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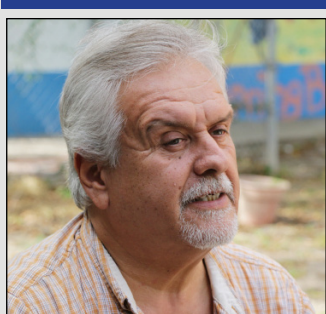


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Provost explains probationary status

UTRGV officials receive letter from SACSCOC detailing specifics of violations

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Jesus Sanchez
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

On Wednesday, UTRGV administrators met with officials from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to discuss the details of the 10 accrediting standards the university violated.

Provost Havidán Rodríguez was one of the university administrators who went to Atlanta to meet with officials from SACSCOC, the regional body for the accreditation of degree-granting higher education institutions in the Southern states.

"We knew the letter was coming in and, so, we wanted to discuss these issues face-to-face with the [SACSCOC] staff," Rodríguez told *The Rider* Thursday. "They had their executive team there. They were very pleased to see us arrive at [SACSCOC]. We didn't have to be there but being there was a great



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demonstration of our interest and commitment to working with them in moving the institution forward and lifting the probationary status."

Rodríguez said SACSCOC

officials reassured them the academic quality of UTRGV was not affected or related to the school's probationary status.

"[SACSCOC] was very clear.

The academic programs, academic credentials, degrees, etc., of UTRGV are not in jeopardy," he said. "We are fully accredited and

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Forget the books--it's time to play



ANA CAHUICHE/THE RIDER

Electrical engineering senior Christopher Silva (left) and exercise science junior Cesar Trinidad wrestle on an inflatable game last Tuesday outside the Texas Southmost College Recreation Center in Brownsville.

Nubia Reyna
THE RIDER

The beginning of the spring semester is here and UTRGV helped students make the start of another year a good one with the Week of Welcome, held from Jan. 16 through Friday, by hosting numerous activities on both campuses.

The Office of Student Involvement hosted the activities.

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Events included the Group Exercise Try-A-Thlon,

which featured Zumba, yoga and Butts & Guts. At the Campfire Bash, students roasted marshmallows to make s'mores, played games and enjoyed music. Other activities included Custom Street Signs and Student Organization Involvement Fairs.

Computer science freshman Matt Treviño attended the Custom Street Signs event, where students created their own metal street sign to look like it came straight off the corner.

"It's pretty awesome," Treviño said. "As soon as I heard about it, I, like, kind of ran over here. I was in line for a good 20 to 30 minutes but it's totally worth it. I told all my roommates it's really cool. I was just like, 'Dude, guys, come over.'"

More than 100 students attended the Student Organization Involvement Fair on the Brownsville campus last Tuesday and on the Edinburg campus last Thursday on the Chapel lawn.

About 10 organizations, including Hack and Make, American Criminal Justice Association, Alpha Psi Lambda National Inc. fraternity and ESports Association, gathered on the Brownsville Main Courtyard to recruit and speak with students about their organization.

"We go travel to places like Austin, Houston, Dallas. ... We go to the events called "hackathons," which are sponsored by major

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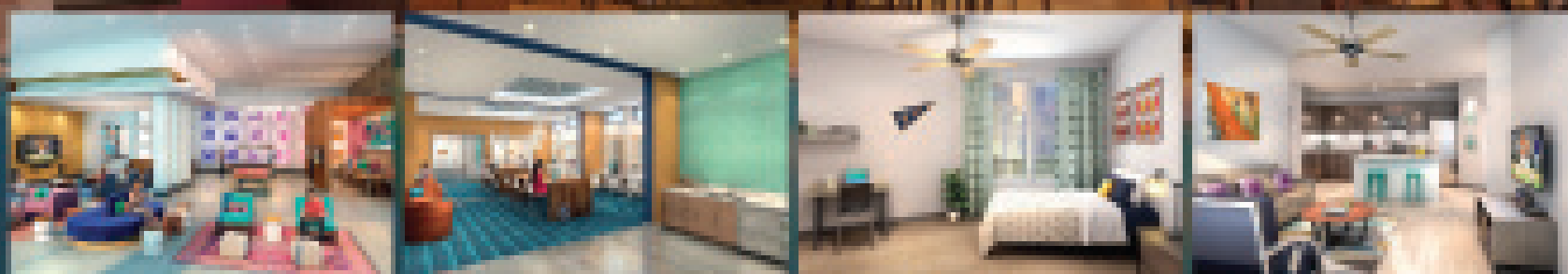
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UTRGV enrollment at 26,000

Marie Vallanca
THE RIDER

Preliminary figures show there are slightly more than 26,000 students enrolled this spring semester at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, meeting the university's goal, officials say.

The Spring 2017 figure is 188 more than enrolled a year ago, but less than the enrollment of 27,560 last fall.

Maggie Hinojosa, vice president for Strategic Enrollment, said the university wants enrollment numbers to be even with prior years.

"We always want to be at least even with the year before," Hinojosa said. "Last year, spring was 90 percent of enrollment of fall and right now we're actually trending a little bit higher at about 92 percent of the enrollment of fall."

Some students reported issues with class registration.

University Registrar Sofia Montes said there are no problems with incoming students this semester, except for being waitlisted in some



SARAH CARVAJAL/THE RIDER

Students stand in line to sign up for the waitlist to speak to a UCentral representative Wednesday in Edinburg.

classes.

"Students may already be enrolled in a class but they're on a waitlist for a time they prefer over the other," Montes said. "We try to decrease

students who are needing assistance with registration and financial aid. They're getting waitlist notification as well.

"[A lot of times] what

ends up happening is that they may decide not to come anymore or they may not qualify for financial aid, so they withdraw from classes and they fill up those spots for

other students."

Montes said students can register for additional credit hours without having to pay extra tuition if they are enrolled full time.

For students, the beginning of a new semester can be stressful.

"If you're a senior or in the dean's list, it's easy for you to register. After [that period] since everyone decides to come to the Edinburg campus, it's really hard getting into classes," said Jesus Cazares, a graduating senior in biology. "They get filled up pretty fast, and the system crashes down. A lot of people have trouble getting into classes."

Montes said the university is trying to solve the lack of classroom space.

"Definitely, we're facing challenges in terms of academic space," she said. "Sometimes we have to work really hard and get really creative with problem solving to find classroom spaces for classes being offered."

For issues or questions regarding registration, call (888) 882-4026 for more information.

Résumé + cover letter = interview

Macarena Martinez
THE RIDER

Landing a job is a process, not luck, which starts with creating a résumé and writing a cover letter.

These documents can lead to the next step--an interview with an employer.

"A résumé is a marketing tool that students utilize in order to get an interview," said Jaime Villanueva, senior coordinator for career education for UTRGV's Career Center.

Résumés come in different formats. The Career Center has a specific template for students.

Villanueva said a résumé should be aesthetically pleasing, have a good flow or balance, and be in chronological order from present to past within 10 to 15 years' experience.

Juan Rodriguez-Nieto, director of the Career Center, said the information on the

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has to be accurate and the contact information on it has to be active. He

recommends using an email address with your first and last name and a number.

"Using your university email address, for a student, is a very professional way to do it," Rodriguez-Nieto said.

Another important tip is to fit the résumé to the job description.

"Whenever you are applying for a position, it is very important to look at the job description and tailor your résumé to fit that job description," Rodriguez-Nieto said. "... The system will scan the job description, identify the key words and then it will scan the résumé looking

for those skill sets. ... If they don't have those keywords, there's not going to be a good match."

To

write a

successful

résumé, your writing has to be good and contain no spelling errors, said Louis Falk, a professor in the Communication Department.

"If you are writing one, you need to have someone else look over it," Falk said.

What a résumé contains may vary. Villanueva explained what is contained in the Career Center template.

"Under the educational component, I would spell out everything. Don't use acronyms," Villanueva said. "If you have a GPA above a 3.0, we recommend that you add it on to your résumé. If you didn't hit the 3.0 threshold,

I graduated, now what?

Second in a series



LESLEY ROBLES/THE RIDER

Theater senior Kanea Macdonald assists Mechanical Engineering senior Fernando Garza with his resume last Tuesday at the Career Services Center located in the Student Services Building room 2.101 in Edinburg.

then just keep it out. ... If [you've] done internships or study abroad, it's already listed as well and some of the takeaways."

The Career Center does

not recommend adding information regarding your high school education on your résumé.

"High school prepared you

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Improving the Good Neighbor

Consultant measures Settlement House's needs and services



ANA CAHUICHE/THE RIDER

The Good Neighbor Settlement House, located at 1254 E Tyler St. in Brownsville, is planning on remodeling part of the building to provide housing for Brownsville's homeless population. This is part of the improvement plan they are seeking to implement in 2017.

Monika Garza
THE RIDER

GED programs, workforce training programs and doctor's appointments are some of the new incentives that the Good Neighbor Settlement House will develop in order to assist the homeless population in Brownsville.

"Rather than giving people everything they want ... you have to build programs that not only serve people in the most humane way possible, but provide them an opportunity for incentives to move in the direction you want them to go," said Jack White, a UTRGV social work lecturer and interim volunteer director at the Good Neighbor Settlement House.

The Good Neighbor Settlement House is a nonprofit agency at 1254 E. Tyler St. that serves and helps

the homeless in Brownsville with basic needs such as warm food, showers and a place to sleep.

On Jan. 6, Robert Marbut, founder of Marbut Consulting, visited the Good Neighbor Settlement House to offer ideas to benefit the homeless community in Brownsville.

"I came down to do sort of an overview of what the homeless system is like and give some suggestions of sort of how to move forward, how changes may occur with the new administration, how funding changes with the federal funding cuts ... that were already started through sequestration and talk about that ... and did a quick analysis of how the situation is going, what improvements can be made and such like that," Marbut said.

White said it was

informative to hear from Marbut the changes that the nonprofit agency needs to make in order to better serve the community.

"Dr. Marbut suggested that one of the first things we needed was better data. We all waved our hands and said, 'We are doing this.' ... But those are not the kind of output changes that Dr. Marbut said were important," White said. "What we need to be about is how many of those people came off the street, how many of those people take a course, how many of those people deal with addiction or mental illness ... and then begin to move toward a housing opportunity that they could afford."

White said the Good Neighbor Settlement House is in the process of cleaning up parts of its building that is unused so that people can receive better housing service.

"The optimum use of these [facilities] would be for something that would house people and give them a chance

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

Vaquero Hot Chocolate Bar

The **Student Union** will serve hot chocolate from noon to 2 p.m. at the Student Union Commons in Edinburg. For more information, call 665-7989.

Night Chess

The **Chess Club** invites all students to come learn and play chess from 4:30 to 11 p.m. in STAC 1.112 A in Edinburg. For more information, email david.ortizo2@utrgv.edu.

Chroma Open House

The **Chroma Club** will hold a social for students interested in joining the club from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at Visual Arts Building 1.222 in Edinburg. For more information, email johnathan.ramos01@utrgv.edu.

Tuesday

Involvement Fair

Student Involvement will host an **Involvement Fair** from noon to 1 p.m. in front of the Main Building in Brownsville to encourage students to become active members of the student body. There will be free food, prizes and music. The same event will take place at the Chapel lawn in Edinburg on Thursday. For more information, email kei.larabermea@utrgv.edu.

Magic: The Gathering Tourney

The **Student Union** will host a **Magic: The Gathering Tournament** from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Student Union Loft in Edinburg. For more information, call 665-7989.

Rhythm Night

The **Student Union** will conduct free dance lessons from 6 to 8 p.m. at El Comedor in Brownsville. In Edinburg, the lessons will be offered in the Ballroom at the same time Thursday. For more information, call 665-7989 or email mabel.cortinamatos@utrgv.edu.

Stalking Awareness

Student Rights and Responsibilities will host a presentation about stalking awareness at 7:30 p.m. in STAC 1.101 in Edinburg. The presentation will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Main Courtyard West Wing in Brownsville. For more information, call 665-7244 or email douglas.stoves@utrgv.edu.

Wednesday

Texas Hold'em Tournament

The **Student Union** will host a **Texas Hold'em Tournament** from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Student Union Game Room in Edinburg. For more information, call 665-7989.

Friday

Chocolate Cake Day

The **Student Union** will serve chocolate cake from noon to 2 p.m. at El Comedor in Brownsville and Student Union Commons in Edinburg. For more information, call 665-7989.

Food Sales

Hot Cheetos and Cheese

The **Access for Sex-Education** will sell Hot Cheetos and cheese for \$1.50 each from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. today at the Student Union in Edinburg. For more information, email cathryn.torres01@utrgv.edu.

Hot Cheetos and nachos

The **Student Accessibility Council** will sell Hot Cheetos with cheese and nachos from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. Tuesday at the Student Union East Patio in Edinburg. For more information, email elizabeth.rodriguez05@utrgv.edu.

Fruit cups

The **Pre-Medical Bio-Medical Society** will sell fruit cups from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Student Union in Edinburg. For more information, email chelsea.gerlicki01@utrgv.edu.

Phi Iota burgers

Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity Inc. will sell burgers from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Library BBQ Area in Edinburg. For more information, email lawrenceearl.pabalinas01@utrgv.edu.

Hot food

Omega Delta Phi Fraternity Inc. will sell hot food items from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Library Courtyard B in Edinburg. For more information, email rene.cuellar01@utrgv.edu.

Bubble tea

The **Filipino Student Association** will sell bubble tea, a variety of fruit-flavored teas and milk teas blended with tapioca balls, from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday at the Library CTY A in Edinburg. For more information, email ayana.ignacio01@utrgv.edu.

Chicken plates

The **Association of Latino Professionals for America** will sell chicken plates from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at the Library BBQ Area in Edinburg. For more information, email claudia.orozcogonzalez01@utrgv.edu.

SHRM burgers

The **Society for Human Resource Management** will sell burgers from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at the Math and General Classrooms BBQ Pit in Edinburg. For more information, email tavana.nino01@utrgv.edu.

Pizza

The **Rehab Club** will sell pizza from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the front lawn of Math and General Classrooms in Edinburg. For more information, email noelle.garcia01@utrgv.edu.

The **Health Occupations Student of America** will sell pizza from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday at Library CTY A. For more information, email jose.ibarra01@utrgv.edu.

--Compiled by Marie Vallangca

POLICE REPORTS

The following are among the incidents reported to University Police between Jan. 9 and 13.



Jan. 9

11:35 a.m.: An officer responded to a report of a female student attempting to make a cash payment using a \$100 bill that failed authentication with both the electronic currency scanner and authentication marker. The case is under investigation.

11:52 a.m.: A student reported that her university-issued tablet was stolen when her vehicle was burglarized in Reynosa, Tamaulipas, Mexico. A report was also filed with local authorities in Reynosa. The tablet did not contain computer sensitive information.

Jan. 10

10:20 a.m.: A woman reported three charges totaling \$1,500 made to a UTRGV student's account for tuition payments without her knowledge and

consent. The charges came from three prepaid Visa cards that she purchased and still possessed. The Houston Police Department is investigating the incident and UTRGV Police is providing investigative support.

Jan. 11

3:59 a.m.: A male student reported that his vaporizer cigarette was on fire at the Village Apartments on the Edinburg campus. When the student heard the vaporizer beginning to hiss, he threw it outside and flames started coming out of it. The student used the fire extinguisher in his apartment to put out the fire. He was not injured and there was no property damage.

Jan. 12

9:20 a.m.: A male staff member reported a theft of a volt meter tester. The item was taken from the staff member's desk while he was away.

9:56 a.m.: An officer responded to the

Student Services Building in reference to an active fire alarm. The Edinburg Fire Department was dispatched to the location. It was determined that a smoke detector was activated due to a burnt pastry in a toaster oven. The building was cleared and occupants were allowed to re-enter the building.

5:08 p.m.: A staff member reported that a Zagster bike located at the southwest corner of the Student Union in Edinburg was damaged.

Jan. 13

12:30 p.m.: A staff member assisted with a bat found by the Student Union Veranda on the Brownsville campus. He picked up the bat to remove it, thinking it was dead. However, the bat was not dead and bit him on the finger. The bat flew away. The staff member sought medical attention and an injury report was completed.

--Compiled by Macarena Martinez

NEIGHBOR

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to experience living independently. ... The challenge is that these [facilities] are on the second floor. ... So, if somebody is handicapped, they cannot climb the stairs," he said. "We are going to be looking for ways in which either we can accommodate those individuals or we can put essentially a lift in here that will address that issue."

Asked what it would cost to renovate

the nearly 82-year-old building, White replied: "We are on the cusp of looking at what those costs are with the help of SpawGlass, [a general contractor]. ... My guess is it is going to easily take \$150,000 and that would be at the light end with dealing with both of those [facilities] and that is not going to provide the elevator. An elevator will cost you at any point in time \$100,000 for just one elevator."

White said once the agency receives the total cost of renovations and

program implementation, he will solicit funding from United Way and the Legacy Foundation.

As previously reported by *The Rider*, there are many ways in which UTRGV students can volunteer to help the Good Neighbor Settlement House. White said students studying such majors as culinary arts or education can help the agency.

For more information on volunteering at the Good Neighbor, call 542-2368.

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Las muchas caras de la indigencia

Conteo nacional de las personas sin hogar tomará lugar el jueves

Rebeca Ortiz
EDITORA DE ESPAÑOL

Voluntarios de toda la nación saldrán el jueves a las calles de sus respectivas comunidades para levantar un conteo de las personas sin hogar.

El departamento federal de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano, (HUD por sus siglas en inglés), establece que todas las comunidades del territorio de Estados Unidos deben de llevar un conteo de todas las personas sin vivienda, al menos cada dos años. Cada actividad censal es planeada, coordinada y realizada a nivel local.

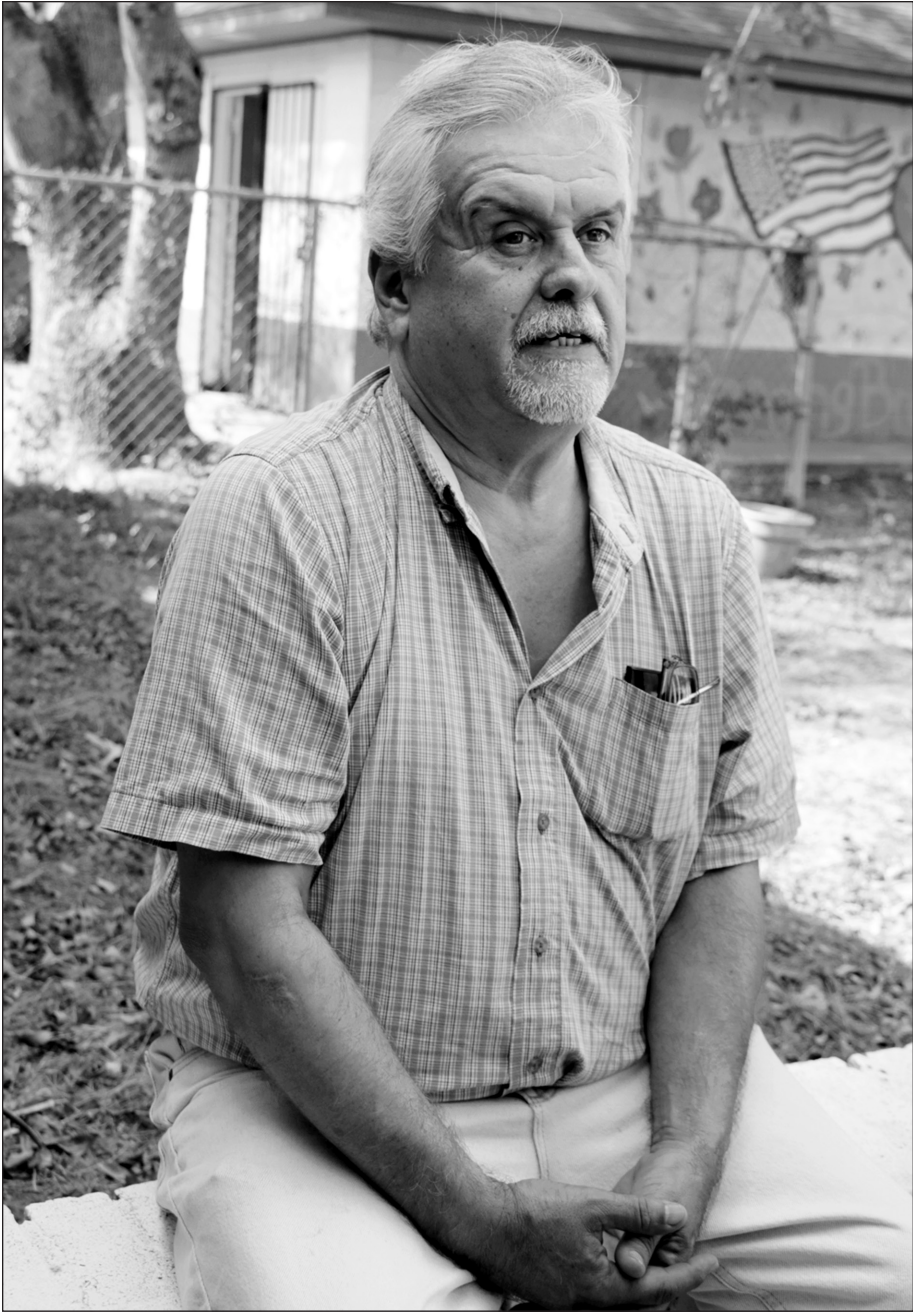
“Es importante saber cuánta gente necesita ayuda, cuánta gente está en la calle, cuanta gente necesita comida, y teniendo una cantidad ... la ciudad nos puede dar más fondos para atender a estas personas”, dijo Ninfa Vela, estudiante de maestría en trabajo social en UTRGV y asociada en la agencia de multiservicios sin fines de lucro, Good Neighbor Settlement House, (GNSH).

“Muchos de nuestros clientes tienen problemas psiquiátricos y no tienen, ya sea el apoyo familiar o el apoyo de la comunidad para poder acudir a servicios. También drogas, muchos de nuestros clientes tienen problemas de adicciones y muchas veces no saben a quién acudir”, dijo Vela.

HUD requiere que el Sistema de Cuidado Continuo, (CoC por sus siglas en inglés) realice un recuento anual de las personas que estén al abrigo de refugios de emergencia y viviendas de transición. El Conteo de Personas sin Hogar (Point-in-Time Survey [PIT]) es un conteo de todas las personas sin hogar que se realiza el cuarto jueves de enero y es distribuido en nuestro estado por el Texas Homeless Network.

De acuerdo al coordinador del Programa del Condado Urbano del Condado de Hidalgo, Danny Coca, el criterio para calificar a una persona como indigente es muy riguroso y técnico, pues no todas las personas censadas califican como tales. El conteo del condado de Cameron del 2016 fue de 177 personas, el de Hidalgo, 223.

Parte del conteo es realizar un cuestionario a las personas que se



ANA CAHUICHE/THE RIDER

Mario Reynoso, beneficiario de los servicios de Good Neighbor Settlement House desde hace dos años, nos relata su situación de desempleo en Brownsville.

contabilicen, por lo que la ciudad de Brownsville ofreció una capacitación para voluntarios el pasado miércoles en el Brownsville Literacy Center.

Dicho cuestionario es anónimo, pide datos demográficos como edad, género, raza o etnia y pregunta los años que las personas llevan viviendo

sin hogar y si se encuentran viviendo en las calles o en algún albergue local.

“Es importante hacerle este cuestionario a la mayoría de las personas que están en la calle o que tienen dificultad manteniendo un hogar”, dijo Anali Ybarra, coordinadora del Servicio Social de La Oficina de Gestión de Ayudas y Desarrollo de la Comunidad de la ciudad de Brownsville. “Nosotros contamos todo el condado de Cameron y es muy importante porque dependiendo de los números que saquemos nos mandan fondos del programa de Soluciones de Emergencia (Emergency Solution Grant)”.

El programa ESG es un componente del Sistema de Cuidado Continuo diseñado para aliviar la falta de vivienda en Brownsville. Una vez estimado y aprobado, dicho fondo es repartido entre las organizaciones que administran albergues y comedores sociales.

De acuerdo a Jack White, profesor de Trabajo Social en UTRGV y director interino de Good Neighbor Settlement House, el costo de una persona sin hogar en Estados Unidos es alrededor de \$40,000 al año, entre arrestos y atención médica de emergencia. “Muchas personas no entienden las muchas caras de la indigencia. Es una cosa darle a alguien una comida y un donativo, es algo más desarrollar un plan para ayudarlos a llegar a un nivel de auto suficiencia en el que quieran participar”.

Mario Reynoso, de 58 años, lleva dos años y medio viviendo sin hogar. Cocinero de profesión empezó a tener dificultades cuando el servicio de banquetes para el que trabajaba cerró hace tres años.

“Es triste llegar a cierta edad, y sobre todo después de los 45, 50 años, no te dan trabajo simplemente porque tienes el pelo blanco, aunque sepas hacer muchas cosas, aunque seas capaz de muchas cosas y con experiencia”, dijo Reynoso, quien sufre de depresión y padece de diabetes e hipertensión. “Voy y aplico y contratan gente que tenga entre 22, 25 años, hasta los 35, y ya después, se acaban las oportunidades”.

Por su parte, White opina que “muchacha gente habla sobre los indigentes como desinteresados en trabajar y queriendo vivir en las calles y esa es realmente una vista muy miope sobre la indigencia”.

“Las personas no eligen vivir en las calles cuando se está a 30 grados”, dijo White. “Finalmente vienen a aclimatarse, esas son sus vidas, y se rodean de amigos, bolsas de plástico y almohadas y se aclimatan a ese estilo de vida. Pero no es lo que la gente elige, es el producto de la negligencia. A veces es personal, a veces familiar pero no están ahí porque elijan estarlo y no continúan quedándose ahí porque quieran”.

A Reynoso le parece curioso que haya voluntarios que vayan a “donar su tiempo, a dar de comer” y piensa que “debería la gente no darnos sino ayudarnos a conseguir trabajo”.

El mensaje que a Reynoso le gustaría mandar a los jóvenes de la universidad es que “no pierdan el tiempo, que se aferren a una cosa y que vean pa’ delante, que no desperdicien, ni el tiempo, ni el dinero porque los recursos, uno piensa que van a durar la vida. ... Y yo llegué a tener hasta cuatro automóviles y sin embargo ahorita nada más tengo uno y viejo, porque pensé que todo el tiempo iba a ser joven y todo el tiempo iba a tener oportunidades”. Reynoso dormirá esta noche en su camioneta.

Ninguna mujer de este estrato social se dejó entrevistar.

“Estamos también en el barrio más pobre de la ciudad, el barrio Buena Vida, y estamos en la ciudad más pobre de los Estados Unidos y estamos trabajando con la población más desafiante en todo el lugar”, dijo White. “Entonces, para mí, estamos en el lugar correcto en el momento correcto”.



Jack White, director interino de Good Neighbor Settlement House y profesor de trabajo social en UTRGV habla sobre el conteo de personas sin hogar.

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we have excellent academic, rigorous programs.”

The issue was the transition period during Fall 2015, specifically the separation of UT Brownsville and Texas Southmost College and the latter’s delayed accreditation, the provost said.

As previously reported by *The Rider*, the accreditation standards UTRGV failed to meet are the following:

- Integrity (Principle 1.1)
- Acceptance of academic credits (Comprehensive standard 3.4.4)
- Consortial relationships/contractual agreements (Comprehensive standard 3.4.7)
- Institutional credits for a degree (Comprehensive standard 3.5.2)
- Institutional credits for a graduate degree (Comprehensive standard 3.6.3)
- Financial aid audits (Comprehensive standard 3.10.2)
- Substantive change (Comprehensive standard 3.12.1)
- Advertising, Student Recruitment, and Representation of Accredited Status policy compliance, (Comprehensive standard 3.13)
- Publication of accreditation status (Comprehensive standard 3.14.1)
- Recruitment materials (Federal requirement 4.6)

On Wednesday, UTRGV received a letter from SACSCOC stating that “the documentation submitted indicates that the [university] failed to provide timely and accurate information to the Commission, and/or failed to conduct a candid self-assessment of compliance with the *Principles of Accreditation* and to submit this assessment to the Commission. This is viewed as lack of full commitment to integrity.”

Rodríguez said he and the other UTRGV administrators asked SACSCOC officials for a clearer explanation of the violation.

“So, we asked, ‘What is it that you’re referring to?’ ... It refers to we, the university, referring to ourselves as, ‘Two campuses, one journey,’” he said. “[SACSCOC] was saying,

‘That’s actually a misrepresentation of the university,’ and we [asked] why. They said, ‘Because it’s actually, two campuses, *five* universities, one journey.’”

The provost said SACSCOC officials explained that the university should have represented itself as UT Pan American, UTB, UTB/TSC, TSC and UTRGV.

“When [SACSCOC] refers to the assessment of who we are, and that we did not represent t h a t accurately, that is one of the issues, or a couple of the issues they are referring t o ,” Rodríguez said.

In order to resolve this violation, the commission is asking UTRGV to “provide evidence of corrective communications with all constituencies to demonstrate honest and open communication in its actions as well as a copy of its internal procedures for public release of institutional information, the person/offices responsible for its accuracy and the chief executive’s role, if any, in attesting to accuracy.”

The letter also states that an administrative decision was made to automatically enroll students from UTB into the UTRGV student information system. The action resulted in all students enrolled in courses on the Brownsville campus being classified as continuing UTRGV students.

SACSCOC wrote in its letter that the process occurred without a clear, corresponding process to evaluate the quality and integrity of the credit recorded on UTRGV’s transcript.

“If you look at the process that we went through, UTPA was renamed UTRGV, waiting for the situation with UTB/TSC to be resolved,” Rodríguez said. “It’s about timeline. We expected that in December 2014, TSC would go

up for accreditation. Then we thought it was going to happen in June of 2015. When it did not happen in June of 2015, remember that the [UT System] board of regents ... determined that UTRGV would be established in Aug. 31, 2015, we still couldn’t pull in UTB into the mixture because UTB was still UTB/TSC.”

If UTB had been separated from TSC before the college received its accreditation, the Education Department w o u l d not have been able to award financial aid to all the students t h a t remained at TSC, the p r o v o s t said.

“We did not want to impact the students, so we had to delay our process as well,” he said. “That’s where the issue emerges. Certainly, the UTB students were already taking courses from UTRGV in the fall of 2015. So, as a consequence in that transition, that’s what created this issue.”

UTRGV did not provide SACSCOC with a copy of its 2015-16 financial aid audit, according to the letter from the commission. The audit is needed to document that the disbursement of aid to students on the Brownsville campus was in compliance.

Asked why the audit was not provided to the commission, Rodríguez replied: “Very simple, because the audit was just completed. We get the audit report in late January or by mid-February and as soon as the report is done, we will submit it. There was no audit report to submit. We were just audited by the Department of Education, as all institutions are, and so, the report has not come in. So, we don’t have something to submit to [SACSCOC] but as soon as we get the report, we submit it to [SACSCOC]; that issue goes away.”

In a phone interview with *The Rider* Thursday, state Rep. René Oliveira

(D-Brownsville) said he was glad the commission did not find anything substantive.

“It seems that the issues all revolve around the breakup of UTB ... and Texas Southmost College and it seems to be issues of transition and adjustment rather than any substance of violations,” Oliveira said. “My understanding is that a small amount of students may have gotten a degree from one of the institutions when it should have been another institution, and that can certainly be corrected. But, most of the issues were, or almost all the issues seem to me to revolve around these transition issues and not any gross violation of conduct, trust or academics.”

UTRGV was created by the Texas Legislature in 2013 and opened in August 2015.

Oliveira said he does not believe the creation of UTRGV was rushed.

“This is a process that took a couple of years,” he said. “There was no rush and, frankly, the sooner the better. ... The Legislature is not involved in those day-to-day issues. All we do is pass the law and get the funding and [UTRGV has] to implement that themselves. So, if there were any mistakes, then it has nothing to do with the Legislature.”

In December 2017, UTRGV will be reviewed by SACSCOC’s board of trustees, which will consider the accreditation status of the university following review of a monitoring report submitted by the institution, no later than Sept. 8, addressing the standards cited for non-compliance, and the report of a special committee that will visit the institution in October.

“UTRGV remains a fully accredited institution,” Rodríguez said. “None of the other [education] programs are impacted by this. ... SACSCOC staff reiterated this and so, our degrees awarded, our diplomas, etc., they are valid. ... We continue to move forward as an institution. We are strongly committed to work with SACSCOC to resolve these issues and we strongly believe that we will resolve these issues.”

--Monika Garza contributed to this report.

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Exercise science junior Cesar Trinidad places a Velcro pad on the side of the inflatable game as the resistance rope pulls him back.

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WELCOME

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corporations like Dell, Microsoft, Google, and what they do is that they give us prompts or something they want us to do and we all create teams and see who can create the best invention in 24 hours or sometimes a week long,” said Alissa Flores, Brownsville Hack and Make treasurer. “We also do a lot of volunteering.”

Students interested in joining the organization may email Christian A. Martinez at christian.a.martinez01@utrgv.edu

“We got certified on pepper spray last May,” said Liliana Resendiz, a member of the American Criminal Justice Association at UTRGV. “We just went to competition in November. We had shooting, testing CSI, physical training and we are just excited for this new semester for all the new things we have to come.”

To become members of the association, students must be criminal justice majors or minors.

For more information, email Rogelio Gutierrez at rogelio.gutierrez01@utrgv.edu in Brownsville and Isaac Tamez at isaac.tamez01@utrgv.edu in Edinburg.

Alpha Psi Lambda President Vanessa Soto said the fraternity is recruiting new members. The fraternity does community service and helps new members with their homework and other things they may need.

A student must have a 2.5 GPA and be enrolled in at least six credit hours in order to become a member. For more information, email apsialphabeta@gmail.com

ESports, a gaming association with more than 60 members on both campuses, is looking for new recruits who like to play videogames.

“What we focus on is creating community around competitive gaming and hosting tournaments as well as developing teams and professionalism and



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Biology junior Mariana Alvarado (from left), biology junior Diony Tovar and psychology junior Alejandra Canales compete in a game called “Flip a Cup,” hosted by the Circle K organization, last Tuesday during the “Throwdown” event.



SARAH CARVAJAL/THE RIDER

Group Exercise Instructor Nancy Garza leads participants Tuesday during the Butts & Guts segment of the Group Exercise Try-A-Thlon in the UTRGV University Recreation Building in Edinburg.



MICHELLE ESPINOZA/THE RIDER

Gus Davis (left), vice president of Fun Fotos To Go, designs custom metal street signs for UTRGV students last Wednesday on the Brownsville campus. The street sign designs were part of the Spring 2017 Week of Welcome.



GABRIEL MATA/THE RIDER

Pre-medical chemistry junior Jonathan Sailinas (left) and pre-medical biology senior Carlos Ramirez admire their custom street signs.



LESLEY ROBLES/THE RIDER

Mass communication senior Christopher Rivera roasts a marshmallow to make a s’more during the Campfire Bash last Wednesday at the Chapel lawn on the Edinburg campus.

leadership,” said Nicholas Hill, president of Esports Association. “We are [on] both campuses. We host events, we work with the community and businesses that do videogames and stuff. The club is for everyone, even if you don’t like competing, or if you play just for fun.”

For more information, visit @ESportsUTRGV on Facebook.

On the same day, the same organizations gathered for games, food and music at the “Throwdown,” held at the Texas Southmost College Recreation Center in Brownsville.

The same event was hosted last Thursday in the Ballroom on the Edinburg campus.

--Brenda Garza contributed to this report.

Campus Q&A

How have your experiences been with UTRGV transportation?



“Me parece bien como UTRGV ha estado empleando la transportación entre campus. Ha habido veces en las que si he tenido problemas, en especial saber cuándo estarán disponibles los buses, como en finals y holidays. Me gustaría que tuvieran algún feedback o modo de comunicar el estado de los buses, como cuántos hay disponibles o si alguno está descompuesto. Ayudaría y nos daría la confianza del servicio de transportación”.

Edson Almaguer
Evaluador del programa de Becas y Aprendizaje

“So far, it has been pretty good. Today is my first day. I got picked up pretty early and there was nobody on the bus, so that was pretty sweet. I think it is a really good idea, especially since the campuses are pretty far away from each other, so, I think it’s good. I don’t know how many buses there are, but either way you can request to go back to Harlingen, you know, for the people [who live near] there. So, yeah, I think it is a really good idea.”



Brianna Gaytan
Biology junior



“I’m part of the folklórico team here, and one of the buses took us to Brownsville to perform. It was pretty cool and really cold. I remember people were complaining about the Wi-Fi ‘cause they couldn’t connect, but we really weren’t there for the Wi-Fi. Besides that, it was OK. I don’t really use it because I park in Zone 2, usually. I get super car sick, and it doesn’t help that the shuttles are, like, sitting sideways instead of to the front.”

Karla Carvajal
Mass communication senior

“I ride the shuttle because I’d rather not look for parking. Sometimes, it’s kind of hot inside the shuttle and, sometimes, it’s not. Maybe be more consistent. I’d like there to be more trips instead of just waiting. It kind of defeats the purpose of the shuttle.”



Procopio Sanchez
Elementary education senior

--Compiled by Ana Cahuiche and Gabriel Mata



Uber, the right choice



Macarena Martinez
THE RIDER

Many people are considering the ride-share service Uber, but they have a lot of questions that need answers. Are you also curious and want to know the benefits of using Uber?

Obviously, you want to know if this company is the right one. Should people use Uber instead of public transportation, taxis or their personal vehicle?

With all things considered, Uber is like making your mother or sibling transport you to your destination.

The main difference is that a big charge appears on your card.

I used Uber in Mexico City. The fare was cheaper than taxis, but let’s not compare the price with public transportation.

“The total saving while choosing UberX over taxis is \$31 million/year,” Costea Lestoc states in neurogadget.com.

One of the benefits of Uber is the time it takes to pick you up. I just had to press a button on the smartphone application and the Uber arrived in less than 10 minutes.

A taxi, on the other hand, would have taken more than 15 minutes to arrive at my location. In Mexico City’s subway, *El Metro*, I would have arrived faster,

but had to walk 10 minutes just to get to the station.

Since Uber has to be requested using a smartphone application, it is easy to use and understand.

When a person is ready to sign up for Uber, the application makes it easy to begin and ask for a ride. The app is so easy to use and gives you step-by-step instructions that you can follow at the beginning of each ride.

The other benefit I saw was that I knew the driver and the car would be trustworthy. The car that came to pick me up was a Toyota Corolla.

An advantage when choosing Uber is the way it lets

“I just had to press a button on the smartphone application and the Uber arrived in less than 10 minutes.”

you pay. A business person when traveling might not carry cash and paying with a credit card will facilitate the ride.

Becoming a driver can also be a benefit. Not only do you get paid for giving rides to people in your area, but you also choose

the time to provide those rides.

In other words, if you don’t like working late at retail stores or restaurants, you might want to work for Uber.

If you have a good driving record, a presentable car, nice attitude, and, of course, time, Uber can help you earn extra cash for your pocket.

Uber is active in 81 countries and in the future, it will probably be in every country.

You can sign up for a ride or to become a driver at Uber.com.

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Young team, full plate

Seven on women's tennis molding during busy spring



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Dominique Ibarra follows through on a backhand return during practice at Orville I. Cox Tennis Center last week. She is one of three returners from the 2015-16 WAC Championship team. Ibarra is a sophomore.

Nathaniel Mata

SPORTS EDITOR

A year ago, they were a relatively young team. By season's end, women's tennis were the first WAC champions in UTRGV history. Since the May 1 championship, the landscape of the team has changed drastically.

Their first-year Head Coach Stephanie Wooten-Quijada left the program to lead another team after the historic season. Three seniors graduated and two other women transferred out of the program.

So again, it's a youthful women's tennis team that will take the court this spring. Three freshmen and a sophomore transfer are new to the squad.

The void in coaching was filled by longtime Tennessee coach Sonia Hahn in August. Hahn said a young team benefits from lots of matches to gain experience.

"It's always a good thing that you can compete as much as you can, before conference matches start," Hahn said. "This team needs to get a lot of experiences and competition. I think that's the best preparation you can have going into the season."

The women have a busy schedule coming out of winter break, and that's putting it lightly. They will compete 11 times between January and February, traveling solely in Texas with four

home matches mixed in.

Hahn shared both pros and cons of a team comprised of many just starting as college athletes or new to the program.

"It's always great when you have tons of enthusiasm and willingness. They're excited about the season, as the upperclassmen are as well," Hahn said. "The difficult thing is they just haven't gone through the battle yet to really understand what it takes. It goes both ways, but as long as they have the excitement, that's all that matters."

Dominique Ibarra is only a sophomore, but her part in the 2015-2016 championship team qualifies her as a veteran. In singles matches last year, she amassed a 16-9 record. The Spaniard said the team has come into its own under Hahn at this point.

"Everything is going good, we have adapted to the new rules. We adapted well," Ibarra said. "[Hahn is] really organized and strict and that's good for

us. We have a pattern to follow."

The second-year player is looking forward to a lot of competitive action.

"I love playing matches" she said. "The spring season is the best part. I really enjoy playing. The excitement, playing hard I think, for me, that's the most exciting part."

Also on the team are juniors Doris Aleksovska and Dominique Esparza. Marine Darzyan is a sophomore transfer from the University of Evansville. The three freshmen are Anastasia Belyaeva, Chloe Leclere and Amanda Guardia, the only American-born player on the roster.

The team could return the entire roster next year since there are no seniors and build chemistry if it is able to stay intact.

One former tennis player has made a transition into a volunteer assistant coaching role. Julia Perez appeared in matches each of her four seasons on the team. She played from 2013-15 in Edinburg, following her high school

“ We’ve gotten better every year. With these new girls coming in they’re getting better also and coaching them is something special. ”

Julia Perez
Volunteer Assistant Coach

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



SARAH CARVAJAL/THE RIDER

Name: Antonio Green

Sport: Basketball

Position: Guard

Classification: Sophomore

Major: Communication

Age: 20

Hometown: Tupelo, Miss.

Who is your favorite athlete?

"Growing up it was Alan Iverson because he's just someone similar and somebody I felt was a good person to look up to because he just did his own thing."

Who is your role model? "Probably just athletes that had some positive effect on me growing up. People who were about progressing and becoming better in their life."

What was the best advice you've been given and by whom? "My momma just told me to always keep going and be the best person I can be. To always keep progressing in life and overcome adversity."

When did you begin playing basketball, and why? "In elementary, probably third or second grade. At the time, it was just something fun, something I liked to do. Over time, it was just something I fell in love with and something I was pretty good at, so I stuck with it."

What's your favorite place to hang out on campus? "The gym is my favorite place to be; doing some shots so I can get better."

How do you feel about being part of this team? "I feel like it's a good thing going on. I feel like we're still going and becoming a better team. I just think that we're going in the right direction; we're just in a process."

What are your personal goals for this season? "To potentially be Player of the Year and First Team All WAC."

--Compiled by Sarah Carvajal

career at Roma High School. She made the jump from competing to preparing the team and is adjusting to the different role.

"It's been fun. It doesn't compare to actually being a player, it's very different. I've seen the team grow since my freshman year," Perez said. "We've gotten better every year. With these new girls coming in they're getting better also and coaching them is something special."

Perez explained what she considers her biggest asset to the women, especially the four newcomers to the Western Athletic Conference.

"Having three freshmen and one transfer, it's a different conference for them. I can bring some experience from our conference. I'm very familiar with the teams that we play, even in our regular season matches," she said. "I can help the girls get prepared mentally."

The team of seven will continue to work throughout the spring in hopes of peaking the last weekend of April during the WAC Conference tournament in Las Cruces, N.M.

New-look women's tennis will be on display Saturday when it faces St. Mary's University as well as on Feb. 1, when it hosts Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

Karina Aguirre
THE RIDER

Alejandro Macias' passion for art is undeniably noticeable from the moment you step into his office space. Dozens of paintbrushes greet you as you walk toward his desk. Two enormous paintings hang on the right side of the wall. One is of a Mexican *luchador* and the other is a dark abstract piece. A life-size human skeleton used for figure drawing watches you from a corner.

The Brownsville native graduated from legacy institutions UT Brownsville and UT Pan American and is an art lecturer for the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

He recently completed a residency at the prestigious Vermont Studio Center in Johnson, the largest international residency program in the United States, hosting more than 50 visual artists and writers each month from across the country and around the world, according to its website.

"I'm originally from the Valley, so I graduated from UTB and I graduated from UTPA and so I ended up teaching here, so I've obviously been stuck here for the majority of my life," Macias said. "So, it was really good for me to really leave my comfort zone and go, literally, from one border to the next."

This was Macias' first residency. The artist had applied to another one a few years ago but never thought he would make it.

"I don't feel like I was ready at that point, in terms of artistic maturity. So I was like, 'Well, I've been teaching here for three years now. ... I think I'm ready.' So I literally got my laptop out and I applied in one sitting and I heard back [in] May of 2016."

Reluctant to believe that out of 1,500 people he could earn a precious spot at the center, Macias ignored the acceptance notice at first.

"It was interesting because I was in a meeting ... and I got my phone out briefly before the meeting ended and I saw, 'Vermont Studio Center.' You know how part of the email is cut off? Well, I think I had opened it briefly and it said, 'Thank you for applying to Vermont Studio Center' ... and then I stopped reading because I thought it was a rejection letter."

His four-week residency at the Vermont Studio Center started in late November.

"Around 50 to 60 visual artists and writers had attended. ... I met artists from across the United States, just to name a few [cities] New York, Chicago, Baltimore, and Boston ... just to name a few," Macias said. "So, the whole point of Vermont Studio Center is to meet many other artists that are very good at their craft and who are true craftsmen and are experienced in their field and to be exposed to not only contemporary writing and poetry but contemporary art."

At the center, Macias and the other residents toured other artists' studios in the center and hosted visitors to their own studios every two weeks. He explained that if



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UTRGV Lecturer 1 Alejandro Macias, recently completed a residency at the Vermont Studio Center in Johnson. Macias was selected out of 1,500 applicants to attend the prestigious program.

you left the door to your studio open, other artists could freely walk in and see your work. Along with the studio tours, residents also had Slide Nights, during which artists would be given five minutes to talk about their art.

"This is what I talked about during the Slide. ... I really wanted to improve my drawing technique and so I started to really simplify my portraits but, also, I'm a huge fan of mark making and so I really wanted to have a combination. ... These portraits were a combination of, 'OK, they look very tight and very well-rendered,' but when you see them up close there's still a lot of freedom and you see a lot of mark making and playfulness. When you step

further back, it became almost like realistic portraits."

Aside from the open studios and Slide Nights, the residents had visits from well-known artists. One was Amy Cutler, a New York artist known for her detailed artwork that can be seen in that city's Museum of Modern Art, the Whitney Museum of

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Alejandro Macias
Art Lecturer

American Art and the Metropolitan Museum of Art, to name a few.

Another artist who visited was Wendy Maruyama, a professor of woodworking and furniture design from California whose art can be found at the Dallas Museum of Art and at the Museum of Fine Arts Boston.

"We were able to do studio visits with



COURTESY PHOTO
"I am done with 2016 and 2016 is done with me" by Alejandro Macias

them and get critical feedback from them," Macias said. "So it was really, in many aspects, a growing experience for me ... to be exposed to artists outside the Valley. It's very nurturing and really helped me foster my creativity in many ways."

He said his creativity and inspiration comes from people who directly impact his life.

"The work is really all about identity, not only understanding people and their specific identity, but my own identity; who I am," Macias said. "Not only being Mexican-American but being a Mexican-American on the border and being just a human. They are studies of people and their identity and what makes them unique. The work is not only inspired by that ... it's inspired by the people that I'm constantly exposed to through the media. They not only affect me, but they affect you. It's not just personal; it's relatable to almost anyone."

After landing such a notable opportunity, Macias hopes to inspire and push young Hispanics pursuing art. The artist hopes to shed a light on the often overlooked abundance of culture in the Valley.


"I think the Valley is extremely talented. ... There is a lot of culture here; you should be aware of it and embrace it. There are a lot of talented individuals that just need the push and support and the confidence to do more. I can see a lot of students get insecure or they feel like they don't have the confidence to go further than the Valley. My idea was reinforcing the fact that we can make art just as good as anywhere, and better. The potential is there. Now we have to foster that potential and have them grow. ... I believe in you. Now you have to believe in yourself and you have to be aggressive. ... Your work is just as good as anybody else's."

For more on Macias, visit his website at www.alexmaciasart.com

Trials and Trifles

By Clarissa Martinez





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The Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC) advises the university president on the allocation of the student services fee in accordance with Texas Education Code Sec. 54.503.

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for college, college prepares you for your career path,” Villanueva said. “There are some exceptions, like those incoming freshmen that have no college. Maybe first semester, but after the second semester, all that high school stuff needs to come off your résumé.”

He also suggested using action verbs under the “experience” section of the résumé.

“Start with an action verb, [such as] ‘awarded,’ ‘generated,’ ‘facilitated,’ ‘executed,’” Villanueva said. “Why? Because that showcases value.”

The well-written résumé may determine if the student gets the job, or not.

“Have other people read it and give you advice,” Lovett said. “This document should be very formal and should have zero defects. It needs to be perfect, ‘cause if we see an error in a résumé then, probably, we wouldn’t consider that candidate further than that.”

When employers advertise a job, they may receive dozens or more résumés.

“When we find one with a spelling error, or an error, that’s when we eliminate very quickly,” Lovett said.

Cover letters

An employer or the company may tell the student that the résumé is important and the cover letter is optional.

“If that happens, our recommendation is that students should submit a cover letter,” Rodriguez-Nieto said.

Lovett compared it to an introduction.

“It refers the reader to the résumé. ... It’s a degree of politeness, you might say, to have a cover letter,” he said, adding that it reminds the reader which position the applicant is applying for and about the qualifications.

A cover letter is also important because it tells the employers why they should look at your résumé in the first place, which might lead to an interview.

“Don’t exceed one page, address it to an individual, sound positive and confident, write an attention-getter introduction—why you are interested in the position [and] where you found the position,” Villanueva said.

Interview

The cover letter leads to the résumé and the résumé, to the interview. The interview is the most important step in the hiring process.

It is used by the employer to see “[if] they visually see you in that position,” Villanueva said.

“Do you have the qualifiers, experiences to be successful,” Villanueva said.

In an interview, students should be prepared to ask questions, but should not ask any questions that signify that they did not research the job, Falk said.

“The traditional ones are probably going to be ... ‘Tell me about yourself,’ and this is where it’s really important that you paint a very positive picture, that you talk positive about the degree of the university, your family, your community. Give a positive impression because that is what employers want to see,” Lovett said about the questions employers might ask.

Some questions that should not be asked in an interview are about salary and vacation. But if students are interested in the company, they should ask about the hiring process, Rodriguez-Nieto said.

Post-interview

During the waiting period after the interview, have a plan of action on what to do afterward, Villanueva said.

If the first employer does not respond in a reasonable period of time, start applying for other jobs. Do not get emotionally attached to a specific job.

However, “only apply for jobs that you qualify for,” Villanueva said.

The Career Center is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday in Cortez Hall 129 on the Brownville campus. In Edinburg, the center is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday at the Student Services Building in Edinburg.

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4 v 4 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT*
SEASON: THURSDAY, JANUARY 26 & 27
POST DATE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2
COURT: ROBERTS, WEST 1000



10 v 10 SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT*
SEASON: THURSDAY, JANUARY 26 & 27
POST DATE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2
COURT: 1000



OUTDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE*
SEASON: THURSDAY, JANUARY 26 & 27
POST DATE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2
COURT: ROBERTS, WEST 1000



10 v 10 HOCKEY TOURNAMENT*
SEASON: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26 & 27
POST DATE: THURSDAY, MARCH 2
COURT: ROBERTS, WEST 1000



RACQUETBALL TOURNAMENT*
SEASON: THURSDAY, APRIL 26 & 27
POST DATE: THURSDAY, APRIL 27
COURT: ROBERTS, WEST 1000



*MANDATORY CAPTAIN DUE

ALL INTRAMURAL SPORTS CAPTAINS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ALL SPORTS CAPTAIN MUST BE IN LAOUE SPORTS-OUT TO CREATE TEAM

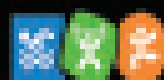


INTRAMURAL AWARDS CEREMONY

POST DATE: THURSDAY, APRIL 27 @ 6 PM
ALL INTRAMURAL PARTICIPANTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AS WE RECOGNIZE THE TOP TEAMS, PLAYERS, CAPTAINS AND OFFICIALS



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**INTRAMURAL
SPORTS**

REC FEST

First 25
get a
FREE
T-shirt!



Thursday,
February 2nd
5-8 PM TSC | UTRGV

Activities include:

✓ Kayaking

✓ Food

✓ Board games

✓ King/Queen of Court

✓ Karaoke & DJ

✓ Indoor Soccer Tournament

✓ Wallyball

✓ Bench Press Competition

✓ G-Fit Classes

✓ Sports Clubs Tabling

Invite your TSC | UTRGV
friends from our
Brownsville campus!



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Event page!

GROUP FITNESS CLASSES

SPRING 2017

Monday

ZUMBA

5:00 - 5:50pm
(LUPITA)

YOGA

6:00 - 6:50pm
(SUSI)

Tuesday

BOOTCAMP

5:00 - 5:50pm
(FERNANDO)

Wednesday

ZUMBA

5:00 - 5:50pm
(LUPITA)

YOGA

6:00 - 6:50pm
(SUSI)

Thursday

POWER HIIT

5:00 - 5:50pm
(FERNANDO)

ALL CLASSES WILL BE
HELD IN ROOM 1.202

BEGINNERS ARE WELCOME!

JANUARY 23 - MAY 4

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