



EXPIRED FOOD FOR SALE

UTRGV department conducts sweep after concerns



Eduardo Galindo/THE RIDER

Cashier Amy Valdez helps psychology senior Luis Segura make a purchase last Tuesday at The Grid on the Brownsville campus. See photos of expired food at utrgvrider.com.

--a Powerade on Oct. 28 (best by July 29)

--a Hot 'n' Ready Bacon, Egg & Cheese Biscuit on Nov. 12 (best by Nov. 11)

--a muffin on Nov. 12 (best by Nov. 7)

At The Grid:

--two chocolate milks on Nov. 12 (best by Nov. 11)

At the C-Store on the Edinburg campus:

--a bag of ChexMix on Nov. 12 (best by Oct. 21)

--a bag of Bugles on Nov. 12 (best by Sept. 18)

--two bags of Andy Capp's Hot Fries on Nov. 12 (best by Sept. 13)

When The Rider informed Gilbert Garza, the Sodexo general manager, about the expired food, he said some items might have been overlooked.

"Well, I can assure you that without our knowledge, if there's items that get expired, it is possible from the thousands of items that we have, that an item or two might be overlooked during our weekly review of our products," Garza said.

Sodexo provides food items to the C-Store, The Grid and other locations on both campuses. Follet, a campus retailer, supplies UTRGV Campus Bookstores on both campuses.

Garza said it is not Sodexo's

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Veteran awarded Help A Hero Scholarship

Hania Rocio
THE RIDER



William Pabon III

Within the UTRGV veteran community, a student has been awarded the Veterans of Foreign Wars' Sports Clips Help A Hero Scholarship.

William Pabon III is a criminal justice senior who served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 2007 to 2015 and comes from a family of veterans.

Pabon discovered the Help A Hero scholarship when he noticed a sign at one of the Sport Clips Haircuts locations where he went to get a haircut. He received about \$1,800 for this semester and said it has greatly helped him in his academic career.

"I was surprised when I saw it on my student bill," Pabon said. "I was like, 'No way,' and then I got the email saying, 'Congratulations, you got accepted.' It's been great. I applied not knowing if I would get [the scholarship] or not. ... Once it came in, it helps a lot because with the benefits that we get, it does help, like,

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Victor G. Ramirez
THE RIDER

UTRGV Auxiliary Services staff conducted a thorough sweep of food products on campus that may have passed

their "use by" date after The Rider brought up concerns.

For about three weeks, The Rider found different types of expired food for sale on the Edinburg and Brownsville campuses.

At the UTRGV Campus

Store in Brownsville, the newspaper found for sale:

--a Sabra Snackers on Oct. 28, with a "best by" date of Oct. 21

--a Lunchables on Oct. 28 (best by Oct. 11)

--a Chobani Greek Yogurt on Oct. 28 (best by Oct. 20)

UTRGV students protest state of DACA



Aaliyah Garza/THE RIDER

International business and political science senior Denise Palacios (from left), undeclared sophomore Araceli Gallegos and Texas Rising Field Organizer Ofelia Alonso march and chant last Tuesday on the Edinburg campus in support of DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals). About two dozen people took part in the march.

Klaudia Cedillo
THE RIDER

"Vivan los estudiantes! Viva!" Through rain and biting cold, protesters marched throughout the UTRGV Edinburg campus last Tuesday to raise awareness of the Supreme Court hearings to decide the fate of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

"We're here to show support, to show that we care about them, that we love them, and that we're with them, no matter what happens," said Denise Palacios, an international business and political science senior.

About 40 people carried handmade posters and chanted their discontent with the possible end to DACA as they walked through the campus, their number growing as other students joined them.

DACA is a program allowing certain individuals who were brought to this country as children to receive protection from deportation as well as work authorization, according to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services website.

Then-President Barack Obama signed the executive order in 2012 and since then, over 700,000 people have benefited from DACA, allowing them to work and attend school, according to SCOTUSblog.com.

However, President Donald Trump's administration decided to end DACA in 2017. Last Tuesday, the Supreme Court began hearing oral arguments on several legal challenges to the decision.

Araceli Gallegos, an undeclared sophomore and march organizer, said the program opened up opportunities for her, but when Trump decided to end DACA, it closed them.

"I know that without DACA ... I wouldn't be here next to you," Gallegos said. "So, I want the DACA program to stay, but not only that ... I want more, because I know people from home who don't have DACA, who couldn't go, who couldn't graduate, [and] who cannot go and be educated in college like I am. ... I think that needs to change, and I think that needs to change right now."

Terence Michael Garrett, a political science professor whose specialties include immigration policy, said that

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Today
IEW Opening
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The UTRGV
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Student Services department is having an opening ceremony for **International Education Week** from noon to 1 p.m. in the Ballroom on the Edinburg campus.

Tuesday Poker Tournament

Students can participate in a **poker tournament** for a chance to win **VBucks**. Free popcorn will be provided at 12:30 p.m. in the Game Room on the Edinburg campus and at the same time Wednesday in the Game Room on the Brownsville campus. For more information, email studentunion@utrgv.edu or call 665-7898.

Study Abroad Fair

Students will have the opportunity to learn about **study abroad programs** from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in PlainsCapital Bank El Gran Salón on the Brownsville campus and from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Union lawn on the Edinburg campus.

Wednesday

Inqspot Book Club

The Inqspot book club will discuss **“Mr. Mercedes”** by Stephen King at 12:15

p.m. in the Student Union loft on the Edinburg campus and El Comedor on the Brownsville campus. Free cookies and coffee will be provided.

Thursday Adopt-a-wreath

Students can **decorate a wreath** to donate to charity starting at 11 a.m. in the Student Union Commons on the Edinburg campus and at the same time in the Student Union veranda on the Brownsville campus.

S’mores

In celebration of Native American History Month, the **Leadership and Mentoring** department will host a “Let’s talk about it S’more” from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. in the Music, Science and Learning Center on the Brownsville campus. The event will consist of a conversation about issues related to Native American History Month. Free food and drinks will be provided.

Upcoming

The MOLLY Prize

The Molly Prize for Best Student Journalism is a new annual award for student reporting in Texas. Entries may be print, online, in video or audio on the bases of either a single piece or a series of up to four related articles or columns. The winner will receive one of two \$500 prizes from the **Texas Democracy**

Foundation and the **Texas Observer**. Deadline for submission is Feb. 1. All MOLLY student journalism contest participants will also be eligible to take part in a mentoring program in either Houston, Dallas/Fort Worth, San Antonio, Austin or Rio Grande Valley areas. As part of the program, student journalist will be paired with working journalist for networking opportunity in small group settings. For more information, visit texasobserver.org/the-molly-prize-for-best-student-journalism-in-the-state-of-texas or email kanin@texasobserver.org.

Redistricting Hearings

The **Texas House Committee on Redistricting** will conduct **public hearings** to solicit input on the 2021 legislative redistricting process and provide context to the official 2020 census data that the **87th Legislature** will receive by April 2021. In Edinburg, the hearing will be held at 3 p.m. Dec. 13 in the Edinburg Conference Center at Renaissance (Halls A and B), located at 118 Paseo del Prado. In Harlingen, the hearing will take place at 11 a.m. Dec. 14 in the Texas State Technical College Cultural Arts Center, 1825 N. Loop 499. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/2JIFemd>.

--Compiled by Brigitte Ortiz

POLICE REPORTS

The following are among the incidents reported to University Police between Nov. 4 and 8.



Nov. 4

7:14 a.m.: A male student made several threats to UTRGV students at a fundraiser held Nov. 2 in Lot E-32 on the Edinburg campus. An investigation revealed a

terroristic threat was made by the student toward his classmates and an assault by contact to a female student occurred where she felt the touch to be offensive/provocative. He was placed under arrest on charges of assault by contact and terroristic threat. The student was transported to the Edinburg City Jail.

7:14 a.m.: A student received a threatening voice message from the same student suspect who made several threats to his classmates off campus. He was charged with a second terroristic threat.

3:11 p.m.: While sleeping on the floor in the computer lab in the Education Complex on the Edinburg campus, a student was kicked by a lab attendant to wake her. She did not feel any pain and declined to file charges against the lab attendant, who was identified.

7:10 p.m.: After receiving a call from a concerned citizen, an officer contacted a

non-affiliated driver in Lot E-16 on the Edinburg campus and deemed he was OK. He did not have a driver’s license, so the vehicle was released to a licensed driver.

Nov. 5

1:28 a.m.: An employee was found intoxicated at the Central Utility Cooling Plant on the Edinburg campus. No criminal charges for public intoxication were filed due to the location being restricted where the public does not have access. He was released to his sister and brother-in-law without incident.

7:50 p.m.: Two unknown men in a black truck assaulted another man on a bike near Ringgold Road, near the Brownsville campus. One of the men took the victim’s bike and left the area. The Brownsville Police Department is investigating the incident as a disturbance.

Nov. 6

2:21 p.m.: A student forgot his backpack, which contained a firearm, inside a restroom at the Student Academic Center on the Edinburg campus. Via building cameras, a man was observed walking with said backpack into a classroom on the first floor of the building. He claimed he placed the backpack in class, waiting to see if anyone would claim it, assuming

it belonged to a classmate. Before releasing the property back to the owner, officers ran a check on the firearm’s serial number, which came back clear.

Nov. 7

9:34 a.m.: An unattended university leaf blower was stolen from the exterior of the Life & Health Sciences Building on the Brownsville campus.

11:57 a.m.: A student reported damage to her vehicle’s left rear tire, which she believes was caused by a wheel lock placed Nov. 6 by UTRGV Parking and Transportation in Lot E-40 on the Edinburg campus. Her tire had no issues prior to Nov. 6, and she was told to have the tire inspected.

9:45 p.m.: An officer responded in regard to the sound of a gunshot being heard near the Academic Services Building and Engineering building on the Edinburg campus. It was later learned the sound came from a university vehicle backfiring in the area.

Nov. 8

4:38 p.m.: Two students intentionally forged a UTRGV parking permit in Lot B-1 on the Brownsville campus. The fake permit was confiscated and submitted into evidence.

--Compiled by Klaudia Cedillo

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to pay for school and some allowance for books and they do give you some allowance that helps you for rent.”

Depending on financial need, the Help A Hero scholarship offers up to \$5,000 per semester. In just six years, 1,450 veterans have been awarded the scholarship and nearly \$6.5 million has been donated by Sport Clips Haircuts, its clients and product partners, according to a Sport Clips

Haircuts news release.

Veterans interested in applying must be U.S. citizens and be retired, honorably discharged, active duty, or a member of the National Guard or Reserve.

The scholarship is administered by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and this year’s goal is to raise \$1.5 million through more than 1,800 Sport Clips Haircuts locations across the nation. The scholarship’s goal is to decrease the hardships of college for veterans.

“If you are a veteran or an active

duty service member and you are looking for help for school, absolutely apply for the scholarship,” said Amanda Palm, communications manager for Sport Clips Haircuts, whose headquarters is in the Central Texas city of Georgetown. “Even if you do have other benefits coming in, it won’t disqualify you from possibly getting funds and it’s a great way for us to help you.”

For more information about the Help A Hero scholarship, visit <https://www.vfw.org/scholarship/>.

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from what he has read and kept up with, it looks as if the Supreme Court is going to decide to uphold Trump’s executive order, eliminating Obama’s for DACA.

“It looks likely that they will uphold President Trump’s executive order,”

Garrett said in a phone interview last Wednesday. “But the question is going to be the implementation. How are they going to be able to do this logistically because we’re talking about individuals who’ve been here, basically, all their lives. It’s going to be tough.”

He said the Supreme Court will not issue a verdict until June; however,

based on the composition of the court, the majority being conservative and the fact the last two picks were Trump appointments, he suspects they will uphold what the Trump administration wants.

“It’s terrible,” Garrett said. “I disagree with it. Back in 2001, they should’ve passed a law, bipartisan,

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Reel talk: no fishing on campus

Brigitte Ortiz

THE RIDER

The UTRGV Police, Facilities Planning and Operation, and Environmental Health, Safety & Risk Management Department placed a “no fishing” sign two weeks ago on the bridge crossing the Lozano-Banco Resaca on the Brownsville campus for safety reasons.

Chief of Police Raul Munguia said there were several complaints within the last year about people fishing off the bridge.

“One of the things we were looking at, the safety of the pedestrians using the bridge versus somebody fishing on it,” Munguia said. “And one of the things in fishing, you have fishing lines, you have hooks at the end of them, and we just wanted everybody to remain safe. So, we have decided to not allow fishing from the bridge.”

He said the bridge is property of UTRGV; therefore, they can enact rules of conduct on the bridge, including restricting certain activities.

Munguia said if students, faculty or staff are caught fishing, the first enforcement strategy is to get voluntary compliance through a “warning.” If the act is repeated, they will be referred to the dean of students or their supervisors.

Non-affiliated persons who are found fishing, they will be asked to leave the property and will be issued a criminal trespass warning not allowing them to return to the property for two years.

Munguia’s message to students when crossing the bridge is to dismount any kinds of scooters and bikes, other than a wheelchair, to walk across the bridge.

“It’s limited space,” he said. “We can’t have somebody driving faster than the walking speed, you know, zig zagging in and out.”

Sara Black, a biology lecturer, said the bottom of the Lozano-Banco Resaca absorbs heavy metals and any sort of pollutant.

“The problem is the fish are dirty in a lot of regard. First of all they have taken in lots of those heavy metals and pollutants but they’re also full of parasites,” Black said.

She said the sign is a good idea, from a personal injury standpoint, that people don’t fish off the bridge or eat fish from the Lozano-Banco Resaca.

Richard Costello, Environmental Health, Safety & Risk Management director, said the bridge is primarily built for a pedestrian walkway and not a fishing bridge.

“Right now, you may have a couple



Roxanna Miranda/THE RIDER

A “No fishing” sign has been placed at the Lozano-Banco bridge on the Brownsville campus. University Police told The Rider the sign was placed after receiving several complaints regarding fishing.

people fishing,” Costello said. “But once we have five, six, 10, 15, 20 people fishing we have a scenario where we now have the potential for people, for example, to get struck by a hook, which is a safety hazard. We’re also looking at scenarios where when they

catch a fish and it needs to be cleaned, people leave all the carcasses of the fish and that’s not what we want here at the institution.”

He said the departments are doing this for the safety of the university community.

Students participate in culture and language activities

Hania Rocio

THE RIDER

Students with “passports” entered the MultiLingua Fest last week to learn words and phrases in more than 15 languages, watch music, dance and martial arts performances, play loteria and practice calligraphy.

The fest is an annual celebration of all cultures and languages in the Rio Grande Valley. UTRGV students and staff are treated to performances and activities from various cultures.

UTRGV language classes, student associations, faculty and community volunteers present the event. The fest in Edinburg was held last Wednesday in the Ballroom and last Thursday in Salón Cassia on the Brownsville campus.

“I came [to the fest] very excited,” said Brittany Cuellar, an international business freshman. “I like that a lot of people are introducing themselves to new cultures. ... I love a lot of cultures as well. ... Learning a new language broadens your understanding of other cultures. ... I think it’s very fun to learn new languages ... to learn about new cultures. ... It’s another way to keep you busy.”



Eduardo Galindo/THE RIDER

Research Scholars Chuanying Ma (from left) and Yue Meng, teach computer engineering junior Isidrio Zapata how to write Mandarin characters using ink and calligraphy brushes during the MultiLingua Fest last Thursday in Salón Cassia on the Brownsville campus. The festival offered several opportunities for students to learn about different cultures and languages in the Rio Grande Valley through various activities.

Activities and performances included Korean percussion, Chinese martial arts, and Tinikling, a Philippine folk dance.

“Enjoy, play, learn,” UTRGV Writing & Language Studies

Lecturer Yanina Hernandez said. “I see that many students enjoy coming here. ... They enjoy this experience of being exposed to different languages, learning more about all the languages that

are spoken here or taught here on campus.”

Attendees received a “passport” and were encouraged to visit different tables to learn words and phrases in more than 15

languages from native speakers, including American Sign Language, Arabic, French, Italian, Spanish, Japanese and Korean. Some students had flags of different countries painted on their faces, played with baleros, a classic Mexican children’s toy, and wrote their names in different languages.

The MultiLingua fest is supported by the College of Liberal Arts’ Department of Writing & Language Studies and the Office of Global Engagement in partnership with UTRGV student associations, including the Cross Linguistics Undergraduate Board, the Chinese Language Culture Association and the Study Abroad Club.

Nazaret Fresno, an assistant professor for the UTRGV Translation and Interpreting Program, said learning a new language will give students a different perspective about cultures and will increase career opportunities.

“We are actually enjoying the multilingual scenario that we have here in the RGV and we try to share that with our students because people here are bilingual,” Fresno said.

“That’s a treasure most people don’t value enough and that’s why we are here.”

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but they didn’t, and it’s been an issue ever since. ... This is going to be really, really tragic for a lot of people [and] families.”

Rebecca Gadson, UTRGV associate vice president for Student Life and dean of students, said the university community celebrates having diverse members and would help to offer support to students, regardless of

citizenship, status or nation of origin.

Gadson said the UTRGV community will work to ensure students understand the opportunities to pursue higher education.

She said if students have questions as to whether their pursuit of education at UTRGV may be impacted by the Supreme Court’s decision regarding DACA, they can reach out to the Office of the Dean of Students and the Center for Diversity & Inclusion and Dream Resource Center.

“We can help to relay information

and connect them to the opportunities there are to finance and support their continued education at the university,” Gadson said.

At the end of the march, several participants spoke in front of a small crowd in front of the Student Academic Center, some voicing their opposition to ending the program and others saying the marchers were inspiring and the act of protesting gave them hope.

Sara Stapleton-Barrera, an attorney and Democratic hopeful for Texas

Senate District 27, participated during the march, and said the individuals she saw protesting were inspiring and courageous to her.

Mikael Sanchez, an environmental science and philosophy freshman and participant, said America needs to redefine what it means to be a citizen.

“You shouldn’t have to be born here in order to reap the benefits of democracy,” Sanchez said. “If you live here, if you work here, then you deserve a piece of the pie, just as much as anyone else.”

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LEARNING A NEW LANGUAGE



“Learning a language is really important because, not only are you able to communicate with more people effectively, but also it helps to open up and activate different parts of your brain that allow it to communicate better within itself. There’s studies done where bilingual students have an easier time making connections because they have a whole other language that they speak. So, there are different parts of the brain that are activated when you switch back and forth between languages. ... And so, brain structure is really benefited, not from being bilingual or multilingual, not just your ability to communicate, so it is a very important skill to pick up. Especially if you’re down here in the [Rio Grande] Valley, for example, where we have many people who speak either English or Spanish or a variety of other languages. So, being able to communicate with them is important. Being able to promote healthier and more complex brain structure is also very, very important.”

Vivian Treviño
Biology graduate student

“It’s pretty important, it’s useful for future needs or if you ever need to help someone. Or, like I said, for future needs like a résumé or a new job. Like in my case, if I want to be a teacher, it is useful because I could be a bilingual teacher.”



Jose Lopez
Interdisciplinary studies sophomore



“I think it is significant to learn a new language so, that way, you can help others, whether that be translating for children, parents. It’s very important because a lot of people have a voice and it’s significant to understand that language and tone of voice, so that way, you can translate it into what is wanting to be said, because, sadly, others understand a language just like Spanish speakers understand English and English speakers can understand Spanish. So, it’s very important to help the other person feel strong and confident that you’re transferring the message correctly.”

Crystalline Sandoval
Psychology junior

“Yo creo que es importante aprender otro lenguaje como el español. En esta area geografica como es el valle es muy importante saber español porque hay que romper las barreras sociales. ... Hay personas que están aquí y no se sienten cómodas porque hay personas que no saben español y hay que hacer que todas las personas se sientan unidas porque al final del día nada más somos una raza, la raza humana y hay que amar a todos nuestros hermanos y hermanas del mundo”



Alan Garcia
Estudiante de primer año

--Compiled by Eduardo Galindo and Aaliyah Garza

Near Threatened



‘Life is a journey, not a destination’



Robert Benavidez Jr.
THE RIDER

Recently, I’ve been stressing about my future and worrying about tomorrow and going through the day overthinking all the different things I have to do. After a while, it began to feel like this was the new norm for me as every day would be full of stress and planning.

I felt as if I was so caught up on the future that I wasn’t enjoying the little things that come with day-to-day life, like something as simple as talking to your friends and enjoying the moment.

Once I realized this, I knew I had to make a change to my mindset of life. The future will come and there are things that

I must think about and work toward, but I can’t let it overtake my personal life and intervene with the things that make me happy—to a certain extent.

I’ve decided that I need to prioritize my enjoyment of life above all. I need to live more in the moment and this is very cliché, but take some time to “stop and smell the flowers along the way.”

It’s been a little over a week since I started using this mindset and what I can say is that everything is simply better and more stress-free.

The smallest things become a lot more than what you normally think. What once was a simple game of basketball at the Rec Center becomes a stress-reliever where I can spend time with my friends and forget about homework, work the next day or studying for the next big test. There will be a time that I will have to focus on all of

those responsibilities, but this time is for me and I’m going to appreciate every minute of it.

The long, incredibly boring walk to class becomes much better when you look up at the surroundings you usually ignore and actually take the time to enjoy them. Whether it be the sky’s shade of blue, the wildlife on campus or the friends you see along the way, there is always something to give that sense of relief.

Without taking the time to think about these small things and stopping to truly appreciate them, life begins to feel dull, repetitive and, in a sense, like a constant state of working.

If you feel as if the stress of life is bearing down on you, I would definitely recommend trying out this mindset on life.

Every day is a new day and the key to enjoying it is looking for the best in every moment you’re in.

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Celebrando la diversidad

Hania Rocio

THE RIDER

Estudiantes con “pasaportes” ingresaron al MultiLingua Fest la semana pasada para aprender palabras y frases en más de 15 idiomas, ver actuaciones de música, danza y artes marciales, jugar lotería y practicar caligrafía.

El festival es una celebración anual de todas las culturas e idiomas en el Valle del Río Grande. Los estudiantes y el personal de UTRGV son recibidos con actuaciones y actividades de diversas culturas.

Las clases de idiomas de UTRGV, asociaciones de estudiantes, profesores y voluntarios de la comunidad presentan este evento. El festival en Edinburg se realizó el miércoles pasado en el salón de baile de la universidad y el jueves pasado en el Salón Cassia en el campus de Brownsville.

“Vine [al festival] muy emocionada”, dijo Brittany Cuellar, estudiante de primer año en negocios internacionales. “Me gusta que mucha gente se interese en nuevas culturas. ... También amo las diversas culturas. ... Aprender un nuevo idioma amplía la comprensión de otras culturas. ... Creo que es muy divertido aprender nuevos idiomas ... aprender sobre nuevas culturas. ... Es otra forma de mantenerte ocupado”.



Aaliyah Garza/THE RIDER

La profesora asistente de traducción e interpretación, Nazaret Fresno habla con la estudiante de la preparatoria Valley View High School, Legna Castro (izquierda), la estudiante de segundo año en biología de UTRGV Diondre Bazán, la estudiante de último año en traducción e interpretación en español, Julissa Muñoz y la estudiante de tercer año en trabajo social, Marissa López en la mesa de traducción.

Las actividades y actuaciones incluyeron percusión coreana, artes marciales chinas y Tinikling, una danza folklórica filipina.

“Disfruta, juega, aprende”, dijo Yanina Hernández, profesora de Escritura y Estudios del Idioma en UTRGV. “Veo que muchos estudiantes

disfrutaban venir aquí. ... Disfrutaban de esta experiencia de estar expuestos a diferentes idiomas, aprender más sobre todos los idiomas que se hablan aquí o se enseñan aquí en el campus”.

Los asistentes recibieron un “pasaporte” y se les invitó a visitar diferentes mesas para aprender

palabras y frases en más de 15 idiomas de hablantes nativos, incluyendo lenguaje de señas americano, árabe, francés, italiano, español, japonés y coreano. Algunos estudiantes tenían banderas de diferentes países pintadas en sus caras, jugaban con baleros, un clásico juguete mexicano para niños, y escribían sus nombres en diferentes idiomas.

El festival MultiLingua cuenta con el apoyo del Departamento de Escritura y Estudios del Idioma de la Facultad de Artes Liberales y la Oficina de Compromiso Global en colaboración con las asociaciones de estudiantes de UTRGV, incluido Cross Linguistics Undergraduate Board (por su nombre en inglés), la Asociación Cultural del Idioma Chino y el Club de Estudios en el Extranjero.

Nazaret Fresno, profesora asistente del Programa de Traducción e Interpretación de UTRGV, dijo que aprender un nuevo idioma les dará a los estudiantes una perspectiva diferente sobre las culturas y aumentará las oportunidades profesionales.

“En realidad estamos disfrutando del escenario multilingüe que tenemos aquí en el Valle del Río Grande y tratamos de compartirlo con nuestros estudiantes porque la gente aquí es bilingüe”, dijo Fresno. “Ese es un tesoro que la mayoría de la gente no valora lo suficiente y es por eso que estamos aquí”.

Estudiantes de UTRGV protestan por el estado de DACA



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Estudiantes de UTRGV, personal y miembros de LUPE y Texas Rising marchan el pasado martes por el campus en apoyo de DACA. La Corte Suprema de los Estados Unidos comenzó a escuchar argumentos sobre “si la decisión del Departamento de Seguridad Nacional de suspender la política de Acción Diferida para los Llegados en la Infancia es judicialmente revisable; y si la decisión del DHS de cancelar la política de DACA es legal”, según SCOTUSblog.com.

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“Vivan los estudiantes! Viva!” A pesar de la lluvia y el frío, los manifestantes marcharon en todo el campus de UTRGV en Edinburg el pasado martes para crear conciencia sobre las audiencias de la Corte Suprema para decidir el destino del programa de Acción Diferida para los Llegados en la Infancia o DACA (por sus siglas en inglés).

“Estamos aquí para apoyar, para demostrar que nos preocupamos

por ellos, que los amamos y que estamos con ellos, pase lo que pase”, dijo Denisce Palacios, estudiante de último año en negocios internacionales y ciencias políticas.

Acerca de 40 personas llevaban carteles hechos a mano y cantaban su descontento con el posible fin de DACA mientras viajaban por el campus, creciendo a medida que otros estudiantes se unían a ellos.

DACA es un programa que permite a ciertas personas que fueron traídas a este país cuando eran niños, recibir protección

contra la deportación y la autorización de trabajo, de acuerdo con el sitio web de los Servicios de Ciudadanía e Inmigración de Estados Unidos.

El entonces presidente Barack Obama firmó la orden ejecutiva en 2012 y desde entonces, más de 700,000 personas se han beneficiado de DACA, lo que les permite trabajar y asistir a la escuela, según SCOTUSblog.com.

Sin embargo, la administración del presidente Donald Trump decidió poner fin a DACA en 2017. El pasado martes, la Corte

Suprema comenzó a escuchar argumentos orales desafiando el fallo del programa.

Araceli Gallegos, una estudiante de segundo año y organizadora de la marcha, dijo que el programa le abrió oportunidades, pero cuando Trump decidió terminar con DACA, las cerró.

“Sé que sin DACA, ... no estaría aquí a tu lado”, dijo Gallegos. “Así que, quiero que el programa DACA se quede, pero no solo eso. ... Quiero más, porque conozco personas de mi hogar que no tienen DACA, que no pudieron graduarse, [y] que no pueden ir y ser educados en la universidad como yo. ... Creo que eso tiene que cambiar, y creo que eso tiene que cambiar ahora mismo”.

Terence Michael Garrett, un profesor de ciencias políticas cuyas especialidades incluyen la política de inmigración, dijo, por lo que ha leído y mantenido, parece que la Corte Suprema va a decidir respetar la orden ejecutiva de Trump, eliminando la de Obama para DACA.

“Me parece muy probable que mantendrán la orden ejecutiva del presidente Trump”, dijo Garrett durante una entrevista vía telefónica el pasado miércoles.

“Pero la pregunta será la implementación. ¿Cómo van a poder hacer esto logísticamente? Porque

estamos hablando de personas que han estado aquí básicamente toda su vida. Va a ser difícil”.

El dijo que la Corte Suprema tendrá su voto y emitirá sus veredictos hasta junio, sin embargo, según la composición de la corte, la mayoría conservadora y el hecho de que las últimas dos elecciones de jueces fueron nombramientos de Trump, sospecha que defenderán lo que la administración de Trump quiere.

“Es terrible”, dijo Garrett. “No estoy de acuerdo con eso. En 2001, deberían haber aprobado una ley bipartidista, pero no lo hicieron y ha sido un problema desde entonces. ... Esto va a ser muy, muy trágico para mucha gente [y] familias”.

Rebecca Gadson, vicepresidenta asociada de Vida Estudiantil de UTRGV y decana de estudiantes, dijo que nuestra comunidad universitaria celebra tener miembros diversos y ayudaría a ofrecer apoyo a los estudiantes, independientemente de su ciudadanía, estado o país de origen.

Gadson dijo que la comunidad de UTRGV trabajará para garantizar que los estudiantes comprendan las oportunidades de seguir una educación superior.

Ella dijo que si los estudiantes tienen preguntas sobre su búsqueda de educación en UTRGV puede verse

afectada por la decisión del Tribunal Supremo con respecto a DACA, pueden comunicarse con la Oficina del Decano de Estudiantes y el Centro de Diversidad e Inclusión y el Centro de Recursos DREAM.

“Podemos ayudar a brindar información y conectarlos con las oportunidades que existen para financiar y apoyar su educación continua en la universidad”, dijo Gadson.

Al final de la marcha, varios participantes hablaron frente al Centro Académico Estudiantil, algunos expresaron su oposición a terminar el programa y otros la inspiración y la esperanza que el acto de protesta significó para ellos.

Sara Stapleton-Barrera, abogada y quien busca ser la candidata demócrata del Senado de Texas para el Distrito 27, participó en la marcha y dijo que las personas que vio protestar fueron inspiradoras y valientes para ella.

Mikael Sánchez, un estudiante de primer año en ciencia y filosofía ambiental y participante en la marcha, dijo que Estados Unidos necesita redefinir lo que significa ser ciudadano.

“No deberías tener que haber nacido aquí para cosechar los beneficios de la democracia”, dijo Sánchez. “Si vives aquí, si trabajas aquí, entonces mereces un pedazo del pastel, tanto como cualquier otra persona”.

Young players lead team to WAC tourney

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SPORTS REPORTER

For the sixth time in program history, the UTRGV Volleyball Team qualified for the Western Athletic Conference Tournament, which will take place this week at Lockhart Arena in Orem, Utah.

"We've been super up and down this year," Head Coach Todd Lowery said. "I think we see flashes of brilliance with this team and I think anything can happen at the WAC Tournament. We're looking to finish up these last two games. We think we finally figured out a rotation that we like."

The first match of the quarterfinal round is slated for 4:30 p.m. Thursday with the fourth seed facing off against the fifth seed. The game will be followed by match two at 7 p.m., in which the third seed will play against the sixth seed.

Semifinal rounds will take place with games three and four Friday. The winner of match one will face off against the No. 1 seed in match three at 4:30 p.m. At 7 p.m., the winner of match two will battle the

No. 2 seed.

The championship game will take place at 8 p.m. Saturday. The winner will represent the WAC at the NCAA Tournament Round of 64 on Dec. 6.

Last year, UTRGV became the WAC regular season champions for the first time in program history and went into the tournament as the No. 1 seed. At the WAC Tournament, UTRGV went directly to the semifinal match, where it fell to Utah Valley 3-0 (25-22, 25-20, 25-23).

In order to move on in the WAC Tournament, UTRGV will need to play as a team.

"It's going to take a team effort," Lowery said. "We don't have one person on this team that can go out and carry us through matches, so we need to get a little bit more from everybody."

As of last Thursday, UTRGV was fourth in WAC standings. The team played its last regular season game last Saturday against Chicago State University. Results and new standings were unavailable as of press time.



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UTRGV volleyball libero Samaret Caraballo (from left), outside hitter Sarah Cruz and outside hitter Victoire Nama stand at the ready during Thursday night's game against the Kansas City Roos. The UTRGV Volleyball Team will be heading to the WAC Tournament this week, hosted in Orem, Utah.

UTRGV will return to play at home Nov. 25



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UTRGV junior Javon Levi attempts to rebound the ball during the Nov. 11 home opener game against the Howard Payne University Yellow Jackets in the Fieldhouse on the Edinburg campus.

Angel De La Cruz

THE RIDER

The UTRGV Men's Basketball Team will be back in action at 7 p.m. Nov. 25 against Texas A&M International University as part of the South Texas Showdown in the Fieldhouse.

The Vaqueros played against North Dakota State University last Friday and battled Stony Brook University Saturday at the Islander Invitational in Corpus Christi.

Sunday, UTRGV faced off against Texas A&M University Corpus Christi as part of the South Texas Showdown. Results were unavailable at press time.

As of Thursday, the Vaqueros' record was 1-1.

On Nov. 11, the

men's basketball team demolished Howard Payne University 93-42 at the Vaqueros' Home Opener, a game that was cut short due to a leak in the Fieldhouse roof.

With 30 turnovers and a lead of 53 points during the second half, the Vaqueros came out to win and that's what they did.

"Our first game we were impersonating a Vaquero basketball team," UTRGV Head Coach Lew Hill said. "This is how we play. We learned from it and came out and played the game that we practice every day. We played the way that we're supposed to play."

With a 32-point disadvantage at the end of the first half, HPU Head Coach Troy Drummond

detailed his words of encouragement for the Yellow Jackets.

"[I] told them to keep playing hard," Drummond said during halftime. "Keep trying to execute and keep going. UTRGV [is] a great team. They're coming out very physical and they're more athletic than we are. So, we gotta go out there and we gotta keep playing hard."

Redshirt freshman guard Quinton Johnson II scored 19 points for UTRGV, the highest among the team.

"He's a really good shooter," Hill said. "He's made himself into a shooter. He works really, really extremely hard. He's one of the first ones out there, one of the last ones to leave. Every time he has a break and he can get into the gym, he's in

the gym."

Junior guard Javon Levi also scored in double digits with 10 points.

"I think we just came out and really executed the offense," Levi said. "We made a big jump from last game as far as just running the offense. We played pretty good defense, but we still got work to do."

Nonetheless, the team was disappointed the game had to be cut short after the Fieldhouse roof sprang a leak above the court. A rainy cold front swept the Rio Grande Valley during the game, which ended in the third quarter with 9 minutes and 23 seconds remaining.

"I think we would've cracked about 125, 130," Levi said. "So yeah, I'm a little disappointed we didn't get to keep playing."

FOOD

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intention to sell anything that is expired, but that the company does its best to remove any and all products that are past their "use by" date on a weekly basis.

Asked what the Sodexo policy is for expired food, Garza replied, "Well, as far as the policy, I know we have processes and, basically, whenever there is anything that's expired, it has to be removed [or] discarded."

Rachel Villarreal, a UTRGV clinical assistant professor and registered dietitian, said consumers do not need to avoid expired food as the label refers to the freshness quality of the item.

"So, most foods don't have an actual

expiration date on them," Villarreal said. "They all have a 'Best if used by' sell, because it's not really regulated by the government. So, there's not a standard verbiage on there, but those are basically for [the] quality of food, meaning flavor and texture and things like that. ... There's actually a lot of food waste in this country regarding foods like that because a lot of people just think, 'Well I'm just gonna throw it away because the date says today.'"

For safety issues, she said consumers can figure out if the food is contaminated by the smell and color.

The clinical assistant professor also said people should be fine eating food that has passed its "best used by" date unless there are indications it has spoiled.

In an interview with The Rider last Thursday, Roberto Cantu, the executive director of Auxiliary Business Services, said the department conducted a sweep last week through all campus stores to find any expired items.

"We did a thorough sweep and we didn't find any expired items but that doesn't mean it didn't happen, but we are being very vigilant about it," Cantu said.

Customers who purchase an expired item may receive a full refund, according to Cantu.

Dyami Roman, a marketing freshman, said food on campus is convenient for students and thinks expired items are terrible to have at school.

"I mean, we all are just trying to eat something in between classes and

it's terrible," Roman said. "We get stomachaches and then the next day you get sick. You can't go to class or you're just in constant pain and you can't focus. It is something that has to be fixed, of course."

Joanna Garza, manager at the UTRGV Campus Bookstore in Brownsville, apologized for the inconvenience and said she appreciates concerns about expired food were brought up.

"It's a concern that we will be sure to address here at our campus store and be sure to follow up with our team and do better protocol, as far as quality control, to ensure that we are not having any expired products sold on the sales floor," Garza said.

--Leslie Medrano and Fernando Ramirez contributed to this report.

'Stoop' for a snicker

UTRGV Productions to present classic comedy



Fernando Ramirez/THE RIDER PHOTOS

Theatre design junior Alejandro Torres (from left), theatre performance freshman Yajahira Jaimez and senior Selina Soto rehearse a scene from "She Stoops to Conquer" last Tuesday. The cast of the production is made up of students and alumni. The classic comedy will premiere at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Albert L. Jeffers Theater on the Edinburg campus.



Theatre performance sophomore John Medrano and senior Selina Soto rehearse a scene of the upcoming play, "She Stoops to Conquer," last Tuesday on the Edinburg campus. Medrano will play George Hastings and Soto will portray Mrs. Hardcastle in the classic comedy. The play opens at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Albert L. Jeffers Theater in Liberal Arts Building South.

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Oliver Goldsmith's 1773 classic, "She Stoops to Conquer," will soon amuse and entertain audiences this weekend at the Albert L. Jeffers Theatre in Liberal Arts Building South on the Edinburg campus.

The play will begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday.

The director of the production, Kent Smither, said the play is funny and appeals to modern audiences despite its long history.

"It's one of the most produced plays from that time period," Smither said. "It shows a girl who takes charge of who she's going to marry herself, even though she's from the upper class and even though her family has plans for who they think she should marry."

He said "She Stoops to Conquer" has an unusually feminist feel for a play from that time period due to the main character taking charge.

Selina Soto, a theatre performance senior and actress of 13 years, plays

"Mrs. Hardcastle." She said the comedy has a wonderful story and the main plot point is basically a woman "stooping" lower to take control.

Smither said the cast has been rehearsing the different characters' dialect for six weeks.

The cast is made up of 12 students and two alumni. However, there are 21 characters in the play, forcing six students to double up and shape two characters, according to Smither.

He said music and songs were written for all the scene changes throughout the play where the servants sing, entertain the audience

and give them hints as to what may be happening next.

"Anybody that produces this show anywhere else, no matter what they did or didn't do, that part of it will be different," Smither said.

He said despite not reading the play in 40 years, when he read it again, he thought it was even better than he remembered.

Kent Smither Director

"If nothing else, the audience is going to be in for a treat just to look at the costumes and the set. It's going to be really beautiful, and the actors are talented, and the play is really good. So, I'm hoping the production

will also be that way."

Jennifer Saxton, a theatre associate professor and costume and set designer, said the theme of the design was based on "confections," comparing it to a dollhouse and utilizing colors reminiscent of chocolate, strawberry icing and whipped cream.

Saxton said they've been planning the design since last April.

"There's just so much that goes on," Smither said. "Nobody could imagine how many hours of work go into this kind of thing."

Smither, Saxton and Soto all said they hoped everyone comes out and enjoys the show.

General admission is \$15, \$10 for senior citizens and military service members, and \$5 for UTRGV students, staff and faculty with a valid ID.

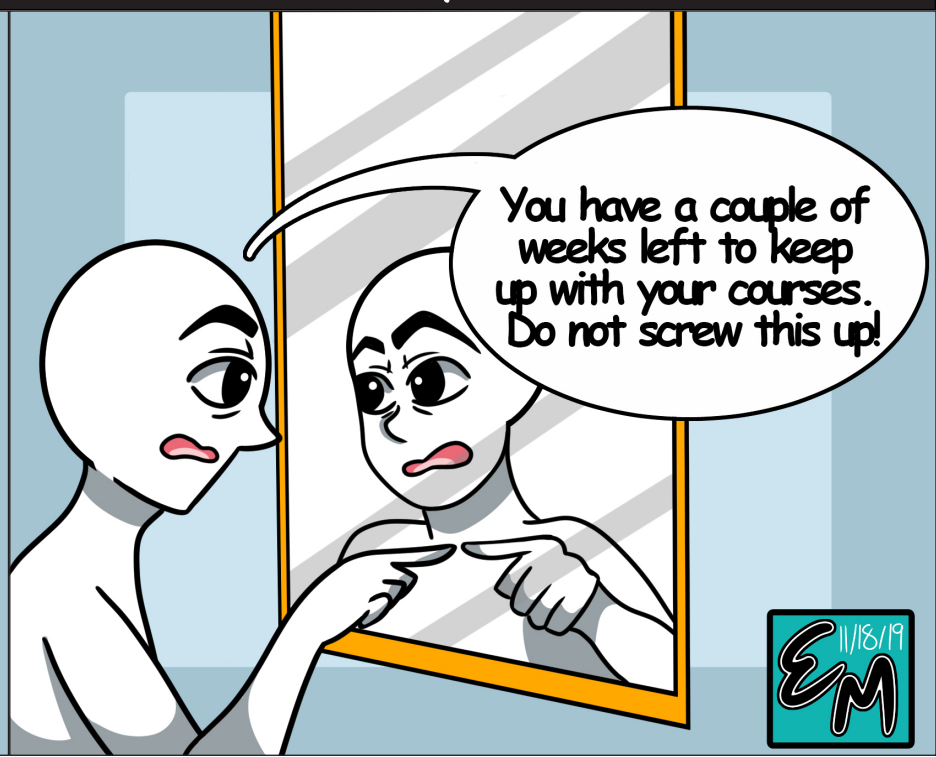
Tickets may be purchased online at utrgv.edu/theater-tickets.

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