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# Spartans Arrive at HSU Despite Campus Concerns



Photos by Thomas Lal



San Jose State Football players arrive on the Humboldt State University campus to start their training camp outside of Santa Clara County before the start of the season on Oct. 2.

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In the article, Helen Ricci is referred to as Officer Ricci in the deck of the story. The correct profession title for Ricci is “Deputy Chief of Police currently serving as (acting) Chief of Police.”

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# HSU music department breaks national accreditation standards

## Music majors education suffers during quarantine

by Ivan Ramirez

According to the National Association of Schools of Music, the Humboldt State University music department is acting out of line with national accreditation standards.

Section 8B of the NASM handbook requires that students are provided sufficient time on tasks. HSU music buildings are closed half of the week, leaving students without access to their instruments during allotted class-time.

Cindy Moyer, music department chair, advocated for her students to have access to the building’s practice rooms.

“I was able to assign every student to their own room that no one else would enter,” Moyer said. “Now more people are in a building at a given time and students are sharing rooms which isn’t nearly as safe.”

Without access to the music buildings, percussion students can’t practice, which was a huge problem last spring. Buildings were simply shut down and students have no way to play.

“When you stop learning, it’s not like you stop, you actually get worse,” Moyer said. “No matter how hard I begged or cried, they wouldn’t give percussion students access to the buildings.”

Students should have access to practice spaces at least 110 days in a semester, though they get more if they stick around over breaks. This semester students get only 28 days.

“Definitely not getting the education [music students] are paying for,” Moyer said.

Eugene Novotney, a music professor at HSU, sees the closed facilities as an enormous obstacle for his students. HSU students rely on university instruments to practice because they can’t afford to purchase their own.

“No student owns instruments like Timpani, Xylophones, Marimbas, Vibraphones, Steelpanns, Grand Pianos,” Novotny said. “Very few own their own drum sets.”

Seth Mattingly is a fourth-year student in the music program. A percussion student, Mattingly finds that it is challenging for him to improve his performance using his professor’s feedback.

“Normally I would be trying to get three to four hours every day of the week,” Mattingly said.

Mattingly pre-records his musical pieces and performance with the limited instruments at his home. He doesn’t feel like he has enough time to act or improve on the feedback his professor gives him.

“I am not learning nearly as much as in a traditional semester,” Mattingly said.

Music students need facility access for the final eight weeks of the semester in order to continue practicing and improving as musicians. During finals week, every student who is taking lessons has a jury, which is essentially a final exam.

Each student performs the music they have been working on this semester for five to 15 minutes in front of a jury of faculty. This semester, juries

will be done over Zoom or through recordings.

At the end of the semester auditions are held for students who wish to move into the performance or music education tracks. Students must be able to practice consistently to prepare for the auditions.

Heather Madar is a representative on the Fall Instructional Transition Team (FITT) which is in charge of operationalizing the campus. FITT runs logistics to see if a request can be made given the COVID-19 circumstances. Any information or requests get processed through Madar, it’s sort of a hierarchical type of communication.

“Because of the pandemic environment, simple decisions have ramifications for safety and trigger different things,” Madar said.

Logistics that need to be weighed may have to consider listening to guidelines imposed by the county, the chancellor’s office, sustaining academics for students, listening to safety people on campus and custodial and facilities on cleaning and sanitization. To make matters more complex, guidance standards have been changing along this.

Jenn Capps is provost and vice president for academic affairs, the highest level of academic administrator at HSU. Capps is aware of the problem that the music department is facing with facility accessibility.

“Unless we are supporting our custodial and facilities working 24/7, there comes a barrier with the number of folks to support and operate under the cleaning protocols,” Capp said.

HSU doesn’t have the capacity or resources to bring enough custodians on campus and can be a difficult position to hire.

“Word is getting out, folks are frustrated,” said Capp, “We are applauding the people that are making the stuff happen.”



HSU music students practice proper social distancing while they hone their craft.

## HSU cancelling contract for University Center

*Disagreements between the UC Board and HSU Administration reaches a new point of contention*

by Carlos Holguin

Humboldt State University served a notice of termination to their contract with the University Center group, citing a series of breaches between the two organizations.

In the campus wide email, President Tom Jackson states the UC, which provides student facing services like the dining services and the Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center, has 90 days to correct the six breaches. Notified on Sept. 24, the UC has until Dec. 24 to make the corrections.

President Jackson stated in the email the decision came after discussions with CSU Chancellor Timothy White. The university plans to take over some responsibilities “...ensuring students still have employment opportunities and that services supporting students are continued...” while the board attempts to make corrections.

“The UC professional staff and student employees who work hard for our campus, community, and students each day are outstanding, and resolution of issues at the executive and fiduciary level should not disrupt them as they continue to serve and support HSU students,” Jackson said in the email.

No word was given on what would happen to services run by the UC if the termination were to be finalized.

Members of the UC Board were not informed in advance of the termination, they learned of the notice the same time students and media were told.

In a statement made by UC Faculty Representatives Steve Martin, Ph.D, Mark Rizzardi, Ph.D and Armeda Reitzel, Ph.D, the board expressed their disapproval with the move.

“Unfortunately, we find ourselves in an environment where authority seems to outweigh collaboration,” the statement said. “A memo was sent to the UC, at the same time as to the media and the

public, of a termination of contract notice. We can’t help but wonder if there were ulterior reasons to motivate such a disproportionate response.”

Of the six breaches the notice brings forward, three of them included the business relationship between the North Humboldt Recreation and Park District, specifically involving the Arcata Community Pool.

According to the notice, the UC Board opened a \$300,000 line of credit for the NHRPD in Aug. as well as transferring \$100,000 and \$50,000 to them in Feb. and July respectively. These actions violate Executive Order 1059, which states “Campus auxiliary organizations are . . . operated solely for the benefit of the campus.”

In a separate email, Martin said “Everything the University Center did with respect to the line of credit we extended to the Arcata Community Pool was done above-board, in public, and even the University Controller recommended it and voted in favor of it, as did administrator Dean of Students Dr. Eboni Turnbow.

“For the President to pull the termination trigger on our operating agreement is akin to using a nuclear bomb to respond to a mosquito bite,” Martin said.

Turnbow’s name was not mentioned in the notice of termination, which included Vice President for Administration & Finance Sherie Gordon and Vice President for Enrollment Management Jason Meriwether.

Gracie Oliva, a student employee of the HBAC, expressed her concerns during a September interview about administration’s decisions, calling it a slap in the face to the entire student body.

“I want students to know that if Center Activities or HBAC are affected, it would be a detrimental change,” Oliva said. “The Recreation Administration program is held up by these programs. Without them, I feel like it would crumble.”

## HSU offers housing to forest service firefighters

*Firefighters who test positive for COVID-19 will be housed on campus to complete their quarantine period*

by Ivan Ramirez

Humboldt State University will provide quarantine housing to United States Forest Service firefighters in the event that someone on their teams tests positive for COVID-19. Housing will be for the individuals who were potentially exposed to positive COVID-19 individuals.

HSU has set aside two dormitory buildings, Maple and Hemlock, which can house up to 20 firefighters each.

Firefighters are expected to avoid the dining halls and not share spaces with students. The US Forest Service is requiring employees to adhere to quarantine orders, limiting them to individual rooms. Rooms are located in the same building, separate from housing residents.

HSU has not been requested to provide meal delivery. The US Forest Service has contracts with vendors for meal delivery.

All of the protocols were developed by the CDC, California Public Health and Humboldt County Public Health. Similar to the isolation rooms that have been

set aside for HSU students who’ve tested positive, rooms will be sterilized prior to forest service stays and again after they’ve left.

Aside from COVID-19, Forest Service firefighters have stayed overnight for transition housing during the fire season.

Stephen St. Onge, associate vice president for student success at HSU, is impressed with the university’s speedy response towards CAL Fire’s request.

“There was a group that was moving from one fire to another and couldn’t find a place to stay,” Onge said. “We mobilized and we’re able to support that, I am proud of HSU for being able to do that.”

The group that stayed on campus slept for a few hours until transitioning to the next fire. None of the firefighters that stayed overnight were tested positive for COVID-19. A contract is currently in the works to see if CAL Fire needs more transition housing from HSU.

Typically, fire agencies try to keep hotel rooms open for fire evacuees by finding alternative housing. During COVID-19, it is extremely important that they find non-congregate living for quarantine.

As a state entity with lots of amenities in a rural region, HSU often partners with state, local, and federal agencies, nonprofit organizations and others to provide support.



The Arcata fire department on Oct. 5.



# Students experience extra stress without access to the classroom

## Online learning amplifies student stress

by Becca Laurenson

Spring semester that consisted of conference calls with teachers while relaxing at home crazed returning students overwhelmed by large lesson plans and a full workload.

Nicole Matonak, a zoology major at Humboldt State University, manages a part-time job at the Marine Lab and five classes worth of homework.

“There are times where I wish I wasn’t working so I could focus on school stuff,” Matonak said. “It feels like there is not enough hours in the day for everything I need to do.”

Matonak’s methods of getting homework done on time revolve around scheduling out the week in advance. She’s made a habit of setting time aside to relax. Matonak is taking a yoga class this semester and has been trying to do other exercises to reduce stress.

“Lately when I feel like I am zoning out,” Matonak said. “I try to stretch and practice headstands and I feel like it gets my blood flowing.”

Matonak lives in Humboldt County and relies on surrounding outside nature to exercise or study without distractions.

“Charging my iPad, my notebook and my computer and taking it to the beach and studying in my car,” Matonak said. “I think that’s been the best way for me to work and not have distractions.”

Mikayla Nicholas is an art education major at HSU and is taking upper-level art courses.

“I knew that some of the art classes would be high-end, project-wise,” Nicholas said. “But I didn’t really ex-

pect the level to still be this high online.”

Being overwhelmed by the work in her classes and miscommunication with professors, Nicholas finds relaxation by baking bread.

“I enjoy baking and cooking as something to do that’s easy and stress-free,” Nicholas said.

For students overwhelmed by stress, Liza Auerbach Ph.D. has your back. Auerbach is a clinical psychologist with the HSU Counseling and Psychological Services program.

Auerbach suggests students learn their rhythms of productivity and dedicate that time to accomplishing tasks.

“I am a big believer in psychological inertia and momentum,” Auerbach said. “The longer that we are not doing something the harder it is to get started.”

Auerbach also recommends students falling behind in classes contact professors and be forward with concerns, instead of struggling alone or giving up altogether.

“If the stress of what’s going on in the world and in our own minds is interfering with our ability to perform,” Auerbach said. “Reach out and let them know.”

Students struggling can also call CAPS during business hours to schedule a one on one therapy session, included in the cost of your student fees.



# How to survive Among Us without being sus

## The best game about gaslighting your friends on a spaceship

by Sophia Escudero

Among Us was released by InnerSloth in 2018, but remained in obscurity, averaging only about 30 players at any given time. This all changed in July, when it was picked up and thrust into the spotlight by Twitch streamers such as Sodapoppin.

Today, Among Us boasts over 100 million downloads and 60 million daily players. Owing to its easy learning

curve, low cost and social nature, the game took off. It’s deceptively simple but downright addictive.

Among Us is a charmingly animated game with a distinctive visual style. Playing as colorful astronauts, players are divided into two teams: crewmates and imposters.

Crewmates are charged with completing their tasks and investigating the imposter among them, while imposters must sabotage the ship and murder all of the crewmates before being discovered.

The real action of the game occurs in the chat feature, where players bring out their best detective work to uncover the liars.

As one of the 60 million Among Us players, the hype is real. I play as a lime green astronaut who wears a plastic flamingo on their head and it’s

as delightful as it sounds. For crewmates and imposters alike, may I present: tips on not getting launched into the void of space.

1. Always know where you are. Having an alibi is the best way to prove your innocence (or fake it). Be prepared to explain what you were doing and who you might have seen there.

2. Know how to argue. Whether you’re accusing someone or defending yourself, have evidence. Did a crewmate see you do a visual task? Did you vote out the last imposter? Why were you following Red around the map? You have to be able to find reasons why people are or are not the imposter and persuade people that you know what you’re talking about. Which brings us to tip two and a half: Lying.

3. Learn to lie convincingly. If you can convince just one or two crew-

mates that you’re trustworthy, that you couldn’t have been the killer, that you were in medbay the entire time, then you’ve just earned yourself another chance to strike. As in life, lying is a great way to eliminate your enemies with no repercussions.

4. Find a buddy. If you’re a crewmate, you’ll have a friend who will witness and report your murderer, or simply stand by and protect you while you complete your tasks. If you’re an imposter, you either have an unsuspecting victim or a second imposter to team up with and lend an alibi to.

5. Don’t be a cheater. If you’ve been murdered, don’t be that guy who calls their buddy and tells them who the imposter was. It’s a jerk move all around and ruins the fun of investigation.

Good luck everyone, and don’t get murdered!

# 21 Savage shows up on new project after missing spring concert at HSU

## Metro Boomin and 21 Savage drop a classic

by Dakota Cox

April 23 came and went last semester without a 21 Savage concert at Humboldt State University. Thanks to the pandemic, students like myself felt cheated.

The sequel to Savage and Metro Boomin’s 2016 EP “Savage Mode,” delivers and, is worth the six month delay from its initial release date.

Fresh off of receiving the 2020 Grammy for best rap song with “A Lot,” featuring J. Cole, Savage is back with Boomin and unlikely narrator Morgan Freeman, whose alone is enough for anyone to give “Savage Mode II” a listen.

Similar to Savage’s solo albums “Issa Album” and “i am > i was,” “Savage Mode II” was dropped without any promotional singles leading up to the release. Instead, they promoted the album with a trailer. Narrated by Freeman, the trailer ends with only a brief snippet of “Many Men.” Referencing the classic 50 Cent track and sampling his original chorus near the end of the song. One of the strongest moments on the album.

One of several narrations from Freeman, starts with speaking to a greatness that can only be accom-



Image courtesy of Epic Records and Republic Records.

plished when brilliant minds collide. Track two, “Runnin,” opens with Savage delivering a villainous laugh.

From the first song, Savage has your attention with his signature Slaughter Gang style and the first of

many creative, simple and especially catchy hooks. Sticking to a pattern of two verses and a chorus on each song, with occasional intros and outros, Savage never overstays his welcome on a track.

The variety of vibes Savage is able to create on the new project is all made possible by the range Boomin displays on the production end. He boasts his artistic vision on tracks like “Slidin” where Boomin recreates the beat to the original project’s standout record “No Heart.” He does this again on “Said N Done,” recreating the beginning of “10 Freaky Girls” from his own album for the background of the chorus.

Savage provides listeners with a collection of hits catering to a much larger chunk of the mainstream audience than with past projects. Savage does this without compromising the content his fans have come to expect from him.

Don’t get it twisted, “Savage Mode II” is very much a sequel to the project that launched Savage and Boomin into the mainstream. Aside from a few tracks near the end of the album, including “My Dawg” and “No Opp Left Behind,” Savage reflects on his past, the overwhelming majority of Savage’s lyrics revolve around the topics of murder, money and meddling with monogamy.

Regardless of your feelings towards the message of his music, Savage delivered the most enjoyable overall performance of his career. Supported by the most varied and arguably strongest release we’ve received from Boomin, “Savage Mode II” will no doubt go down as a classic.



# SPARTANS

FROM PAGE 1

The Spartans have arrived and this time they're not carrying spears or shields. Instead the San Jose State football team stepped onto the Humboldt State campus on Oct. 2 with bags full of clothes, televisions, gaming consoles and plenty of padding. As 141 players, coaches and trainers streamed out of the six buses into a school that hasn't seen college football since 2018.

Humboldt State students received an email on Sept. 30 that the San Jose State football team would be arriving within the week. Initial reports suggested that the Spartan football program would be at HSU for one week per the Spartan Daily student newspaper from SJSU. The duration of their stay is not confirmed and could be longer.

According to the Humboldt State Athletics Department, the length of the Spartan football team's stay at HSU depends on the regulations set forth by Santa Clara County where SJSU is located.

"It's uncertain at this point as it depends on the needs of SJSU and how quickly they may be able to return to their campus to practice and play games," the HSU Athletics Department said in an email. "They are working with Santa Clara County Health to get approval for that as soon as possible."

SJSU Head Coach Brent Brennan said in a press conference on Oct. 5 that the arrangement between San Jose State and HSU came quickly with the need to start full contact practices soon.

"I think it probably came together in about a week, maybe a little less than that," Brennan said. "President Jackson here and their Athletic Director Jane Teixeira and our Athletic Director Marie Tuite, our CFO Charlie Faas, Dr. Papazian, it was just a mad dash that way."

As of Oct. 5, Santa Clara County has announced that they are moving into the third tier of COVID-19 classification after seeing an decrease in new



San Jose State Football players arrive on the Humboldt State University campus to start their training camp outside of Santa Clara County before the start of the season on Oct. 2.

cases each day. While there is still no official time set for the Spartan football team to be on the HSU campus, this development could mean that the team may return to San Jose sooner rather than later.

While the team is on campus, they will be responsible for testing their athletes and personnel using their own testing resources. In an email sent out on Oct. 1, Humboldt State told students that will be tested once per week. This runs contrary to Mountain West conference protocol who state on their website that athletes will be tested three times each week. It is unclear whether this testing will apply to the preseason training that the Spartans are currently participating in.

While the Spartans are on campus, Humboldt State's own NCAA teams will still have access to facilities during their scheduled times in order to continue their preparation for hopeful upcoming seasons.

"HSU sport programs are still using

Redwood Bowl during their regularly scheduled and reserved time periods," HSU Athletics said in an email.

Even as the San Jose State team was arriving on campus HSU students and athletes alike were confused and upset that more context had not been provided for the team's arrival. One of the loudest voices that could be heard across social media was that of the club sports on campus that have been unable to hold practices since COVID-19 shut down the majority of sports. President of HSU Club Baseball Martin Gordillo was upset that the communication between the administration and recreational sports teams was not more clear.

"It was a slap to the face on rec sports," Gordillo said. "Because we really didn't know what the hell was going on. We thought it was Athletics. We were like 'Athletics, what the heck?' and then Humboldt County was like 'Yo, what the heck?' But it wasn't really Athletics' fault."

According to Gordillo, there was a miscommunication between Athletics and recreational sports which was clarified in a meeting with several of the club sports and the Athletics Department.

"In reality it wasn't Athletics," Gordillo said. "It was mainly more towards the Chancellor's Office who made that decision on whether or not to allow athletics to continue to practice but not rec sports."

Gordillo stressed that while he feels that communication can be improved between rec sports and athletics, there is a disconnect with how the Chancellor's Office views rec sports in comparison to NCAA athletics.

"I believe the Chancellor's Office has made it seem like they really don't care about rec sports that much," Gordillo said. "They don't see us and [NCAA] Athletics as equal. Not Athletics in general. Athletics wants to work with us. They really want to have our voices heard."

# Sports bubbling for controlling Coronavirus

Science behind social bubbling casts doubt on the security behind implemented sports safety practices

by Jen Kelly

How many Superbowl parties have you been to? Drunk bodies stacked on top of each other. Frantic embraces. Hollering and crying. Sports, both play and speculation, is all about physical expression. And each one of those mass expression events carries the potential for an outbreak of COVID-19.

transmission. Contact sports may be more dangerous than sports with significant distance between players. Baseball has faced bumps in the road, with an outbreak in the Miami Marlins, but football requires more contact, and therefore more risk. The NFL recently suffered its first major outbreak in the Tennessee Titans, signaling a failure of their non-bubble model.

Realistically, models of disease spread must consider a wide range of variables. Changing numbers of susceptible individuals, changing likelihood that a susceptible person will encounter a sick person, increasing numbers of recovered individuals, the implementation of safety measures, and frequency of social gatherings like sporting events are all variables that matter when mapping disease transmission. But simple exponential growth is the basic reason why uncontrolled disease can overwhelm local healthcare at the beginning of an outbreak.

One person has it, they give it to two people in a day. Those people give it to two more people each then

next day. That's four new people who can give it to two more people each. That's eight new people and in a few weeks many more have it. It doesn't realistically work that way on a large scale due to a wide range of important factors, but it's a useful model for how outbreaks can begin in previously uninfected communities.

Now say one person on a football the team contracts COVID-19. Then that one person gives it to 14 people through close physical contact. So, 15 people have it. They go out into the community and give it to 2 people each in a day. Our starting number is higher, so the growth is faster. Those 15 give it to 30 people, those 30 give it to 60, those 60 give it to 120, and so on.

This clear danger is just one reason that hundreds of college teams have been cut due to the pandemic. These cuts impact athletes, athletic programs, schools and local economies. Specifically, Football often funds the rest of a school's athletic program. If it goes, so might every other sport. Sports matter on a local level, not just

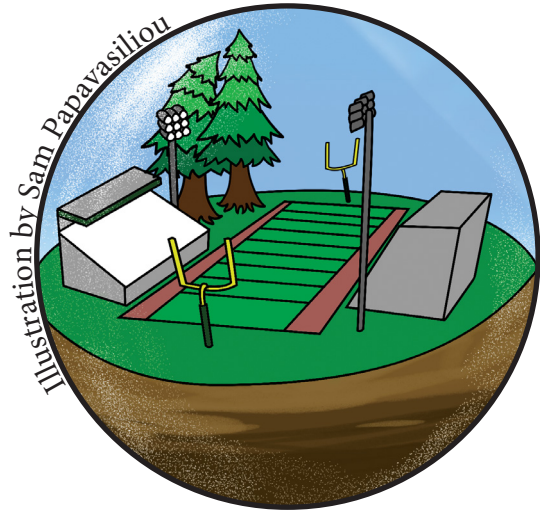
as a national industry.

That's where the bubble solution comes in. The team and everyone who supports them cuts themselves off from the rest of a community. No one leaves, everyone gets tested constantly. It's a bubble.

In practice, it's difficult. That's

hundreds of people quarantining together, with further levels of quarantine within the bubble. The people with the most contact, such as the players and coaches, must stay away from the other staff as much as possible, effectively forming bubbles within bubbles. Then the staff with the most contact to the players stays away from the staff undergoing the least risk.

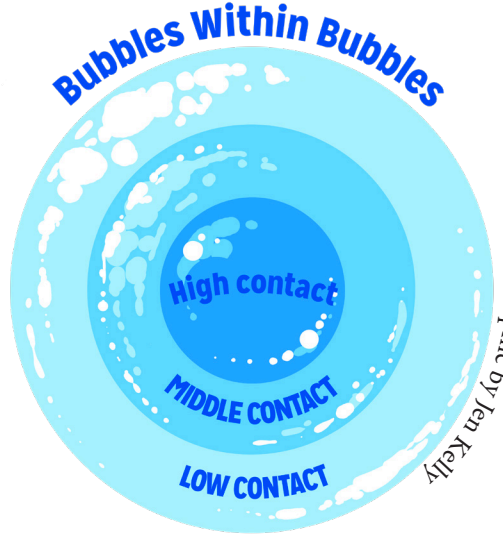
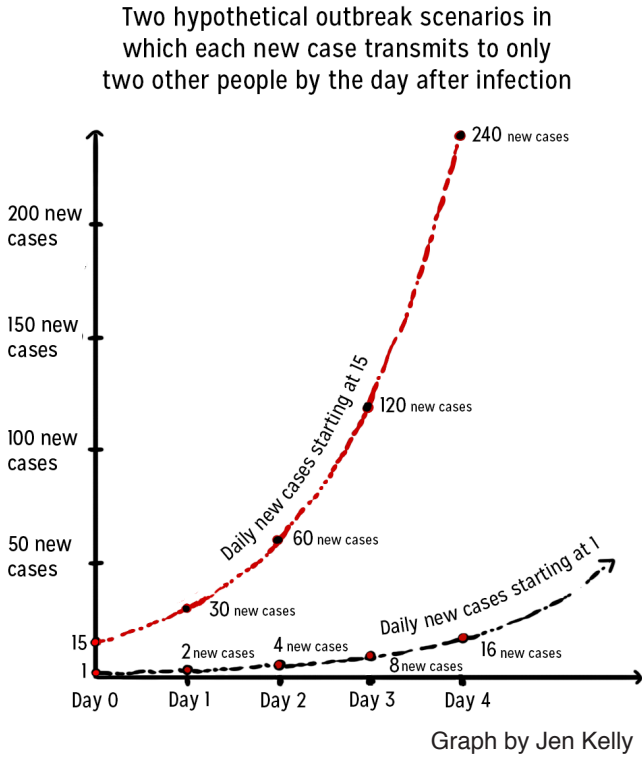
All of those bubbles on the edge of popping, delicate planning, and vigilant testing for only a chance to keep the team safe. There are severe consequences if all those measures fail. And none of those intense measures accounts for what happens outside. It can't account for people huddling around their TV, packing into bars, or embracing when victory is declared.



According to the CDC, the virus is more likely to spread through close contact than through airborne transmission. Packing tightly into bars, gathering in stadiums, cheering and hugging are all likely to spread COVID-19. Early in the year, scientists linked a soccer game in Italy to a massive outbreak, with the true toll difficult to track.

The danger doesn't just come from the stadium, but also all the orbiting viewing locations. Simply social bubbling by quarantining the team, coaches, staff and media doesn't cut it when major transmission events may happen as a result of independent viewings of sports broadcasts in addition to attendance of official events.

Transmission through close contact may be more likely than airborne



Graphic by Jen Kelly



# Rugby Captain frustrated with CSU’s hasty actions

*Club sports member expresses disappointment in administration inviting SJSU to campus*

by Justin Celotto

You know there is a huge lack of communication between the Humboldt State University’s administration and its students when an email is sent only a day before the arrival of an entire football team from San Jose State University.

It’s very frustrating there is such a disconnect between our administration and it’s student body and community. As a member of club sports it is disappointing to see another team from another school practice on a field that I can not touch with my teammates.

From spending 14 hours a week all of last year, at the Redwood Bowl or College Creek field with my teammates building my skills to now, possibly suspended for even gathering with a small group of teammates is frustrating to say the least. All clubs such as Men’s Baseball and the Mountain biking club can not join together

because of the guidelines given from HSU.

Last time I checked, you have to already be six feet away in order to shoot a baseball. Also I don’t know if anyone in the Humboldt administration has ever mountain biked, but normally bikers keep distance like cars in order to avoid an accident or sudden stop.

I will say that my sport, rugby, brings more challenges to social distancing. I still can not go to the field with non-house members of my team to kick or pass a ball and even train.

So this is where I find it ridiculous that a football team, a contact sport to say the least, consisting of 141 players and personnel are able to play on the same field we at club sports cannot.

I will not blame or send hate towards the players or coaches of SJSU because I respect them leaving their homes in order to possibly have a chance at playing at the next level. If I was in the same situation, I would



Photo by Thomas Lal  
The gate leading down to the Redwood Bowl on the HSU campus with a closed access sign on Oct. 2, on the day that the San Jose State University football team arrives in Humboldt.

do the same thing.

But I will turn all my blame and anger towards the administration of both universities and the Chancellor of the CSU system.

I do not understand how my rugby team cannot practice because of rules given by the Chancellor and the HSU administration but a large foot-

ball team can travel across multiple county lines, probably making a stop or two, in order to practice for just a week.

To put a whole community at risk is baffling to me. The decision to allow another university to send their football team approximately 360 miles to us is terrible.

# SJSU Football team brings mixed reactions

*Humboldt State University students unsure how to feel about visiting football team*



Photo by Thomas Lal  
San Jose State Football players arrive on the Humboldt State University campus to start their training camp outside of Santa Clara County before the start of the season on Oct. 2.

by Carlos Holguin

In a campus wide email sent out on Oct. 1, Humboldt State University informed the student body that the San Jose State University’s football team, the Spartans, would be staying on campus to train for their upcoming 2020 season.

The Spartans are currently unable

to practice at their own stadium due to a combination of stadium construction and COVID-19 regulations within Santa Clara County that prevent the practice of contact sports for reduced infection.

The email stated that “approximately 141 players, coaches, and staff will stay in HSU residence halls that have previously been unused this se-

mester. The halls are separate from anywhere that HSU students are currently living on campus,” with students on campus stating that they were staying at the Redwood Hall dorms.

SJSU has pledged to cover the costs of the used athletic facilities, housing and testing for the team. HSU emphasized the separation of the team from students, stating that contact with students will be minimal.

HSU students are still coming to terms with the news. Hours after the initial email, students are reacting with mixed opinions and fears of future California State University’s coming to Humboldt.

Kezia Letzin, a zoology major, and Nastya Yudinova, an exercise science grad student, welcomed the news. Hoping the SJSU football team can bring a sense of community during these tough times.

“Honestly, I don’t care,” Yudinova said. “If we’re not using the field, ‘why not help them?’ It’s nice to know that we are still a community.”

Letzin also agreed, saying the field went largely unused due to the current pandemic and it made sense to allow another team to utilize it.

Freddie Rosen, another zoology major, and Nicole Vazquez, a studio art major, and Melania Guillen, a film

major, were less than pleased with the news. Rosen believes it was a terrible idea, already finding fault in HSU’s claim the football team would be held separately and away from students.

“It isn’t fair that they are using facilities that we don’t even have access to,” Rosen said. “They said that they were going to be away from students, when they are in Redwood Hall, which is where everybody is.”

For Velazquez, the main issue surrounded the lack of transparency from HSU administration, something she thought students should have had a say in.

“It was sprung upon us so suddenly,” Velasquez said. “I know that it’s not our decision as students, but we paid money to go here and this wasn’t in the plan.”

Guillen felt the administration is unfairly treating HSU students by prioritizing another school and their athletics before their students.

“It’s kinda unfair,” said Guillen. “We are all up here doing our best, and it’s unfair to see another school come onto our campus and be prioritized in a way that we could.”

HSU has stated that the initial plan is to host the team for one week, but without concrete certainty on a scheduled timeline, the team’s stay could be longer.

# HSU womens’ soccer team create bracelets in support of Black Lives Matter

*Proceeds go to the African American Center for Academic Excellence*

by Sabrina Ochoa

The Humboldt State University women’s soccer team started a bracelets for change movement to show their support for the Black Lives Matter movement.

Mary Swisher, a senior at HSU and soccer player throughout college, stated that the social injustice present within our country was infuriating and motivated the team to combat the issue.

“While I cannot speak on the racist experiences that African Americans face, it hurts me to hear, see and learn about the effect that racism has on my peers in athletics, at school and the border community of color,” Swisher said. “My teammates and I have decided that we will

continue to educate, advocate and work to support people of color in our community and our country.”

Athletes are asking for donations for HSU’s African American Center of Academic Excellence. The team has hand-made 30 bracelets out of the 70 that were ordered by friends, family and the community, totaling more than \$700 dollars to the AACAE so far.

The AACAE is a cultural and social hub on campus to support identifiable Black students and offer them a higher education. Douglas Smith the Organizer for HSU’s AACAE said he was shocked by the compassion demonstrated by the women’s soccer team.

“Very grateful for multiple reasons. We didn’t reach out to them or ask to fundraise,” Smith said. “They did it on their own ambitions. I was grateful.”

COVID-19 and budget cuts hit the AACAE hard. With the money being donated, they feel extremely grateful and thankful. Smith believes it’s time to con-

front racial injustices head on and create dialogue.

“Times up. Honestly the time for conversation and talking about it and educating people about it, it’s kinda over,” Smith said. “If there isn’t action being taken place right now then move out of the way. My mood for your question is it’s time for action and talk is rhetoric.”

Coach Grant Landy of the women’s basketball team stated that the athletes came up with the bracelet idea completely on their own and had the AACAE in mind.

“I challenged the team to continue the conversation about racial injustice and they came up with the bracelet idea,” Landy said. “They wanted to help our campus community and chose the AACAE to help support.”

The women’s basketball team choose to help support HSU’s own clubs and organizations. Landy applauds the team’s spirit and dedication to raising awareness for racial injustice.

The Women’s Soccer Team is still accepting bracelet orders and is still taking donations to support HSU’s AACAE.

Swisher stated that the women’s basketball team felt they needed to contribute more than conversation to the racial injustice movement.

“As a team we were having conversations about the injustice against African Americans in our country,” Swisher said. “The conversations were productive and we were educating ourselves but we decided that talking about that problem was not enough.”

The co-captain from the women’s soccer team, Sabine Postma, has experience doing similar fundraisers in her hometown in Washington. The team decided their impact would be most effective if they donated their proceeds to a local organization, like AACAE.

“It’s an admirable organization on our Humboldt State campus that empowers, supports, and celebrates the Black lives in our community,” Postma said.



EDITORIAL

# Humboldt State administration cash in at student expense

## *San Jose State’s football team steals on-campus resources from student body*

by Editorial Board

Humboldt State University’s administration continues to ignore the health and well-being of paying students and surrounding community members by selfishly prioritizing university funding and money opportunities.

On Oct. 2, San Jose State University’s football team arrived at HSU to utilize the field and training facilities. The team of 141 players, coaches and staff members are expected to social bubble, strictly quarantine with one another, on campus in Redwood Hall. Redwood Hall stands in the middle of campus, between the Student Health Center and the Depot, making it an unavoidable place for students on campus to pass by.

In addition, HSU students were notified via school wide email of the university deal less than 24 hours prior to SJSU’s arrival. First and foremost, this deal did not involve the approval from either county’s public health officers. Since March, HSU has maintained a relatively low COVID-19 case count with only 11 confirmed cases. SJSU falls within Santa Clara County, and as of Oct. 6, has 50 confirmed cases.

The team is expected to self-patrol and monitor their own health. They will be tested once a week throughout their stay at HSU, which directly violated SJSU’s athletic conference guidelines provided by Mountain West.

The Mountain West Conference demands athletes be tested three times a week. If a test comes back positive, further testing is done to confirm the positivity. SJSU brought their own testing equipment, however, the heightened risk of contracting the virus extends beyond the student body and permeates into the town of Arcata.

There has been no confirmation of how long SJSU’s stay will be. Hearsay declares a week, but pictures of arriving Spartan football players holding flatscreen TV’s and luggages of equipment says otherwise.

Student facilities will cater to SJSU during their stay, closing off access to the Redwood Bowl from HSU athletes and students while also extending the Student Recreation Center hours beyond usual scheduling. A ‘no access’ sign currently hangs outside the gate entrance of the Redwood Bowl, HSU claims the sign is to contain SJSU’s football team and limit cross infection.

HSU students have been repeatedly denied access to on-campus resources, classes, labs, studios and housing since the be-



The scoreboard at Redwood Bowl next the SJSU Spartan logo at Redwood Bowl on Oct. 2. Photo by Thomas Lal

ginning of the pandemic. However, SJSU was able to rent out the Redwood bowl, SRC and on-campus housing facilities and resources immediately. HSU is renting out campus resources we either don’t have or refuse to offer to students.

Administration stated that SJSU will be paying for all facilities, housing and resources being used during their stay. However, current resources occupied by SJSU at this time are paid for by student fees. Students believe the funds should be redistributed back to their accounts for a fair way to compensate for the loss of access.

It’s clear that this decision to move SJSU to HSU was made last minute and without the permission or acknowledgement of HSU students. HSU administration has proven time and time again that the students’ safety isn’t a top priority. The motivation to cut out students from participating in their own university outweighs the value of students altogether.

HSU continues to treat our campus like it’s closed or empty, forgetting an entire student body population of 6400 people.

# Lumberjacksocialmediapolls,commentsandconcerns

## *Instagram posts garnered campus and community engagement over SJSU’s move to campus*

by Grace Caswell

An Instagram post made by the Lumberjack on Oct. 2, included two polls and an open comments and concern post.

### Poll #1: “Should HSU host SJSU’s football program?”

More than 550 people interacted with the post.

23% said ‘yes’ and 77% said ‘no’



### Poll #2: “Does HSU administration care about wHSU’s student body?”

More than 420 people interacted and voted on the post.

17% said ‘yes’ and 83% said ‘no’



### Top 5 comments and concerns submitted into LJ Instagram story post:

“What are you most concerned about regarding SJSU’s stay at HSU?”

With over 100 responses from HSU students, alumnus and community members, comments and concerns ranged from COVID-19 to unfair treatment of HSU students.

#### 1. COVID-19

By far the most frequent submitted response surrounded COVID-19 and the health of students on campus and in the community. Obviously the pandemic continues to bombard the forefront of everyone’s mind. Moving 141 people on campus stirs up fearful thoughts and doubts over the team’s ability to social bubble.

#### 2. Special Privileges

Students made it a point to comment on the lack of accessibility plaguing HSU athletics and club sports. Responses argued that HSU administration was acting out of unfair favorability towards allowing SJSU athletes to use facilities while not communicating or acknowledging HSU students at all.

#### 3. Opening up future sports

Not all comments on SJSU’s arrival were negative. Student responses applauded HSU for their helpful and immediate action, some believing this is a sign of hope towards re-opening all athletics for everyone.

#### 4. Student Resources

A genuine concern towards the lack of student resources was communicated through out the poll. Students feel as if SJSU’s football team will hoard student resource availability and suck them dry, leaving students without access or aid.

#### 5. Compensation and Benefits

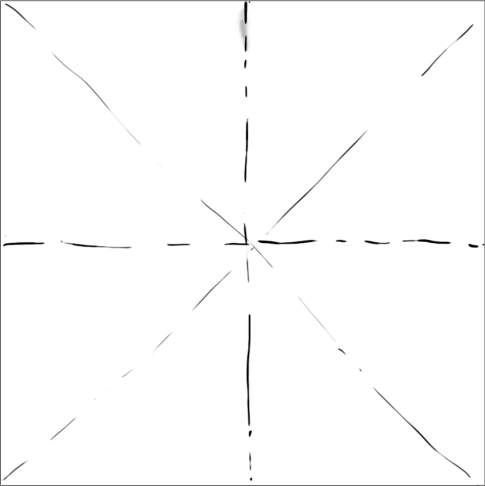
Students feel as if SJSU’s presense is a lose-lose. Losing on-campus resources and accessibility has convinced students they will not be rewarded in any way from this move. Comments and suggestions for re-compensating HSU students were submitted, stating how student fees pay for the facilities, therefore deserve some level of compensation for surrendering access.



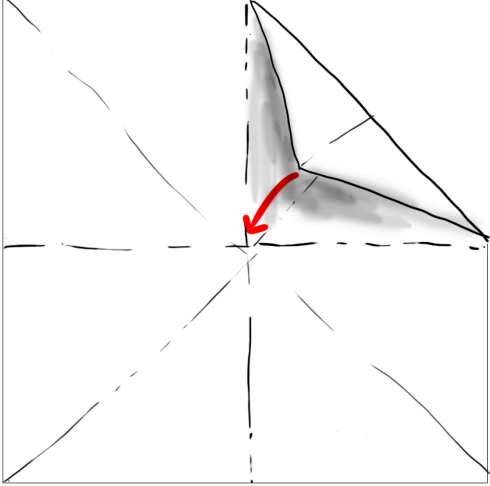
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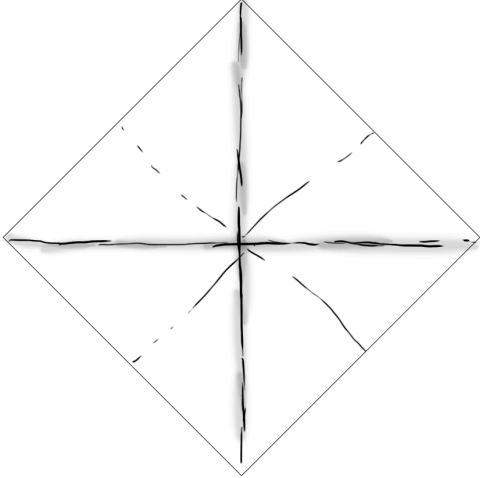
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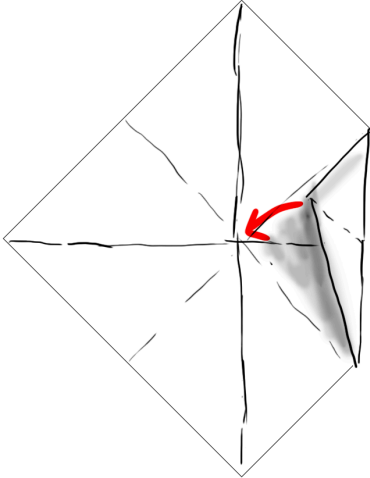
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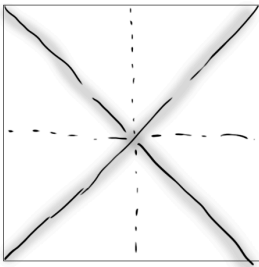
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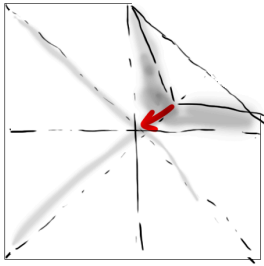
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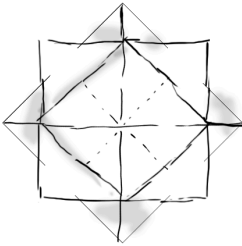
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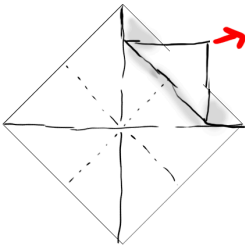
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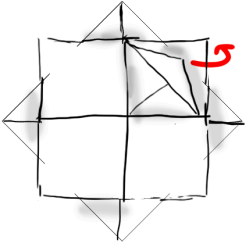
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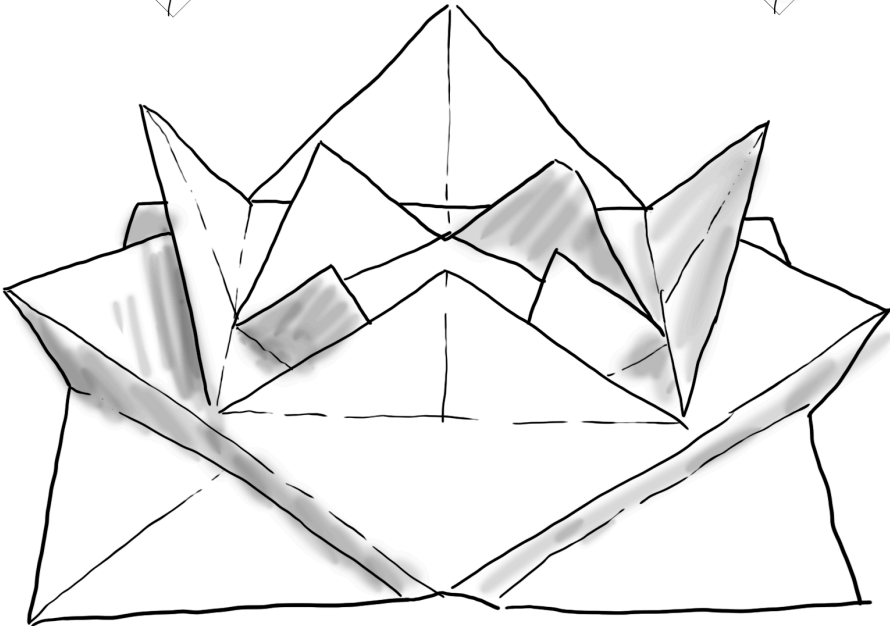
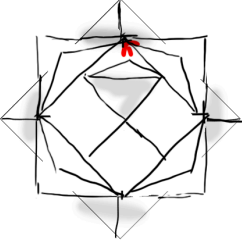
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## The humble banana slug's opinion on Rick Astley

*Rick-Rolling the entire forest*

by Elise Fero

In an experiment to learn whether banana slugs enjoy music, it's necessary to choose the most legendary song known to mankind "Never Gonna Give You Up" by Rick Astley.

This method was simple -- find banana slugs in the forest and lure them in using music. If they turn the other way, they don't enjoy the music. If they come closer, they've been rickrolled.

The slugs were out and about more than usual due to the rain from the previous night. I was able to test 25 banana slugs.

The results of slugs one, eight, 23, and 24 had no reaction whatsoever, but honestly who would blame them when the moss on the forest floor was covered in fresh rain? Such a delightful treat.

While some showed no signs of even noticing the music, slugs two, three, six, 18, and 22 showed curiosity as they lifted their heads up to see better, moved their eyes around, and some even came closer before continuing on their way. While not Astley fans, they may have enjoyed other types of music, probably fans of All Star by Smashmouth.

The slugs were mostly active, but there was a group napping in a circle together. Slug four was napping in the pile with two and three, but when they showed curiosity and stuck their eyes up as the music began to play, slug four continued their nap. Maybe it was the best lullaby they had ever heard. That little slug was enjoying some snoozing. Sweet dreams, little slug.

Slugs five, 14, and 17 all immediately turned their bodies around as fast as they could -- so not very fast, but they tried. Although at first this could be perceived as a sign of fear, I later understood them to be slugs who aren't fans of loud music.

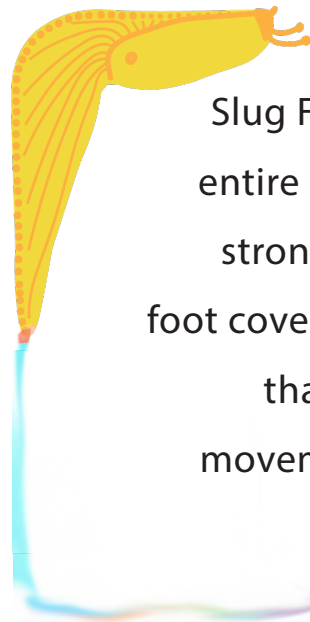
Some of the slugs were fighting their instincts. Slugs nine, 12 and 22 would come closer to the music, then turn around, then look back, then continue away. They just wouldn't embrace their guilty pleasure of loving Rick Astley.

It was no surprise that slugs 10, 15, and 16 showed fear. 10 even shriveled up in a defensive position. We get it, buddy -- getting rickrolled can be scary.

Finally, the result you've all been waiting for. Slugs 11, 19, 20, 21, and 25 all came toward the music! A revolutionary discovery for all of slug-kind.

You might be thinking, "Wait a second! What about Slug 13?"

Slug 13 was a very special slug. I reached my hand down and 13 climbed right onto my hand. This was the highlight of this experiment. Slugs do like music, but they also like a good friend.



Slug Fact: A slugs entire body is one strong, muscular foot covered in slime that facilitates movement on the ground

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