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# Mia Mingus advocates for accountability

## Personal accountability paves way for future of transformative justice

by Dakota Cox

Writer, educator and community organizer for disability and transformative justice Mia Mingus attended Humboldt State University March 6 as the keynote speaker for the Social Justice Summit. As a queer, physically disabled, Korean, transracial, transnational adoptee, Mingus faces adversity in all major facets of life and advocates for dignity and the end of violence, harm and abuse.

Mingus took the stage for an hour, discussing everyday transformative justice and how to achieve transformative justice on a societal level. Transformative justice is about finding alternative solutions to violence, harm and abuse outside of our punitive system.

“The system that we have is so based in, ‘You’re a bad person, so bad things deserve to happen to you,’” Mingus said. “Rather than, ‘We are all human, and human beings make mistakes, and we are all flawed, and we are all living in incredibly violent conditions.’”

Instead of focusing on big



Photo by Dakota Cox  
Mia Mingus speaks March 6, calling for radical changes to justice system.

picture questions, like what will replace our current system and how to end violence, Mingus insisted to focus on the ways that transformative justice can improve our own lives, and in return, impact the world.

“We can start small, because it’s just like building a muscle,” Mingus said. “You don’t go into the gym and start bench pressing 400 pounds immediately, or if you do, you’re gonna get really hurt.”

Mingus walked the audience through her four steps of accountability.

“If you’re not proactively building accountable relationships in your life, you’re proactively building an unaccountable life,” Mingus said.

For the first step of accountability, Mingus said we must possess self-reflection, without which you can’t achieve any transformative justice.

Second, we must be capable of genuine apology, demon-

strating our remorse and understanding of our improper actions.

Third, we must be willing to repair and mend broken relationships and earn back trust.

Finally, we must change our behavior.

“It doesn’t matter how good of an apology you gave or how well you repaired the relationship,” Mingus said. “If you keep doing the harm, what does it matter?”

Transformative justice operates under the belief that acts of violence are deeply connected to the conditions that helped create and perpetuate those incidences of violence.

“That violence doesn’t happen in a vacuum,” Mingus said. “They are connected to the conditions that we live in, and we all participate in creating those conditions, and we all have a collective responsibility for ending violence, harm and abuse.”

As a society, Mingus said we

need to practice preventative actions, rather than respond with punishment.

“When we publicly shame people, or when we shame and blame people in general, it doesn’t actually get the violence to stop,” Mingus said. “It usually just teaches people how to hide the violence or harm better. It doesn’t actually make the kind of deep fundamental change that we actually want.”

After her lecture, Mingus elaborated on fundamental change in an exclusive interview with The Lumberjack.

“It’s not enough just to change the systems that we’re up against. We also have to change ourselves, and I really appreciate that,” Mingus said. “And vice versa, you know, it’s not enough just to change yourself. You have to also help change the world too because I think that’s where the magic lives.”

Mingus said transformative justice focuses on the fundamental improvements that must be made along the way.

“We’re working on a micro level but we’re doing it with a macro perspective because we’re actually trying to interrupt generational cycles of violence and harm,” Mingus said. “That’s the goal.”

Mingus gave a final piece of advice for helping with world progression.

“Learn as much as you can, give as much as you can,” Mingus said. “But like, generally, just start from where you are, with what you have, and don’t get overwhelmed by trying to change the whole world.”



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## Clubs budget crunched

### AS takes over clubs budget

by Dakota Cox

The Associated Students Programs Grants budget has been cut by more than half of the previous academic year’s budget to \$25,000 from \$52,000. With student enrollment on the decline since 2016, student fees, which make up the entire AS budget, have taken a significant hit.

As a result of the cuts, it was decided the control of the budgets would be kept within the Associated Students Board of Finance for this academic year. All student clubs are allowed to apply for AS grants, either for events or travel.

Grant requests are brought to the Associated Students Board of Finance for evaluation before being handed off to the Associated Students Board of Directors, made up of 15 voting and three non-voting members, for final approval.

In the past five years, between about 10-18% of the AS Programs Grants budget has gone to AS category two programs like CCAT and the MultiCultural Center, which receive separate funding through different outlets. This year, AS decided clubs will receive the entire AS Programs Grants budget in the 2019-2020 academic year.

The AS Board is currently in the process of their third and final grant allocation for the 2019-2020 academic year. So far, the Board of Directors has approved grants to all 29 clubs that requested—however, not all requests have been entirely met.

As a result of the budget reduction, AS put in place a cap of \$500 per event, \$800 per cultural event and \$100 per person for travel. The Board of Directors will hold their final vote on March 13 to decide the 11 remaining grant requests for the academic year.

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# Students speak on professor's use of N-word

*More trouble at the student radio station, this time with the adviser*

by Dakota Cox

*Editor's note: members of The Lumberjack staff have been and are currently part of KRFH, including the current KRFH student station manager. The author of this story had no previous affiliation with KRFH, but our coverage is inevitably biased by this crossover.*

Students expressed a range of emotions in response to a recent slip-up from their radio production teacher, Cliff Berkowitz.

In a conversation that followed a recent interview with the Times Standard for his then-upcoming election to the First District Board of Supervisors, Berkowitz made a comment he thought was off the record.

When asked to chime in on the conversation surrounding a racist joke that had been made by his opponent in the election, Berkowitz did a Richard Pryor impersonation using the N-word—but he said the complete N-word. Berkowitz requested the reporters not print his slip-up, but they were well within their rights to do so.

In the wake of the interview, Berkowitz lost his primary election by a landslide, although it's not clear what impact the interview had. Berkowitz issued a public apology to the press that he also read to his students.

"There are words that are so steeped in hate and racism, that they inflame our community when uttered; I am grateful to live somewhere that holds people accountable for what they say and do," Berkowitz said. "While I did not wield

that word as a weapon nor did I direct it at anyone, it does not remove the harm of saying the word. Nothing excuses what I said. There are people who have trusted me and for them this is a betrayal."

Mikayla Moore-Bastide, first-semester KRFH student, described her experience at the station leading up to Berkowitz's remark as a welcoming family environment.

"Whether he was on record or not, I still don't understand why he felt he even had, you know, I guess like the right to say it anyways," Moore-Bastide said. "Like, I'm a black person. I don't even say it. You know, I don't even say the word at all. Anybody who knows me knows I don't even say it, 'cause of the history behind it."

Moor-Bastide intends to return for another semester of KRFH in the fall, not because she forgives Berkowitz, but because of her passion for radio.

"I don't think I really forgive him yet," Moore-Bastide said. "It's gonna take a long while for me to forgive anyone who would just say the N-word around people who feel comfortable to say it."

Moving forward, Moore-Bastide believed Berkowitz has done all he can to repair the damage his statement caused.

"He knows what he did wrong, he knows that he hurt people, he's not oblivious to that fact, you know, he's very aware," said Moore-Bastide. "It's one of those things where you kind of have to just put it behind you and then just kind of realize that people are probably gonna remember you for that, and you kinda have to ac-



Photo by Dakota Cox

TALX Manager Delaney Duarte leads her team in a round of radio games March 9.

cept it."

Delaney Duarte, manager of KRFH's TALK program, has been at the station for three semesters.

"If I'm being totally honest, I was super hurt," Duarte said. "The whole day when I found out I was just like, I don't know, I couldn't wrap my mind around someone who I look up to so much to say that."

Duarte wanted it to be made clear that KRFH is a student-run radio program, and that Berkowitz's role does not go beyond instruction in the classroom.

"His apology in my opinion was just complete crap, if I'm being totally honest," Duarte said. "It just seemed like he's just saying sorry cause he has to. He got caught. You have to say sorry."

Duarte expressed sympathy and concern for the African-American students in class, feeling a great deal of pain, herself, as a Latinx student.

"I wouldn't blame them if they didn't want to join because

of that," Duarte said. "Because, I mean, who wants to be taught by someone who doesn't respect their students?"

It's not just the students of color that feel uncomfortable in the classroom.

"People in our group, they're just like really uncomfortable even going to the booth, like knowing that he's either upstairs teaching his class, or like, his office is literally in the radio station," Duarte said. "So it's kinda hard to not run into him."

Elliott Portillo has been a part of KRFH for three semesters, and doesn't think this single incident should overshadow the good Berkowitz has done for students and the community.

"I think the joke was in bad taste," Portillo said. "I think it came from more of a position of ignorance rather than of blatant hatred. I don't think Cliff is a racist in any way, just based on the interactions he's had with students and his pas-

sion for students."

Portillo pointed out that his perspective should be taken with a grain of salt, as a self-described "white-washed" Mexican.

"You have to take into account the perspective of the people that would potentially be offended by these kinds of statements in that regard," Portillo said. "But in my personal preference, I think he's done so much that it's hard for me to warrant lasting damage or lasting punishment."

Duarte said students have come forward to request Berkowitz's replacement because of an unsafe learning environment.

"As much as it hurts to say, you know, like I've always looked up to Cliff, but now at this point I'm kinda just bummed out and like really hurt," Duarte said. "So, I'd probably want to see a replacement. Someone who's more respectable to our students of color."

## CLUBS

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AS Legislative Vice President Jeremiah Finley is working to provide a fair opportunity for all clubs to receive funding.

"I think clubs always need more access to more funds

across the board," Finley said. "I think the goal of AS here is to really try to make sure that they do have access to funds. And so, in trying to do that, we're trying on our part, to find ways in our budget to make sure they have access."

The clubs budget reduction has forced everyone involved to be more responsible with their spending, according to Clubs and Activities Coordina-

tor Molly Kresl.

"That's something that's been really cool that's come out of this unfortunate situation," Kresl said. "Even though we have a decrease in funding, there's an increase in collaboration with student-initiated programs."

However, there's still much improvement to be made. AS wants to hear the voices of students that are affected by these

decisions. For students who want to take matters into their own hands, they can sign up as a candidate for the AS Board.

"AS is doing the best with the situation that they're having to navigate through," Kresl said. "It's important to recognize the complexity of the situation, and that there are ways that we can help our students be successful and do what they wanna do on campus."



Photo by James Wilde  
The Humboldt State University Clubs and Activities office on Oct. 17.

## COVID-19

FROM PAGE 1

Humboldt State University is planning for a possible partial or full campus closure in response to the spread of COVID-19.

HSU has sent multiple emails since March 4 to students and faculty communicating the steps and measures the campus is taking to address the spread of COVID-19. In addition to creating a website with updates on the virus, HSU has organized the Pandemic Planning Committee.

In the most recent email, sent out March 10, HSU suspended all international and non-essential domestic university-related travel. Communication Specialist Grant Scott-Goforth clarified to The Lumberjack that students are free to travel where they wish outside of school. Scott-Goforth said HSU would send out more messages in the coming days to define essential travel.

The Lumberjack spoke with the emergency coordinator at HSU, Kris Koczera, who sits on the PPC. Koczera said the PPC is meeting weekly, but

that is subject to increase if the outbreak becomes more severe locally. She was hesitant to talk specifics due to the committee's confidential status and the pandemic's shifting nature.

"The idea is that we're creating a flexible solution, and our main goal is to ensure that we can provide services and instruction," Koczera said.

Representatives from Dining Services, Housing and even the Dean of Students have attended meetings to address concerns about how the pandemic will impact their departments. Much of what the PPC is doing is modeled after other campuses in the California State University system and is advised by direct communication from the Chancellor's Office of the CSU.

"We have the benefit of kind of looking at what they are doing, the timing of what they're doing and using that as almost a case study for us to move off of," Koczera said.

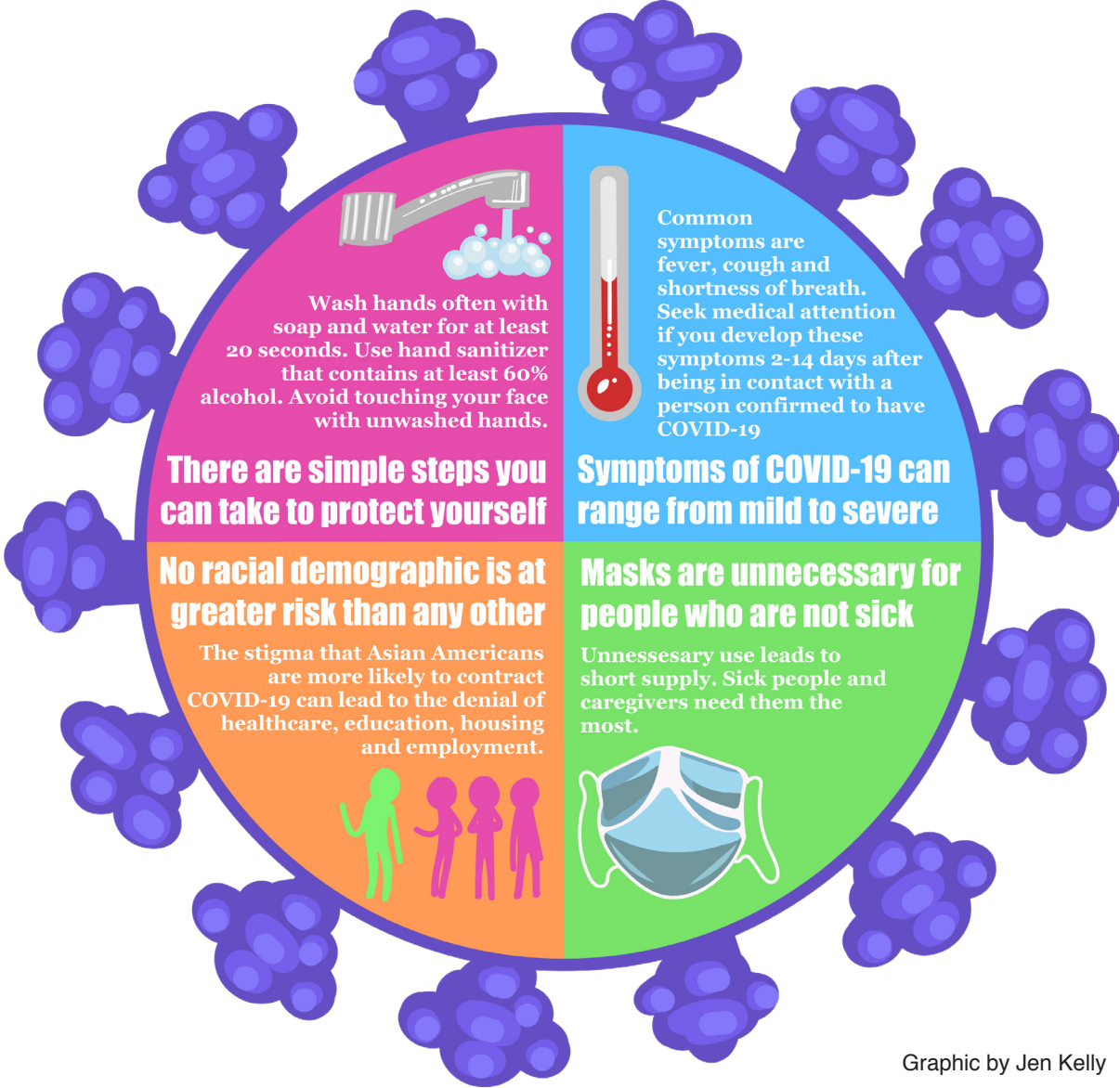
As of March 10, several college campuses including the University of California, Berkeley, UC Santa Cruz, San Francisco State and Stanford have suspended most of their in-person classes and will be offering all lecture courses through online instruction ser-

vices like Zoom and Canvas.

HSU has advised faculty to create a contingency plan in the event of a full campus clo-

sure. Koczera says life is first and foremost for the PPC and that they're aiming for a fluid-but-reactive approach.

"It doesn't matter how great instruction is," Koczera said, "if we have no students to instruct."



Graphic by Jen Kelly



# Dr. Asao Inoue looks to lead academic revolution

*Inoue confronts supremacist ideas within American academia*

by Rachel Marty

From unkind flyers to nasty messages written on bathroom walls, Humboldt State University has dealt with its fair share of acts of hatred and racism.

Asao B. Inoue, a professor and associate dean at Arizona State University, studies student writing assessment, race and racism. In a Social Justice Summit talk and an exclusive interview with The Lumberjack, Inoue pondered how a university can be anti-racist and address white supremacy.

“I was asked to come here and give a talk at a workshop, and I love doing that—it feels like an important part of the public work that I do in the academy,” Inoue said. “I help teachers think about ways to do social justice projects in their class, particularly around literacy classrooms and the grading evaluation and feedback of student literacy projects or writing.”

Inoue’s objective is to change the ways professors think about language and white language supremacy, and to start a revolution within the American grading system.

“My scholarship and research is in writing assessment and racism studies and the intersection of those



Photo by Rachel Marty  
Dr. Asao Inoue, professor and associate dean at Arizona State University, speaks at Humboldt State University March 6 for the Social Justice Summit. Inoue spoke on how higher education can contribute to white supremacy and how to effectively create an anti-racist campus.

two things,” Inoue said. “This [workshop] is an extension of that by trying to engage with writing faculty, English faculty and the curriculum.”

Inoue described white supremacy as a condition in which a particular group’s

dialogue dominates others.

Inoue said white supremacists are often middle to upper-class people from the East Coast that attended an elite school. Inoue said these conditions collectively make up the identities of white

supremacist perpetrators.

“It’s rarely, if ever, anybody else but that group of people from their particular material conditions in life that produce a certain language, which we tend to call standard or proper English,” Inoue said.

Inoue said proper English can be especially problematic in academic settings.

“There’s lots of research that shows that we don’t actually agree about what that standard looks like,” Inoue said. “But I’m talking about when the rubber meets the road and you have to grade a paper based off of this, or decide whether something is consumable for the public.

**“I don’t want one to confuse me calling the system racist, with me calling people racist.”**

**-Asao B. Inoue**  
**Professor, Associate Dean at Arizona State University**

# Indigenous environmentalists connect people with Earth

*Campus discussion touches on importance of traditional knowledge*

by Skylar Gaven

Students, faculty, friends and family packed the Native American Forum March 5 to listen to author Kari Norgaard and Karuk environmentalist Ron Reed discuss Norgaard’s most recent book, “Salmon and Acorns Feed our People: Colonialism, Nature, and Social Action.”

Before the speakers began, Cutcha Risling Baldy, assistant professor of Native American studies, announced the NAS department’s 25th anniversary at Humboldt State University.

An introduction followed, led by Reed’s son, Charlie. Charlie Reed, a recent alumni from HSU’s NAS program, has continued as an environmentalist to help battle climate change. Before the talk began, Reed said it was important to give proper acknowledgement to the lands of Indigenous peoples. HSU sits on ancestral Wiyot land, and recognizing the land’s history is of utmost importance.

“Whether you are a faculty member or student or just a community member, it starts with a conversation,” Charlie



Photo by Skylar Gaven  
Ron Reed speaking with a student after the panel about concepts mentioned in the discussion March 5.

Reed said. “You never know who is in the room who has something to offer or give back the things that have been taken from Indigenous people.”

Growing up with his father, Reed learned about his culture and the traditional ceremonies that tied in not just physically, but spiritually with the environment.

“There is a symbiotic relationship between our environment and our people,” Charlie Reed said.

With a warm thank you to the Reed family and the community, the floor was given to author Norgaard and Ron Reed. Reed introduced

himself and what he learned as a child. Reed said learning the traditional ways of his people at a young age taught him how to sustain the environment.

“That’s where it all begins, ladies and gentlemen, when you have the ability to be taught things that you don’t even know you’re being taught,” Ron Reed said. “That will stay with you the rest of your life.”

In one of Norgaard’s chapters, she mentions an Indigenous tradition of using fire to cleanse or manage the land. Western science has given us the narrative that fire is dangerous and destructive. Thanks to “Smokey the Bear”

and other forms of wildfire prevention advertisements, fire is seen as something to fear.

Even though fire can be seen as scary, Norgaard argued it’s also a way to help manage landscapes by getting rid of invasive species and even enhancing plant growth. Indigenous peoples used fire to help the environments they lived on, not to destroy or cause damage. Reed stressed the importance of bringing that narrative to our attention.

“We Native Americans—we the family—cannot let that narrative go,” Ron Reed said. “I don’t need some lone ranger to tell me the way. I

That’s where we start to have a lot of disagreements.”

Inoue called out academia for actively perpetuating racist standards. He said the American grading system reaffirms racist ideals and practices through assigned curriculum.

“I don’t want one to confuse me calling the system racist, with me calling people racist,” Inoue said. “[Professors] are thinking about the disciplines they have to teach and they’re not always thinking about, ‘How do I teach this?’”

One of the structural flaws within the educational system that Inoue noted was that professors fail to question the academic system and how it reaffirms practices of white language supremacy.

“It’s difficult to be critical of a system that has really benefited you,” Inoue said. “It seems like everything is working.”

Inoue said the façade of the education system being equally supportive can be convincing enough that people don’t see the flaws. Inoue said many professors inherit the practices that were inflicted upon them, and because those practices worked for them, they assume they work for others.

“It’s a fairly narrow economic and social bandwidth of people, so that means that all those practices are fairly narrow and the language practices are fairly narrow,” Inoue said. “So it doesn’t really leave a lot of room for considering differences or changes or being critical about those things.”

know the way.”

With Indigenous knowledge and science being pushed to the side when it comes to environmental issues, Norgaard said settler colonialism is still causing misinformation about the knowledge base of Indigenous peoples. Norgaard said this is changing.

“Indigenous concepts and ideas have been making their way into academic spaces,” Norgaard said.

Climate change is perhaps the most pressing modern issue, but Norgaard and Ron Reed agreed it would help bring more awareness in our communities.

“We’re trying to get back to an intact world,” Norgaard said. “Climate change can be a vehicle for that because of the awareness it brings to so many.”

The consensus of the talk was that combining Indigenous knowledge with western science can change the way we view the world as well as how we take care of it. Coming together and working with each other on both sides of science can also help combat climate change. From the ways of the rivers to the fires of the forests, Indigenous knowledge can teach us more about our world.

“We need all the community on the river, but don’t forget us,” Ron Reed said. “Don’t forget the first people on this nation, on this ground that has created the environment that we’re trying to reestablish in this world today.”



# Chemistry professor receives \$100,000 award

*Claire Till of HSU receives lucrative award to aid her research and academics*

by Gabe Kim

Humboldt State University’s top-ranked chemistry program is home to a professor researching how plankton in the ocean interacts with heavy metals in the water.

Assistant Professor of Chemistry Claire Till recently won the Cottrell Scholar Award, a \$100,000 award honoring trailblazing science professors or researchers who have made large strides in their respective fields.

“There are lots of people who are doing fantastic research and have awesome awards and grants on campus,” Till said. “So I’m glad for the opportunity to highlight some of the work that we’re doing at HSU and lots of people are doing lots of great work at HSU.”

Till looks forward to allocating the funds toward her personal research and her classroom. She’s using the funds to support field trips to gather more data and to hire student researchers.

“We’re going to go sample some rivers this summer,” Till said. “And then we’re going to do a couple of day trips on the research vessel, the Coral Sea, next summer, and

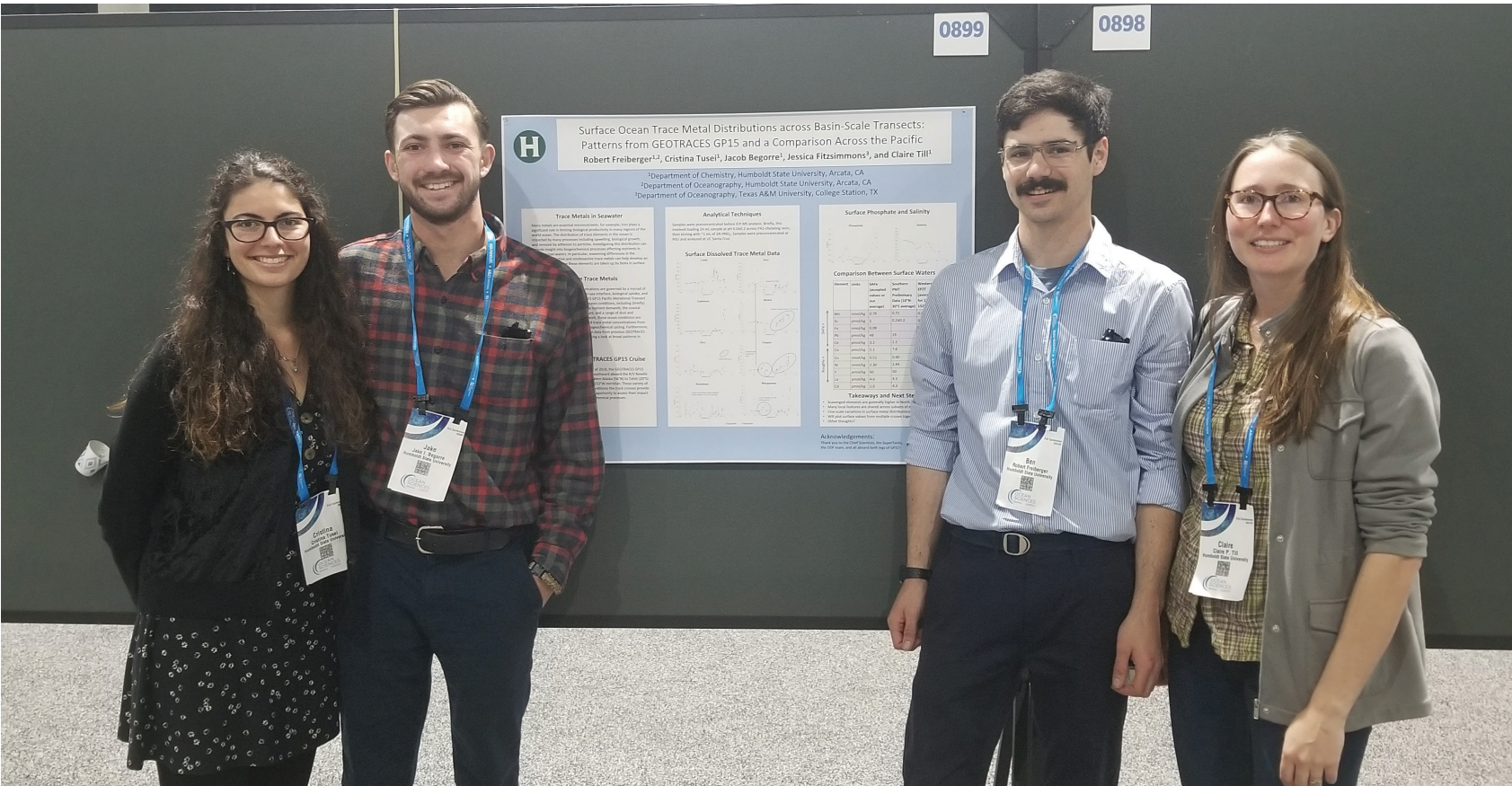


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Professor Claire Till with Ben Freiberger and two other students in front of their poster at the Ocean Sciences Meeting in San Diego.

some students will be hired throughout that.”

Till’s research is about iron, a vital nutrient for humans and phytoplankton in the ocean. Unfortunately, in the ocean, there are extremely low concentrations of iron, and as a result, phytoplankton are not growing as much.

“It’s really interesting—I think at least—to study how the iron gets there and how the phytoplankton uses it,” Till said. “What I proposed, and the work that we’re going to be working on, is to study iron using a new tool, which is another element called scandium.”

Till elaborated on the relationship between scandium and iron and what she hopes will come out of her

research in relation to that.

“Scandium and iron have some parallels in chemical reactivity,” Till said. “There’s no real reason to expect them to behave similarly based on their chemical properties, and so I’m really interested in figuring out exactly in what ways are they similar and in what ways are they different.”

The second area Till will be putting funding toward is academics, specifically in her own classroom.

Ben Freiberger, a senior research student for Claire Till, has worked under her for a considerable amount of time.

“We collect seawater samples, pre-concentrate them, and then measure them,” Freiberger said. “We

just finished measuring all these samples from a cruise that went from Alaska to Tahiti. I started measuring those samples at the beginning of summer and I’m just getting finished with a couple hundred of those.”

He also went on a cruise last summer and is measuring samples he collected on the trip. His research may benefit from Till’s award.

“It’s good for the research group and it’s great that Claire can get money to keep doing this,” he said.

Yasmin Zambrano, a junior undergraduate research student for Till, was recently hired to work with her on her iron research.

“Right now, we’re just reading a lot of articles

and trying to find how the treatments change within the different temperatures to see when it’s the best time to do the experiments and stuff,” Zambrano said.

Zambrano, too, is hopeful for the outlook of the chemistry program with the arrival of the award and subsequent funding.

“The money is now helping us to be able to get more accurate numbers and be able to determine more about scandium,” Zambrano said. “And again it’s going to be for at least three more years, so that’s three more years that she can do stuff, especially during the summer when students want to work in this field —and it looks good.”

# Sprinkles expected to move in over spring break

*Rains look to rush in this upcoming weekend as students leave*

by Collin Slavey

Cold clouds creep on the horizon, waiting for students to flee Arcata before dumping rain on the city. The days of sunny skies and warm weather may come to a damp halt at the beginning of spring break.

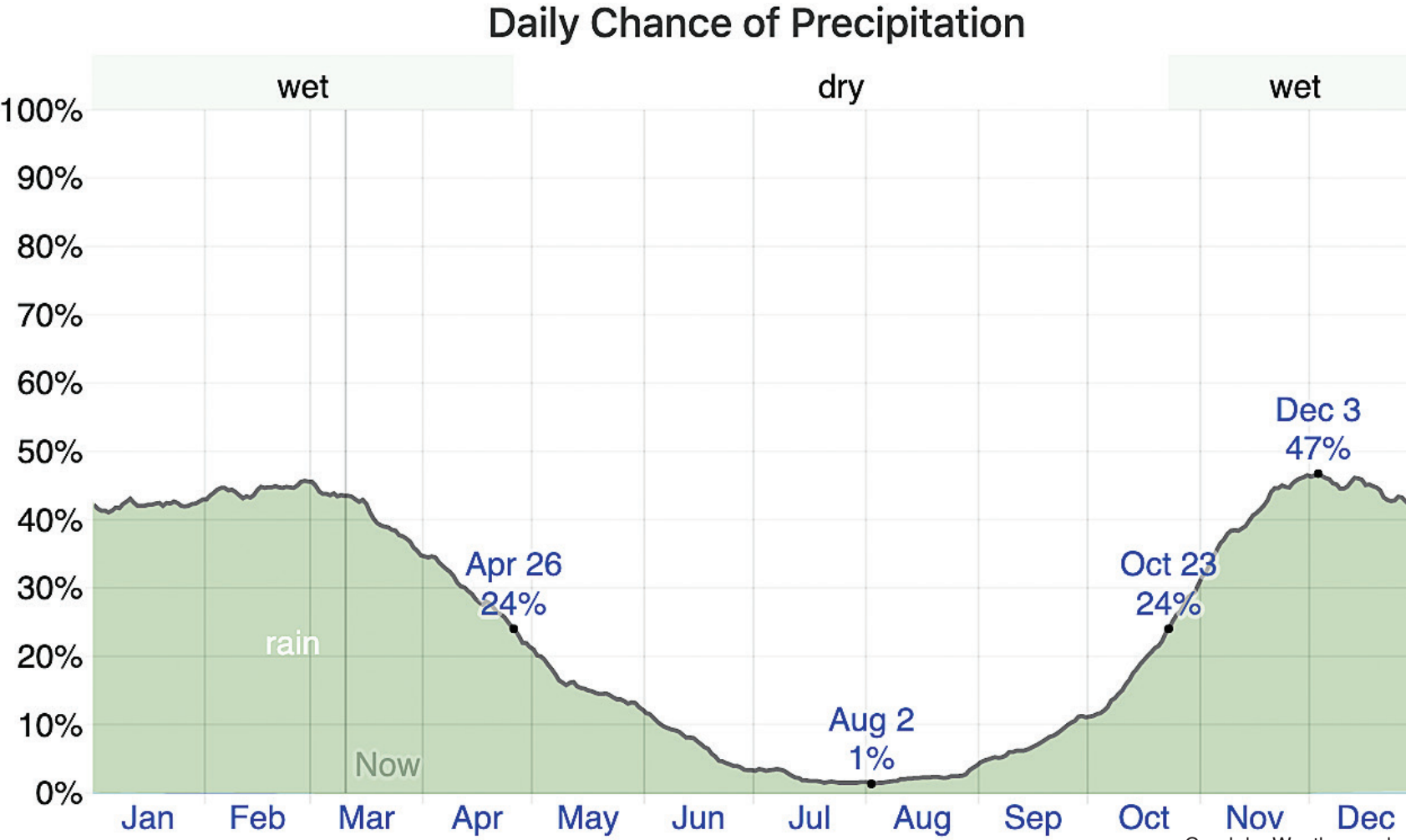
Spring is here, and it’s wet. This coming weekend, rain is forecasted to fall on Humboldt State. Break is just around the corner and inclement weather may be a downer for partying students, so be sure to check the weather before the rager starts.

To prepare for the break, The Lumberjack science section reached out to the National Oceanic and Aeronautic Administration office and asked a meteorologist what we can expect. It may get cold.

According to Brad Charboneau, one of those NOAA meteorologists, we’ve still got a couple more cold months ahead of us. We’re not out of the chill yet, even though the spring season is when temperatures start warming up.

For curious weather geeks, the NOAA station uses a number of sensors and measuring devices to record weather events. For example, they use a tipping bucket rain gauge that measures hundredths of an inch. Each time the bucket fills, the bucket tips over and records a tic. The more tics, the more water. Easy as that.

Mattea Roberts probably appreciates meteorological



This helpful graph, built by weatherspark.com, shows the average daily chance of rain in Arcata throughout the year.

instruments like the tipping bucket. A freshman studio artist at HSU, Roberts takes advantage of NOAA science by using their weather app. She said it was a good idea to check the weather if the sky looked questionable.

“I check the weather often either with the NOAA weather app or by looking at the sky,” Roberts said. “If it looks questionable or if the sky is darker than usual, check it.”

Roberts also said she brings a rain jacket or an umbrella to school every day, just in case it does rain. She’s probably going to be prepared

for whatever the climate has to throw at her this weekend.

“I can tell you right now, it’s gonna be nice and warm up until Friday,” Charboneau said. “On Saturday, believe it or not, we’re gonna have a shift to cooler, more showery weather that will last through the weekend.”

Charboneau said the rain isn’t going to be very intense from the perspective of the rivers, but the conditions may make the weekend less than ideal if students have outdoor plans.

One of Charboneau’s colleagues, Meteorologist Ryan Alyward, explained how

NOAA forecasts weather. He said as a meteorologist, his job is to pay attention to what’s going on in the sky and diagnose the conditions. Understanding what’s happening now allows him to make a prognosis of what weather conditions will be.

Using a program he called Ensemble, meteorologists input real-time data and get a large number of weather predictions. The predictions are future weather patterns that may or may not happen, and it is his job to use these to make a forecast of the weather. The trick is to look at the similarities in each

model, because together, those similarities make the most likely prediction.

The current models, beyond the wet weather forecasted in Arcata, include snow in the mountains east of the city. Charboneau said although snow is more common in January and February, it’s not unheard-of in March.

“We’re looking for the potential of snow—low-level snow—which will impact the passes going east,” Charboneau said. “It is likely to see some snow over the weekend. Those are the main threats over the weekend.”



# Humboldt esports builds momentum

## Arcata High CyberTigers face off against the Novato High Hornets

by Walker B. True

With 15 minutes until start time, Rocket League players sectioned themselves off into corners of a combined Humboldt State University computer lab and classroom in their respective Arcata High School CyberTiger, CyberTiger B and CyberTiger C teams as their coach Jason Sidell turned on some “get psyched” tunes. Sidell isn’t incredibly well-versed in Rocket League, but he is quick to compare it to other sports.

“When people think of esports, they think video games, and I think that they would be surprised if they were to observe our practices,” Sidell said. “Esports is to video gaming what a basketball team is to a pick up game.”

Rocket League players for the CyberTigers faced off against the Novato High School Hornets Feb. 27.

Rocket League, as described by the California Interscholastic Federation, is a fantastical sport-based video game that can be summed up as soccer with cars. It features a competitive game mode based on teamwork and outmaneuvering opponents.

Complete with pizza and La Croix, the HSU Gaming Club hosted a meet and play event

for the Arcata High esports team earlier that month that brought an evening full of laughter and good old fashioned competition. The meetup was organized by HSU Gaming Club President Sarah Kanga Livingstone and advisor David Marshall, who reached out to the Arcata High esports team.

“We’ve been trying to reach out more and more to see if we can get more ways of bringing (high school) students on to campus,” Livingstone said.

The CyberTigers and their opponents are registered through a service called PlayVS, which is partnered with the CIF to provide the tournament brackets and infrastructure to run a state-wide league.

The teams are each made up of 3 players, with the CyberTiger team being more like a varsity team and the B and C teams being more like junior varsity. The matches are best-of-five games, with each game lasting a little over five minutes.

Within 20-30 minutes, both the B and C teams’ games were drawing to a close, but the CyberTigers’ Seth Simmons, Jonah Moore and Marley Thrift continued on in a dynamic match against



Photo by Walker B. True  
Arcata High School CyberTigers playing Rocket League Feb. 18. Coach Jason Sidell is never far from the action.

the Hornets, with their coach cheering them on.

“Don’t say nice,” Simmons said as Sidell mistakenly complimented a shot that looked like it was going to go in. “Don’t say anything.”

Remarkably, the C team

won while being down a player, and the B team swept their opponents 3-0. The CyberTigers, however, lost their match 3-1.

Vice President of Enrollment Management Jason Meriwether stopped by

## SPORTS COLUMN

# Track-side tales with Elliott Portillo

## First-hand account from Humboldt State distance runner Elliott Portillo

by Elliott Portillo

March is here, which means a lot of change for students. Classes are beginning to ramp up and the days are getting longer. For track and field athletes like myself, it means a return to early season competition after a long, cold winter of preparation and training. On March 6 and 7, Humboldt State University’s Track and Field team traveled to Turlock, California to participate at the 2020 Kim Duyst Invitational at Stanislaus State University.

Traditionally, this meet brings together programs from across Northern and Central California to post early season times and marks. For myself and other track-based Lumberjacks, it means a long and winding drive down Highway 101 on a large and cumbersome charter bus with very little leg room and one bathroom for around 40 runners, jumpers and throwers.

As the trip progressed, the foggy redwood canopy gave way to neat rows and columns of orchards and, eventually, the urban jungle on both sides of the I-5 through Stockton, Modesto and Turlock.

As a whole, my race, a



Photo by Elliott Portillo  
Humboldt State senior Brailee VandenBoom during the women’s high jump at the 2020 Kim Duyst Invitational March 7 at Stanislaus State University.

morning event, was uneventful. I found myself heading to the front of a large pack of runners after a few laps, and wound up leading the race for a good two miles in a very strong headwind. The racers must have enjoyed my wind-breaking, as nobody made a move to pass me until a few laps to go. Three runners passed me in the last few laps,

leaving my decrepit body in their wake after all of my heavy lifting.

One advantage of racing early in the morning is the opportunity to watch teammates compete, and boy was I in for a show. I got to see senior Jaye Washington finish second in the long jump, while Brailee VandenBoom tied for

first place in the high jump. These were just a handful of the performances I was able to view during my downtime after my race. Even if an athlete didn’t make it to the podium, there was plenty to celebrate—a new personal best, or out-leaning someone at the line to gain one more spot.

Things only heated up as the

day progressed. The weather alternated between sunny and overcast, with swaths of clouds blanketing the vast expanse of the Central Valley. In the evening, eight Humboldt State women toed the line for the fastest race of the 5,000 meter run, made up of 12 and a half laps and just over three circular miles of Stanislaus’s faded red oval.

Of those eight Humboldt runners, six women ran fast enough to qualify for the California Collegiate Athletic Association championships in May. Junior Cessair McKinney ran with the top group for most of the race, at one point running to the front and pushing the pace, showing no regard for how bad she might feel later. Her teammate, freshman Lucy Atkinson, hung back in the next pack of runners.

Eventually, the two groups strung out and splintered, as the dense pack turned into a single file parade around the track. McKinney finished six, while Atkinson finished fourth.

It was just our luck that just as we began packing up to leave, the skies, which had been threatening rain all day, finally opened up and unleashed a downpour.

I guess we brought a bit of Humboldt with us after all.

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EDITORIAL

# No facts justify the pink tax

## Businesses capitalize on gender-based price discrimination

by Editorial Board

Gender-based price gouging often goes unnoticed, even though it affects the most basic items like clothing, menstrual products and toiletries.

The pink tax, also known as the tampon tax, refers to women’s products that frequently cost more than equivalent male products. These taxed items aren’t necessarily centered around female hygienic products, but they often target that audience.

March is dedicated to Women’s History Month, where past actions, sacrifices and challenges advocating for equal rights are respected and celebrated. The pink tax furthers gender discrimination and promotes the patriarchal setup of our society.

Women pay more for products solely based on the product being used on a female body. This contributes to the suppression of female rights by unrealistically charging women more for the same products.

The tax allows companies to take advantage of women’s products and manipulate the pricing to further profit. The New York City Department of Consumer Affairs conducted a study of the price differences between products which had male and female versions. The study found, on average, women’s products cost 7% more than men’s products.

Research shows the female

version of products like razors, clothes, shaving cream, facial cleanser and even children’s toys cost more on average than their nearly identical male counterpart products.

Take a trip to the Target website and you can see the pink tax in action. A quick browse of Target brand razors will show the different pricing for men and women. A four-pack of women’s razors costs \$2.99, while an eight-pack of men’s razors costs \$4.89. That’s about 75 cents per women’s razor and about 60 cents per men’s razor.

Pink taxes still exist in 35 states in the United States. There are only five states which don’t tack on an additional tax for any women’s products—Alaska, Delaware, Montana, New Hampshire and Oregon.

Both New York and California look to join the five states of pink tax exemption by eliminating gender-based pricing discrimination. Governor Andrew Cuomo of New York is leading a campaign against the pink tax with a budget plan to remove all gender-based pricing. California State Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson motioned for the same action and argued for the removal of the tax through a demonstration provided in a press conference. Jackson placed two basically identical soccer balls on a table, one with a pink stripe priced at \$8.99 and the other with a blue stripe priced at \$6.99. Jackson showed gender-based pricing to



Graphic by Phoebe Hughes

be simply ludicrous.

As of June 2019, 13 states made female hygiene products tax exempt, including Utah, Ohio, California, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Nevada, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island.

The essence of the pink tax is to further discriminate by gender and sexuality to create immense profit off of the subtle product differences. This makes money for corporate manufacturers and hinders the

progression of gender equality.

To participate in the pink tax revolution and help the gender equality cause, we advocate boycotting products that target women or supporting companies who fight against gender-based pricing. We encourage people to purchase from companies that don’t produce gender-specific products. Collectively, this allows us to retaliate against the existence of the pink tax in the first place.

OPINION

# Catcalling isn’t OK and can’t continue

*Verbal harassment toward women is about control and the assertion of gender discrimination*

by Benjamin Zawilski

Overall, 81% of women have experienced sexual harassment or assault in their life, according to Stop Street Harassment. This comes in the form of unwanted touching, being followed, being hollered or whistled at or vulgar gestures.

People often minimize the effect catcalling has, usually through now-tired and almost memetic clichés.

“What were you wearing?” some might ask. Or, “How late was it?”

Some may attempt to advise the recipients of such advances to simply ignore them. Such advice ignores cases of women being killed for doing just that.

As explained by HS Insider of the Los Angeles Times, the downplay of the effects of catcalling reinforces rape culture.

“Although catcalling is street harassment, it can be really difficult to report the perpetrator, which also creates the mindset of getting away with something and trying to see what else one can get away with, which can be



Graphic by Ash Ramirez

more violent forms of sexual harassment,” author Karen Rodriguez wrote.

Even if catcallers claim they’re simply having fun or messing around, they demonstrate disregard for the safety and rights of women.

Men who catcall use the institutional power they hold that protects them

from behaviors that should be seen as inappropriate. They reinforce the idea that men should hold a level of control over women and that women should be subservient. They see resistance to such unsolicited advances as a negative reaction to their exercise of that power.

“The issue of catcalling

and street harassment isn’t an issue on security and protection,” Rebecca Meluch wrote for The DePaulia, the student newspaper at DePaul University. “It should be an issue on the way society shapes people to view groups of bodies as accessible and degradable.”


HuffPost published a video in which men attempt to explain why they catcall. Most of their responses can be simplified to a man finding a woman attractive and the man instinctively calling out to her. The same men who defended their behavior instantly said they wouldn’t like if women they personally knew were victims of harassment.

The attitude that men are simply having fun as long as they’re personally and emotionally removed from the victim, reinforces stereotypes of gender inequality and power dynamics. The asserting of one’s power is the real intention behind catcalling, regardless of what perpetrators claim.

These actions are far from harmless, and they are damaging to women in the long run.

“Having to double-check the people walking behind me shouldn’t be routine for me,” Paula Ortiz Cazaubon wrote for The Beacon, the student newspaper at the University of Portland.

This is why education on street harassment is necessary. It starts with holding men accountable for their behavior. Rape culture is not something to be fetishized or taken lightly.



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Dear Productive Procrastinator,

It's about that time in the semester where many of us students hit our wall and feel the need to distract ourselves from our priorities. Don't get comfortable in this phase—we still have eight more weeks of school left. There are a few things you can try to motivate yourself to work more and to keep you focused while still keeping some time to decompress.

Stay organized and prioritize your work. You can try to create daily to-do lists. If you can visualize what you have to do, you might have more motivation to get the little things done before tackling your bigger assignments.

Set realistic goals for yourself that you know you can complete. Chip away at your work bit by bit. You're less likely to get overwhelmed. Read the required chapters for your classes one at a time and take breaks when you feel the need, but only after getting through a good chunk first.

Study with a purpose. Set aside your phone or just shut it off completely so you don't get distracted with notifications. Power through the work you have without putting things off. You'll feel much more relieved and relaxed in your free time if you get your responsibilities out of the way first.

If you really don't feel persuaded to work after these tips, you can try productively procrastinating in other ways.

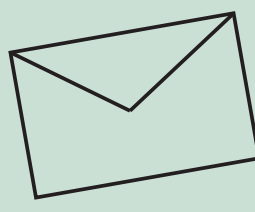
Tidy up your house while you put off contributing to a group project. Do the dishes while you think of how to start a report that's due in a week. Scrub your toilet bowl and strategize your study plan for an upcoming midterm.

Allow yourself to have some time away from your school responsibilities before you buckle down and get to work. This will help you refresh your brain, giving you a better mindset to work with, while also hopefully kick-starting some brainstorming.

As long as you aren't staring at a wall watching paint dry, you're bound to be doing something productive while you put off your priorities.

I believe in you!

Sincerely,  
Evergreen



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# WEEKLY CALENDAR

**DISCLAIMER:** events below may be subject to cancellation due to ongoing threat of COVID-19.

**Thurs. 3/12**  
**CANCELED: Sustainable Futures Speaker Series**  
**Time:** 5:30 - 7 p.m.  
**Where:** Founders Hall 118  
**Description:** Latinx Environmentalisms come together to celebrate the publication of the volume and to talk about the connections, as well as the remaining tensions between Latinx Studies and the environmental humanities.  
**(Rescheduled for Fall 2020)**

**Lamberson Ecology Lecture Series**  
**Time:** 6:30 - 8 p.m.  
**Where:** Science B 135  
**Description:** Dr. Trent McDonald's talk surrounds his specialization in capture-recapture analyses, habitat selection analyses, linear models, before-and-after-control-impact studies and more.

**Fri. 3/13**  
**Green & Gold Fridays**  
**Time:** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
**Where:** UC Quad  
**Description:** A new HSU campus tradition. Wear green and gold or HSU apparel on Fridays to show school spirit and stop by the UC Quad for free cookies or 10% off all HSU clothing items.

**Arts! Arcata**  
**Time:** 6 - 9 p.m.  
**Where:** Arcata Main St.  
**Description:** Meet local artists and enjoy downtown businesses on the 2nd Friday of every month. This self-guided and public art phenomenon brings art lovers and community friends together.

**Sat. 3/14**  
**Spring Break Backpacking Redwood Creek**  
**Time:** 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
**Where:** Center Activities  
**Description:** Delve into the Redwood National Park and immerse yourselves within its natural beauty. Do not worry about your experience as this trip has been designed for all skill levels.

**Exploring Leadership: River Edition**  
**Time:** 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
**Where:** Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center  
**Description:** This two-day-one night informative excursion will prepare you with hands-on skills for both the on-land and on-water aspects of river adventure trips.

**PreTrip Meeting:** March 11, 6 - 7 p.m. @ RWC Lounge

**Sun. 3/15**  
**Donation Meditation**  
**Time:** 5:30 - 6 p.m.  
**Where:** Arising Holistic Center  
**Description:** A free, guided 30 to 60-minute silent meditation. Enjoy a safe space to connect with community members and explore the optimal state of being. Donations are not required but encouraged.

**Hamlet**  
**Time:** 8 p.m.  
**Where:** North Coast Repertory Theatre  
**Description:** Prince Hamlet suspects his uncle of murdering his father. With Denmark in chaos and an invading army on the way, Prince Hamlet races against time.

Students \$16 | Seniors \$16 | General \$18

**Mon. 3/16**  
**March Featured Artist - McGarry and Gagliardi**  
**Time:** 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
**Where:** Trinidad Art Gallery  
**Description:** Maureen McGarry and Matthew Gagliardi are the featured artists for March. McGarry highlights her luscious watercolors and local landscapes. Gagliardi swirls together his incredibly intricate blown glass art. Free event.

**Shuffleboard Tournament**  
**Time:** 7 - 9 p.m.  
**Where:** Redwood Curtain Brewing Company  
**Description:** Bring a friend or meet one at the bar for a chance to compete in a friendly shuffleboard tournament.

**Tues. 3/17**  
**Multimedia for Digital Marketing**  
**Time:** 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Prosperity Center  
**Description:** Go beyond still photos and learn the basics of creating, editing and using multimedia to market your business.

General \$30

**The Underwater Bubble Show**  
**Time:** 7 - 9 p.m.  
**Where:** Arkley Center for the Performing Arts  
**Description:** Using optical illusions, cutting-edge laser technology, snow cannons and gazillions of bubbles. This lavish production from Latvia is a highly interactive performance for all ages.

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