how she can get her club involved to host an event.

us, if they can play Division 1 baseball. It's a good opportunity for them to meet the staff, for the staff to meet them, and for them to come on campus, so it works both ways."

The baseball team begins the 2016

season in January.

For more information on camp registration, times and dates, visit <http://collegebaseballcamps.com/utrgv>.

a part of building a legacy of a new school. People don't really get the opportunity to be able to set the standard and put my blood and sweat on the floor, you know, just for something everyone else to live up to. It's pretty awesome."

--Compiled by Jacqueline Arias

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# Vaqueros take center stage

## UTRGV to start theater season Wednesday

**Astrid Gonzalez**  
THE RIDER

UTRGV's first theater season opens Wednesday in the Albert L. Jeffers Theatre with an internationally renowned work.

The theater program will present "Juno and the Paycock," which is the second of three of plays by Irish playwright Sean O'Casey that are known as the "Dublin Trilogy." The other two are "The Shadow of a Gunman" (1923) and "The Plough and the Stars" (1926).

Assistant Professor Brian Warren explained why the program selected an international piece and how it differs from other plays they have done in the past.

"This season we're doing an Irish classic play, and we're exposing students to different cultures and areas beyond the realm of the Rio Grande Valley ... but we have to reach a wide education scope so there's that," Warren said. "Several professors and myself went over to Dublin and we did a study abroad with students, and several of the students who went on the trip are also involved in the show."

The play is set in the early 1920s in Dublin during the Irish Civil War period. The play centers on the Catholic native Irish who considered the Protestant British to be intrusive in their country. The Irish natives battled the British with acts of gallant disobedience.

"So we researched and brought back this type of culture exchange ... and again we've never done an Sean O'Casey play here and our purpose is educational," Warren said. "There's this nice mix because we have people from the community also involved."

Once a theater company selects a season, the program has to take into account vital factors such as budgeting, scheduling and the audience interest. By contrast educational theaters also have to



ASTRID GONZALEZ/THE RIDER

UTRGV's theater program will present "Juno and the Paycock" Wednesday through Sunday at the Albert L. Jeffers Theatre on the Edinburg campus.

think through the learning components for student technicians, actors and their audience in their production selections.

At 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, the community, faculty, students and staff are encouraged to attend a free dress rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. Free admission is also available for the Wednesday through Friday showings at 7:30 p.m. However, students must present their school ID. The play will also be presented at 1:30 p.m. Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday. Reserved seating is \$12, general admission is \$8, non-UTRGV

students with a school ID may enter for \$3. Those with a UTRGV ID may bring one guest free of charge. No children below the third grade will be admitted.

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