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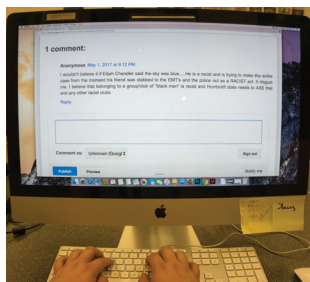
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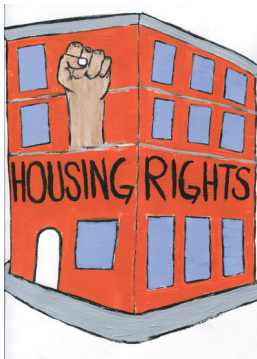


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Editorial: Humboldt State Fails Students of Color

by El Leñador Staff

As a student publication, we have struggled in our role to cover the murder of David Josiah Lawson. The fact of the matter is that to many, Josiah is more than just a story. He was a person, with a heart and a smile of his own.

It would be wrong to sacrifice his humanity and why so many loved him for the sake of reporting. While both aspects of what we do as a news outlet is vital to who we are, we can't lose sight of what matters to us.

With that being said, it is equally important to hold the university and the local community accountable for its negligence of people of color.

Like a broken record, it has been said countless times that the administration and city officials have not been present in conversations and spaces of solidarity.

For far too long, it has been completely up to people of color and other marginalized groups to not only advocate for themselves but to educate. As if those others can simply wash their hands from responsibility.

On April 19, Arcata city councilwoman Sofia Pereira stated that "we as a community failed Josiah Lawson and other students of color, who have stated over and over again that they do not feel safe and welcomed here."

So if Arcata as a community is open to admitting their wrong, Humboldt State has no excuse to blanket our hurt and distress through their short lived attempts of accountability. The week that followed the murder of Josiah Lawson was full of spaces for healing and dialogue. The week after that, administration was silent and all forms of "support" fizzled out.

Accountability and responsibility involve action, not just guest appearances at our spaces and events. We need action and concrete plans in creating a safer and more inclusive environment for people of color.

Humboldt State can no longer chattel students of color up here

without adequate resources. The university cannot keep recruiting us without bridging the gap between campus and community so that when we step off university grounds, we aren't being harassed or killed due to our skin color. Humboldt State needs to acknowledge the racism and injustice that their students consistently speak out against. We are more than a brown face for your pamphlets, more than quotas for HSI grants.

If Humboldt State truly cares about its Black and Brown students, it needs to guarantee not just our success but our safety. Its actions needs to be more than just reactive, they must be proactive.

Dear Josiah,

You are loved. You are deeply missed. You are valued. The lives you touched with your energy is one of a kind. Your smile lit up a room and your humor could make the whole crowd laugh. You were taken too soon. No words can be put together to express our sorrows. A brother, a son, a friend, a partner, your heart will forever shine. Your loved ones will carry you with them and continue your legacy. Your physical being may no longer be present on Earth, but your soul will live forever. You will not become anything less than what you deserve. Thank you for your energy, your smile, your existence.
Justice for Josiah. He was the one.

Josiah

by Angel Sylva

Black and beautiful in remembrance, gone but he still remains significant in his own significance. A soul so bright the essence of light inspired the ones in his generation to continue this college plight. Because he stayed with a smile on his face and I'm thankful that he was able to bless HSU with his grace. It's a real tragedy that this is what it had to be, got half most of us checking out thinking about it nonstop cause now that's an absent seat. We all angry, we all wanna throw hands, but we know we'll be looked at like beasts if we come up with that plan. And I was told I shouldn't shed tears if I didn't know him, but in a way he was part of the community I am apart of so if you really think about it he was of my kin, and of my blood, and I will cry tears. And I'm still processing it, like are we expected to blossom from this? Do they expect us to forgive and forget? Continue school and remain in debt? Like we didn't just see what transpired? And I know as a unit we get tired, but he will never be forgotten, and since this there's no stopping our drive in getting justice, I see we having a lot of them "what is white privilege discussions," but there's no excuse for this injustice. I see we walk around campus checking in like "You good?" to our sisters and brothers making sure we look out for one another and this is what has to remain, so we are able to feel secure in dealing with our own pain.

spaces

by Xahil McDonald

they're harder and harder to come by nowadays
these spaces that I crave
spaces where faces aren't the only thing you see
and those faces don't just see you
for what rests on the surface
brown skin
in their minds a representation of sin
the color of the backs they've stepped on to win
something I'm reminded of again and again
in their spaces
just the other day
we lost another one of our beautiful brown faces
I walk around, my mind races
head down with both eyes out for the racists
these spaces that I crave
are ones
where you never have to be reminded you are welcome
you are loved
where your head is high, chest to the sky
somewhere I can truly rest these eyes
this mind

Do Black Lives Matter in the face of White Privilege?

by Slauson Girl

Why is there always a debate within white America when a Black person or other melanated peoples are senselessly murdered by police and others?

No matter the situation, dead Black people are forced to go on trial within white-dominated, online spaces and it sickens me to my stomach.

These debates, however, tell us a lot about the psychology of white America when it comes to them understanding and addressing the complexities of racism and white supremacy.

Humboldt County is not exempt when it comes to these debates that white people tend to have over slain Black lives.

We see you all.

Even in the minds of those in Humboldt County, dead Black people have somehow brought death upon themselves.

We see y'all thoughts, biases and hatred spewed online while you hide behind Facebook and Twitter accounts along with anonymous comment threads within y'all favorite websites such as Lost Coast Outpost.

As students at Humboldt State, we are left with not knowing who these people online are and it leaves us distrusting many of the white faces that we see around town.

In 2017, most white people still seem to not understand that we as Black people hurt and have feelings

despite what the media shows of us. We are not some foreign species incapable of a wide range of human emotions.

Yet our lives and emotions are not taken into consideration, while our deaths are the hot topic of online debates for white people.

Supporters of Kyle Zoellner, the 23-year old McKinleyville man who is accused of stabbing HSU student David Josiah Lawson to death Easter weekend, say Zoellner is being unfairly tried and prosecuted by the public and media.

To that I say, what about the Black people who are dead and forced to go on trial within the media and online conversations as if their lives meant nothing, Josiah included? At least Zoellner has his life

to plead his innocence and disprove the allegations against him. Josiah and so many Black people and other melanated peoples of the world do not.

Yet in death, they too are tried by the public and media.

White privilege serves many purposes for those who are fortunate to find shelter under its umbrella. So again I ask, do Black lives matter in the face of white privilege?

From what I have seen in my almost 25 years of life, in America, white privilege is unequivocally more powerful and important than Black life.

As long as white people continue to debate over slain Black lives and hold the power to always make Black people seem as the aggressor in every dispute, I do not believe that Black lives matter in the face of white privilege.

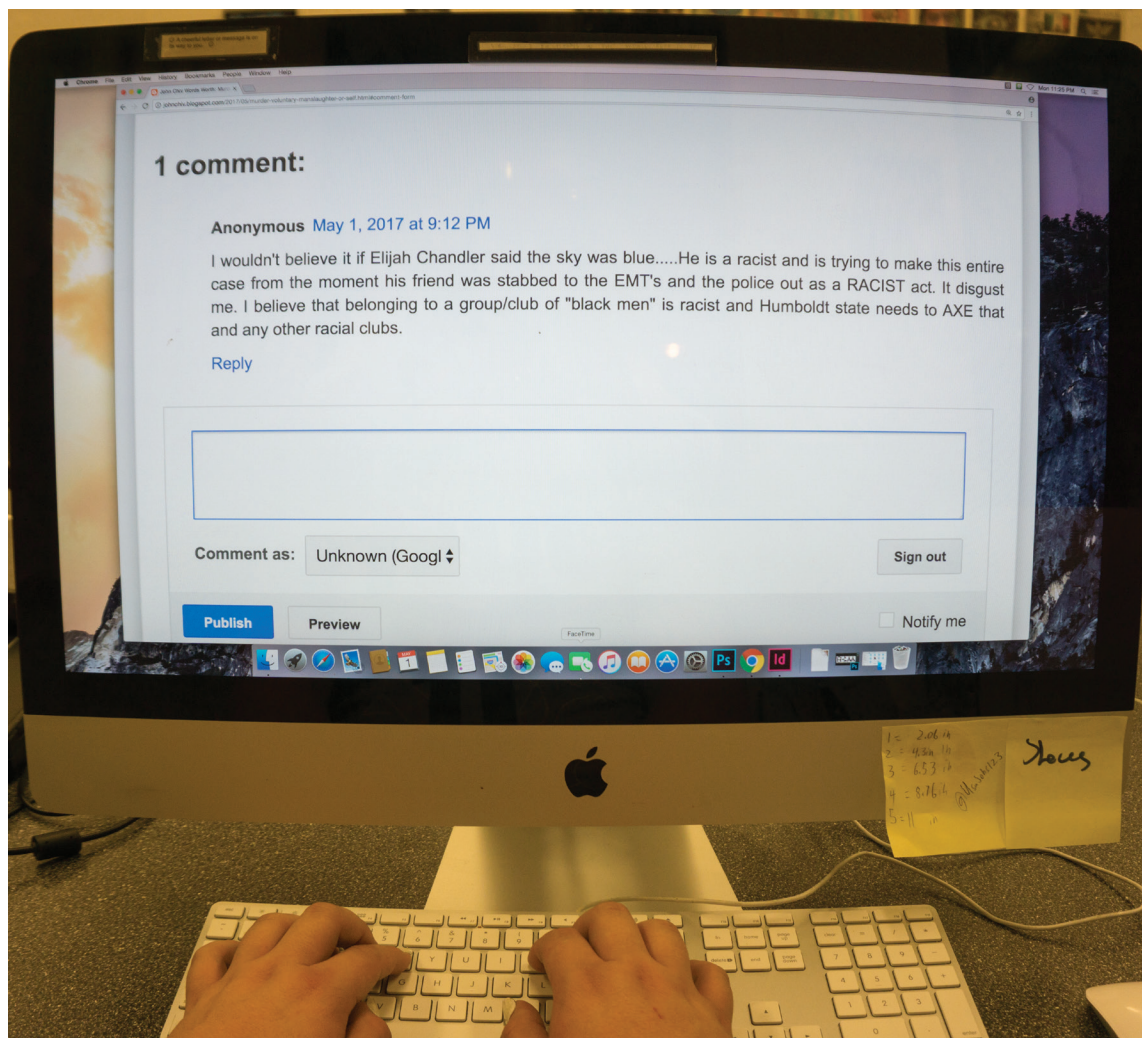
Black lives will continue to not matter in the face of white privilege as long as white people continue to hold the power of discrediting the words of Black people. As long as white people and their words continue to be held as truth above anything a Black person says, Black lives will never be able to matter in the face of white privilege.

As long as the words of Black people continue to be looked at as illegitimate, we will never be a match for white privilege. White people will always have the power to discredit and demean Black lives in everyday life and even the court of law.

This is why students of color can speak to the media expressing their feelings of negligence on behalf of the police and emergency response on the night of Josiah's murder and they are still ridiculed and seen as untrustworthy in the face of white privilege.

That does not mean that as Black and melanated peoples of America and beyond, that we just accept these atrocities and live with them as a fact of life. How are we as women, supposed to breed children within a world that tells us that our lives are less than due to a racial hierarchy?

As Black and melanated peoples of America it is up to us to constantly call out these structures of our society that work to discredit our words and lives. The more we just accept these paradoxes as a fact of life, the deeper and more concrete they become.



Actual comment left on online blog | Photo by Briana Yah-Diaz

HSU Supports Students of Color for Two Weeks

Counselors of color borrowed in light of recent tragedy

by Estee Trevizo, Meg Bezak & Carlos Olloqui

El Leñador strives to be the voice for those who are underrepresented. With that said, the devastating loss of our dear friend, colleague, and leader, David Josiah Lawson, has affected many groups of color on this campus. The events that took place during this tragedy were traumatizing, to say the least, for many.

In efforts to support individuals who have been affected, Humboldt State sent out an email informing students of the resources that are available to them during this difficult time. The email included, "Due to the magnitude of this tragedy, we have brought in help from other CSU campuses in providing additional therapists - Paulette Theresa and Lightfoot Wilhite," both of whom are counselors of color.

The Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) offers mental health support, but lacks the unique aid that students of color need. This is exhibited by the evidence that it

took a tragedy for the school to consider bringing counselors of color.

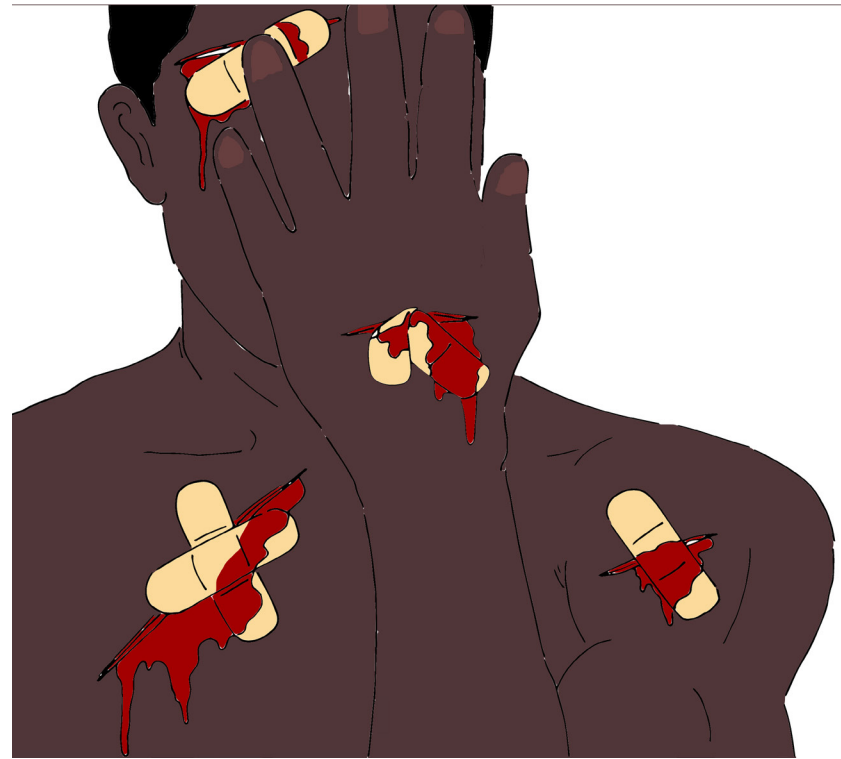
Lightfoot Wilhite, a visiting counselor from San Francisco State University, recognizes the disconnect students experience between the campus and the community.

"The answer is between the efforts to find somebody and enough attraction for them to come and stay," he said.

The low retention is attributed to the lack of institutionalized support not only for students but staff and faculty of color as well. When asked why diversity is not reflected in HSU's counseling staff, Wilhite mentioned the need for incentives.

Heightened in a time of tragedy and mourning, the need for a more diverse counseling staff has never been greater. The minute people of color step off this campus, they don't feel safe, supported, or represented.

"In the week that I have been



White band-aids on Black skin Illustration by Hector Arzate

here, I have not seen a non-white student walking around alone at night, and it is kind of rare to see

it during the day," Wilhite said. "I have never seen people of color walking alone in Arcata."

Why We Talk About Race

Looking at white indifference in Humboldt

by Hector Arzate

On October 4, 2016, the president of Humboldt State University, Lisa Rossbacher, said that "racism is not the norm on our campus or in the communities."

For months on end, I have found myself wondering: How many times do we have to plead for justice and equity?

I read a headline recently about the murder of David Josiah Lawson. The April 26 article was titled "Humboldt's hidden hate." While I do appreciate the article, I can't help but think about how the headline itself continues to discredit hatred within the region as something that

is not apparent or normal.

It feels like a conversation that has been had over and over again.

Yet, it seems as though nothing ever changes. It's as though our "allies" just can't hear us. Not while we scream when our jaws are wired shut or when the glass bottles crash in our face. It has happened more than once, and yet they just haven't been able to see it.

So I have asked myself, why is that?

“It feels like a conversation that has been had over and over again.”

A poet named Dominique Christina once said that people of color see with blood in their eyes. That everywhere we walk into, we see murder. We see racism and hatred. But those who don't have the blood in their eyes, can't possibly understand what we see. Although I didn't understand

what Christina meant at first, I think I do now. It's the reason why people dispute the events that took place on Easter morning. It's the reason why people dispute everything we say and criminalize everything we do.

As a non-Black person of color, I acknowledge that my experience is not the same as the Black students in Humboldt. But I won't deny that I see the blood. I pray that white students will see it now too because Josiah was a friend to some, a brother to few, but a person to all and his life matters. Black Lives Matter.

Sexland Celebrates 12th Year Anniversary

Sex education beyond the classroom

by Estee S. Trevizo

As a creative celebration of bodies, sexualities, gender, expression, and consent, Sexland challenges the typical sex education style where the dangers and responsibilities of sex are taught.

Raven Craig, the Peer Health Education supervisor, helped initiate the Peer Health Education Program at Humboldt State in the year 2012.

First launched by a dedicated group of Peer Health educators in 2005, Sexland celebrates its 12th year, themed Garden of Hedon.

“You can learn all about STI’s without learning about clitoral stimulation and orgasms,” Craig said. “While some of those things are important, it is also fundamentally important and feminist to teach

about the pleasures of having sex.”

Craig and other peer health educators are coming from the perspective that talking about the pleasures of sex is just as important as ending rape culture.

“Sexland means getting rid of shame and stigma. It means being free to communicate and have choices,” Craig said.

Every year, the Peer Health educators get together and configure different sexual health booths based off their personal interests and what they feel students will benefit from most. They choose their own topics, theme, and decorations. They also

invite a number of experts from the campus and surrounding community in Humboldt County.

“Until we remove the barriers of shame and stigma and make it okay

to have conversations about sex, we are going to continue to live in a world that uses sex as punishment, and that’s not okay,” Craig said.

Bridget Ocampo, a junior and Critical Race and

Gender studies major at Humboldt State had a booth titled, “Talking About Consent.”

“A lot of people don’t have consent in mind when it comes to sex, but ever since I started working as a

“**Sexland means getting rid of shame and stigma.**”

Peer Educator, I am always thinking about consent,” Ocampo said.

Ocampo had a white board next to her booth, titled “Flourish Your Consent,” where a question was written in the middle asking, “What would your safe words be for you and your partners?”

Ocampo wanted to provide resources about consent for people to be mindful. She wanted to give others another option who aren’t as comfortable about talking about sex.

There were a variety of booths from “butt stuff and fisting”, which covered the basics of anal sex, fisting, and anal lingus, to a booth describing the benefits of period sex.

Stephanie Krutolow, a senior at Humboldt State and communications major, attended the event for the first time in the four years since she enrolled as a student.

“People have an image of what sex should be that’s portrayed by the media, and it’s nice coming here to see that there’s more to sex than what we see on TV,” Krutolow said.

The event is a sex positive, sexual health event open to all HSU students, and community members.

“It is a safe and very comfortable environment where I don’t feel judged when asking questions,” Krutolow said, “More people should take advantage of this event, you get a lot of information out of it.”

Other booths included mental health and sexuality, genital care, North Coast Aids Project, DIY floggers booth, North Coast Rape Crisis Team, body hair positivity, Planned Parenthood, partner massage table, Humboldt Domestic Violence Services, gender sex booth, and lastly the Botany Club booth.

For more information on future Sexland events, you can visit the Peer Health Educators at the Health and Wellness Center.



Student Alexa Salce taking a photo of freshmen from left to right, Jessica Martinez, Tonita Johnson, and Celeste Solano. | Photo by Estee S. Trevizo

Undergrad Research Study Focuses On Queer Lives

Looking for subjects

by **Mónica Ramirez**

Professors and students from the Sociology Department and Criminology & Justice Studies Department at HSU are researching queer lives and hope to conduct one hundred interviews.

"Nobody has really looked at a queer life course," said Chair of the Sociology Department Meredith Williams. "I started doing the research for my dissertation around 2009."

Williams said that when you focus on just the numbers, you don't get to hear the stories. More specifically, these interviews will explain people's relationships to social institutions and could help to get a better understanding of how and when a queer person may get involved in crime.

"Men get involved in crime because of men, and women also get involved in crime because of men," she said. "If there's a Bonnie and

Clyde, maybe there's a Bonnie and Bonnie."

This is what attracted Lindsay Mixer, a graduate student in sociology. She hopes to focus her studies on human sexuality and how it impacts people's lives.

"I wanted to see what Meredith was finding in regards to the LGBTQ life course," Mixer said. "How people are really impacted by the acceptance or lack thereof of different sexualities in their community."

Williams also wondered what the outcomes would be if LGBTQ people were involved in politics and if it would make a difference. When discussing this with Joice Chang, a political science professor, she decided to add her to the team.

"I am still finding a way to find the poli sci connection," Chang said.

They have been looking into the idea that maybe by voting, lobbying,

or attending protests, a queer person may not get involved in crime at all.

"A lot of the research that we have found is that they are victims rather than perpetrators," Chang said. "Are they doing this because they feel left out or are they being bullied?"

Overall, it's an interdisciplinary study Chang said, and after time, this research could help those in power make more informed decisions and create policies that will help the queer community in the future.

Grecia Alfaro is another student participating in the study. She believes that by finding the root of the problem, we can start to find a solution. She personally identifies with the LGBTQ community and felt that it was important to dedicate herself to this study.

"This study is so important

because nothing like this has been done before," Alfaro said.

One of the most interesting things she has learned so far through her research is how willing people are to share their experiences since they hope it will benefit future generations.

"I find this fascinating because their willingness to speak about their hardships usually comes from a place in their heart that wants offer guidance to someone who might be feeling lost or alone," Alfaro said.

The queer life course study is open to any student willing to help research, as well as being open to any queer identifying person that is willing to be interviewed. You can follow the progress of the study through Facebook: queerlifcoursestudyHSU or on Instagram: @thequeerlumberjack.

Upward Bound At Risk to Lose Funding

by **Hector Arzate**

As an effort to bring prosperity to disadvantaged students, Upward Bound aims to make education great again.

Although the proposal's name is meant to signal change for greatness, some would argue that a 15 percent cut to the Department of Education is a far cry from prosperity.

The budget proposal outlines budget cuts to several U.S departments for the fiscal year of 2018, including the Department of Education.

The Council for Opportunity in Education estimates that the proposed budget cut would result in a \$92 million or 10 percent decrease in funding for TRIO for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, which would effectively eliminate services like Upward Bound for nearly 83,000 students.

According to the Center for

American Progress it's likely that a cut to these services would have an immediate impact on the local rural community here in Humboldt.

Upward Bound at HSU has served six different high schools in the local area of Humboldt and Trinity County for 50 years, including Arcata High School, Hoopa Valley High School and Trinity High School.

Leo Cañez, the academic coordinator of Upward Bound at HSU, outlined what students are able to do during their pre-college experience.

"We have the summer academy, a residential experience here at Humboldt State University," Cañez said. "About 35 students live in the residential dorms for five weeks, beginning at the end of June and going all the way until the end of July."

In order to prepare disadvantaged students, Upward Bound aims to

bridge the gap that first-generation students have to deal with before arriving as college freshmen.

"They come from families that are low income and neither parent has a four year degree," Cañez said. "So they're low income, first-generation and there aren't very many resources out there at these schools to provide students with information that they need for things like A-G requirements, SAT/ACT prep, making sure that they choose the right classes, and manage their time."

As a local student at Hoopa Valley High School and alumnus of the TRIO program, Cañez always had a natural sense of curiosity and want to learn, but didn't really value education.

"If it wasn't for Upward Bound I wouldn't be where I am today," Cañez said. "My mom finished the sixth grade before she stopped going

to school and my father almost finished high school but he had to go to Vietnam. As I grew up, they split up and between my third grade year to my freshman year in high school I went to 18 different schools. I didn't have anybody in my family who went to college or had any kind of experience with it, so I didn't think that it was an option for me."

While Cañez's story is unique, it's a familiar story that many students from a first-generation, low-income background who come through the UB program share.

"[UB] allows you for the first time to truly be who are and that's what this program is all about," Cañez said. "You're surrounded by adults who want to help you realize your dream and we'll do everything we can to help you figure out what that is."

Estudiantes sin fronteras

Aportación de recursos para la comunidad indocumentada en Humboldt

por Gabriel Lopez

traducido por Alejandro Arredondo

Después de años de planear y organizar, estudiantes y miembros de la comunidad similarmente han tenido éxito en establecer el centro de Estudiantes sin Fronteras (Scholars Without Borders), un recurso para miembros de la comunidad indocumentada localizada en el segundo piso del centro multicultural.

En la inauguración del centro, estudiantes y miembros de la comunidad se juntaron con comida, música en vivo y un juego de silla musicales para celebrar para dar reconocimiento al esfuerzo y dedicación de los estudiantes, facultad y miembros de la comunidad que reunieron a este centro.

Estudiante de posgrado en psicología y miembro de F.R.E.E. (Encuentro de recursos y apoderamiento mediante la educación) Karla Sanchez comento “Esto

simboliza un gran logro dentro de la institución y crea un refugio seguro para esta comunidad” dijo Sanchez. “Va haber muchas noches largas en la que nos vamos a dedicar para reconocer el trabajo de la gente que vino anteriormente.”

Establecido en el 2011, F.R.E.E. ha trabajado incansablemente para aportar ayuda y defender a la comunidad indocumentada aquí.

“Comenzó con amigos para estar ahí uno para el otro para amigos que no pueden conseguir trabajo o tienen dificultad para encontrar alojamiento” dijo Sánchez.

En el condado de Humboldt, es increíblemente difícil para muchos miembros de la comunidad indocumentada para encontrar un lugar donde vivir, empleo y seguridad, especialmente bajo esta administración actual. El rechazo actual del condado para que se establezcan

como una de las ciudades santuario para la comunidad indocumentada solo agrega a estas dificultades.

“Mucha gente no está consciente de los privilegios que vienen con tener ciudadanía” Sanchez said.

F.R.E.E. proporciona recursos como ayuda en llenar papeleo para DACA, recaudación de fondos para dar becas para estudiantes indocumentados en HSU y defender los derechos de la comunidad indocumentada aquí en el condado de Humboldt.

“Trabajamos con Centro del Pueblo para aportar ayuda legal para la comunidad fuera de HSU” dijo estudiante de segundo año y miembro de F.R.E.E. Anayeli Auza. “Queremos extender para los estudiantes de posgrado y miembros de la comunidad para darles a saber que hay un espacio seguro en este campus.”

Además de abogar por los derechos de los estudiantes en este campus, el centro de Estudiantes sin Fronteras está en colaboración con Centro del Pueblo y miembros de F.R.E.E para mantener clínicas de asistencia legal mensual para la comunidad indocumentada en el condado.

Desde su establecimiento, F.R.E.E. mantiene a la universidad responsable por la falta de recursos que existen para indocumentados y finalmente después de años de demandas la universidad ha acordado generar fondos para ayudar ala comunidad indocumentada aquí en el condado de Humboldt.

Siempre va haber retos legales, financieros, y emocionales” dijo Auza “ pero no es justo para estudiantes venir a este campus sin los recursos necesarios para triunfar.”

Know Your Housing Rights

by Meg Bezak

The amount of local undergraduate Humboldt State University students is approximately 11 percent, according to the 2016 Office of Institutional Research and Planning report, meaning most students experience living on their own for the first time in Humboldt County.

The evidence of Humboldt County’s homelessness issue is all around us, outlining the difficulty of its unique housing market. When it comes to being a renting resident, avoid being taken advantage of by knowing your rights, regardless of the literature on your rental agreement or lease.

California Civil Code, simplified Application Fees

According to California Civil Code, landlords are not supposed to charge you an application screening fee unless they know that a rental unit is currently available or will

be available within a reasonable amount of time (unless you agree to it in writing). §1950.6. c)

When you are charged an application screening fee, ask your landlord for an itemized receipt of what the money was spent on and a refund of what was not used. It’s always a good idea to carry this out in writing! (You might consider a typed piece of paper to hand in-person or mail to the landlord you’re working with. Sometimes email or text messaging is considered a legitimate written form, but not always—it depends on the landlord.) §1950.6. d)

Your landlord may use the money to cover expenses for personal reference checks or to obtain a consumer credit report but it is their legal duty to return any unused amount of the application screening fee back to you upon request. §1950.6. e)

California Civil Code Section 1940.3 states that, whether you are already a tenant or in the process of becoming one, landlords are not to ask about your citizenship status.

Security Deposits

Normally, the landlord requires you to pay a security deposit. This is a refundable fee and, under California law, it should not be stated as otherwise on anything you sign (such as a lease or rental agreement). The deposit should not exceed two times the amount of rent in an unfurnished unit—three times in a furnished unit—and may be returned to you when you move out (with some exceptions).

According to California Tenants—A Guide to Residential Tenants’ and Landlords’ Rights and Responsibilities, here’s what your landlord can use the deposit for:

unpaid rent, cleaning the unit after you move out (but only to make it as clean as it was before you moved in), and to repair damages outside of normal wear and tear caused by you or your guests.

Advice from a Landlord and Attorney

Local landlord and attorney, David Martinek, feels that the lack of knowledge has played a role in the current state of Humboldt County’s housing market.

“There is a lot of ignorance and misinformation out there,” Martinek said. “The ‘musical chairs’ process of finding housing is messy and frustrating for all concerned, and is only made worse by human nature, misunderstandings and the pressures of the real world. People need to relax, get educated, and, if necessary, stand up for their rights.”

Conozca sus derechos de vivienda

por Meg Bezak

traducido por Alejandro Arredondo

Con solo el 11 por ciento de estudiantes en Humboldt State University son locales, de acuerdo al reporte de la Oficina de Investigación Institucional y Planificación de 2016, significa que la mayoría de las experiencias estudiantiles viven por su cuenta propia por la primera vez en el condado de Humboldt.

La evidencia del problema con la falta de vivienda en el condado de Humboldt esta alrededor de todos nosotros, da un boceto a la dificultad del mercado de la vivienda. Cuando se trata de ser un residente de alquiler, evita ser aprovechado con un conocimiento de sus derechos, a pesar de lo que la información de su contrato de alquiler o de arrendamiento.

Código Civil de California, simplificado

Cargos de solicitud

De acuerdo al código civil de California, su propietario no debe cobrarle por su proyección de la inscripción al menos que sepa que su unidad de alquiler está actualmente disponible o va a estar disponible en un periodo de tiempo razonable (a menos que usted lo acepte por escrito). §1950.6. c)

Cuando se cobra la proyección de aplicación, pida a su propietario un recibo con detalles de sus gastos del dinero que se gasta y también con un reembolso de lo que no fue usado. ¡Siempre es una buena idea realizar este escrito! (Usted podría considerar escribir a mano en persona o por correo al propietario con el que está trabajando. A veces el correo electrónico o mensaje de texto se considera una forma legítima, pero no siempre, depende del

propietario. §1950.6. d)

Su propietario puede usar el dinero para cubrir los gastos de los cheques de referencia personal o para obtener un informe de crédito al consumidor, pero es su deber legal devolver cualquier cantidad no utilizada de la proyección de la aplicación de nuevo a usted a petición. §1950.6. e)

La Sección 1940.3 del Código Civil de California establece que, ya sea que usted ya sea inquilino o en proceso de convertirse en uno, los propietarios no deben preguntar sobre su estatus de ciudadanía.

Depósitos de seguridad

Normalmente, el propietario requiere que usted pague un depósito de seguridad. Esta es una cuota reembolsable y de acuerdo con la ley de California, no se debe declarar lo contrario en cualquier cosa que firme (como un contrato de arrendamiento o alquiler). El depósito no debe exceder dos veces la cantidad de alquiler en una unidad sin amueblar -tres veces en una unidad amueblada- y puede ser devuelta a usted cuando se mude (con algunas excepciones).

De acuerdo a Inquilinos de California: Una guía para residentes inquilinos y propietarios de derechos y responsabilidades, Aquí es lo que su propietario puede usar con su depósito: alquiler sin pagar, la limpieza de la unidad después de salir (pero sólo para hacerlo tan limpio como lo era antes de que se mudó) y para reparar los daños fuera del desgaste normal causado por usted o sus invitados.

Consejos de un propietario y un representante legal

El propietario y abogado local,

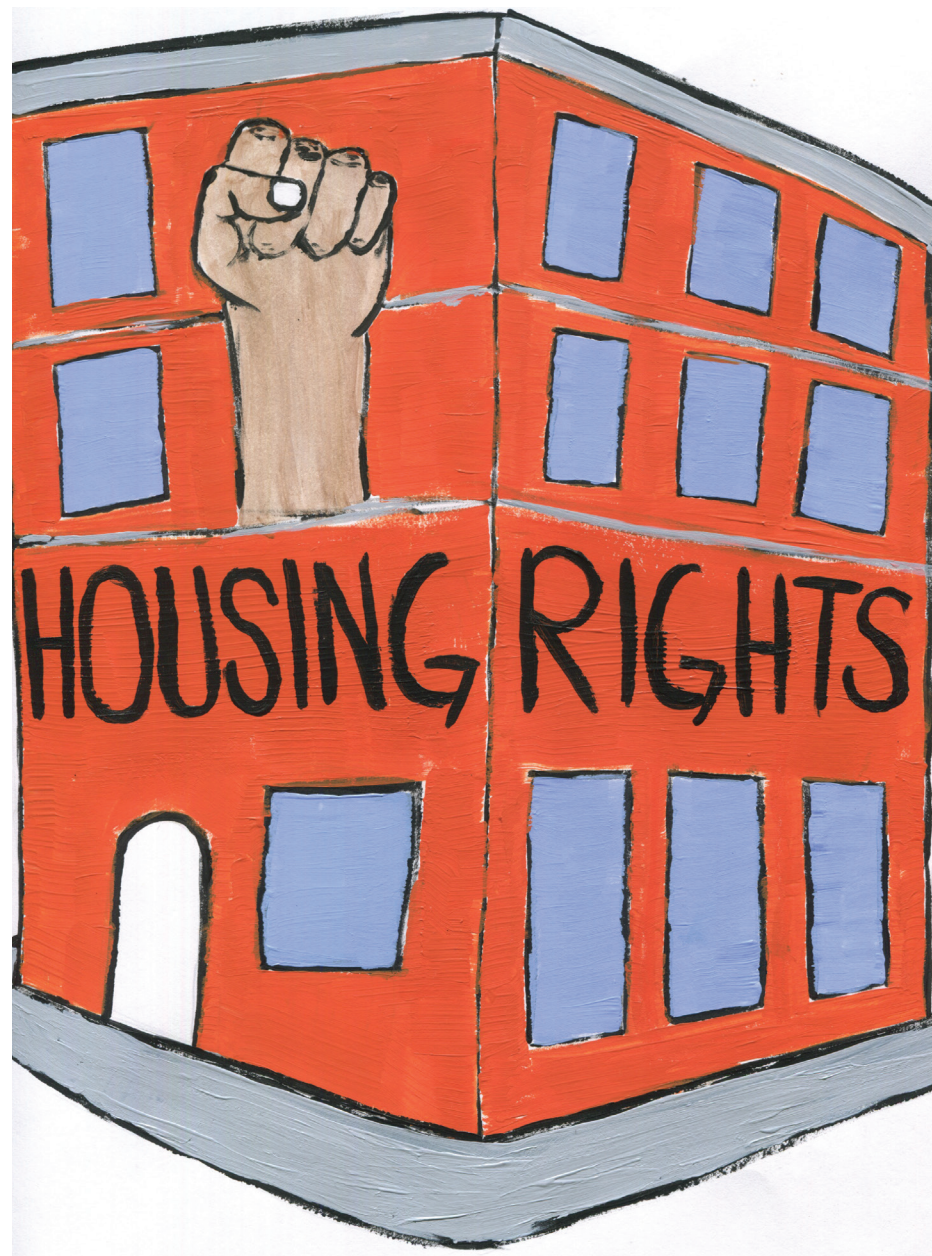


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David Martinek, considera que la falta de conocimiento ha jugado un papel en el estado actual del mercado de vivienda del condado de Humboldt.

“Hay mucha ignorancia y desinformación por ahí”, dijo Martinek. “El proceso de” sillas musicales “de

encontrar vivienda está desordenado y es frustrante para todos los interesados y sólo se agrava por la naturaleza humana, los malentendidos y las presiones del mundo real. La gente necesita relajarse, educarse y, si es necesario, defender sus derechos “.

Faculty of Color Pursues Law Degree After 12 Years

by Briana Yah-Diaz

Maria Corral-Ribordy has been a faculty of color at Humboldt State University since 2005. Maria teaches numerous courses in the critical race, gender and sexuality studies department.

Her journey begins in Mexico City to Berkeley, followed by Chicago, and back to Berkeley to receive her bachelor's which then led her to Humboldt County in '98.

She will be leaving HSU to pursue her goal of earning a law degree in San Diego. She wants to work with the community to create a world where more people can live free from all forms of violence

whether state endorsed or interpersonal violence.

"I am aware of the incredible need of legal counsel, legal resources for immigrant communities and particularly in [northern] California, north of San Fran," Maria said. "There are no immigration lawyers here. People have to go to the city to get one because the closest federal court is in San Francisco or Sacramento."

Although Maria will be leaving HSU, her mark will be left on this campus through the "CouRaGeouS Cuentos". Maria and her students cared about each other and were

courageous enough to start sharing their stories with each other until they created the book.

Maria has been considered to be a passionate and influential educator by Carlos Molina, previous teaching assistant and assistant editor of *Courageous Cuentos*.

"Through those experiences I was able to see how powerful blending compassion and education can be. Even now I constantly think about how helpful her compassion was in helping me move forward with my education and how that's exactly the type of educator I want to become," Molina said. "Again, I just want

to say thank you to Maria and I'll always treasure the time I've spent with her at HSU, whether it be sharing the stress of grading and editing student work or reminiscing about stuff like tamales."

To all of the students Maria has taught throughout her career, she said "Thank you, gracias, mil gracias. What students don't know is I learned so much from them then I could ever teach them. We are the ultimate life long learners because we learn from teaching our students."

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Real Women Have Curves

by Elizabeth Alvarez

The characters in this story are our mothers, daughters, aunts, and grandmothers. This production acts as a stepping stone in diversifying theatre arts here at Humboldt State.

HSU student Ayanna Wilson, who plays Carmen, goes on about how she has chisme to tell the other girls. Gossiping among women in Latinx families is a typical pastime. *Real Women Have Curves* is a dy-

namic play about Latinx feminism at its best. It shows the lives of Mexican migrants dealing with deportation, sexuality, and body positivity.

Produced by Humboldt State University's theater department, it served as an opportunity for an all women of color cast and mostly women, and people of color crew. The actresses in this play expressed pride and excitement about being casted in a play that seems universal for the Latinx community.

The majority of the cast made their debut at HSU, giving them an opportunity to showcase their skills in a department that makes them feel like outsiders.

Fiva Pulu, a junior theater major, was cast to play Estla, she said she felt particularly connected to the cast.

"Once you get that connection going, I feel all the emotions that my character, I think would feel," Pulu said. "I get teary eyed when I talk to some of these women."

The fact that this play is so diverse gave others, who usually don't

partake in the art, a reason to go to the show.

"I kind of see it as an invitation to people that don't really come to theater," sophomore theater major, Amy Beltrán said. "I've had friends who've never stepped into a theater before saying they're going to come and see this because it's something they can relate to."

Although this play is set in the 1980s, the topics that are addressed are still relevant in 2017. We have women of color fighting for their right to just exist in this country. In the future it would be incredible to see more productions of plays like *Real Women Have Curves* in order to create a dialogue on the topic.

"A lot of these characters are women I grew up with, you know?" Wilson said. "Women taking on these roles, women being as strong as they are and as hard working and courageous and brave, those women are the women in my family."



Cast members Ayanna Wilson, Fiva Pulu, Irma Gill, Amy Beltrán, and Marissa Sanchez backstage dressed for their roles | Photo by Sarahi Apaez

HSU Students Meet with the Mayor of Arcata

by Sarahi Apaez

On April 27, Mayor Susan Ornelas asked the students of MEChA to meet with her at Humboldt State University's campus to discuss a resolution to make Arcata a sanctuary city.

In place now is Senate Bill 54, which prohibits the state and local law enforcement from sharing any data with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). According to the Arcata Resolution, a sanctuary city is one with jurisdictions in place that are designed to limit cooperation with or involvement in federal immigration enforcement actions.

The policies adopted by such cities often include: not requiring proof of legal immigration status to access city services, not questioning crime victims and witnesses about their immigration status, and limiting

the city's cooperation with federal authorities in the enforcement of federal immigration law.

In the meeting, the mayor recognized that the city has had incidents of racism before. She referenced the time Arcata declared itself a sanctuary city, in 1992, for anyone who did not want to be a part of the war.

"We already went through this," Mayor Ornelas said. "If we declared sanctuary city I expect students to be abused."

"We already are," responded an undocumented student who preferred to go unnamed.

Making Arcata a sanctuary city concerns her due to the fact that it might bring more attention to undocumented people, and make them feel unsafe.

César Abarca, professor in the de-

partment of social work and advisor of MEChA, doesn't believe a sanctuary city will make a difference.

"For us in the institution, POC are fearful whether we're driving from home to work or work to home," Abarca said. "Having a sanctuary city isn't going to make it easier or harder."

Students said that they feel strongly that this resolution would better Arcata's community, but Mayor Ornelas doesn't expect anything to change within the community or within people's minds.

Gregory Rodriguez, an HSU student and member of MEChA, said that there is no better time to create change in this community than right now.

"I'm sure Los Angeles was resistant at first to change and call itself

a sanctuary city," Rodriguez said. "It takes generations to actually make a difference."

Towards the end of the meeting, Mayor Ornelas mentioned that she has talked to people about this topic since the election of Donald Trump. She said that they were white liberals and felt that a sanctuary city was more of a symbol for them to feel better about themselves and that they wouldn't be the ones suffering the consequences if this passed.

The meeting was concluded with Mayor Ornelas announcing she would be meeting with other undocumented people in the community in order to get more perspectives from those who will actually be affected by this resolution. A decision has yet to be made on Arcata becoming a sanctuary city.

Estudiantes de HSU se reúnen con La Alcaldesa de Arcata

por Sarahi Apaez

traducido por Carlos Olloqui

La Alcaldesa Susan Ornelas pidió que los estudiantes de MEChA se reunieran con ella en el campus de Humboldt State University, el 27 Abril, para discutir el hacer de Arcata una ciudad santuaria.

Se encuentra la Factura del Senado 54, cual prohíbe que las autoridades estatales y locales comparten cualquier información con el Servicio de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas. De acuerdo a la Resolución de Arcata, una ciudad santuaria es una con jurisdicciones en lugar que están diseñados para limitar la cooperación con o participación en las acciones federales de aplicación de la inmigración.

Las políticas adoptadas por estas ciudades suelen incluir: no exigir pruebas de estatus migratorio legal para acceder los servicios de la ciudad, no cuestionar a las víctimas del crimen y testigos sobre su estatus

migratorio y limitar la cooperación de la ciudad con las autoridades federales en la aplicación de la ley federal de inmigración.

En la junta, el alcalde reconoció que la ciudad ha tenido incidentes de racismo antes. Se refirió a la época en que Arcata se declaró una ciudad santuaria, en 1992, para cualquiera que no quisiera ser parte de la guerra.

"Ya hemos pasado por esto," Alcaldesa Ornelas dijo. "Si declaramos ciudad santuaria, espero que los estudiantes sean abusados."

"Ya lo estamos," respondió un estudiante indocumentado que prefería seguir anónimo.

Hacer a Arcata una ciudad santuaria le preocupa porque puede traer más atención a la gente indocumentada y hacer que se sientan inseguros.

César Abarca, profesor del departa-

tamento de trabajo social y asesor de MEChA, no cree que una ciudad santuaria pueda hacer una diferencia.

"Para nosotros en la institución, gentes de color son temerosos, no importa si estamos conduciendo de nuestro hogar a el trabajo o del trabajo a nuestra casa," Abarca dijo. "Tener una ciudad santuaria no va hacer las cosas más fácil o más difíciles."

Estudiantes dijeron que sienten fuertemente que esta resolución mejoraría la comunidad de Arcata, pero Alcaldesa Ornelas no espera que nada cambie dentro de la comunidad o dentro de la mente de la gente.

Gregory Rodríguez, un estudiante de HSU y miembro de MEChA, dijo que no hay mejor momento para crear cambios en esta comunidad que en este momento.

"Estoy seguro de que Los Ángeles fue resistente al principio en cambiar y llamarse una ciudad santuaria," Rodríguez dijo. "Se necesitan generaciones para hacer una diferencia".

Hacia el fin de la reunión, la Alcaldesa Ornelas mencionó que ha hablado con la gente sobre este tema desde la elección de Donald Trump. Dijo que eran liberales blancos y sentía que una ciudad santuaria era más un símbolo para que se sintieran mejor consigo mismos y para que no fueran los que sufrirían las consecuencias si esto pasara.

La reunión se concluyó con la Alcaldesa Ornelas anunciando que se reuniría con otros indocumentados en la comunidad para obtener más perspectivas de quienes realmente serán afectados por esta resolución. Aún no se ha decidido sobre Arcata convertirse a una ciudad santuaria.

Congratulations Fernando Paz, Coordinator of the LCAE

by Mónica Ramirez

Fernando Paz is officially the new coordinator for the Latinx Center for Academic Excellence. He served as the interim coordinator for the LCAE from January to April 2017, and is an HSU alumnus with a bachelor's degree in history and ethnic studies.

"I would just like to say that I am excited and honored to have the privilege of working on a project that, as an alum of Humboldt, we worked so hard to have," Paz said. When he was a student in the

fall of 2006, Paz said that it was the largest amount of Latinx students attending HSU. As a student, he was a part of MEChA and worked with other students of color who advocated for centers like the LCAE.

"I feel an obligation and responsibility to that legacy and history of struggle for SOC on campus. I see that manifesting in walking with students as they find the passion that fuels their *ganas para graduar y ser exitosxs!*"



Fernando Paz posing at the LCAE | Photo by Briana Yah-Diaz



Graphic by Christina Cordova

ODEI Hires New Executive Director

by Mónica Ramirez

The Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion has officially hired an executive director. Dr. Cheryl Johnson is from Berkeley, California and according to a press release released by Humboldt State, she is currently working on a project called "2020 Vision and Beyond" for the City of Berkeley – this is citywide equity movement to increase opportunity and access, thereby eliminate racial predictability, and increase equity for all students." She will also be HSU's Title IX Coordinator starting July 1, 2017.

AACAE and MCC Continue the Search

by Mónica Ramirez

Despite the semester coming to a close, the search to fill the interim positions in both the African American Center for Academic Excellence and the MultiCultural Center continues.

Director of the Cultural Centers for Academic Excellence Corliss Bennett-McBride said the AACAE coordinator search is happening. Originally, the candidates' phone interviews were meant to be completed this week, however due to recent events they were postponed.

"We will be conducting phone interviews for AACAE the week of May 15th," Bennett-McBride said. "My goal is to have everyone by

Aug. 1."

There will also be a town hall for the AACAE coordinator in the summer and an email should be sent out to students once that date is set.

"I still feel it is important to include student opinion," she said.

As for the MultiCultural Center, the MCC is not open just yet for interviews. Bennett-McBride has been working on the position's description so the coordinator will have a social justice background since most students benefitting from the center are involved in activism.

"My hope is that everyone will be ready to go by school time," she said.

A Critique of Kanye West's Clothing Line

Are fashion consumers becoming slaves to brand names?

by Christina Raquel Cordova

When the topic of Kanye West comes up, the first few thoughts we may think of is that he is a self-centered asshole. But love or loathe him, West is an artist of many talents and no secrets. He is surely recognized for his music and personality, but is rarely recognized as an activist and artist. West is manifesting music and pop culture, yet is scrutinized for making statements on today's oppression based off color.

I'd like to believe his song "New Slaves" from his "Yeezus" album, released in 2013, can be considered an artist statement closely related to his clothing line. A clothing line that allows rich consumers to purchase clothes to identify themselves with a higher socioeconomic class.

He raps, "Doin' clothes you would have thought I had help, but they wasn't satisfied unless I picked the cotton myself." This sheds a light on how people of color are still seen as slaves today in our modern age. In retrospective, West chooses his own fashion clothing line as a medium to take matters into his own hands, making his consumer base into "new slaves" of the consumer capitalist culture.

The album, Yeezus, provides context for the racial irony that he reveals through the unique style and palette of his apparel. It resembles the struggling victims of capitalism: people of color. He provides a clothing line where most of his clothes happen to be produced in material that resemble skin tones. People can argue that his clothing line is pointless and overpriced, but nonetheless, Kanye's clothing line is a hit. His style has been appealing to the millennial demographic. It is priced at a very high retail value, so judging by the cost of his clothing line, we can

assume that his demographic is also aimed towards rich and wealthier shoppers.

According to the National Center for Biotechnology Information, historically, minority groups experience more socioeconomic disadvantages. So ideally, they may not even be the group of consumers purchasing his line. Yet, his leading demographic of buyers are those that are privileged.

When West says "I know that we the new slaves, I see the blood on the leaves. They throwin' hate at me, want me to stay at ease. Fuck you and your corporation, y'all n---- can't control me," he is whipping his own lash out towards capitalism in pop culture as we see it today among his millennial consumer base. Kanye West establishes an opportunity to reveal that as a society consumed in materialism, we have become the new slaves of this economy.

The unique urban aesthetic of his clothing line makes you question why someone would buy clothes with holes already in them. As a fashion designer he is mocking the consumer culture for finding ragged holes as a sense of style and paying hundreds for them. Maybe the new slaves are the privileged people purchasing clothes to look like a person of color. A fashion style created out of skin tones of the oppressed.

Another point of view of West's clothing line may be that he truly does have fashionable apparel. And yes it's true, his clothes can almost represent an elegant drifter with organic color tones and scattered hole patches. However, did anyone else realize that rich people are trying to pull off looking like a homeless person, better than a homeless person? Why do we as a society accept ragged as a fashion sense when in

reality the ones who truly wear the ragged clothes are marginalized groups? At the end of the day his clothes are a grungy hip hop trend that are aesthetically appealing and make lots of money for various reasons to various consumer types.

The unique style comes to show how today's culture can be a slave to brand names and class. I think most of us can agree, when you see someone wearing a pair of Yeezy's you're probably thinking, 'Woah this person dropped a couple of bills for those shoes!' We are able to acknowledge a class or socioeconomic status so quickly from simply the brand and style. Today's culture has become so reliant on affiliating themselves with a niche by wearing a recognizable brand.



Yeezy graphic by Mikaylah Rivas

Letter from the Editor

What started out as a two page insert has now blossomed into the newspaper you are holding right now. El Leñador started in 2013 and we are now wrapping up our fourth year of existence while my time as editor-in-chief is too coming to a close. For the last two years, I have witnessed this newspaper shift and change to reflect the realities students of color face. Most of us make the voyage up here expecting to make Arcata, California and its surrounding areas our home. The reality could not be further from that. While white students complain about the cold weather, we, as students of color, protest against the cold shoulder Humboldt State gives us as soon as we become more than just part of their diversity statistics.

It is said that home is where the

heart is, right? My heart is right here, on this ink and paper. Through countless interviews, meetings, notepads and rough drafts, the heart and soul of each El Leñador staff member can be found between the lines.

That's not what I want to address though. I want to address you, our reader.

Thank you, whether this is the first time you have read El Leñador or you're already familiar with what we are about. Our core value is to represent the Latinx community and all other underrepresented groups in Humboldt County, and we will continue to do so for as long as we can. It is your stories and experiences that truly are the heart of every issue we produce. Especially now more than ever, your stories and ex-

periences matter. You deserve to be seen, heard, and celebrated. We will work tirelessly to provide a platform that is for us and by us especially since we are confined to the walls of this institution that was never made with us in mind. The camaraderie built amongst students is a crucial component in carving our own spaces where we feel like we belong. We keep each other afloat.

Home symbolizes safety and comfort, no matter what people or place that may be. It is where we can find warmth, love, and the opportunity for growth and healing. As people of color on this campus, these spaces and our communities are sacred to us. El Leñador has been my home for the past two years now and will continue to be. I hope that every time you come across the

paper, you make yourself at home too.

Home is where the heart is, and my heart is with you.

With love,
(so so sooo much love)



Carmen Peña-Gutierrez
Editor-in-Chief



Photo of spring '17 El Leñador editorial staff | Photo by Briana Yah-Diaz

KHSU Launches Radio Bilingue

As of now, there is no FM station in Humboldt county that exclusively plays music and news segment in Spanish. Hopefully, by the end of 2017 that will all change. Until then, **Radio Bilingue**, a non-profit Latinx radio network, can now be streamed 24/7 on KHSU at khsu.org/radio-bilingue. Stay tuned for more updates and future collaboration between Radio Bilingue and El Leñador.

Emotional Support Animal ≠ Service Animal ≠ Therapy Animal

by Celene Lopez

A service animal is specially trained to perform a task, such animals can be but are not limited to diabetic alert, seeing eye dogs, pulling wheel chairs, alerting to seizures, even altering to panic attacks. By law, service animals can accompany their handlers in all public places such as stores, restaurants, classrooms, housing and travel. Therapy animals are trained to provide people comfort and emotional support, you might see them working in schools and hospital settings, they are allowed in spaces since they have been through trainings. Emotional support animals (ESA) are different and do not have the same rights.

An ESA provides emotional support to a handler with a mental illness. An ESA does not require any special training and can be various kinds of animals, from dogs and cats to reptiles and small mammals such as rats or rabbits. Since an ESA does not have special training they are not allowed in all places such as stores, restaurants, and classrooms. However they are allowed by federal law in living situations that have a no pet policy and to travel with their handler on flights.

Someone with an ESA has typically talked with their mental health care provider about the options around having an ESA and if the option is right for them. Many people who have an ESA are dealing with chronic or intense mental illness such as depression or anxiety.

There are many types of therapies, treatment options, and support spaces for people dealing with mental illness. An ESA is not for everyone, because whether this animal is a service animal, therapy animal, or emotional support animal this is still an animal that needs to be taken care of. The handler must be able to provide vet care, housing, food and other necessities of the animal including training and this will often be costly and time consuming, depending on your disability and life style an ESA might not be for everyone.

As a community we should be respectful of people who do use both service animals and emotional support animals. We should not bother an animal that is working. We also should not ask community members with an ESA about their mental illnesses or how to obtain an ESA letter for housing purposes as this can be very triggering. If you are interested in learning more about an ESA as an option for yourself this is a conversation to have with a health care provider.



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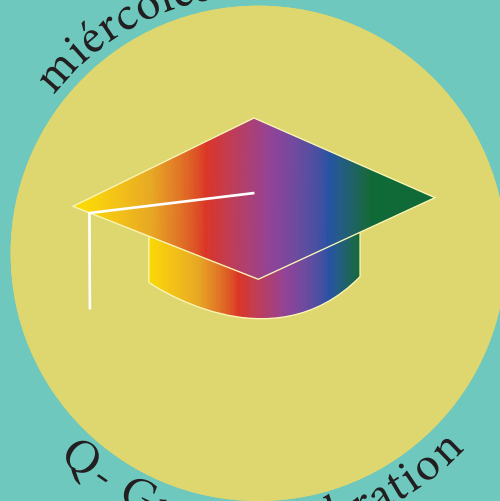
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