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MLK's legacy continues with the people

Communities of color rally and march on the streets highlighting issues of racism and injustice

by Freddy Brewster

The sun shined bright and warm on the morning of Jan. 21 as nearly 200 people showed up at the Humboldt county courthouse to commemorate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The event was put on by Centro del Pueblo, Justice for Josiah, NAACP and the Seven Generation Fund for the Rights of Indigenous People. Nathaniel McGuigan, a senior majoring in biology, was there to show his support.

“I am here to commemorate the radical legacy of Martin Luther King and to further demand justice for the family of Josiah Lawson,” McGuigan said.

The event kicked off at 10:30 a.m. with a speech from Yurok elder Jene L. McCovey. McCovey blessed the event and acknowledged some of the problems currently happening in the country such as the family separation policy and the migration problems at the U.S/Mexico border.



Renee Saucedo of Centro del Pueblo gives a speech at the Humboldt county courthouse on Jan. 21. Photo by Freddy Brewster

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Justice still sought for David Josiah Lawson

Community members honor Lawson at monthly vigil, discuss plans to pressure DA

by Tony Wallin

A dark and densely-clouded evening marked the 21 month anniversary of David Josiah Lawson's murder. On Jan. 15 at 5:30 p.m over 50 supporters of Justice For Josiah gathered in front of the Humboldt County Courthouse, where justice has yet to be served to the Lawson family.

“What brings us here to-night is love,” Renee Saucedo, a member of the steering committee for Centro Del Pueblo, said as the first speaker of the vigil. “Love for our people, love for our communities and resistance against racism, resistance against lies, resistance against a system that treats a family the way it has treated the Lawson family.”

It has been over nine weeks since the Arcata Police Department submitted its investigation of the stabbing death of David Josiah Lawson over to Humboldt County District Attorney Maggie Fleming. Lawson was stabbed multiple times at an off-campus house party on April 15, 2017, and no one has been charged for the crime.



Jan. 15 marked the 21 month anniversary of David Josiah Lawson's murder. Over 50 supporters of Justice For Josiah gathered at the Humboldt County Courthouse in remembrance. Photo by Tony Wallin

“I remain hopeful,” Saucedo said. “But I am shocked that after all this time the investigation in the department of justice that has DNA conclusion and opinions with law enforcement officers that the

Humboldt County DA hasn't pressed charges and brought justice for this family.”

When asked about new incoming students at Humboldt State, Saucedo said they will have to fight and

organize for justice like anywhere else. She said things can't change unless students demand change.

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The Village is back

Controversial student housing gets another attempt in Arcata

by Tony Wallin

In August of last year Arcata City Council voted against a proposed housing development called Village Student Housing Project, or simply “The Village.” Although the city council opposed The Village project, they reserved the notion that if changes were made in development plans they would reconsider, that time has come.

“What we are trying to do on the 30th is to bring community back together,” David Loya, director of community development for Arcata, said. “We want to get a sense of the concerns with the council and provide a working environment so our community can provide feedback to the council.”

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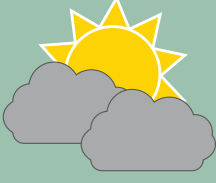

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JUSTICE

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“We are calling on DA Fleming to file charges now,” Saucedo said. “ And if she doesn’t then we as a community have to consider our options including exposing the negligence and abuse of power by using every strategy possible with love and respect that we will also try to hold them accountable. This is Charmaine’s (Lawson) wish and so it is my wish too.”

The new year marks the Humboldt County Courthouse as a new place for action for Lawson’s monthly vigils. Jill Larrabee, an organizer for Justice For Josiah who has been working side by side with Charmaine Lawson the last year, said the decision to switch to the courthouse was because the investigation is now with DA Fleming.

“We were going to Arcata City Hall because their investigation was so stalled and we needed to put pressure on the city itself,” Larrabee said. “Now that the investigation is handed over to DA Fleming it’s time to pressure her and we will be there until there is an arrest.”

Since the beginning of the case’s investigation there has been controversy involving how the APD handled the homicide. Tom Parker, a former FBI special investigator, was brought in to help but quickly resigned due to his frustrations with how the APD handled the case, with it being “clear they were holding back things and not telling me the truth.”

Former Arcata Police Chief, Thomas Chapman, also resigned and is currently in a lawsuit filed under Charmaine Lawson. Police Lieutenant Tod Dockweiler, Police Detective Eric Losey, Officer Krystle Armino, and City Manager Karen Diemer are also defendants.

Josiah’s criminal justice professor, Michihiro Clark Sugata, gave a speech that reflected the criminology major’s eagerness to learn and make a difference in the world.

“I remember the first day I met Josiah, he was intelligent, excited to be there and he just had this ease about him,” Sugata said. “As the weeks progress I became more and more impressed with Josiah in terms of having a real gravity about him, drawing people in.”

Sugata reminded the crowd that unfortunately, history shows us law and justice are not synonymous and one does not necessarily lead to the other. While reading a book about Baltimore and the death of Freddie Gray with his class, Sugata said he saw a clear engagement with Laswon taking in the material and asking himself ‘what’s it going to take to grow a better society?’ Sugata said he saw Lawson grow into that question throughout the 2016 fall semester.

“We have to find a way to bring Josiah’s question to light,” Sugata said. “We have to ask ‘what is it going to take?’ we need to center that and we really need to call for justice in ways that go beyond just following procedure. I’m not saying that’s not important but if history has shown us anything it’s justice requires bravery of everyday ordinary people.”

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PEOPLE

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The event at the courthouse featured a number of speakers from a variety of organizations. Renee Saucedo, volunteer organizer for Centro del Pueblo, was the first to take the stage after McCovey’s blessing and spoke of some of the problems people of color in Humboldt face.

“There is still racial profiling, racial bias, poverty and homelessness,” Saucedo said to the crowd. “By us being here today, we are showing that we are going to continue to fight to change these things.”

Deema Hindawi, a junior majoring in criminology and justice studies, also gave a speech detailing her experiences here in Humboldt. Hindawi spoke of micro-aggressions and how students of color feel othered in the community. Charmaine Lawson, mother of the late Josiah Lawson, was also in attendance and gave a riveting speech.

“I stand here still waiting for justice to be served and I’m not going anywhere,” Lawson said to a cheering crowd. “When we

VILLAGE

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Humboldt County, along with the entire state of California, is falling short for affordable housing while the wealth gap between rich and poor grows larger. According to the nonprofit Housing Association of Northern California, the state is short of 1.5 million affordable rental homes. Humboldt County needs 3,300 new housing units with 1,300 of those being for low-income residents, according to the California Department of Housing and Community Development. Loya said the staff at Arcata City Hall is excited to continue dialogue on The Village and that they support the project because of the housing crisis we are in.

“Students can’t find housing in Arcata,” Loya said. “They look to McKinleyville or Eureka and



Photo by Freddy Brewster

Deema Hindawi sharing her experiences in Humboldt County on Jan. 21.

send our children to college, we want them to come back alive.”

Lawson also demanded justice for Corey Clark and Garret Rodriguez; both victims of unsolved murders here in Humboldt. After the speeches a march took place, ending at the Adorni Center on Waterfront Drive in Eureka. The chiefs of police for Eureka and Arcata were in attendance, as well as Fifth District Supervisor Steve Madrone and Allen McCloskey, Union Leader for the National Health Care Workers. Brian Ahearn, chief of police for the

city of Arcata, said that he attended the event at the invitation of Steve Watson, Eureka’s chief of police.

“I’m here to build solidarity and to recognize Martin Luther King Jr., to remember Josiah Lawson and all victims of violence,” Ahearn said. “Today is about healing and continuing the process.”

Ahearn is fairly new to the area and has come in amidst a number of resignations from local law enforcement; most of whom have been involved with the Lawson case. Ahearn

has expressed a desire to build bridges and to tear down barriers between the community and law enforcement. Chief Steve Watson of Eureka PD expressed similar desires.

“I am here to support our community coming together,” Watson said. “Events like this are good to build bridges. I long for the day that these uniforms we have on are not feared.”

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Students can’t find housing in Arcata. They look to McKinleyville or Eureka and the city needs to play a role in fighting for student housing.”

— David Loya
Director of Community Development of Arcata

the city needs to play a role in fighting for student housing.”

The Village’s proposal was brought before the city council six times before being shut down by a split vote of two for and two abstaining with one vote absence. The city council received hundreds of letters and tens of hours of public testimony from divided community members. The original development plan for The Village was to be an off-campus student-only housing project, but city council members wanted the project to integrate more than just HSU students.

City council member Susan

Ornelas said in a letter written to The Village developer, David Moon, that “while we need student housing, we need every kind of housing in this community. We need professor housing, we need millennial professional housing, we need housing for young families.” Loya said Ornelas had discussions almost immediately with AMCAL after the project was opposed, addressing concerns with marketing housing instead of only student housing.

“The project was critiqued by quite a bit of people because of its expense,” Loya said. “But the reality is it’s expensive to live

anywhere in Arcata with the average rent being \$600-650 per room. The apartments on Foster Ave. are upwards of \$800 which isn’t really affordable to students, but that’s where they’re finding to live.”

According to the City of Arcata, the project owner has reconsidered its development plans and has modified the project to include both open market and student oriented development as well as other “substantial changes.” Loya said the meeting will be open to the public and the developers will be there to answer questions.

“We would love to hear students talk at the meeting and tell us any ideas they have about the project,” Loya said.

City council meeting on The Village will be January 30, 2019 | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. | Arcata City Hall Council Chamber | 736 F Street.

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CSU campuses enforce individual weed policies

by Freddy Brewster

From Nov. 30, 2016 to Nov. 29, 2018 University Police issued 81 citations for marijuana possession, according to a public records request. Five of those citations were issued to minors, 36 were issued to adults between the ages of 18 and 20, and 40 infractions were issued to people over 21 in a state where marijuana is legal.

“The rule in California is, you can possess up to one ounce of marijuana, but the campus can have their own policy and that can be different,” explained Adrian Kamada, Deputy District Attorney for Humboldt county. “Basically, with legalization it is decriminalized and not completely legal.”

California State Universities have the authority to enforce their own policies using the University Code of Rules and Regulations. According to the UCRR, HSU was granted the authority to “enact rules and regulations governing the conduct of all persons upon the campus in Arcata and upon the satellite areas under the jurisdiction of the [university] president.” Since the university is technically state property, it does not have to abide by local ordinances that govern the surrounding areas.

Angelica Preciado-Nessen, records and dispatch supervisor with UPD, said the university uses three to four laws to issue citations for marijuana possession on campus. Charge 11357 (A) (2) is used to charge for possession of marijuana or concentrates for adults ages 18-20, Charge 11357 (A) (1) is used to charge for possession by a minor and UCRR 5200 which states “any drug, narcotic or controlled substance... is prohibited on the university campus.”

“They’re all infractions, they go away after so many years,” Preciado-Nessen said. “If we do not choose to enforce them, the federal government can pull our funding. We would not be able to fund ourselves with just state funding.”

On Nov. 9, 2016 former Governor Jerry Brown signed Proposition 64, the Adult Use of Marijuana Act, allowing the recreational use of marijuana. This let individuals in California over 21 possess up to one ounce of marijuana and no more than 8 grams of cannabis concentrates.

“Under 18 is generally a diversion and drug education program, 18 to 20 is a ticket,” Deputy DA Kamada said. “Over one ounce and over 21 is a misdemeanor up to a \$500 fine and up to 6 months in jail. Same with



Photo by Freddy Brewster

A fresh marijuana plant “cola” is cut from the main stalk and prepared for drying on a farm in Northern California.

over 8 grams of concentrates.”

The public records request also revealed 34 complaints between August 2016 and December 2018 for marijuana smells, with most complaints coming from the Canyon and Jolly Giant common areas. There were 257 incidents where UPD responded to calls for suspected drug activity with 78 of them resulting in some sort of citation. Of the 257 incidents, 130 of them were called to the Canyon

and Jolly Giant areas. During that same time period, only one person was charged for selling marijuana and four people were charged with 11377 (A), possession of a controlled substance. Deputy DA Kamada said that individuals charged with 11377 (A) were most likely caught with meth, MDMA or mushrooms. Three people were charged with 11350 (A), most likely for possession of heroin or cocaine according to Deputy DA Kamada.

Snowy plovers fight for protection

by Cosette McCave

A snowy plover egg sits in a small burrow on Clam Beach. A raven creeps up on the lonely egg and pecks it in half. The scavenger slurps up the egg's contents and flies away before the father arrives back at the nest.

Alexa DeJoannis, President of the Redwood Region Audubon Society, gave a speech on the endangered snowy plover Friday Jan. 18 at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center. She began studying birds in southern California with the burrowing owls. DeJoannis later moved up to Humboldt County and applied to Humboldt State University for a master's program. DeJoannis graduated with a Master's in Wildlife. While there, her ornithology professor, Mark Colwell, introduced DeJoannis to researching snowy plovers. She has been in love with them ever since.

“I only study cute animals,” DeJoannis joked.

Many people use nature as a getaway from their stressful lives. The Humboldt Dunes are a great example of a peaceful place to take a stroll. The dunes are also an important place in our environment. Her speech discussed how the dunes slow wind and break storms when they crash in from the ocean. Dunes protect our roads and homes from these weather conditions.

Snowy plovers also rely on the dunes as their home. They dig holes in the sand to use as nests. Since snowy plovers are semi-migratory, they spend

a lot of time at their nests. DeJoannis emphasized how snowy plovers rely on their eyes to find food and watch for predators. The beach is their preferred habitat since it's nice and open. Unfortunately, European beach grass is taking over their ecosystem. Snowy plovers are being blinded by this invasive plant species, making them vulnerable to predation.

DeJoannis also discussed how people have a huge impact on the endangered snowy plover. Human litter has helped corvids, which are birds of the crow family thrive. Beaches became an attractive home for corvids such as ravens and crows because of this litter issue. Those large numbers of clever birds then began attacking the plover nests. Corvids found that a snowy plover egg is much tastier than the trash they were eating.

“Everybody deserves protection from predators,” DeJoannis explained.

Many nests have been destroyed by people not watching their steps. Snowy plovers nest right on the sand and expertly disguise their nests from predators. Therefore, many people are unaware that these creatures are right beneath their feet. People can look for small scoops in the sand with speckled eggs laid inside.

Snowy plovers like to have shells or wood around the nest to distract a predator's eye from their eggs. It is important to keep an eye out for snowy plovers themselves. Plovers have grey, brown backs and tops of



Photo by Cosette McCave

A typical habitat for Snowy Plovers.

their head with a white belly all year round. Their plumage then changes during breeding season, Feb. to Sept. This is when they develop a black stripe above their eye and on their necks. These stripes are usually more pronounced on the male snowy plovers who are trying to impress a female. "That's evening wear," De-

Joannis said.

Restoration efforts have been focused on pulling invasive grass. Native species of plants like beach strawberry are planted. Snowy plovers can easily see over shorter native plants. Fences have been put up around plover nesting sites during breeding season to prevent the destruction of plover

nests. People can also listen to experts and become educated on the issue themselves. If humans work together to protect the little guys, the snowy plover may just have a chance.

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For people who have to brave the storm

Winter weather creates dangerous conditions, Humboldt opens up extreme weather shelters

by Tony Wallin

On a below-freezing December night, Ricky Smith found himself outside in Arcata’s cold weather with nowhere to go. His only option was to find warmth in Arcata House Partnership, or AHP’s emergency weather shelter. Smith has a Yosemite Sam mustache layered atop a scruffy beard and can be spotted around town with a guitar strapped around his shoulder. He is 60 years old and has been homeless the last two years.

“I was a local contractor and my house was foreclosed,” Smith said. “I lived in the same house for 25 years in McKinleyville but I took out one of those crazy loans.”

Smith said he usually doesn’t use the emergency shelter, but that particular night was unbearable and he couldn’t see himself surviving the frost. Although the volunteers were friendly Smith said he would take his chances on the street next time. It isn’t uncommon for homeless people to choose the street rather than a shelter.

David Pirtle, member of the Faces of Homelessness Speakers’ Bureau, National Coalition for the Homeless, told NPR reporter Ari Shapiro, “My fear of the unknown, of what might be waiting for me at that shelter, was worse than my fear of the known risk, you know, of staying out on the street.” Pirtle said that the negative actions talked about of certain shelters can outweigh the shelters that are safe.

“The weather was below freezing when I used the emergency shelter but I prefer to sleep outside no matter how



Ricky Smith, who has been homeless the past two years, plays guitar on the streets of Arcata.

Photo by Tony Wallin

cold it is,” Smith said. “It isn’t worth the hassle to get loaned bedding.”

Smith isn’t alone in his experience. According to AHP there are 1300 homeless people in Humboldt County, or roughly 1 percent of the population. Darlene Spoor is the executive director for AHP and said the emergency weather shelter is 100 percent volunteer ran and relies solely on donations from the community.

“We can only do this with the generosity of our community,” Spoor said. “We do partner with the county, they are a great help with us and with people with mental health concerns.”

Spoor said the emergency weather shelter is contingent on the National Weather Service’s extreme weather warning, which is around 34-33

degrees and below. Spoor said they can sleep up to 18 people including families. She works with local churches in Arcata that act as temporary housing for the homeless during nights with emergency weather warnings. When she is alerted by email they open their call building, the Annex, and offer dry clothes and food. After intake they can shower and receive bedding.

“They get dinner and then we transport them to where they will sleep,” Spoor said. “We have staff that stays at the location the entire time then in the morning we bus them back so they can get breakfast and go on their way.”

Spoor said although their regular shelter is full this year they haven’t filled up their emergency weather shelter, but

that doesn’t mean there isn’t a need for the beds. They are in need of more sleeping bags, mats and large pans of food that can be frozen and feed 20. She said the main challenge is getting the information out into the community when the emergency weather shelter is open because it’s unpredictable.

“What people can do is check our Facebook page, we post signs, we tell the hospital, 211 and the police,” Spoor said. “One of the misconceptions is people have to be clean and sober, which isn’t true, they just have to have a good behavior”

The largest homeless population resides in Eureka where the Eureka Rescue Mission can house 46 women and children and around 73 men safely. Brian Hall Sr. is the executive director for the Eureka Rescue

Mission and said during the winter season they act as if everyday is an extreme weather alert. Because the men’s shelter is under renovation they are sleeping in the small cafeteria, the size of half a basketball court. Hall said this doesn’t affect the amount of space they hold for those who need shelter and haven’t yet had to turn anyone away.

“During the winter season we lower the bar at this time,” Hall said. “If we smell a little bit of booze we let it slide, but if their sloshy drunk we can’t take them in.”

The Eureka Rescue Mission serviced over 100 people a night last. Hall said 160 or so was their maximum and if they’re completely full they call St. Vincent on 3rd St. in Eureka which can house 20 cots. Hall said this year is low in comparison but that could easily change. When the weather is rainy their outside area is covered with tarps and they can run a heater to accommodate an additional 15-20 men

“There has been an increase of men going from homeless to having an apartment,” Hall said. “According to some there is a need for more homeless shelters, my take is there more need in our community for places for people to go who are active in their addiction, or who have dogs. We don’t allow dogs and if I was homeless i would have a dog.”

For more information on the emergency weather shelter you can contact Arcata House Partnership at (707) 633 6236 or the Eureka Rescue Mission at (707) 445-3787.

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From watercolors to stand out surrealist

April Abbott’s art pops into life with bold colors, intricate patterns and designs for people to enjoy

by Freddy Brewster

Sunlight casts through the windows of the Art B building, drawing long shadows across a color filled canvas. Stroke by stroke, April Abbott fills the void, paying close attention to detail and color choice.

“The striking and graphicness of a pattern and mixing it in with something that is more organic is something that strikes me as interesting,” Abbott said. “I like mixing things that don’t seem like they should work.”

Abbott, a junior, is an art education major at Humboldt State, who is also minoring in English. Born in southern California, her family moved to Humboldt when she was nine. Art has played a big role in her life since she was a child.

“I’ve been using watercolors and acrylics since I was a little girl,” Abbott said. “My grandma taught me how to do it when I was four or five.”

Abbott’s preferred medium are oil paints, after shifting from digital art a few years ago. Her first piece of art that she is proud of is a digital piece where she took photos, found a pattern within them and layered them on top of each other. But it is oil painting where she said she found herself. Her influences come from the beauty in the simplicity. Everyday things such as shapes and unique colors play a role in her art, as well as what she sees on Instagram. A connecting theme across most of her pieces are patterns and bright colors.



April Abbott fills the details on a new painting in the Art B building.

Photo by Freddy Brewster

“There is something obnoxiously pretty about [bright colors] and I dig it,” Abbott said.

One of Abbott’s pieces is currently on display in the Art B building on the first floor. Hanging in the hallway is a painting of a woman with green and yellow pixelated hair. Pop culture and collage influences jump out right away with the visual aesthetics of flowers that follow.

“I was definitely playing off of that 50s-pop culture-y thing,” Abbott said.

The piece is untitled, like most of her work. If there is any sort of art Abbott tries to avoid, it is realism. She said that she

doesn’t dislike it, but whenever she tries to paint it she turns it into something abstract. Teresa Stanley, one of Abbott’s professors, described her work as “strange and dream-like” and bordering on surrealism.

“She loves juxtaposing flat patterns against things that are more rendered, creating unexpected effects,” Stanley said. “She paints her flawless patterns in oil which is extremely difficult to do.”

Abbott’s studies here at HSU have also brought her under the guidance of Dr. Jim Woglom. Woglom received a Ph. D in art education from the University

of Georgia in 2014 and is currently an Assistant Professor.

“April is an incredible student and positive,” Woglom said. “She’s committed to bringing art to other students.”

Woglom said that the work Abbott does in his class focuses on producing public art and developing future lesson plans. Some of the public art they have made in his class has gone towards fundraising for English language classes for adults in the greater community. Abbott’s positivity and kindness has also extended to her classmates. Amanda Feathers is a senior also majoring in Art Edu-

cation. Abbott and Feathers met at the beginning of the semester, when Feathers first moved to Humboldt from Chico.

“April is the most welcoming and warm person I’ve ever met,” Feathers said. “She is really sweet and caring.”

Feathers said that Abbott’s art is intricate and “some of the most painstakingly detailed” she has seen. Amethyst Shelton is also a friend of Abbott’s; having met her when they attended high school at Arcata High.

“April is one of the most driven people I know,” Shelton said. “She’s a sweetheart to almost everyone and has a lot of patience.”

That patience shows in Abbott’s art. The patterns that transpire across her work are visually pleasing and impressive; allowing the eyes to find a sequence and resting point from the bright colors.

“I just do what I think looks good and it usually ends up working out,” Abbott said.

Once she acquires a wider collection of pieces she plans to showcase them. But for now, she is focused on her studies. Abbott said she wants to continue a career in art, bringing it to the public at large.

“I want to show that there is a lot of importance in [art],” Abbott said. “And that even though there are people who aren’t ‘artistic,’ they can still find an appreciation for it.”

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Letter from the Editor

Dare to dream unapologetically

In 1929 the Lumberjack as we know it today put out its first newspaper. Ninety years later I became the very first African American editor-in-chief in the history of the Lumberjack. To be true to myself, I identify first as an African American but I am also a woman who has made monumental history. Without first acknowledging that it took 90 years for someone who looks like me to hold this position disregards our history.

If I'm being honest it's disheartening that it took nine decades for an African American to be elected for this position. It shouldn't have taken that long. However, I'm very pleased that the past 90 years of the LJ will soon be digitized. History will be made easily available for the public. They'll be able to look back on our past and reflect or criticize how far we have come as a university and as a society.

The way that the editor-in-chief is elected is through a democratic election process. Each candidate gives their statements to our classmates that explain who we are, our experience, and our plans for the newspaper. Afterwards there is an election where each student votes who they think should be the next editor-in-chief.

As a young black journalist coming from Oakland, California I naively doubted my abilities to lead this paper, but my peers were confident in my leadership. Afterall, flowers never pick themselves.

When I look around my peer group, I see young journalist who motivate me to become the best that I can be. They motivate me to challenge the current ideologies that surround us. They dare me to dream of accomplishing things much bigger than myself.

My goals for this paper is to keep it cultured to represent its student body. However, I plan to remain truthful to the realities that surround us and to do so unapologetically.

I Invite you to stand with me on this platform and walk this journey with me. As Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "Faith is taking the first step, even when you don't see the whole staircase."

Sincerely,
Dajonea Robinson

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Photo by Deija Zavala
Current Lumberjack Editor-in-Chief Dajonea Robinson poses behind Breh Harte House on Jan. 22.

OPINION

The government shutdown helps no one

How the government shutdown is out of control, and why it needs to end.

by Luis Lopez

The Government Shutdown of 2018-2019 is the longest shutdown in US history, now being over a month since the shutdown has started. This is due to President Donald Trump's decision to shut down the government for not funding the Mexican border wall that he's promised since his campaign. President Trump has promised to prolong the shutdown, going so far as to suggest a year-long shutdown.

There's a lot of blame being cast between Democrats and Republicans. Yet at the end of the day, the most affected are the government workers who are going to work without pay and those who rely on government aid like military benefits and food stamps.

For students, financial aid disbursement is not affected by the shutdown. However there have already been instances of schools being affected by the government shutdown. Signing up for financial aid requires documents from the IRS, however the department that oversees those documents is shutdown.

U.S. citizens will also still need to pay their taxes this year despite the shutdown. As a result of the shutdown, the IRS is short on staff. This will lead to longer waits and people are expecting their tax refunds to be late. The IRS has issued an order to have employees work without pay



Graphic by Luis Lopez

during the tax filing season starting Jan. 28.

Those who rely on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program will be receiving their food stamps early, around February. The downside is recipients will have to budget what they receive, as there's no clear indication when recipients will receive their next set of

stamps.

Many national parks have been closed due to shortage of staff, human waste flooding the area and even vandalism. The National Parks Service website does list all the closures and conditions of national parks, but even their website is not up to date because of the shutdown.

For those who are

expecting to take a flight, there is a possibility of waiting in longer lines to enter TSA security checkpoints. Many airports are short on staff because TSA staff are expected to work without pay. While some are promised to receive bonus pay during the government shutdown, many TSA staff are calling in sick.

Many people from the

government have been opposed to the shutdown. Even some Republican members have voiced their concerns. Lindsey Graham (R-South Carolina) and Lamar Alexander (R-Tennessee) have called for a temporary reopening of the government to open negotiations for the wall. It's surprising, especially from Lindsey Graham, who has been loyal to Trump's decisions.

Trump has already signed a bill into law to ensure that government workers who worked on days during the government shutdown are paid for their work. While this is a good thing for those who are working without pay, they still won't receive pay until after the shutdown ends.

The only way for a solution to be reached is for negotiations between Donald Trump and the Democratic house, but from what happened on the Jan. 15 and Trump's offer being rejected, it looks like there isn't a sight for resolving citizen's woes. It's time for Trump to get off his high horse and open the government. He was put into office to help protect and lead the country, but with his actions he is holding the entire country hostage to get what he wants.

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Coach Sarchett looks steer young Jacks into winning traditions

Softball preview: After team misses post-season competition for the first time in five years, Lady Jacks look toward solidifying teamwork



2019 Humboldt State Softball team.

Photo courtesy of HSU Athletics

by Matt Shiffler

Humboldt State University softball team enters the 2019 season looking to bounce back after a disappointing 20-26 record that led them to miss the post-season for the first time in five years.

In 2017, the Jacks went 44-15, winning their conference tournament and reaching the NCAA championship round but failed to move on as they placed fifth, getting defeated by Molloy College. The year before that they saw even better numbers as HSU went undefeated in conference play and were one game shy of a national title. On the team there are three all-Americans, eight named all-conference and head coach Shelli Sarchett, named league coach of the year.

With 2018 behind them, Humboldt State softball looks to prove they still have what it takes to get back to the top.

“Last year was rough, we graduated our whole infield and pitching staff. At times we played six to seven freshman, and of course, this is difficult because game experience is so important,” head coach Sarchett said.

“Part of success for us this season is to make the NCAA tournament but our goal every year at Humboldt State is to win a national championship, it’s been this way for 30 years.”

The uncertainty of the pitching staff will be a factor in how the 2019 season will play out. Jasmine Hill started 15 games with a 4.68 earned run average or ERA, as the only upper-class pitcher on the roster. There are four incoming freshmen and sophomore leader Lexee Sheiring, who struck out a team-high of 47 batters. Sheiring’s 10-9 record with a 4.51 ERA may improve with the extra year on the mound, as the young staff will try and continue to grow and make an impact on the season.

The confidence this season is behind the big bats of HSU. Third base Rylie Carlier returns for her senior season. Leading the team in on-base plus slugging, home runs and second in batting average with a .337. Michaela Harris suits up as catcher, bringing her second team all-CCAA honors and a team-leading 27 runs batted in or RBI into 2019.

“Up and down our lineup

“Out here working hard, being hard on each other, and holding ourselves accountable. We’re gelling as a family and sacrificing the me for the we.”

— Shelli Sarchett
Head Coach for Women’s Softball

they do damage to the ball,” coach Sarchett said. “Always confident on our hitting, we hit and make things happen on the bases.”

Tough off-season two-a-days mean adjusting the body to the season schedule and ironing out team play. HSU works through drills including positional fielding and base-running strategy. These practices help the team communicate confidently with one another. Young voices get a chance to be heard and talent gets a chance to show they can make the right decisions against the opposition. These drills help coach Sarchett show scenarios the team might encounter during the season.

“Out here working hard, being hard on each other, and holding ourselves accountable,” coach Sarchett said. “We’re gelling as a family and sacrificing the me for the we.”

In the outfield, the Jacks are returning two starters from 2018, two seniors Hanna Holland and Illa Haley. Holland hits a career average of .354 and 76 RBI. Holland also brings her experience to the defense with a solid .951 fielding percentage. For Haley, her ability to get on base last year with a .438 and a .308 average was good enough to earn her second on the team in OB% in 2018. Holland and Haley are co-captains this season bringing the triple threat of bats,

fielding, and experience with 311 games between the both of them.

“Being captain is a big deal and there’s a lot of responsibilities, there’s 30 of us,” Holland said. “Illa and I are like two peas in a pod and we’re going to be locked in out there.”

HSU opens the 2019 season on Friday, Feb. 1 with the Desert Stinger Tournament in Las Vegas. The tournament will be a great chance to see highly ranked teams outside of the CCAA like Colorado Christian University, who is number eight in the west region Central Washington and southwest central region Colorado Christian University.

“Road trips can be brutal especially getting home at 2 in the morning sometimes, but our team clicks this year and our chemistry helps during tournaments,” Haley said. “My goal is to enjoy the season, this is my last and I want to go out having fun with my girls.”

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UPCOMING GAMES

SOFTBALL		Women's Basketball		Men's Basketball
Friday Feb. 1: Away game SB vs University of Mary Desert Stinger Tournament Las Vegas at 4:30 p.m.	2 p.m. SB vs Concordia Calif. Desert Stinger Tournament Las Vegas 7 p.m.	Friday Feb. 1: Away game SB vs University of Mary Desert Stinger Tournament Las Vegas at 4:30 p.m.	2 p.m. SB vs Concordia Calif. Desert Stinger Tournament Las Vegas 7 p.m.	Friday Feb. 1: Away game SB vs University of Mary Desert Stinger Tournament Las Vegas at 4:30 p.m.
SB vs Minot State Desert Stinger Tournament Las Vegas 7 p.m.	Sunday Feb. 3 Away game SB vs Colorado Christian Desert Stinger Tournament Las Vegas 11:30 a.m.	SB vs Minot State Desert Stinger Tournament Las Vegas 7 p.m.	Sunday Feb. 3 Away game SB vs Colorado Christian Desert Stinger Tournament Las Vegas 11:30 a.m.	SB vs Minot State Desert Stinger Tournament Las Vegas 7 p.m.
Saturday Feb. 2 Away game SB vs Central Washington Desert Stinger Tournament Las Vegas		Saturday Feb. 2 Away game SB vs Central Washington Desert Stinger Tournament Las Vegas		

Calendar

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Humboldt International Film Fest VHS
6:50-8:35pm
Gist Hall 218

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Drop In Basketball
7-9pm
Rec & Wellness Center 202- West Gym

Thursday, January 24, 2019

HSU Women's Basketball vs. CSU San Marcos
5:30pm-7pm
The Lumberjack Arena

Thursday, January 24, 2019

HSU Men's Basketball vs. CSU San Marcos
7:30pm-9pm
The Lumberjack Arena

Friday, January 25, 2019

Rosanne Cash
8-10pm
Arkley Center for the performing arts (off campus)

Saturday, January 26, 2019

HSU Women's Basketball vs. UC San Diego
5:30pm-7pm
The Lumberjack Arena

Saturday, January 26, 2019

HSU Men's Basketball vs. UC San Diego
7:30pm-9pm
The Lumberjack Arena

Sunday, January 27, 2019


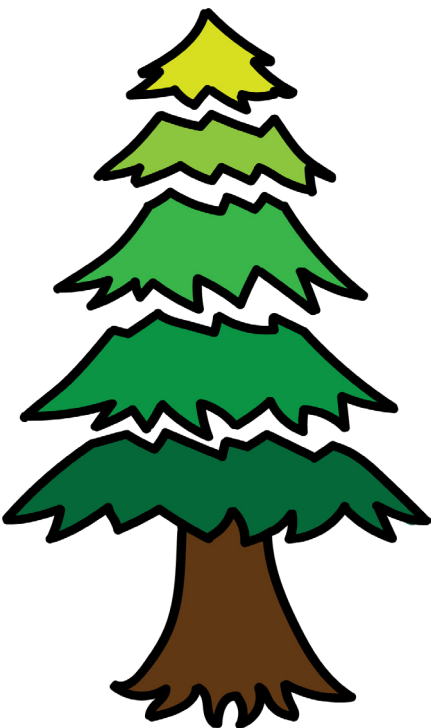
Humboldt Bay Paddle Adventure
9am-12pm
Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center

Monday, January 28, 2019

CRNS Dean Candidate Open Forum
2:15-2:30pm
Library 209

Monday, January 28, 2019

Plant Based Food on a Budget
4:30-6pm
Foodwise Kitchen




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