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## Students walkout in protest of tuition hikes

by Iridian Casarez and Andrew George Butler

The daily chorus of a dozen mission bells echoed throughout Humboldt State University, as students walked out of class to take part in a demonstration over tuition hikes.

The walk-out was not unique to HSU, as seven other California State Universities also saw student planned and executed walk outs.

CSU’s Board of Trustees met and will meet Tuesday, January 31 and Wednesday, February 1 to discuss budget issues. Among the topics is a likely \$300, or 5%, tuition hike for all CSU students.

Students for Quality Education (SQE), a student advocacy group with members across all CSU campuses planned the walkout. In addition to protesting the planned 5% tuition hike, SQE also is calling for free education across all CSU’s. SQE cited the California master plan in which free CSU tuition for all students remains a goal.

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Students protesting in the quad. | Iridian Casarez

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## Mathletes compete

by Kelly Bessem

Self-driving cars, space junk, managing water resources and eradicating ebola are topics of problems students rushed to resolve during the annual International Mathematical Contest in Modeling (MCM). This year, four teams made up of three Humboldt State University students each joined more than 6,000 teams from all around the globe to crunch complex math problems in just five days, Jan. 19-23.



Students Alden Bradley (Left), Caleb Hill (Middle) and Erik Knutsen (Right) maintain a sense of humor while modeling. | Photo by Dr. Kamila Larripa

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January 26 2017. The man was stuck in his truck due to high tide and surf.

-California regulators need to create regulations that will govern the \$7 billion legal pot economy by next year.

-The United Nations and European leaders condemned Donald Trump's ban on refugees from several Muslim countries. The ban is temporary but quickly caused confusion among airports in other Muslim countries.

-6 people died while attending a mosque in Quebec City Sunday January 29 2017. The attack is being investigated as an act of terrorism.

-Trump ordered the Secretary of state to, within 60 days, devise a plan to defeat the ISIS threat across the middle east.

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## *\$300 proposed tuition increase prompts state-wide student demonstrations*

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HSU's walk-out was coordinated by Associated Students as well as MECHA, a nation wide chicano advocacy group focused on promoting education and unity of its members and community.

Nathaniel McGuigan, co-chair of MECHA, helped organize the walk out. “I’m here for the cause, I believe in student equality, the rights for Chicano students and other students of color,” said McGuigan.

Chad Friefeld, president of HSU Greens, a green-party political group based on campus, also spoke during the walk-out. “I am hoping to trigger a formidable student response to this oppressive tuition hike,” Friefeld said. “The CSU system, like any system, is meant to work us, not work for us. It is our job to fight for our rights whether it’s about the federal government or the CSU administration.”

Peg Blake, Vice President of enrollment and student affairs, also attended the event. “I am here to show support for the Associated students and other students that are trying to achieve this goal,” Blake said. “I think it’s important that students become aware of these situations, this tuition hike will impact students now and in the future.”



Chad Friefeld speaking to students in the quad. I Iridian Casarez



Students gathering in the quad. I Iridian Casarez

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## *International math modeling competition targets real-world issues*

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Students had to balance the routine of normal classes with contest submissions comparable to full-semester research projects.

The teams are judged not on if their answer is simply right, but on the method and means used to come up with a solution. The goal of the competition is to allow students the ability take a stab at a real-world issue using math modeling and pure ingenuity to solve it.

Alden Bradley is a 22-year-old physics major and applied math minor who participated in MCM through HSU for the second time.

“The contest is extremely stressful for the five days, but at the end, you get a great sense of accomplishment for what you’ve created and submitted,” Bradley said.

Math professor and faculty adviser to the contest Kamila Larripa was particularly pleased by the number of female contestants.

“This year there are six female participants, accounting for half of the competitors,” Larripa said. “Woman are a historically underrepresented segment of the mathematics world. Seeing so many women compete this year was a very positive step.”

This competition is not exclusive to math majors, either. Teams included members from an array of majors,

including physics and several of the sciences. According to Larripa, the problems given to teams are not meant to exclude non-math majors, but instead include those who have an ability to problem solve using various methods.

Katie Fassbender, a 22-year-old physics major, reflected on how the presence of team members and professors kept her and the other participants going throughout the competition.

“We would feed off of each other because we were so tired,” Fassbender said.

Professors who admired the students’ hard work also went out of their way to feed the consumed competitors.

HSU student teams aimed to creatively model the problems by combining each student’s unique skills and interpretations.

“It involves taking multiple perspectives to solve something most effectively,” Bradley said. “Problems are open ended, without discrete solutions.”

Charlotte Olsen is a senior physics and astronomy major who saw the competition as an opportunity to take what she’s studied beyond timed tests and toward real time research.

“Having no real right answer in this competition is accurate for real life,” Olsen said. “This is preparing students to be real-life researchers.”



Students Troy Maloney (Left), Catie Ledesma (Middle) and Katie Fassbender (Right) model how self-driving cars can reduce traffic in Seattle, WA. I Photo by Dr. Kamila Larripa.



Graphic of problem given to students. I Provided by Dr. Kamila Larripa



# Activists protest banks funding NDAP in Arcata and Eureka

by Iridian Casarez

People protesting Wells Fargo, and other corporate banks funding the North Dakota Access Pipeline, took to the streets in Arcata and Eureka on Saturday Jan. 28.

People stood in front of several Wells Fargo locations to protest the corporation's funding of the North Dakota Access Pipeline. They marched in Arcata Saturday morning and also marched in Eureka Saturday at noon.

Mahilija Florendo is from the Yurok, Hoopa, Siletz, and Wasco tribes. Florendo is a youth activist who helped organize the protest.

"We want to tell Wells Fargo to stop financing the North Dakota Access Pipeline," Florendo said. "We are here to tell them that we are in solidarity with those at Standing Rock even all the way from the west coast. We are here to fight."

Marlene Dusek is a senior at HSU majoring in environmental management and pro-

tection. She is from the Payom Kawachum tribe. She was there to protest against Wells Fargo and other banks that fund pipelines.

"I am here to stand up for all my brothers and sisters who have been fighting against the North Dakota Access Pipeline," said Dusek. "We are here to stand up against capitalist societies and stand up for those who protect mother earth."

Camaray Davalos is a student at HSU majoring in Native American Studies. She is from the Pechanga tribe in southern California. She thinks it is important for people to divest from banks that support pipelines she said.

Davalos use to bank with Wells Fargo but has since stopped. "Yesterday I went to go take out money from Wells Fargo and I felt like I actually could do something," Davalos said. "Money talks and we need to hit these banks where it hurts."



Marlene Dusek and Camaray Davalos holding a sign in protest of the North Dakota Access Pipeline in front of Wells Fargo on Saturday Jan. 28 2017 in Eureka, California. | Iridian Casarez



Jeffrey Delgadillo and Kelly Karaba standing in front of the Wells Fargo on Saturday Jan. 28 2017 in Eureka, California. | Iridian Casarez

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Q&A with Metalachi

by Carlos Olloqui

Plastic beer cups flying across the venue, mosh pits and headbanging throughout the crowd, stale cigarette smoke lingering in the air and on stage -- is Metalachi.

On Wednesday night, Jan. 25, Metalachi took the stage at the Sapphire Palace inside of Blue Lake Casino. A heavy metal mariachi band, what? That's right. From Slayer to Vicente Fernandez, Metalachi gave the audience the best of both worlds. An unlikely meshing of metal classics with traditional mariachi instrumentation. The band has been named one of the top five cover/tribute bands in Los Angeles by LA Weekly.

From the streets of Los Angeles, Metalachi is a five-member ensemble of classically trained mariachi musician siblings. The band features Vega De La Rockha on vocals, El Cucuy on trumpet, Queen Kayla on violin, Nacho Picante on guitarron, and Vato on guitar.

First off, where did Metalachi emerge from?

Vega: Well, we are originally from Juarez, Mexico. But we were raised in LA -- East LA, since we were chiquitos. The thing is that we used to be mariachi -- just straight mariachi.

How did the heavy metal aspect come into play?

Vega: One day we kind of experimented with one song. We did Ironman, that was the first metal song we covered. We played that one and everyone started dancing, dude. So, we said "this might work out if we do something original" -- you know?

And you guys are all siblings, is that correct?

El Cucy: We all have the same mama, different dads though. So that kind of tells you something about our mom-- she knew how to party, dude.

What does she say about Metalachi?

El Cucuy: This is like right up mom's alley. It's the rest of la familia that's into mariachi, she was more into the metal crowd and stuff. She comes to our shows but like she doesn't stick around to the end. She'll find somebody horny and just go with them.

How does it feel to be the only lady of the group?

Queen Kayla: I like being the only girl. I get more love, so yeah I like it, it's exciting.

What does Metalachi have planned next?

Queen Kayla: We are touring with Mac Sabbath. We are touring March and into April with them. It's going to be about four weeks, and it's going to be awesome.

El Cucuy: We just released Dos and we are already working on our third album.

Vega: Tomorrow we go to Novato, and after that we are going to San Jose -- Santa Cruz after that. The we are going back to LA and we have Long Beach, Santa Barbara y Las Vegas. Puro party, bro.



Queen Kayla jamming out to some Slayer on her violin, Wednesday night at Blue Lake Casino. | Carlos Olloqui



Queen Kayla (far left) on violin, Vega (middle) on vocals, El Cucuy (far right) on trumpet, Nacho Picante (back left) on guitarron, and Vato (back right) on guitar, Jan. 25. | Carlos Olloqui



Metalachi live in concert Wednesday night, Jan. 25, at Blue Lake Casino. | Carlos Olloqui

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Road race in Trinidad

by Erin Chessin

The fog cleared just in time for hundreds of runners to take their marks at the 52nd annual Clam Beach Run in Trinidad, Calif. An event hosted by the Greater Trinidad Chamber of Commerce. Friends, families, and locals united on a sunny Saturday afternoon and ran one of California's most scenic road races.

HSU alumni, Paul Matli, was amongst this crowd of runners on the start line.

"I wasn't nervous for this race because I knew it was going to be fun," said Matli. "Clam Beach is one of the more exciting races I do every year. It's a combination of rolling hills and flat ground, and the fact the last 2 miles are on the beach makes it more fun."

Runners could either register for the half marathon, 8 and three quarter mile, 5 and three quarter mile, or the 3 mile race. Each race started at the same time and place but runners had to turn off at a specific point in the town of Trinidad and take their designated path depending on the distance they signed up for. The half marathon began at 11:30 a.m. while the 8 and three quarter mile, 5 and three quarter mile, and the 3 mile races took off in the afternoon. The weather conditions were exceptionally good, with temperatures hitting just above 50 degrees.

This was no ordinary road race. From the trails to the sand, runners made their way through thick forest and ascended down a rocky path to the beach. The scenery is

impeccable and many runners found themselves distracted by the North Coast's beauty. Kenneth Pocasangre, HSU alumni and a teacher at Fieldbrook Elementary, couldn't help but enjoy the sights and sounds of the beach.

"The scenery is what distracted me from the pain," said Pocasangre, "I could see the ocean hitting the rocks, the fog drifting through the trees, the beautiful colors reflected by the sunlight, it was exhilarating."

Once the runners made their way through the forest, the road race ascended down to the beach. In the 8 and three quarter mile race, the last two miles ended on a long stretch of Clam Beach. Matli said this was the toughest part of the race as he struggled to get past the famous Little River that all runners must cross in order to reach the finish.

"I fell in," said Matli. "I tried to swim through the river but I ended up being carried down the stream and had to pull myself back onto the course."

The Little River isn't forgiving, many runners found themselves struggling to get past the river since the tide was abnormally high as observed by Jocelyn Barber, a student at HSU studying environmental resources and engineering.

"I noticed everyone was using the rope to get across the Little River since the current was so high," Barber said. "I decided to walk upstream and avoid the rope, running through the cold stream. There were people I could see be-

ing carried away by the water."

Pocasangre said his shins were problematic throughout the race.

"I knew I had to keep pushing through in order to get to the finish line, as painful as it was," said Pocasangre, who finished first place overall in the half marathon race with a time of one hour and 29 minutes.

The Marching Lumberjacks, who perform at HSU's football games and numerous other events, showed up at the finish line with enthusiasm and high spirits.

"I picked up the pace, as much as I could," said Pocasangre. "I could hear the music about a half mile away from the finish line. It was gratifying hearing the band playing from afar, helping you get through the final excruciating stretch of the race."

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# Getting swol in style

by Alexandria Hasenstab

Humboldt State is not known as one of the most fashion-forward universities out there. However, if you’re looking for current fashion trends around campus, you might want to check out the gym. Students head to the Student Recreation Center to hit

the weights, but with current athletic clothing available in endless colors and styles, they look ready to hit the runway.

Junior environmental science major Andie White is one of the students who regularly goes to the gym in stylish attire.

“I prefer to wear things that motivate me,” White said. “I like to wear bright colors because it makes me feel good.”

The cliché, look good, feel good, is certainly applicable to the gym.

Psychology professor Mary Bockover believes our outward appearance can affect our confidence.

“When people feel like they look good, then on psychological grounds, they may believe others see them in a more favorable light,” Bockover said. “Conversely, when we feel like we don’t look good, it can negatively affect our self esteem and the willingness to be in front of others.”

Indeed, working out in such a public space requires a certain level of comfort. For students like Andie White, a choice of clothing means the power to be comfortable and motivated to work

out in front of others. White says some of her favorite brands are Nike and Adidas. Both of these brands are sported by many students in the gym.

Marjani Ellison is a junior environmental engineering major who can be seen wearing bright green Nikes while working out.

“They’re a little brighter than the green of Humboldt,” Ellison said. “But as a player of the football team I feel like I should come out and represent Humboldt State every day.”

Athletic clothing has become so fashionable that many people wear it as normal street clothing. However, many students don’t feel the need to pay the high prices that are common with popular athletic brands.

Senior psychology major Miranda Beach says she doesn’t usually dress stylish when she works out.

“You caught me on a good day, this is what was clean,” Beach said of what was she was wearing. “I think it does give you a confidence boost when you think you look good, but most of the time I’m pretty in the zone.”

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Senior psychology major Miranda Beach, works out in style at the Student Recreation Center on campus. | Alexandria Hasenstab.



Junior environmental engineering major Marjani Ellison sports green nikes while working out at the Student Recreation Center. | Alexandria Hasenstab



Junior environmental science major Andie White, works out at the Student Recreation Center while wearing athletic clothing in her favorite color, blue. | Alexandria Hasenstab

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# Jacked up

by Liam Olson

Headphones are an essential for every college student, and it is the worst when you lose them. Without them, you would not be able to listen to music while doing your homework or watch a video without annoying the people next to you.

You could leave them at home to only forget where they are or leave them at the library on accident.

But you’re not alone, many others lose their headphones all the time.

Library Circulation and Student Assistant Sineva Hosea, is an environmental science major in her junior year. She finds lost objects all the time around the library while she is working, but headphones seem to be the most common.

Earlier in the week, she even found a pair of earbuds along with the iphone that they were attached to. Luckily, the owner was able to retrieve their phone and earbuds from the lost and found. But others are not so lucky and have to go buy a new pair of earbuds. “Some don’t get returned, but when I do my rounds, I mostly find earphones,” said Hosea.

In the near future, wired earbuds and headphones could be a thing of the past. Apple removed the standard 3.5mm headphone jack on the iPhone 7 and soon other companies, such as Samsung, may follow this model.

This change forces customers to switch to small, wireless earbuds. The new design could lead to more earbuds getting lost since there are no wires to keep it from slipping out of your pocket.

When asked about this new design, students are not fond of the idea that would have to change to wireless earbuds and headphones.

Brittany Heller, an international studies major in her senior year, is used to the normal wired earbuds. She finds that it is easier to keep track of wired earbuds over wireless earbuds since the wires help her hold on to her earbuds so she would not lose them.

“I wouldn’t know where to put them,” she said.

Amber Norwood, a zoology major in her junior year, keeps track of her earbuds, but her friends seem to lose theirs often. She says they have to go buy new a new pair about every month. She thinks that wireless earbuds would be easier to lose with their small design. It would also become expensive to replace them often.

The thought of having two separate earbuds makes you appreciate how they have always been connected by a wire, so that one earbud

is never lost. “It would suck to lose one and still have the other,” Norwood said.



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# The Lighthouse Grill

by Bryan Donoghue

If you find yourself getting hungry after a long day of wandering through Trinidad and are looking for something that hits the spot, consider setting your sights on The Lighthouse Grill.

The Lighthouse Grill’s philosophy is all about using fresh, local ingredients and serving homemade recipes to a community that has grown to love the restaurant. Bread is made in-house every day; homemade ice cream and sodas are at your fingertips to order. Employees pride themselves in the fact that nothing is processed or artificial in any of the restaurant’s recipes.

The atmosphere can be compared to that of being in a cabin by the sea. Gentle gusts of wind grazed my cheeks as I stood outside; I breathed in the fresh scent of seawater. Inside the establishment, I felt as though I was standing under the sea, surrounded by various murals depicting marine wildlife.

The organization behind the counter was impressive. The employees were all very friendly and helpful.

I focused on the scent of rosemary and chives being infused into a waffle cone before I decided on what to order. Thankfully, there wasn’t a long line.

I first ordered a homemade lemon mint soda. The lemon syrup is crafted beforehand and club soda is poured over the top before being garnished with mint leaves. There wasn’t any sugar added to the drink, giving it a tart and bitter taste at first. Take advantage of the carbonation and pour in about a teaspoon of sugar if you’re looking for a bit of sweetness to balance out the overall taste. All in all, the drink was immensely refreshing and complimented each meal I ordered. The lemon mint soda costs \$3.

I then had a mashed potato cone with everything on it, earning it a name in the restaurant as an “all the way” cone. The waffle cones are crafted by pressing fresh cornmeal, garlic, rosemary and chives and then rolling them around in a mold the shape of a cone. Mine was packed to the bottom with a mixture of mashed potatoes, bacon bits and mushrooms. The top of this ensemble was garnished with beef brisket that had been roasting for 12 hours and smothered in gravy, melted cheddar cheese and more bacon bits.

I know a heart throb when I see one; this is one dish that may have captured my heart. Everything comes together perfectly, with the gravy encapsulating each ingredient and melding each taste together. The price for this “all the way” waffle cone is \$6.

The last dish I decided to try was a beef brisket on a waffle cone on a sandwich. Though this barbecue beef brisket sandwich was delicious, the bun was cut unevenly with a large top bun and a smaller bottom bun. Due to this, the sauce the meat had been soaking in eventually got absorbed by the bottom bun, completely saturating it. I couldn’t eat it as a sandwich, so I picked apart the sandwich using a fork. The beef was complimented by pickles, onions and a single leaf of lettuce. It’s delicious and slightly soothing since you will melt along with the tenderness of the meat. The price of the beef brisket sandwich is \$8.

The Lighthouse Grill is open daily from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Whether you’re heading to the beaches of Trinidad at dusk or dawn, The Lighthouse Grill will always be a beacon of culinary light offering a savory experience.



“All the Way” Waffle Cone of The Lighthouse Grill. | Bryan Donoghue



Lemon mint soda of The Lighthouse Grill. | Bryan Donoghue

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# A “taboo” to talk about

by Liam Olson

First impressions are important when it comes to a new television series. “Taboo”, a new program produced by FX and BBC One, gives a great first impressions in their first episode, “Shovels and Keys.” The episode is an introduction to different portions of the plot and the characters giving the viewer many reasons to keep watching.

The first episode of “Taboo” aired on FX on Tuesday, Jan. 10. Kristoffer Nyholm directed “Shovels and Keys” and Steven Knight wrote the script for the show. Knight worked with actor Tom Hardy and Hardy’s father, Edward “Chips” Hardy, to create the script.

Right from the start of the show, there is a eerie and dark tone. The show opens with James Delaney, played by Tom Hardy, riding in on a horse through the rain in order to bury an object in the middle of nowhere. This is just the start to the mysteries this show contains.

The plot of the episode is complex with the various parts of the overall story being introduced. However,

the base of the story is that James Delaney returns to London in 1814 after the death of his father who left him a piece of land called the Nootka Sound. James had been presumed dead for more than 10 years but was actually in Africa for unknown reasons. James must navigate through the cutthroat business world of London to run his father’s shipping company and protect the Nootka Sound from his half-sister’s husband and the East India Company.

The snippets of each part of the story is what makes the viewer even more enticed to find out answers to the questions this episode created. What did James do in Africa for 10 years that gave him supernatural abilities? What is the importance of the Nootka Sound? To what extent will the East India Company go to take Nootka Sound from James? These are just some of the questions created by “Skulls and Keys”.

One major point of the show worth mentioning is the relationships that James Delaney has with other characters. Throughout the episode, James finds himself face to face with old friends, enemies, and

acquaintances, as well as new enemies.

With characters such as the loyal family servant Brace, played by David Hyman; James’s half-sister Zilphia, played by Oona Chaplin; and the ruthless East India Company Chairman Sir Stuart Strange, played by Jonathan Price, this diverse cast of characters will play essential parts in the story of James Delaney.

Since a majority of the first episode was introductions, there was not enough screen time to give a fair review of the actors’ performances except for Tom Hardy. Tom Hardy gave an excellent performance as James Delaney. He perfectly captured the brutal, composed, and mentally unstable characterization of James. With his portrayal, he effortlessly went through scenes as though he was the character himself.

“Shovels and Keys” is a slow but great start to “Taboo”. With the introductions out of the way. Viewers will want to dig deeper into the many mysteries and characters of “Taboo”.

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This week in science

by Claire Roth

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Climate - When we became the climate changers

When it comes to conversations surrounding climate change, there seems to be more agreeing to disagree than flat-out agreement. It’s a strange phenomenon for a topic having to do with the existence of our planet as we know it. A group of scientists recently set out to create a starting

point for this pivotal discussion, effectively creating a timeline for climate change and its origins. The group published an article in the American Meteorological Society outlining estimations of climatic variation since before the industrial age. The goal of this was to contain better conversations of what is considered to be a “normal” climate for our earth within a definition of where the age of industry began. The group was spurred into action after analysis of ice cores displayed a spike in carbon dioxide emissions much earlier than the previously agreed upon beginning of an industry. This means humans were affecting the global climate far earlier than originally believed. Research on this topic could prove hopeful in political spheres as well, helping policy makers to perceive humanity’s impact on the planet better.

Sources: BBC, American Meteorological Society



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Wildlife - Cat, Ph.D.

There is one question that can oftentimes make or break any relationship: are you a dog person or a cat person? If you’re a dog person and your first argument is to claim canine intelligence superior to feline intelligence, think again. Researchers at Kyoto University in Kyoto, Japan subjected cats to a series of harmless tests of intelligence. They found that cats are conscious of past enjoyable experiences, such as where a tasty treat was located. This means that cats, like dogs, can associate certain human sounds and gestures with specific meanings.

Sources: BBC, Behavioural Processes Journal



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Cellular - >0.001 percent human, ~0.999 percent pig

A new type of fetus has crossed the known boundaries of what is human and what is pig. Researchers at the Salk Institute of Biological Studies in San Diego were recently successful in their efforts to grow human tissue within a pig fetus. Human cells were inserted into a pig embryo, which was then implanted in a sow to attempt growth for 28 days. The purpose of this endeavor is to eventually find a way to propagate human organs within another animal. Many obstacles lie in the way between this team of scientists and success. These obstacles include questions of morality by outside entities, a five-month difference in gestation time between humans and pigs and also the fact that the majority of embryos in the study did not make it even close to existing for the 28-day goal. The scientific importance and significance of the study persists in the fact that healthy, available organs could one day save the lives of those in need of transplants.

Sources: BBC, Cell Journal

Evolution - Saccorhytus “R” Us

Scientists have pinpointed the earliest known human ancestor. One thing is for certain: You are guaranteed to look nothing alike, unless you happen to be around 540 million years old and resemble an alien football. Researchers have identified fossilized remains of a millimeter sized creature known as Saccorhytus that is currently the earliest known placeholder on the evolutionary timeline of humanity, and numerous other species of vertebrates. Saccorhytus likely spent its days on the ocean floor hanging out between grains of sand, consuming life-forms smaller than itself; and perhaps contemplating the millions of years it would take for evolution to take it through the stages of being a fish, and into the millions of more years it would take for evolution to finally craft it into a human.

Sources: BBC, Nature Journal



Graphic Illustrations | Claire Roth

Ecology - Plant some pollination

A sharp decline in bee populations has resulted in apple farmers in China being forced to hand-pollinate their plants and crops. However, a recent international study may hold part of the key to saving the world’s key pollinators, maintaining agricultural wellbeing and improving the ecological health of our natural landscapes. Researchers from global locations studied the effect of removing exotic, or invasive plants from secluded mountaintop landscapes on the success rate of pollination in those areas. They found that areas where there were more native plants displayed a wealth of pollinators, flowers and fruit. This was linked to the possibility of an interconnected web of life in these areas and stands as a testament to the importance of ecological restoration efforts around the world.

Sources: BBC, China Dialogue, Nature Journal

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A stormy start to the year

January rainfall on track to double the average

by Alexander Badger

After one of the rainiest fall seasons in Humboldt County history, students returned to the new semester to yet another storm. The storm was strong enough to knock out the power in a significant portion of the county over the weekend of Jan 21. The Eureka National Weather Service recorded

winds above 50 mph along the coast that toppled trees and power lines.

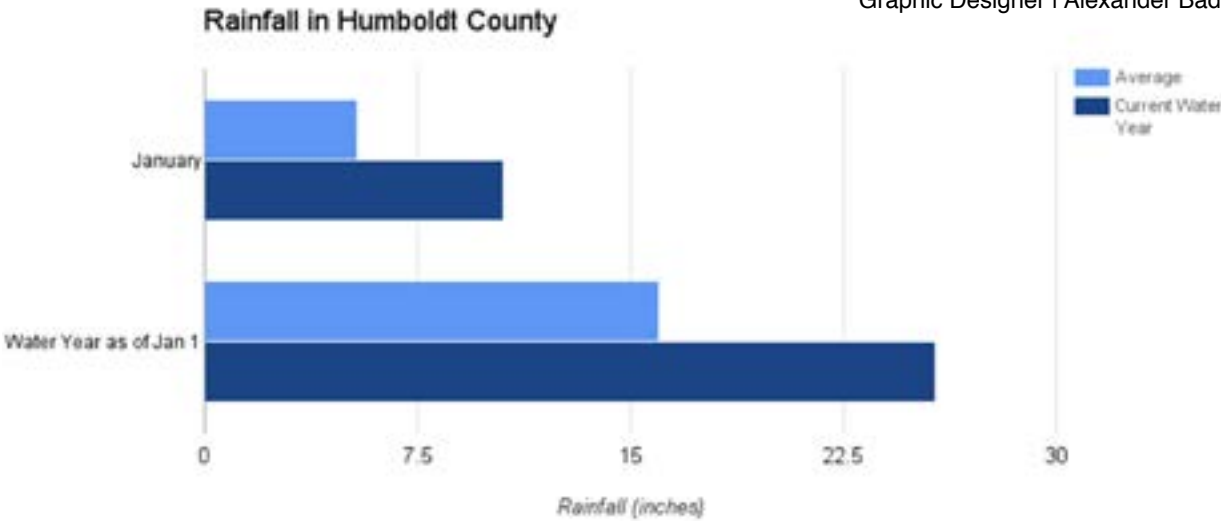
The winds were joined by a record rainfall that pushed the amount of rain in the county to practically double the monthly average. As of Jan. 26, the county received about 10.51 inches of rain; the mean for this time of the month is about 5.35 inches. The last time the county had more than 10 inches

es of rain was in October. This is consistent with a trend observed by the California-Nevada River Forecast Center over the past water year, a period within which precipitation levels are observed and recorded. The water year begins Oct. 1 and is updated at the end of every month.

Reginald Kennedy, a hydrologist at the Eureka National Weather Service, said that while the worst is over for the foreseeable future, people should still be prepared for stormy weather coming their way. “More, smaller storm systems will be coming every few

days going into February and strong winds in February and possibly March,” Kennedy said. Keeping in mind the recent turbulent weather record measurements, students should think twice before putting away those heavy coats; Winter still has long ways to go.

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# Pruitt to head US Environmental Protection Agency



EPA graphic | Devyn Session

by Bryan Donoghue

President Donald J. Trump and his administration have selected the Oklahoma Attorney General Edward Scott Pruitt to head the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This action could disrupt former President Barack Obama’s efforts to combat climate change and could also limit the power held by the EPA.

According to The Washington Post, Pruitt has long been a critic of the EPA and has led legal challenges against some of the agency’s actions. These actions include efforts to lessen greenhouse gas emissions from power plants and determining which wetlands and streams are subject to federal regulation.

William Fisher, HSU economics professor, said of Pruitt, “He’s openly hostile to things like climate change and he’s representative of the fossil

fuel industry.”

Under Pruitt’s leadership of the EPA, incommensurate views on various environmental topics may result in inhospitable outcomes.

The most crucial concern of Pruitt’s appointed position among the local Humboldt community seems to be budget cuts.

“He has the power to defund research,” said biochemistry major Marcella Atencio. “So if something doesn’t support his political view or agenda, he does have the ability to defund that. If he does, there’s not much the research can do about that unless they get a private investor. The odds are that he has to agree with that and that makes things much more difficult.”

The sentiment around budget cuts in the EPA seem to be universal among students and faculty. Fisher doesn’t know for certain whether the EPA will receive budget cuts. He

believes that it is likely under this specific administration, though not necessary, for overall budget concerns nationally.

“Really, you see in many different administrations, they don’t have to eliminate certain programs, or even the budgets for those,” said Fisher.

According to The New York Times, Pruitt plays a hero to conservative activists. He is one part of a group of Republican attorney generals who allied with some of the nation’s leading energy producers to push back against the Obama administration’s plans. This conflict of interest surrounding fossil fuel has been received with controversy, but played a large part with President Trump’s selection of Pruitt.

Journalism major Alex Gonzalez pictures the change in EPA leadership as backtracking all progress the nation has made over the past few years to lessen our effects on the environment.

“It’s saddening to think how little our country will care about the environment because the U.S. sets an example for all the other nations to follow,” Gonzalez said. “Under new conservative views, other countries will follow leading to an overall decline to the health of the earth.”

An unavoidable hurdle in the EPA that will most likely happen under Pruitt’s leadership is dormancy of the agency.

“He could attempt to gut a lot of the regulations of the EPA, some of that would take time,” Fisher said. “So probably the biggest impact that he’d be able to have immediately would be not utilizing the powers of the EPA.”

Though Pruitt will likely still utilize the EPA’s power, a change in policy takes time.

“Dismantling things like the Clean Water Act and Clean Air Act can take a lot of time and effort, and underfunding the

EPA will probably happen,” Fisher said. “It’s almost guaranteed that they won’t police what they’re supposed to be policing.”

The Washington Post states that dismantling regulation, if it survives the courts, would not be simple because the EPA has already finalized it. This means that to undo and replace regulations would require a public notice and comment process. Environmental groups would likely sue the agency over such a move.

Pruitt has yet to take his seat as the head of the EPA, as he still needs to be approved. According to a recent article in The Huffington Post, Pruitt is now being backed by the Koch Brothers, a name synonymous with success in the crude oil industry. For now, we can only wait to see which actions Pruitt will take.

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## Athelete Profile: Tyra Turner

*Freshman guard adjusts to a leading role on the court amid new surroundings.*

by Curran Daly

Twenty minutes before practice, freshman guard Tyra Turner dribbles alone. This is a common sight for her teammates who have seen her come in as a freshman and immediately become a major asset for

that I wouldn't treat her like a freshman, and that I'd have expectations of her as if she was a senior."

Turner responded well to these expectations and leads the Lumberjacks with an average 12.4 points, 5.0 rebounds, and 4.4 assists per game. She's come a long way since late July



Tyra Turner bringing the ball up court | Alex Hassenstab

**My mom helped me send little films and highlights to the coach and that's when she called me up the last week of July and was like 'we really want you to come here**

— Tyra Turner  
HSU Athelete, Freshman

the team.

She was recruited by head women's basketball coach Michelle Bento-Jackson.

"This year she's got a lot of weight on her shoulders, she's a freshman, she's playing 40 minutes a game, she never comes out, she runs her offense," Bento-Jackson said. "I've told her from day one

when she got a call from first year coach Bento-Jackson.

"My mom helped me send little films and highlights to the coach and that's when she called me up the last week of July and was like 'we really want you to come here,'" Turner said. "She talked to me over the phone about how nice the school was and everything and

I just took the chance to come here."

Turner is a psychology major who hopes to follow in her mother's footsteps and become a probation officer, talking and working with kids while they're young to turn around their lives. Turner had originally planned to attend a junior college until the call from Coach Bento-Jackson came.

"It was very late from a recruiting standpoint, and at that point in time, all I had was some game film of her," Bento-Jackson said. "She's definitely exceeded my expect-

tations and she brings so much more to the floor than I had ever even thought."

Her late decision to come to Humboldt left her in completely new surroundings not entirely sure what to expect. Turner said that she didn't expect to lead the team in stats

"I don't really look at it as leading in this and this and that, I'm just looking forward to helping my team win and be successful out there," Turner said.

Turner has started every game except the first two of the season, and has taken con-

trol of the team's offense. In the home game against Chico State, it was Turner's passing and ball handling skills that kept the Lumberjacks in the game.

"I know that coming from a high school program is definitely gonna be tough." Allison Zalin, a junior forward said. "On the court she brings toughness. She plays 40 minutes she doesn't give up she's pushing the ball she directs people on the court."

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# Jackpass

by Keaundrey Clark

## Softball

Humboldt State softball owned the California Collegiate Athletic Association conference to capture the title last season on its way to the NCAA Championship Tournament. The Lumberjacks were picked to repeat as conference champion in the CCAA preseason coaches poll released last week.

## Women’s Basketball

The Lumberjacks dropped their second straight game. Their leading scorer Tyra Turner went cold from the field, shooting 1-11. A bad shooting night from the Jacks, they got down early and weren’t able to recover. They shot 30 percent on the night. They return home Feb. 2, to face Cal State Los Angeles.

## Men’s Basketball

The Lumberjacks snapped a six game losing streak by getting wins over Cal State East Bay and Cal State Monterey Bay. The Jacks were led by Tyrus Rattler Jr. The Sophomore put up 26 and 27 points respectively. They return home Feb. 2, to face Cal State Los Angeles.



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# Q and A with HSU Softball Coach Shelli Sarchett: Great Expectations

by Keaundrey Clark

In her second season as the Humboldt State Softball head coach, Shelli Sarchett led her team to 54-8 record and came one win shy of winning a national championship. Sarchett herself was a key player in the 1999 Humboldt State national championship. She knows a thing or two about winning and instills that culture as head coach.

Q: What can you attribute most to the success of the past couple seasons?

A: It’s really just bringing in athletes who know how to work hard and that they want to win. These guys put in a lot of hours and know what their ultimate goal is.

Q: When you say ultimate goal, is that winning a national title?

A: Our ultimate goal, well obviously we want them all to get a degree, but our ultimate goal softball wise, is to win a national championship. That’s why we bring these girls here,

and that is what they are expecting, so we work hard to reach that goal.

Q: What are your expectations going into this season?

A: It’s really the same thing that we’ve expected in the past. Last year, we finished number two in the nation and this year, we expect to get back to the national tournament and win that last game that results in a national championship. Our goals really don’t change from year to year.

Q: The goals do not change, but the players do, can you speak on if there are any major losses from last year to this?

A: We lost our number two pitcher, but we’ve brought in some pitchers, and have some returning pitchers that didn’t see a lot of time last year, so they’re stepping up in the circle. We lost our starting shortstop but we’ve made adjustments in our starting lineup to move some players around and help with that loss. Same thing at third base, we lost a fifth-year senior... we might be a little less experienced on the left side of the field, but we

bring in athletes who are ready to play.

Q: What is the biggest strength of this team?

A: The comradery these guys have. They are a family, they want to work hard for themselves and their teammates. Their biggest strength is leadership... the seniors have been to the national tournament and know what it takes to get there again... they’re helping newcomers and lower classmen play Humboldt style softball.

Q: Do you have any preseason motivation for the team?

A: It’s the same thing we’ve said since our first meeting, you have to buy into this; because if you are not ready to buy into this, then we won’t be able to work toward a national championship... you can’t take a day off and expect to win a national championship. It’s really great to see these guys respond to the challenges we give them every day, knowing that if we meet these challenges, a national championship is within our reach.



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# HSU softball ranked preseason No. 2

by Keaundrey Clark

Humboldt State Softball finished one win shy of its third national championship last season. This week, the Lumberjacks were voted number two in the nation for division II softball in a preseason poll conducted by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association.

The Lumberjacks made their sixth NCAA Championship Tournament appearance in 2016. They return this season with most of the

roster that propelled them to national championship runner-ups. NFCA All-American pitcher Maddie Williams, outfielder Hanna Holland, and NFCA All-Region second baseman Tiffany Hollingsworth are HSU’s top returners from a roster that went 54-8-1 last season.

Defending champion North Alabama earned the number one spot in the poll, claiming all 16 first place votes. The Jacks were the only Cal-

ifornia Collegiate Athletic Association program ranked in the preseason poll.

HSU opens the season at the Desert Sting Tournament in Las Vegas on Feb. 3. The Jacks will play five games in the tournament before returning for the home opener against Chico State on Feb. 10.

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## Editorial

### Politically vocal on the local level

Civic engagement doesn't just end with the presidential election. 'We the people' have a duty to stay engaged in politics year round.

The beautiful thing about a democracy is the citizens somewhat have a voice. For a democratic government to function in service of the people, the people must be more active in all levels of government, including the local level.

Though voting in the presidential election is one of the greatest political actions available to citizens, the president's actions alone don't represent all the ways in which government can affect our daily lives. Local officials sign in laws that impact our day-to-day lives the most.

The citizen's voice is not only reflected through voting, but

also through communicating with our local officials. We have a constitutional responsibility to watch over these officials and check them when they are not advocating for the people.

While the opportunity to elect a new president may be four years away, the opportunity to affect local levels of government come and go every year.

To live under the belief that if the president is right that the country will be right, is wrong.

We have seen just how much every vote matters on the national scale. It is time to think about how much they matter on the local governmental level.

If you are upset by what is happening on the national scale then, by all means, keep protesting, demonstrating, rallying and

assembling.

However, the next time your local government has a city council seat open, try to take a step back from the global and national scene and take time to ensure that your local government is in check as well.



## Letters from Pelican Bay

by Tania Mejia

Last week, Humboldt County joined the Women's March movement and marched in solidarity for women's rights and related causes at the largest protest in our nation's history. Not only was this a historical day for our country, it was also a historical day for the Humboldt County: the march became the largest demonstration in Eureka's history.

During the Women's March I held a sign which read, "INCLUDE THE 1.2 MILLION WOMEN BEHIND BARS IN YOUR ACTIVISM," in bold black letters over an orange painted women's power symbol. Inspired by Intersectional Feminists Against Fascist Overlord's Instagram post with a poster reading "INCLUDE DISABLED WOMEN IN YOUR FEMINISM," I thought the same message could be applied to an often forgotten imprisoned population.

With one in 100 US adults behind bars, it is important to be conscious of those who cannot participate in free speech and currently sit be-

hind bars. As I marched, I saw posters reading, "MY BODY, MY CHOICE" or "A WOMAN'S PLACE IS IN THE RESISTANCE," and couldn't help but cringe at the lack of thought about the privilege behind such messages. Just to be clear, women are currently the fastest growing prison population.

Women, especially trans women of color are being arrested, harassed and victimized by our criminal justice system far more than any other incarcerated population. They are being housed in male prisons where they are put in solitary confinement for their so-called protection. Alternatively, if left in general population, they are mistreated and/or become victims of sexual assault both by correctional officers and inmates significantly more than other prison populations.

It's also important to note that when we talk about "MY BODY, MY CHOICE" this is not true for women behind bars. In her book, "Are Prisons Obsolete," Angela Davis writes. "Prison and police officers are vested with the power

and responsibility to do acts, which if done outside the work hours, would be crimes of sexual assault."

Let's think about that. Let's think about the sterilization of female inmates without consent as a form of birth control, which California recently banned in 2014. Let's think about the lack of medical and reproductive health care women behind bars face and endure on a daily basis in unsanitary conditions.

Overall, when we proclaim, "WOMEN'S RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS," we must include every self-identified female body behind bars. While I understand not everybody is seeking to reform the criminal justice system, we must connect the dots between other social justices. This is where we have to build the kind of unity and solidarity across very different places – culturally, geographically, and politically– to create a stable foundation to progress as a nation.

How this is put into action is up to us, but as a self-identified prison abolitionist this is my favorite example: In Spring 2001, Critical Resistance, an organization that works to dis-

mantle the prison industrial complex system, filed an environmental lawsuit against the California Department of Corrections (CDC) with the goal of stopping the construction of a 5,160 bed prison in California's Central Valley that would have cost taxpayers \$335 million. Critical Resistance organized a group of coalitions that had previously never worked together, including anti-prison activists, environmentalists, farm worker's unions and immigrant advocates.

So, when I say, "INCLUDE THE 1.2 MILLION WOMEN BEHIND BARS IN YOUR ACTIVISM," I don't mean, 'don't forget them.' I am calling for us to unite, organize and combine strategies to address our societal problems. I am calling for grassroots organizing and legislative work with diverse individuals, organizations and state agencies. I am calling all of the civil rights activists, environmental protectors and social justice warriors who want to live in a better world. As we continue on, we must move into new and formerly unlikely alliances which allow for participation from all of us.

#### Writer's Note\*

When stating there is 1.2 million women behind bars, this includes those in prison, jail, probation and parole. According to the Sentencing Project, "The rate of growth for female imprisonment has outpaced men by more than 50% between 1980 and 2014."

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