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SERGEANT SPEAKS OUT



University Police Department Sergeant John Packer talks with The Lumberjack on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at Jitter Bean Coffee Co. in downtown Arcata. Recently, Packer released a statement to the media regarding racist remarks from UPD Chief Donn Peterson.

UPD’S John Packer recounts racist remarks from Police Chief Donn Peterson

by James Wilde

In August, nine of 10 University Police Department officers made votes of “no confidence” in Chief Donn Peterson. Now, UPD Sergeant John Packer has released a statement detailing some of the racist remarks made by Peterson to Packer.

In one instance, Packer was in an evaluation meeting with Peterson and UPD Lieutenant Melissa Hanson. Hanson told Packer that she and him weren’t friends and never would be. Packer didn’t know what that had to do with the evaluation, but he agreed.

Then Peterson escalated the situation, according to Packer.

“It went right from the first statement of me saying ‘I agree’ to him saying, ‘You know, John, you’re obligated to work as a slave unto his master,’” Packer said. “‘And I’m like, in my head, ‘What the heck?’”

Packer said the next morning, Peterson made another comment to him while



One of the Humboldt State University Police Department squad cars.

walking in the hallway.

“He says to me, ‘Hey John, I can say that because we both read the Bible,’” Packer said. “‘And now I’m speechless. So now you’re justifying what you said last night?’”

Earlier this month, Packer, who is the only African American officer on Peterson’s

staff, wrote a statement distributed by the Statewide University Police Association detailing Peterson’s remarks.

However, Packer said before he released his statement, Peterson purposefully moved him to graveyard shift. According to Packer, sergeants generally have priority pick of

shifts, but on Aug. 28 Packer was moved to graveyard under the guise of a Personal Improvement Plan.

Packer told the Lumberjack that the PIP listed two reasons for the shift change: compliance with university procedures and documentation and maintaining a professional and equitable relationship with all members of the UPD team.

According to Packer, Peterson wrote on the paperwork that he suspected that Packer’s “inability to perform” with the first reason was closely tied to the indifference Packer demonstrated in the second.

Packer, an HSU graduate, has lived in Humboldt for nearly 40 years. He has served on UPD for 16 years and was an officer with the Arcata Police Department for 10 years prior.

After serving under seven police chiefs during his 26 years as an officer, Packer said that although he has faced

SCIENCE

Wind farm plans under scrutiny

Sustainable Speaker’s panel weighs pros and cons of Humboldt Wind Energy Project

by Michael Weber

As the global concern to act against climate change increases, Humboldt County is in a position to capitalize on an opportunity to establish a significant renewable resource.

On Thursday, the Humboldt County Planning Commission votes on the wind energy farm developed by Terra-Gen. Terra-Gen, a Manhattan-based energy company, has proposed a wind farm to be built near Bear River, on Monument Ridge, above the city of Scotia.

The Terra-Gen wind farm carries controversy for numerous reasons. The project will help achieve carbon emission-reduction goals and provide two million dollars in annual tax revenue for the county, but will impact wildlife, forest ecosystems and the Wiyot prayer site Tsakiyuwit.

Arne Jacobson, director for Shatz Energy Research Center, said the proposed turbines will produce about 100 times less CO₂ than burning fossil fuels.

“From a climate change perspective, wind looks pretty good,” Jacobson said. “Whatever perspective we have on this particular project, I think one question we should be asking ourselves is what we want to do with that opportunity, because I think it’s there and I think we have the local ethic and the local talent to make that happen.”

Lori Biondini, director of Redwood Coast Energy Authority, said the Terra-Gen wind project could be part of a solution to address RCEA’s goal of 100% renewable electricity in Humboldt County by 2025.

“The Terra-Gen project is part of one scenario to reach our goals,” Biondini. “If it doesn’t get built, then we will come up with another scenario.”

RCEA administers the community choice energy program, a program which allows communities to decide where their electricity comes

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POLICE

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racist comments from people in the workplace and some he has arrested, he has never faced such consistent racism from a superior.

Packer’s statement was released in response to statements made by Peterson in interviews with the North Coast Journal and the Times Standard. According to Packer, Peterson’s claims of misinterpretation of his statements are insulting and do not excuse his actions.

Packer said six to nine months after the first incident, Peterson, while frustrated, made another comment.

“He said, ‘John, you’re like dealing with the North versus the South,’” Packer said. “And I’m like, okay, I have no idea what you mean by that. I’m not going to get into that.”

Packer wrote that such remarks have only become worse over time.

“Chief Peterson has become more emboldened over the past four years, and moved from making private remarks in our meetings, to demonstrating obvious displays of racism and contempt towards me in whatever audience is available,” Packer wrote.

SUPA’s press release came almost a month after the nearly unanimous vote of no confidence, and Packer’s statement came soon after.

In the statement, UPD Officer Billy Kijisriopas accused Peterson of frequent absenteeism, manipulation of crime statistics and the creation of a hostile work environment that included racial slurs.

The statement also noted that Peterson left his previous job with Florida’s Broward County Sheriff’s Department “amid scandal.”

According to a 2015 article from a Florida news channel, Peterson was involved in a scandal in which multiple department officials used impounded vehicles to avoid



UPD Sergeant John Packer laughs with Arcata Police Chief of Police Brian Ahearn at the intersection of 9th and G streets on Nov. 12 in Arcata, Packer was greeted by countless community members while talking to the Lumberjack.

toll fees. The Broward Sheriff’s Office was eventually assigned to investigate itself and no arrests appear to have been made.

Peterson denied the recent UPD allegations last month over the phone, but said he supported the investigation as he wanted to strive for transparency.

Peterson declined to comment for this story, and instead referred The Lumberjack to HSU Director of News and Information Aileen Yoo, who then forwarded an email from Vice President for Administration and Finance Douglas Dawes.

In the email, Dawes said HSU has retained the Office of Independent Review, an independent law enforcement firm, to investigate the allegations.

“Out of respect for the process, which could take several months, I have asked Chief Peterson not to comment further until the investigation has concluded,” Dawes said.

SUPA President Jeffrey Solomon said over the phone that it wouldn’t be fair for him to comment on the investigation

either, as he called it a local matter. However, Solomon acknowledged what he called “an overwhelming amount of information” that has come forward.

“I have no reason not to believe those officers and their allegations,” Solomon said.

The SUPA Facebook page shared articles from the Times Standard and Lost Coast Outpost on Friday, Nov. 8, about the vote of no confidence and the retention of the OIR.

Despite the events of the last two months, Packer said the UPD office environment does not feel awkward or uncomfortable, as the department already made a vote of no confidence before Packer shared his experiences.

“It’s not awkward right now amongst the officers and dispatchers because we already knew that we had a consensus before I released my statement,” Packer said.

Packer returned to the office after several days off on Nov. 7. It was Packer’s first time since the release of his statement.

Thus far, Packer said no words have been exchanged between him and Peterson.

“I got a nod, and you know, that’s fine,” Packer said. “But no conversations so far. Nothing negative happened.”

Packer said Peterson has always been very professional in public. However, Packer said he has begun to be critiqued through department emails.

“Included in that email will be, you know, ‘We still have divisiveness in the department and you’re still at the center of that and I need you to own the fact that you’re the center of that,’” Packer said.

Packer said Peterson has also berated him to other officers behind his back.

Packer said interviews with the OIR are coming up in a few weeks, and he hopes the investigation will examine and validate the allegations and bring them to HSU.

“They will put together a packet for the University—I assume that will go to the vice president,” Packer said. “These are the things that are inherently prohibiting this police department from functioning professionally.”

NEWS BRIEFS

Scholarship update

by James Wilde

Humboldt State University had plans to build a new residence hall, but with enrollment declining, Vice President of Enrollment Management Jason Meriwether decided to invest in scholarships for students living on campus instead.

“With enrollment down, we are not in a position to build a new building anytime soon using the traditional path,” Meriwether said in an email. “So, instead of sitting on the money, I wanted to reinvest the funds in our students.”

Over the last five years, HSU housing has been saving to put a 10% down payment on a new residence hall, according to Meriwether.

Instead, Meriwether reallocated the savings to the \$1,000 a year, four-year scholarships for all HSU students that live on campus, beginning fall 2020. Announced Nov. 3, the scholarship is one part of HSU’s plans to improve enrollment and retention.

In the last month, HSU has announced three different scholarships. Two of them will be funded by donors, while the housing scholarships will be funded with the housing reserves.

“Within the limits and scope of how we may use housing dollars, the best and most strategic and student-first option was to create these scholarships,” Meriwether said.

Zero Waste Conference update

by Collin Slavey

Humboldt’s Waste Reduction and Resource Program is hosting a week full of speakers, fun activities and essential waste-reduction knowledge.

This week kicked off Humboldt State’s Zero Waste Conference. The banquet was the first event of the conference and was held in the Kate Buchanan Room Tuesday evening.

The banquet began with keynote speaker and former HSU student Alec Cooley, who recounted the history of the Humboldt State Campus Recycling, which he helped found. The evening climaxed with the Trashion Show which displayed upcycled waste products artfully crafted into snazzy fashion statements.

Tuesday’s event was just the beginning of an action packed conference. The 4th Annual Zero Waste Conference includes events like Tinker Time, a workshopping and tabling event at the UC quad, two clothing swaps and a whole slough of keynote speakers.

“This is the direction of the future that we’re moving towards, it’s zero waste,” WRRAP Student Director Amanda McDonald said. “It’s becoming more and more evident that we cannot keep mass producing waste and being wasteful with how we consume. It’s not going to sustain us into the future.”

More information on events listed for the rest of the week are available on our events page.

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UNIVERSITY POLICE SERGEANT JOHN PACKER FULL STATEMENT

My name is John Packer and I have served under seven Chiefs during my 26 years as a police officer in this community and currently serve as a sergeant at the University Police Department (UPD). I am the senior police officer in the department and have served under Chief Donn Peterson for approximately five years. I am the only American of African descent serving at University Police Department under Chief Peterson.

I am compelled to share my experiences after reading Chief Peterson’s statements in the October 11, 2019 online issue of the North Coast Journal and the October 14, 2019 online issue of the Times Standard. Chief Peterson claimed that ‘Anyone who knows me knows I don’t talk politics or religion in a professional setting or during work.’

Chief Peterson’s claim is not true. Chief Peterson claimed that ‘The racist remarks never happened in the way the officers say.’ Chief Peterson’s claim is not true.

I firmly believe that the color of one’s skin, as with all immutable characteristics, is not a predictor of behavior or intelligence or ability, etc. While I have experienced incidents of racism and bigotry during my life, it has been my practice to disregard the ignorance expressed by the person and not carry an angry sentiment with me. I do however clearly remember the times when I have been targeted by racist and bigoted intolerance related to my race and beliefs.

I clearly remember being at a scheduled evaluation meeting with Chief Peterson and Lt Hansen. During that meeting in the Chief’s office, Chief Peterson was extremely upset to the point of using profanity directed at me. The Chief’s frustration and anger stemmed from his opinion that I did not respect Lt Hansen, that I created division at the Department and that I fail as a leader because I am not a ‘follower.’ At the end of the meeting, Lt Hansen stated to me, ‘We’re not friends and we never will be, admit it.’ I agreed with her statement. Chief Peterson followed with, ‘John you know you’re obligated to work as a slave unto his master.’

At the beginning of my next shift Chief Peterson approached me in the hallway outside the dispatch center and stated, in reference to the slavery comment he made in our meeting, ‘John I can say that because we both read the Bible.’ I was speechless and walked away without responding to the Chief.

Over time Chief Peterson has made additional derogatory statements to me such as, ‘John you’re like dealing with the North verses the South,’ and he excuses himself with follow up statements such as, ‘I’m just trying to find analogies that work with you.’

Chief Peterson has become more emboldened over the past four years, and moved from making private remarks in our meetings, to demonstrating obvious displays of racism and contempt towards me in whatever audience is available. What once only occurred behind closed doors, has now progressed to belittling statements in department meetings, and to outright derogatory statements at sergeant’s meetings.

Any claim that Chief Peterson’s analogies, historical quotes, nuances or his intent were misinterpreted by me or other officers is insulting and does excuse the impact or justify Chief Peterson’s actions.”

Humboldt offers lush landscapes and active ghost towns

Abandoned locations of villages offer knowledge for future investments into creating communities

by Jerame Saunders

Humboldt County offers many unique features, including an abundance of ghost towns. A road trip through the green beauty of the northern county makes way for hidden spots.

Gary Speck is an author and journalist that specializes in the study of ghost towns. Speck has written for Western and Eastern Treasures Magazine since his first column in 1978. Additionally, Speck is the author of two books on the study, definition and classification of ghost towns. Speck believes studying the remnants of past communities is valuable work.

“It is vitally important to remember that each one of these thousands of communities were once filled with people,” Speck said. “Just like us, they had high hopes, dreams and aspirations for the future.”

Leaving southbound from Arcata, the first ghost town is in Samoa. Locals believe a haunting presence lives in the Eagle House, and the town’s atmosphere is eerie and abandoned buildings are prevalent. However, the town is still slightly active.

Speck elaborates on the exact defining factors of a ghost town.

“A ghost town is a town or community that at one time had a commercial or population center and is either wholly abandoned or faded greatly from its peak,” Speck said. “Now, just a shadow of its former self.”

Don Hofacker, a curator at the Humboldt Bay Maritime Museum, shares a story of when Samoa was a

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**-Gary Speck
Author and Journalist**

booming, prosperous town for importing goods into the county. One captain had his vessel stationed in Samoa’s port. The Eagle House was a brothel at the time and the captain went for a late night visit.

According to Hofacker, the ship’s captain was supposed to wake up at four in the morning to set sail, but he was mysteriously murdered in his sleep. Hofacker says the captain can be heard around four in the morning leaving the Eagle House and searching for his ship to this day.

Further south, the next ghost town is Rohnerville, located outside Fortuna. In the case of Rohnerville, new buildings have been built on top of the previously labeled ghost town and the area is slowly becoming more populous.



An abandoned storefront in Samoa which is connected to the fire department.

Photo by Syshana Hocker

Next is the town of Bridgeville. Named after the now abandoned bridge standing over the Van Duzen River, the town is tucked off Highway 36. Like many others along the Redwood Coast, Bridgeville began as a stopover for miners and loggers in the late 1800s.

Though abandoned buildings make up almost half of the town’s infrastructure, a handful of residents still occupy the area.

Bridgeville gained notoriety in 2002 when it became the first town in history to be auctioned on eBay. The town was purchased for \$700,000, only to be sold again in 2006 for \$1.25 million. According to a BBC News article from that year, the latter price included three cows, eight houses and a post office.

“When the economic



An abandoned home just outside of the Samoa Cook house parking lot.

Photo by Syshana Hocker

mainstay of the town collapsed, many times the towns were abandoned and those dreams were dashed,” Speck said. “It didn’t matter if you were a Scandinavian

lumberjack, a Czech miner or an English storekeeper. Each person in these places held an important piece of the whole picture.”

El Leñador covers diverse news and represents people of color

HSU’s bilingual monthly newspaper led a workshop during Campus & Community Dialouge on Race

by Chelsea Wood

Lack of diversity in newsrooms across the nation perpetuates the lack of representation in stories. According to the Jelani Cobb from the Guardian, it is all too often that the demographics of news writers look nothing like the communities they cover.

Humboldt State University’s bilingual newspaper, El Leñador, is changing that one monthly issue at a time.

“This paper is so special because it’s part of taking back that narrative,” Jose Herrera, El Leñador’s layout editor, said. “We are producing the paper. We are first generation, Latinx, African American, LGBTQ or Asian. We’re writing our own stories.”

El Leñador held a panel discussion Nov. 7 in the Goodwin Forum as part of the week-long Campus & Community Dialogue on Race event. The student-run publication features under-represented stories of the school and community.

El Leñador’s staff is not limited to those who can speak both Spanish and English, or specific journalism majors; all HSU students are welcome and encouraged to contribute.

“For me it’s been a life changing experience,” Vanessa



El Leñador editorial staff speaks to attendees during a week long Campus and Community Dialogue on Race event in the Goodwin Forum Hall on Thursday, Nov. 7.

Photo by Chelsea Wood

Flores, El Leñador’s editor-in-chief, said. “It’s very important for students to pick up newspapers. Not just ours, but the other publications on campus.”

Flores stressed the importance of student journalism. Without it, campus stories would remain

unrepresented since local media isn’t as connected to a campus story as student journalists are.

Over the past six years El Leñador has covered under-represented communities and continues to carve out a space for minority narratives within Humboldt-based media.

The work by the student-

run publication reverberates throughout the secluded community. El Leñador has forged ahead of larger, local news publications by connecting with its audience more intimately.

The editorial board reminded community members at the discussion about the importance of continuing to

cover underrepresented stories.

Cali Fournier, an HSU student, attended the panel discussion and believes that informative, speaking panels are important to have.

“Racism is a big deal still to this day,” Fournier said. “You should be judged by who you are not by the color of your skin.”

The El Leñador staff assume multiple roles within the publication. Producing the paper monthly gives students access to a hands-on learning environment, and staff are able to expand their passions whether their skills are in writing, video, audio or art.

“As a monthly paper and as a student-run paper, it’s really a big training ground for students,” Silvia Alfonso, El Leñador’s managing editor, said.

El Leñador enables it’s contributors to bring different perspectives to the table. Its staff encouraged the panel attendees to contribute to the publication.

Jack Surmani, an HSU alumnus, believes in the message El Leñador emits and thinks the commitment of the students behind the publication is evident.

“They know why they’re doing it and have a passion and commitment for being better journalists,” Surmani said.

WIND

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from. It prioritizes local energy generation and generally more clean energy.

“I think that one of the promises of community choice energy is that we get to make choices that are good to our entire community.” Biondini said. “Not further marginalize those that might not otherwise have had a seat at the table.”

Adam Canter, a botanist and representative of the Wiyot tribal council, defended the preservation of the land and disapproved of the Terra-Gen project. Canter cites ethnobotanical resources and culturally significant sites as reasons not to move forward with this project.

“When we first heard about this project, there was this big pit that just kind of fell into our stomachs,” Canter said. “We thought when Shell came 10 years ago that no other company would come back and try to build a project here. But we were wrong.”

Canter pointed out the cultural resource report for the site bound in a green, four-inch binder.

“The representation of cultural diversity on this ridge is pretty magnificent,” Canter said. “We’re seeing evidence of Athabaskan peoples and the Wiyot-Algonquin peoples and really it should be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.”

According to Canter, the area is also a high prayer site; a place where a large expanse of Wiyot ancestral territory is visible. Like the turbines



Occupying Founders Hall 118 at Humboldt State is the audience for the Sustainable Speakers Series' panel on the Humboldt Wind Energy Project. The project, spearheaded by Terra-Gen, has been met with controversy by the local community over wildlife, environmental and cultural concerns.

Photo by Michael Weber

obscuring the view, the Wiyot cultural heritage could be obscured too.

Tom Wheeler, director for the Environmental Protection Information Center, said the proposed site is a questionable area to build a wind farm.

According to guidelines set by the California Energy Commission and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the proposed site is “pristine.” Wheeler said the site has several rare and endangered species, including

the rare Horay bat.

Wheeler is still hopeful to keep the project, and said there is technology that can reduce some of the wildlife impacts. This, however, is only one mitigation measure to the several unavoidable cultural, environmental and wildlife impacts of the project.

“I want this to be a better project and it’s not there,” Wheeler said. “At least not yet.”

On Thursday, the final

vote by Humboldt County’s Planning Commission will weigh impacts to Native American culture and environmental quality to the people’s interest in local, reliable energy.

Aside from the benefit of reducing carbon emissions, allowing Terra-Gen to build the wind farm also comes with an economic and infrastructure benefit.

Senior Director in Wind Development for Terra-

Gen Nathan Vajdos said the company would be the second-largest taxpayer in the county, and could fund \$14 million to Humboldt’s reliability network upgrades, with \$1.3 million to the Humboldt substation.

“As we charge our iPhones, we fill up our cars with gas, we’re having impacts.” Vajdos said. “Whether this project is built or not, we are having an impact in this room.”

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Men’s soccer completes season with an emotional Senior Day

Jacks defeat Dominguez Hills by two goals, but fall to Cal State LA

by Alberto Muro

The Humboldt State University men’s soccer season concluded over the weekend and honored senior players at College Creek Field.

It was an emotional ending to another season of Jacks’ soccer as the final two games yielded different results. On Thursday, the men’s team beat Cal State Dominguez Hills 2-1 with two goals from the Jacks leading scorer Isaiah Dairo. He scored the game-winner in the final minute.

Saturday’s matchup against Cal State Los Angeles was held on Senior Day, and for athletes Robert Quintero, Rudi McClellan, Isaiah Dairo, Israel Gonzalez and Gus Baxter it was their last game as a Lumberjack.

A ceremony commenced before the game, with senior players taking photos with their families and Head Coach Fred Jungemann. For some players like Isaiah Dairo, their last game had an impact on them.

“Having my family here motivated me,” Dairo said. “They don’t get to see a lot of games that I play and for them to see these last two games of my college career was special.”

The Jacks fell to Cal State LA 2-1. The lonesome goal came from Dairo, but it was not enough to help the Jacks come back from a point deficit.

“I had tears in my eyes when the final whistle blew because I looked over to my family, and they were clapping and filled with joy,” Dairo said.

In the first half, the Jacks and the Golden Eagles were off to a competitive start. After a 20-minute scuffle for possession, Cal State LA slipped one through HSU’s defense giving them an early 1-0 lead.

Two minutes later, Jacks’ midfielder Israel Gonzalez connected a pass to Dairo, which he finished in the Golden Eagles’ net.

HSU goalkeeper Robert Quintero kept his composure throughout the first half and made drastic saves.

“In the first half I remember the pile of players fighting to score and me stretching out my hand to prevent the ball from crossing the line,” Quintero said.

With ten minutes left in the first half, the Golden Eagles were able to score another goal on the Jacks. With the Jacks now trailing, Jungemann felt it



Senior Israel Gonzalez battles for the ball during the Jacks’ match against Cal State Los Angeles at College Creek Field on Nov 9.

was a response for his players showing a pulse in the fight.

“Our goal reminded them we had a fight in us,” Jungemann said. “So they started to take us more serious, and they certainly did what they wanted to do, but our players held their ground.”

Going into the second half, the Jacks and Golden Eagles fought hard to overcome the opponents’ strategies, but both teams were unable to add any points to the board.

“This day is part of our lives every year and it doesn’t get easier,” Jungemann said. “It’s always a difficult and emotional day. The graduating players gave five years of their life to an organization that they had fun

“The graduating players gave five years of their life to an organization that they had fun being a part of and now await the challenges ahead.”

-Fred Jungemann
Mens Soccer Head Coach

being a part of and now await the challenges ahead.”

Dairo is saddened that his time with Jacks’ soccer is over, but his sights are set for furthering his career.

“It’s memorable knowing

that this is another start in a journey for my life,” Dairo said. “It’s not the end of the road for anybody, you can always get better and in time I hope to play professionally.”

Women’s soccer drops final game

Jacks finish the season with 4 -11-2 after game against Cal State LA

by Thomas Lal

Despite packed stands at the College Creek Field, Humboldt State was unable to find the back of the net in its last game of the season against tournament-bound Cal State Los Angeles.

Before kick-off, senior players were recognized for their time spent competing as a Lumberjack. Before the game, seniors were presented with Humboldt State scarves and framed jerseys with messages from their teammates.

Heading into the match, senior midfielder Pikake Hix felt that there was a change in her own approach as it was her last game with the team.

“I just knew that I had 90 minutes left and I knew I had to leave everything on the field,” Hix said. “Absolutely everything and every piece of energy came out of me, I left it all on the field. It was one of my best games, I think.”

The game was a defensive battle as both teams failed to score in the first half. The Jacks struggled to find a way through the Golden Eagles’ strong midfield presence. As a result, the Jacks spent much of their time in the first half in their own defensive zone, moving the ball laterally to try to find a gap in LA’s defense.

The visiting team made quick dashes into the offensive zone, but never managed to hold possession for long periods of time. The shots that did make it to the net were handled by senior goalkeeper, Katelin Talbert, who made three saves to keep the Jacks in the game.

Even without scoring, Hix believed that the Jacks



Humboldt State’s Pikake Hix jumps up to battle for a header during the Jacks’ match against Cal State Los Angeles at College Creek Field on Nov. 9.

did well playing their game against a strong Southern California team.

“I think LA was getting a little frustrated with the way we played,” Hix said. “I honestly think we were the better team today. We just couldn’t get the win.”

The Jacks fought hard through the remainder of the game, firing six shots and maintaining a strong possession style of play which has been a focus for the team throughout the season.

“I thought we kept good possession and play with the ball throughout the whole game,” Talbert said. “I think we didn’t finish our chances that we did have. But I think we really had a competing chance against them.”

While the players walked toward the spectators after the game, a young girl ran out to meet Talbert with a small soccer ball and pen. Smiling, she knelt down and signed the ball for her before embracing her family on the sidelines.

“She just ran up and asked for my signature so I signed it,” Talbert said. “It was really cute. It’s really nice that we have that interaction with the community.”

With the season in the books, Hix expressed her appreciation for her team and hope for the program as it continues on next year.

“I’m really going to miss my team,” Hix said. “I just hope, for the younger ones, that they do well next year, I really do.”

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EDITORIAL

Give us more hydration options

by Editorial Board

Humboldt State banned single-use plastic water bottles in Fall 2011. In the eight years since, it seems HSU has hardly increased the amount of water fill stations on campus.

Campus banning single-use plastic was the right thing to do. It's progressive environmentally friendly, two things Humboldt State prides itself on. But the least administrators could do is give us more than two 'Hydration Stations' to fill our own bottles.

Nearly every building is home to a drinking fountain, but these fountains are outdated and many of them produce warm, ill-tasting water.

The Lumberjack has highlighted the issue of on-campus stores selling single-use plastic sodas and sugary drinks in the past, but I'm here to hammer it home again.

Disposable water bottles alone once contributed to a large portion of on-campus waste. Banning single-use plastic water bottles decreased that waste and even reduced HSU's carbon footprint significantly. But campus makes waste with different products, ones filled with sugar and chemicals.

You may be thinking that I should just bring my own bottle filled with water to school. I do. But there are times where I



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forget, and others where I run out. When I run out of water, I run out of healthy options. If I refuse to gargle the room temperature wash that comes out of our out-dated fountains, what options am I left with? Pepsi, Gatorade, Fanta and Vitamin Water.

It's an insult to the student body and prospective students that HSU markets itself as pushing the bounds of sustainability when it continues to sell massive amounts of single-use plastic.

Profit is held far above sustainability and student health. Are we surprised? Not in the least. HSU often

prioritizes profits over student health (the windowless rooms in Creekview are a great example).

If the school refuses to take action, then responsibility falls to us students. One of our only options for retaliation and action as a student body involves our purchasing power. Where students spend their money and what we say we will spend it on does create change. Attending Associated Students meetings and voicing concerns is another helpful tactic.

I am grateful for HSU's aim of a more sustainable campus and future through

the reduction of plastic consumption. But HSU needs to give students more drinkable water sources. The university needs to prioritize student health and cut ties with brands that continue to use plastic, even if it hurts the bottom line.

For a school that so desperately needs to increase enrollment and recruitment of students, HSU needs to remember to put effort into the students that are already here. Reputation can be everything, and this issue, just like our water, leaves a bad taste in my mouth.

OPINION

Explore nature with your tastebuds

by Chelsea Wood

If you've ever dreamed of living off the grid and growing your own food, foraging is the next best thing to fulfill that desire.

Foraging is a fun and rewarding way to immerse yourself in your local environment. Here in Humboldt County, there are plenty of opportunities for outdoor food morsel scouring. You can find dozens of wild plants that are both useful and edible, from anise, dandelions and yarrow to cattails.

If you know what you're looking for, urban food foraging is quite simple. Some yards in Arcata have fruit trees that are tempting to take from, but be sure to ask for permission before picking.

If you don't know where to start looking, you can use the Falling Fruit website or app. This site features a global map with geotagged locations of edible and useful items within your area. When you identify something new, you can mark it on the map to help others locate your foraging find.

If you want to look for wild herbs, fruits and vegetables beyond the cityscape, take a stroll to a park or the community forest and chances are you'll find something forage-worthy, whether it's morel mushrooms, blackberries or ginkgo.

If you aren't well-versed in fungi identification, there are options in the wild for food finding beyond the typical mushroom hunting. It's best to steer clear of gathering

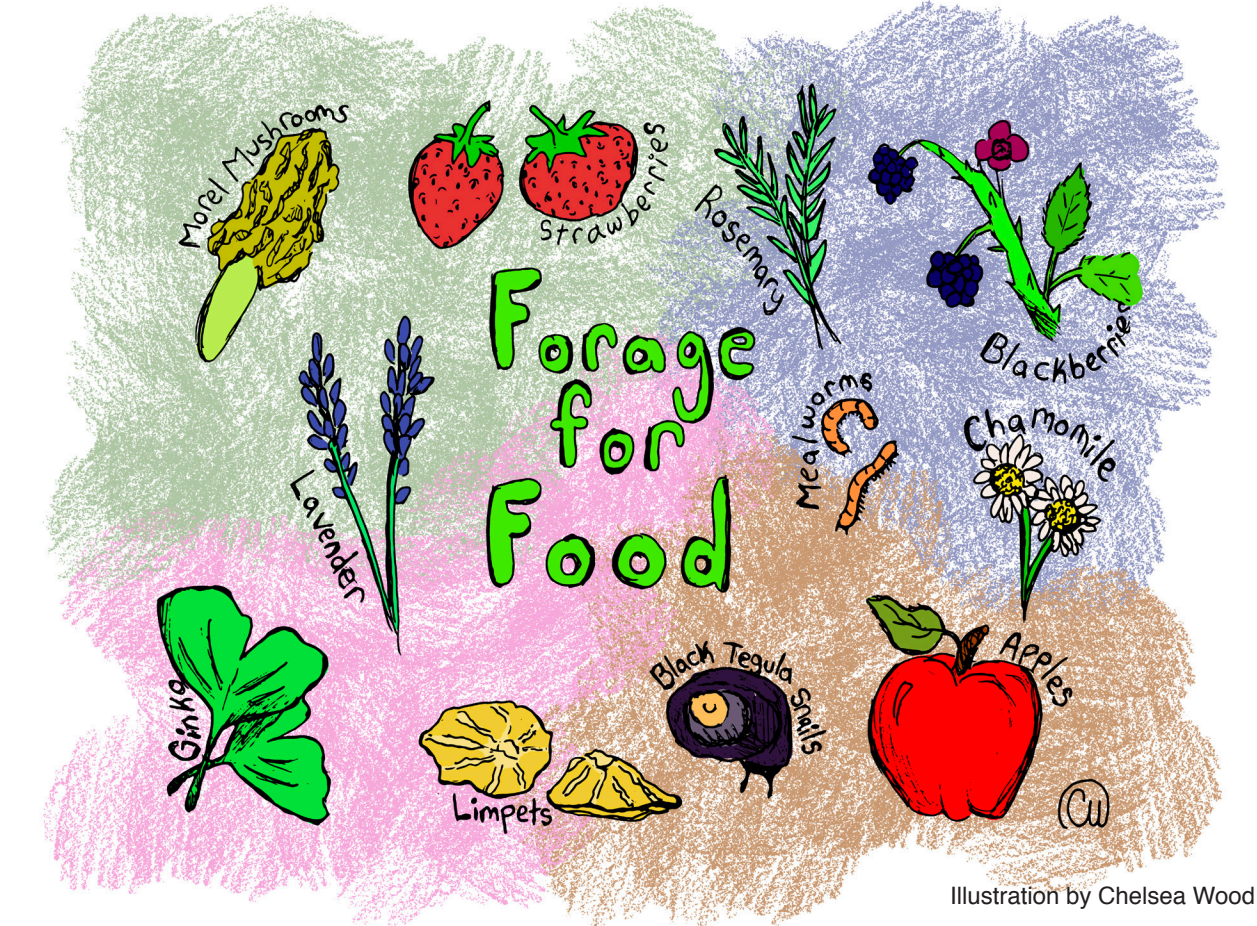


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mushrooms unless you are with an expert or have definitive knowledge of a particular type you are searching for.

Foraging is a helpful way to inform yourself about natural food cycles. We often forget about the different produce seasons as grocery stores usually supply all types of seasonal produce year-round, but foraging for your own food helps you learn when produce is ready for harvesting.

Explore beyond the city streets and forested land for scrumptious surprises from the sea.

If you're foraging for sea life, ensure you're legally licensed to do so. You can forage for loads of coastal edibles like seaweed, snails and goose barnacles, but many items require a fishing license to take as well as prior knowledge of eligible sizes and harvesting limits.

Make sure to have the proper equipment for specific foraging needs. When coastal foraging,

it's necessary to have have measuring equipment for the sea life you're searching for to verify your finds are within size regulations. Bring a bucket for your finds and a knife or prying tools like a spudger to scrape off treats like limpets or sea snails. Gloves and knee pads are useful, but not necessary as long as you're cautious on slippery terrain.

Be aware of red tides and other contaminants that may affect coastal harvests. Humboldt and Mendocino County are still under prohibited mussel gathering because of an annual quarantine enacted to protect people from shellfish poisoning due to oceanic toxins. Avoid this concern by foraging for univalve organisms which don't filter throughout their body and have singular shells, like periwinkles or black tegula snails.

Foraging for insects can also be an exciting addition to your food gathering excursions. There are hundreds of species of

edible insects including crickets, weaver ants and silkworms.

Identifying edible insects can be tricky if you aren't completely sure of what to search for. The most advisable way to consume insects would be through home cultivation of a species like mealworms or crickets.

Don't ever consume something that you aren't 100% sure is safe to eat, whether it's a fungus, plant or creature. Be sure to know how to properly identify items before your search.

In addition, prepare foraged food properly. Make sure to wash findings thoroughly and cook it correctly so as to have an upset stomach.

Remember, do not forage on private land, or at state and national parks. It's illegal to take items including rocks, wood, berries and nuts from these parks as they're protected by state and federal conservation regulations.

ASK
EVERGREEN
MESSY
HOUSEMATE

Dear Evergreen,
How do you deal with a housemate who never cleans up after themselves?

Dear Considerate Cohabitant,

It's never easy living with messy people, especially if you maintain a higher level of organization than your housemates. There are a few things you can do to re-establish a clean order to your shared home.

You can keep up your own cleanliness and hopefully that will transpire to your housemate as well. If they see you consistently doing your own dishes or vacuuming up a mess you may have made, they could begin to realize that they too should be proactively cleaning before things get out of control.

With your housemates start a conversation about shared spaces and shared responsibility. You and your housemate should divide up home chores accordingly. Remind them, respectfully, that they should be mindful of the messes they create.

Maybe they use the microwave more often than you. If so, they should be on top of keeping it clean if they're the primary ones making the mess in the first place.

Don't clean up for them. They might begin to rely on you to pick up after them if you've done so in the past. You're not their housecleaner, so don't go out of your way to fix their messes.

If they continue to forget to clean up, leave the mess there until they deal with it themselves. If they leave a dirty dish on the counter to mold for a week, definitely make sure you mention it to them.

Don't leave notes around the house to remind them to clean up. This might trigger them into feeling like they're back at home with their parents nagging at them to clean. As an adult they should know how to take responsibility for their own actions without having to be reminded. But if your civil approaches don't work, alternative methods might.

It's alright to be a little passive aggressive when it comes to making a point to others about their mess. You can comment on their mess jokingly to make it more obvious to them. Sometimes people are just used to living among their own filth and don't see it as a problem until someone makes a stink about it.

Good luck!

Sincerely,
Evergreen

Submit your questions to:
contactthejack@gmail.com

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wed. 11/13

Oh SNAP Thrift Shop

Time: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Where: Recreation & Wellness Center 108
Description: Thrift Shop supports Oh SNAP and will feature CalFresh Outreach and FREE food

Sustainable Travel Workshop

Time: 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.
Where: Library 209 - Fishbowl
Description: Explore a variety of practical ways tourists can be more responsible and have a fun vacation

The Climate Crisis and Solutions

Time: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Where: Founders Hall Room 118
Description: Dr. Kate Lancaster will share her Climate Reality presentation, offering a clear picture of what is happening to the planet and the actions we can all take

Thurs. 11/14

Study Abroad Information Session

Time: 2 - 3 p.m.
Where: Harry Griffith Hall 217 - CPS Conference Room
Description: Any student interested in study abroad must attend this meeting. Learn how to use their website tools and select the best program

Clothing Swap

Time: Noon - 4 p.m.
Where: Recreation and Wellness Center Room 126
Description: All clothes are free. Although encouraged, you do not need to bring clothes to take clothes

Ocean Night

Time: 7 - 9 p.m.
Where: Off - Campus: Arcata Theatre & Lounge
Description: Monthly movie night featuring economically themed documentaries, surf flicks and speakers. Entry is FREE with \$5 suggested donation

Fri. 11/15

Off - Campus Housing

Time: 10 - 11 a.m.
Where: Library 209 - Fishbowl
Description: Connect with Student Housing Advocate co-founder and Off-Campus Housing Coordinator Chant'e Catt and learn tips, tricks and insights to renting in Humboldt County

Jewelry-Making from Bike Parts

Time: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Where: Bicycling Learning Center
Description: Turn scrap bike parts into coasters and jewelry with the BLC instructors and bring your bike to get help with maintenance and repairs.

Zero Waste Group Bicycle

Time: 3 - 4:30 p.m.
Where: Harry Griffith Hall 113 - CNRS Conference Room
Description: **FREE**, all-abilities group ride to check out zero waste activities. Ride starts and ends at Zagster bike station at the corner of Harpst St. and B St.
Bring a bike or get a FREE promo code for Zagster bike

Sat. 11/16

Humboldt History Digitization Day

Time: Noon - 4 p.m.
Where: Library 303 - Special Collections
Description: Bring 10 items to digitize using HSU Special Collections scanners. Does not include audio, video, film, large rolled panoramic photographs, maps or 3D objects

Live Music: Roland Guzman

Time: 7 - 9 p.m.
Where: Gyppo Ale Mill
Description: Count on Roland to bring the vibe up here

Libations & Creations: Fall Succulent Workshop

Time: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Where: Gyppo Ale Mill
Description: Tickets include your first pint of beer, all the supplies to create your fall succulent masterpiece along with an instructor and the knowledge to create your own succulent designs

Sun. 11/17

Basketball Drop-In

Time: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Where: Recreation & Wellness Center 202 - West Gym
Description: Free with Student I.D., otherwise \$2

Badminton/Pickleball Drop-In

Time: Noon - 3 p.m.
Where: Forbes Gymnasium 250 - East Gym
Description: Free with student I.D., \$ 2 otherwise

Concerto/Aria Competition

Time: 2 - 3 p.m.
Where: Music B - Fulkerson Recital Hall
Description: Music students prepare a concerto or an aria and compete to perform with Humboldt Symphony

Mon. 11/18

Free Flu Vaccines

Time: Noon - 6 p.m.
Where: Library 102 - Lobby & Checkout Desk
Description: Need a flu vaccine? Come to the library and get yourself ready for flu season

Woodwind Studio Recital

Time: 8 - 9 p.m.
Where: Music B 132 - Fulkerson Recital Hall
Description: Woodwind studio students perform solo and chamber pieces in completion of their music degree

Tues. 11/19

Think Like a Marketer

Time: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Where: Prosperity Center
Description: Create key customer persona, analyze your competition, basics of day to day marketing discipline, etc. \$30 for the class

Tango!

Time: 7:15 - 9:30 p.m.
Where: Redwood Raks World Dance Studio
Description: Learn Argentine tango! Class is open to all levels and teaches basic figures. \$40 for five weeks, \$25 with a student I.D., or \$10/\$5 for drop-ins

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