

## Retracing steps of Chicana history

**Ena Capucion**

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR



ANTONIA CASTAÑEDA

A former migrant farmworker who became an award-winning scholar told a UTRGV audience how going to college sparked her interest in the history of Chicanas.

As a part of UTRGV's observance of Hispanic/Latino Heritage Month, feminist historian Antonia Castañeda presented twice regarding Chicana history in the Education Complex on the Edinburg campus.

Castañeda belonged to a family of migrant farmworkers in the Yakima Valley in Washington state. She grew up witnessing the displacement her family had in the nation despite becoming Americans in 1848. As the first in her family to attend a university, Castañeda took an interest in history, particularly her own racial history.

"This experience was a profound lesson," the Stanford University graduate said. "It was a wake-up call. The lesson I learned was political, a lesson that human relationships are political, that they are rooted in power which is itself rooted in the politics of gender, race, class, sexuality and education. ... I committed a political act. I became a historian."

Upon becoming a historian, Castañeda looked more closely at the rights regarding women. She knew what it was like to be a questioning child about the way the world looked and treated women of color.

"My entry into the world of historical studies and active member of this founding generation of Chicano and Chicana history was fueled by the desire to answer the kinds of questions that surfaced for this young Tejana farmworker living in a labor camp in Washington," the Crystal City, Texas, native said.

Not only did the feminist historian notice that Chicana women were often sexualized, they were also mistreated among the world of men. Together with her passion for women's rights and history, Castañeda researched her way through numerous sources to piece together scholarly articles, such as the prize-winning "Women of Color and the Re-Writing of Western History."

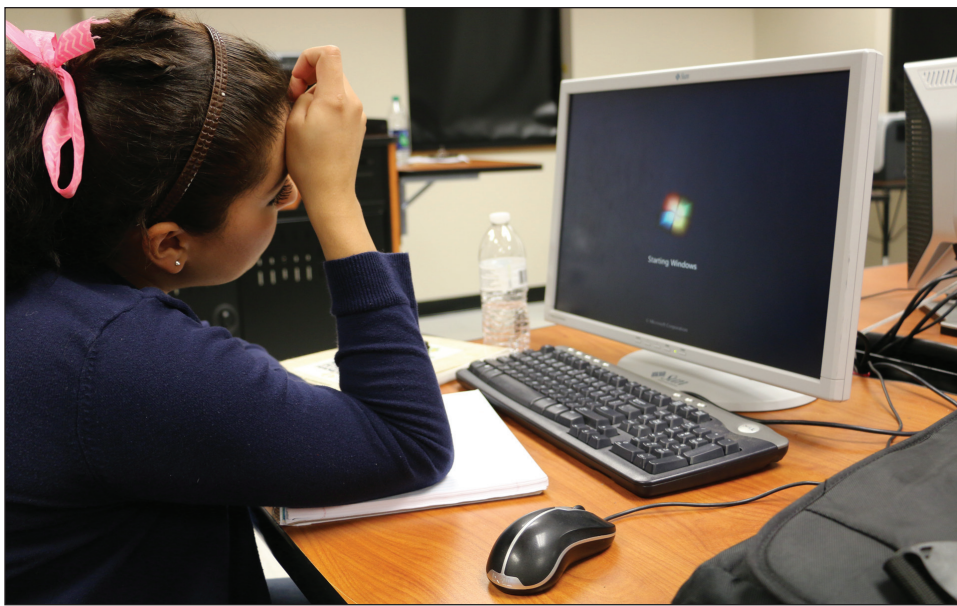
In 1968, women earned 65.2 cents to every dollar a man earned. Today, women only earn 78.3 cents to every dollar, thus no significant improvement regarding the wage gender gap. However, in the same year, the nation also saw what Castañeda refers to as an "explosion" in women's literary, political and theoretical voice in journals as well as periodicals.

"[It] is my retort to that white man's assault, to his racialized and sexualized assumptions about Mexicans/Mexican-Americans," Castañeda said. "The point here, of course, is that if we do not tell our own stories, someone else will tell it and they will invariably get it wrong."

Castañeda's latest book, "Three Decades of Engendering History: Selected Works of Antonia I. Castañeda" (University of North Texas Press, 2014), features 10 of her best articles. She hoped to successfully share the real story behind the struggles of Chicanas in America.

"My work then is about gathering these remnants, fragments of our multilayered realities and re-piecing them together, re-piecing the collective memories, stories, identities [and] history," she said.

## Faculty senate constitution under review



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Communication senior Danielle Banda is one of many frustrated students whose computer restarts repeatedly as she works on her assignments in the Distance Learning Classroom located in the Life and Health Sciences Building on the Brownsville campus.

**Oscar Castillo**

UTRGV-TV ASSISTANT STATION MANAGER

A constitution establishing a faculty senate at UT Rio Grande Valley is under review by the UT System officials say.

In January, a constitution committee composed of the former executive committees of UT Brownsville and UT Pan American faculty senates began drafting the document for the new university.

"We had the Faculty Senate Constitution vote approved Aug. 17," said Constitution Committee member and Communication Associate Professor Dora Saavedra. "But, we did not have

a complete list of [full-time UTRGV professors], so we put off elections until UTRGV actually existed, which was Aug. 31, and then we began the work of electing senators."

As of press time Thursday, 40 of nearly 80 senators had been elected, Saavedra said.

The draft constitution was sent to Havidán Rodríguez, provost and executive vice president for Academic Affairs, and Guy Bailey, UTRGV president, for approval. They approved the constitution and now it is only pending approval from the UT System Office of General Counsel.

"We are hoping to have our first meeting Oct. 23 at 1:30 p.m.," Saavedra said. "We don't have spots yet, I reserved rooms in both [the Edinburg campus] and the Harlingen location."

Former UTB Faculty Senate President Bobbette Morgan said it's important to have a legislative body so that the staff can "have a voice."

Asked why the Faculty Senate was not formed in August, Rodríguez replied:

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"Why has it taken so long? Because they have been working on it, and trying to get ready for UTRGV."

The new constitution sets term limits at one year; however, senators and officers may seek re-election. Senators are elected by their respective department rather than by college as was done at UTPA. The number of senators will depend on the size of the department.

"I feel bad, on one hand, that we didn't have the senate in place from day one," Morgan said. "On the other hand, to have it all in place by October is a good thing."

Faculty senates date to medieval times, according to Morgan. It's the idea that scholars and their leaders should share in decision-making.

The senate is responsible for creating procedures for hiring and advancing or placing a faculty member in a new position. This is done in the hope of eliminating discrimination.

Senators are able to voice any problems

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## Tuition increase plan advances

**UT System schools to present recommendations in February****Andrea Torres**

THE RIDER

Freshmen and graduate students entering UT Rio Grande Valley in Fall 2016 may have to pay a higher tuition than current students.

In a special meeting Oct. 2, the University of Texas System board of regents authorized its schools to develop recommendations for a 2 percent increase in tuition and required fees, according to a system news release. The increase is needed to account for escalation of costs on campuses for salaries, technology, infrastructure and other expenses.

Current students at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley will not see an increase because their tuition is already guaranteed, officials say.

Martin Baylor, UTRGV executive vice president for finance and administration, said that if the university considers a tuition increase, it would affect only incoming freshmen and graduate students for the Fall 2016 semester.

"For UTRGV, the tuition is set for everybody but the incoming class," Baylor said in an interview Oct. 5.

He said the school is in the process of forming a committee composed of administrators, faculty, staff and students that would make a recommendation to



Martin Baylor

UTRGV President Guy Bailey.

"Basically, that committee kind of helps build whatever recommendation ... that goes to the president, that can go to the board of regents for consideration," Baylor said.

The committee has to consider access, affordability, quality, efficiency, transparency, flexibility and shared responsibility in its proposal, he said.

The recommendations will be presented to the board of regents at its Feb. 10 and 11 meeting. If approved, the increase will take effect in the 2016-2017 academic year.

Because the UTRGV committee has not yet been formed, Baylor said they do not know how the money from the increase will be used.

"I couldn't even begin to tell you that at this point since we really haven't had any discussion about it," he said. "Generally, when these discussions happen, previously, they all come out with some specific programs that are related to moving kids along with graduation."

Baylor said that in the past they would work with the committee to create a tuition increase recommendation in order to fund programs that need help within the university, such as increasing the number of academic advisers.

Asked what he thought of a possible increase for incoming freshmen and graduate students, political science senior Alex Villa replied: "I think that it can actually be beneficial and harmful in the same way. I know that if students are paying out of pocket, it's going to be hard for them, but then it depends on the resources that are going to be purchased

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Monday Night Science Café

The **Monday Night Science Café** is scheduled at 7 tonight at El Hueso de Fraile, located at 837 E. Elizabeth St. in downtown Brownsville. This event, hosted by the **UTRGV Physics Department**, consists of talks and discussion on topics related to science, art and humanities. Live music will be played. For more information, call the department at 882-6779.

Bra contest, Zumbathon

The **University Recreation Department** will host **Shakin’ Cha Cha’s Zumbathon**, featuring a bra contest and a dance party on the Edinburg campus. The Bra Fashionista event will take place from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. today and Tuesday in the UREC Lobby. The Zumba Party will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in the UREC Main Gym. For more information, call 665-7808.

Folklore, mythology lecture

Author **David Bowles** will present a lecture titled **“Mining Folklore & Mythology to Craft Relevant Literature”** from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in Arts and Humanities 310 on the Edinburg campus. The lecture will focus on the techniques Bowles uses to incorporate Mexican myths and south Texas legends in his books “Border Lore: Folktales and Legends of South Texas” and “The Smoking Mirror.” For more information, call the **Literatures & Cultural Studies Department** at 665-3421.

George Mendoza art exhibit

An exhibit featuring the work of award-winning and legally blind artist **George Mendoza** opens at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Charles and Dorothy Clark Gallery, located in the Arts and Humanities

building on the Edinburg campus. The show is part of the university’s observance of **Accessibility Awareness Month**. Mendoza, a former para-Olympic athlete and motivational speaker, will also share his process of creating art during a workshop scheduled from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Student Union on the Edinburg campus. For more information, call Student Accessibility Services at 665-7005.

Résumé, interview panel

The **American Marketing Association** at UTRGV will present its **Experts Panel! Resume & Interview** from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Main Building’s Salón Cassia on the Brownsville campus. Human resources experts will provide students with tips for résumés and interview preparation. For more information, email the association at amautb@gmail.com.

Franchising seminar

The **UTRGV Small Business Development Center** will present a seminar titled **“Is Franchising Right for Me?”** from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday in the Community Engagement & Student Success Building, located at 1407 E. Freddy Gonzalez Dr., Suite 1.200, in Edinburg. For more information, call the center at 665-7535.

Relaxation sessions

The **UTRGV Counseling Center** will provide weekly relaxation sessions for students to relieve stress and anxiety from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday in Cortez Hall 220 on the Brownsville campus. For more information, call the center at 882-3897.

Marketing Week, Brownsville

The **American Marketing Association** at UTRGV’s Brownsville campus will host a series of activities in observance of **Marketing Week**. “Fun

**Facts about Marketing**” will take place at noon today in the Main Courtyard. Free coffee and doughnuts will be served. **A NOLA Style Photo** booth will be held at noon Wednesday in the Main Courtyard. For more information, email the association at amautb@gmail.com.

Marketing Week, Edinburg

**American Marketing Association** at UTRGV’s Edinburg campus will host a series of events in observance of Marketing Week. **Bridgett McAdams**, an international trainer and executive coach with the John Maxwell Team, will speak about **“Leading the Change”** from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. today in Business Administration Building 110; In **“Breaking Barriers: Young Entrepreneurs,”** **Claudeth Aguayo**, of Avant Concepts Media, will speak to women from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in Business Administration Building 120G and **Mark Hanna**, assistant vice president at Inter National Bank, will speak to men in Business Administration Building 116; **Raziel Cano**, marketing director for State Farm Arena, will present a lecture titled **“Stepping Tones”** from 12:30 to 1:30 Wednesday in Business Administration Building 116; **“Marketing Jeopardy,”** a game that tests your knowledge of brands, advertisements and product placement, will take place from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday in Business Administration Building 113; In **“Stay Connected:LinkedIn,”** Alex Garrido, UTRGV’s social media and digital marketing manager, will provide students with tips on using the professional networking website from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Friday in Engineering 1.300. For more information, email the association at amautpa@gmail.com.

--Compiled by Mario Gonzalez

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professors in their department have.

“Faculty Senate is the only appropriate venue to bring up issues that faculty as a whole have,” Communication Professor Louis Falk said.

Communication Associate Professor Ben Wasike has experienced problems with the computers malfunctioning in his classroom and hopes to bring it to the attention of the faculty senate once it is established.

“Last week, I still had the same problem, after we had gotten confirmation that [Information Technology] had fixed the computers,” Wasike said. “You really can’t go and check every computer and wait five minutes for them to crash. You can only tell when class is running, and that’s a very horrible situation.”

One of his students, communication senior Judith Mireles, said the computers shut down every 10 minutes and then restart.

“So, all our work will be taken down, all of that happens,” Mireles said. “It’s to a point where it’s just unbearable.”

Provost Rodríguez said students and faculty with technical issues may email the Office of the Chief Information Officer at CIO@utrgv.edu.

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with that increase in the tuition.”

Although he will be graduating soon, Villa said the money could be used for additional parking.

Biomedical sciences senior Alma Muñoz said she is glad the increase is not affecting her and she hopes they use the money for programs.

“I hope they use it wisely. Maybe they can fund new programs or give more funds to programs that already exist,” Muñoz said.

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# Latinos in America

First Distinguished Speaker Series kicks off HESTEC

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Latino leaders and students tackled voting, education and leadership in panel discussions hosted by award-winning journalist Soledad O'Brien who opened Hispanic Engineering, Science and Technology Week on the Edinburg campus.

The discussions, held Oct. 5, are part of O'Brien's "I Am Latino in America" tour. The event also featured performances by Los TexManiacs and UTRGV's Mariachi Aztlan before the university's president, Guy Bailey, introduced O'Brien, a former CNN and NBC news anchor and now CEO of the multimedia production and distribution company, Starfish Media Group.

The first segment featured Eliza Alvarado, former board president of the Advocacy Alliance Center of Texas, speaking about the potential impact of the Latino vote. In the 2012 presidential election, only 48 percent of eligible Hispanic voters cast ballots. O'Brien said Texas is home to nearly one in five of all Latinos in the United States. In order to combat the low percentage of voting, the nonprofit organization AACT hosted a summit that successfully registered 5,000 18-year-olds to vote. In this region alone, AACT managed to register 20,000 citizens.

Greater voter participation will mean more Democrats will be elected to the Texas Legislature, Alvarado said.

"The numbers alone show that Latinos predominantly vote for Democratic candidates. With 2020 having such a great number of Latinos, the state will most definitely have a Democratic stronghold," she said.

Alvarado pointed out that the nation will fall into the hands of the younger generations and that present-day officials and candidates need to reach out to youth for input on current issues.

The next segment featured U.S. Rep. Ruben Hinojosa (D-Texas) on the topic of education. One in four American public



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Veterans Memorial Early College High School senior Aleida Olvera (from left), doctoral physics student Louis Dartez and Student Government Association President Alberto Adame listen to Soledad O'Brien Oct. 5 during a panel discussion on leadership. The students spoke about how education has had a major impact in their lives, and how there needs to be a greater push for STEM fields among the Latino community.

school students are Latino and in Texas, 2.6 million Latino children represent about half of the student population, according to the Pew Research Center.

Throughout the past two decades, Hinojosa noticed that making changes in education to accommodate students of different racial and ethnic backgrounds took so long because employees didn't feel driven to make a difference.

"I feel that the biggest challenge that we have is that the people who work in the position to help us turn things around and increase the graduation rate, for example, to be able to increase

the numbers that enroll in community colleges or universities, just does not want to make it happen," Hinojosa said. "They simply turned a blind eye to what needed to be done."

Hinojosa was part of a congressional delegation that visited China and questioned how they were beating U.S. students in education. An individual responded that they focus on early reading and writing, which leads to success in their schools. Since then, numerous programs have been created to encourage early reading. As a result, the dropout rate among Latinos decreased

from 32 percent in 2000 to 14 percent in 2013.

The third segment featured Student Government Association President Alberto Adame, doctoral physics student Louis Dartez and high school senior Aleida Olvera speaking about young Latino leaders. Together, the trio discussed and agreed that the greatest issue young Latino leaders face today is education due to the lack of emphasis in science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields in primary schools.

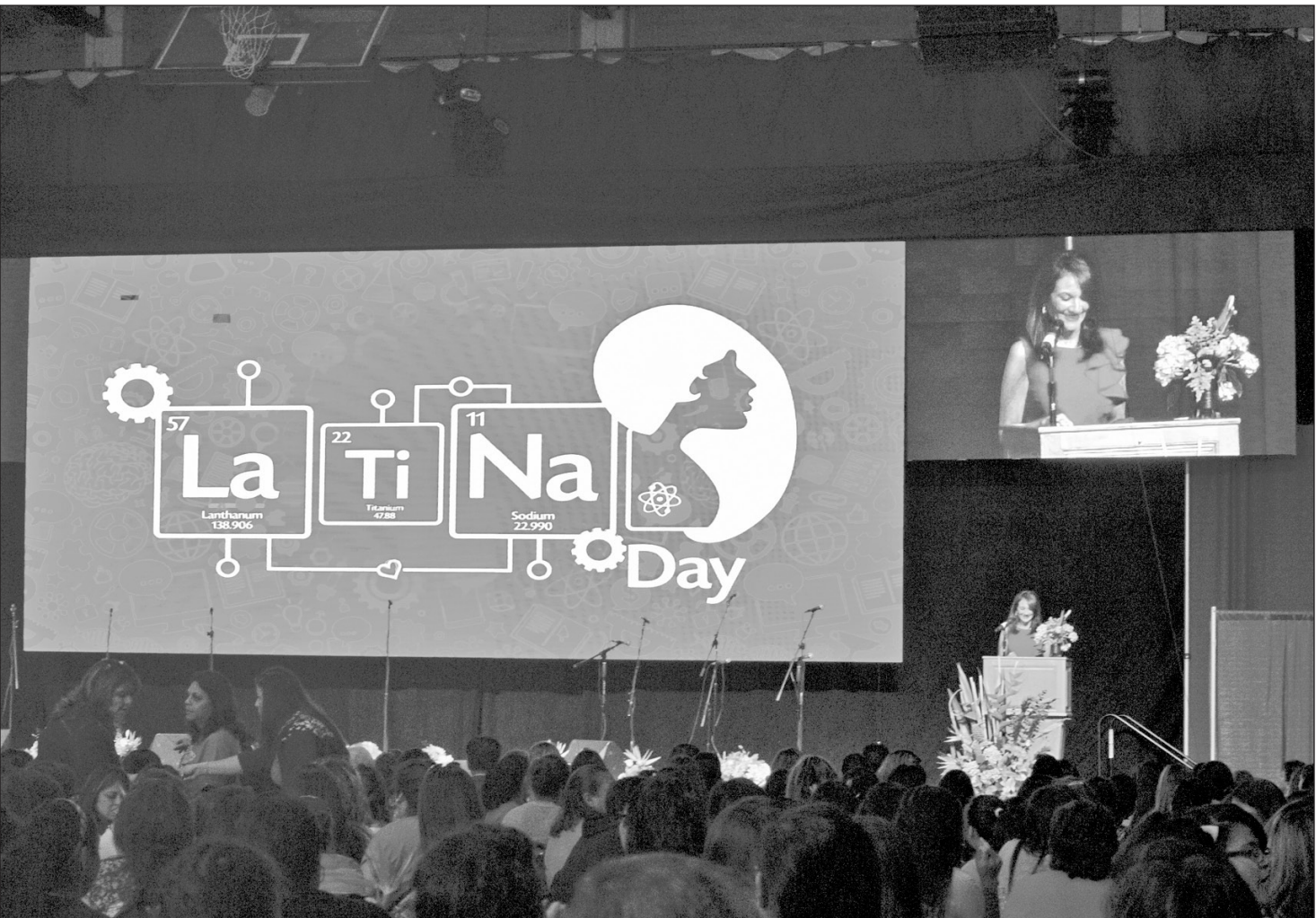
"On the other side in Brownsville, where Forbes magazine just ranked us the No. 4 least educated in the U.S., and I want to make the Rio Grande Valley the next Silicon Valley, so my aspirations are to bring standard education reform to the [RGV]," said Olvera, a student at Veterans Memorial Early College High School.

The next segment featured Cristela Alonzo, a Latina comedian who created, produced, wrote and starred in the sitcom, "Cristela," on ABC. In "Cristela," she tried to portray her family, which was something the network and the studio didn't understand. Her goal was to be able to tell that particular story, or a story that has yet to be told.

"I grew up in San Juan; we didn't have money," Alonzo said. "We grew up very poor. The fact that I got this opportunity is amazing; it shouldn't have happened. I keep telling everybody this shouldn't have happened. But the fact that I got there means that other people like me, other kids like me, can get there, too. I [have] to tell both stories."

The final segment, which focused on improving and expanding the STEM fields, featured former UT Brownsville President Juliet V. García, immigrant rights activist and businesswoman Julissa Arce and Hispanic Heritage Foundation President and CEO Jose Antonio Tijerino.

"We should not let ourselves be defined by one issue [such as immigration]," said García, who is now the executive director of the UT Institute of Las Americas. "There are so many other things that are vital to us. We need to stop allowing others to define and refine who we are. The paradigm needs to shift."



Veronica Gonzales, vice president for Governmental and Community Relations at UTRGV, welcomes the audience during Latina Day last Wednesday in the Fieldhouse in Edinburg. The event was part of the university's celebration of HESTEC week.



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# Depicting the culture

Chicano artist brings exhibit to campus

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In César Martínez’s digital print, “Mona Lupe: the Epitome of Chicano Art,” Mona Lisa becomes *La Virgen de Guadalupe*. It is among the many works in the Chicano artist’s show, “Modes.”

“I really enjoy his portraits because he uses a lot of vibrant colors. It’s intriguing to the viewer,” said Josie del Castillo, a senior art major who attended the show’s opening reception last Tuesday in the Art Gallery at Rusteberg Hall on the Brownsville campus.

Martínez said his original plan was to create a different type of art from what he is doing now. His form of art came out of what he saw when he joined a group of civil rights activists in the Chicano movement of the 1970s.

“I never took my own culture into consideration,” he said. “I thought everything else was great. My culture, there was nothing there, but there was. I didn’t know how to look at it.

“All of this political input and the idea and the cultural ideas that grew out of that, who we are, realizing who we were—that’s what made me start doing this, making it known.”

Art education senior Jessie Burciaga also attended the reception.

“He is one of my idols. ... I really like his combinations of monochromatic colors and the way he portrays his portraits,” Burciaga said.

“Mona Lupe: The Epitome of Chicano Art” displays high levels of contrast through the artist’s own rendering as well as from the original “Mona Lisa.”



MARIO GONZALEZ/THE RIDER PHOTOS

Chicano artist César Martínez speaks with art education senior Saul Arellano during the opening reception for Martínez’s show, “Modes” last Tuesday in The Gallery at Rusteberg Hall.

Gallery Director and Visual Arts Lecturer Alejandro Macias said he is happy that someone who is so well known, not only locally but also internationally, came to UTRGV and showed what a practicing, successful artist is doing.

“He’s played with several media,”

Macias said about Martínez. “But everything has its own intent. It’s still very consistent because it deals with his culture, so I think it hits home for a lot of people.”

Martínez’s art has been featured in the Houston Museum of Fine Art, San Antonio Museum of Art and Austin Museum of Art and the *Museo de Arte Moderno* in Mexico City, among others.

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.

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.

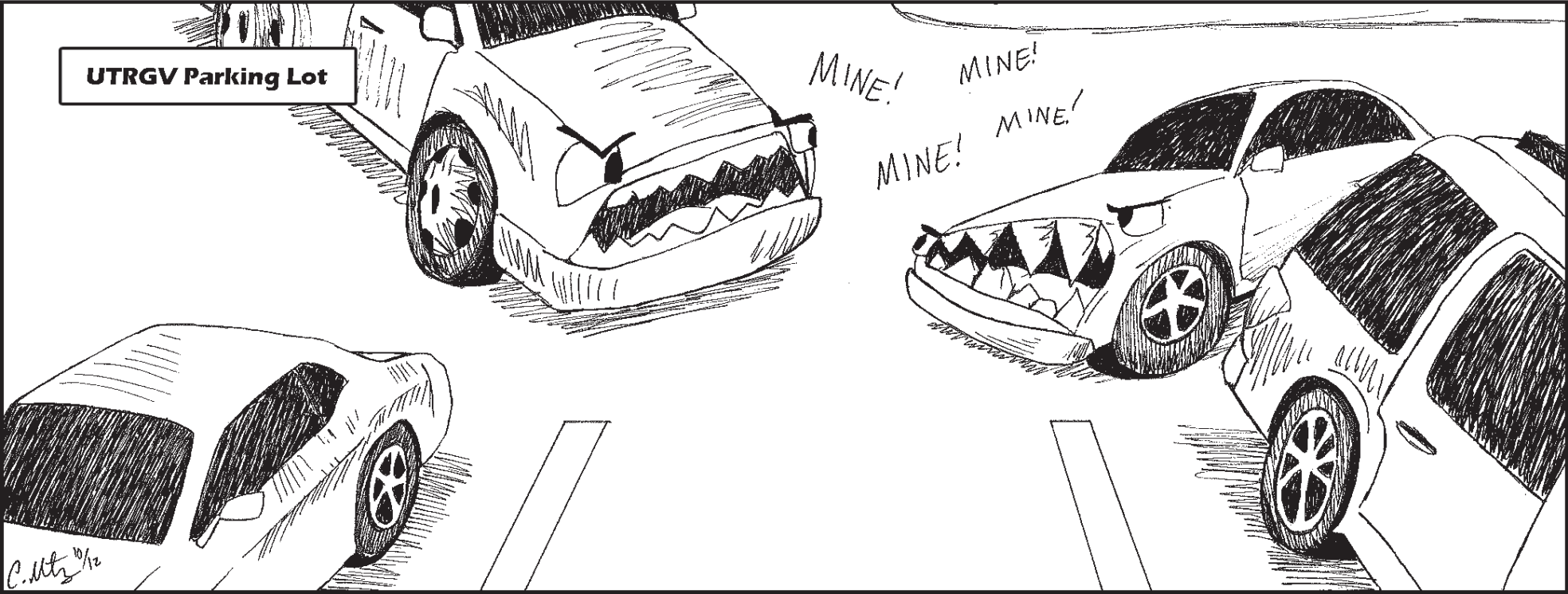
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Senior art major Jessie Burciaga observes one of Martínez’s paintings.



Attendees discuss Chicano artist César Martínez’s works.





# Campus carry: more questions than solutions

Andrea Torres  
THE RIDER



With thousands of high school seniors across the country applying for college this fall, many will look at their choices and think twice about considering Texas universities.

While the rest of the states in this country look into having stricter gun laws, the Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 11 last summer, also known as campus carry, which will allow concealed handgun license holders to carry their weapons on higher education campuses.

In the eyes of Sen. Brian Birdwell (R-Granbury), author of the bill, the legislation strikes a balance between protecting the right of the individual citizens to keep and bear arms on public property and allowing the discretion of university presidents.

The question is, what good can actually come from a law that will allow people to carry hidden firearms on college campuses?

In order to look at the possible consequences, we must look at past effects from states with fewer gun restrictions.

Shootings, such as in 1976 (California State University), 2007 (Virginia Tech), 2008 (Northern Illinois University) and the most recent in Oregon’s Umpqua Community College and at Northern Arizona University are reminders of what can happen if such restrictions aren’t in place.

And let’s not forget the 1966 massacre in which student Charles Whitman killed 14 people and wounded 32 others during a rampage at the University of Texas at Austin.

Nearly 50 years after that shooting, the campus carry law comes into play and opens a world of unknown deadly possibilities for college campuses across the state.

Under SB 11, which takes effect Aug. 1, 2016, public universities must comply with the law and may establish reasonable rules, regulations, or other provisions regarding the carrying of concealed handguns by licensed holders on campuses, such as the storage of guns in dormitories and the creation of gun-free zones.

How will students sleep, knowing their roommates might have a gun in reach? Even worse, how will students be able to go about their day knowing they have a gun in their dorm and their roommate can have access to it?

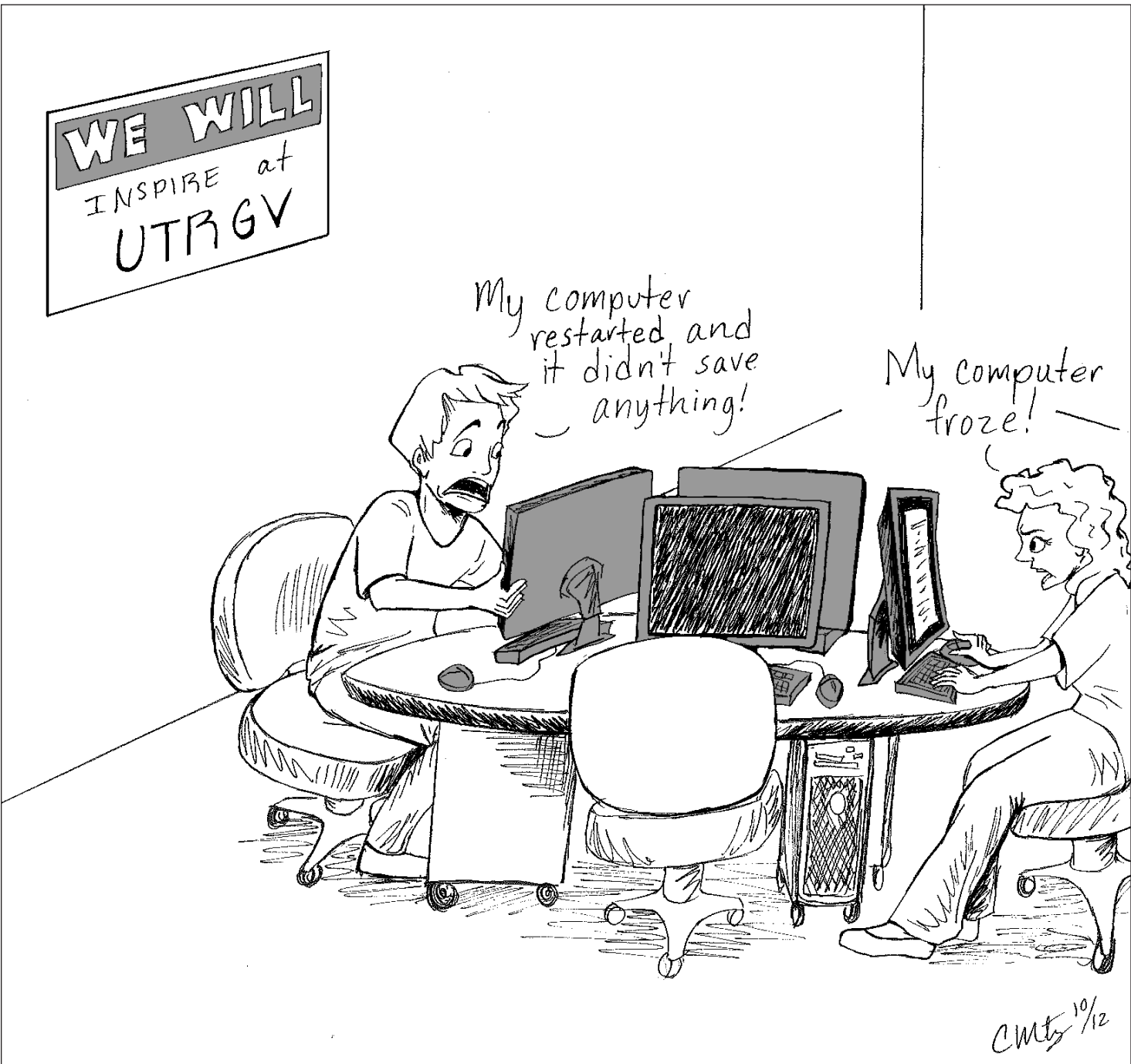
University leaders are required to consult with the campus community when creating campus carry rules and regulations. How much will it cost universities to implement extra security measures?

State Rep. Rene Oliveira (D-Brownsville) said in an interview this summer that it will cost the UT System about \$39 million to comply with the law.

“Local community college districts could experience increased costs related to campus police operations, security programs, and staff training,” according to the Legislative Budget Board’s fiscal note on the 84th Legislative Session.

Universities will now have to find resources to fund extra safety measures to comply with campus carry.

These questions will be on the minds of public university leaders and campus communities as August 2016 approaches. They will also be taken into consideration as the Class of 2016 high school seniors applies to colleges.



## Campus Q & A

*What food choices would you like UTRGV to offer and why?*

--Compiled by Michelle Espinoza and Lesley Robles



**Andrew Rangel**  
Special education junior

“Well, my favorite food is pizza, so I would like a Pizza Hut. Maybe a Chick-fil-A. Maybe also something healthy for students who like healthy eating/living. I don’t know, just a variety of different opportunities, different stuff for students.”



**Melissa Flores**  
Biomedical sciences freshman

“It would be nice to have a Whataburger here at UTRGV because it’s delicious food.”



**Clemeicia “Mecia” Duru**  
Mass communication sophomore

“Many different types of fruits and vegetables, kind of like a buffet style. I think that would be awesome because it would benefit a lot of people that want to be healthy by providing them many different healthy food options. I think that would be so cool and I would eat there a lot because I am always looking for places like that.”



**Saul P. Tamez**  
Biomedical sciences sophomore

“Food choices I would like UTRGV to offer would be grilled chicken, broccoli, carrots. Healthy food choices, not like Chick-fil-A all the time, and those healthy drinks, like a smoothie bar.”



# The evolution will be televised

Regional basketball broadcast in place



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Center Hildur Kjartansdóttir goes for a post shot while freshman guard Sica Cuzic defends during practice Thursday at the RGV Vipers Practice Facility. On the right is Head Coach Larry Tidwell.

## Nathaniel Mata

SPORTS EDITOR

For the first time in NCAA Division 1 history, basketball will be broadcast live from the Rio Grande Valley.

This comes after the Oct. 5 announcement that select Vaqueros Men’s and Women’s basketball home games will be available for viewing on the Time Warner Cable SportsChannel.

TWC SportsChannel and UTRGV Athletics already have a working relationship. The network carries “V-Nation,” a weekly 30-minute program produced by the athletics department. This is the third year the show has aired on the channel and was previously known as “Brone Country,” from legacy institution UT Pan American.

The tentative broadcast plan outlines nine women’s and all 13 men’s home games to reach cable subscribers with the channel in the package. These numbers would change if a game is selected as a Western Athletic Conference Digital Network Game or a American Sports Network telecast.

In addition, two men’s away games will be televised on the American Sports Network, Jan. 21 at California State University-Bakersfield and Feb. 28 at Chicago State University.

The broadcast will give exposure to the basketball program across Texas.

The region of TWC SportsChannel that the Vaqueros will appear on is one of 19 across the country. Major markets covered include the Rio Grande Valley, Austin/Central Texas, Dallas, San Antonio, El Paso, Corpus Christi and Laredo, according to a news release from UTRGV Athletics.

An announcement regarding who will make up the broadcast crew is expected soon.

The first women’s game to air will be at 7 p.m. Nov. 16 against Concordia University and the first men’s game on TWC SportsChannel takes place at 7 p.m. Nov. 20 at the Fieldhouse when they welcome Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

The channel is available in standard and high definition on Channel 323 on Time Warner Cable boxes.



Vaquero guard Rickell Preston goes for a layup during practice Thursday at the RGV Vipers Facility as forward Mary Savoy blocks.

## Athlete of the Week



ASTRID GONZALEZ/THE RIDER

**Name:** Leo Castillo  
**Classification:** Junior  
**Major:** General studies  
**Sport:** Soccer  
**Position:** Goalkeeper  
**Hometown:** Houston

**Who is your favorite athlete?** “Hugo Lloris.” *Lloris is a professional soccer player for the Tottenham Hotspur English club and the French national team.*

**Who is your role model?** “Dwayne Johnson.” *Johnson, aka “The Rock,” is an American actor and professional wrestler.*

**What is the best advice you’ve ever been given and by whom?** “Be the hardest worker in the team. Be the hardest worker in the room. By Dwayne.”

**What do you like to do for fun?** “Hanging out with friends and family.”

**When did you begin playing soccer and why did you start playing?** “I started playing soccer at the age of 7.

Before that, I started kicking the ball around with my brothers since I was 4. Started playing keeper when I was 13. I started because at halftime at a game, the goalkeeper got injured, and the coach asked who wanted to go in as goal in the team. I didn’t get to choose, but my brother chose me for the coach to put me in at goal and I stayed in there.”

**Did you play in high school and did you get any awards?** “No, I did not play in high school. I played with the Houston Dynamo Academy.”

**What are your goals for the season?** “My goals for the season is to get a conference tournament title and work hard in the NCAA tournament to get a national championship.”

**What is your favorite movie?** “Home Alone.”

**Is there a song that gets your head in the game?** “‘El Taxi,’ by Pitbull.”

**What are your plans for the Fall 2015 semester?** “Work hard during every practice session. Get my schoolwork done so I can play.”

**How do you feel about being part of the first UTRGV Men’s Soccer Team?** “I feel very honored. Getting recruited by Coach [Paul] Leese. It’s a really good accomplishment. I think that many kids want to be here in my spot and I’m very pleased with the recruitment of Paul. I’m ready to work hard.”

--Compiled by Jacqueline Arias

## Home Games

Thursday, Oct. 15

Volleyball vs. Seattle University  
7 p.m., UTRGV Fieldhouse

Saturday, Oct. 17

Volleyball vs. Utah Valley  
7 p.m., UTRGV Fieldhouse

Friday, Oct. 16

Women’s Soccer vs. Kansas City  
7 p.m., UTRGV Soccer and Track & Field Complex

Sunday, Oct. 18

Women’s Soccer vs. Chicago State  
1 p.m., UTRGV Soccer and Track & Field Complex



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