

SPORTS



Moises González represented Mexico during the 2019 World Minifootball Federation World Cup in Perth, Australia. **Page 7**

ESPAÑOL



Los asistentes socializaron con compañeros de las carreras de inglés y español mientras disfrutaban de pizza y bebidas. **Página 5**

ON CAMPUS



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GET OUT AND VOTE



THE RIDER FILE PHOTO

UTRGV students register to vote during National Voter Registration Day last month on the Edinburg campus. In 2018, the UTRGV student voting rate was at 43.2%, an increase of 26.9% from 2014, according to the National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement.

Alejandra Yañez

THE RIDER

Early voting starts today for the Nov. 5 election on 10 state constitutional amendments and local municipal posts, and a study shows the UTRGV community is above the national average for institutions in casting ballots.

UTRGV's voting rate in 2018 increased 26.9% from 2014 and was 4.1% above the national rate for all educational institutions, according to the National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement.

"Historically, both Texas and the [Rio Grande] Valley

just does not have strong voter registration or voter turnout numbers," said Veronica De La Garza, UTRGV director of Governmental and Community Relations.

Only six of 10 residents

"We've seen a lot of activity with respect to voter registration occurring on the campuses and so we think that is gonna transfer to participation at the polls."

Remi Garza
Cameron County elections administrator

vote in Texas and in the Rio Grande Valley, it is four of 10. Asked why it is important for numbers to go up, De

La Garza replied, "Our voter registration numbers increasing and our voter turnout numbers increasing also shows that as a community of young people and a community as a whole in the Valley, that we are civically involved."

In 2014, the voting rate for all institutions was 16.3%. By comparison, the rate for legacy institutions University of Texas at Brownsville and University of Texas-Pan American was 12.9%, according to De La Garza. However, in 2018, UTRGV's rate was 43.2%, which is 4.1% above the national voting

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UREC to receive new equipment

Victor G. Ramirez
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Students, such as mass communication junior Diego Ramirez, will be able to use new cardio equipment the University Recreation building (UREC) in Edinburg will receive at the end of October.

"I like to go to the REC pretty often and sometimes, occasionally, in certain hours, a lot of equipment is being used and it's good to know that they're trying to solve that for anyone who likes doing cardio," Ramirez said. "I'm sure that's really good news."

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He hopes UREC finds a way to organize the new equipment because of crowding issues inside the building.

"As it is, some areas of the REC are really congested because they already have plenty of equipment," Ramirez said. "I'd almost say in some areas too much for the space and it gets a little congested, so I just hope maybe they have a good way or, like, organizing getting new machines just so that everyone isn't, like, bumping into each other and everything."

UREC Director Kimberly Rottet said the department will receive about 20 new cardio machines to replace older ones that have been

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COURTESY PHOTO

American Criminal Justice Association-Iota Kappa Chi members and advisers pose with awards at the Region 2 Conference on Oct. 12. Some of the categories in which the group placed are criminal law, police management and juvenile justice. Shown are (front row, from left) Marguerite Dewitt, an ACJA-Iota Kappa Chi adviser and criminal justice lecturer; Luz Resendez, senior; Itzel Abundis, junior; Evelyn Barajas, senior; and Michael Sanchez, an ACJA-Iota Kappa Chi adviser and criminal justice professor. Middle row: Marcela Galvan, senior; Alma Castro, junior; Danya Martinez, graduate student; and Perla Sanchez, senior. Back row: Samantha Alcantara, senior; Eva Delgado, senior; Carlos Verdugo, junior; and Jose Mata, graduate student.

ACJA nets 18 awards

Alejandra Yañez
THE RIDER

The American Criminal Justice Association-Iota Kappa Chi at UTRGV won more than a dozen awards at the Region 2 Conference hosted Oct. 10-12 by the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio.

The club competed in testing, physical fitness and agility, crime scene investigations and firearm shooting. Students were recognized in every category and competed against schools from Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. Iota Kappa Chi earned

eight first-place, five second-place and five third-place awards.

In the physical fitness category, junior Carlos Verdugo placed first, senior Marcela Galvan placed second and senior Evelyn Barajas placed third.

Eleven students in the club competed in their respective disciplines. As a whole, the club competed in all categories.

Graduate students Jose Mata, the club's vice president, and Danya Martinez competed at the professional-level, placing second and fourth, respectively, in firearm shooting and collectively placed first with Michael Sanchez,

a criminal justice professor and club adviser.

The two graduate students also placed third in crime scene investigations with Marguerite DeWitt, a criminal justice professor and one of the club's advisers.

Undergraduate-level students also placed in all categories.

"Itzel [Abundis], our president, and the other officers that were there really carried the ball on maintaining a very cohesive, dignified, professional group of young people. It was outstanding," said DeWitt.

The competition

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MORE THAN A NEWSPAPER



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Today
Campfire Building
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Recreation

will host clinics for **campfire construction, starting methods and fire safety** at 12:15 p.m. on the Student Union lawn on the Brownsville campus and at the same time on the Chapel lawn on the Edinburg campus. **UREC** will also promote an outdoor trip for the spring. For more information, call 665-3743 or email alex.hintz@utrgv.edu.

UNO Tournament

An **UNO tournament** will take place at 12:30 p.m. in the Game Room on the Edinburg campus. Students will get a chance to win VBucks.

Graduation Bash

The **Alumni Relations Office** will host a **Graduation Bash** for students graduating in Fall 2019 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Library lobby on the Edinburg campus and at the same time in the PlainsCapital Bank El Gran Salón on the Brownsville campus. Free giveaways and snacks will be provided. For more information, call 665-2500.

Tuesday

Cultural Café: Open Mic Night

Students can showcase their talents and enjoy free cookies and hot chocolate in an **Open Mic Night** in honor of **Filipino American History** from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Music, Science & Learning Center lobby on the Brownsville campus. For more information, email culturalcouncil@utrgv.edu.

Lunchtime 'Harry Potter' Trivia

A **'Harry Potter'** trivia game will take place from 12:15 to 2 p.m. in La Sala on the Brownsville campus. Free food will be provided. For more information, email studentunion@utrgv.edu.

Pumpkin Carving Contest

Students can participate in a **pumpkin carving contest** at 9 a.m. at the Student Union East Patio on the Edinburg campus. The top three finalists will be awarded VBucks.

Wednesday

Poker Tournament

Students can participate in the Student Union **poker tournament** for a chance to win VBucks. Free popcorn will be provided at 12:30 p.m. in the Game Room on the Brownsville campus.

Friday

Fright Fest

Fright Fest, a night of free food, DJ music, dancing and a haunted house will take place at 7 p.m. in the Student Union on the Edinburg campus.

Thursday

Super Smash Bros. Tournament

The **Student Union** will host a **Super Smash Bros.** tournament at 12:30 p.m. in the game rooms on the Brownsville and Edinburg campuses. Finalists will be awarded VBucks. For more information, email studentunion@utrgv.edu or call 665-7898.

Public Heritage Lecture

Laura Schiavo, an associate professor of museum studies at George Washington University, will present a lecture titled **"Preserving Heritage Interpreting History and the Meaning of 'Diversity'"** at 3:30 p.m. in Liberal Arts Building North 1.101 on the Edinburg campus. The lecture is part of UTRGV's **Public Heritage Series**.

Volleyball game

The **UTRGV Volleyball Team** will face off against **Seattle University** at 7 p.m. in the Fieldhouse on the Edinburg campus. Admission is free to all UTRGV students with a valid ID.

--Compiled by Brigitte Ortiz

POLICE REPORTS

The following are among the incidents reported to University Police between Oct. 7 and 12.



Oct. 7

9:56 a.m.: A student's purse was stolen at the snack bar in the Engineering building on the Edinburg campus.

At 3:30 p.m., another student came by the police department to turn in the missing purse.

4:28 p.m.: A student's unsecured bicycle was stolen from the bike racks outside Unity Hall on the Edinburg campus. An unidentified man was observed taking the student's bicycle via camera footage. Detectives identified the man and recovered the stolen bicycle at an off-campus location. He was issued a criminal trespass warning, but no criminal charges were filed.

Oct. 8

10:08 a.m.: Two students were involved in a traffic collision in Lot E-25 on the Edinburg campus. The damage sustained was estimated to be over \$1,000. No injuries were reported.

2:03 p.m.: A faculty member suffered from anxiety and shortness of breath while teaching class on the Edinburg campus. Emergency medical services evaluated him, but he declined medical transport.

3:02 p.m.: A student's parked, unattended vehicle was struck in Lot E-26 on the Edinburg campus.

8:38 p.m.: Two men were seen jumping the U.S. border fence south of Lot B-1 on the Brownsville campus. After conducting a search of the surrounding area, the men were located and detained by U.S. Border Patrol. They were both from Mexico.

Oct. 9

1:27 p.m.: A staff member struck a parked, unattended vehicle while reversing in Lot H-2 on the Harlingen campus. Both vehicles sustained minor damage. No injuries were reported.

1:44 p.m.: Two students were involved in a minor traffic collision in Lot E-25 on the Edinburg campus. The damage sustained is estimated to be over \$1,000. No injuries were reported.

Oct. 10

1:08 p.m.: Two students were involved in a traffic collision in Lot E-19

on the Edinburg campus. The damage sustained was estimated to be over \$1,000. No injuries were reported.

3:50 p.m.: A former student attempted to attend a Latino Medical Student Association meeting at the Science building on the Edinburg campus. Student Rights and Responsibilities previously instructed him not to attend or make any attempt to contact the group. He was later located at the recreational center and issued a criminal trespass warning.

5:35 p.m.: Two students were involved in a traffic collision in Lot E-27 on the Edinburg campus. The damage sustained was estimated to be over \$1,000 but no injuries were reported.

6:29 p.m.: A staff member was involved in a traffic collision while driving a university-owned vehicle on Jackson Road and University Drive near the Edinburg campus. No damage or injuries were reported.

8:55 p.m.: A student and a non-affiliated man were possibly engaged in inappropriate conduct inside a vehicle in Lot B-4 on the Brownsville campus. Investigation of the issue revealed no misconduct had occurred.

Oct. 11

12:25 p.m.: A student reported his parked, unattended vehicle sustained visible damage to the front bumper in Lot E-16 on the Edinburg campus on Oct. 10.

2:41 p.m.: A faculty member accidentally struck a student with her vehicle while reversing in Lot E-18 on the Edinburg campus. The student suffered minor injuries and was transported to Edinburg Regional Medical Center. She was treated for a contusion on her head and lip area.

3:17 p.m.: A child suffered a seizure at the Child Development Center (CDC) on the Edinburg campus. Emergency medical services transported the child to the Edinburg Children's Hospital for further evaluation. CDC staff contacted the child's mother.

11:37 p.m.: A resident assistant detected the odor of alcohol near a dorm room in Unity Hall on the Edinburg campus. Resident assistants conducted a health and safety check and found one empty alcoholic beverage bottle. The residents were not present at the time but the resident assistant referred

the matter administratively since they are under 21.

Oct. 12

12:37 a.m.: An intoxicated student was found unconscious at Unity Hall on the Edinburg campus. He woke up and was treated by emergency medical services. The student admitted to drinking alcoholic beverages and was issued a citation on charges of consumption of alcohol by a minor.

1:20 a.m.: An allegedly intoxicated student was found unconscious and in need of medical attention in her dorm room at Unity Hall on the Edinburg campus. She claimed to have consumed alcohol at an off-campus party. The student was issued a citation on charges of consumption of alcohol by a minor.

1:35 a.m.: The odor of burning material was detected in one of the exterior mechanical rooms in the Academic Support Facility on the Edinburg campus. Officers found smoke after checking the room and the Edinburg Fire Department arrived to check the room. The cause of the smoke and odor were from a faulty compressor belt. Environmental Health, Safety & Risk Management staff arrived to address the compressor and the fire department cleared the building for re-entry.

8:35 a.m.: A UTRGV officer assisted an Edinburg police officer with a traffic accident on the 200 block of North 12th Avenue in Edinburg. The driver involved in the accident was later arrested by the Edinburg Police Department on charges of driving while intoxicated.

12:36 p.m.: A fire alarm was activated by a sensor in an air handler in Cavalry Hall on the Brownsville campus. The Edinburg Fire Department and the Environmental Health, Safety & Risk Management staff responded to the alarm. The Health and Safety staff later cleared the building for re-entry.

5:58 p.m.: A student reported his parked, unattended vehicle sustained visible damage to the right rear quarter panel in Lot E-16 on the Edinburg campus on Oct. 12.

11:28 p.m.: A student's bicycle lock was found damaged while it was secured outside the Science building on the Edinburg campus.

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UTRGV to host EmpoweRun 5K

Hania Rocio

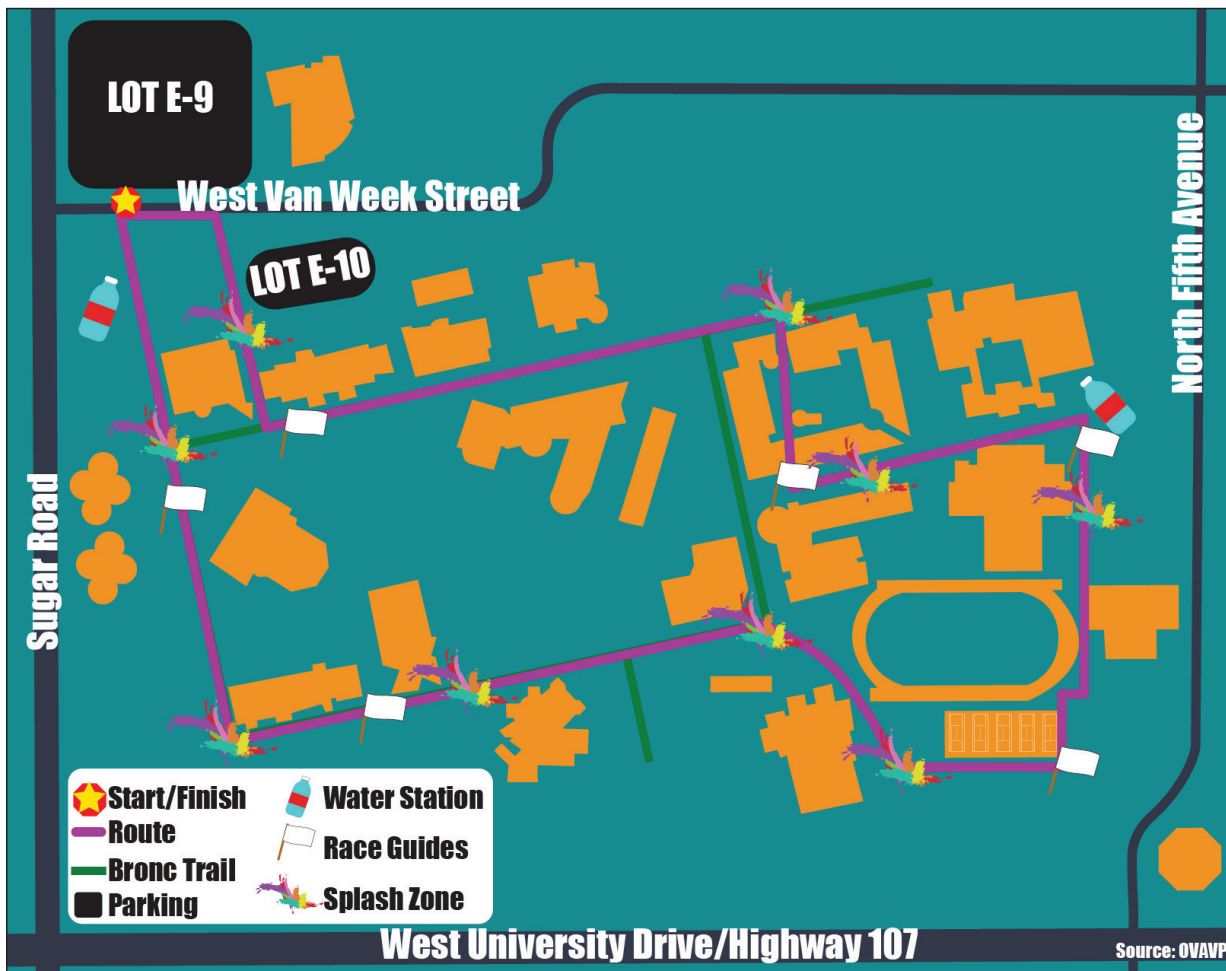
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The Office for Victim Advocacy and Violence Prevention (OVAVP) will host the EmpoweRun 5K Color Run from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday on the UTRGV Edinburg campus.

The run's purpose is to create awareness about domestic violence and is free and open to UTRGV students, staff and community members. A free T-shirt will be provided to the first 100 people who register.

"Getting the community involved is what we want, mostly," said Noe Leal Jr., a criminal justice graduate student and graduate assistant at the Office for Victim Advocacy and Violence Prevention. "You get to have a good time. If you want, you can volunteer to throw paint at each other. You will be exposed to a lot of different things out there. I just hope everyone has fun."

Participants will be showered with colorful non-toxic paint as they make their way through the campus.



The run begins and ends at the Troxel Hall lawn. The OVAVP is seeking volunteers to throw paint.

"I think it's a good way to bring awareness about our office," said Kayla Hernandez, an interdisciplinary studies

graduate student and graduate assistant at OVAVP. "A lot of people don't know that we exist and all of our events

are free and open to the public, so it's not only good for our students but it's good for the community to know

that we exist." Although UTRGV offers various types of help to students, many students and staff are still not aware of the kind of assistance that can be provided to them. The Office for Victim Advocacy and Violence Prevention strives for a campus free of violence and aids those who have been victims of any type of violence.

"We are a confidential resource," said Cynthia Jones, director of OVAVP and a philosophy professor at UTRGV. "We can answer different questions about violence, victimization, anything that relates to violence. ... We provide support groups. ... We facilitate people and we help them find the resources they need."

OVAVP offices are located in Learning Center 156 in Edinburg and North Office Building 106 in Brownsville.

Applications to register for the event will be open until Thursday.

For more information, email OVAVP@utrgv.edu.

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Pizza social for English and Spanish majors and minors

Maleny Ortega

THE RIDER

Kaylee Hensley, an English junior who transferred to UTRGV from Kingsville, attended a social Tuesday to learn more about her major.

"As a university, it's great that we have events like these because, like I said before, it really helps students to come together and meet each other and also to meet the professors," Hensley said.

The Pizza Social for English and Spanish Majors and Minors was a collaboration between the departments of Writing and Language Studies and Literature and Cultural Studies. The event, which was held in Salón Cassia on the Brownsville campus, provided information on the majors and minors, and allowed students to interact with professors of those programs.

Amy Cummins, an associate professor for Literatures and Cultural

Studies, said the event, which was first held in March 2019, aims to help students majoring in English and Spanish get to know each other, the professors, learn about classes for Spring 2020 and their concentrations in the degree.

Attendees socialized with fellow English and Spanish majors while enjoying pizza and beverages. Tables with information about the two majors were set up where students could ask questions to professors of the programs.

"By building connections with students and faculty in a program, a person can tap into professional development opportunities, cocurricular and extracurricular opportunities, find people to collaborate with for our service and research projects and, frankly, get career ideas for the future," Cummins

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Roxanna Miranda/THE RIDER

Amy Cummins (left), an associate professor of Literature and Cultural Studies, talks to English junior Kaylee Hensley during the Pizza Social for English and Spanish Majors and Minors held last Tuesday at Salón Cassia on the Brownsville campus. Students studying English and Spanish to received information about classes for next semester.

English class to host Zombie Scavenger Hunt

Klaudia Cedillo

THE RIDER

UTRGV students will get the chance to search for the "cure to the zombie apocalypse" Oct. 28 at the first Zombie Scavenger Hunt hosted by Lecturer III Marianita Escamilla's English 1301 writing class.

The event will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. and is being sponsored by the Department of Writing and Language Studies and the Student Union.

The hunt begins at the Chapel lawn on the Edinburg campus and ends at a mystery location that participants will discover through the night.

"The whole point is to find the cure for the zombie apocalypse," Escamilla said. "And what's going to happen is my students are going to be stationed at different areas on campus. ... We're doing a series of riddles and activities at each spot to have people progress to the next step."

She said the maximum number of people per team is four, but students can participate alone as well.

The top three teams will receive medals, and the top two teams will receive UTRGV memorabilia as well.

"In previous years, the students would pay to just get the makeup done," Escamilla said. "And they would go walk

around randomly. This one has more of a purpose behind it. ... And this one's gonna be at night, so I think that's gonna be kind of fun, too."

Along with the scavenger hunt, a raffle will take place at the end of the event at 8 p.m. at the Chapel lawn.

Escamilla said they plan to raffle off an array of "gift cards from a local store" and a grand prize of a mini refrigerator donated by Writing and Language Studies.

For entry to the scavenger hunt, students must provide four non-perishable food items per person, and for an entry into the raffle, two additional non-perishable food items.

Escamilla said there is no limit for entries to the raffle.

"If somebody comes in here with, like, a truck full of food, they will get that many raffle tickets, even if we have to print them on our own here," she said.

Raffle participants must be at the Chapel lawn at 8 p.m. to claim their possible prize.

All food collected from the event will be donated to the UTRGV Student Food Pantry to be distributed to both campuses.

This year, the English 1301 students hope to beat last year's record by collecting at least 1,000 pounds of food. However, Escamilla considers it a win, as long as people are

hearing and learning about the food pantry.

"I always tell students, even if we only have 30 cans, that's 30 more that they didn't have before," she said.

Escamilla said there is a list on the food pantry's website of what is most needed at <https://www.utrgv.edu/foodpantry/donate/index.htm>.

Christina Vega, UTRGV's food pantry coordinator, said she is grateful for any possible donations from the Zombie Scavenger Hunt.

"It would be extremely helpful to get any kind of food that can be donated to us. Any help would be greatly appreciated," Vega said.

VAQUERO VOICE



CYBER SECURITY



“Mostly, it’s the basics of having a [virtual private network] activated whenever you’re in public or not on a trusted connection, ’cause that’s one of the most common ways that people are able to take control of your device and take control of your information. It’s also important to be aware of the methods that hackers use to be able to access your information so that you can provide the appropriate countermeasures. So strong passwords, you don’t share your accounts with people, stuff like that.”

Carlos Zamora
Marketing freshman

“I don’t really go into dangerous websites and, I mean I guess something that I do is, when the website asks if you would like for the website to remember your password and username, I just say ‘always no.’ I mean, I do that ... because I like remembering. So, the more you practice going into it, the less likely you are to forget, so maybe there’s that. I don’t know if that counts, but the truth is that I’m not really too well versed in cyber security ... The university does hold very sensitive information about students, faculty and staff and just about everyone, especially having to do with, not only grade reports, because that is sensitive information, and it’s very personal too. But, overall, also the financial information that is involved with the student’s financial aid and that stuff that should be between you and the university and no one else should have access to it. So, when it deals with cases like that, yes, I do feel that the university--it’s very important for them to hold cyber security into account.”



Michelle Campbell
History freshman



“Las medidas que tomo son no poner información privada en las redes sociales ni hablar de mi vida personal porque creo que eso es problemático para poner en las redes sociales y privado. Le debe de importar a la universidad no publicar nuestra información privada porque esa es información de todos los estudiantes y tienen que tomar medidas para asegurarse que es información se quede privada”.

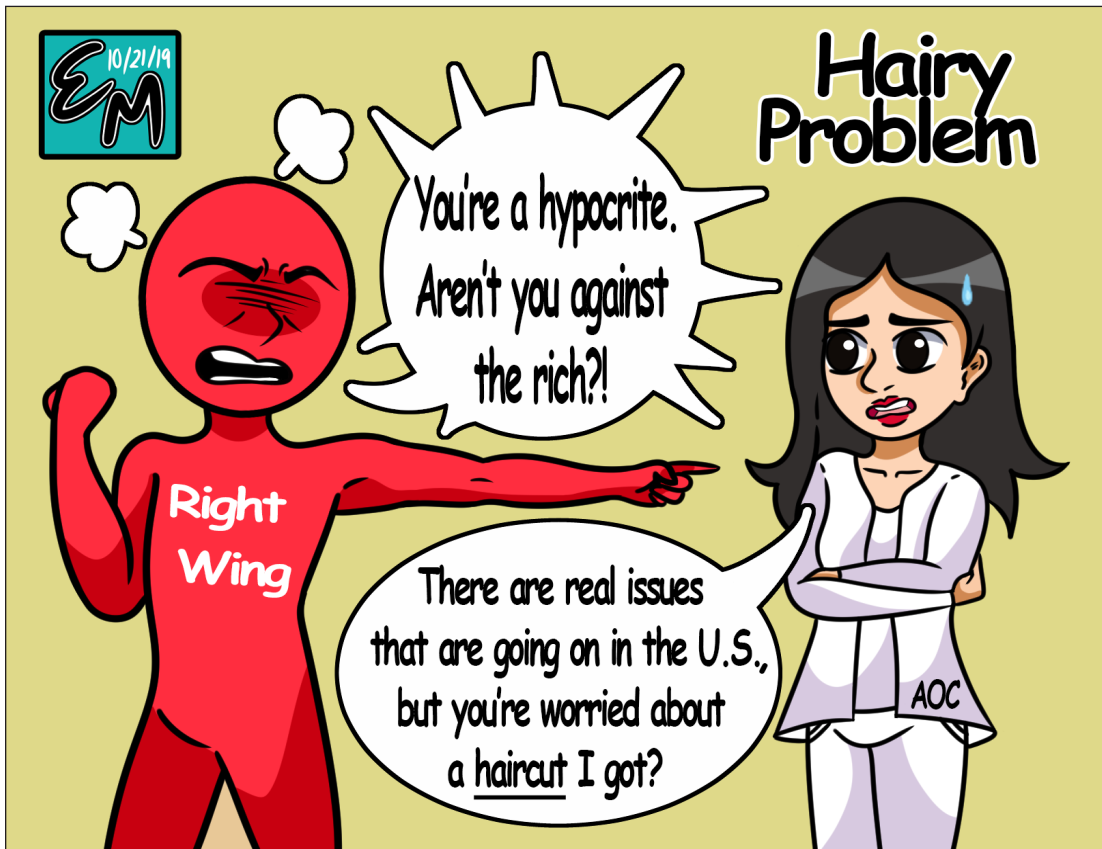
Karen Longoria
Estudiante de último año en inglés

“To stay cyber secure, normally, I would use a VPN, which is a virtual private network; that way, no one can track me. What I also do is, I also make sure I update my passwords regularly and change them around once in a while to make sure no one knows my passwords. I also make sure to know what websites I’m going into. Preferably, make sure not to go into any weird websites that are rather obscure, let’s put it that way, and that’s what I do to stay cyber secure. It’s that easy.”



Andres Peña
Freshman

--Compiled by Robert Benavidez Jr. and Aaliyah Garza



No one is above the law



Eduardo Galindo

THE RIDER

As most of us may already know, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi proposed an impeachment inquiry against President Donald Trump on Sept. 24. The inquiry began after a whistleblower report accused Trump and his administration of several violations.

One of the alleged violations is that Trump pressured Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky to investigate his political opponent, former Vice President Joe Biden, and his son, Hunter Biden. The whistleblower’s report included Trump’s decision to hold off military aid to Ukraine and discreetly pressure President Zelensky to launch the

investigation over a phone call. The report also stated Trump’s violations were so intense and dreadful that White House officials allegedly attempted to cover it up.

Now, I’m sure we can all agree on how serious these accusations are. Serious enough for the speaker of the House to propose an impeachment inquiry. This does not mean the impeachment process has begun. It only means that Congress has recognized the alleged violations and has started an investigation in order to determine whether to move forward with the impeachment.

As a result, Republican lawmakers and advocates of the Trump administration argue that the president has done nothing wrong and, instead, we should focus on searching for the whistleblower or, rather, what some would

call a “snitch.” The argument implies that the whistleblower is not only biased but also seeks to impeach the president on behalf of the Democratic Party.

These arguments are quite shocking and unconvincing. There are no snitches in government. Any form of corruption or violation done by government officials is to be reported to the people. The government should be transparent at all times and officials should be held accountable for any violation done within the government because no one is above the law.

Trump’s attempt at political advantage through the alleged use of foreign leaders should not be tolerated. We should not brush this off as just another poor Democratic attempt to impeach the president. This action has been long overdue and now is the time to end corruption in the White House.

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UREC recibirá nuevos equipos

Victor G. Ramirez
EDITOR EN JEFE

Estudiantes como Diego Ramírez, estudiante de tercer año en comunicación, podrán usar el nuevo equipo cardiovascular que el Edificio de Recreación de UTRGV (UREC) en Edinburg recibirá a fines de octubre.

“Me gusta ir al REC con bastante frecuencia y, a veces, ocasionalmente, en ciertas horas, se están utilizando muchos equipos y es bueno saber que están tratando de resolver eso para cualquiera que le guste hacer cardio”, dijo Ramírez. “Estoy seguro de que son muy buenas noticias”.

El espera que UREC encuentre una manera de organizar el nuevo equipo debido a problemas de hacinamiento dentro del edificio.

“Así como están las cosas, algunas áreas del REC están realmente congestionadas porque ya tienen mucho equipo”, dijo Ramírez. “Casi diría que en algunas áreas es demasiado para el espacio, y se congestiona un poco, así que espero que tal vez tengan una buena manera de como organizar la adquisición de nuevas máquinas para que no se encuentren todos chocando entre sí y eso”.

La directora de UREC, Kimberly Rottet, dijo que el departamento recibirá cerca de 20 máquinas cardiovasculares nuevas para reemplazar las más antiguas que han estado



Victor G. Ramirez/THE RIDER

Del 28 al 29 de octubre, el Edificio de Recreación de UTRGV eliminará, reposicionará y reorganizará el equipo en el segundo piso del UREC para las nuevas máquinas cardiovasculares que recibirán. La instalación no se cerrará durante la reorganización, pero la directora de UREC, Kimberly Rottet, recomienda que la comunidad universitaria cumpla con cualquier señal que se pueda colocar alrededor del edificio.

allí durante unos 10 años.

“Mantendremos un par de piezas que están actualmente allí, pero la mayoría de los equipos irán a un excedente”, dijo Rottet en una entrevista con The Rider el miércoles pasado. “El equipo tiene ciclos de vida y duración y hemos tenido la suerte de que nuestro equipo de mantenimiento aquí, nuestros estudiantes y nuestros profesionales hayan hecho un muy buen trabajo en los últimos 10 años más o

menos cuidando el equipo. Por eso ha durado tanto como lo ha hecho”.

UREC recibirá una variedad de elípticas, StairMasters, bicicletas reclinadas y verticales, de acuerdo con el Coordinador de Fitness y Bienestar de UREC, Fay Kennan.

Cuando se le preguntó si el departamento recibió fondos adicionales para comprar el equipo, Rottet respondió: “No recibimos dinero de nada.

No es otorgar dinero ni nada de eso. ... Cada año, tenemos un pequeño presupuesto de capital y podemos usarlo, pero luego retiramos de las reservas el resto para que podamos hacer esto de una sola vez”.

El área de estiramiento en el segundo piso se trasladará a una ubicación diferente en el Edificio UREC para proporcionar espacio para el nuevo equipo, según Rottet.

El 28 de octubre, UREC retirará, reposicionará y

reorganizará el equipo en el segundo piso y al día siguiente, se entregarán las nuevas máquinas cardiovasculares, según un correo electrónico enviado a The Rider el 15 de octubre.

“No anticipo que necesitaremos los dos días completos”, dijo Rottet. “Pero ya sabes, tal vez tres, tal vez cuatro días de cambiar algunas cosas, pero, obviamente, el centro de recreación seguirá abierto y, a medida que despejemos las piezas, una vez que se hayan ensamblado por completo y desde la perspectiva de la seguridad, hemos sido eliminados de la lista, luego podemos agregarlos en línea y las personas pueden usarlos. Entonces, ya sabes, obviamente trataremos de ser bastante rápidos y eficientes al respecto”.

Rottet recomienda que la comunidad universitaria siga las instrucciones de cualquier letrero que se pueda colocar alrededor del edificio.

“Nuestro equipo de custodios es realmente increíble”, dijo ella. “Por lo tanto, van a abordar algún tiempo y algunas de sus rutinas para ayudarnos a limpiar la alfombra para que todo esté seco y listo al día siguiente para la entrega y luego podemos tener todo listo, así que solo diría, cumplir con cualquier señalización y de cualquier, ya sabes, de la cinta de precaución. Y aparte de eso, solo que estén emocionados porque están llegando muchos equipos nuevos”.

Pizza social para estudiantes en programas de inglés y español

Maleny Ortega
THE RIDER

Kaylee Hensley, una estudiante de tercer año en inglés que se transfirió a UTRGV desde Kingsville, asistió a un evento social el martes para aprender más sobre su carrera.

“Como universidad, es genial que tengamos eventos como estos porque ... realmente ayuda a los estudiantes a reunirse y conocerse entre ellos y también a los profesores”, dijo Hensley.

La Pizza Social para estudiantes en las carreras de español e inglés fue una colaboración entre los departamentos de Escritura y Estudios del Idioma, y Literatura y Estudios Culturales. Este evento, el cual se celebró en el Salón Cassia en el campus de Brownsville, proporcionó información sobre las carreras, y permitió a los estudiantes interactuar con los profesores de estos programas.

Amy Cummins, profesora asociada de Literatura y Estudios Culturales, dijo que el evento el cual se celebró por primera vez en marzo de 2019, tiene como objetivo ayudar a los estudiantes que se especializan en inglés y español a conocerse, conocer a los profesores, y a aprender sobre las clases de primavera de 2020 y sus concentraciones en la licenciatura.

Los asistentes socializaron con compañeros de las carreras de inglés y español mientras disfrutaban de pizza y bebidas. Se establecieron mesas con información sobre las dos especialidades donde los estudiantes podían hacer preguntas a los profesores de los programas.

“Al establecer conexiones con estudiantes y profesores en un programa, una persona puede aprovechar las oportunidades de desarrollo profesional, las oportunidades curriculares y extracurriculares, encontrar personas

con las cuales colaborar para nuestros proyectos de servicio e investigación y, francamente, obtener ideas de la carrera para el futuro”, Cummins dijo. “En la Facultad de Artes Liberales, realmente nos importa que las personas tengan opciones de la carrera para el futuro”.

Si los estudiantes tienen más preguntas sobre sus especialidades, Cummins dijo que los alienta a hablar con los profesores, hacer un seguimiento y obtener más información.

El profesor de UTRGV Dorian Vázquez dijo que el evento es necesario para proporcionar información a los estudiantes.

“Necesitamos comunicarnos con los estudiantes porque sabemos que la información está disponible en el sitio web pero, no obstante, tenemos que mostrarles, ya sabes, y esta es una buena manera de hacerlo”, dijo Vázquez.

Cuando se le preguntó por qué es importante que los estudiantes aprendan sobre las especialidades, dijo que permite una mejor toma de decisiones.

“Porque cualquiera que esté informado es capaz de tomar mejores decisiones”, dijo Vázquez. “Como todos sabemos, tomar una decisión cuando se trata de tu especialización es muy importante porque toda su carrera depende de ello. Entonces, si un estudiante está bien informado de cuáles son las opciones, creo que habrá más oportunidades para que él o ella tome una mejor decisión en su carrera profesional”.

Vázquez enseña clases de traducción e interpretación y español enfocado en medicina.

“A pesar de que muchas de las personas que viven en el Valle [del Río Grande] son bilingües, si sabemos hablar inglés y español, pero la carrera de traducción e interpretación ofrece un punto de vista profesional”, dijo él. “Por ejemplo, supongamos que estamos



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Cirilo Carrasco (izquierda), estudiante de último año en comunicación, habla con Dorian Vázquez, profesor de Escritura y Estudios de Idiomas, durante el Pizza Social para estudiantes de inglés y español el martes pasado en el Salón Cassia en el campus de Brownsville.

en una sala del tribunal, necesitamos aprender, ya sabes, la terminología legal. Si estamos trabajando en un hospital e interpretando para pacientes, debemos conocer la terminología médica. ... Este programa proporciona esas herramientas para utilizar ese bilingüismo que tienes que poner en el lugar de trabajo”.

Cirilo Carrasco, estudiante de último año en comunicación masiva, fue invitado por uno de los organizadores y cree que aprender sobre las especialidades es importante porque en el Valle las personas hablan español, por lo que poder entenderse es excelente.

Hensley asistió al evento para conocer los profesores y los cursos ofrecidos en UTRGV.

“Como estudiante, soy responsable de saber lo que estoy tomando, y lo que respecta al pago de la matrícula y cosas

así, todo se trata de saber lo que puedo tomar”, dijo ella. “También ayuda en cuanto al plan de estudios porque las opciones en las clases que tomo me ayudan a desarrollar las de habilidades que necesito para obtener mi título, lo que al final me ayuda a obtener la carrera que quiero”.

Hensley espera concentrarse en literatura y estudios culturales, y su objetivo principal es ser autora y también enseñar a nivel universitario. Ella espera tomar los cursos avanzados de escritura de guiones y ciencia ficción.

En Edinburg, se llevará a cabo una pizza social para estudiantes de inglés desde el mediodía hasta las 2 p.m. el miércoles en el Clark Art Gallery, ubicado en Liberal Arts Building South. Una pizza social para estudiantes en español está programada para la misma hora el jueves en la misma galería.

'HUMOROUS, MAGICAL AND FUN'

UTRGV Productions to present a circus-inspired musical



Amanda Vela/THE RIDER PHOTOS

Cast members from "The Little Big-Top Circus of Illusions" rehearse last Wednesday in the Albert L. Jeffers Theatre on the Edinburg campus. Doors will open at 7 p.m. Friday, with an additional performance at 2 p.m. Saturday.



Theatre senior and Latino Theatre Initiatives President Francisco Garza Rincones practices his gestures for his character, Artemiro, last Wednesday in the Albert L. Jeffers Theatre. For more information, call 665-3581.

Hania Rocio

THE RIDER

"The Little Big-Top Circus of Illusions" is a new, original musical that will open this week and includes live music and colorful costumes.

The musical was written by Mario Lamo-Jimenez, a writer and poet who uses the basic concepts of a circus to give structure to the show.

The musical emphasizes the importance of staying positive, allowing oneself to dream and appreciate art.

The musical was commissioned by the Latino Theatre Initiatives, "one of the most active college organizations for Latino theatre in the United States," according to the UTRGV website.

Eric Wiley, the musical's director and UTRGV theatre professor, described it as "humorous, magical and fun."

"It's a special kind of circus that we see in this play. ... Beautiful costumes, circus costumes, and music," Wiley

said. "Singing, dancing, it's very colorful and lively. ... It's a very innovative play that gets you to think about the theater in kind of a fresh way."

The entire musical is about 35 minutes long and contains approximately seven songs. Although the musical is for all ages, it strives to get the attention of children.

... whimsical. It's just very fun and poetic. It's pretty much just a big poem."

Students participate in the play as performers, costume designers, set builders or light producers. About 40 to 50 students are working on and behind the stage.

"The play is super fun. ... It's going to be like a roller coaster," said Armando Hernandez, a theatre freshman and member of the play's ensemble cast.

"There are some sad parts and there are some super fun and energetic parts of the show. The music is, like, beautiful. Our music director made ... amazing songs for the show and some are sad and some are super fun. It's a fun show."

The play will take place at 7 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday in the Albert L. Jeffers Theatre, located in Liberal Arts Building South on the Edinburg campus. Admission is \$5.

For more information, call 665-3581.

"I've never done anything like that. It's structured kinda like a poem, instead of dialogue. I would describe the play like ... very energetic ... whimsical. It's just very fun and poetic, it's pretty much just a big poem."

Frida Aviles
Theatre freshman

The show includes a lot of pantomime, which is the acting technique of conveying emotions and movement without speech.

"I've never done anything like that," said theatre freshman Frida Aviles, who plays the director of the circus. "It's structured kinda like a poem, instead of dialogue. I would describe the play like ... very energetic



Philosophy senior Paul Diaz (left) catches a hat thrown by theatre freshman Frida Aviles during last Wednesday's rehearsal of "The Little Big-Top Circus of Illusions" in the Albert L. Jeffers Theatre on the Edinburg campus.

The Doodler

By Elizabeth Mendoza



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What's happening in sports?

Juanita Maldonado
SPORTS REPORTER

With less than a month away from the first Western Athletic Tournament of the 2019-2020 season, the cross-country, soccer and volleyball programs at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley have already reached great heights.

On the Men's Cross-Country Team, sophomore Abraham Chirchir won the first race of the season at the University of the Incarnate Word (UIW) Opener. He finished the 6K race with a time of 18:17.9, making it the fourth fastest time in program history.

Chirchir won his second race of the season at the Texas A&M Invitational. He finished the 8K race with a time of 24:36.9. At the 31st Annual Chile Pepper Festival, Chirchir recorded the fourth fastest 8K time in program history (24:09.3) and placed 11 out of 304 runners.

In team performances, the men finished second and the women placed sixth at the UIW Opener. At the Texas A&M Invitational, both the men and women conquered a fourth-place finish.

In the Women's Cross-Country Team, sophomore Dorcas Koech received her first career win at the UIW 4K race with a time of 14:51.0. She went on to shatter the program record for the 5K race at the 31st Annual Chile Pepper Festival. Koech ran the race in 17:10.7, which is 23.3 seconds better than the previous record set by Elizabeth Ortega-Hilpert in 1995.

Freshman Sharon Koima



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Junior distance runner Abraham Chirchir races last year at the Texas A&M University Dale Watts Cross-Country Field in College Station.

entered the record books at the same festival when she ran the eighth-fastest time in program history (17:56.5).

On Oct. 5, the United States Track & Field and Cross-Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) unveiled regional rankings. The women's team was voted No. 12.

The cross-country teams will compete at the WAC Championships hosted by the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) on Nov. 2 at Swope Park in Missouri.

The Women's Soccer Team is currently in third place in the WAC standings, with a record of 2-0-1 behind Seattle University and California

Baptist University. UTRGV tied 1-1 with UMKC in double overtime and went on to defeat Grand Canyon University 1-0 and Chicago State University 2-0.

Seattle University will host the Women's WAC Soccer Tournament on Nov. 6, 8 and 10 at Championship Field in Seattle.

For the Men's Soccer Team, the season has been filled with recognitions. On Sept. 30, the Top Drawer Soccer Top 25 National Ranking revealed UTRGV came in at No. 24. Additionally, the team moved up to No. 5 in the United Soccer Coaches Far West Region.

UTRGV was also the only

team in the WAC to make the Top Drawer Soccer Top 25 and one of two WAC programs in the regional ranking.

On Oct. 1, UTRGV received votes in the United Soccer Coaches (USC) National Poll. The last time this was done was on Oct. 23, 2018.

So far, UTRGV has posted wins against top teams such as Wofford College (2-1), Stetson University (2-0), Marshall University (3-2 and ranked fourth in the Southeast Region), University of Central Arkansas (1-0 and ranked 10th in the Southeast Region), the University of Nevada Las Vegas (2-0) and the defending WAC Champion Air Force

(2-0).

The team also earned the United Soccer Coaches Team Academic awards for having a GPA of 3.0 or higher during the 2018-19 academic year.

Currently, UTRGV stands in third place behind Utah Valley and Seattle University with a 3-2 WAC record. The WAC tournament is set to take place on Nov. 13, 15 and 17 at Cadet Soccer Stadium in the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado.

With half of the season remaining, the volleyball team has reached both personal and team achievements. On Aug. 31, junior setter Debora Nazario and junior middle blocker Veronika Jandova became members of the 2019 Barcelona Sports Invitational All-Tournament Team after leading UTRGV to the Houston Baptist University Tournament co-championship.

Senior right side hitter Barbara Silva recorded a career-high 24 kills against Texas A&M Corpus Christi on Sept. 4.

History was made on two occasions for the volleyball team. The first time, UTRGV defeated a Big 10 opponent on Sept. 6 at the University of Texas at San Antonio Classic against the University of Maryland 3-2. On Sept. 20, the team took a set from a Pac-12 opponent for the first time against Washington State University. The 2019 WAC Volleyball Tournament will be held Nov. 21 to 23 at Lockhart Arena in Orem, Utah.

Player returns as Minifootball MVP

Angel De La Cruz
SPORTS REPORTER

Moises González, a 27-year-old Brownsville native and forward for the Selección Mexicana Minifutbol team, represented the nation during the 2019 World Minifootball Federation World Cup in Perth, Australia.

The Selección Mexicana Minifutbol team won the tournament Oct. 11, 4-0, against Minifootball Brazil.

González never thought about becoming a member of the Selección Mexicana Minifutbol national team.

"I feel happy," he said in Spanish. "I never even imagined to be called to the world cup."

González scored eight goals throughout the tournament and opened up the score for his team in the final against Minifootball Brazil.

"What can I say ... it's the best feeling for any soccer player," he said. "I was lucky to score first, but what matters is that we brought home the trophy."

After high school, González remained active playing professional soccer for RGV Barracudas in Brownsville, Atlante's Sub 20 professional soccer team in Cancun and Celaya F.C. in Guanajuato, Mexico.

González caught the eye of both nations. As a U.S. citizen whose parents were born in Mexico, he had the option to represent either the U.S. National Team or the Selección Mexicana Minifutbol.

"Mexico," he said without hesitating González said it is important to reach

goals step by step.

"To reach an objective you need to work little by little and to do things the right way," he said. "Throughout the tournament, the team gave it their best in every game and that was key to winning the tournament."

He also shared his first thoughts after the final whistle.

"It's an unforgettable experience," González said. "I'm grateful to my family, who were always there, supporting me through text messages and calls after each game. And to all the people who would send their support through social media. Even to the fans that encourage us in Australia, which made us feel just like at home."

After the tournament, González was awarded Most Valuable Player.

"I never even thought about it," he said. "I always try and give my best in every game by helping the team reach its objective and that's what we did."

The rest came on its own with the help from everyone in the team."

González encourages soccer players not to give up on their dreams.

"I've been fortunate to play with many teams, in many different places, but every opportunity comes with a sacrifice," he said. "You need to learn how to be disciplined. If you really want something, you have to dedicate your 100% and keep working hard toward your goal until you get it."

González currently plays with Utica City FC in New York and his plan after becoming champion of the world is to enjoy his free time with his family.



Moises González



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Moises González, a 27-year-old Brownsville native and forward for the Selección Mexicana Minifutbol team, received Most Valuable Player honors during the World Minifootball Federation World Cup tournament, held Oct. 1-11 in Perth, Australia. González now plays for Utica City FC, a professional indoor soccer team in New York.

VOTE

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average for all institutions, according to the study.

"We've seen a lot of activity with respect to voter registration occurring on the campuses and so we think that is gonna transfer to participation at the polls," said Remi Garza, Cameron County elections administrator.

De La Garza said when UTRGV came into existence in 2015, faculty, staff and student organizations believed voter registration was in need in the community and wanted to incorporate it into the culture of UTRGV.

In response, the university established Vaqueros Vote, a nonpartisan initiative that aims to get the student body, faculty and staff

registered to vote.

De La Garza said it is a collective effort among faculty, staff and student organizations that are making a change.

"They have loved being on our campus and seeing the voting numbers go up," she said about the election offices of Cameron and Hidalgo counties.

"We're expecting to see a slight increase over that turnout given the recent increase in participation we've seen in the past few elections," said Remi Garza. "I'm expecting somewhere between 7,000 and 10,000 people."

In 2018, UTRGV had an estimated eligible voting student population of 26,777. Of these, 20,564 were registered to vote, but only 11,563 voted.

"You guys are a huge voting bloc of young people and are really framing the

issues that need to be addressed here in the Valley," De La Garza said. "So, by voting you're showing 'Hey, we are a voting bloc and we are participating and we are interested and we're also gonna be holding our elected officials accountable.'"

On Nov. 5, Texas voters will decide whether to pass 10 constitutional amendments and De La Garza encourages people to take some time to look up what issues are coming up and set aside some time to go out and vote.

"Don't forget how important your vote is and how many people have died for it throughout the years," she said.

Asked why it is important to vote, mass communication sophomore Christian Garcia replied, "It's important to vote because it gives us, the people, our own chance to

change things."

Among the 10 state constitutional amendments on the Nov. 5 ballot:

--Proposition 1: Permitting a person to hold more than one office as a municipal judge at the same time.

--Proposition 4: Prohibiting the imposition of an individual income tax, including a tax on an individual share of partnership and unincorporated association income.

--Proposition 8: Providing for the creation of the flood infrastructure fund to assist in the financing of drainage, flood mitigation and flood control projects.

Voters in Edinburg, Weslaco, La Joya, Edcouch and Alamo will also cast ballots for municipal posts.

The Student Union on the Edinburg campus is one of the polling locations for early voting in Hidalgo County.

UREC

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there for about 10 years.

"We'll be keeping a couple of pieces that are currently there but most of the equipment will go to surplus," Rottet said in an interview with The Rider last Wednesday. "Equipment has life cycles and spans and we've been fortunate that our maintenance team here, our students and our professionals have done a very good job over the last 10 years or so taking care of the

equipment. That's why it's lasted as long as it has."

UREC will receive a variety of ellipticals, StairMasters, recumbent and upright bikes, according to UREC Fitness and Wellness Coordinator Fay Kennan.

Asked if the department received additional funding to buy the equipment, Rottet replied, "We didn't receive any money from anything. It's not grant money or anything like that. ... Every year, we have a small capital budget and we are able to use that, but then

pull from the reserves for the rest of it so that we can just do this in one fell swoop."

The stretching area on the second floor will be moved to a different location in the UREC building to provide space for the new equipment, according to Rottet.

On Oct. 28, UREC will remove, reposition and reorganize equipment on the second floor and the following day, the new cardio machines will be delivered, according to an email sent to The Rider on Oct. 15.

"I don't anticipate we'll

need the entire two full days," Rottet said. "But, you know, maybe three, maybe four days of just kind of shifting some things around but, obviously, the recreation center will still be open and as we clear pieces off the, like, once they've been completely assembled and they've been checked off the list from a safety perspective, then we can add them online and people can use them. So, you know, we'll obviously try to be pretty quick and efficient about it."

Rottet recommends that the

university community abide by any signs that might be posted around the building.

"Our custodial crew is really awesome," she said. "So, they're going to address some time and some of their routines to help us get the carpet clean so everything is dry and ready the next day for delivery and then we can just kind of get everything set, so I would just say, abide by any signage and of any, you know, of the caution tape. And other than that, just [for] them to be excited because there's a lot of new gear coming."

CLUB

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lasted two days and member Alma Castro, a criminal justice junior, said this was her first time attending the competition and described her experience as very eye-opening.

The club has been training for this conference since last year, the advisers

said. Castro said she practiced every Saturday since July for the event.

"This group was self-disciplined enough to where everybody had fun and we did a lot of things together," said Sanchez.

"Win or lose, we gained some experience in it and knowledge," said Abundis, a criminal justice junior.

Abundis competed in CSI, firearms and testing, and placed second in testing in police organization and management, which consisted of a multiple-choice exam.

Asked what the most challenging part of the conference was, Abundis replied, "To keep everyone safe ... We were out of home, so you never know what can happen."

Abundis said she would like to thank her advisers for their support and mentoring to get to them to this level.

Next for Iota Kappa Chi is nationals, which will be held March 22 to 27 in Kansas City, Missouri.

"We're hoping to find some sponsorships and funding to go to nationals," Sanchez said.

SOCIAL

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said. "In the College of Liberal Arts, we really care about people having career options for the future."

If students have further questions about their majors or minors, Cummins said they encourage them to talk to professors, follow up and get more information.

UTRGV Lecturer Dorian Vázquez said the event is needed to provide students information.

"We need to outreach to the students because we know that the information is available in the website but,

nonetheless, we have to show them, you know, and this is a good way," Vázquez said.

Asked why it is important for students to learn about the majors and minors, he said it allows for better decision-making.

"Because anyone that is informed is capable of making better decisions," Vázquez said. "As we all know, making a decision when it comes to major and minor is very important because your whole career depends on it. So, if a student is well informed of what are the options, I think there will be more chances for him or her to make a better decision for their career pathway."

Vázquez teaches translation and interpreting classes and Medical Spanish.

"Although many of the people who live in the [Rio Grande] Valley are bilingual, we do know how to speak English and Spanish, but the career of translation and interpreting provides a professional point of view," he said. "For example, let's say we're in a courtroom, we need to learn, you know, legal terminology. If we're working in a hospital and interpreting for patients, you need to know medical terminology. ... This program provides those tools in order to use that bilingualism that you have to put into the workplace."

Cirilio Carrasco, a mass communication senior, was invited by one of the organizers and believes learning about the majors is important because in the Valley, people speak Spanish, so being able to understand each other is excellent.

Hensley attended the event to learn about the professors and courses offered at UTRGV.

"As a student, I'm responsible to know what I'm taking, and as far as me paying tuition and things like that, that all goes into just knowing what I can take," she said. "It also helps as far as the degree plan because the choices in the classes that I take assist me in

the types of skills that I need in order to get my degree, thus helping me get the career that I want."

Hensley hopes to concentrate on literature and cultural studies and her main goal is to be an author and also teach at a university level. She looks forward to taking the Advanced Screenwriting and Science Fiction courses.

In Edinburg, a pizza social for English majors will take place from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Charles and Dorothy Clark Art Gallery, located in Liberal Arts Building South. A pizza social for Spanish majors is scheduled at the same time Thursday in the gallery.

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