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FOR FOOTBALL

To maintain a \$9 million dollar two-year budget plan, the university decides to cut the football program after this season

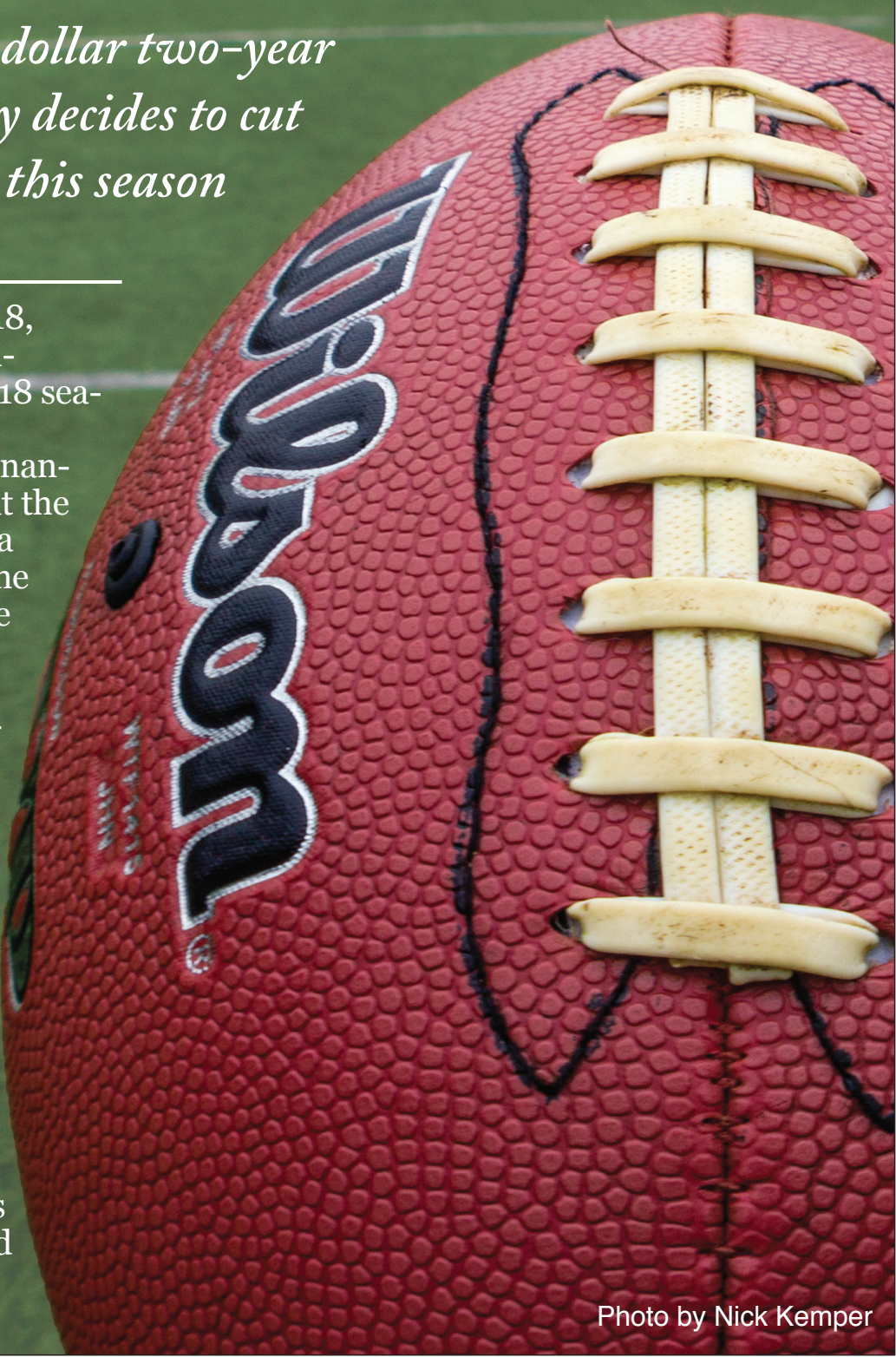
by Skye Kimya

On the afternoon of July 17, 2018, Humboldt State University announced that after the Fall 2018 season, the football program will be cut. “This [decision] is due to ongoing financial challenges within Athletics and at the University as a whole,” President Lisa Rossbacher said, “We cannot allow the budget deficit in Athletics to continue or to deepen further.”

This past April, President Rossbacher announced the two-year budget plan in reducing costs by at least \$9 million. Unfortunately, the net cost of about \$1 million annually became too expensive for the University to support and subsidize indefinitely (HSU Athletic Department). Therefore, according to Rossbacher, dramatic change had to be made.

“It is the only realistic path for us to take,” President Rossbacher said.

Redshirt Sophomore Kyle Martorella called home as soon as he received the news. He said



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Photo by Nick Kemper

California
fires still
burning

*Updates on the
Mill Creek and
Carr fires*



USDA Carr Fire 2018, courtesy of
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by Dajonea Robinson

KHSU Advisory Board demands new management

*Tensions high between KHSU
community and administration*

by Megan Bender

Community radio station KHSU and Humboldt State University are at odds after the sudden firing of program and operations director Katie Whiteside on May 15.

In spite of push back from volunteers, staff and listeners and a vote of no confidence from KHSU’s Community Advisory Board (CAB), general manager of KHSU radio station, Peter Fretwell, remains in his position after suddenly firing Whiteside.

Due to the personal nature of the issue, Fretwell and HSU administration said they could not reveal reasons for

termination.

Concerned patrons wrote to the advisory board in “unprecedented levels” expressing their concern. In response the CAB took a vote of no confidence against Fretwell after their June 27 public meeting, but with no results.

According to the Mad River Union, this meeting presented complaints of a hostile work environment due to Fretwell’s behavior.

“The members of the KHSU community who have voiced their opinion, through the conduit of the KHSU CAB, formally submits their vote of no confidence in Peter Fretwell



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Photo by Megan Bender

University Advancement Vice President Craig Wruck listens to complaints and concerns at the July 25 KHSU Advisory Board meeting in the Behavior and Social Sciences building.

The Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation has lost 1,500 acres to the Mill Creek 1 fire as of Aug. 20.

According to KRCR the fire is only five percent contained. The Mill Creek 1 fire started on Aug. 16 close to Hoopa and are reported to be caused by arson.

The Mill Creek is one of many fires that have raged up and down California in the last two months. Fires across the state are burning as far away as Orange county and as close as Shasta and Trinity county.

The Carr fire in Trinity and Shasta county started July 23, at 1:15 p.m. and is still burning as of Aug. 20.

According to Cal Fire a mechanical failure of an automobile caused the fire. The incident happened around state Route 299 and Carr Powerhouse Road. The Carr fire has burned 229,651 acres of land. As of Aug. 20, it is now 88 percent contained.

At least six have died, including three firefighters. Many buildings have been destroyed including “1,079 residences, 22 commercial structures, 503 outbuildings destroyed – 190 residences, 26 commercial structures, and 63 outbuildings damaged.”

Cal Fire said heavy smoke has helped decrease fire activity.

The fire is still actively burning within its containment lines. State Route 299 is accessible by the public as there are still emergency crews working in the affected areas.

Cal Fire recommends practicing vehicle safety in order to prevent wildfires.

“Secure chains, no dragging parts, check tire pressure, carry a fire extinguisher in your vehicle, and properly maintain brakes.” For more information on how to prevent wildfire visit <http://readyforwildfires.org>.

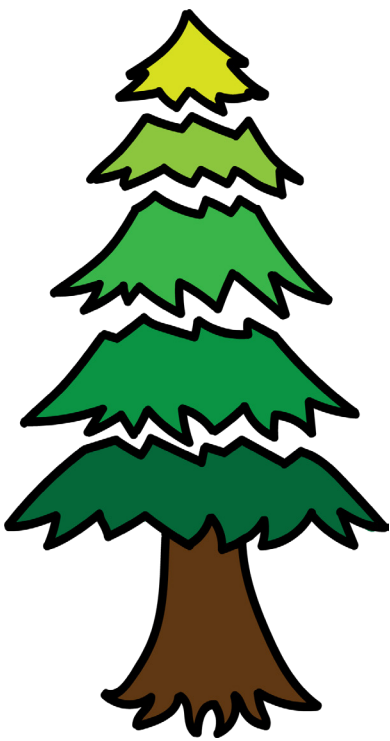
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KHSU

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as General Manager of KHSU, and respectfully requests his termination,” the letter said.

HSU President Lisa Rossbacher responded to the advisory board’s letter and offered no action or solution. Rossbacher said in the letter that “we must ensure that all personnel matters, including those affecting both staff and leadership, are handled with respect and confidentiality.”

According to Mad River Union and a letter sent to HSU President Rossbacher, soon after Whiteside’s firing, KHSU office manager Lorna Bryant alleged abusive and traumatizing behavior from University Advancement Vice President Craig Wruck, Fretwell’s supervisor.

In an email to HSU President Lisa Rossbacher, that Bryant

“The problem that I see...is that the person that leads (KHSU) isn’t being effective or successful. And I think that you and the university has a responsibility to address that.”

— Phil Ricord
Wildberries Marketplace Owner

also sent to the Mad River Union, Bryant said she finally felt comfortable addressing the situation a week later after processing the situation.

“On July 11, 2018 during a weekly KHSU staff meeting, I was subjected to abusive behavior from Craig Wruck, HSU University Advancement vice president...” she said in the email. “I was yelled at; I felt disrespected; and there were consistent attempts to keep me

from speaking.”

Bryant also said the majority of the staff was present and no one stepped in on her behalf, including Fretwell.

The KHSU advisory board met July 25 with both Wruck and Bryant in attendance. The meeting focused on a number of issues including a draft of suggested changes to KHSU’s mission statement and values from Wruck, the altercation between Wruck and Bryant and

Fretwell’s position.

Following Whiteside’s firing, at least one sponsor made a choice to pull their funding until Fretwell was removed. Others, such as Wildberries Marketplace owner Phil Ricord, said at the July meeting that he would not pull his funding of the station but urged the university to find a middle ground.

Fretwell was absent from the meeting per Wruck’s request. Community in attendance rose concerns with the draft, Fretwell and Whiteside at great lengths, causing the meeting to be extended an extra hour.

“The problem that I see... is that the person that leads (KHSU) isn’t being effective or successful,” Ricord said to Wruck at the July meeting. “And I think that you and the university has a responsibility to address that.”

Ricord said he met with Rossbacher per his request and after asking her “tough questions” that he believes both she and the university are

aware of “what they’ve gotten themselves into.”

Volunteers, staff and listeners in attendance also expressed disagreement with the introduction of a draft to change the mission statement and values without first consulting the community.

Wruck continuously assured the draft was just an attempt to get ideas going and not an attempt to undermine the community.

Finally, after over two hours of questioning from the majority of the audience on several issues, Wruck confirmed Fretwell was not being asked to step down.

“At this point Peter is meeting my expectations and his job is not in jeopardy,” Wruck said.

The KHSU advisory board will meet again on Aug. 29

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Seismic retrofitting relocates entire theatre arts building

Campus wide earthquake preparedness reaches last Priority 1 areas, safety comes first

by Skye Kimya

Seismic retrofit has turned the Theatre Arts building and the basement of the library into construction zones.

Roughly 20 years ago there was a campus wide assessment of seismic risk on all of the 23 California State University campuses and each university was provided with priority groups of which buildings held the largest seismic risk by the CSU Seismic Review Board.

“Theatre Arts and the Library are the last Priority 1 buildings to receive seismic retrofit on this campus,” said HSU’s Associate Director of Planning, Design, and Construction, Michael Fisher.

Fisher is responsible for all construction and master planning around campus and he has been working on the engineering and design of this project for two years now. Seismic safety is the essential goal and purpose of this project; and the construction will consist of strengthening the concrete and steel within these buildings.

“These buildings today are not unsafe by any means,” said Fisher. “The seismic retrofit just ensures that pedestrian egress is accessible.”

Based off of a Humboldt State Now press release published over the summer, this project will also modify and upgrade nearby doorways, restrooms, elevators, drinking fountains, and improve accessibility of parking.

The Theatre Arts building and the south side of the first floor in the library have been vacated for this academic year.

“I want to make sure that students know the rest of the first floor, as well as the second and third floor of the library will remain open and operational,” said Fisher.

The vacated classrooms, offices, and resource centers have been relocated to either the Student Business Services building, Jenkins Hall, or the Campus Events Field.

Over the summer, project manager Jason Baugh worked to ensure that the transformation of the Campus Events Field be completed just in time for Fall classes beginning August 20.

“Holding to timelines was important for this project,” said Baugh. “[The Campus Events Field] is now a new functioning portion of campus.”

There are now 14



Photo by Skye Kimya

Campus Events Field area has rooms until renovations and up-to-date seismic safety for the Theatre Arts Building and first floor of the library are complete.

classrooms/office spaces on the Campus Events Field as well as fully functioning restrooms. However, this space is temporary and is planned to be taken down after the completed seismic construction on the Theatre Arts and library building.

According to the Humboldt State Now press release, the seismic retrofit is scheduled

to begin this fall and is hoped to be completed by Summer 2019. The project is completely funded by the CSU system and will cost a total of \$34 million.

“I plan to occupy the reconstructed buildings in summer 2019,” said Fisher. “In preparation for Fall 2019.”

Students still have full accessibility to resources such

as the Learning Center and the Student Disability Resource Center that are now located at the Campus Events Field.

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Annie's serves up excellence
Cambodian cuisine's tasty flavors exceed expectations

by Gabe Rivera

Located on the 101 North headed out of Eureka, you can spot Annie's Cambodian Cuisine nestled on the side of the road next to the Sizzlers. It doesn't look like much from the outside but once you step inside your worries are lessened immensely. Annie's is family owned and a recent winner of North Coast Journal's 2018 Best of Humboldt award for "Best Chinese Restaurant," even though Cambodian is in the name of the restaurant.

Their menu is centered around Cambodian style cuisine but could be considered more of an Asian Fusion of Cambodian,Thai, and Vietnamese food. The interior has an old world ambiance and the art on the walls had a native look.

My friend Kim Coates and I arrived at 5 p.m. and were greeted by a friendly server. Just as we put in our orders for drinks the place began to fill up quickly with hungry looking customers.

For drinks we ordered the Jasmine tea (\$1.50) and Avocado smoothie (\$3.50). The tea was served hot and couldn't have been smoother and I'm not usually a big tea fan. My friend mentioned I would "stay young and beautiful" if I drank it. Bottoms up!

The avocado smoothie was

“Just bring your appetite and make sure to share plates so you can try more of Annie’s delicious selections.”

— Gabe Rivera
Managing Editor

exactly how it sounds. In a tall smoothie glass filled to the rim is a green avo slushie with black boba and it tastes like pure avocado heaven. If you're head over heels for avocado you should try this.

We ordered the pork spring rolls (\$4.75) for an appetizer which was sauteed ground pork, lettuce, bean sprouts, cucumber, mint, cilantro, carrots and vermicelli noodles, rolled up in rice paper. Pretty basic but the veggies were fresh and deliciously crispy. I will have to try the highly recommended Annie's cheese puffs on my next visit.

If you're trying to warm your tum-tum make sure to try the chicken Tom Yum (\$10.95).

Served with a side of steamed white rice, Tom Yum is a delicious mushroom and tomato soup with lemongrass, lime leaves, and green onion, topped with fresh basil. It's a perfect mix of tang and spice that hits your senses as soon as you lift the lid off the steaming hot bowl. The chicken was juicy and filled with flavor.

A different, yet pleasantly enjoyable dish was the pineapple fried rice (\$9.95). I wasn't sure if the mix would work but I would be put at ease as soon as the taste hit my tongue. The pineapple gives a feeling of authenticity and you could easily be eating a dish traveling in south east Asia.

The meal would not have been complete without trying the Khmer sticky rice (\$4.95) for dessert. The steamed sweet rice is drizzled with a tasty coconut sauce and is served with fresh, perfectly ripened mango slices. These two delicacies together are a force to be reckoned with.

"Imagine having a stand at every corner selling this stuff for a dollar." Coates said, "I got so fat living in Asia."

I would recommend this restaurant to any hungry people out there looking for some place different. Just bring your appetite and make sure to share plates so you can try more of Annie's delicious selections.

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Photo by Gabe Rivera

Annie's Chicken Tom Yum mushroom and tomato soup with lemongrass, lime leaves, and green onion, topped with fresh basil is a great way to warm up on a cold Humboldt day.



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he was very surprised and upset after hearing the program would be cut.

"I can really only see myself playing at Humboldt so it sucks," said Martorella. "I thought we were guaranteed another five years and that was what the money was raised for."

Since December of 2017, HSU Boosters, Alum and community members have put forth their utmost effort in reaching a goal of \$500,000 that would have ensured another solid year of football at the Redwood Bowl. During that time Rossbacher announced that if \$500,000 was collected by January of each year, for the next five years, the University would match it with another \$500,000 to keep the program running.

Although SaveHSUAthletics confirmed nearly \$511,000 in pledges last fall, only \$329,000 in cash donations were collected in June, according to President Lisa Rossbacher. However, SaveHSUAthletics Co-Founder and HSU Alum Jim Redd shared that in fact, a total of \$410,000 was collected.

"I know that a payment of \$80,000 was scheduled to come in, and received on July 15th," said Redd.

The total amount of donations that were collected will be used for this last football season at HSU and all of the scholarships awarded will be honored to eligible players through the 2018-2019 academic year.

"We are going to be very supportive of the current players and coaches this year," said Redd, "but the support is going to drop way off for HSU Athletics as a whole."

Although several boosters donate to other HSU athletic programs as well, Redd and his fellow boosters believe that cutting the program was all a part of Athletic Director Duncan Robins' plan and because of that, many supporters no longer want to give money to the HSU Athletics.

"There are a lot of donors upset and wanting their money back," said Redd, "I just feel like Robins was hired to get rid of the program, it took him seven months longer than he would have liked but he succeeded."

HSU's Athletic Department plans on providing as much support as needed for current players, whether they choose to complete their academic years at HSU or transfer to another school and continue playing football.



File Photo by Garrett Goodnight

"At this point we just have to come together as a team. We still have 10 games like any other season and we can still win a ring like any other season."

— Kyle Martorella
Redshirt sophomore

HSU junior and 2018 captain Isaiah Hall plans on "riding out" with a strong team for this last HSU football season. He hopes to ensure the team that this decision should not interrupt what they have accomplished toward the success of their season so far.

"I always had a feeling that this was bound to happen," said Hall, "When [Rossbacher] was on the podium talking about keeping the program, her words felt untruthful."

After this season, Hall is eligible to play two more collegiate years of football and after speaking with his family he plans to have a successful season and transfer to play at another university come spring.

As for new recruits, Chris Quirarte from Buhach Colony High School and Braden Gordon from Independence High School, new beginnings have already come to an end. Both of the newly announced Jacks from Southern California were not sure what to think about the news and immediately contacted family for support.

"I am stuck on whether I

want to redshirt or play this year," said Quirarte, "The decision changes my outlook on the season a little but I am not trying to pull the trigger on my decision too early."

Last year, HSU Athletics held a deficit of \$750,000 in which the University covered; and, three years ago that deficit was at \$250,000. The rate of cost increases in the Athletics Department at HSU has been roughly double of the University costs in whole (HSU Athletic Department).

Rossbacher still plans on maintaining Division II athletic programs at HSU and in order to remain eligible for NCAA Division II competition, the University is required to have 10 sports. To remain in the CCAA, HSU's primary conference, the 10 sports are required to be chosen from a specified list, and football is not included on that list (HSU Athletic Department). After this 2018 football season, HSU will sponsor 11 sports: men's and women's basketball, men's and women's soccer, men's and women's cross country, men's and women's track & field, crew, softball, and volleyball.

"At this point we just have to come together as a team," said Martorella. "We still have 10 games like any other season and we can still win a ring like any other season."

The Jacks reported for summer camp at 10 a.m. on August 5 and took to the field for their first practice Aug. 6. They completed camp with an intrasquad scrimmage on August 18 and have continued with practice in preparation for their first game September 1 at 5 p.m. in Wichita Falls, Texas, against MSU Texas.

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Sports update

by Skye Kimya

SOCCER

Women's soccer hosted a scrimmage against College of the Redwoods last Friday, August 17 at 4 p.m.

Upcoming:

Aug. 21 - Jacks exhibition vs. Corban 4 p.m.

Aug. 30 - Jacks vs. Concordia (Rohnert Park, Ca) 1:30 p.m.

Sept. 1 - Jacks vs. Dominican (Rohnert Park, Ca) 2 p.m.

Men's Soccer hosted a scrimmage against Southern Oregon last Saturday, August 18 at 1 p.m.

Upcoming:

Aug. 23 - Jacks scrimmage vs. Oregon Tech 5:30 p.m.

Aug. 25 - Jacks scrimmage vs. College of the Redwoods 4 p.m.

Aug. 30 - Jacks vs. Holy Names 3 p.m.

FOOTBALL

Football held their last fall scrimmage in the Redwood Bowl on Saturday, August 18, at 3 p.m.

Upcoming:

Sept. 1 - Jacks @ MSU Texas 5 p.m.

Sept. 15 - Jacks @ Central Washington 4 p.m.

Sept. 22 - Jacks vs. Western Oregon 6 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Women's volleyball held their annual alumni game in the Lumberjack Arena last Friday, August 17, at 4 p.m.

Upcoming:

Aug. 23 - Jacks vs. Pacific Union (Rohnert Park, Ca) 2 p.m.

Aug. 24 - Jacks @ Notre Dame De Namur 9 a.m.

Aug. 25 - Jacks vs. Georgia College (Turlock, Ca) 10:30 a.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country has been training for their fall 2018 season since a few weeks before class began. Come September, they will host the Humboldt Invitational at Patrick's Point State Park in Trinidad.

Upcoming: Sept. 8 - Humboldt Invitational Trinidad, Ca
Sept. 29 - Willamette Invitational Salem, Or
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EDITORIAL

Listen HSU, replace or mediate

Administration must take KSHU advisory board and community demands seriously.

Listeners, staff and volunteers of community of the non-commercial public radio station KHSU have spoken.

They demand a replacement for the Humboldt State University appointed general manager Peter Fretwell and a change in character of his supervisor, University Advancement Vice President, Craig Wruck.

HSU should adhere to their concerns and demands immediately, or at least take active measures to find some middle ground.

After the sudden firing of KHSU’s program operations manager Katie Whiteside, KHSU has been vocal about what feels to them like a “hostile takeover.” A little over a month after Fretwell fired Whiteside, the KHSU advisory board submitted a letter to administration in which they present a vote of no confidence against Fretwell, respectfully asking him to step down.

Soon after, Wruck attended the July advisory board meeting to face feedback and questions from the community. Fretwell, however, was not present per Wruck’s request.

After over two hours of back and forth over several issues between the community, the station and Wruck, he confirmed that Fretwell’s position is not in danger.

“At this point Peter is meeting my expectations and his job is not in jeopardy,” Wruck said.

This is a blatant disregard of community voice and of the people the radio station is meant to serve. HSU has done nothing

According to the KHSU website, “HSU provides approximately 20 percent of KHSU’s cash revenue... HSU also provides facilities and other significant administrative in-kind support for station operations.”

This means that HSU serves as a sort of a glorified landlord that deals with some management of operations and staffing. The history and relationship of KHSU and the university is more closely tied than just landlord and tenant, however the station was created primarily to serve the community.

Now it receives the majority of its funding from the community instead of depending solely on HSU to run smoothly.

“Contributions from listeners, businesses and local organizations account for the remaining 64 percent of the station’s annual operating budget,” their website said.

This station is the blood, sweat and tears of minimal staff, mostly volunteers, dedicated listeners and strong and unyielding community. A lot of those who currently work for or worked for KHSU are Humboldt State alum. They want transparency from the



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university and a sign that their voices are being heard and most of all they want action.

Tensions between KHSU and the university have only grown worse since Whiteside’s firing. At the July 27 KHSU advisory board meeting, community members called out the university for its lack of transparency and lack of response to their concerns.

Between the firing of Whiteside and the last advisory board meeting, allegations of abusive behavior and a hostile work environment have surfaced from staff at KHSU against both Fretwell and Wruck.

Though letters have been sent to Humboldt State University President Lisa Rossbacher, not much as been done in the way of addressing the fighting between Wruck, Fretwell and KHSU.

Feedback against the way business is being handled at KHSU has grown even more tense with the added allegations of aggressive behavior in addition to a requested audit of the station, a suggested change to the mission statement and values and a transition toward new technology.

It is not immediately clear if Wruck and Fretwell will pause,

take a step back and begin to listen and respond with empathy. Both men remain in their positions and are still responsible for running a station that is losing or has already lost faith in them.

Before relations between the university and KHSU staff, volunteers, sponsors and listeners worsen, HSU needs to make some changes or take active measures to mediate issues between their chosen leadership and the community.

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OPINION

What the helmet's going on NFL?

by Gabe Rivera

Football is a violent sport. This aspect of the game is sometimes attracts people to it and it’s all about to change thanks to the NFL’s new helmet rule being implemented.

The new rule states “it is a foul if a player lowers his head to initiate and make contact with his helmet against an opponent.”

The problem with this new rule is that it’s anatomically and physically impossible to lower your shoulder without lowering your head and making incidental contact.

The penalty is primarily called on defensive players and their heads are spinning. Four-time All-Pro cornerback Richard Sherman took to Twitter and called the rule “idiotic.”

He’s right. Sherman, who also called for the rule to be “dismissed immediately,” isn’t the only one pissed off about it. Halfway through the preseason, we’ve seen over 50 flags in 32 games for “helmet-rule” penalties, and several calls have left people shaking their heads in disbelief.

Indianapolis Colts’ veteran safety Shamarko Thomas, who got ejected from the preseason opener for an illegal helmet hit, was fined \$26,739, the

minimum for a first offense, and then cut by the Colts two days later. That’s a hefty price to pay just for tackling a guy.

Supporters of the rule will say there used to be no helmets and it was changed. There used to be no facemasks and it was changed.

Next they will be saying there used to be defense played and it was changed.

Rules like these have noble reasons for being made. Player safety is the NFL’s top priority nowadays due to impending lawsuits from former players and ownership is reacting to the segment of the public that believes the game is not safe enough and too barbaric.

The NFL is forcing players to think instead of react the way they’ve played football all their lives. When the regular season begins with much more to play for, we could see the NFL creating a more dangerous environment in the name of safety.

The league needs to trash this rule immediately. Go back to letting football players play football. It’s insane that the NFL thinks it can make football safer. The foundation of the game is blocking and tackling. Collisions are the essence of the game. A routine tackle cannot be a penalty.

I am not advocating that players should get hurt. Rather, I am advocating



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that the NFL does their due diligence and thinks before they act. Don’t let your billion dollar company’s fate be

decided by lame rules made up by lame people who don’t know anything about football, just to cover your own butts.

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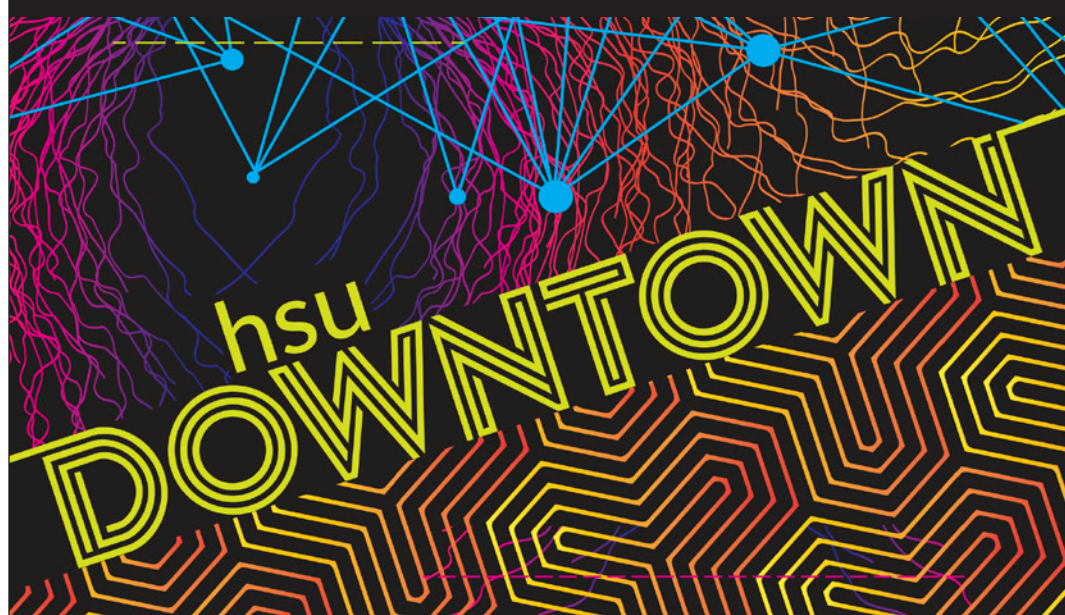
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