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Read between the lines

Black liberation at Blackbox theater

Community | by Tyler Coley

A man known as Donel steps back as applause comes at him from darkness. He stands before a single mic and a single red bar stool under a bright light encircled by flower petals and electric candles. A night of expression has begun.

“I am at war,” Donel said. “I will never forget that love is the cause, I will not neglect doing what’s right ‘cause it’s so easy to have fun, and forget that we are at war.”

Last week was the second to last week of Black Liberation and Heritage Month 2015, more commonly known as Black History Month. The Humboldt State Black Student Union in collaboration with the Multicultural Center have been hosting daily events throughout the month of February. Friday night was an annual event called Poetry is not a Luxury, held at the Blackbox Theater.

Twenty two year old senior and member of the Black Student Union Tina Sampay was the night’s MC.

“To me it means that back in the day we would be in trouble for writing or reading. I guess that’s where the name derives from poetry is not a luxury,”

Sampay said.

Freshman Shannon Stubblefield said the phrase poetry is not a luxury originated with feminist and civil rights activist Audre Lorde.

“She’s (Lorde) talking about activism, an avenue of mobilization,” Stubblefield said. “It’s more than relaxation time. It gives voice, it gives name to the nameless, giving a voice to the voiceless.”

Stubblefield said Black Liberation and Heritage month is about education.

“It’s hard to find anything about black people in a history 111 class,” Stubblefield said. “Right now with the whole Mike Brown and Michael Eric Gardner thing a lot of people are starting to stand up and say black lives matter.”

Nine scheduled poets spoke. The mic was then opened where a number of HSU students spoke. From poems about Tupac and self-reflection to state of education and keeping eyes on God, students entered the bright light sharing their confusion, frustrations, identities, dreams and life stories one by one.

At times the room was loud with laughter and snaps from the approving spectators anchored a relevant topic. Other moments



Students speak at Poetry Is Not A Luxury at the Black Box Theater. | Maya Pszyk

it was completely still and silent save a single voice sharing a burden.

During the open mic section Dr. John Johnson, coordinator of the future African American Center for Academic Excellence, made an appearance. Johnson’s poem, speaking about the injustices over time done by America to the African American community still are carried out to

this day, enlisted hoots and hollers when Johnson mentioned it was 2003 in the poem.

Racial tensions and injustices were at the core of many of the nights poems. From America as a whole all the way to feelings of mis-representation at HSU, students of many races came and shared their hearts.

“I just want people to not look at our difference as some-

thing that separates us but something that brings us together,” Sampay said. “Events like this give people greater understanding and appreciation.”

After the show Sampay shared her thoughts on what an ideal space would look like.

“The whole thing would be what the university promotes itself as is diverse and inclusive,”

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The Full-back, The Fly-half and The Hooker

Injuries don't stop HSU men's rugby from playing the game



Pumin McDermott (middle) tackles a Solano rugby player during Saturday's game. | Jami Eiring

Community | by Berenice Ceja

The full-back, the fly-half and the hooker walk into a bar... No, not another bar joke, these are the positions in Men’s Rugby.

Rugby is like American football minus the helmet, the neck collar, the jockstrap, the gloves and the knee pads.

The sport is played with 15 players from each team with a total of 30 players on the field. The object of the game is to run an oval shaped ball across the opponent’s goal line or kick it through the upper area of the goal posts. However there are no forward-passes or time-outs permitted. In order to score the player must run into the try zone, the ball must touch the endzone to score.

Bennett Russell, 19, a first season player in rugby, plays wing on the team.

“My job is to find open space on the field to run with the ball or be in support for another player,” Russell said. “Then I’m

supposed to run for as long as I can or pass it to the middle of the field.”

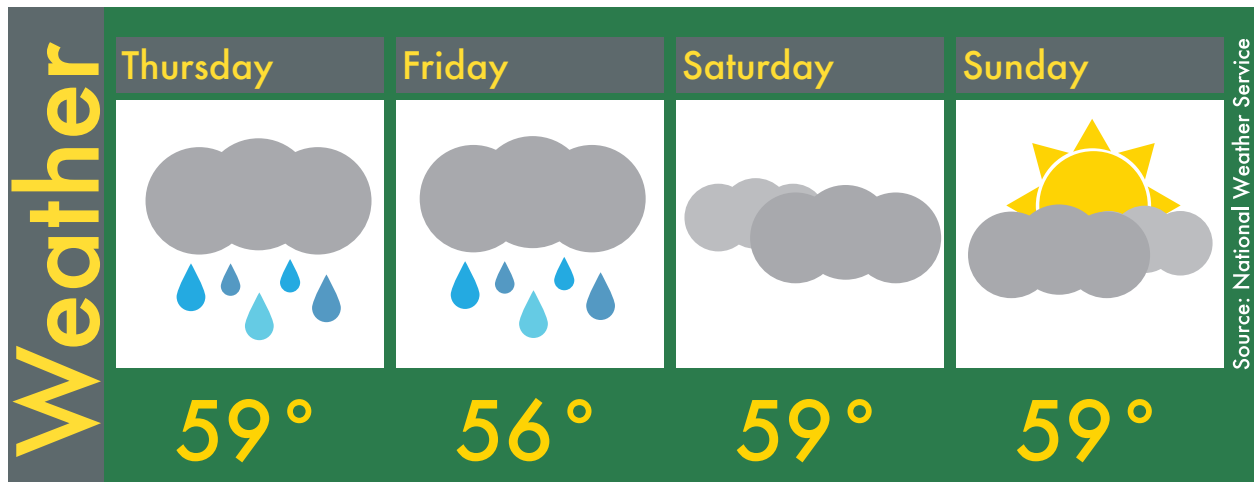
As a wing Russell’s primary function is to complete the play and score tries. Wings are usually the fastest players on the team.

Humboldt State’s Men’s Rugby club team had their first home competition game Saturday at the College Creek Field against Solano Community College from Fairfield.

HSU scored the first five points of the game and as the crowd clapped and cheered their emotions became more evident. For the majority of the game the Jacks were in the lead until the opponents caught up with only minutes left of the game.

Randy Jones, recreational and administration major and business minor, scored five more points for HSU putting the Jacks back in the lead as the game came to a close.

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Unified Students end sit in

Administration agrees to negotiate demands

Community | by Miranda Hutchison

On Monday morning members of the Unified Students of Humboldt marched out of Native American Forum concluding a 35 day long sit in.

“The decision to leave came from the feeling that we got what we set out to accomplish,” Unified Students member, Conor Handley said.

Upon the exit the Unified Students addressed in an email that HSU president Lisa Rossbacher agreed to negotiate some of their demands.

The first negotiation is set for March 3. with Handley in attendance, the closed mediation will include president Rossbacher, Peg Blake, the vice president of student affairs, and Steven Smith, dean of Natural Resources and Sciences (INRSEP). The meeting will be mediated by a third party and former HSU employee, Betty Elmore.

“We felt safe,” Handley said. “Basically the only thing that has changed is that we’re not sleeping there anymore.”

In the email from the Unified Students that marked their leave it stated that Rossbacher demonstrated a commitment to settling

and “the Unified students have decided to suspend the round-the-clock demonstration as an act of good faith.” The Unified Students unanimously agreed to leave the forum, as a consensus among them must be made when decisions are made.

Handley said there is not a lot of positive HSU history to reflect on, but they can still hope for the future.

“There still isn’t trust in the administration because of past incidents,” Handley said. “However, Rossbacher has made comments that she believes in maintaining the forum for Indigenous use.”

The administration determined two of the Unified Students’ demands are non negotiable. Handley said the reinstatement of former Indian Natural Resources Science and Engineering Program director, Jacquelyn Bolman and the proposed termination of director of diversity and inclusion, Radha Webley will not be included in the discussion.

Bolman was abruptly terminated last semester, which ignited a series of protests including the most recent month long residency on campus.

The other demands include equal voting power for students when hiring and dismissing staff and faculty, receiving the money promised to INRSEP by the previous HSU president, honor instead of retaliation against HSU staff and faculty who support students of color and their advocates, the dissolution of Retention and Inclusive Student Success (RISS) and the instead of being recognized as the BSS forum as is labeled on the campus map, the building be known as

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Ukraine: Bomb interrupts peace plan

In light of recent talk for withdrawing weaponry from the Russian border, a bomb killed two people, one of them a police officer, and injured a dozen on Sunday. The explosion occurred during a Kharkiv city march in recognition of removing previous president, Viktor Yanukovich from power one year ago. The unidentified explosive device attack is currently being investigated as a terrorist act and four suspects have been arrested.

Nigeria: Boko Haram update

On Sunday, a girl determined to be at least seven years old killed five people and herself during a suicide bombing. Nineteen others were reportedly injured. The Potiskum town attack is the latest of attacks made by the Islamist extremist group, Boko Haram, which has used several children for suicide bombings.

South Africa, United States, South Korea

Files were leaked containing evidence that the CIA tried to make contact with Hamas, a Palestinian Islamic organization, even with the ban to do so, South Korea Intelligence went after the Greenpeace leader, president Obama made threats towards the Palestinian president to remove his Palestine bid for recognition at the UN, and South African Intelligence spied on Russia during a collective satellite deal worth \$100 million.

Compiled and written by Miranda Hutchison
Sources: BBC, Al Jazeera, Fox News



UPD BYTES

Compiled by Miranda Hutchison

Feb. 23
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Cypress Hall - Subject seen dumping cardboard into the dumpster approximately 15 minutes ago. Vehicle is a white chevy silverado, plate provided does not return.

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Jan. 21
2:08

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Feb. 20
10:12

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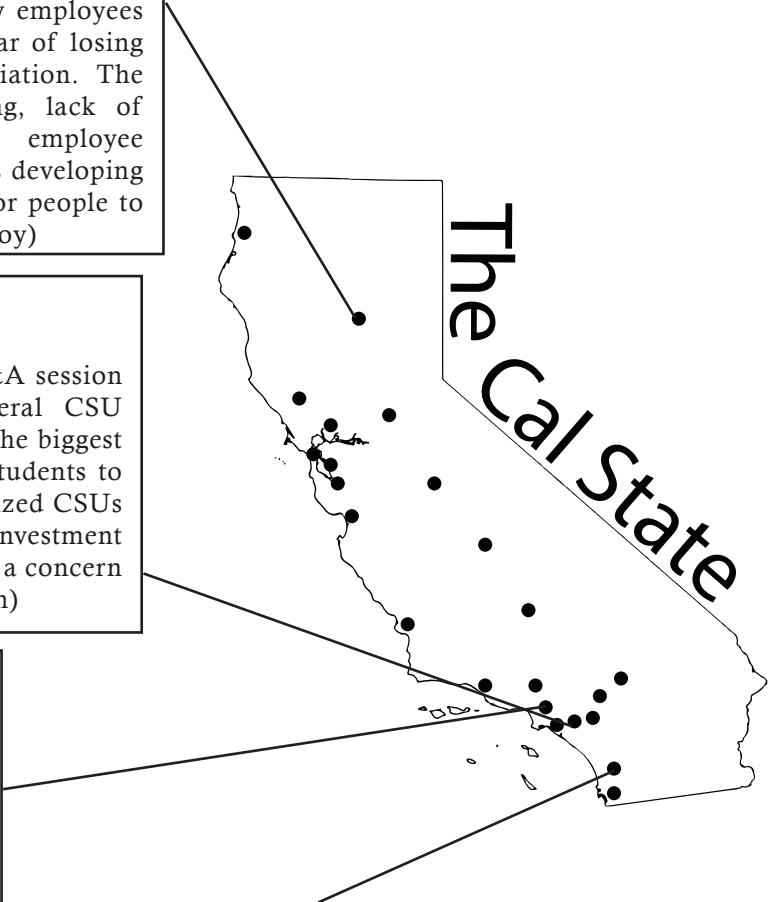
CSU Chico - The Orion [February 17, 2015]
The CSU Employees Union protested alleged administration bullying on Feb. 13. Chico's union chapter president said many employees were hesitant to participate for fear of losing their jobs or administrative retaliation. The rally addressed fair pay, bullying, lack of clarity, punctual information, employee support and parking. The school is developing a trial dispute resolution system for people to discuss their issues. (Brianne Mcevoy)

CSU Poly Pomona - The Poly Post [February 16, 2015]
Chancellor White held an online Q&A session with student journalists from several CSU publications on Feb. 13. White said the biggest goal for the CSU was to get more students to graduate in shorter time. He emphasized CSUs are not a cost to the state but an investment and accommodating more students is a concern worth addressing. (Alexandria Wilson)

CSU Northridge - The Sundial [February 18, 2015]
A \$10 million donation made by businessman and alumnus David Nazarian will be spent on College of Business and Economics programs including new classroom technologies, a real estate program and a new minor in an entrepreneurship program. Part of the donation money is intended for programs to assist minorities and women in the business field. In addition, Nazarian plans to help raise an extra \$15 million donation from various sponsors. (Marissa Nall)

CSU San Marcos - The Cougar Chronicle [February 17, 2015]
On Feb. 12, about 40 students including members of the Muslim Student Association (MSA) and Afghan Student Association (ASA) gathered for a candlelight vigil to mourn the loss of three Muslim university students in killed in Chapel Hill N.C. They hope to spread awareness to racial and religious violence and expressed concerns about media portrayal of Muslims in American. (Jasmine Demers)

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Thursday March 5
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Parks and no recreation

HSU student advocates for better parking on campus

Campus | by Jami Eiring

Humboldt State student Archer Harmony leaves his house an hour early to avoid being late to class because there are not enough parking spaces available on campus.

“It’d be nice if they’d guarantee you a spot when you buy a pass,” Harmony said.

For many HSU students parking is a daily battle for spots and getting to class on time. On average 41 parking citations are issued daily.

Karen Thomas, 51, is actively trying to get the administration to look into the parking issues on campus. She started a petition and attended a meeting with staff and faculty to advocate for her concerns.

“I’m not complaining because I like complaining,” Thomas said. “It’s because there is a problem. I’m not going to shut up.”

Traci Ferdolage is the asso-

ciate vice president of facilities management. She is aware of the parking problem but said the solution is not an easy one.

“I understand people are frustrated,” Ferdolage said. “The solution might be more parking, but where do you put it?”

In order to increase parking, facilities management would need to raise fees to accommodate the cost. Ferdolage said they do not currently feel comfortable asking people for more money.

Some of Thomas’ complaints go beyond the lack of parking spaces. She said there is no cap on parking permits, daily passes cost too much, you cannot park at meters with a parking pass, enrollment holds for parking citations are unfair and parking citations are too high.

A few weeks ago, Feb. 13th, Thomas hung hand painted

posters near human resources in Siemens Hall. Two read, “Demand adequate parking at HSU!” and “Just one parking structure is all we ask!” She also drafted a petition titled, “Inadequate parking is affecting our education.”

The following week the posters were taken down and replaced with a “wet paint” sign. Her posters left staple holes in the walls and Thomas received a bill for the damages.

“I’m feeling ignored and even persecuted for taking a stance,” Thomas said.

She said she knew the signs would be taken down eventually, but she did not expect to be charged for them.

“This is a progressive college? Bullshit. It cares for its students? Bullshit,” Thomas said. “I call bullshit on a lot of their (HSU administration) stuff.”

At the strategic planning

meeting on Feb. 13 the faculty and staff met with students to address the five year future of HSU. Thomas arrived with a mission to have the parking issue heard. She mentioned her concerns at each open table but said parking was barely acknowledged as an issue.

“They’ve known there was a parking problem for a long time,” Thomas said. “And it’s like they’ve given up on it.”

Ferdolage said the answer is not simply more parking. More emphasis on alternative transportation and optimising current lots could greatly help the issue. To improve the problem Ferdolage said this summer the east side of lot G11, which is across from the Student and Business Services building, will be restriped to gain 25 parking spaces.

She also said facilities management is currently working

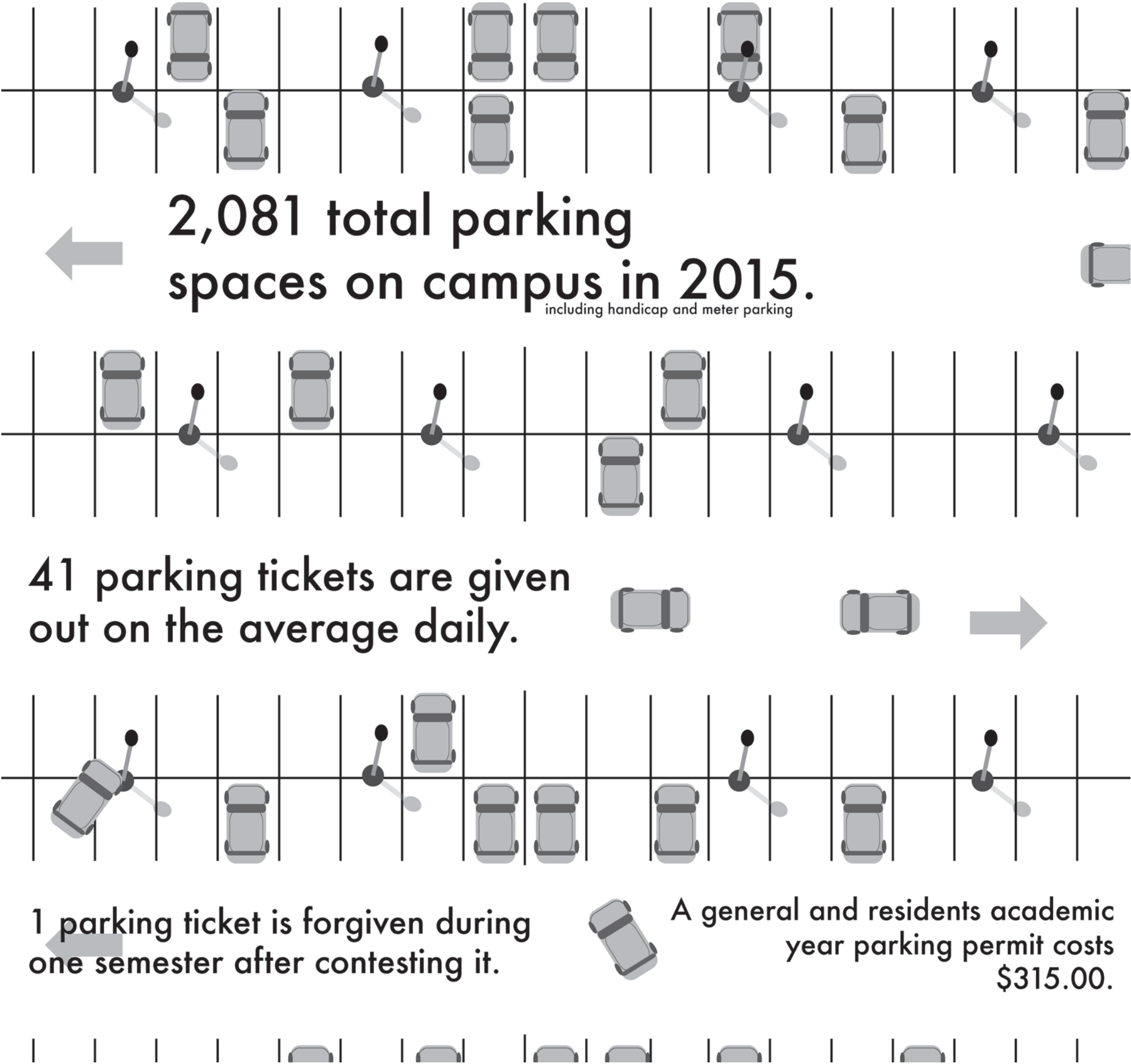
on a redesign of lots G14 and G15, located south of the BSS building, in order to maximize parking spaces.

“We realize that parking is a frustrating issue and not as convenient as people want it to be,” Ferdolage said. “We are working to make it better.”

Thomas’ passion for the campus parking issue began in her communication class group discussion last semester. The group created a Facebook page called “Better Parking at HSU” to shine light on their parking concerns. And from there Thomas constructed a website called “Parking Crisis at HSU” to reach further audiences.

“The lack of parking is such a big stone in my cross,” Thomas said. “So I’ll volunteer to be the martyr.”

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Student occupation comes to a close



Classes resume back to normal after the Unified Students of Humboldt left the Native Forum following a 35 day demonstration. The beginning of a negotiation will take place on March 3rd, 2015 with Humboldt's President Lisa A. Rossbacher. | Louis Ramirez

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the Bolman forum out of respect to the Indigenous community.

"I would absolutely go back if the terms of the space and negotiation are violated," Handley said. "Then we will resort to action."

Interim provost, Jenny Zorn said the first meeting held on Feb 4, between the administration and the Unified Students representative Sarah Caligiuri, in which they agreed to continue the dialogue was successful. Zorn said the upcoming meeting will mark the start of a new

chapter for HSU.

"I'm very glad that students had the opportunity to speak their minds," Zorn said. "I think what we need is discussion."

However, she said the movement of classes was disruptive to begin with. Not every class that was moved has returned and the decision to move back is up to faculty.

The students began their residency in the forum at the start of the semester following the Native American Activism Conference. At the close of the

conference they announced they would remain in the forum until their list of demands were met by HSU's administration.

The meeting in March will be small as requested by the mediator in order to ensure better communication but Handley said that is subject to change depending on how the meeting goes.

"I'm nervous that the university will back down but I have hope," Handley said. "Plan for the best but expect the worst."

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Getting the goat

New tavern resonates feelings unlike the typical Arcata bar

Community | by Michael Rincon

The Arcata Plaza is home to a slew of bars frequented by college students and locals. But now there is a new place to grab a drink and unwind away from the popular square.

Richards' Goat Tavern & Tea Room, located on the corner of Samoa Blvd. and I Street, offers patrons an alternative to the typical bar scene found within city limits.

Co-owners Aimee Hennessy and Merrick McKinlay are the creators behind the establishment where you can have a cocktail, sip some tea or just play a board game.

"We wanted to fill a niche that wasn't really represented," Hennessy said.

Hennessy and McKinlay said Arcata needed a different kind of bar, a type that is not, as McKinlay put it, a dark cave environment.

"We saw the need in the community for something off the plaza," McKinlay said.

Utilizing natural lighting that shines through windows painted various colors, Richards' goat features infused spirits like strawberry basil bourbon, blood orange rosemary-infused gin and roasted pineapple and Serrano pepper tequila.

Different flavors of tea and kombucha are available for those who desire their drinks without the added touch of inebriation.

Karlee Jewell, an international studies major, tried a champagne called "Remains of the Day" that had rosewater and elderberry liqueur in it.

"It definitely has a fancier vibe," Jewell said. "There isn't animals hanging around which is kind of inviting."

The vibe of Richards' Goat is something that Hennessy calls "junk shop fairy-tale," and McKinlay dubs as having a loose, art-deco pub theme. They wanted to create a sense of comfort and familiarity for those who come from different areas and are used to a certain kind of social place.

"HSU brings kids from metropolitan areas, but there wasn't really anything that resonated on that kind of level in town," McKinlay said.

Richards' Goat will have karaoke and will feature a 30-

seat mini-plex theater, where new independent, foreign and documentary films will be screened four times a week.

"It's cool if you want to just go hang out with friends and chill," Jewell said.

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Signature infused spirits sit on the counter. | Kevynn Gomez



Nicole Kamada, a bartender at Richards' Goat Tavern & Tea Room, serves beer to a customer. | Louis Ramirez

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A tea menu sits on the counter at Richards' Goat Tavern & Tea Room | Louis Ramirez

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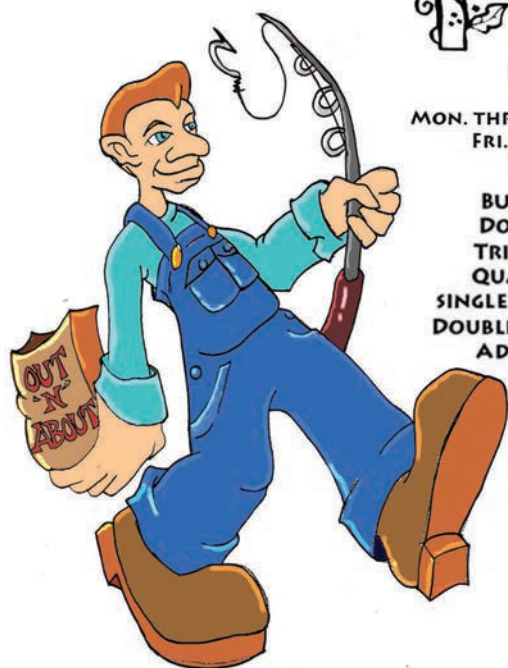
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Sampay said. "Diversity, I always thought, was having a number of Hispanic or Latino or like black and then white people, but I've come to realize that once all these people are sharing the same space, will they be appreciated and respected for their difference or there experiences?"

With national hate crimes, riots revolving around racial issues and



"Events like this give people greater understanding and appreciation."

— Tina Sampay, 22

the Unified Students of Humboldt leaving the Native American forum, how the university addresses the injustice felt here on campus continues to be a hot topic and delicate situation.

"Today my teacher was telling me about the black experience but I'm pretty sure she has never driven through the hood before," Stubblefield said. "Maybe seeing more of me being taught to me, that's what I can imagine on a university level, but on a world level I wish that we could all just love each other."

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Career Horoscope February 23 - March 1, 2015

Aries

Early in the week, you can focus on your finances, and work on a financial opportunity, or try to get your budget under control. You can put in the most work on Wednesday, and create plans for your work going forward.

Taurus

Later in the week, you can deal with financial matters, and try to get your budget finalized. You sort through financial waste, and understand you need to control your spending. You do best on Tuesday.

Gemini

Over the weekend, you can focus on your finances, and want to create new financial opportunities for yourself, especially on Sunday. You feel that trying out a new way could be exactly what you need right now.

Cancer

You work on clearing out the baggage you don't need during the week so you can start fresh over the weekend with whatever you're looking to get started. It's an exciting project, and you're ready for it.

Leo

You try to make progress with a goal to start the week, but have to push through a problem or be patient with a delay on Monday. It might frustrate you, but it's just a block, so don't give up because of it.

Virgo

Midweek, you can create a new goal for yourself, and get started on the plan to achieve it. You want to make a lot of progress over the next month, and a change in approach over the weekend helps you.

Libra

You have lots of discipline and a good work ethic this week. Tuesday is especially good, and you feel ambitious and driven. Over the weekend, your practical attitude helps you to make progress and come up with plans to achieve your goals.

Scorpio

You might need a partner in order to be most productive this week, so if you start to struggle, don't be afraid to ask for help. Later in the week, you want to pursue an opportunity, but need to change your approach.

Sagittarius

You start the week feeling productive and getting organized. You make a work plan and stick with it. You can struggle to keep your power later in the week, and need to adjust. You're missing information over the weekend, so wait to make a decision.

Capricorn

You shy away from the spotlight on Monday, uncomfortable with praise, and work hard midweek. You have plenty of energy and drive to do any work you want, and can take control of a work project with ease, doing the best job you can.

Aquarius

The weekend is your productive time this week, and you get extra work done to make up for what you missed during the week. Sunday is a good day to go outside of your comfort zone and push the envelope to find the solution you need.

Pisces

Make plans early in the week for what you want to do to keep you organized. You might find yourself in the spotlight on Wednesday for something you've done, or are presented with an opportunity you can use. Be creative over the weekend

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Celebrating our differences

Annual festival turns HSU into a cultural melting pot



Sarah Arias of the Mexican dance group Ballet Folklórico de HSU performs a "Los Machetes" style dance along with her fellow dancers, or folkloristas, on Saturday, Feb. 21, in the Kate Buchanan room of Humboldt State University. | Kevynn Gomez



Magdalena Cortez, a Humboldt State University senior and president of the Ballet Folklórico de HSU club, performs onstage in a dance originating from Jalisco, a coastal state of western Mexico. | Kevynn Gomez



Erika Cardenas, a Humboldt State University student and member of Ballet Folklórico de HSU waits in the Kate Buchanan Room of HSU before performing during the International Cultural Festival on Saturday, Feb. 21. She wears a dress style that originated in the Jalisco region of Mexico. | Kevynn Gomez

The Kate Buchanan Room buzzed with color, music, dance and food from around the world as the annual International Cultural Festival kicked off on Feb. 21.

People from multiple back-grounds celebrated their differ-ences by watching performanc-es unique to certain countries as the foyer of the KBR was filled with tables, each a differ-ent country. The tables had tradi-tional clothes, activities and sacred objects of that country.

There were chairs filled with people in the audience and many standing on the side. The Multicultural Center's ultimate message, "unity in diversity," prevailed in bright smiles seen throughout the crowded cel-eration.

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Alice Kohno, a College of the Redwoods student and Japanese dancer, leads a group performance of the "fisherman dance," or soranabushi, at the International Cultural Festival on Saturday, Feb. 21, in the Kate Buchanan room of Humboldt State University. The dance style symbolizes the casting of a fishing net, catching seafood and pulling in the net. | Kevynn Gomez



Sofia Banu, an international student from Pakistan, wears traditional clothing at the International Cultural Festival held in the Kate Buchanan room of Humboldt State University, where dozens of cultures from different countries are represented by HSU students. | Kevynn Gomez



Dancers from the Mexican folk dance club Ballet Folklórico de HSU finish a performance during the International Cultural Festival on Saturday, Feb. 21, in the Kate Buchanan room of Humboldt State University. The dancers, or folkloristas, perform a dance style wearing traditional clothing from Jalisco, a coastal state of western Mexico. | Kevynn Gomez

The infamous eggocado

Community | by Rebekah Staub

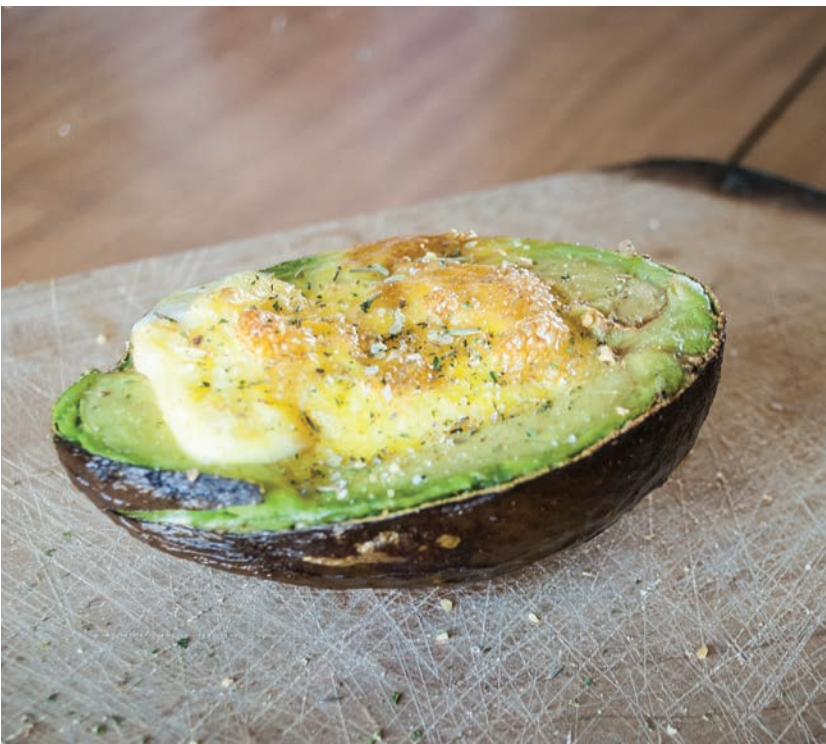
I have been intimidated by this fancy breakfast for too long. The eggocado’s delicate yet robust appearance may make it seem too elegant to make in your kitchen, but when I finally made the eggocado it turned out to be an easy two-ingredient meal with a lot of room for creativity. The eggocado is made out of creamy foods that taste like they were always meant to be baked together. I would recommend this protein-packed breakfast before a test or as a healthy treat for yourself.

Ingredients:

- 1 ripe avocado
- 1 egg
- Any topping you want

Directions

- 1 Preheat oven to 425 degrees.
- 2 Carefully slice avocado in half. Using a big knife works best.
- 3 Take out the avocado pit with a knife or scoop it out with a spoon. If the remaining hole seems small, scoop out extra avocado so the egg yolk will fit.
- 4 Place avocado halves either in a bowl lined with tin foil, or an oven-safe pan.
- 5 Beat egg (I like to add a tiny splash of cream and a pinch of pepper) and slowly pour half into each hole in the avocado. You can also use two eggs and crack one egg into each hole without beating it, depending on if you appreciate the yolk or not.
- 6 Place in oven and bake for about 15 minutes. If you like your yolk runny, take it out sooner. I like to jiggle the pan and take it out if the egg filling does not shake.
- 7 Top with anything you can think of! Pepper, hot sauce, cheddar cheese, green onion and herbs of provence are some of my favorite toppings.



What is one thing you would change about Humboldt State?



Chelsea Pinedo, 18, criminology, freshman
“I’d have more events held at the quad where more people are involved.”



Johnny Roche, 23, marine biology, senior
“More funding for research in the biology department.”



Breken Davis, 25, geography, graduated
“I’d increase the involvement with the surrounding community. It’d be nice to see the school and community working together more.”



Consuelo Diaz, 18, wildlife management, freshman
“In general I like how it is, but if need be, add more parking spaces.”



Joel Danto, 19, business management, sophomore
“We need an In-n-Out!”



Donovan Davis, 19, accounting, sophomore
“More on campus food options in general.”

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Working together to finish the game strong and maintain the win, Angel Pintado, 25, zoology major, sprints to the try zone and scores the last five points finishing off the game.

According to Forbes, rugby is one of the fastest growing sports on campuses today. Mark Johnson, 44, has been coaching rugby for four years and is one of the two coaches for HSU Men's Rugby team.

"I believe that rugby is the fastest growing sport in the country," Johnson said. "It's an old game, it's tradition."

Johnson says that in his years teaching there have been more athletes interested in the sport as well as players coming in with experience in the game.

"I would say a quarter of HSU's players have played rugby before," Johnson said.

According to the National Center for Biotechnology Information, rugby has "one of the highest reported incidences of match injuries amongst all professional team sports."

Jones, 21, has been playing rugby for a year and a half. He plays wing and full-back. His primary functions are to catch the ball, run fast, and score tries.

Jones was attracted to play rugby because he used to play football in high school and he says both sports are somewhat the same.

He still decided to play the sport even with the risk of injuries due to the high level of contact and minimal gear the sport has.

"I got a concussion last year and sprained my ankle about a month ago. I was out for three weeks and last week was the first game I played after injury," Jones said.

After Jones came back from being out for three weeks due to his ankle injury, he felt nervous because he did not want to make it worse. However after his adrenaline kicked in and he got used to running around on his ankle, it didn't hurt as much.

Both Jones and Russell agree that they have seen numerous injuries throughout their time playing the game. The blood, bruises, sprains and concussions did not slow down the team to have their first win of the season.

"It felt good because we hadn't won a game yet, it was a pretty good victory I would say," Jones said.

Before this win, the Jacks had a 0-3 record and with only 3 games left Jones says he hopes they win the rest of the season.

Russell also wants to see more wins for the team. His prediction for the the rest of the season: domination.

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President of the rugby club, Luke Cunningham #15 fights off opponents while running down the side fo the field. | Sarah Bradbury



Bringing you the games to watch and the need-to-know about everything Jacks this weekend.

By: Javier Rojas
Compiled by: Annamarie Rodriguez

The lady Lumberjacks bid farewell to the regular season as they host their final two games this week. The women are playing their last home game against Cal Poly Pomona, a team whom they lost their 13 game winning streak to. Last Friday night the Jacks took home a (80-56) victory against Cal State Monterey Bay. Since that game the team inched out of their tie for first standing in the California Collegiate Athletic Association. They became the official first place team in CCAA. In a close game on Saturday the Jacks barely surpassed Cal State East Bay with a (69-67) win. The Jacks will play University of San Diego on Thursday and Cal Poly Pomona on Saturday at 5:30 p.m..

Women's Basketball
Women's Basketball (22-3) vs. University of San Diego (16-9)- Thursday
Women's Basketball (22-3) vs. Cal Poly Pomona (18-6)- Saturday

Men's Basketball
Men's Basketball (19-7) vs. University of San Diego (15-9)- Thursday
Men's Basketball (19-7) vs. Cal Poly Pomona (20-5)- Saturday

Humboldt State Men's Basketball has fought hard all season long and showed it last week. With a (88-74) win against Cal State Monterey Bay on Friday night the men were awarded a spot in the California Collegiate Athletic Association competition in March. The Jacks continued to push this weekend and walked away with their fourth straight winning streak of the season against Cal State East Bay on Saturday. Their final game result was an (81-57) win. Along with their team successes the team has also had individual triumphs. Junior Rakim Brown earned CCAA player of the week honor on Tuesday. The Jacks will play their last season games at home this week. On Thursday the men will play against University of San Diego and Cal Poly Pomona on Saturday. The games will start at 7:30 p.m..

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After Humboldt won the ball in the scrum, Nick Rogers runs down the field. | Sarah Bradbury

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EDITORIAL

Do billions around the world believe something that is inherently violent?

There has been an overwhelming slant against a certain religious group lately. Islam is being viewed through a lense that is not objective about what it means to be a Muslim. News outlets that rely on sensationalism to attract viewers to their tv show-to their show or clicks to their page online are amping up the language used to describe this mostly peaceful group. Islamic thinkers are not being given the same platform to speak out on the mainstream media that anti-Islamic thinkers get.

Followers of other faiths and those not associated with religion are involved in terrorism, but not seen as extremists in the same way. They are often addressed as being mentally unstable and outsiders to groups they identify with, while the entire nation of Islam is portrayed as somewhat responsible for acts of violence transgressed by muslims, or responsible for making those acts right.

This is unfair and undeserved. We are all citizens of the world, and we are all responsible for our fellow humans. When we degrade a religious group to this extent, we alienate our earthly neighbors. It is the job of all of us to battle hatred wherever we can.

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How Can We Make a Change?

Black panther inspires community action

Campus | by Ciara Emery

Last week Ericka Huggins, former leader of the Black Panther Party, addressed Humboldt State students for Black Liberation and Heritage Month. As she talked about all her accomplishments with the Black Panthers it became apparent that this organization is not the ‘militant’ group we are taught about in school.

The Panthers are known for building free schools and medical clinics, starting funds for members who were imprisoned, offering bus rides to local prisons for visitation and so much more. Ericka Huggins knows the Black Panther Party as an organization that is driven by a love of community. Whatever was needed the Panthers were determined to provide.

Ericka Huggins was uninter-

ested, however, in taking up too much time with her personal accomplishments. She wanted us as an audience to try and facilitate our own change in this community. She invited people to stand and talk and if they stood they were asked the same question every time. What are you going to do about it?

We should all be motivated like the Black Panther Party to make definite changes in our community. We should not wait around for someone else to fix a problem we see.

If our education system is bothering you write to the local school board. If you are upset about inequality on campus start your own rally to bring awareness to these issues. Visit the club meetings of F.R.E.E, Black Student Union, Brothers

United and so many others who are striving to make a difference.

Most importantly, if you see something that is bothering you speak out about it. Tell your friend that their racist joke is disgusting and uncalled for. Write a letter to the president of the university about a policy you do not like. Everyone on this campus has a voice that should be used.

That was the theme of the Black Panther Party. Whatever needed to be done was accomplished because of a love for community. Here at Humboldt State we can do that too.

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Community | by Ahmed Al-Sakkaf

We live in a world full of differences where religions differ from country to country. The main religion in Yemen, my home country, is Islam. Religion is a big component of life for the people of Yemen. Yemeni people mostly share the same religion, same culture and same physical appearance to some extent.

Before arriving to the states, I thought that I was going to a Christian society where everybody goes to church every Sunday. After coming here I came to know that America contains something bigger than only Christianity.

Coming to America and seeing this much diversity, where different races and ethnicities like, Caucasian, African, Asian, Latino, and Native Americans are common, I was astonished. The people of these races and ethnicities have different religions and beliefs. Some are Jewish, Hindu, or Muslims others are Buddhist and some are Christian. I also got introduced to beliefs I had never heard of before

like Rastafarianism.

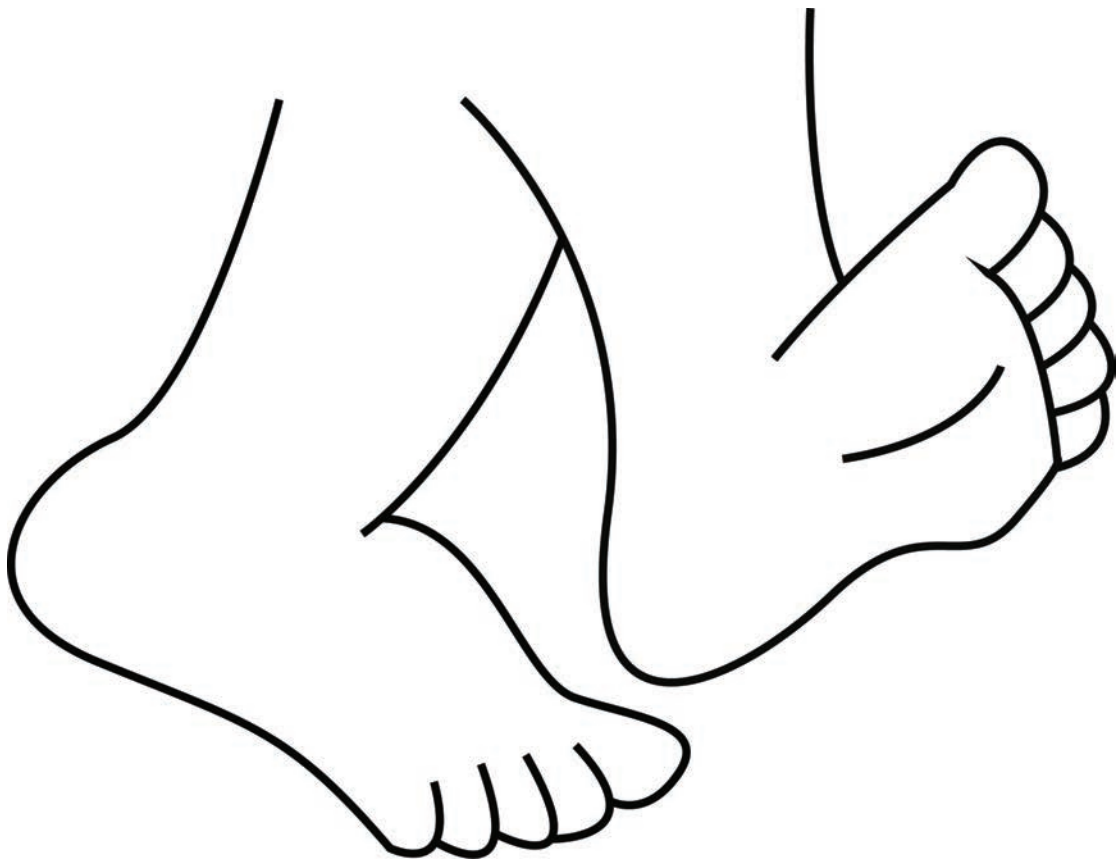
Religion is a common topic to speak about in Yemen, because religion is a big deal in my country. I was very surprised when I asked people here what their religion was and they gave me a weird look before they answered with “I have no religion” or “I don’t believe in religion”.

After these incidents I understood how touchy religion and race discussions are to most Americans, and that they are better avoided. It may be due to the history of racism in the U.S. and the huge diversity in the country.

Growing up in a religious Muslim family surrounded by a religious society, I did not expect the answer I got. I was never introduced to accept Atheism. But now that I have been here in the U.S. for over seven months and know the amount of freedom people have here, I have built a better understanding of the world around me.

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Put some damn shoes on



Campus | by Sarah Bradbury

If there is one thing you can count on when you see students playing hacky sack in the quad, it is that most of them are not wearing shoes. What is even more ridiculous is they do not put their shoes on to go to class, to eat, or to just casually walk around campus.

One of these students, Andrew Oliver, an environmental studies major does not wear shoes because he feels “more connected to the earth and mother nature” when barefoot.

While conducting my own research, I found that many other people agree with Oliver’s claim and believe that being barefoot naturally makes you more aware of your surroundings.

However, if you trip while walking (we all do it), or step on something sharp, it could lead

to having an open sore on your foot. Let us be honest, most people who walk around barefoot with broken skin do not care about what they are passing on to others. They do not even care enough to put on shoes that are there to take care of their own feet.

“People have told me there could be long term health issues with not wearing shoes, but I am really not concerned,” Oliver said.

One of the biggest health concerns about going barefoot is athlete’s foot, a mildly contagious fungal infection that lives in moist areas of the body. According to WebMD, it is spread through direct contact in communal areas and walking barefoot may increase your chance of contracting athlete’s foot.

The way to prevent it is to wear socks and shoes instead of going barefoot to keep your feet dry and clean.

The only appropriate place to go barefoot would be in your own clean, and dry home. For me, I do not even go barefoot at home. I am at least wearing socks or slippers. The only time I am barefoot is in the shower or in bed. Even at the beach, I will wear shoes unless I know I am going into the water.

When someone is sitting next to me in class and their feet are brown and black with dirt, the only thing I can think of is all the places they have walked around that day. Not only have they made their feet look dirty, but they have also spread whatever dirt and disease they have on their feet to communal areas

where I do not want that, like the J or Depot.

Sophomore Tristan Merlaud,19, agrees that it is unsanitary and there is no reason for someone to not wear shoes.

“When people walk into the J, it’s just annoying that they aren’t wearing shoes where people are eating,” Merlaud said. “I don’t like it when people complain about trash on the ground or it being dirty, you should probably just put some shoes on.”

Whatever the appeal to going barefoot in public is, I just do not see it. It just sounds like a way to get hurt, get infections, and get judged. Please put on some ventilated shoes, your feet can still breathe, I promise.

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Atrophy

by Katelyn Roudebush

Smiling with that pathetic grin,
You sauntered over like a sin,
I can’t escape, there’s no way,
You force me to hear what you say,
Non-important sounds like music to my ear,
You whisper silently ‘you’re almost here’,
Overwhelmed with emotions a tear falls,
Yet I still listen to their calls,
But you protect me from everything,
Not letting me hear them sing,
You say you love me,
But I’ve been through too much to see,
Blinded by the constant lies,
I miss your silent sighs,
You pulled me from the gutter,
But with all the help I still stutter,
Finally, finally I’m learning to swim,
Stretching out my final limb



Love me Tinder

Community | by Jacob Cheek

What really grinds my gears is when I match with a girl on Tinder and when I try to talk to them it seems like they want nothing to do with me. You obviously swiped right for a reason so let us make this happen. Did I rub you the wrong way or is my game just that bad?

I have been a sporadic Tinder user since the app was first introduced in 2012. I delete it from time to time. When it tickles my fancy I will re-download the app and begin swiping. I have gone on dates, made new friends and a few questionable decisions using Tinder.

Throughout all my experiences I still find one fatal flaw. When I talk to some girls they either do not respond or talk to me with one word answers. Is not this app meant to talk to other people? I thought we were on here to meet new people.

Maybe she likes the attention. Who knows, maybe she swiped right when she had her beer gog-

gles on and regretted her swiping in the morning. Or maybe she thinks I am like every other guy and am just trying to get some action.

According to the evolutionary theory, men in heterosexual relationships are looking for short term sexual satisfaction more frequently than women are. It does not mean that women do not want that too it is just that women are looking for that long term relationship.

While using Tinder, yes, I have been guilty of proving this theory correct, but most of the time I am just looking to go out for a drink and see where the night takes us.

So just a few final words for all you Tinderellas out there; don’t be too quick to judge us guys based on what you think of us because you never know, he just might be your Tinder prince.

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- 1) How long has Mark Johnson coached rugby?
- 2) Who was the MC at the "Poetry is not a Luxury" event?
- 3) On average how many parking citations are given?

Stumping Lumberjacks
Weekly Brain Teaser

By Ian Bradley

Compiled by Javier Rojas

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Thursday: Women's game starts at 5:30 p.m. Men's at 7:30 p.m.
Lumberjack Arena

Price: Reserved: \$20 General Admission: \$10 Non-HSU/Children: \$8 HSU Students - FREE with student ID

Friday, February 27

Sexland: Constellations and Sexplorations Keynote

Sexland is a sexual health event that focuses on exposure to new ways of thinking about sex and sexuality while validating sexual experience and diversity through a lens of enthusiastic consent. Sexland is a sex-positive, body-positive space that aims to be free of guilt shame and fear. This year's keynote is Podcaster Sex Nerd Sandra. Sandra is known for her podcast, "Sex Nerd Sandra." This will surely be a can't miss night!

Friday: 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. • Location: Kate Buchanan Room

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Did you miss the last T's Cafe takeover? For the first time in 4 years, KRFH is releasing a collection of songs recorded live during our Local Lixx sessions.

Lixxtape Vol. 1 showcases tracks from 20 local Humboldt artists and will be available for purchase for \$5 during our event. There is a limited release of 200 CD's, so make sure to get this piece of station history while it lasts!

Drinks will be available throughout the night as we celebrate the local artists and music. It's your chance to party with the DJs that run your student radio at Humboldt State. (Yes, the muffled music you hear in the Depot).

Friday: 8:00 p.m.-Midnight • Location: T's Cafe North • Free

Saturday, February 28

Track and Field - Humboldt Invite

Support the Track and Field team this weekend in one of the last chances to catch them in action!

Saturday: All Day • Redwood Bowl • Free

Women's and Men's Basketball vs. Cal Poly Pomona

This will be the last time home game for Women's and Men's Basketball this season and Senior Recognition night as well. In what should be a great matchup of CCAA power teams this will be a fun night at Lumberjack Arena!

Saturday: Women's game starts at 5:30 p.m. Men's at 7:30 p.m. • Lumberjack Arena • Price: Reserved: \$20 General Admission: \$10 Non-HSU/Children: \$8 HSU Students - FREE with student ID

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