
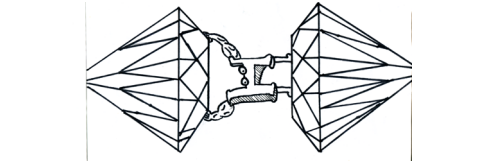




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Planned Parenthood supporters gather outside Humboldt County Courthouse

by Ali Osgood

Hundreds of people rally on the steps of the Humboldt County Superior Courthouse on Saturday afternoon to support Planned Parenthood. Women, men, children and dogs clutch signs with Planned Parenthood logos and personal statements as they encourage honks from the cars passing by Fifth Street.

Rallies erupted across the United States on Saturday in opposition to defund Planned Parenthood. Member of the former Six Rivers Planned Parenthood Board, Carolyn Hino-Bourassa, helped organize the local event in just under a week.

“Hearing that they were targeting our own clinic in Eureka, we wanted to draw attention away from that,” Hino-Bourassa said.

#PPprotest, an organization that opposes abortion rights, helped organize 225 demonstrations in 45 states according to its website. They are urging for government defunding of Planned Parenthood. The Eureka clinic was not on the list of the 42 demonstrations scheduled in California.



A protester leads the crowd in a chant in front of the Humboldt County Superior Court during Saturday’s rally to support Planned Parenthood. | Ali Osgood

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HSU looks to reverse dip in enrollment

by Charlotte Rutigliano

The days of generalizations may be in the university’s rear view as various department’s throughout Humboldt State aim to start writing personalized letters to prospective students due to a drop in enrollment this past term.

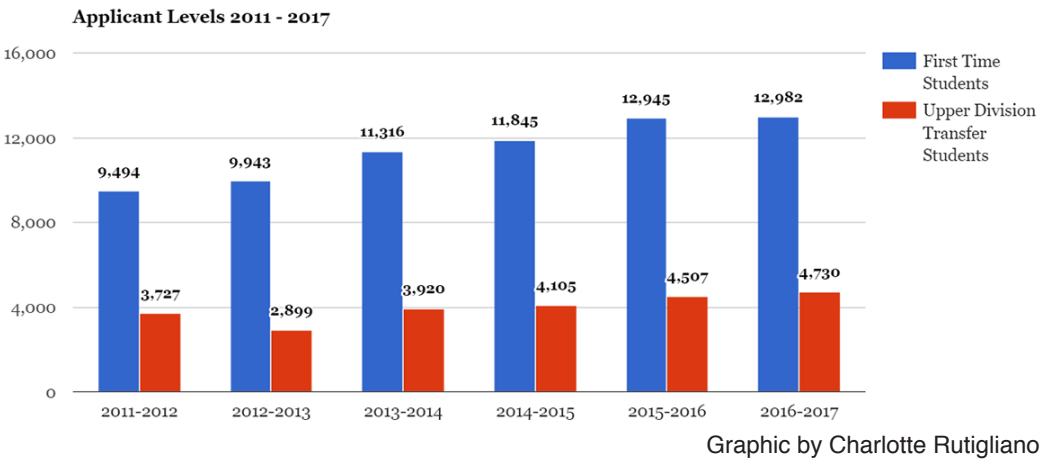
This is part of a plan the university has created to start focusing more on prospective students who applied and turning them into current students. Director of Admissions Steven Ladwig said every student needs to have a relationship with someone on campus before attending to make them feel more comfortable once they’re here.

This plan has been put into place with the hope that it will boost

enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year. According to Nicholas Conlin, coordinator for Orientation and New Student Programs, enrollment only dropped this last year. There were about 200 to 250 fewer students than the university was hoping for.

The drop in enrollment was not a drastic one, and HSU was not the only California State University to see this drop.

“There were six CSU’s who didn’t meet enrollment numbers this term,” said Ladwig. “Chico, Fresno, Monterey Bay, San Bernadino, San Francisco, and Sonoma.”



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International Education week comes to HSU

by Morgan Brizee

International Education Week is back at HSU. During International Education Week students, staff, and the community can listen to speakers address what is going on around the world from those doing research and work across the globe.

The International Education Week events are being held Feb. 13 through 17 from 9 a.m. till 9 p.m. in room 209 in the library fishbowl (unless otherwise noted on the schedule).

Ariana Hendren, a 22-year-old HSU International Studies major, is the president of the Global Connections Club at HSU and is responsible for managing the volunteers that work at each event.

“The lectures of International Education Week are both

motivational and helpful for those who are interested in gaining more information about traveling and working abroad or studying international issues,” Hendren said.

Most of the speakers of the event are professors who work at HSU and do international research. Other speakers who are not HSU professors are the key note speaker which is Dr. Marga Gual Soler who is the project director at the Center for Science Diplomacy at the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Dorothy Ngutter who is a diplomat in residence, Erik Jens who is an instructor at the Department of Defense, and Sarah Sedlack who is an HSU alum and founder of a sex education program in Kenya called “What’s Not Said”.




Dr. Alison Holmes, Assistant Professor of politics and program leader of International studies sits at her desk in her office in Founders Hall room 137 working.. | Morgan Brizee


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THIS WEEK IN NEWS



Local

El Pueblo Market caught fire

-El Pueblo Market located on Broadway Street in Eureka burned down in flames Feb. 8 according to the Eureka Times Standard.

U.S. District court judge rules in favor of salmon

-U.S. District Court judge William H. Orrick ruled that the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the National Marine Fisheries Service must release more water from the Klamath dams, on Feb. 8. Judge Orrick ruled that the Bureau had mismanaged the river, causing “irreparable” harm to the salmon according to the North Coast Journal.

Nursing program at HSU

- Six years ago Humboldt State University discontinued its nursing program. HSU and College of the Redwoods announced Wednesday, Feb. 8 they are working to bring a local nursing program back to Humboldt County in the fall 2018 according to the Redwood Times.

U.S.

Oroville dam overflows

-The Oroville Dam’s emergency spillway collapsed after the dam overflowed. Officials ordered residents living below the dam to evacuate Sunday in Oroville, Calif. according to the LA Times.

African Muslims march

-Around 200 African Muslims march in New York in protest of President Trump’s Muslim ban on Sunday Feb. 12. According to the Observer, protesters marched to defend the U.S. Constitution against President Trump’s executive orders targeting travelers from countries with high Muslim populations and undocumented immigrants.

National Security Advisor resigns

-Michael T. Flynn, the U.S. National Security Adviser, resigned on Monday night after it was revealed that he had misled Vice President Mike Pence and other top White House officials about his conversations with the Russian ambassador to the United States, according to the New York Times.

World

North Korea missile tested

-North Korea has tested a ballistic missile this past weekend calling it a success. The missile was tested on Feb. 12 under the supervision of the North Korean leader Kim Jong Un according to North Korea’s Korean Central News Agency, KCNA.

Mexico protests Trump

-Thousands march in protest of United States President Donald Trump in Mexico City on Sunday Feb. 12. Many people were also holding signs in protest of their own President Enrique Peña Nieto for presiding over rampant corruption and violence at home according to The Guardian.

Candidate for chief minister found guilty

New Delhi, India’s Supreme Court convicted V.K. Sasikala, an advisor of the late chief minister of Tamil Nadu on Tuesday Feb. 14 in a corruption case that will put her behind bars and effectively end her bid to become chief minister of the southern state. The court found Sasikala guilty in the disproportionate assets case, upholding a four-year jail term handed down by a lower court and banning her from seeking elected office for 10 years.



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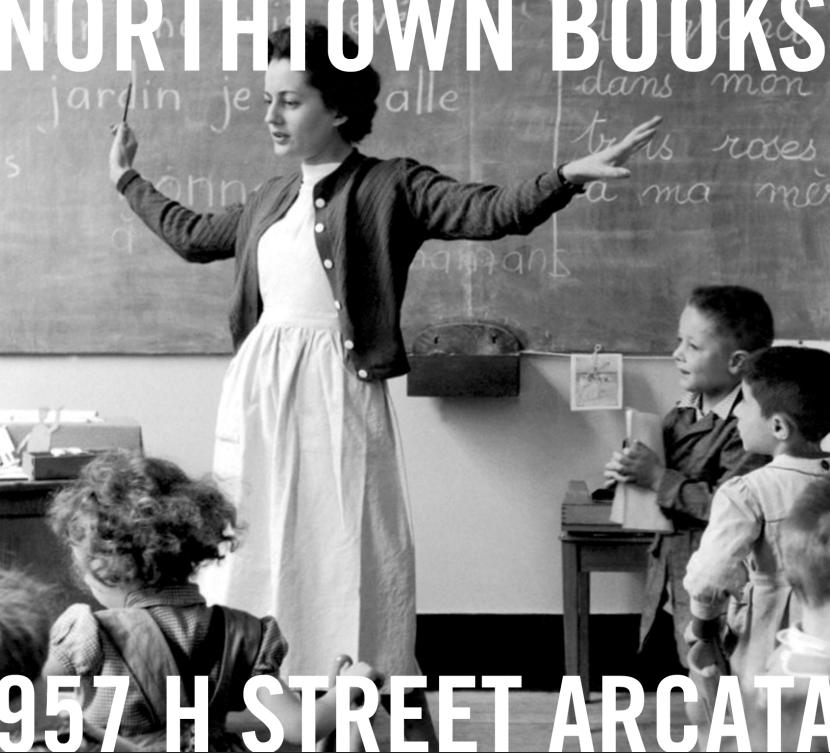
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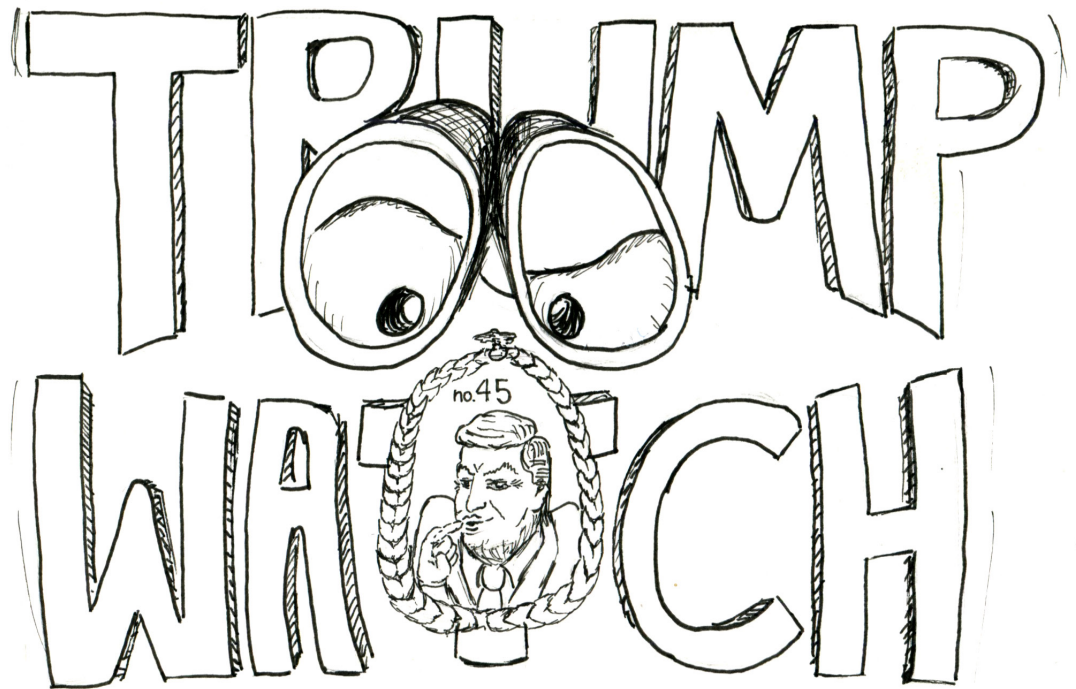
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-Virginia Federal District Court Judge Leonie Brinkema issued a preliminary injunction against President Trump’s executive order on immigration on Monday, Feb. 13. The injunctions were issued based on the fact that it discriminates against Muslims, according to the Washington Post.

-According to the New York Times, the Senate confirmed Steven T. Mnuchin, to be Treasury secretary on Monday February 13, putting in place a key lieutenant to President Trump will help drive the administration’s plans to overhaul the tax code, renegotiate trade deals around the world and remake financial regulations. Mnuchin is a former Goldman Sachs banker and Hollywood film financier.

-President Donald Trump and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau meet for the first time at the White House to talk about trade, a task force for women, and energy on Monday, Feb. 13.

-Immigration authorities last week arrested 680 people who were in the United States illegally, according to the Washington Post. Fulfilling one of Donald Trump’s long campaign promise to crackdown on immigration.

Compiled by Iridian Casarez



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Planned Parenthood

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The nationwide rallies prompted counter protests across the United States. Many in the local humboldt community felt it was important to stand in solidarity with the non-profit organization.

Johnathan Desoto was one of the supporters in the crowd in Eureka. Desoto has volunteered with Planned Parenthood as a registered nurse.

“I believe [Planned] Parenthood is an integral part to not just women’s health but community health in general,” Desoto said. “Health education is something that really works. Planned Parenthood is really something I believe in.”

The event organizers estimated up to 300 supporters on Saturday. Carolyn Hino-Bourassa was one of the event organizers.

“[I feel] overwhelmed, to say the least, for putting it together in under a week. It’s amazing,” Hino-Bourassa said. “One of the goals today was to make more connections and be very good at mobilizing several people very quickly, and I think we’ve proven we can do it.”

Abortion services account for less than 3 percent of Planned Parenthood’s services nationwide according to their annual report from Oct. 1, 2013 to Sept. 30, 2014. 45 percent of its services go toward testing and treating sexually transmitted diseases with 31 percent

going toward contraceptive services.

Their largest single source of money comes from the federal government which makes up for nearly half of the organization’s funds. The other half comes from private contributions and other nongovernment sources.

Republican lawmakers across the United States are working to propose bills that cut public funding to all organizations that offer abortions. According to ABC News, House Speaker Paul Ryan has pledged “that Republicans will complete legislation to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act this year and that he expected legislation to defund Planned Parenthood would be included.”

Dave Turner attended the Saturday rally in Eureka in support for Planned Parenthood. Turner is on the Board of Advocates as well as the Northern California Planned Parenthood Board of Directors. He is prepared to work hard to protect the local clinic and the organization.

“Many of our efforts are going to be focussed on working with our local government officials both at the state and federal level, because the funding of Planned Parenthood is a critical issue for us,” Turner said. “We are trying to appeal for some common sense in keeping Planned Parenthood funded and operating.”

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Free food, films, and lectures from professors working internationally

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Dr. Alison Holmes, HSU assistant professor of politics and program leader of the international studies department, said that school usually gets the guest speakers by anyone who is interested usually because it is hard to get people who are available to come up to HSU.

“Who we can get is often the first criteria,” Holmes said. “I’ve been working hard in the last two or three years to ensure CPS [College of Professional Studies] and CNRS [College of Natural Resources] also have speakers and are engaged and having the keynote seemed like a good way to make sure that our colleagues in CNRS were also really involved in International Education Week.”

Holmes is also speaking during International Education Week on Feb. 15 at 9 a.m. in room 209 in the library fishbowl. Her lecture is called Global Diplomacy: Upside Down and Backwards.

International Education Week this year will have a different impact than past years because of President Donald Trump’s “Muslim” ban.

Mathew Derrick, HSU assistant professor of geography and co-organizer of the International Education week, said that international education is of most importance now because of what is going on politically.

“International education is always important, but it is especially important at this point in time,” Derrick said. “In short, it is critical that HSU students--and the broader citizenry--develop higher levels of geographic-global literacy.”

The definition of geographic-global literacy from National Geographic is the ability to use geographic and global understanding and reasoning to understand far-reaching decisions.

During International Education Week students can enjoy food, music, and films from around the world to fully submerge themselves into learning about the different cultures.

Celicia McLean, a 22-year-old HSU International Studies major, said that she is going to go abroad for work after she graduates in May so she is excited to listen to related speeches.

“International Education Week has a wide variety of discussions on issues and other aspects about our world presented by incredibly knowledgeable and experienced scholars,” McLean said. “The evening events are especially great locations for cultural exchanges through food, film, and music and are a must for a culture enthusiast, like myself.”

Even after graduating HSU, some students still feel connected and feel a want and need to give back to the school in some way. Sarah Sedlack graduated from HSU in 2013 with a BA in Psychology and was excited to be able to share her progress of the campaign, What’s Not Said, with the school during International Education Week. She will be giving her lecture on Feb. 15 at 10 a.m. in room 209 in the library fishbowl. Her lecture is called Let’s Talk Sex (In Kenya). Her lecture is talking about her campaign with teaching people to normalize talking about relationships and sexual health.

“It also feels amazing to besharing a passion project and receive so much positive feedback from the community here, both on and off campus,” Sedlack said. “Because when communities benefit from international prevention efforts in the face of major sexualized violence and public health issues, all communities everywhere, benefit because we are all connected.”

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Planned Parenthood supporters line the sidewalk on 5th street in front of the Humboldt County Courthouse in Eureka through the afternoon on Feb. 11, 2017. | Ali Osgood



Over 250 Planned Parenthood supporters hold up signs as cars beckon honks of support. The organizers were please with the attendance on Feb. 11, 2017. | Ali Osgood

Uproar over shiny new floor

by Sarahi Apaez

The glare from the new floor in Fulkerson Recital Hall makes it hard for music students to read their music. The glossy plywood covering the stage alters the light and acoustics in the Hall this spring.

Music student Telisha Moore has many complaints about the floor.

“It’s super shiny and distracting when standing on the stage and it is very hard to read music,” Moore said. “It doesn’t really feel like a performance stage anymore.”

This semester, students and faculty of the music department return from break to find big changes had been made to Fulkerson Recital Hall’s flooring.

As of Jan. 16, Fulkerson Recital Hall’s old growth pine flooring has been changed to plywood as a temporary fix.

With students walking in and out and equipment being moved back and forth, the Hall gets yearly damages. These damages include safety issues such as splintering.

Professor Brian Post, who is currently filling in as interim chair of the music department alongside Professor Paul Cummings, expresses concerns over the many issues that have come with the temporary changes to the floor.

At the end of every year, the floor is refinished, sanded down and gets a new coat of varnish on top, according to Post.

At the end of 2016, Facilities Management realized that the floor was too old to refinish and could not be sanded down any further.

In December, facilities management made final decisions to begin work on temporarily fixing the floor over winter break and would hold off complete replacement of the floor until a time when the stage is most open, according to Cummings.

Cummings biggest concern is when the temporary floor will be replaced with the permanent floor because the floor is almost always in use.

Fulkerson Recital Hall is used around 12 hours a day. Classes use the recital hall for rehearsals, it is used by center arts and even in the summer when HSU hosts music workshops. HSU hosts nationally recognized performers, speakers, and is a regional center for the arts. The community uses it as well as other departments on campus. The hall is meant to function as a community stage, as well as a department stage, according to Post.

Finding a time when the Hall is not in use is challenging. Times for the permanent replacement of the floor have not been set, due to how often the Hall is in use.

“If we’re lucky, this repair process will be done by Fall 2017,” Post said.

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Plunging into the Humboldt Bay

by Iridian Casarez

Participants line up to plunge into the icy cold waters of the Humboldt Bay for the Children's Discovery Museum.

The Discovery Museum in Eureka held its 16th annual Perilous Plunge fundraiser Saturday February 11.

The Perilous Plunge is a fundraiser for the Discovery Museum where people dress up in costumes to jump into the Humboldt bay to raise money. The Discovery Museum is a science museum for kids. It is the only children's museum in the area according to Kala Minkley the executive director of the Discovery Museum.

The Perilous Plunge is the only big fundraiser the museum throws and covers 20 percent of their yearly budget said Minkley. Plungers needed to raise at least \$150 to jump into the bay.

Plunger Brenda Urueta was dressed as Prince. This was Urueta's first time plunging. She was with the Humboldt Area Foundation group that was plunging into the bay dressed as "the fallen stars of 2016". The Humboldt Area Foundation is a non-profit community

foundation that gives grants, scholarships and resource library to non-profit organizations.

"I am doing the plunge because I decided I wanted to do something adventurous and at the same time help advance the mission of the Discovery Museum," Urueta said.

Michele Stephens works for the Department of Health and Human Services and plunged into the bay with a group of her co-workers. The Department of Health and Human Services' costume theme was beach inspired. This was Stephen's second time plunging into the bay for the Discovery Museum fundraiser.

"It's a great fundraiser for the Discovery Museum and the museum is a great part of the community," Stephens said. "The water was super super cold."

Jamie Corsetti from Corsetti Accounting Corporation raised over \$2,000. This was Corsetti's 10th year jumping into the Humboldt Bay for the Perilous Plunge fundraiser. "I do it to have fun," Corsetti said. "I plunge to support the community and the Discovery Museum."



Brenda Urueta dress as Prince and Jill Moore dressed as Princess Leia registering for the Perilous Plunge on Saturday Feb. 11 2017 in Eureka, California. I Iridian Casarez



Tracy Nord dressed as Velma and Jamie Corsetti dressed as Daphne jumping into the Humboldt Bay for the Perilous Plunge on Saturday Feb. 11 2017 in Eureka, California. I Iridian Casarez



Plungers dressed as piggy banks in a blanket march through Old Town on Saturday Feb. 11 2017 in Eureka, California. Eureka. I Iridian Casarez

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Enrollment cont.

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The slight drop in enrollment last term didn't affect the number of impacted majors [majors that have more students than the program accepts.] Additionally, the number of visitors to campus was not impacted.

HSU is known for its science programs with the most sought after majors being biology, botany, environmental resources engineering, wildlife and zoology. This past year however, both the social work and environmental management & protection departments became impacted as well.

John Panting, lead admissions counselor, said that there hasn't been a decline in the

number of tours given but the number of visitors does depend on the time of year, saying that November through January typically have less visits.

"In the beginning of February is when the number of visitors really starts to ramp up," Panting said.

HSU, in an attempt to identify the contributing factors hired John Capaccio as Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management. Capaccio's role is simple -- to increase enrollment without lowering admissions standards.

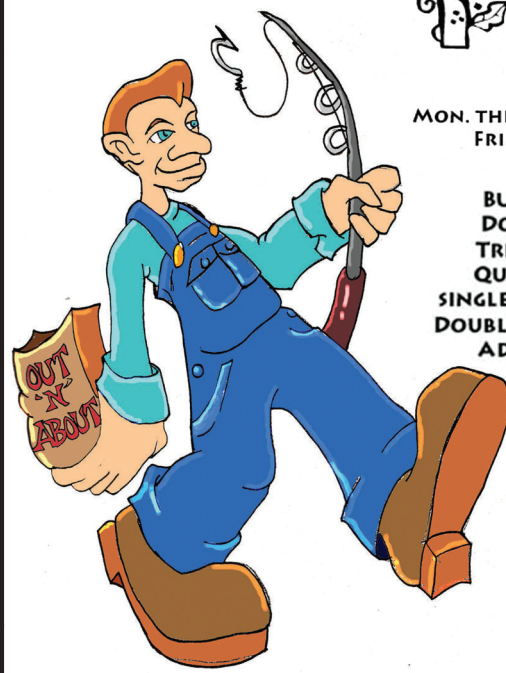
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Mr. Trumpoldt defeats popular vote

The 4th Annual Mr. Humboldt Pageant delivers a night to remember.

by Ali Osgood

The stage is littered with polyester panties and glittered confetti as the newest Mr. Humboldt is crowned. Audience members yell in disappointment when their favorite candidate faces an up-setting defeat to a Trump look-a-like clad in a spandex leotard and a thick layer of orange bronzer.



Photographer | Ali Osgood

Mr. King of Outerspace, more formally known as J.D. Brown, endured a night of dance-offs, comedic challenges, and brutal objectification to win the crown at the 2017 Mr. Humboldt Pageant. Brown competed against nine other contestants to a sold out show at the Arcata Theatre Lounge on Saturday night.



Photographer | Ali Osgood

The swimwear competition is popular with the audience as they yell in approval while the nearly-nude men display their confidence. They were challenged to make their own “pussy hats” in solidarity with the Women’s March movement advocating for equal rights. Mr. Outerspace impressed the judges with a bold outfit choice: a golden cape and an oversized red necktie, leaving little to the imagination.



Photographer | Ali Osgood

Mr. Produce bows to the crowd. The produce clerk for the North Coast Co-op, had a dramatic night. He was eliminated after the swimwear competition but re-entered the competition for the final round after raising the most funds and came second to Mr. Outerspace. When President Trump look-a-like J.D. Brown was announced the winner, Mr. Produce supporters felt a familiar sense of loss. Drawing parallels to the recent presidential election, Mr. Produce said “I feel like Hilary.”



Photographer | Ali Osgood

Hosts (from left) Andrew Goff and Johanna Nagan introduce the contestants while the crowd yells out in approval. Throughout the evening, Goff and Nagan facilitate interviews and challenges each contestant while the judges note comedic value, style, and delivery of each contestant’s performance.



Photographer | Ali Osgood

Mr. thADVENTUROUS, or Thaddeus Erskine, brought gifts for the judges while Nagan prompts an interview question. His bribes may not have helped him continue on to the final round, but his back flips and skimpy swimsuit helped him win Mr. Congeniality- an award granted to the fella’ with the highest count of undergarments from the crowd.



Photographer | Ali Osgood

Humboldt State University (HSU) Alumni Bryant Kellison, Mr. Sweettooth, sings an original song during the talent portion of the night. This is Kellison’s third year competing in the pageant. He was awarded the Cougar’s Choice Award by pageant judge and former Arcata Mayor, Alex Stillman.



Photographer | Ali Osgood

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Jessie Groeschen: Wielding a chainsaw



Jessie Groeschen adding some details to her kestrel piece. | Carlos Olloqui

by Carlos Olloqui

For some people, a fallen redwood in the middle of the forest is nothing more than another tree at the end of its time. For Jessie Groeschen, it is an empty canvas awaiting her chainsaw.

Groeschen is a local chainsaw artist who has traveled all around the world. She is also the author of *Art of Chainsaw Carving*.

“It’s all starts with my chainsaw, a piece of wood and an idea,” Groeschen said. “I just love what I do.”

Born in the Philippines, Groeschen moved to the U.S. at the age of two and has lived in Arcata for the past 10 years. She has been woodworking for over 20 years now.

“It was furniture first, but

I was always interested in art,” Groeschen said. “Then I met Pat McVay, he was wood sculpting at the time and I studied with him for seven years before I struck out on my own.”

In 2015, Groeschen graduated from Humboldt State University with a degree in art.

“I was so close to campus I thought, ‘why not go back and finish school,’ and so I did,” Groeschen said.

Groeschen works from her shop located in the garage of her Arcata home. She is currently working on a number of projects including a pair of wood carvings for two siblings, one of a dragon and the other of a kestrel.

“I only use wood that’s already down,” Groeschen said. “I believe different types of

wood all have their own personality and characteristics.”

During the month of February, Groeschen also makes “flaming hearts,” since it is the “month of love,” as she said.

“I don’t have a physical gallery where I sell my work,” Groeschen said. “I have a website, people contact me, and sometimes I just sell them at places around town.”

Jeni Sue Wilmore works at Almquist Lumber, a local lumber and woodworking supply company.

“We have sold some of Jessie’s carvings here, I enjoy watching her in action when she does demonstrations

here,” Wilmore said. “She spent several days carving a bear and salmon sculpture in our parking lot, so original and creative.”

Some of Groeschen wood pieces can take her less than an hour to complete, others can take her over a year.

“It’s really just therapy for me,” Groeschen said. “I do this for myself.”

Not only is Groeschen an artist and an author, some say she is an inspiration.

Bill Weber is team captain at Arborwear, a tree climbing gear and apparel supply store in Ohio.

“Although I have not spo-

ken to Jessie I know her work has inspired so many artists. She is a total badass,” Weber said. “What she does with a chainsaw will make you stare in awe.”

Arcata is just a temporary location for Groeschen. When the time is right she hopes to open her own cabin retreat for art and healing.

“I have some land in Minnesota and the cabin is already there,” Groeschen said. “I just want some place where people can go and woodwork, do ceramics, write, a place for all types of art.”

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Vampire Penguin Celebrates One Year of Bringing Snow to Humboldt County

by Erin Chessin

It is unusual to see snow in Eureka. Thanks to Vampire Penguin Shaved Snow and Desserts, the business has brought a unique treat for HSU students, families, and locals to enjoy. Since their grand opening on Feb 13, 2015 in, Vampire Penguin has made it possible for people to enjoy the taste of ice cream in a low calorie and non-dairy way.

Sophia Linklater is the supervisor at Vampire Penguin.

“It’s the perfect combination of ice cream flavor and freshly fallen snow

— Sophia Linklater supervisor at Vampire Penguin

“It’s the perfect combination of ice cream flavor and freshly fallen snow,” Linklater said. “Customers enjoy the taste and how the desserts are served to them as a work of art.”

Vampire Penguin is a popular chain restaurant created by two brothers according to Linklater. There are seven Vam-

pire Penguin locations in California. The first one opened in October of 2013 in San Luis Obispo. Because it opened on Halloween, the brothers found the name Vampire Penguin suitable.

It’s not shaved ice, nor is it ice cream. The dessert is ice cream tasting, however it doesn’t weigh heavy in calories and the flavor of the snow is derived from non-dairy cream. The snowball is decorated with toppings such as fruit, condensed milk or candy. Then either chocolate, caramel or fruit sauce is drizzled over.

“Once you have your first bite, it melts in your mouth just like fresh, powdery snow would,” Linklater said.

Prices of the shaved snow ranges from \$3 to \$9, depending on how elaborate the dessert is. Customers can either order a small or a large size, which differentiates in price too.

Vampire Penguin’s most popular dessert is the Strawberry Cheesecake, which is strawberry and vanilla shaved snow, decorated with fresh strawberries, raspberries and graham crackers. Strawberry and white chocolate sauce is draped over the dessert, the last step to decorating the snowball. Other customer dessert favorites include the S’moreos and the Twix.

The process of creating the shaved snow takes time Linklater said. Scott Merriam, the owner of the Vampire Penguin Eureka location, comes in once a week to take the pre-made



S’moreos, one of Vampire Penguin’s most popular desserts. Cookies and cream shaved snow, topped with marshmallows, crushed graham crackers and Oreos. | Erin Chessin

ice blocks and infuse the different ice cream flavors. The flavors Merriam makes are just like regular ice cream flavors, including chocolate, vanilla, strawberry, coconut, green tea, taro, cookies and cream, and coffee.

Linklater learned how to make the desserts from Merriam along with her co-worker Becca Scholte who is an HSU alumni and supervisor at Vampire Penguin.

“Each of us have our own creativity, and the job allows our inner-artist come out,” Scholte said.

Once the ice blocks have been infused with the flavor,

the ice is shaved down to a snow-like consistency, then put into smaller individual molds. The ice is then taken out of its mold and put on a plate when ready to be decorated with dessert sauce or other toppings.

When a customer walks into the store, they have a large menu with many different dessert options to choose from. From the menu, a customer can pick a Menu Special or create their own. If a customer creates their own dessert, they pick the flavor and get one free topping when they order a small size or two free toppings if they order a large size dessert.

Customers also have the option to buy a thai tea boba drink on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

Mia Pambianco, a freshman at HSU and a Humboldt County local, said Vampire Penguin is one of her favorite places to go for a treat. “I go every time I have a chance,” Pambianco said. “I think it’s an awesome place for dessert because it’s unique.” Pambianco suggests the Coffee Crush, which is made of coffee flavored snow, topped with crushed pretzels, and cocoa powder with chocolate and caramel sauce drizzled all over.

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Life at Humboldt State, Wet

What to wear in the cold and rain at Humboldt State University

by Curran Daly

People have many clothing options to choose from on cold and rainy days. So do dogs. Teus is a dog who rocks a sweatshirt on a cold and rainy Humboldt afternoon.

While walking between classes Teus gets many smiles, stares and the occasional pet. When it is raining, Teus wears a sweatshirt to stay dry so he doesn't get his owner's apartment wet.

Teus' owner, Kiara Pineda, is a junior child development major. She learned a few tricks over the years for the cold and rainy Humboldt weather. Warmth is important while walking between classes. When she's not dressing Teus, Pineda has her own go-to clothes to stay warm and dry.

"I put rain boots on and a rain jacket," Pineda said. "I'd recommend just like a turtle neck and rain boots and any warm pants that you have."

Layers work especially well to stay warm when it's wet and

rainy. Desteny Gutierrez, a Freshman from Los Angeles, knows how important it is to be warm. She feels that layers work perfectly for cold weather. When you're outside you can be bundled up and when you're inside you can take it all off to enjoy the heater.

"You definitely need layers 'cause, you don't want to get wet and have nothing to take off," Gutierrez said.

According to the National Weather Service, Eureka has already had 40.94 inches of rain so far this winter. That is 7 inches more than at the same point last year and 16.4 inches more than the historical average for this time of the season. This increase in rain also affects Humboldt State students. Students must walk through the rain to and from classes. Gutierrez doesn't worry about the rainy weather.

"If it's raining, definitely just throw on a rain jacket and anything under with some jeans and boots," Gutierrez said. "If it's just cold, I'd pull on a pull-over sweater with

jeans and shoes."

The shoes you wear are also important in wet weather. When it's cold and rainy some elect to wear boots to keep their feet warm and dry while others, like freshman kinesiology major Conner Chappel, just wear regular tennis shoes.

"I need my jacket and then an umbrella, jeans, and some not nice shoes," Chappel said. "Why would I want to ruin nice shoes?"

Chappel moved to Humboldt from Rocklin, Calif. He hasn't dealt with much rain in Rocklin for the past few years due to the drought. Moving from a drier climate to Humboldt can make for a hard transition, but Chappel found the move easier than he expected.

"It was pretty easy to transition, especially compared to my roommate," Chappel said. "He came up to school without a rain jacket, like he didn't even have a rain jacket."



Conner Chappel rocking some "not nice shoes" through the wet winter's day. I Curran Daly



Desteny Gutierrez came to Humboldt at the beginning of this school year. In the cold wet weather Gutierrez uses layers to stay dry and warm. I Curran Daly



Kiara Pineda and her dog Teus. Teus' outfit caused many people to laugh as he and Pineda walked across campus on a cold and rainy Humboldt day. I Curran Daly

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Potential pipeline meets resistance



Photo by I Emily Owen

by Emily Owen

Since the 1970s, a Canadian-based energy company called Veresen Incorporated has been working on a plan to build a pipeline to carry natural gas through Southern Oregon, just 200 miles north of Arcata. After being repeatedly turned down, documents are currently being prepared to be re-submitted with the expectation of eventual approval.

According to Veresen Incorporated’s website, the Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline is proposed to be 232 miles long, cross under five major rivers and result in the clear-cutting of up to 30 miles of forest. At \$7.5 billion, the project is worth twice as much as the Dakota Access Pipeline and is being praised for its potential in economic benefit.

When Leonard Perry heard

about the Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline and that sections were going to pass through the Klamath River, he readied himself for the fight he knew was coming. Perry, an 18-year-old student attending College of the Redwoods, is a founding member of a group known as Humboldt Water Protectors. The group, now called Sacred Seeds, has made it their main goal to protect the abundance of natural resources in and around Humboldt County.

“We see what’s happening to the world, what’s happening in our own backyard, and people are waking up,” Perry said. “We all drink water. This isn’t a party issue, we need to start looking out for our brothers and sisters. The minute we start coming together there’s change.”

The HSU Environment and Community Club is organizing an on-campus event titled

Water is Life: The Standing Rock-Klamath Connection to publicize and spread awareness of the potential Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline. The event will happen on March 4 in the Kate Buchanan Room from 12 to 6p.m. and will shed light on interconnectivity behind the movement for clean and safe water.

Francesca Gallardo and Yojana Miraya, both graduate students in the environment and community program, are coordinating outreach for the event. Gallardo sees the potential to unite these communities and cross boundaries through building coalitions.

“These movements are for everyone,” Gallardo said. “We are fighting the biggest fight of our lives. It is time for everybody and anybody to step up.”

Miraya is from an indigenous tribe in Peru and recognizes the parallels in the global

struggle to protect natural resources.

“Leaders aren’t working for the communities” Miraya said. “Educating people will bring consciousness and the parts of society that are marginalized can come together.”

Cutcha Risling-Baldy, professor of Native American studies at HSU, thinks of pipelines as last resort efforts from the nonrenewable energy industry to stay relevant in a world relying on a failing system.

“There’s a Gold Rush mentality of wanting to make as much money as possible no matter what the consequences are,” Risling-Baldy said. “That’s why we need to always include an indigenous perspective. Native people consult with the land and we see those connections. You can’t account for the way nature plays with your best plans.”

Risling-Baldy stressed the importance of divesting from companies and organizations that fund nonrenewable infrastructure.

“We’re finding out that people think with their money,” Risling-Baldy said. “The government is actively working against the people so you need to speak with your money. Take it out.”

Michael Hinrichs, Director of Communication for the Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline, acknowledges the opposition that is growing and wants to assure people that the project is meeting all environmental standards set by the federal government.

“We’re trying to avoid the impacts that people are worried about,” Hinrichs said. “I would encourage people with concerns to make them known.”

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Voices of student science

by Kelly Bessem



Alycia Padilla, wildlife major. Photo by Kelly Bessem.

Alycia Padilla is a 27-year-old wildlife major from Bakersfield, Calif.

Padilla’s desire to protect and take care of animals helped her choose her major.

“When I was a child I was only allowed to watch television like National Geographic and Discovery Channel,” Padilla said. “That became all I wanted to watch and I fell in love with animals.”

Last summer, Padilla set camera traps and collected re-

cordings of bat sounds as part of a decade-long ecological survey. She worked with the California Department of Fish and in the mountains near Sacramento, Calif.

Though Padilla wants to get a job in Arcata after graduating, she has considered moving back to Bakersfield because she believes the area needs more wildlife expertise.

“I feel like I could make some sort of change there,” Padilla said.



Sarah Franzen, marine biology major, holding sea fan coral. Photo by Kelly Bessem

Sarah Franzen, 26, is a senior marine biology major. She’s originally from Lake Havasu, Ariz.

Franzen’s love for the ocean began with television shows such as “Planet Earth.”

“That’s when I first decided that I wanted to learn how to scuba dive,” Franzen said. “So I got certified when I was 14.”

It wasn’t until Franzen’s freshman year in college that she saw the ocean for herself.

It was during a dive trip for Dixie State University in St. George, Utah.

“That’s when I really fell in love with the ocean,” Franzen said.

Last semester, Franzen worked in HSU’s Paul E. Bourdeau Lab making wax snails that are used for crab surveys.

After graduating, Franzen will study manta rays in Australia and contemplate applying to masters programs.

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The pressure’s on to make metallic hydrogen

by Bryan Donoghue

Within Humboldt State University, in the halls of Science A, there’s a cabinet that houses solid and metallic specimens of almost every element in the periodic table. One of the only absent solids is hydrogen, an element known for being gaseous. Hydrogen contains many impressive properties, one of which is its ability to form strong bonds, known as hydrogen bonds, with other elements. Just recently, two Harvard physicists named Isaac F. Silvera and Ranga Dias have created the correct conditions to form metallic hydrogen. This form of hydrogen is both a superconductor and metastable. If replicated, the results could be revolutionary.

The process to create this metallic form of hydrogen is delicate, but requires an immense amount of pressure on a single point. According to Harvard’s website, a level of 495 gigapascal of pressure was needed before metallic hydrogen started to form. A gigapascal is a measurement of pressure.

Robert W. Zoellner is a Humboldt State University chemistry professor who specializes in inorganic and organometallic chemistry. He has experience in using the device that gives off such pressure.

According to Zoellner, the device is known as a Diamond Anvil Cell. The Diamond Anvil Cell is a contraption in which two diamonds face parallel from one another and push against each other at a single point.

“The device is really easy to work with. Essentially it’s just

a clamp that holds them,” Zoellner said. “It’s a very, very well built clamp, of course. With this clamp, you can literally turn a screw and increase the pressure on the diamonds.”

The use of diamonds is not only due to structural resilience, but also their transparency. To test the state of matter that hydrogen is in within the Diamond Anvil Cell, scientists use a method called Raman spectroscopy. Raman spectroscopy is a non-destructive way of characterizing diamond-like substances.

According to Zoellner, Raman spectroscopy is when laser light shone onto a molecule scatters and creates a different frequency of light than before. The frequency of the light corresponds to the vibration of the molecule, so detecting a change in frequency is all that’s needed.

Diamonds are an expensive commodity, especially the type IIA diamonds that Zoellner says are needed for this experiment. Due to the pressure being forced between them in the vise, these gems have an ability to break.

“The diamond is also vibrating,” Zoellner said. “The high intensity laser light goes through the diamond, it can excite those vibrations as well. If it does it too much, parts of the diamond will get hot, expand, and they crack and break.”

Zoellner says they use artificial diamonds which are cheaper than real diamonds, but still expensive.

“And they have to be polished and carefully machined and everything to make them

fit properly. So, the higher the pressure, the more likely it is the diamonds will fail,” said Zoellner.

According to Silvera, the phase change happens at 495 gigapascal. This immense amount of pressure makes the hydrogen become reflective, indicating its transition into a metallic substance.

“The reason a metal is reflective is because of the electrons that are in it. Those electrons form a reflective sea of electrons, essentially, that cause the light to be reflected,” Zoellner said. “That’s why all the metals are silver, because they are highly reflective.”

The uses for metallic hydrogen may be vast with the possibility that it could eventually be metastable, meaning that it will stay in a metallic form for an extended period of time.

“Here, think of it this way,” Zoellner said, “If you take an ice cube out of your freezer and put it on your counter, does it melt completely, instantaneously? Takes a bit of time, right?”

Zoellner said that this is what the metallic hydrogen may be doing if it is metastable, only it will take a much longer period of time to change to a liquid or gas than an ice cube does.

According to Silvera, this gives metallic hydrogen the possibility of being used in magnetic resonance imaging scans (MRI scans) as magnets that can work at room temperature. Currently, magnets in MRI scans need to be cooled with liquid helium. Silvera also said that if metallic hydrogen is metastable and it can be con-

verted to molecular hydrogen, it can release an enormous amount of energy. Seeing the potential use for this as rocket fuel, NASA supports Silvera’s research.

“Whenever you form a bond, you release lots of energy,” Zoellner said. “If you take a metallic hydrogen with twelve relatively weak bonds, those bonds require energy to break. So you put in some energy, but this is kind of like compound interest.”

According to Zoellner, we could call this proof of concept and that now people will begin thinking how to we make the process easier, faster and cheaper so that we can use it.

According to a report given by Silvera to NASA, “To transform solid molecular hydrogen to metallic hydrogen requires extreme high pressures, but has not yet been accomplished in the laboratory. In the proposed new approach electrons will be injected into solid hydrogen with the objective of lowering the critical pressure for transformation. If successful the metastability properties of hydrogen will be studied. This new approach may scale down the pressures needed to produce this potentially revolutionary rocket propellant.”

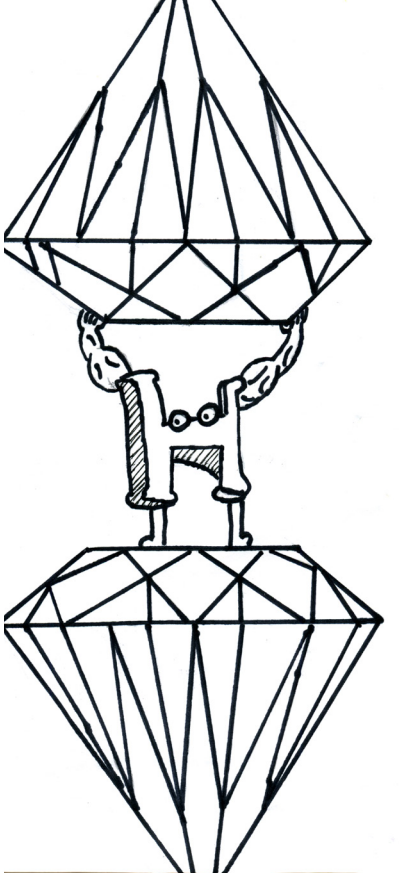
Once metallic hydrogen is one the market, Silvera and Zoellner predict that it will have great use as a superconductor, which means that it conducts electricity without losing any.

According to Silvera, you could create power lines that conduct electricity across the country without dissipating.

Zoellner said that Hoover Dam typically conducts its electricity to Las Vegas and possibly San Francisco and Los Angeles.

“Every foot, every mile that the electricity moves, some of it gets lost,” Zoellner said. “If all those lines were superconductors, you could transport it around the world without loss.”

In an article submitted to the Harvard community, Silvera said that metallic hydrogen is the most powerful rocket fuel to yet exist. Silvera has now taken steps to replicate the process. Soon, metallic hydrogen will have a place in the cabinet housed in Science A and continue to take the pressure off of our daily lives.



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Love is in the brain

by Claire Roth

Like it or not, we as human beings are wired to fall in love, or at least to feel as though we are. That gooey, wonderful, frightening, upside-down-stomach feeling is actually your brain using the processes of chemistry against your good senses.

According to biological anthropologist Helen Fisher, the three stages of falling in love are lust, attraction and attachment.

Lust, involves some of our most primal hormones, estrogen and testosterone. These hormones are present in both men and women. They are responsible for the intense initial attraction when you first see someone without actually knowing who they are.

Attraction, the second stage of falling for someone, is to blame for the times that you can’t think of anything else but the individual that you are crushing on and find yourself thinking of them when you have more pressing matters to focus on. According to an article in BBC Science, this dis-

tracting phenomenon is due to monoamines. Monoamine are compounds that are groups of neurotransmitters. These neurotransmitters include three chemicals that are responsible for making you notice that special someone: dopamine, adrenalin and serotonin. Each chemical has a different effect on the body. Dopamine makes you feel like you want something (it is also present in cigarettes) and gives you a feeling of happiness and satisfaction when you get it. Adrenalin is what makes your heart beat harder and faster when you see your honey walking your way. Serotonin mainly affects your mood and concentration, specifically causing you to want to concentrate on nothing else but that one special person.

When you feel as though you’ve become attached to someone, you’ve entered into the third stage of falling in love. This stage is referenced as what can make or break couples in the long run; if both partners feel attached to one another they have most like-

ly reached a level of emotional balance and need for each other. Two hormones from the nervous system, vasopressin and oxytocin, are largely involved with the stage of attachment. Vasopressin helps to create a bond between two partners and has been associated with monogamy. It has been observed in species such as the prairie vole that practice monogamous relationships. Oxytocin is released by the brain during important lifetime bonding experiences such as during childbirth when it is released by the hypothalamus in the brain. The chemical also helps to form a bond between partners when an extended amount of time is spent together.

Almost everyone experiences crushes and love at one time or another in their lifetime. However, the next time you’re thinking of using that ‘we’ve got chemistry’ pick-up line, make sure to give some thought to the actual truth or falsehood behind that statement.

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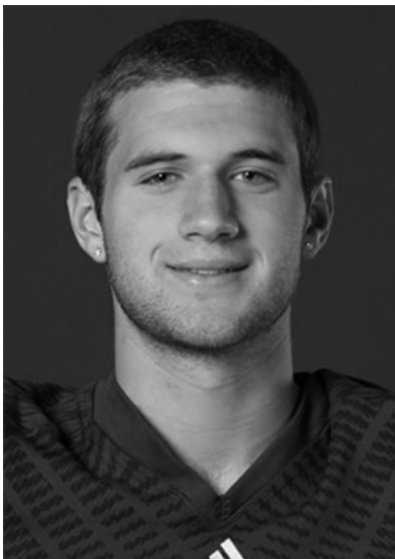
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AJ Mintz, freshman quarterback for the football team just finished his redshirt season. | HSU athletics



Ali Deeb, freshman soccer player finished his redshirt season. | HSU athletics



Kellen Gerig, freshman guard just started his first game for the Lumberjacks against Cal State Dominguez Hills. | HSU athletics

Freshman athletes adjust to college sports.

by Curran Daly

Freshman basketball player Kellen Gerig had yet to start a college game. In his first start of the season he played for 17 minutes. In high school, Gerig scored 26.1 points per game and lead his team to a 24-3

record. So far for the Lumberjacks, Gerig has scored 1.1 points per game and averaged 6.9 minutes per game. “The hardest part is the change of competition and not playing as much,” Gerig said. “All of us were the stars of our high school and then we all get together and only five can be on

the court. So it’s kinda tough to sit on the bench sometimes.” Gerig did not play much for the Lumberjack in the early parts of the season, but he felt a strong bond with his teammates and the fans. “Everyone’s really close together and we’re like a family,” Gerig said. “All of our fans

get pretty into it, we know everyone on campus and in the gym.” Teams spend a lot of time together while playing, practicing, and studying. Ali Deeb is a freshman redshirt, who plays for the men’s soccer team. Deeb can often be found with his friends and fellow teammates, but that doesn’t stop him from missing home. “The hardest part was missing my family and missing my city,” Deeb said. “I think that’s just the hardest adjustment, but eventually you get used to it.” Deeb is from Garden Grove, Calif. Growing up he loved nature, that was one of the factors that lead to him deciding to come to Humboldt. “I always really liked nature and soccer,” Deeb said. “I really wanted to play on the soccer team here because the coach showed a lot of faith in me.” The opportunity to play also led freshman AJ Mintz to Humboldt State. Mintz just finished his redshirt season for

Lumberjack football team. He came to Humboldt State for the opportunity to learn about football but has learned more off the field. “I’ve probably learned more just in life,” Mintz said. “like a lot of life lessons in general, in the first six months of being here.” Mintz says these life lessons stem from living alone for the first time. He had an easy time adjusting to his dorm and got along with his roommate, but had to get used to 6 a.m. practices. “All through the season when our team was playing, the redshirts were lifting at 6 a.m. before practice. I would say that was the hardest, and not playing on Saturday,” Mintz said. In the future all three hope to feature predominantly for their teams. Right now they are more focused on practicing and growing as individuals. Even if that means practicing without playing.



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by Keaundrey Clark

Cal State San Bernardino Friday at 5:30 p.m.

Softball

Humboldt State senior Tiffany Hollingsworth was named the Louisville Slugger/National Fastpitch Coaches Association Division II National Player of the Week Wednesday. In the Desert Stinger Tournament. She batted .438, slugged 1.063 and drove in nine runs earning Tournament Most Valuable Player honors. The senior helped HSU open the season with a 5-0 record with four consecutive multi-hit games and three straight games with a home run. She went 3-for-3 with a double and a home run in the Jacks 12-1 win over Western New Mexico. Hollingsworth hit a two-run homer in game two. She went 3-for-4 at the dish, drew a walk and drove in two RBI to go with her third home run of the season. During the preseason, Hollingsworth was named a member of the 2017 Schutt Sports/NFCA Division II National Player of the Year Watch List.

Cross-Country

The Humboldt State cross country program collected U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) All-Academic honors. Megan Alfi, Kori Gilley and Annie Roberts represented the Green and Gold as individual all-academic selections. The individual All-Academic honor was awarded to student-athletes who compiled a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.25 and finished among the top 30 percent of eligible runners at his or her regional championships and/or the top half of the field at the NCAA Championships. The men’s and women’s teams captured All-Academic honors with 3.02 and 3.40 GPAs, respectively. Teams must have compiled a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 and must have scored at an NCAA Division II regional meet to qualify for All-Academic awards.

Men’s Basketball

Malik Morgan scored a season-high 22 points as Humboldt State men’s basketball beat to Cal Poly Pomona, 71-60 Saturday in Lumberjack Arena. Morgan accounted for 11 of the his 22 points in the second half. Sophomore Nikhil Lizotte helped the Jacks following intermission. He scored 14 points in the final 20 minutes, including seven from the free throw line in the last minute. Redshirt Sophomore Calvin Young II led the Jacks with eight rebounds. HSU travels to face Cal State San Bernardino on Friday. Tipoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Women’s Basketball

Humboldt State women’s basketball fell to Cal Poly Pomona, 68-44, Saturday in Lumberjack Arena. HSU struggled to find an answer for Pomona and trailed 21-3 after 10 minutes of action. Junior Catherine Rees scored the Jacks only field goal of the 1st quarter. HSU fought back in the second quarter, cutting the lead to 31-22, at the break. Freshman Madeline Hatch led the Jacks with nine points at the half. Pomona went on an 11-0 run to start the second half. They took a commanding 32-point lead into the final period. Tyra Turner and Hatch led the Jacks with nine points apiece. Turner finished with six rebounds, three assists and five steals. The Jacks travel to face

HSU Logging Sports Came, Sawed, and Conquered



Humboldt State logging sports competitors George Menges (top left), Robert Muma, Kylie Reich, Evelyn Murphy, Dana Grevenkamp, Scott Felder, Sean Ihle (top right), Chris McMaster (bottom left), Jayme Yee, Conrad Stielau (bottom right). Photo credit unknown. | Kelly Bessem

Logging Sports Takes 1st Place Trophy

by Kelly Bessem

All 10 members of the Humboldt State logging sports team scored first place in at least one event during this year's Sierra-Cascade Logging Conference in Redding, Calif. Humboldt State, Cal Poly, Shasta College, and UC Berkeley all participated.

Team member Dana Grevenkamp scored first place, enough to get "Belle of the Woods", a title given to the female competitor with the most points overall. Grevenkamp beat out both male and female competitors in some of the events.

Sean Ihle, a wildlife major and president of the HSU logging sports team, is impressed with how competitive the team has become.

"It's rare that every single person on the team scores that highly," Ihle said.

"We've started working out and practicing form with professionals this year."

The HSU team gets access to the field, where they hold practice once a week. They compete against teams from schools that provide access five days a week, such as Cal Poly. Motivated team members sought out ways to improve while not on the field, such as 7 a.m. gym meetings.

HSU's team has now held the Sierra-Cascade Conference trophy more years than any other logging sports team.

Logging sports vice president Jayme Yee, a fisheries major, acknowledges the current team's talent.

"After a lot of our people graduated last year we lost a lot of good competition and we've luckily formed another team of great athletes," Yee said.

George Menges is a geography major and the longest

standing team member.

"We definitely put together the best team we've had in years," Menges said.

The Sierra-Cascade competition consisted of one practice day and two days of timed rounds. At the end of Friday, the first timed day, HSU was tied with Cal Poly.

"Everyone went for it," Yee said. "Many of the sudden death matches ended up being Humboldt versus Humboldt."

HSU's logging sports team broke the tie and won with 14 points. The second-place team had eight.

In addition to winning competitions, team members learn a lot of applicable skills.

"Not everyone is a forestry major but we all learn how to use forestry tools and techniques," Menges said. "A large portion of our team has or is hoping to work for fire or timber crews."

Menges said that many team members are interested in conservation.

Evelyn Murphy, an outdoor recreation major, described how being part of the logging sports team also comes with a lot of fun and traveling.

"It's a lot of fun, and I've learned so much," Murphy said. "I really liked this particular competition because there were a bunch of pros that came to help coach us through

things afterwards. We got a lot of good tips."

Team members also have fun naming all chainsaws and axes that they use. The team named the chainsaw they won at the conference Jefferson. This "State of Jefferson" reference is a running joke among the teammates. The State of Jefferson is a proposed new U.S. state consisting of southern Oregon and Northern California. It remains a frequent reference in the involved counties.

"It was a good day for everyone," said Ihle about conference.

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Kainalu Assam and Braydon Leach starting their practice laps at the Arcata Marsh on Thursday Jan. 26 2017 in Arcata, California. | Iridian Casarez

HSU Track Ready for the Road Ahead

by Andre Hascall

As we enter February, track and field athletes are getting ready for the season. Humboldt State University Track and Field will start its season with their annual Green and Gold meet.

The Green and Gold meet will be held at Redwood Bowl on Feb. 18th.

Caitlyn McCoy, a junior ki-

nesiology major, competes in 100 meter and 400 meter hurdles. "Everyone is looking forward to the green and gold meet so we can size up where we are," McCoy said.

HSU track and field has been preparing for the road ahead this season. They'll have to travel around Northern California facing rivals Chico and San Francisco State. They will even making a trip to Austin, Texas in April. The end goal

being the Division II national championship on May 25.

Jocelyn Barber, a junior environmental resources engineer major, runs the 1500 meter as well as the 5 kilometer races.

"I think HSU has a lot of good athletes this year and I sense success," Barber said.

Staying healthy is a major component of success for a team with a schedule heavily impacted with travel. Atten-

dance in the gym is a must for these athletes.

Daniel Toll, sophomore history major, runs the 1500 meter and hopes to run the 5000 meter this year.

"There's been some minor setbacks and injuries but nothing too serious," Toll said. "Those things happen and you learn to work through them."

The Lumberjacks track team has yet to compete, but confidence is building within

the team. The ultimate goal is to win at the Division II championships.

"The seniors and returners set up a really motivating atmosphere which got us through excruciating workouts," McCoy said. "Overall it gave us a solid foundation to start season on."

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Editorial

Betsy Devos: Public School’s Enemy Number One

Warfare on Educational Welfare

The war on our public education system is on. Betsy DeVos’s appointment as the Secretary of Education is the first indication that our education system is in trouble. DeVos’s devastating record of promoting the deregulation and privatization of schools is the signal for all public school students to arm up with their cell phones and keep their representative’s on speed dial.

DeVos showcased her ignorance on running the public education system during her confirmation hearing which was only compounded by the denial of the second round of questioning.

DeVos has never worked with or attended public school. She has no government experience or experience in running a large organization, and yet she has been deemed fit to run our nation-

wide education system.

The last two decades of DeVos’s life has been dedicated to the promotion of for-profit charter schools that offer weak accountability standards. DeVos also tirelessly advocates for vouchers to redirect public funding to pay for these private and religious schools.

The problem with this is that the money would come directly from taxpayers’ pockets. You and me. Not only would we have to pay for these new schools, but we wouldn’t have the opportunity to check their credibility or hold them to basic education standards.

DeVos has extreme views on the way our schools should run. In a 2001 interview with The Gathering, a Christian philosophy organization, DeVos said she wants to use these vouchers to “confront the culture in ways that will continue to advance God’s kingdom.”

Critics of DeVos are worried about student civil rights. Devos has made it clear that she doesn’t understand the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and it is possible and likely, that DeVos may move to reverse the Obama administration’s direction on

LGBTQ student accommodations and the policies dictating how to handle instances of sexual assault.

Our public education system needs reform. Not to be gutted and replaced with an unchecked privatized corporation.



Humanizing Inmates and Prisoners

By Tania Mejia

By now, most of us know there are 2.3 million people behind bars, and that the U.S. makes up 5% of the world’s population while housing 25% of the world’s prison population. Unlike other political topics, there seems to be bipartisan agreement that our criminal justice system is an urgent need of reform. Unfortunately, most of these cries for change are happening as a result of the \$80 billion price tag, instead about the peoples lives who have been and are being impacted by this system.

Our society seems to be unable to forgive people and it manifests in the way we treat people behind bars and upon their release. In his, “Re-humanizing Inmates” TEDx talk, inmate, Anthony Wyatt states, “As prisoners, we’re automatically presumed to be less than civilized, and so less than equal. Less than equal, and so less than worthy. A segment of the population, undeserving of your respect, and basic human rights cause we’re considered less than human. I know it sounds extreme, but how else can we account for society’s clear lack of concern for the incarcerated and the formerly incarcerated lives?”

I have repeatedly came to the same conclusion as I read letters by my prison pen pals, walkthrough prisons, and talk to formerly incarcerated peo-

ple. It is hard not to wonder how did we get here at the approval of so many people. Of course, politicians “tough on crime” rhetoric, media portrayals, and people’s fears were a driving force, but more than that, I think it became an us vs.

care about their conditions, rights, and treatment behind bars.

As mass incarceration begins to scale down, which it will, we have begin a re-humanization process of inmates and prisoners. It is simply not

ceive financial aid, can’t apply for food stamps and welfare, can’t apply for business loans, can’t earn some professional licenses/permits, can’t apply for public housing, can’t own guns, can’t vote, can’t sit on a jury, can’t apply for some jobs, and if, they are able to they face the “Have you been convicted of a felony?” question on job applications.

So how do we begin this rehumanization process? We have to begin by challenging our own beliefs and attitudes. Ask yourself, what images come to mind when you hear the words criminal, felon, inmate, prisoner, or convict? We have to stop making prison jokes such as “don’t drop the soap,” which as Anthony points out in his TEDx talk, “since when is the rape or assault of any fellow human being funny?” We have to stop supporting TV programs who profit from the violence in jails and prisons. We have to stop calling people behind bars by the labels given to them by the oppressor (e.g. inmate, prisoner, felon, convict, criminal). We have to bridge gaps between the inside and outside world.

Most importantly, we have to support them. We know 90-95% of people behind bars are someday returning to society. It’s time to let go of assumptions, prejudices, and stereotypes.

WHO WE ARE...

We are those, who were misguided by warped beliefs, traditions and prejudices...

We are those, who are alienated because of our mistakes...

We are those, who society wishes to forget because of those who refuse to forgive...

We have unjustly offended many, disrupting innocent lives with evil...

We are those, society does not wish to understand so as a "minority" we are viewed as inhuman...

We are those society reaches out to, but only to place in handcuffs rather than help us...

We are those society will not trust, because of stereotypic minds that are suffocated with contempt...

We are those unafraid of any prison or darkness, because we came from broken homes, broken relationships, poor neighborhoods and worse, we survived the dark terror of being trapped within our own minds...

We are those society placed in warehouse cages filled with poison that breeds rapidly like a wild fire in the wilderness...

We are those society strives to strip of dignity and hope in the name of impartial justice...

We are those society has resentfully labelled as x-citizens, x-cons, x-salvageable, x-human beings...

We are those society has made a conscious choice to exclude from being worthy of compassion and love...

We are those who can no longer escape the fact we must become responsible to live decent and take full accountability for our past offenses against God, you and our community...

We are those who struggle to shed thick layers of guilt and shame...

We are those society calls criminals and gangmembers yet we are fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, friends, no less, no greater than anyone in society, simply children, of one God.

Poem by Marcus Armstrong

them. It is no secret that our criminal justice system disproportionately locks up people of color and people who are poor, yet many of us keep the system out of sight, out of mind while falling into the false narrative of who these men and womyn are. I think society as a whole has negatively dehumanized and desensitized our incarcerated brothers and sisters that many people simply do not

enough to release people behind bars back into society when being labeled a felon puts you in a category, which Michelle Alexander, author of The New Jim Crow, identifies as a racial caste system equivalent to slavery and Jim Crow. Being labeled a felon carries consequences with it, which make reentry into society a punishment of its own. People with a criminal record can’t re-

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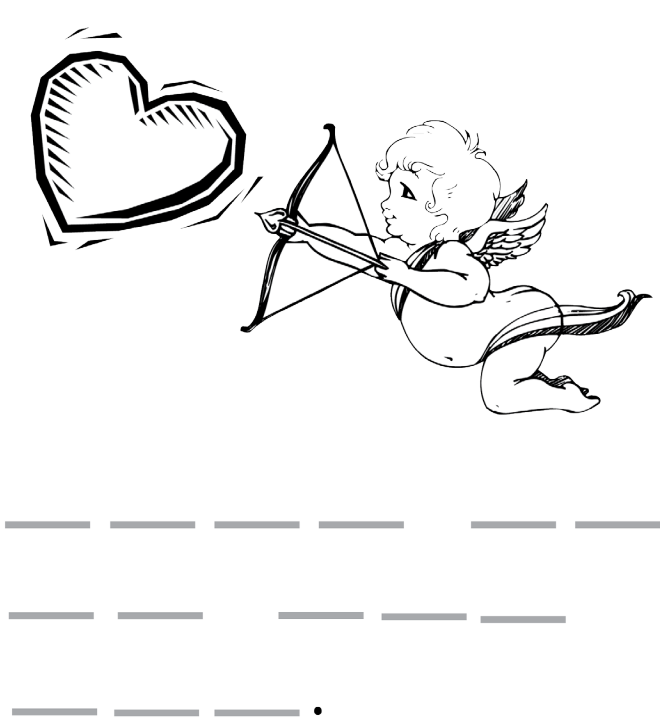
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HUMBOLDT JUMBOLDT by Melissa Coleman

Rearrange the letters to form a word. Set aside the double underlined letters on the line below. Rearrange those letters when all words are solved to find this week’s answer! Plurals allowed, no proper nouns though final answer may be a proper noun. *Answers in the next issue.*

EILNA == == == == ==
MOVNE == == -- == --
SHITE == -- -- == --
UNCRI == -- -- -- ==
PYSIT == == -- -- --




RIDDLE

Trains travel from one town to another town all day, always on the same track, always going non-stop and at the same speed. The noon train took 80 minutes to complete the trip, but the 4 PM train took an hour and 20 minutes. Why?

Weekly Sudoku *Difficulty: medium*


	3		4		9		7	
		2				5		
9			5		1			4
7		8				9		6
	9		8		7		2	
2		5				1		7
8			3		2			1
		9				7		
	2		9		4		5	



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Stumping Lumberjacks
Weekly Brain Teaser
By Ian Bradley

DEAD BODY
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Use the image to guess the word or phrase. Pay attention to the size and position of the clues (top/bottom/left/right), repetition, direction (up/down/backwards/forwards), and the style.
Examples: “P walk Ark” would be “walk in the park” or “DEAL” would be “big deal”
Email your answer to thejack@humboldt.edu with the subject “ATTN: Stumping Lumberjacks”
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Oklahoma!@
North Coast Repertory Theatre
8-11 p.m. , \$18

The Grouch @ Humboldt Brews
\$25 Advanced Price / \$30 Day of Show
Doors @ 9:30 / Show @ 10PM
Ages 21+

Lounge Act, Shakey @ The Jam
9:30 , 21+

FEBRUARY 17

Oklahoma!@
North Coast Repertory Theatre
8-11 p.m. , \$18

AQUEERius Ball @ Kate Buchanan Room
6-11 p.m. FREE!! ALL AGES!!

McKinleyville Arts Night @
McKinleyville Business Dist.
6-8 p.m,

Motherlode @
Redwood Curtain Brewing Company
8-11 p.m.

One Billion Rising Arcata- Rise in Solidarity@
Arcata Plaza
1-3 a.m. , Free

Yoga is for Everyone @ Redwood Lounge
10:30 a.m.-5:15 p.m. , \$10 / \$40 5 class pass

FEBRUARY 18

Open Day @
Humboldt Revolution Paintball
\$40, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Winter Farmers’ Market@
Arcata Plaza
10 a.m.-2 p.m. , Free

Beginner Hip Hop Dance @
Redwood Raks World Dance Studio
\$5, noon-1 p.m.

Redwood Rollers vs. Lava City Roller
Dolls @
Redwood Acres Fairgrounds
5-9 p.m. \$12 advance/ \$15 door.

FEBRUARY 19

Millions of Dead Cops @
The Veterans Memorial Building of Eureka
6-10 p.m, \$10

Beatles vs. The Stones: Abbey Road and Sat-
isfaction @
Arcata Theatre Lounge
7:30-10:30 p.m. , \$28 / \$25 adv. / 21+

Orgone, Monophonics @
Humboldt Brews
9:30 p.m.-1 a.m. / \$25 / \$20 adv. / 21+

Humboldt Hard Court Bike Polo @
Highland Park
1 p.m. / Free

Introduction to Kayak Rolling @
Center Activities, HSU Campus
4:30-6:30 p.m. / \$35 / \$30 HSU Students

FEBRUARY 20

SCRAP President’s Week Camp @
The (Re)Workshop at SCRAP Humboldt
8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. / \$150

Neruda @ The Miniplex
4 p.m. / \$8 / \$6.50 Matinee

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