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“Bringing Gold to the Green and Gold”

by Luke Basulto

Humboldt State joined universities from all over the country and around the world in Reno, Nevada to compete for the top prize: a toilet.

HSU brought home the small wooden toilet mounted on a redwood stump for placing first overall. Other awards they received include: third place in the presentation category, second place in the water quality category and first place in the construction category.

“Humboldt has historically been involved with the waste water filter competition and is now tied for best wins in this competition with UC Berkeley and Reno,” Yaad Rana, biomass research assistant at Schatz Energy Research Center and team chair, said. “We all worked really hard and had a blast doing it.”

Every year, the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) holds the Mid-Pacific International Competition, or “Mid-Pac,” as it is known by students. This

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Japanese Ballers Living the American Dream



Taiki Nomura, Eito Tanaka, Jack Aitchison, Takumi Oki, Eigo Hiraoka after a game one win of the double header on Saturday against St. Mary's. | Brian Cohen

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Embracing the Stigma

The Humboldt Institute for Interdisciplinary Marijuana Research

by Jeff Gardner

Most students attending Humboldt State know the feeling of announcing their college choice and receiving chuckles, and the obligatory subtle reference to marijuana. In an area well-known for its drug use, you might think the university would try to hide its cannabis culture. Instead of shying away from it, HSU is trying to turn that laughter into lessons.

But what is the Humboldt Institute for Interdisciplinary Marijuana Research?

HIIMR was started in fall 2012 by two HSU faculty members: Erick Eschker, professor of economics, and Josh Meisel, assistant professor of sociology.

Co-director Eschker said the institute is a collection of faculty researchers who study a variety of marijuana topics. These topics include the effects of smoking on health, environmental impacts of cannabis cultivation, the emerging industry of dabbing and sustainability. It is a research organization made to fill information gaps concerning marijuana.

After a lengthy charter-writing process from spring to fall of 2012, the CSU system accepted it as a certified research institute.

“It took far more effort to create an institute devoted to marijuana research than it takes to create other institutes,” Eschker said.

Being taken seriously as a marijuana research institute comes with its challenges. That hasn’t stopped institute from making headway into both scientific and cultural circles. By collecting data from dispensaries in Humboldt, Mendocino

and San Francisco counties, preparing students for a country where marijuana is legal and hosting a series of talks by scientists in the industry, HIIMR has been recognized in both The Atlantic and The Guardian.

“It’s very strict as to what we can and can’t do,” Jesus Lopez, an economics student who was hired at HIIMR last semester, said.

Eschker said there is a “snicker factor” associated with HIIMR.

“But after the initial smile,” he said, “everyone says ‘Yes, obviously the only institute devoted to marijuana research should be created at Humboldt State!’”

Lopez agreed there is a small stigma.

“It’s still an emerging topic in research,” Lopez said. “Maybe it’s accepted by college students but not so much by older people.”

Though marijuana research may only be in its beginning stages, this hasn’t stopped HIIMR from taking on a variety of subjects such as the history of marijuana in Northwest California, college students working in the marijuana industry and environmental impacts due to marijuana cultivation.

“It’s definitely exciting,” Lopez said.

Lopez said there aren’t many univer-

sities researching marijuana, and HSU is one of the top. Due in no small part to its perfect location for studying the plant.

“I mean, look where we are,” Lopez said.

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UPD BYTES

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Wednesday, April 13

19:35 - Jolly Giant Commons

Elderly female wrapped in sheets in front of the building. Gone on arrival/unable to locate.

Seems pretty hard to miss. Likely a ghost.

Thursday, April 14

11:48 - Library

Male non-student warned for 5100 UCRR (camping/sleeping on campus property) and given a 626.6 Police Code restriction from campus.

Can't blame the guy. Weather's great.

Monday, April 18

23:00 - Plaza Circle

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BRAZIL 1

Brazil's lower house of congress voted Sunday to impeach President Dilma Rousseff, Reuters reported. Rousseff is accused of borrowing money from state lenders to lower the country's budget deficit ahead of her 2014 re-election. Rousseff is calling the vote by the male-dominated Congress "sexist," referring to remarks made by several congressmen during the vote.

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Word on the Street

by Andrew Butler

Why or why not
are you voting in the
AS election?



*“One of my classmates
is running, which got
me to take interest.”*
-Alondra Serrato



*“I’m not aware of the
AS election. It’s not
in my face so I didn’t
take interest.”*
-Joe Baiza



*“I’m focused on the
presidential election.”*
-Brian Medrano



*“I just saw the email. I
haven’t researched yet
but I am curious and
probably will vote.”*
-Spencer Steinberg



*“I am voting because I
have a friend who is
running, but I’m not
entirely sure what AS
does.”*
-Sarah Grover

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Get Out and Vote
*Associated Student
elections are this week*

by Andrew Butler

Did you know you pay \$58 each semester that goes towards Associated Students? This week, your vote could impact how that money is spent. April 19-21 is the AS election.

The Associated Student Council holds elections every year to choose student leadership. The representatives are tasked with deciding how the \$58 AS fee is dispersed. AS is concerned about how well students are represented. With only a 17 percent voter turnout last year, AS members are worried students aren’t interested in having their voices heard.

The discretionary funding given to AS could be revoked if students do not show interest by voting for their representatives.

AS currently controls all money collected from the fee. The money is spent on events geared toward helping students build a better community by engaging with their peers, as well as resources to help students succeed in classes.

AS Student Affairs candidate Candace Young is hoping to bring more campus events to HSU should she be elected.

“A better sense of community will help students get a better education,” Young said. “It’s

important that students vote for their representatives as well as contact them, because without student involvement AS cannot help students.”

Young’s competition, Graciela Chipres, seeks social change at HSU. Chipres sees the election and the AS council as an outlet for students to promote the change they want to see.

“If students vote, they have a say in what sort of events and activities come to HSU,” Chipres said. “Voting helps better pick where the money goes.”

The two candidates have differing views on where the money should go. Young promotes campus community building through events and activities. Chipres looks to spend the money on forums and guest speakers in an effort to increase the dialogue on social justice at HSU.

College of Professional Studies candidate Sonya Navarro sees the election as an opportunity to better connect students to a source where they can bring up campus issues.

“It’s empowering to know who represents you,” Navarro said. “Take an issue like parking. If a student really cares, they need to vote and have a line of communication with their representative to better solve that issue.”

The AS election affects the operations of the institution thousands of students spend their money on.

AS election commissioner Aaron Cobas urges students to take advantage of their local campus government.

“In the same way you contact your representatives about issues, a student can air their grievances and issues over club and event funding to the AS council,” Cobas said.

All of the candidates have one thing in common: they encourage students to contact them about issues.

Administrative VP candidate Gregory Rodriguez said the election is prime time to practice solid voting habits for this coming fall.

“It is good experience to read up on a candidate, weigh the issues and make an informed decision,” Rodriguez said. “All voting is a privilege that many don’t have. It’s important to take advantage of that privilege.”

The vote for AS council and a say in where student fees go is a privilege that could be lost, Cobas said.

“It’s important that students control money for students,” Rodriguez said. “If students vote, administrators know we care.”

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Reimagining Student Success
*A new program at HSU aims
to help students succeed in college*

by Joanna Quintanilla

Coming to Humboldt can be scary, bewildering and somewhat lonely at first. At least that was Humboldt State Provost Dr. Alexander Enyedi’s experience.

“It was dark, it was raining, I had no food, I didn’t know where I was,” Enyedi said. “All I had was my iPhone to figure things out. I had no connections. I had no friends.”

This led Enyedi to think of how freshmen must feel when they come to Humboldt State for their first year of college. Miles away from home and usually without a support system here, Enyedi felt students were not readily set up for success.

“I imagined what it would be like to be coming here as a recent high school graduate and not even thinking about school but thinking about how is it that I’m gonna navigate this

new world I’m in,” Enyedi said.

Reimagining First Year is a program coordinated by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities and is being funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Of 500 schools that applied to participate, only 44 were selected, including HSU. The program is currently in development, with Enyedi enlisting both students and staff to help create programs aimed at student success, focusing on students’ first year of college.

“The RFY program is an innovative way that we can look at where there are opportunities for us to help students in order to be successful,” Enyedi said.

Though still in its planning stages, the focus of RFY is to help students feel they belong at HSU, both academically and socially. Through the RFY program, Enyedi explains that

aiding students to be successful in college and teaching them to overcome obstacles will lead to better retention rates.

“[Student retention] will be an outcome,” Enyedi said. “The purpose of [RFY] is to help students approach their first year of college with the mindset that they’re going to be successful.”

Senior Kyrie Hood knows firsthand how difficult it is to feel that you can be successful at classes in areas you are not good at. Hood feels that the path to increased student success is fewer general education requirements, not more programs.


“I had a [RAMP] mentor my freshman year and that helped,” Hood said. “But I don’t feel like adding more programs is going to help, I feel like taking requirements away will.”

Mentor and sophomore Linh Phan is part of the RFY SuperTeam put together by Enyedi and feels housing is an issue tied to student retention rates.

“As a freshman, one thing I wish I could have had more support of was looking for off-campus housing,” Phan said. “I basically had to figure out a lot of things on my own.”

Student homelessness has been an issue with the growing student population. The inability to find housing can be stressful and lead students away from Humboldt. Add to that how hard it can be for some to access mental health services, which can also impede academic success, and the RFY program will need to look at ways to help students navigate these obstacles to ensure success at HSU.

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Women of Color Conference panelists Lori Cortez-Regan, Araceli Diaz, Mildred Correa, Paola Rodriguez-Hidalgo and Soledad Gomez.
| Sue Vuna

Sorority Hosts 14th Annual Women of Color Conference

by Sue Vuna

“Strong as hell!” is how Araceli Diaz describes being a woman of color. Diaz was one of five panelists at Gamma Alpha Omega Sorority’s 14th Annual Women of Color Conference at the Goodwin Forum on Saturday.

Gamma Alpha Omega Sorority member and Humboldt State senior, Peggy Nguyen chaired this year’s conference. Nguyen said ideas started brewing last fall about what issues women of color face that would be most meaningful to address at this year’s conference.

Nguyen said this year’s focus on women in professional institutions was brought to the forefront by the lack of women of color in lecturer or professor positions at HSU.

“There are a lot of students who are women of color. Our teachers are mostly white male or white female,” Nguyen said. “We want to focus on a topic that relates to students by showing them there are women of color just like them who they can talk to who will relate to them and understand them.”

Panelist Rodriguez-Hidalgo is the only woman of color in the astronomy and physics department at HSU.

“Women could be emotional and still be strong. We should be able to cry and still be respected. We need to conquer back that space,” Rodriguez-Hidalgo said while addressing the audience about women being targeted as emotional in the workplace.

Humboldt State sociology lecturer Lori Cortez-Regan, HSU junior Mildred Correa and Soledad Gomez, the conference’s keynote speaker and a paralegal for Riverside County district attorney’s office, were also on the panel.

Five different women with various backgrounds, experiences and stories came together to represent the struggles and successes of women of color in professional institutions.

Two days before the conference, Nguyen found out the keynote speaker could no longer make it. Luckily, Gamma Alpha Omega sister and former HSU graduate Soledad Gomez was not only willing to make the 10-hour drive from Riverside, but she was willing to step up and deliver the keynote speech.

“It’s important to mentor the next generation,” Gomez said, “to keep the door open for them and to bring in more women of color by giving them advice, wisdom and guidance.”

This type of mentorship is reflective of what Nguyen says is the sorority’s founding principle, community service, and its five pillars: honesty, integrity, leadership, scholarship and unity.

Nguyen facilitated the panel portion of the conference by asking questions ranging from “What is the most difficult part about your work as a woman of color?” to “If you could go back in time and give your 20-year-old self advice, what would it be?”

The women’s answers unpacked years of lessons and experiences they acquired through breaking down barriers as women of color in professional in-



HSU student Ngan Ho with her ceramic art piece at the Women of Color Conference. | Sue Vuna

stitutions and in life.

Cortez-Regan remembers that as a student she came to realize the systematic injustices set in place to fail people of color. She said the most detrimental injustice facing women of color is the school-to-prison pipeline. African-American women account for 30 percent of incarcerated women in the U.S., while making up only 13 percent of the U.S. population, according to the American Civil Liberties Union.

An article Diaz read about a Mexican boy being told by his school adviser he shouldn’t apply to college because his background and financial status didn’t make him “college material” still lingers with her. As coordinator for the Latin@ Center for Academic Excellence, Diaz finds it important to be part of a support network that encourages students to reach their full potential, despite setbacks they encounter.

Gonzalo Hernandez’s interest in race and gender inequality is what compelled him to attend the conference. The HSU sophomore and social work major was one of the few males in attendance among a room of mostly women.

“Being Hispanic and growing up in a single parent household, the stories of these women resonate with me,” Hernandez said. “It makes me question why we teach our youth to be nurses instead of doctors, secretaries instead of teachers.”

Nguyen says one of the biggest challenges in hosting the conference year after year is the low number of people that show up.

“Every year we promote the conference, but not that many people attend,” Nguyen said. “It also doesn’t help that we don’t always get the funding we need from the school or support from other [ethnic-based] clubs and groups on campus to make it a bigger event.”

Student artists Ngan Ho and Milenka Castro displayed artwork at the conference.

“As a Vietnamese-American I found belonging and identity in my art,” Ho told the audience.

Ho also talked about what it meant as a woman of color to find her third culture. She explained her first culture is American, her second is Vietnamese and her third is a coming together of both.

At the end of the conference, Nguyen invited everyone back for next year’s conference. Despite the keynote speaker backing out at the last minute, trouble getting students to attend and not always getting the support needed, Nguyen is confident that just as women of color have always pushed through opposition and setback, Gamma Alpha Omega will do the same in continuing to host the Women of Color Conference.



Women of Color panel interact with students who attended the conference. | Sue Vuna

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A Fungal Wonderland in the KBR

Photos and copy by Aren Fikes

Members of Humboldt State's mycology club believe fungi can save the world. Educational workshops were held in the Kate Buchanan Room on Sunday during the Fourth Annual Spring Mushroom Fair. The HSU community had the opportunity to learn how to differentiate edible from toxic mushrooms, get informed about mycoremediation (the eliminating or converting pollutants into non-harmful compounds via fungi) and could even walk away with mushroom cultivation kits.

"When I say the world of mycology is unfathomably fascinating and magical, that is an understatement," club president and botany major Bennett Collings said.

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A Tying of the Body and Soul

Soma Spiritu Dance Concert

by Erick Montano

The first dance starts with a string instrument playing over speakers and a spotlight on one of the five dancers on stage. She spins as the other dancers are added into the dance one-by-one with their own spotlight. Their bodies move in unison with the strumming of an instrument, extending, winding and using the Van Duzer Theatre stage to paint a story without words. Each dance is completely unique at the Soma Spiritu Dance Concert.

The idea for the show's title came from the Latin word "soma" (body) and "spiritu" (soul), and the overall tying of the body and the spirit. The complete show is put on by the "Dance Production Class" which is taught how to put on a full production from beginning to end. Each dance works as its own separate play with some of the inspiration for the dances stemming from personal experiences, families and even social justice issues.

At the end of the fall semester, any of the dancers in the choreography class or the dance program can audition for the spring concert. The show is almost completely choreographed by students, with this year's group having eight student choreographers and two faculty members.

"The majority of the dancers are students here and we try to hold this concert to a higher level," Jonny Wisan, one of the student choreographers, said. "Everybody dancing in it is basically at a pre-professional level of



Dancers Lisa Drew, Ginger Greenlee, Kassie Guimang, Nathalie Mostrel, Bekah Staub, and Moira Winchell perform "Idiosyncrasy" choreographed by Emily Mensing. | Alex Hasenstab

dance."

Claire Patterson choreographed and presented her "Magna Feminam Artifex" dance at the American College Dance festival where it was chosen as one of the top 10 dances in the western states. It showcased the pain and silence women feel through oppression.

"It was featured in their Gala performance, in which they show the best of the best type thing," Sharon Butcher, the dance concert director and head of the dance department, said.

Twelve dancers were taken to the regional dance competition show and three pieces were presented.

"All of my friends who teach at other universities would come up to me and say, 'Your Humboldt kids are the greatest, they take class with the best spirit, they're so into

it and all about taking chances,'" Butcher said.

Soma Spiritu evoked a range of emotion from humor to sadness and everything in between. "Passing Through" played on the movement of time and a clock, with every move tight and synchronized. "Idiosyncrasy" was fast-paced with gyrating movements and comical hands almost reminiscent of the Victorian era. The Virgin Mary danced around in white to angelic music as she awaited her faith from God in "Gratia Incarnare," which was choreographed by Wisan.

"I felt completely mesmerized by the movement and emotions of each piece," Adam Wojtczak, a student at HSU said.

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The CBD story

by Patrick Maravelias

Weed that doesn't get you high—what a time to be alive.

Marijuana strains that produce little to no THC (tetrahydrocannabinol) are being cultivated in mass quantities for the purpose of extracting the CBD (cannabidiol) oils, which do not produce any psychoactive effects and are being used to treat severe ailments like epilepsy and schizophrenia.

Nathan Whittington is chairman of the Humboldt chapter of the California Grower's Association and owns Ladybug Herbal Sanctuary Co-op Inc. in Ferndale, where medical cannabis is grown and cultivated. He researches the effects of CBDs and is working toward creating a standardized system of dosing in order to produce a cleaner, more consistent product.

"Here in Humboldt we're known for having the best quality products," Whittington said. "That translates to better oils and tinctures for patients."

CBD oils are used for everything from anti-inflammatories and anti-convulsants to therapeutic lotions and chapsticks. A UK-based company, GW Pharmaceuticals, produces a high-CBD tincture spray called Epidiolex, which was just classified as an orphan drug by the Food and Drug Administration, meaning it has been granted permission to be used in rare cases.

This is a huge milestone in the movement

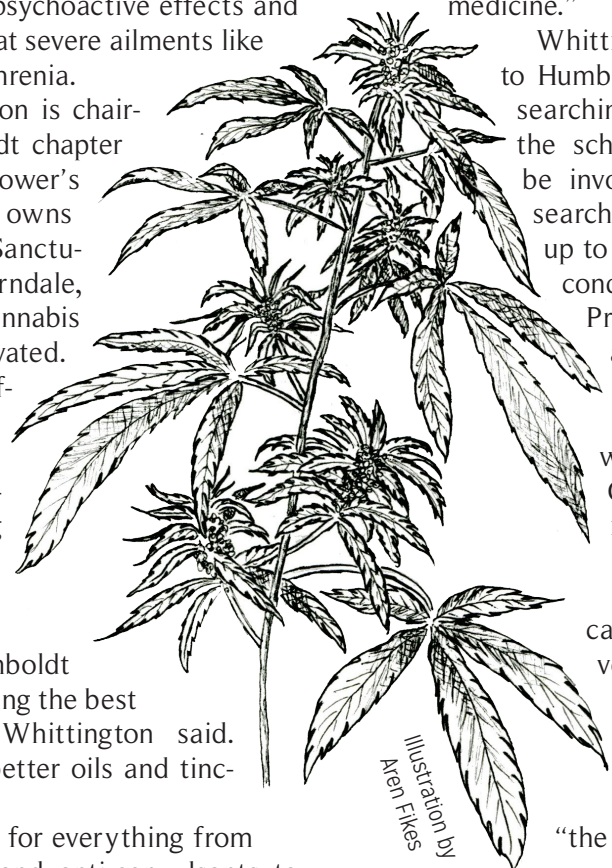
for medical cannabis use and Whittington believes Humboldt County could be essential in the future of CBD production.

"GW Pharmaceuticals is opening the door," Whittington said. "The goal is meeting patient needs and providing them with clean medicine."

Whittington reached out to Humboldt State to start researching CBDs but he said the school did not want to be involved in cannabis research. As of right now, it's up to private researchers to conduct their own studies.

Programs like The Dosage Project, Humboldt DNA and MediCann are all working towards standardizing CBD products through independent studies and awareness efforts.

Although the school can't be officially involved, Whittington encourages students to seek out and participate in these programs as they are "the future of Humboldt."



More information regarding The Dosage Project can be found at www.thecesc.org

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WORD ON THE STREET

Compiled by Erick Montano

What do you think about the weed culture in Humboldt County?



Anayantzín Sanchez: "I think it's very liberal and everybody is just free to express themselves and I think it's nice to be in a different area and just a different environment."



Erik Aguirre: "With 4/20 coming up, a couple of years ago people still frowned down upon it, and now it's basically becoming a national holiday. People have their own opinions about doing things and they should feel free to do what they want."



Caroline Miller and Lasmin Louriene: "I think it's interesting. It's great to see how people have open minds about it and accept it and don't judge a lot. Like, we are from Brazil, so we have a totally different point of view from that. They're very strict in Brazil."



Ben Skillman: "It's very prominent everywhere. It's very hard to get away from and it's very pervasive and deep within Humboldt. It's not really for me but it brings a different experience and different viewpoint."



Yuliana Barreto: "I love how inconspicuous yet casual it is. Around every corner there's a grower."



Tina Gonzales: "Well, I don't smoke but I just don't care, everyone is free to do whatever they want."



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b) 27 percent
c) 61 percent
2. Cannabis is a member of what plant family?

a) Cannasativa
b) Cannabaceae
c) Cannaindica
3. What is the ratio of medical marijuana dispensaries to Starbucks in Colorado?

a) 1 to 1
b) 3 to 1
c) 1 to 3
4. What does THC stand for?

a) Tetrahydrocannabinol
b) Tetrahydrocannabinoid
c) Tetrahydracannabinol
5. What does CBD stand for?

a) Cannabidinoid
b) Cannabidiol
c) Cannabidinol
6. When was THC discovered?

a) 1851
b) 1926
c) 1964
7. Which president supposedly grew cannabis?

a) George Washington
b) Abraham Lincoln
c) Andrew Jackson
8. Can you put these sizes in order from smallest to largest?

a) Eighth, Gram, Quarter, Half, Ounce, Pound
b) Gram, Ounce, Eighth, Quarter, Half, Pound
c) Gram, Eighth, Quarter, Half, Ounce, Pound
9. What gender plant produces bud?

a) Female
b) Male
c) Both
10. What is the primary chemical difference between C. Indica and C. Sativa?

a) THC vs. CBD chemical composition
b) Indica has no THC
c) Ruderalis vs. Cannabaceae chemical composition

Each question is worth 42 points.
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1. (a), 2. (b), 3. (b), 4. (a), 5. (b), 6. (c), 7. (a), 8. (c), 9. (a), 10. (a)

Things that happened on 4/20

that have nothing to do with weed:

- ◆ 1841 - Edgar Allan Poe’s “Murders at the Rue Morgue” became the first detective story published

◆ 1871 - Congress passed the Ku Klux Act, allowing President Grant to use military force on the KKK

◆ 1889 - Adolf Hitler was born

◆ 1898 - President McKinley asked Congress for declaration of war with Spain

◆ 1902 - Marie and Pierre Curie isolated radium

◆ 1912 - Boston Red Sox played their first game in Fenway Park
- ◆ 1914 - The Ludlow Massacre

◆ 1926 - Warner Bros. and Western Electric released the Vitaphone, which was the first viable technology for sound in film

◆ 1999- The Columbine shooting happened at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado

◆ 2008 - Danica Patrick became the first woman to win an IndyCar race at the Japan 300

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Why Marijuana but Not Steroids?

What's up with the athletic drug testing policy at HSU?

by Paul Matli

Waking up to an early morning text saying you have been randomly selected for the monthly athletic drug test--wonderful news to wake up to.

There are several things wrong with the athletic drug testing policy at Humboldt State. Since this is the Lumberjack's annual 420 issue, it makes sense for an athlete to give his perspective on the drug testing policy.

I don't have a problem with the policy itself. It's required by the NCAA and we sign a form saying we won't partake in drug use.

The thing is, why does it matter if athletes smoke weed? Athletes are college students. They are going to do the same things normal students do. As long as performance doesn't suffer, it shouldn't be a big deal.

HSU requires every athlete to adhere to a specialized drug test. The athlete pees in a cup and then the sample is analyzed to see if

the athlete is clean.

Where I have a huge problem is the point behind the drug test. HSU's athletic department is stricter about a positive test for marijuana than they are for an athlete testing positive for performance-enhancing drugs (PED), while other universities require a year-long ban for PED and other drug use.

The HSU athletics department said, in a past Lumberjack article, their program is about educating student athletes about the effects of drugs and alcohol. I'm not faulting this thinking, it's just misguided. They are missing the point of drug testing.

Weed doesn't give an athlete any physical advantage; steroids do. Weed has long-term effects, but those effects don't include stunted growth and heart damage.

HSU should educate athletes about the dangers of PED use and

follow the models of other universities. PED use should be frowned upon. Weed use among athletes shouldn't.

If I found out someone in a track race with me was juiced or giving themselves a competitive advantage, I would be livid because they are cheating themselves and the game. If I found out somebody in a track race with me was a stoner, I couldn't care less. There are lots of professional athletes who blaze: Josh Gordon, Le'veon Bell and Martavis Bryant, just to name a few. These NFL athletes have gotten busted for pot numerous times because the NFL has a bogus drug testing policy.

Another problem I have with the drug testing policy is that you have only a day's notice before you have to take the drug test. Once an athlete gets the text message, they have less than 24 hours to get

clean if they need to.

Once the athlete pees in a cup, the athletic trainers take the sample and examine it in a lab. If the athlete is guilty, they have a meeting with the athletic directors, athletic trainers and the head coach of their sport. Next, the athlete has to go through a drug testing class, which is supposed to educate them about drug use. Finally, the athlete has a month to get clean before their next drug test. When they fail a drug test, they usually have to retake it again in a month. If they fail again, they will be suspended for a certain number of games or meets.

The Athletic Department spends most of its time figuring out which athletes smoke and which ones don't, while ignoring a more pressing issue. Performance-enhancing drug use should be the number-one reason why athletes are tested. Busting athletes who like to blaze it once in awhile isn't going to solve anything.

HSU athletics means well with their drug testing policy, they just have the wrong idea of what's important and what's irrelevant.

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OPINION page

To Each Their Own *But let us breathe*

by Leo Piceno

"You're heading to Humboldt? Make sure you light one up for me," is a summary of what was said to me when friends and family asked me about attending Humboldt State.

There are a lot of people who have no idea where Arcata or Humboldt County is, or that it even exists. But those who do know about Humboldt know it is extremely green and it is known for its weed.

Every college has people who smoke marijuana, but the reputation HSU gets almost made me second-guess myself when I was accepted to come here. The reason was the fear of not being able to land a job because of how marijuana is viewed by so many others in bigger cities.

Also, heading back home to hear nothing but played-out jokes about marijuana is annoying. I am just here to get my education. I don't want to end up like the boys back home.

I just want to make this clear, though: we are not passing judgment. One has the right to their own preferences--as in we would never smoke weed--but to each their own.

Bryan Eslao, a senior studying elementary education, does not care if people smoke weed as long as it doesn't negatively affect him. However, he dislikes seeing it affect someone's performance.

"I hate when people who are under the influence of weed can't contribute to the task at hand," Eslao said, "like in class discussions, group work or sports. If smoking weed hinders your performance when you are expected to perform, you shouldn't do it in the first place."

Professional athletes seem to have trouble grasping this. NFL star receiver Josh Gordon, who

plays for the Cleveland Browns, reportedly failed another drug test before being reinstated to the league after his year-long suspension for failing his last test.

Arizona Cardinals defensive back Tyrann Mathieu used to have the same problem, but cleaned his act up after it endangered his future career. In an interview with Fox reporter Jay Glazer, Mathieu opened up about his problems with marijuana.

"When the distractions seemed overwhelming, I just ran to the marijuana to settle me back down," Mathieu said in the interview. "But sitting in rehab made me realize that I was losing more than I was gaining."

Marijuana does have some health benefits like decreasing anxiety and treating bowel diseases, but that doesn't cut it for us.

Frank Muzio, a junior majoring in zoology, says marijuana is a great medicinal tool that should be legalized, but since he's not injured or suffering from anything, it's not for him.

"I personally don't think inhaling smoke is healthy," Muzio said. "I don't like that it takes me out of my normal state of mind."

Barbara Curiel, critical race, gender and sexuality studies professor at HSU, says the legalization of marijuana is inevitable and it would minimize problems with illegal drug trade. She also believes the drug isn't for everybody.

"It's like alcohol," Curiel said. "Some people abuse it and it creates problems."

She doesn't light one up either.

"It just doesn't catch my attention," Curiel said.

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HSU Engineering Students Win First Place Toilet Trophy at International Competition

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year, the University of Nevada, Reno, hosted the competition at its campus on April 8.

HSU's team competed against top universities like UC Berkeley, UC Davis and Tonji University from Shanghai, China, which was the favorite to win.

The Mid-Pac categories include a steel bridge competition where teams must construct a 20-foot bridge, a concrete canoe competition, where teams must design and race a canoe made out of concrete, and wastewater treatment which HSU competed in this year.

The task each team faced in the wastewater treatment portion of the competition was seemingly straightforward: filter water mixed with oil, yeast, cornstarch, soda and soil, and produce the best water quality results.

Things got tricky when teams were given a limited list of supplies to use and told they must find results in the quickest time possible.

"We looked at the ingredients and determined that chemical treatment would be most effective," Joshua Martinez, one of the team's co-captains, said, who took on the roll of developing what chemical treatment should be used.

Each team member played a major role in the team's overall victory and relished in the opportunity to apply the skills they had worked so hard on over the past few months.

"It's scary how prepared we were going into the competition," Ray Rios, an upperclassman on the team, said. "We wanted to set the bar high and put pressure on the other teams to make them nervous."

Rios's role was in the construction of the filter itself during the competition, as well as preparing all of the chemicals used for treatment.



Humboldt State's winning team. Back row: David Rivera, Joshua Martinez, Jacob Hurd. Middle row: Kelly Fuentes, Cristina Olivares, Ray Rios, Yaad Rana, Eunice Romero. Bottom Row: Tony Mitchell III, Noe Martinez, Josue Candelario. | Provided by HSU ERE Department

Though the HSU team brought many awards home from Reno, some participants in this year's win have reflected on how the year went and how determined they are to do better next time around.

"I feel like I didn't put as much time as I could have into it," David Rivera, an upperclassman and participant in the construction portion of the competition, said. "When it got hard for us, the seniors really helped to take the pressure off of us."

Kelly Fuentes, a junior and participant in the poster presentation portion of the competition, wants the best for her team next time around.

"Next year we want to sweep everything," Fuentes said.

"We wanted to set the bar high and put pressure on the other teams to make them nervous."

— Ray Rios
ERE Team Member



Humboldt State's winning filter from the Mid-Pac competition in Reno, Nevada on April 8, 2016. | Provided by HSU ERE Department

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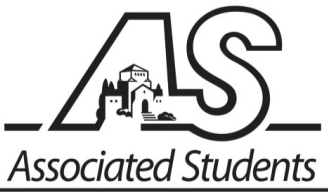
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Baseball: America’s Never Ending Past Time

by Brian Cohen

Taiki Nomura winds up slowly, raising his arms high above his head while taking a small step with his left foot behind the pitching rubber. With grace, he strides and rifles a fastball to his catcher, Eigo Hiraoka. The sound from the smack of the glove echoes the field. “Strike!” the umpire yells.

Nomura’s father sits in the stands, having come all the way from Japan to watch his son play baseball in America. He used to play professional baseball in Japan for the Yokohama Baystars and was an all-star pitcher. After making the long journey, he cheers for his son and the three other Japanese players he has helped coach. He even went down to the dugout a few times during the game to give the guys advice.

Eito Tanaka, Takumi Ohki, Eigo Hiraoka and Taiki Nomura are four Japanese players on the club baseball team at Humboldt State. They came to study English at HSU’s International English Language Institute; however, they will say they came to play baseball. The four played together in Japan and would be playing together at the same school if they were not here. All of them are freshmen and would not get much playing time in Japan, so making the trip to Humboldt gave them a chance to play together and get on the field.

Joey Shepard, a coach and four-year player on the Jacks club baseball team, noted that they are the loudest ones on the field.

“Their chemistry is amazing, they can communicate through the game,” Shepard said. “Their baseball IQ is off the charts, too.”

Nomura yelled from the dugout to Hiraoka on third base, “Metal!” in reference to him using a metal bat instead of wood. Hiraoka replied with “Cheat!” as they both started busting up with laughter.

Tanaka explained that they



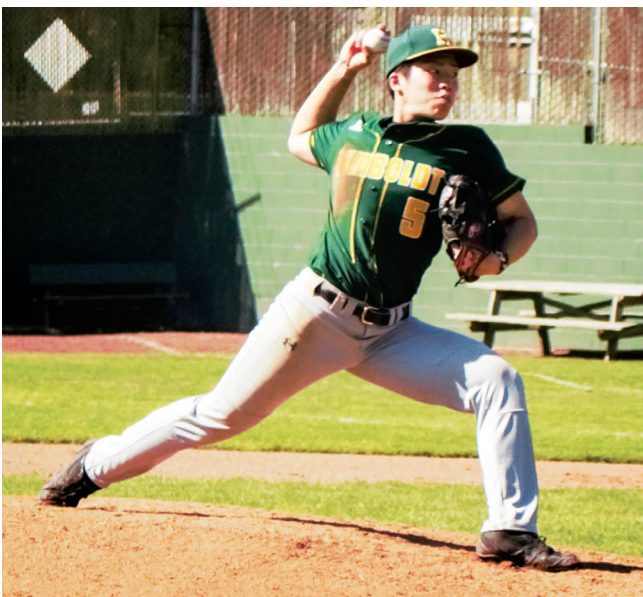
Taiki Nomura lines a shot into the right center gap for an RBI double on Sunday. | Brian Cohen

only use wood bats at this level and in high school. He also laughed when saying a metal bat is cheating, which shows a difference in the style of baseball between the cultures. Americans use metal bats until the professionals, while that is like cheating in Japan.

Jacks player Jack Aitchison said the Japanese players are all very humble and don’t always take credit for their skills.

Tanaka credited all the great plays he made to luck alone.

“They are the biggest characters and the funniest guys on the team. They also have an incredible work



Eigo Hiraoka bringing the heat in the rubber match on Sunday at the Arcata Ballpark. | Brian Cohen

ethic,” Aitchison said. “It is an honor to play with them.”

Jason Caria met the Japanese players through his wife, Alice.

Alice is part of the International English Language Institute at HSU.

Caria went to a Dodgers and Giants baseball game in San Francisco with the players. One of their favorite players in baseball was pitching, and that happened to be Kenta Maeda, who is a pitcher from Japan, also in his first year playing baseball in the United States.

“We were there early during warmups before a lot of people were,” Caria said. “Maeda was on the field and they all were yelling something in Japanese to him. Maeda came

right over and talked to them, asking them why they were in the U.S. and gave them all autographs. It was an awesome moment to see them and Maeda connect.”

Dom Crabtree has become friends with them since they all joined the team around the same time.

“They are great people and just want to have a good time. All they want is to have fun and play baseball,” Crabtree said. “They are very stoked to be here and appreciate the opportunity they are in, not taking it for granted.”

The Jacks club baseball team has one more home series at the Arcata Ballpark where the Crabs play. The games will be played on Saturday at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Sunday at 10 a.m.

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Talking ‘bout Playoffs?

Intramural soccer at HSU enters the 2016 postseason

by Joseph Marmolejo

The scene is set. It is 8 p.m. on the warm spring evening of April 17 in Humboldt State’s historic Redwood Bowl. A calm night without a cloud in the sky provides the ideal backdrop for this semester’s rendition of the playoffs. HSU student athletes take center-stage in this postseason intramural performance.

Like any other great production, the 2016 playoffs would not be possible if it were not for the contributions of the dedicated cast and crew, namely the lead actor and actress, the supporting roles, the executive producer, the director and, of course, the fans.

Fans have been raving over the performance of Kianna Hargreaves, a junior wildlife major and member of the HSU women’s rugby team. Hargreaves is currently playing her second semester of intramural soccer as a defender and goalkeeper.

“I love Soccer,” Hargreaves said. “I’ve played for 13 years and it’s great to be able to get back into it.”

Hargreaves has a fanbase called the “Peanut Gallery,” which consists of five of her rugby teammates. The gallery was loud throughout the match,

cheering, chanting and providing standing ovations.

After making a big play on defense, Hargreaves yelled, “I love my Peanut Gallery,” in the direction of her fan club.

Additional support for Hargreaves came from Alejandro Jimenez, Hargreaves’ teammate, and for the sake of this performance, our supporting male actor. The artist formerly known as “Alex” is a senior wildlife major and has been playing soccer since he was 4 years old.

“If the ball goes to it, I play it,” Jimenez said when asked which position he plays. “I have a passion for the game. I’ve played, I’ve trained, I’ve coached. I’ve even ref’d.”

Sharing Jimenez’s passion for soccer is the game’s referee Gregory O’Neill, a senior environmental sciences major. Serving as the director of this production, O’Neill says that a ref’s attitude can directly dictate the tone and flow of a game.

“Say I were to be in an angry or bad mood, the players tend to play more aggressive than normal,” O’Neill said. “As a ref, I can really influence the game’s flow by encouraging the basic

principles of the soccer like spreading the ball around.”

The referee’s power to influence a game reaches far beyond the field of play and affects the fans in the bleachers and sidelines as well. This is the case for Gema Quiroz, a senior critical race , gender and sexuality studies major that fills the role of supporting actress in this game.

Quiroz is no stranger to intramural soccer at HSU as she has been supporting her friends’ teams since her freshman year. Throughout the game, Quiroz can be heard managing substitutions, giving advice and cheering for her friends on the team named the “High North” in English and Spanish.

“I communicate in Spanish with players so they can understand me better. I enjoy seeing them play well as a group,” Quiroz said. “I’m not a coach, but I’m also not a cheerleader. I’m a leader that cheers.”

One of those friends is Mario Sanchez, a junior physics major, captain of the High North and the productions lead male actor. Sanchez applies concepts of physics learned in his major courses, but believes performing well in soccer is dependent on the combination



Students compete in the Redwood Bowl for the intramural soccer playoffs. | Joseph Marmolejo

of intuition and experience. Lucky for Sanchez, the intramural soccer program has provided the right platform for him to grow and shine as a soccer player.

“I started playing soccer when I was a freshman in the dorms,” Sanchez said. “Even though this is the C-League and it is advertised toward beginners, there are plenty of players qualified to play in the A or B Leagues.”

The executive producer role for these playoffs is filled by an intramural sports employee, Evan Ponce, a junior history major from Mission Viejo. In addition to refing other intramural sports, Ponce is tasked with registering teams, issuing uniforms, recording scores and

distributing the championship T-shirts.

“Intramurals reflect the active-mindedness of the school. They are great because there are a lot of options including basketball, flag football and dodgeball. It’s also flexible, which allows it to fit your schedule,” Ponce said. “It gets competitive and intense but it’s still fun. Everybody gets a chance to play, and that’s the what’s most important.”

Students coming together to play the sport they love: this is the foundation of intramural sports.

“It’s a good release. We can focus on something other than school,” O’Neill said. “I love intramurals. They really embody the sport of soccer.”

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EDITORIAL

420 in Humboldt County

When people think of Humboldt County, we all know the first thing that comes to their mind. Like Idaho has potatoes and New Orleans has Mardi Gras, Humboldt has marijuana. It’s simply a part of the culture. Whether good or bad, it’s here to stay.

Weed is so much a part of the culture here that outsiders just assume everyone living here smokes. But for students moving to Humboldt County to go to college, it is easy to find out what you are getting into. Is there any way to go through all the university research, admission process and spring preview without hearing about the marijuana up here? Humboldt County isn’t a part of the Emerald Triangle for no reason.

While it might be a little annoying to some students that the university is constantly linked with marijuana, HSU isn’t necessarily taking steps to remove that stigma. If anything, it’s embracing it and turning the county’s pot past into a

positive research area. We have one of the first marijuana research institutes in California here at HSU.

The county itself doesn’t seem to mind the stereotype, either. In fact, they expand on it by having events in the area such as The Humboldt County Cup and the recent Cannifest, which was the first event in the larger, still ongoing Humboldt Green Week.

Let’s face the facts. The weed culture in Humboldt County comes with the territory. HSU and Arcata more than likely wouldn’t be what they are today without the marijuana industry having such a big impact on all things Humboldt.

Whether you’re planning on partaking in any special activities today or if it is just another day to you, take time to think about how beautiful and unique Humboldt County is. The marijuana industry has allowed an odd, yet cool, environment to crop up. We should feel lucky to live in a time where we can observe and experience it.

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In “Easy Bus It!” Shane Kelly’s name was misspelled.



It’s that time of the year. In case you didn’t know, Humboldt is known for a certain kind of plant that grows here. That’s right, the redwoods. These are the perfect songs to listen to while rolling a joint (like your ankle). Or to listen to while you’re getting baked (pastries from the oven). Or while you’re super high (flying in an airplane). No matter how you look at it, this list of songs is perfect to listen to on this completely normal and irrelevant day: April 20.

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Freedom or Government

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by Jeremy Fischer

“A government big enough to give you everything you want is big enough to take away everything you have,” -Thomas Jefferson.

Time for some blunt honesty: every day you breathe is another day you are mugged without consent. Every day you receive your income, spend your income, own your property, sell your car or even die, you are taxed time and time again by the government without your express consent. The government calls it “taxes,” but it’s common knowledge that if you do not give your consent, then taking is just plain stealing. If you do not agree with the systematic stealing, the government has military-style men, paid with the very money they stole from you, to coerce your conformity via threat or baton.

Where does the money go? Glad you asked! It goes right to an institution responsible for approximately 112,667 civilian casualties in the Iraq war; The same institution that spends about 54 percent of its budget on its military and possesses enough nuclear firepower to level the planet in a heartbeat. The United States government has enough nukes that could end the human race faster than you can say “taxation without representation.”

It’s even more appalling that some of this money comes from stealing from you, while the rest comes from the Federal Reserve rapidly printing currency that directly devalues your money. But at least the government pays for some of your college, right? Nope, nothing is free. That money comes from stealing and inflation as well.

In World War I there were around 65 million people killed, and in World War II, there were around 70 million people killed. Who started these conflicts? Was it the corporations our culture is always raging against? Nope, you guessed it, it was the govern-

ments, of course. The governments on Earth have caused the most destruction to the planet, as well as the human race, over any other force.

The difference between the government and the mafia is that the government’s actions are “legal.” Lets go local—in 2014 United States police killed approximately 1,029 people while only 18 people have died from terrorist attacks in the United States. Tit for tat, whether the killing was justified or not on the police’s part, the fact is you were 57 times more likely to die from your own government than from terror attacks in 2014.

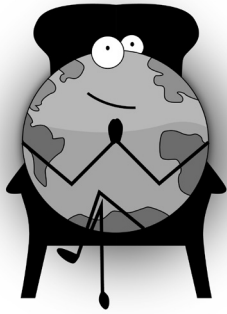
How can we justify this monopoly on coercion anymore? The government controls the money supply, the military, the education system and, especially, our freedoms. The creation of peace does not start by consolidating all of the power, giving it to one entity and saying, “Don’t be corrupt now, ya hear?” Absolute power corrupts absolutely, so why have such a power structure at all?

The existence of evil can never justify the existence of the government.

- a) If there is no evil, then the government is unnecessary.
- b) If evil exists, then the government is far too dangerous to be allowed to exist.

If these statistics disturb you, as they have me, then use that feeling to have a positive conversation with someone. These are real issues, although they make some people feel “uncomfortable.” Selfless duty calls us to sacrifice our own comfort and personal desires for the sake of our species and even our planet. We can govern ourselves without the threat of violence or coercion from someone in a position of power.

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Climate Corner

‘Earth is Actively Burning Week’ 2016: Time to Wake Up

by Alec Howard

This week, let’s all take some time out of our lives and focus our mental energy on something more important than tests or homework: restoring peace and sanity to the planet. Let’s slow down a bit and think twice about our daily decisions. We should all get outside, enjoy our surroundings and ponder the planet.

But after you take a moment to enjoy the weather, chew on this: we have all been duped. We are all victims of complex, multi-million dollar, multi-decadal campaigns to mislead public perception about climate change, fight policies that would address climate change and persuade us into not acting. It’s disgusting. Documents leaked by the Center for International Environmental Law from companies like ExxonMobil are beginning to connect the climate dots and better explain our collective submission to planetary destruction.

People vaguely understood that companies were corrupting politicians and influencing media, but now we are beginning to understand the precise nature of this problem and how many of us have been affected by it. Think about it: what is influencing your narrative of climate change? Likely it has nothing to do with the latest climate science. Even some of us who think we understand climate change have been fooled by what Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse of Rhode Island calls the “Climate Denial Beast.”

Sheldon said, “When the inevitable happens and the impact of climate change really starts to hit home, people will want to know... Why? Why didn’t we take the proper steps in time? This denial operation, the beast, will then go down as one of our great American scandals, a deliberate, complex scheme of lies and propaganda that caused real harm to the American people, all so that a small group of people could make more money for a little longer.”

Climate science is developing faster than governments are reporting it and the developments are genuinely scary. The scariest part is that nobody around me is scared. It’s like living in a twilight zone where my reality is completely different from everyone else’s, except it’s not. The federal and state governments are not looking out for us, and neither are most adults. They, too, are victims of the beast.

Adults should have the responsibility to recognize this problem and act decisively, yet most of them resign themselves to the ill-informed and uneducated decision to delay action. Young people need to stand up for their rights and realize that adults are not looking out for us and we are being completely misguided.

Many people will say, “I already know all of this,” but if you already know we are facing mass migration and extinction, why the hell are you still perpetuating the problem? It’s probably because you’ve adopted the idea we can’t fix the problem or some other mainstream excuse that justifies your lack of action, which is exactly what the beast has taught you to do. Ideas not coupled with action are meaningless. We need to wake up and act now.

Make no mistake—this is the most important time of our lives and every decision we make right now has lasting impacts. Every second counts. It is no longer sane to pretend we are safe or going to be okay. The real world is more unforgiving than we like to think. We either act now, fight and break free from this stupid system or we perish like fools, walking head-on into a catastrophe with unimaginable suffering in an apocalyptic scenario we could only attempt to compare to movies we’ve watched.

Climate change should have our full attention and yet we have been conditioned to accept small, incremental change and allow ourselves to be distracted by the educational, economic and political systems that hinder meaningful change. These systems do not allow for transformational change and that kind of change is exactly what we need. Now is our last chance to save the planet. If you knew you could break free from these systems and save the planet and you were actually just misled into thinking you couldn’t, would you do something? The choice is yours. For the kids’ sake, wake up and act now.

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Lost in Germany

Lost in school

by Ricardo Cruz

I have finally begun my next semester at the University of Stuttgart. In Germany, the second semester of the year typically begins in March or April.

I had a really nice, long vacation. But now I have to go back to Humboldt next semester, which means I have to be back by mid-August. Wait...can someone remind me when the second semester ends here in Stuttgart? Oh right, Aug. 31. This means no break, no vacation, no anything. After a long grueling semester, I will take a horrible 14-hour flight back to California where I will jump right into the next semester. I have already made plans to finish everything up here in Germany to be able to go back in time, but I am pissed.

But enough of that. What is going on in Stuttgart? Oh, I am so glad you asked. Frühlingsfest is starting up. This translates to “Spring Festival.” The festival is essentially a much better Oktoberfest. Tourists basically take over Oktoberfest, but Frühlingsfest has all the fun without the millions of Americans. I still find it weird seeing people in Lederhosen just walking around super drunk. But then again, I cannot really make fun of them because I do cosplay at Anime Expo.

Speaking of geeky crap, Comic-Con is having a convention here in Stuttgart!

Am I going? Do you even need to ask?

But I guess people wanna hear more about Germany, so here it goes! Get this, I am taking “Voices of Resistance: Aboriginal Literature and Postcolonial Narratives” here in Stuttgart. It is a strange experience hearing Europeans talk about European colonialism. I do not know what I was expecting but... it was pretty on point.

They confront their history head on. Some of the words they use, though, like “hybrid” and “half-blood” (I’m like, what the fuck, is this Harry Potter?). These words were in reference to mixed-race people. I could tell there was no malice involved. I just told myself that it is a different culture with different terminology. You have to remember that racism and prejudice have different systems in other countries. It does not work like it does in the states.

It might surprise you that many white people in Europe (but especially the U.K.) experience prejudice. They find it difficult to get jobs because they have Eastern European names or Greek names.

Alright, see you guys later. Next time I’ll recount a few of my dating escapades: German guys, so cute!

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puzzles page



by Jami Eiring

Where is this?



This photo was taken somewhere on the Humboldt State campus. Do you know where? Email your answer to thejack@humboldt.edu with the subject "ATTN: Where is this?"

Please send us your selfie at the location!

Stumping Lumberjacks
Weekly Brain Teaser

Game created by Ian Bradley
Compiled by Jami Eiring

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Use the image to guess the word or phrase. Pay attention to the size and position of the clues (top/bottom/left/right), repetition, direction (up/down/backwards/forwards), and the style.
Examples: "P walk Ark" would be "walk in the park" or "DEAL" would be "big deal"
Email your answer to thejack@humboldt.edu with the subject "ATTN: Stumping Lumberjacks"

Last issue's answer was "TRY TO UNDERSTAND"

PUN OF THE WEEK

The other day I held the
door open for a clown.
I thought it was a nice
jester.

Weekly Sudoku

Difficulty: medium

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	8					9	4	

Last Issue's winners

Where is this?
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Stumping Lumberjacks
Abraham Fernandez

Trivia
Leslie Farrar

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RIDDLE

The maker makes it, but doesn't need it.
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The user uses it, but doesn't know that he is using it.

What is it?

Trivia Questions

- 1) Who is the only woman of color in the astronomy and physics department at HSU?
- 2) Where did the name for the dance show come from?
- 3) What is the biproduct of burning methane hydrates?
- 4) What team did Taiki Nomura's father play for in Japan?

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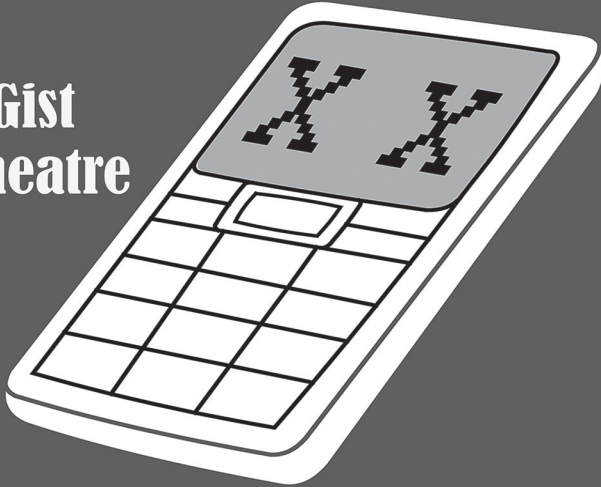
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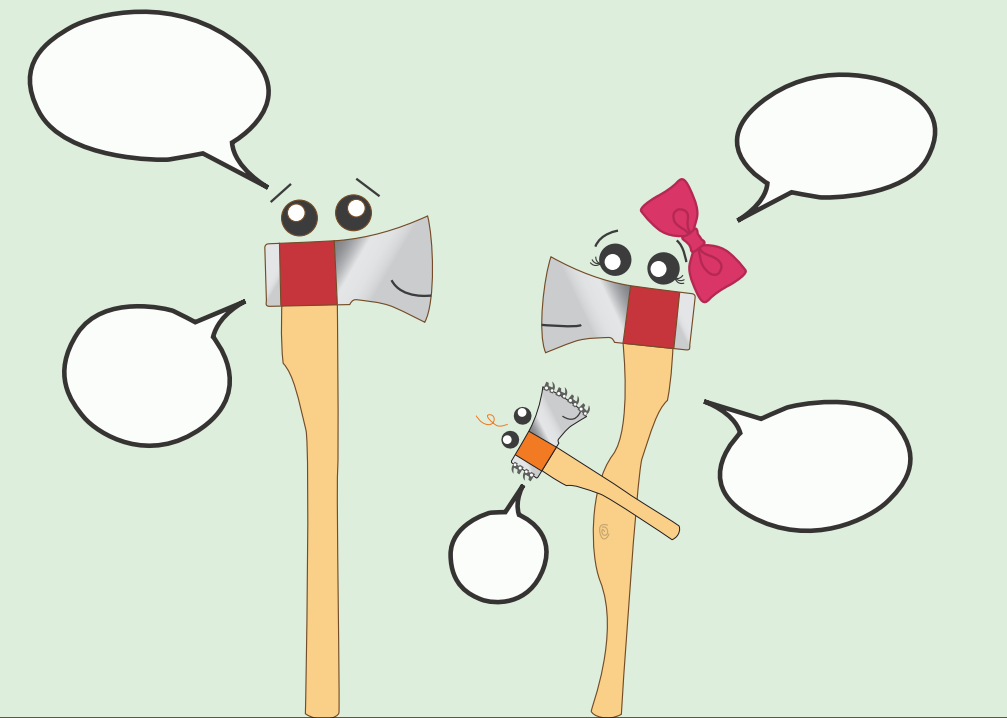


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Cartoon by Jami Eiring

Calendar

Wednesday, April 20

HSU Dining Gets Mason Jars

Starting on Wednesday, all Humboldt State dining locations will no longer sell single-use plastic cups. Coffee will be sold for \$1.50. You can buy a mason jar for 75 cents or a paper cup for \$1.

Wednesday, April 20

Trailer Park Boys Marathon

Celebrate the Humboldt holiday with some laughs. "Let's get drunk and eat chicken fingers!"

4:30 p.m. - 12 a.m.
Richards' Goat Tavern & Tea Room and Miniplex
(401 I St., Arcata)
FREE

Wednesday, April 20

Late Night Comedy Jam

Get some laughs in while puffing some vape. This is part of Chronic Comedy Week.

11 p.m.
BigFish Vapor Lab (744 Ninth St., Arcata)
FREE

Wednesday, April 20 - Saturday, April 23

Humboldt Film Festival

The Minor Theatre is reopening for the Humboldt Film Festival! Different genre films will be shown each night. Look at the complete schedule at www.hsufilmfestival.com

7 p.m. each night
Minor Theatre (101 H St., Arcata)
\$5

Thursday, April 21

Green Bling Upcycled Jewelry

Dive into SCRAP's odds and ends jewelry or bring your own to be revamped. Learn basic beading and wire working skills by local jewelry designer Gina Rios.

5:30 - 7 p.m.
SCRAP Humboldt (101 H St., Arcata)
\$10 (includes materials and tools)

Thursday, April 21 - Saturday, April 23

Casual Magic: Clowns On Shuffle

The Humboldt Circus' spring show features juggling, clowning, flowing and more!

6 p.m. (each night)
Black Box Studio Theater (Van Duzer Building Room 115)
General: \$9
Kids: \$6
\$1 off with costume, handbill or student ID

Friday, April 22

Lecture on Arcata Dog Park

Learn about efforts to create a dog park in Arcata. Friends of the Arcata Marsh is sponsoring a public lecture. Lynnette Chen, a member of the Arcata Dog Park Working Group, is speaking.

7:30 p.m.
Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center (569 S. G St., Arcata)
FREE

Friday, April 22

The Velvet Touch, Blacksage Runners

Humboldt soul-rock superstars The Velvet Touch headlines with heavy blues rock trio Blacksage Runners at Humbrews in downtown. 21+

9 p.m. - 1 a.m.
Humboldt Brews (856 10th St., Arcata)
\$5

Friday, April 22

IdeaFest

More than 100 student and faculty members will showcase their work and research at IdeaFest. Peruse everything from poster presentations to performances and digital exhibits.

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