

HSU continues Polytechnic self-study

by Carlos Holguin

Announced by President Tom Jackson, Jr. last November in a campus wide email, Jackson stated, “...this designation would build upon HSU’s strengths, help us meet important needs for the North Coast and California, and make our campus increasingly attractive to students from California and beyond.”

Polytechnic universities are known for their hands-on learning programs with an emphasis on STEM programs and applied sciences.

Since the announcement HSU has been working on an analysis of operations and activities as part of a plan that will be presented to the California State University system, with a variety of committees created to focus on various aspects of the study.

“A large reason why HSU is pursuing the Polytechnic designation in partnership with the CSU and in partnership with our campus is really about leveraging the unique things about HSU,” said Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Jenn Capps, Ph.D.

Capps and Acting Deputy Chief of Staff/Special Assistant to the President Lisa Bond-Maupin, Ph.D., are leading the Planning Team, providing updates, answering questions and hosting meetings regarding the study.

For both, the hope is that the new designation would allow HSU to stand on it’s own in the CSU system without losing what makes the university different.

“We’re not interested in being like Pomona or San Luis Obispo,” said Capps. “We already have those institutions in our system where students can access, but how can we really leverage the uniqueness of HSU and kind of draw in more students and have a higher profile so people can see us and engage with us.”

One of the hopes, according to Capps, is that the higher profile will help HSU boost the number of students applying and piggyback off the lower acceptance rates of the other polytechnic universities without adversely affecting the quality of education.

“The good and the bad news is that we are currently 30% under enrolled,” said Capps. “So we have a little ways to go before we’re gonna get to a spot where we are having to deal with that upper trajectory problem of how big should we grow.”

“I think that we are cognizant of wanting our students to have a particular kind of educational experience and the quality of that educational experience is related to size,” said Bond-Maupin.

With the anticipated increase of enrollment, Capps and Bond-Maupin stated that HSU is working with the surrounding communities of Arcata, Eureka and McKinleyville to work on issues like parking and housing.

While these changes are expected to affect many aspects of HSU, Bond-Maupin assures that HSU is not looking to increase the cost for students to attend.

“We are not anticipating an increased cost to students in part because we are already a very hands on educational organization, and much of our structure already reflects that,” said Bond-Maupin. “So I think we are looking for an increase of value rather than an increase of cost to students.”

HSU expects to complete the self-study by the end of the semester and hopes to receive the Polytechnic title by 2023. More information about the self-study can be found at <https://www.humboldt.edu/polytechnic>

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Junior enviornmental studies major and scientific minor Roxanna “Roxy” Reynolds makes her way through pool during the free diving portion of her rescue diving class at the KRA Pool on April 28. | Photo by Thomas Lal

HSU to offer interdisciplinary cannabis program

by Poppy Cartledge

President Tom Jackson revealed in an article to Times Standard on April 2 that Humboldt State recently received approval from the CSU Board of Trustees to develop an interdisciplinary cannabis program.

Jackson said that it comes as a response to student demand for a program in cannabis studies at the university. The curriculum would study the intersection of cannabis and society through a number of areas: wellness, compliance, law, business, ecology and more.

The department of academic affairs said through HSU’s spokesperson, Grant Scott-Goforth, that the university is planning to try and get the program ready by the start of the Fall 2022 semester.

“While it’s gotten tentative approval from the CSU trustees, all new degree programs have to go through a curriculum development process with HSU, the Chancellor’s Office, and HSU’s regional accreditor, WSCUC,” Scott-Goforth said.

The university said that cannabis has a significant cultural and economic impact in the north coast. Being the only institution in the region, HSU feels that they must be responsive to the needs of



Graphic by Poppy Cartledge

the Humboldt community.

Scott-Goforth said that unlike the handful of cannabis programs that currently exist across the nation that focus on mainly plant chemistry and biological science, HSU’s interdisciplinary cannabis program would also focus on the relationship cannabis has with the community and the natural environment.

Connor Evans is in his final year at HSU, studying Forestry (Soils), and feels like HSU has real potential to establish a presence in the current small

world of cannabis academia.

“Humboldt is an epicenter for cannabis that yearns to be studied,” Evans said. “So while there are a few other schools that have programs like this, I really feel Humboldt has the opportunity to create something here that can become a staple of how to run a strong, meaningful cannabis studies program.”

Evans said that if HSU were to distinguish studies across the nation, a cannabis degree from the University

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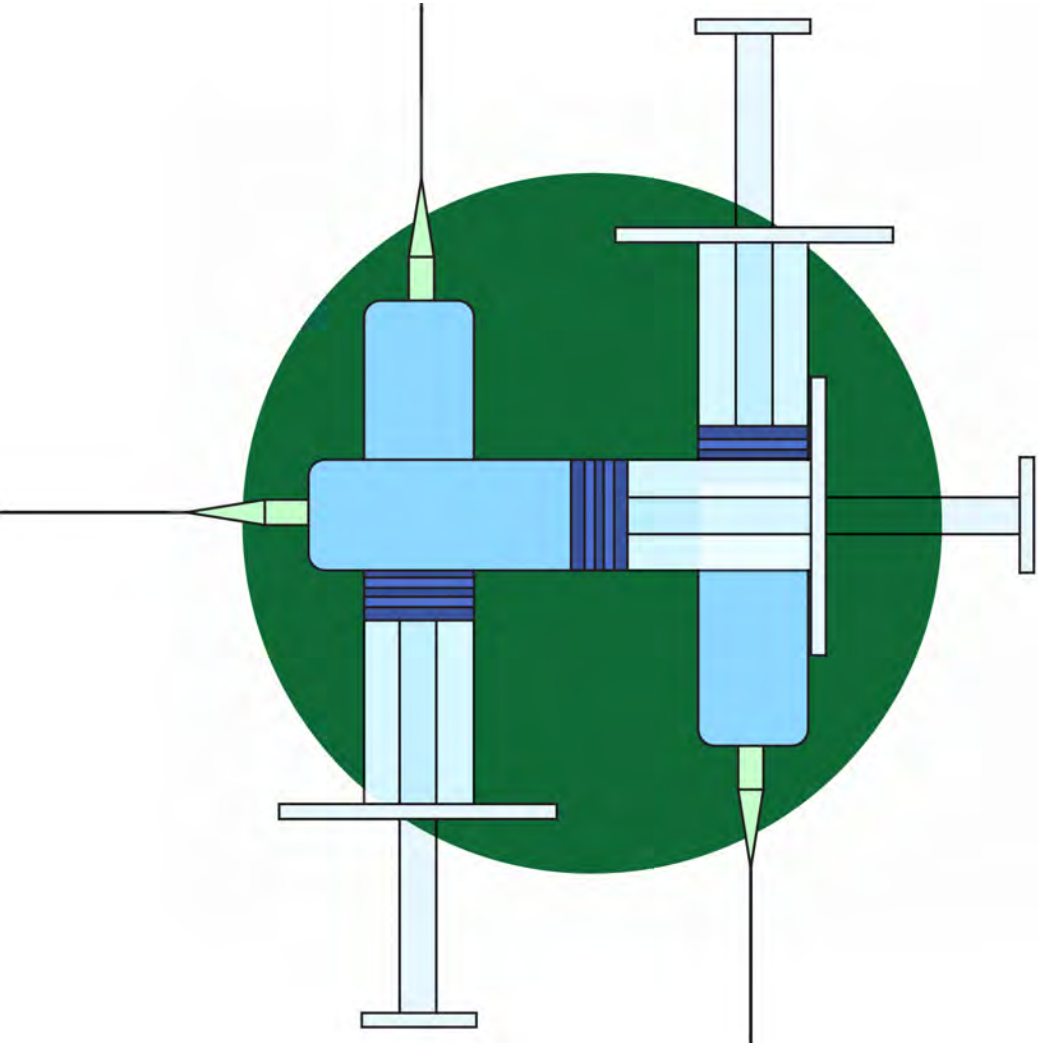
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CSU announces new vaccination guidelines for the upcoming fall semester

All students must receive full COVID-19 vaccinations to access facilities on campus next fall



by Ian Vargas

The CSU system has instituted a new guideline for the fall 2021 semester: all students and staff are required to be fully vaccinated before arriving on campus.

The move comes as schools begin loosening restrictions due to COVID-19 and anticipating a return to in person classes. The hope is that each campus will be able to provide

most classes in person, while still allowing many students to telecommute if need be.

While vaccine rollout has been slow, HSU has distributed vaccinations for staff in the past months and recently has begun vaccinating on campus students as well. However, both would be expected to update the mandatory immunization they are required to get before coming to campus. While public roll out of vaccines has caused some confusion, many CSU campuses have vaccination sites running for whomever they are serving.

Hazel J. Kelly, public affairs manager for CSU’s department of strategic communication and public affairs, says that while the guidelines have been announced, how exactly the CSU system will handle their implementation and help students get their appointment is still being worked out.

“The CSU’s COVID vaccination policy is still under development and many of the details are still being worked out,” Kelly said “While there is no certainty at this point as to when the requirement would be put into place, the CSU would be able to provide guidance to students in need of a vaccination.”

The push would mean vaccinating more than 1 million people across California at CSU campuses. The CSU system is taking this step alongside the University of California who has implemented the same policy. The plans

are largely contingent on full approval of any of the vaccines and will be implemented either before the beginning of the semester or as soon as there is an available approved vaccine.

In a press release on April 21, CSU chancellor Joseph I. Castro stated that widespread vaccinations have massively curved the spread of COVID-19 and are vital to returning to normalcy after a year of lockdowns.

“The state of California has been a leader in the administration of COVID-19 vaccines, and Californians receiving a vaccine has led to significantly reducing the transmission of COVID-19 in our state,” Castro said “Continued vigilance will further mitigate the spread of the disease that has radically altered our lives over the past year.”

After a year of Zooming in for everything, many students are eager to return to full in person classes. This move and the other steps to return to campus will allow students a more normal experience.

Cohl Mascitelli, incoming HSU student for the class of 2025, says that he supports the move and that it doesn’t affect his plans to come on campus.

“I totally agree with it since many vaccines are now available to the public,” Mascitelli said. “It doesn’t affect me because i’m fully vaccinated. I think if students want to push for a more normal semester with most in person classes, this is the way to go.”

Arcata residents fear an industrial sized cannabis grow

Arcata Land Company LLC, a sister company of Sun Valley Floral Farm, receives approval for an eight acre cannabis farm in Arcata Bottoms

by Poppy Cartledge

On April 22, the Humboldt County Planning Commission Board voted 5-2 in favor of the proposed eight acre industrial sized cannabis farm. At-large commissioner Brian Mitchell, and Fifth District commissioner Peggy O’Neill dissented from the majority.

The farm is set to be constructed on the former site of the Simpson Lumber Mill, a 38 acre plot of land between 27th street and Foster Avenue.

The special meeting held by the Planning Commission was for additional public comment on the project after the March 18 review of the project was overwhelmed with public comment that exceeded the Zoom meeting’s 100-person threshold.

The large number of callers came with concerns about what this project could mean for the 900-plus Westwood neighborhood residents living within a half-mile radius of the site. Community members felt as though these neighbors will be most affected by the farm’s odors, greenhouse fan noise, increased traffic and possible pollution.

Joan Edwards, an Arcata resident that lives on 27th street, said in a letter to the editor for Mad River Union on April 21 that the neighborhood feels as though

having an industrial sized cannabis grow just outside the city does not promote the kind of image Arcata needs to grow both professionally and sensibly.

“Our town used to be known for HSU, its liberal politics, and for its art scene,” Edwards said. “To be known for allowing one of the biggest grows in the state just outside the city limit does not promote the kind of image Arcata needs to grow both professionally and sensibly.”

The Sun Valley group originally announced that the project would take up 23 acres, about a quarter of the size of HSU. The cut back in land came as the Humboldt County Growers Alliance rejected the plans, saying that they are only permitted to issue 8 acres of land per individual grower, including the necessary space for nurseries.

Tristan Strauss is the CEO and co-founder of Headwaters, a data-driven bulk cannabis supply company that is partnered with Sun Valley and Arcata Land Company LLC on the project.

“It’s an economic argument for the project to create viability and year round jobs,” Strauss said at the April 22 meeting in response to concerns with the environmental impact of using a limited amount of solar. “With mixed light facil-



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ities, we’re continuously cultivating 365 days a year.”

Strauss said that there will be 80 full time employees that will operate the farm year round. These employees would work in both mixed-light greenhouses and light deprivation structures, along with 30,000 square feet of nursery.

Many residents believe that the project should undergo an environmental impact report to help ease concerns of Arcata residents.

“If you’ve read all of the facts thoroughly given by folks against the project, it clearly indicates that at least an environmental impact report should be conducted,” Peggy Proctor, an Arcata resident and public commenter at the meeting said.

She said that by conducting the test,

the commission could ensure that they are listening to the over 600 people who have signed petitions and other Arcata residents who have expressed concerns over the past month.

The commission ultimately approved a negative declaration of environmental impact, rather than requiring a full environmental impact report (EIR). However, they added two conditions for the project before passing it: that trees must be planted around the property to mitigate public disturbance and for them to enroll in PG&E’s “Power+” program, which will provide 100 percent renewable energy.

The cannabis farm is projected to be the largest cannabis farm in Humboldt County and fifth largest in the state of California.

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would be meaningful and many people would be attracted to the program. He also said that the large amount of people in Humboldt that are connected to cannabis in some way could benefit from a local program that progresses the legitimacy of the industry.

In addition to the benefits that the local community could seek, Evans said that some current students on campus, especially first years, would most likely consider switching majors

if they were able to get meaningful credentials. He said that students in many departments at HSU aim to go into the cannabis industry after graduation.

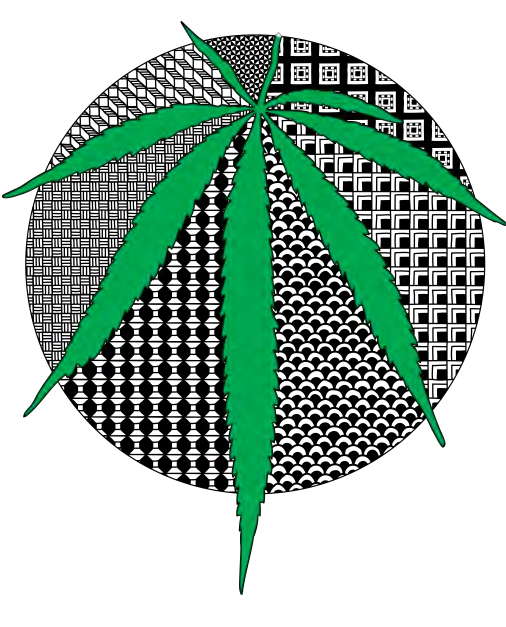
Humboldt County residents aren’t the only ones excited about the possibility of a cannabis degree program in the CSU. Nicole Elliott, the senior advisor on cannabis for Governor Gavin Newsom, feels as though a program that studies the different aspects of what is expected of California during the decriminalization and legalization of cannabis would be beneficial to many communities across the state.

“California is well served to have curriculum developed that examines these complexities, and once established,

our communities will be well served to have within them CSU alumni working to share and refine this knowledge,” Elliott said.

She said that it is important for people to learn about the collective efforts of California during the transition to a regulated cannabis market, relating to all aspects of the environment: communities, economies and mother nature.

“Given this region’s global recognition for cannabis cultivation knowledge and culture, Humboldt State University will be the place students choose to attend for a rigorous interdisciplinary cannabis studies curriculum,” Scott-Goforth said.



2017				2018			
April 15	May 5	May 18	Nov. 16	Feb. 7	April 11	Oct. 31	Jan. 1
David Josiah Lawson was fatally stabbed at an Arcata house party around 3am. Mckinleyville resident, Kyle Zoellner, 23, was taken into custody relating to the incident.	After five days of the preliminary hearing, the judge ruled that there was not sufficient evidence to hold Zoellner and the suspect was released.	Josiah Lawson's family offer \$10,000 reward in exchange people to come forward with new information.	Charmaine Lawson spoke at the Arcata City Council meeting while hundreds of protestors and advocates showed support outside the city hall.	APD announce that the investigation into the case is still active and ongoing. Announced that former FBI agent, Tom Parker, has been brought in to review the investigation.	Arcata police chief, Tom Chapman, abruptly resigns following 24 years of service in the role. Parker, the former FBI agent brought onto the case in February also resigned.	Richard Ehle, interim APD Police Chief, announced end of APD investigation and turned over findings to Humboldt County District Attorney's Office.	Charmaine Lawson met with Flemington Humboldt District Attorney, felt hopeful the case was moving forward.

Humboldt runs to remember Josiah

by Ian Vargas

April 15 marked the four year anniversary of Josiah Lawson's murder, and two days later his mother Charmaine Lawson returned to Humboldt to hold a four mile run, coat drive, and supply giveaway in his honor.

The run went up G Street with one mile for each year that the Josiah Lawson case has remained unsolved. Charmaine Lawson has been holding memorials in remembrance each year, but was unable to travel to Humboldt last year due to COVID-19.

Josiah Lawson was a student at HSU when he was murdered at an off campus house party in April 2017. In the wake of the incident, the Arcata Police Department was widely criticized for its poor handling of evidence, slow response, and the lack of public information. Charmaine Lawson has pushed continually since then for further inquiries and for a resolution to the now four-year-old case.

Information has been slow to come in and APD continues to urge people to come forward if anyone has any relevant information on the case. Part of that effort is a reward for any information that leads to the arrest of whoever murdered Josiah.

According to Andre Ramos, a mentor of Josiah's and friend of the Lawson family, the reward has been raised to encourage more people to come forward with new information.

"We want to bring justice by identifying the responsible party. As a form of encouragement, Charmaine has increased the reward to \$100,000," Ramos said. "If there is someone that is willing to provide the necessary information to complete the arrest and conviction of the responsible parties, they will be rewarded \$100,000."

Charmaine Lawson has received widespread support from many Humboldt residents who sympathize with her frustrations with the slow and ineffective response of Humboldt County's public officials.

People who attended the vigil on April 17 were given free coffee and bagels, one of 100 backpacks full of supplies including toiletries and warm clothing, free coats, and packages of hot food from the Arcata Mutual Aid society. The event also featured multiple speakers from the Lawson family and friends from around the area.

Karpani Burns, an Arcata resident and an attendant at the vigil, says that she is very happy that Charmaine can come back up to Humboldt.

"I think that this is a beautiful thing because Charmaine couldn't come up last year," Burns said. "So it's great she can be back with friends and family."

The case caused controversy on the HSU campus as well, as many students felt as if they were not being listened to in their concerns or kept updated on the case and that the slow trickle of information is racially motivated. The university has worked with the police for the investigation and has continued to work to ensure the safety of students.

According to Douglas Smith, Coordinator of the AACAE, the HSU faculty has taken steps to listen to students and their concerns.

"When considering safety, since being on campus as staff I have personally been in several spaces, as the BSU and Brothers United advisor, where students had the ear and attention of administration," Smith said. "In those conversations, information was exchanged, concerns were received, then action was taken. There is room for improvement, and a large part of that includes hiring and retaining Black faculty and removing curriculum that harbors white supremacy."



1. Charmaine Lawson and her supporters confront Arcata Police Chief Brian Ahearn, following a demonstration on the two year anniversary of her son David Josiah Lawson on April 17. Photo by Ian Vargas 3. Charmaine Lawson holds hands with local pastor and longtime supporter Bethany Cseh on March 15 2019 who chooses to remain anonymous stands with tape over his mouth during a demonstration held outside of Siemens Hall for slain student Josiah Lawson on W. Portillo. 5. Charmaine Lawson holds up her son's posthumously awarded diploma on stage, two years after his death, on May 18 2019. Photo by Thomas Lai. 6. En. David Josiah Lawson's death on April 17 2021. Photo by Dakota Cox. 7. Charmaine Lawson stands victorious at the finish line of the four mile run she hosted to acknowledge brutality and racism are carried by demonstrators outside of Arcata City Hall on June 1 2020, following the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis police custody.

2019				2020			2021
24	March 13	March 29	Dec. 6	Feb. 20	July 10	Dec. 31	April 14
the net ing, t	Humboldt County District Attorney's office release statement saying that the Grand Jury declined to indict any person in the stabbing of Josiah Lawson.	Humboldt County DA's office asks for state to Department of Justice to take over future prosecution of the case.	State Office of the Attorney General stated in a letter that they won't take over the unresolved case on the stabbing of Josiah Lawson.	National Police Foundation revealed in their report that the APD were underprepared to investigate the killing of Josiah Lawson. This report was 19 months in the making.	New video footage of the fatal stabbing emerges through an individual on the David Josiah Lawson Facebook page.	Charmaine Lawson reveals that she has yet to be able to come up to Arcata to meet with the individual who has the video because of the COVID-19 pandemic.	Charmaine Lawson encourages witnesses to come forward and raises the reward to \$100,000 up until May 20, Josiah Lawson's birthday.



Josiah Lawson's death, on the Arcata plaza on April 15 2019. Photo by Thomas Lal. 2. David Josiah Lawson's cousin Angel preforms an interpretive dance at the 19, on the footsteps of the Humboldt County courthouse, as the two year anniversary of the murder of her son approaches. Photo by Thomas Lal. 4. A student Wednesday, April 4 2018. The demonstration was the first of 12 demonstrations held in the 12 days leading to the anniversary of Lawson's death. Photo by Elliott mmalee Constant holds her 5-year-old daughter Alma Constant tight, while sitting in the audience of an event acknowledging the four year anniversary of knowledge the four year anniversary of her son Josiah David Lawson's death, on April 17, 2021. Photo by Jasmine Martinez. 8. Signs calling for an end to police Photo by Thomas Lal.

HSU dance is potentially in danger of disappearing

The COVID-19 pandemic has been especially devastating to dance

by Dakota Cox

Before Jandy M Bergmann began her tenure as a dance professor at HSU, she was a student in the program – in a manner of speaking.

Shortly after dropping out of the University of Michigan, Bergmann moved to northern California and found a job at a plant nursery. She began crashing dance classes at HSU and fell in love with the holistic, non-competitive learning environment. Bergmann left Humboldt to complete her education, but returned a decade later to become an official member of the department, where she’s spent the last 23 years.

Unfortunately, the global pandemic has hit the dance department at HSU especially hard. Class sizes in the department have collectively shrunk since shelter-in-place began and others have been cut altogether.

“Dancing is just about the hardest thing to do in isolation,” Bergmann said. “There’s so much learning we can’t do.”

Though the majority of dance classes are now being held partially in-person, there are still significant factors limiting students’ ability to learn. For the classes that take place entirely online and during the quarantine periods of each in-person class that are taught on Zoom, the barriers to learning are drastically more obtuse.

Dance and social work double major DiOria Woods has noticed some of her skills have begun to decline during the pandemic, without her usual access to a conducive learning environment.

“There are dance classes online, but some of them are a little more expensive and I don’t have the proper floor to do certain moves, so I have to really contain

it,” Woods said. “I can’t really practice the leaps and the jumps and the turns that I want to.”

Despite the challenges presented by the pandemic, Woods said she couldn’t picture a world where she doesn’t dance.

“I know there’s more to me besides dancing, but I’ve done it for so long and it’s such a big part of me and who I am,” Woods said. “Even if I was never to perform again, I would still be in my dance room [and] in my living room dancing.”

In addition to being a dance major, Chloe Schmidt is also an instructor at Arcata’s Trillium Dance Studios, where she took classes as a child. For Schmidt, the limitations created by the pandemic have fueled her passion for dance more now than ever.

“I think [dance is] actually keeping me going during the pandemic,” Schmidt said. “I think it’s been really important for a lot of people, even if dance isn’t their life’s passion.”

In pursuit of a professional dance career, along with her regular coursework, Schmidt has begun attending Zoom classes with teachers from New York and Los Angeles. While the online format provides the opportunity to learn from instructors Schmidt wouldn’t normally have access to, the experience still manages to be underwhelming.

“Zoom classes [are] really hard. Dancing in your room with no one else around is really different than what we’re used to,” Schmidt said. “Dance, for me, is really about connecting with people. So, that was a challenge to have that cut off.”

Dance and kinesiology double major Calvin Tjosaas has been dancing on and off for 10 years, whenever he can afford



Photo by Dakota Cox
Professor Jandy M Bergmann leads the routine for her modern contemporary dance class on April 12, in preparation for their virtual performance in this year’s spring concert.

the time and financial commitments.

“Studio access is everything,” Tjosaas said. “I can dance at home, but it really doesn’t feel the same and the space is not always conducive to creativity and expression. So, being [in the studio] is really good for the soul.”

Even being back on campus for the majority of this semester, Tjosaas still feels dance majors are missing out on a huge aspect of the experience, not being able to interact with one another.

“Working with other dancers is one of the reasons I love dancing,” Tjosaas said. “There’s just nothing like feeding off of another person’s energy.”

When the pandemic first began, Bergmann admitted dancing was the last thing she wanted to do.

“We’re all swallowing this big thistle of worry and sadness,” Bergmann said. “You have to really want this if you’re going to put on the mask and follow all these rules.”

Even with vaccinations being distributed and classes continuing to trend back in the direction of normal operations, Bergmann is concerned for the future of the program, given the impact the pandemic has already had.

“It feels like a vulnerable time for dance,” Bergmann said. “We just got hit really hard and we’re just hoping we can come back.”

COVID has filled students with anxiety for the future

HSU announces the majority of classes will be taught in person next semester

by Brianne Beronilla

Having had all classes online since March 2020 when the campus closed due to the pandemic, HSU is now transitioning to in-person classes for Fall 2021.

As a safety precaution, CSU recently announced that HSU will require all students, faculty, and staff to be vaccinated before using campus facilities. More vaccinations have become available in Humboldt County for citizens for ages 16+. However, some students are feeling anxious about going back to in person classes.

Steffi Puertis is a journalism major whose anxiety has worsened during online classes.

“When I talk through Zoom I don’t see anyone’s reactions, and there’s a lot of silence,” Puertis said. “It kinda makes you feel like you are on the spot, which is super scary and makes me more nervous to talk. Sometimes my professor will ask a question and I know the answer but I get too anxious to reply.”

Although more vaccinations have been given out throughout the county, not everyone has taken the right precautions.

“One thing that does make me nervous about going back to in person classes would be that some people might not take COVID-19 protocols seriously,” Puertis said. “They think that everything is back to normal, which it isn’t.”

Courses will be offered as face-to-face, virtual, and hybrid options for the fall.

“[Offering options] does ease my anxiety because it gives students who don’t feel comfortable attending campus the choice to feel the same at home,” Puertis said. “As well as giving the opportunity to students who want to be back in the classroom that choice.”

Ryan McRae is an ecology major. His anxiety is worse during online classes because there is no accountability.

“I always found myself doing anything other than school work, which would make my anxiety worse,” McRae said.

Even though HSU is taking strict precautions, not everyone feels comfortable going back to campus.

“I am excited for classes to start in person again but I am waiting until all classes are face to face to return myself,” McRae said. “I am most nervous about the social aspect since I’ve been quarantined for over a year.”

Destiny Cypres is a creative writing major. She feels her anxiety is worse during in person classes.

“I have a fear of public speaking in general, but at least over Zoom I can take a minute for myself to collect my thoughts in a safe environment,” Cypres said.

Though HSU is taking precautions to help make students feel more comfortable on campus, Cypres still has concerns.

“I am vaccinated, and I still am pretty fearful of going back to in person classes; I just think everything is moving a bit fast,” Cypres said. “To immerse myself back into that environment with so many people kinda scares me.”

However, Cypres feels that face to face learning is much more valuable than looking at a screen.

“I just want everyone to be safe, including myself,” Cypres said. “I don’t think I’d feel comfortable coming back if they didn’t [require vaccinations].”

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Okay class, now do a pike dive! Splash! That’s the sound inside the KRA Pool on a typical Rescue Diving class. Between forward rolls, freediving, gearing up, and learning rescue skills, this HSU course has its hands full. Of water that is.

Jamie Clough, a transfer marine biology major and scientific diving minor is taking the course this spring semester.

“All the skills you need in the class are going to be taught, so don’t be scared. It’s great, it’s fun, they take amazing care of you,” Clough said.

Clough wants to work in aquariums and believes the program is helping prepare her to do so.

“Going through the program here and getting that minor is gonna be helpful for me to get a job at aquariums so i can do anything from aquarium maintenance, cleaning the sand, checking on animals, anything,” Clough said.

The class teaches a range of skills including swimming, freediving, scuba, how to deal with panic, CPR, first aid, dealing with stress and more.

Class instructor Hanna Johnston loves teaching and working with the students.

“My favorite part is watching students go from really uncomfortable to looking like dive professionals,” Johnston said.



Johnston believes a big part of learning how to dive is confidence.

“If a diver feels confident in their skill level they’re going to be much stronger in the water,” Johnston said.

Junior recreation administration major Gracie Oliva is taking the class a second time to receive her advanced rescue diver certification.

“It makes you a really seasoned professional because not only are we exposed to emergencies that frequent the dive industry but it helps me with my emergency preparedness if I choose to go in the outdoor recreation area as a whole so the skills and experiences that I gain in this class won’t just help me further myself in the dive industry but also will have tremendous benefits for me just in the outdoor recreation field itself,” Oliva said.

Especially during the pandemic, it has been a challenge for classes to meet in person.

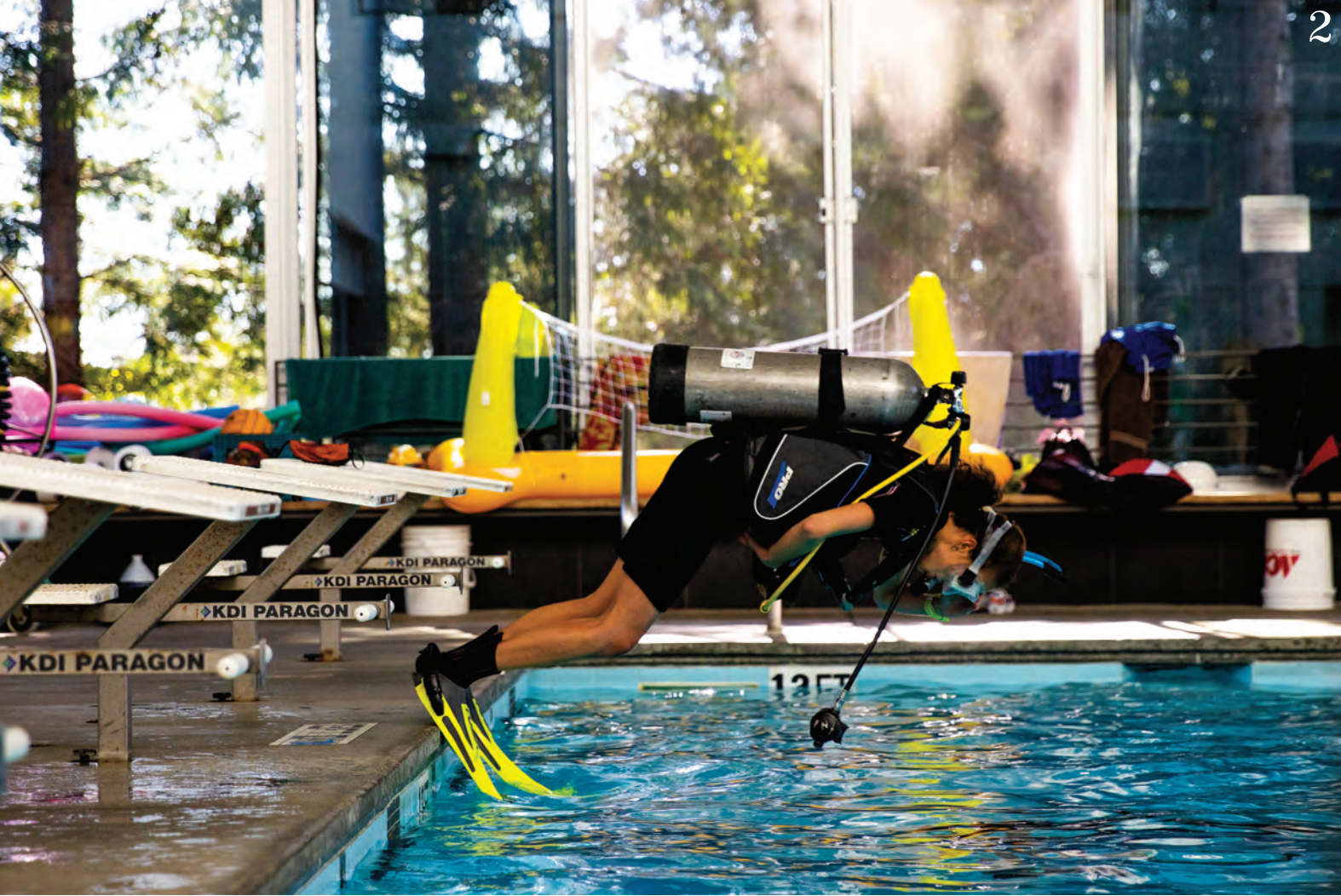
“During this pandemic era, my favorite part of this class has to be interacting with all these amazing people that you see right here,” Oliva said. “I am so fortunate that I am able to take face to face classes when I know that there’s a very limited number of them.”

Junior environmental studies major and scientific diving minor Roxanna “Roxy” Reynolds wanted to join the program after inspiration came from her dad telling diving stories.

“I actually came to Humboldt for the diving program, that was the selling point for me,” Reynolds said.

While most students may not come originally for the program, Johnston stressed that it is available for everyone, even those who can’t swim quite yet.

“You just have to show up, be on time, be prepared and have a good attitude and we’ll help you from there,” Johnston said.



1. HSU’s rescue diving course lines up to do forward rolls. Photo by Elise Fero. 2. One of the diving class members forward rolls into the pool. Photo by Thomas Lal. 3. Students dive underwater in the KRA pool. Photo by Elise Fero. 4. Student dives underwater with their flipper in the air. Photo by Thomas Lal

A redwood adventure

by Slug Girl



Sluggy the banana slug had a desire for adventure like no other. They wanted to see the world from above, rather than below like they always had. The idea: climb to the top of a redwood tree. What Sluggy didn’t know were the friends they’d make along the way.

At the bottom of the tree sat a fox, a sweet orange and white bellied creature with a sly smile.

“Hello Fox, I’m going up this tree. Any advice?” Sluggy asked.

“Well Sluggy, I’d say be as clever as you can to make many friends in the trees so you always have food,” Fox said.

So with that, Sluggy continued up the tree. After a day, Sluggy reached the next friend.

It was a mother raccoon teaching its young to climb.

“Hello Raccoon, I’m going up this tree. Any advice?” Sluggy asked.

“Dear, please be careful! Travel with your family instead of alone sweet Sluggy!” said Raccoon.

Sluggy suddenly felt lonely, so they decided to ask a fellow slug on the tree to join. They agreed. Another day later, Sluggy and their new tree climbing partner Slugeth reached their next friend. An owl, sitting peacefully with both eyes shut and wings on its sides.

“Hello Owl, we are going up this tree. Any advice?” Sluggy and Slugeth asked.

“Woo are you? Banana slugs in the tree? Quite high, don’t you think? Beware the dangers of climbing, be wise when you are traveling to new places. Don’t talk to strangers. Wool!” Owl said.

Sluggy and Slugeth felt much more prepared after talking to Owl. They knew now that this adventure wouldn’t be as easy as they may have thought.

Two days of traveling later and after some very windy weather, Sluggy and Slugeth came across their next friend. A bouncy little tail followed a kind and goofy squirrel.

“Hello Squirrel, we are going up this tree. Any advice?” Sluggy and Slugeth asked.

“Sluggy and Slugeth, just remember to have fun! This tree is full of surprises and fun branches to climb on! Eat acorns and collect the tops as little hats!” Squirrel said.

Squirrel then made the two slugs acorn hats and fed them acorn soup. Such a goofy yet generous fellow.

The climb up the tree continued to get harder and Sluggy became very thankful for the advice from raccoon. Slugeth was a great adventure partner.

Suddenly they heard a very loud pecking sound and knew they were upon their next friend. It was woodpecker, the sharp beaked fluff ball!

“Hello Woodpecker, we are going up this tree. Any advice?” Sluggy and Slugeth asked.

“Don’t forget to make holes in the tree to mark your territory. You need to remember how to get down the tree,” Woodpecker said.

They continued up the tree, biting tiny pieces of bark to mark where they had been so they remembered the way back down. They were very close to the top.

Just then, a crow flew overhead and landed on the highest point of the tree.

“Hello Sluggy and Slugeth. You climbed to the top of the tree! Do you have any advice for going down?” asked crow.

Sluggy and Slugeth thought very long. How could they sum up everything they had learned on their adventure?

“Oh, the adventure we’ve been on! I would advise making friends so you always have dinner with someone, going with another friend, being very careful, having fun, marking your path... and well, enjoying the journey because you may never get to do it again,” said Sluggy.

Would you like to contribute to The Lumberjack?

There’s more going on in our community than a small group of student writers could ever hope to cover. If you’re a member of the student body we serve, you have a valuable perspective that we’d like to help you share.

A green pine tree with a brown trunk.

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Take me out to
the ballgame
for the first
time in a year

*Humboldt Crabs
baseball will be
returning to the
Arcata Ballpark this
summer*

by Whitney McCoy

The longest operated, wood bat, summer-baseball team in the U.S. from 1945 to present will be returning on June 4. Finally fans can rest assured that the famous Humboldt heckling will not go two seasons missed.

Last year the Crabs had to make the tough decision in cancelling their season due to the pandemic. Which happened to be the first time since being founded in 1945.

However in an exciting post on the Crabs official website they announced the news in their decision to play ball.

“We are beyond excited to announce that Humboldt Crabs baseball will return on June 4,” the announcement said. “Though there is much to still be worked out, our re-opening plan has been approved, and the team expects to be able to play a full, two-month season, starting the first weekend of June.”

Things are looking promising for fans and a Crab filled summer with the season set to run from June 4 to August 8. Tickets will be available online for advanced reservation only. And for those who forget to make a reservation, or whom may not feel comfortable attending in person, they will be broadcasting all of their games live.

David Sharp, the club president to the Crabs, expressed his excitement in an interview with Ray Hamill of Humboldt Sports.

“Crabs baseball is back,” Sharp said. “We’ve been approved by the county to re-open and we’ve got a plan to follow the guidelines and bring fans back to Crabs baseball.”

Though there may be fluctuations in these guidelines and regulations due to the county’s COVID tier at times, they are hopeful to fully reopen once the state is in the clear.

Sharp announced seats will be limited as they are restricting the number of spectators in attendance to 500 socially-distanced and masked individuals. They are further permitting fans to attend in groups of one-to-four people to maintain the health and safety of those wishing to enjoy the ball game.

“We have to remember the Crabs belong to the fans,” Sharp said. “We want to make it another great summer and a safe summer.”

What’s more exciting is the 2021 roster will feature multiple local-born players to look out for, cheer on and support. On April 8, the Crabs took to their Instagram to spotlight these players who may sound familiar to some.

“The 2021 roster will feature three Eureka-born players, Willamette University infielder Ethan Fischel, Bethel University utility man Aidan Morris and Umpqua Community College pitcher Caleb Ruiz.”



Graphic by Dakota Cox

2021 Sports Rundown

*Collegiate competition
is back in action for
HSU athletes*

by Justin Celotto

As the spring semester comes to an end, Humboldt State Athletics will begin to do the same until fall. With most students living off campus or away from Humboldt, there may have been more of a disconnect between fans and their athletes than previous years. Even for students living on campus there was still a disconnect due to the fact that no games were played at HSU. This summary of sports will hopefully be able to put a light on our student athletes and the hard work they have put in throughout the short and unlike any other season. HSU women’s basketball, volleyball and rowing chose to opt out of their respective seasons.

Men’s Basketball

Men’s basketball proceeded with their season and played their last game with a win against Southern Oregon University on April 21, finishing with a record of 4-5. AJ Simms, a junior and guard for HSU basketball, led the team in points averaging 17.3 a game. Simms made 51% of his field goals and averaged 1.2 steals a game in 25 minutes a game. HSU basketball finished the season winning 3 of 5 games.

Softball

Softball began the season strong with a 7-1 record. However, following the hot start the Jacks stumbled to a 8-6 record after losing 5 of their last 6 games. The Lumberjacks look to correct this in their



Photo by Elliott Portillo
Humboldt State junior hurdler Henry Hagen (right) leads his teammate Travis Allen in the 60 meter hurdles race at an inter-squad meet at Redwood Bowl on Friday, March 12.

next series against Holy Names University in Brisbane, CA. Star pitcher and junior Karen Di Dios has held an ERA of 2.33 in her 4-0 record. Izzy Starr, a sophomore and catcher/3rd baseman, leads the teams in batting average (.486), OPS (1.425), and homeruns (6). Head coach Shelli Sarchett is proud of how her team has performed in a COVID-19 season.

“I am so proud of these young ladies,” Sarchett said. “They knew that when they came back they were going to have to jump through a lot of hoops and adapt to last minute decisions and they did just that. They took everything I threw at them and took that all in stride. I think this whole team deserves a big shout out as does the HSU Athletic Department. As a department we have really worked hard to get our athletes back out on the field and the athletes have continued to do what needs to be done in order to stay safe and healthy.”

Men’s Soccer

Men’s soccer completed their season with a 4-1-1 record after defeating Menlo college 2-0. Thomas Augee, sophomore and midfielder, lead the team in goals with 2. Adrian Gallardo, a freshman goalkeeper, played two games allowing 0 goals and with 4 saves.

Women’s Soccer

Women’s soccer have completed half of their season so far with a 1-1-1 record after losing to Western Oregon University 1-4. The Jacks look to bounce back against Portland State University on April 29. Brooke Weese, freshman and forward, leads the team in goals with 1 goal. Alexis Aguilar, a junior goalkeeper, played two games allowing 0 goals with 5 saves.

Softball season abruptly canceled due to hazing

by Justin Celotto

Humboldt State University softball’s season has come to an abrupt end after reports of hazing have surfaced. The team had played 14 games this season before the cancellation. In a statement given by HSU MARCOM the school stated the team has been possibly been involved in a hazing incident.

“Humboldt State University is investigating the Women’s Intercollegiate Softball Team for alleged hazing,” the statement said. “As well as other possible violations of student and athletic codes of conduct. The Director of Intercollegiate Athletics & Recreational Sports and the Dean of Students have placed the team on interim suspension. All athletics-related activities, including the upcoming week of competition, will be postponed pending the results of the investigation.

The statement continued to give the importance of hazing and its repercussions.

“Hazing is both illegal and violates HSU’s student and athletic codes of conduct. HSU takes issues of hazing very seriously and the welfare of student-athletes is the priority at this time. HSU’s Office of the Dean of Students has taken the lead role in the investigation, with close cooperation from Intercollegiate Athletics & Recreational Sports. Due to privacy laws, the details of the investigation related to specific individuals will not be made public.”

The hazing investigation will be the first since the 2012-2013 HSU soccer teams. In that case, the team was suspended for hazing and underage drinking. It is unsure of how the softball team has violated player conduct rules, but a full investigation has begun.

Grant Scott-Goforth, a communications Specialist for Marcom, has given the process at which the investigation will take place.

“The Dean of Students Office will be handling the investigation into the hazing allegations,” Scott-Goforth said. “At this point, it’s very early and there are a lot of factors that affect the investigation. The DOS is taking this seriously and taking action, but we don’t have a time frame at this point.”

The investigation will continue on through the Dean of Students and there may not be an update until later. Due to Title XI, no information about the athletes and the investigation can be released. Title XI, a federal educa-

tion amendment, allows for privacy and helps protect victims of sexual/nonsexual misconduct. In a statement that can be read on the Title XI page of Humboldt State’s website, the reason for the amendment can be listed.

“To ensure compliance with Title IX and other laws, California State University (CSU) policy prohibits: Discrimination, including Harassment, because of any Protected Status. Retaliation against anyone exercising rights under this policy or participating in any related investigation or proceeding. Sexual Misconduct, which includes sexual activity engaged in without Affirmative Consent. Dating and Domestic Violence and Stalking.”



Photo by Thomas Lal
The Humboldt State Softball team in their dugout on Feb. 28 2020, at the HSU Softball Field.

OPINION

The last day of school came faster than expected

Growing up is easier said than done



Story & graphic by Dakota Cox

I don't remember my last day of school, because at the time, I didn't know it was my last day. The COVID-19 pandemic arrived in our lives and the rest is history.

I never knew as a child what I wanted to be when I grew up, but learning came naturally. When high school came to a close, I chose to attend the local junior college because I didn't know what to do with my life. Looking back on it now, however, the decision was mainly driven by a fear of the unknown and a compulsive instinct to seek comfort in the only place I've ever called home.

Again, when graduation arrived, I found myself clueless and afraid regarding my future. As I'd done three years before, acting on an instinctual impulse, I changed my college plans and sought comfort in familiar surroundings.

My first semester at Humboldt State was the most I've ever struggled to pass my classes. Living for the first time with roommates who were not in school was enough of a distraction, but our frequent and plentiful house guests that eventually all but moved in ensured I never needed to create a reason to focus away from my studies. The true cause of my struggle, however, was self-inflicted.

I was fifteen years old when I began smoking marijuana. It didn't take long for the practice to become a habit with the access even children have in Humboldt County. It pains me to admit that over the years, my relationship with the sticky flower has become one of the strongest in my life.

After spending the entire summer with my dad's side of the family in Colorado, sobering up, I returned home to a rude awakening: Mary Jane's call was just as strong as ever – I had become an addict. In addition, my tolerance had disappeared, which meant every time I smoked, my brain became useless. For almost an entire semester, I treaded water with my head just above the surface, then somehow managed to emerge, escaping any consequences for my poor decision making.

In life you either sink or swim until you find somewhere you can walk on water. I didn't know it my first semester at HSU, but I had found my frozen ocean.

Rolling blackouts and global pandemics aside, for the first time, I genuinely began to enjoy my education. I had chosen to major in journalism on a whim, and it wasn't until I began to put the tools I'd been learning to use, as a reporter for the Lumberjack, that a switch flipped in my brain. In a single moment, when I first saw my work printed in our newspaper, I knew I'd stumbled upon my purpose.

By the time my second semester at HSU began, my bloodstream had absorbed enough THC to allow me a reasonable degree of brain function after smoking, and as a result, my consumption increased. Then, the pandemic began.

Time moves differently inside the walls. Some days, it feels as if the sun will never set, while I struggle to muster every ounce of my energy, to make it through another day without taking a nap. Most days, however, pass in a blur, and when I lay down for bed, I wonder where all the hours went – the mussel shell I use as an ashtray usually answers my question when I empty it in the morning.

Marijuana is not alcohol or cocaine. The effects of THC are extremely more

likely to inspire actions of laziness and snacking than violence. For an everyday user, the effects are dramatically reduced to a state that simply takes the edge off – making generally everything about life a bit more enjoyable. But, this pleasure comes at a cost, beyond the price of a dime bag and the sacrifice of social stigma. For the past year, since shelter-in-place began – or for just about all of college, if I'm being honest with myself – I've been sleepwalking through my life.

Any stoner will tell you the worst part of the habit is the effect it has on your memory and, more importantly, your ability to focus. While under the influence of marijuana, you're never entirely present in any given moment. It's completely possible to accomplish a single task in an inebriated state, though many will take longer than they normally would, with wider margins of error. It's when you begin to attempt multiple tasks at once, however, that these inconveniences become real issues. Unfortunately, this concept applies, on a larger scale, to the management skills of our lives, as well.

Despite the constant fog in my head, driven purely by a newfound passion, I set my mind to becoming a journalist. I learned to see the world through the lens of a photographer. I learned to perfect my work in the context of videography, where there's no room for error. I learned to create illustrations, to better represent my ideas. I learned how to package my work as a member of the Lumberjack's layout gang. And most important of all, I learned how to properly tell a story – all within four unorthodox semesters that took place mostly on a screen full of empty boxes. I became a journalist, but at a cost.

Ever since joining the Lumberjack, I've given the overwhelming majority of my energy to the newspaper, because it has created undeniable purpose in my life for the first time – I'm finally giving something back to the world that I've taken so much from. Doing something well often isn't easy, however, because of the sacrifices required to arrive there. There's only so much time in a day and as a result, aspects of our lives begin to

become neglected or altogether abandoned. While the newspaper provides the oxygen that fills my lungs, in the chaos of this pandemic, a healthy diet and exercise have become concerns for a future Dakota. Meanwhile, with the separation of isolation added to the self-centered lifestyle I've adopted since leaving my parent's home, most of my relationships with friends and family have noticeably deteriorated.

In a world with seemingly limitless possibilities, most of us gravitate to our comfort zones, and I am no different. With graduation once again looming over the horizon, I'm faced with a familiar fear regarding the uncertainty of the future, but for a completely different reason this time. I've lived almost my entire life inside the invisible boundaries of Humboldt County. Now, with my bachelor's degree practically in hand, I know it's time to move on.

In many ways, my early experiences with marijuana inspired growth in my character in ways that can only be understood by someone who's stood in the shoes. I don't regret the choices I've made. I'm also aware, however, that those days have long since disappeared into distant memories. Every breath of smoke I take into my lungs is an attack on my own potential to become a well-rounded human being. And everyone knows the path of self-destruction is not an honorable one.

Having grown up in Southern Humboldt with the friends and family I have, free bud is never more than a phone call away. I could spend the rest of my life inside of the fog, and I would if I stayed here. If it means I have to walk away from everything I've ever known in order to realize the person I could potentially become, then I suppose that's the price I have to pay for the choices I've made.

It's easy to seek comfort, even, and perhaps especially, when life appears to be at its lowest. A life of happiness, however, requires genuine, sustained dedication and sacrifice. It's never too late to become the person you want to be, if you're willing to do the work – because, what's the point of living if you don't love yourself?

OPINION

Welcome to Death, Dying, & The Afterlife

Remember, you will die

by Dobby Morse

"You will die," Professor Sarah J. Hart said.

Thus ended a class Zoom of Death, Dying & The Afterlife, a new course offered by the department of religious studies. The weekly assignments are based on questions such as "Would you whisper guidance to a corpse for 49 days?" and "Can we reconcile living in the present with the knowledge that we'll die?" On Fridays we have optional grave cleaning sessions at the local cemetery, all designed to help students confront and cope with the knowledge that they, too, will die.

As in Petrarch's time of the plague, the highly charged air encourages death talk beyond the scope of the readings, as any good discussion-based class should. Deaths in the family are mentioned, as well as the experiences of older people who remember 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina. Cannibalism has been brought up twice to the disgust of the professor. Only one of them was me.

Prep-wise, students can expect around an hour of reading per class. The class is broken into four sections- The classics, such as Hamlet, The Odyssey, and Keats. It is succeeded by death's denial, the first stage of grief as penned by Dylan Thomas and Keats. We enter a more modern, gritty take in acceptance and its injuries with death doctor Elizabeth Kubler-Ross and portrayals of 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina. The final

four weeks are perhaps the trippiest as we discuss intimations of immortality. Not necessarily true immortality, but what we leave behind and why our society needs death in spite of our fear of it.

And do we really fear death? Death is commonly portrayed as humanity's greatest fear, and yet we see presidents such as Gerald Ford survive two assassination attempts and refuse to be shut in the White House for protection. We fear other things more than our fear of death, but we don't examine this fear. We don't challenge it, because death is inevitable. This class allows students a safe space to challenge that irrational fear.

"Death makes me sad and fearful," student Jacob Hummel said. "My hope is that by furthering my understanding in any way might help to reduce these feelings or offer an understanding as to why I view death the way I do."

Some views of death are more comedic, including takes on the death of religion if we stopped dying without explanation. Jose Saramago's "Death With Interruptions" was met with enthusiasm from several students wishing to read more of it. In it, Death takes a holiday and human reactions vary, from general happiness, to worry over death and religious industries, and the horror of families with loved ones in comas that can neither wake up nor die.

More zealous students may be satisfied by the decent amount of poetry analysis. Vincent Milay wrote of an "unhappy planet born to die" decades before Silent Spring. How did she know? What did she see in the man who "shone an hour... And like the sun went

down into the sea, Leaving no spark to be remembered by."

Eco death returns with Katrina, as we watch a first person account of the terror and death. Our protagonist, Kimberly Rivers Roberts, filmed herself, family, friends and dogs as they waited for and witnessed the storm. It is interspaced with dry news coverage that doesn't reflect the realities of the people trapped in it, as well as mentions of Bush's war and his reluctance to pull troops into hurricane aid.

What will students gain from taking such a class?

"I have no agenda," Hart said. "My hope is that students will be a little

more comfortable approaching death as part of life, as approaching dying as an inevitability for all of us."

With death, there is also the legacy of the dying to consider. Why did those before us die, and what are we going to be known as when we die?

In the words of student Joan Esquibel, "Death is fascinating not because of the act itself, but the productions that are formulated in its wake. Its anonymity allows for beautiful pieces that we project our own feelings towards. These works are something worth understanding for myself and as an honor of their creators who are long gone, taken by their muse."



Taken by Thomas Lal at Myrtle Grove Cemetary in Nov. 2018.



Thomas Lal

Editor-in-Chief

There comes a point where after you do something for so long, it ceases to be an action and somehow just becomes a part of who you are. This newspaper and the people I have had the pleasure and honor to work alongside have become just that, a part of who I am. When I first dabbled in layout editing just over two years ago, I never thought I would be the editor-in-chief for the Lumberjack. But then I was a sports reporter, a sports editor and a photo editor. I couldn't leave the Lumberjack and I'm glad I didn't. Working with this editorial staff has been a constant bright spot and one of the main reasons that I stayed in school through this pandemic even as it's thrown its share of challenges while trying to tell Humboldt State's stories. Getting to see the continued creation of Elise's wonderful slug column. Reading Dakota's fantastic opinions paired graphic brilliance. Getting to work alongside Elliott as my photo editor who I first met in a communication class back in freshman year. And finally, I have to say thank you to my amazing managing editor Jen who is the design and graphical genius who makes this paper possible. It wouldn't be possible to do this without the crew I feel so fortunate to have worked with.



Jen Kelly

Managing Editor, Layout Editor, Production Manager

The Lumberjack defined my time at Humboldt State. I've been a writer, illustrator, layout editor, photo editor, science editor, production manager and managing editor. Not only did each job come with a new skill set, it gave me a new perspective on media and communication. I couldn't have asked for a better four semesters on the Lumberjack, but I'll always remember this one as the semester that I discovered my love for parody writing. So, to my comrades on this paper, thank you. Our editor-in-comedy, Dakota, was always there with the perfect idea for a Dumberjack piece. Elise, aka Slug Girl, leant the paper all the charm and quirk that a Humboldt paper should have. Thank you so much to Elliott for coming in clutch with fantastic photos. Our next editor-in-chief, Becca, will be a perfect fit for the job if her work this semester is anything to go by. And finally, thank you to Thomas, our benevolent ruler. He was the calm center of every storm the paper weathered. I'm humbly asking y'all to hire me in the future <3.



Poppy Cartledge

News Editor

This first semester at the Lumberjack was one that I will never forget. I have been able to challenge myself in a number of ways and was given many opportunities to grow as a writer. Starting the semester off as a reporter with little to no experience was definitely intimidating at first, but seeing the professional, yet relaxed demeanor of the many experienced writers at the Lumberjack was extremely helpful. I think more than anything, I am grateful for the welcoming presence that this team has shown since the very beginning. I never saw myself as someone who would enjoy news writing as it is straightforward and to the point. I chose journalism my sophomore year after finding that I was uninterested in my current major and really found a passion for writing in my English class. It has been a rewarding experience transitioning into journalism writing as I now realize that my true passion is learning from anyone I have the chance to come into contact with which is what the Lumberjack helps me do so well.



Elise Fero

Science Editor, Layout Editor

I feel as if I stumbled across a hidden treasure in this sweet community that is Humboldt State, and an even more special community that is the Lumberjack newspaper. When I first came and caught COVID, the Lumberjack became my best friend and offered me a home when I had just left my old one. Now as I end my second semester with this staff, I feel as if I made a difference to at least one person, because I know each and every reader made a difference in me. Every person who put time and effort in this paper, everyone who read it, everyone who was interviewed or written about, I want to say thank you. You are the reason each journalist changes the world. I will always continue my love for banana slugs and random creatures that science has gotten me to read and write about. Science writing will always hold the most special place in my heart, despite its challenges. I made mistakes and I apologize for those, but I made victories as well and I'm proud of those. Be proud of yourself in all of your accomplishments and continue supporting the beautiful world that is journalism. I love you oodles and bunches, Elise Fero



Justin Celotto

Sports Editor

From my time as sports editor I have been introduced to some great people. From my writers to fellow editors, I have had a blast creating a newspaper section each and every week. Being a sports writer/editor in a world of no sports can be rough, but having the support group has really helped me in completing a sports section every newspaper. I would like to especially thank Whitney McCoy for being able to write such quality articles when needed and being my only consistent writer. If it weren't for Whitney the sports section would not be what it is today. Sports are essential and that is why if you are an aspiring writer, you should try writing about sports. Many people only read the newspaper for sports which is why I recommend people who want exposure to write for the section. Also if you love sports you'll always be around what you love!

Elliott Portillo

Photo Editor, Layout Editor

I came into this position after a good friend asked me to join his staff as photo editor for the spring semester. At first, I was unsure. I barely trusted myself to critique and edit my own photos, let alone the work of others, and definitely not for a full-fledged weekly publication. As the semester progressed, and I had the opportunity to shoot and edit breaking news, features and (on the rare occasion) sports, I found out more about myself as a photojournalist and as a member of the Humboldt State community.

I am forever thankful for my colleagues and peers, who have consistently held themselves to the highest standards of professionalism and journalistic integrity. Thank you to Elise, who’s high energy always made the newsroom feel welcome and fun. To Justin, thank you for holding down sports in a semester where they came few and far between. To Sam, thank you for your late production night memes and clutch graphic making. To Dakota, thank you for your artistic vision, which has had so much influence on my own work. To Jen, thank you for teaching me so much and for being patient with me. Lastly, to my friend Thomas, one of the first people I met when I came to Humboldt. Thank you for believing in me, even when I myself didn’t. Thank you for challenging me, pushing me and supporting me to create my best work.

I’m honored to return as photo editor next semester, and excited to help our growing team of visual journalists to gain more confidence making great photos!



Sam Papavasiliou

Web Editor, Layout Editor

Working on the Lumberjack has been one of my favorite things I’ve done at HSU. I’ve gotten a lot of extremely valuable experience doing layout, graphics, and writing and have worked with a lot of great people along the way. Shoutout to all the editors and writers I’ve had the pleasure of working with. It’s been a lot of work and a lot of fun at the same time. Hopefully someday when we’re actually working we can all help each other get job offers. If not, we could all just keep sending each other pictures of frogs and slugs. This is only my second semester working on the paper and because I’m graduating it’ll be my last one. My biggest regret when it comes to the paper is not joining sooner. My second biggest regret is that one time I spelled Elliott’s name wrong.



Dakota Cox

Opinion Editor, Layout Editor

In the midst of a pandemic, it’s my friends at the Lumberjack that make life tolerable. Despite the unpleasantness of the past 13 months and counting, the Lumberjack has been a sanctuary of creative expression in my life. Working within the limitations of a deadline, alongside several of the most motivated people I’ve been lucky enough to know, has inspired me to work harder than I ever imagined I would, on projects that are far more enjoyable and rewarding than anything I’d ever considered as a viable option of putting food on the table. The Lumberjack and those who’ve been a part of it for the past three semesters with me are entirely to thank for my finally discovering a purpose I can be proud of in this world of limitless possibilities.

I want to thank our faculty advisor Deidre Pike for being my mother away from home in times when I needed encouragement, advice, or a loaf of fresh sourdough to get me through a long week. I want to thank each of the incredible editors in chief, James Wilde, Grace Caswell and Thomas Lal, that I’ve had the privilege of writing for, as well as their wonderful managing editors, Chelsea Wood, Walker True and the magnificent Jen Kelly, along with everyone else that’s been a part of this incredibly family with me. I’ll always remember these times as the “good ol days.”



Becca Laurenson

Life & Arts Editor

Hi, my name is Becca and I was the L&A editor for spring 2021 on the Lumberjack. I have done the Lumberjack newspaper as a reporter for about two semesters and then I stepped in to fill the L&A editor position. At first when I joined the Lumberjack I was super anxious and nervous about everything in journalism even though it is my major. The Lumberjack changed that for me. Writing has always been my comfort and I finally got to put it to good use. Once I became an L&A editor I have done whatever I can to make production easier and guide other reporters into continuing with the LJ into the following semester. I had so much fun and made a lot of friends through the LJ even during the Covid-19 times.

I’ve learned a lot more about production and overall news writing (including getting deadlines in ASAP). Apart from the deadlines, I’ve had many fun experiences including meeting multiple people, experiencing all sorts of writing and photography as well as great inside jokes. I think the LJ is one of the best college experiences as a journalism major I have had and that’s why I am continuing on the Lumberjack in the fall as the editor-in-chief.



Deidre Pike

Lumberjack adviser

Advising student media is my dream job.
Advising student media in a pandemic?
Arguably a tougher gig.

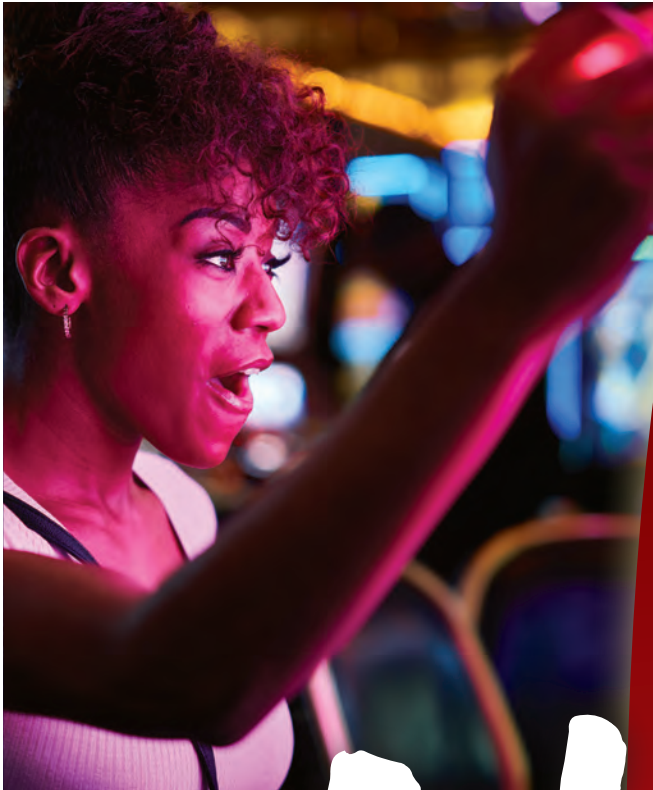
But HSU media makers are creative and collaborative. They get stuff done.
Every day and every week, Lumberjack editorial staffers make miracles happen. Reporters pitch stories. Editors fact check, dig up photos, concoct illustrations. Copy editors catch typos. Designers fit stories and images together. They’ve worked remotely, communicating via Discord. They’ve worked in person, masked and distanced, in a Gist Hall newsroom.

The result? A vibrant, engaging HSU news website and social media. Eight or 12 or 16 pages of original, relevant, timely content geared to HSU students.

This semester, editor-in-chief Thomas Lal and managing editor Jen Kelly – along with all the editors and reporters listed in our staff box – kept the miracles percolating.

Thanks, LJ team, for keeping dreams alive.





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Astrology may be fake, but so are your hopes and dreams

So read on to find out what summer activity is right for you!



Aries



(March 21 - April 19)

You need to start preparing for this summer. What summer activity are you preparing for? You're preparing for spending the whole the summer preparing, obviously. What will you be preparing for this summer? You'll be preparing for fall. No points for guessing what you'll be doing this fall! Quick, you're running out of time. You need to start preparing to prepare for preparing for all that preparation.



Gemini



(May 21 - June 21)

You commit crimes. Everyone commits crimes all the time! Do you sometimes go a bit over the speed limit? Probably. There's no way you haven't violated copywrite in some way. My point is, you're a criminal. Without a doubt. So, my dear Gemini, that's why your activity for this summer is lots and lots of crime. You already commit crime so just do more ...is what I would say if I wanted get in trouble with my editor.



Leo



(July 23 - August 22)

Your summer activity, like Gemini, is crime. But you're nothing like a lowly Gemini. They do petty things like jaywalking and vehicular homicide. You're above minor offences. That's why I've chosen you for a special mission this summer. Look beyond our current understanding of law and crime. Do something that will make us have to update every law textbook. You're not a just a criminal, you're an inventor.



Libra



(September 23 - October 22)

Your summer project is to start listening to some new music. You might think that sounds fun, but I'm not talking about good new music. Music that makes your ears bleed is brilliant in its own way. Just as there's so much to learn from listening to masterpieces, there's much to learn from humanity's bizarre thrashings and abject failures. You might find that musical masterpieces and catastrophes are not that different.



Sagittarius



(November 22 - December 21)

This summer you'll be haunted by your past actions. You shouldn't have done that. Or that other thing. Everyone has regrets, but few people have so many past mistakes that they manifest into a physical entity that scoots around your furniture, slams your doors, and tilts your pictures. Astrology may not be real, but ghosts are absolutely real and you should be concerned.



Aquarius



(January 20 - February 18)

Off topic, but according to the internet, you are an air sign. That's BS. Your sign has "aqua" in the name and the sign is like little waves. So as a very real, professional astrologer, I'm officially declaring that the stars told me Aquarius is now a water sign. Y'all can switch with Scorpio, I suppose. I don't know what that means. Hold up, I'll look it up. Huh. It says here that water signs are really emotional so double up on your meds.



Taurus



(April 20 - May 20)

Ok, Taurus. This summer you're going to do a backflip. If you can already do a backflip, you're all set! If you can't, you're going to learn. Oh, you don't want to? You think it's dangerous? You don't even know where to begin? Listen, you are going to do a backflip, but rest assured that you only have to do one. Your bodily condition after you've completed said backflip is none of my concern.



Cancer



(June 21 - July 22)

Unfortunately, you are not in control of what you do this summer. If I gave you a fun activity, you wouldn't even be able to do it. I guess the only activity I assign to you without feeling guilty is the most exciting activity of all: staring at a wall until summer is over. You can trace the cracks in the wall. If you look close enough you could find some drips of paint or a strange dent. You can even punch it if you want. Exciting.



Virgo



(August 23 - September 22)

Listen, I'm not saying something bad is going to happen, but you might want to start getting some paperwork ready. I'm not going to say what paperwork but *coughs* your will *coughs*. Sorry, there must be something in my throat. Anyway, I know a lawyer that can get that paperwork done pretty cheap. Have you ever thought about letting another person pay for your life insurance?



Scorpio



(October 23 - November 21)

You've got love problems. Everyone has love problems. But you're a Scorpio, so you need to get toxic. My dear, that's why your summer activity is divorce. Married already? Well, that's just great. You're all set for divorce! Still single? Unfortunately, you do have to be married to get a divorce. You better get looking for a spouse. Already divorced? Then you're a seasoned veteran. You'll be so good at it!



Capricorn



(December 22 - January 19)

memento Domine filiorum Edom in diem Hierusalem dicentem evacua evacua usque ad fundamentum eius tilla Babylon. Vastata beatus qui reprobet hoc vicissitudinem. Nam quant retroisti nobis beatus qui tenet. Evadidet parvulos tuos ad petram.



Pisces



(February 19 - March 20)

This summer I'm predicting you'll go outside and have a good time at least once. You'll have worries and stress, but at some point you'll sit out under the sun, take a deep breath, and just feel warm. Your body will relax and all your past summers will come back to you in a movie-style flashback sequence. For just that moment, you'll be content with your past and present. Then back to the grind.

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EDITORIAL

The staff of the Dumberjack have no words for whatever scheme the university is currently concocting to drag students up to Humboldt



HSU eagerly plans next big superspreading event

by Elasma Kelly

With the possibility of widespread herd immunity drawing closer, Humboldt State is racing against time to cause a major COVID-19 outbreak. The university has failed in all attempts to host superspreading events thus far, but it's not too late.

"The problem is that everyone here at HSU has done a pretty good job preventing the spread of COVID-19," said Gina Sara, the vice president of the superspreading event planning committee. "There have been mistakes, but nothing with dire consequences so far."

Sara said she's inspired by the community's response to COVID-19. Mask wearing, social distancing, and Zoom meetings are all preventing large outbreaks at Humboldt State, but she thinks we should cool it on the responsible lifestyle.

"It's got to stop," Sara said. "We're almost done with what might be the last full-on pandemic semester, and we don't even have one large outbreak. We're racing against the clock. Look at us, even we are preventing COVID right now with this stupid Zoom interview."

When asked why HSU needs a superspreading event, Sara became quiet and glanced at something beyond the



view of her webcam. Sara's expression grew concerned, then fearful. An unseen person spoke muffled words from behind Sara's computer, and she nodded quickly.

As Sara turned her attention back to her computer, a strange shadow fell on the wall behind her.

"I'm only the v-vice president but, w-well, we at the committee just think that uh-" Sara stuttered out as the muttering got louder. She seemed unable to finish her sentence and glanced up at the person off screen. "I t-think maybe we should s-stop f-for today."

I asked if the person standing behind her computer would agree to an interview. Her eyes grew wide. She slowly got up and backed away from her desk.

What sat down in her chair will forever stare at me from the corners of my mind. No tool of journalism or word of any language could help you understand what looked at me through that cursed Zoom window. Its gaze from the many jeweled eyes it bore didn't meet mine, but instead opened a pathway into knowledge arcane.

I'll never possess the strength or ability to convey what I saw lurking behind

its faceted eyes. I can only say what I didn't see. I didn't see malice or anger. I didn't see a hunger or hurt. There was no pleasure it was seeking. The starving maw gnashing and screeching behind its eyes had no target.

"Yes, I am the president of the superspreading event planning committee," it somehow managed to say from between ribbons of writhing flesh.

The unfathomable horror said it really felt a medium-sized superspreading event could do a lot for HSU.

"We can't just stop living because there's a pandemic," the eldritch being said. "We make sacrifices all the time for the greater good."

Pressed on what the greater good actually was in this situation, the squirming mass of hunger extended one of its many multi-jointed limbs and began what I can only describe as consuming the vice president of the superspreading event planning committee. I will not detail the process. I'll only say that more of the creature functioned as a mouth than seems reasonable.

"Do you have any more questions, journalist?" the terror asked.

No, I did not. I'll see you all at whatever gathering the superspreading event planning committee decides to hold.

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Bigfoot is real and shorter than you expected



Photo by Thomas Lal

by Thomas Lal

George Lucas has reacquired the Star Wars franchise and is bringing it back to Humboldt County. The 76-year-old legendary sci-fi director announced that he took back control of the series by using a loophole in his contract with Disney which specified that the Mouse had to admit that Jar Jar Binks was in fact a Sith lord in disguise the whole time.

The reason for Lucas bringing Star Wars back to Humboldt though may be a bit different than what fans first envisioned. Lucas says that he needed to preserve his original vision for the franchise by creating a documentary series on the local Ewok population that he released into the redwoods while filming “Return of the Jedi” in 1982.

“When I first released the Ewoks up here, I don’t think anyone could have known how resourceful they would be,” Lucas said in an exclusive interview. “But after they built all their own sets for the movie and we wrapped filming, they stole one of the AT-ST walkers and ran off into the forest yelling like ‘Yub Jub!’ which loosely translates to ‘devour the weak’.”

Luke Skywalker actor Mark Hamill says that their leader, a particularly charming Ewok named Wicket, remained in occasional contact for a

short time before dropping off the grid entirely. Before disappearing into the redwoods for good, Hamill says that Wicket told him of the Ewoks plan to make a local myth about a hairy forest creature to throw the public off their tracks.

“We noticed after they left that there were a few of the spare Chewbacca suits missing,” Hamill said. “I remember telling Wicket that there was no way the idea would confuse anybody since they already were hairy forest creatures but he didn’t seem convinced. Before you knew it all these bigfoot rumors started popping up and I kind of have to give it to the little guy. They really made it work.”

Reports suggest that the Ewoks made their way to Willow Creek where they established a hub for their new-found bigfoot coverup operation although the stolen AT-ST was never recovered. This is where Lucas plans to start his search for the lost Ewok population and begin filming his new Star Wars documentary series.

The first installment will be titled “Star Wars: Wicket’s Way” as Lucas and his film crew search out the elusive Ewok and try to find out what motivates him to continue befuddling humans.

Zombies have taken over HSU

by Lil Half Dead

Editor’s Note: We reached out for a comment from John Tackson to speak on this matter but he said he “[wasn’t] willing to pay the long distance Zoom rates from North Dakota.”

A massive outbreak of zombies has taken over Humboldt State’s campus, following a vaccination gone horribly wrong.

Transfer junior Karen Clonopin is the only surviving witness to Patient Zero. Clonopin, along with her boyfriend Chad Chip-N-Dip and her roommate Mary Jane Doe received their second doses of the COVID-19 vaccine on April 20: the day the incident occurred.

“We were all just sitting around, taking rips out of the gravity bong and

getting our snack on, then Chad started freaking out,” Clonopin said. “He started screaming, then he grabbed Mary and he... he bit her.”

Freshman botany major Alberto Darwin has been expecting a zombie outbreak, ever since the vaccine was released. Darwin believes the incident was caused by a chemical reaction from Chip-N-Dip having consumed too much Doritos nacho cheese dust at the same time he had the vaccine in his system.

Head of America’s Federal Drug Administration Janice Woodstock told us at the Dumberjack that the FDA was aware of the potential for an outcome like this, if the vaccine were exposed to “an unthinkable quantity” of Doritos nacho cheese dust.

“No one could possibly eat that many Doritos,” Woodstock said. “We’re

talking like an Olympic-sized swimming pool filled with nacho cheese!”

Darwin being a recreational user of marijuana himself, as well as a die hard fan of the Doritos Cool Ranch flavor, considers himself blessed by the divine to still be alive.

“It makes perfect sense that the first outbreak would be here in the hippie capital of the world,” Darwin said. “I’m just so glad it was Chad that drew the soggy chip, instead.”

Darwin is currently concocting a cure, using Chip-N-Dip as a lab rat, after campus security finally captured him in an extra innings game of four vs. one cat and mouse. Unfortunately, while campus security was distracted, Jane Doe’s corpse rose and escaped to infect dozens of other students and faculty in the days that would follow.

One of those infected was Public Relations Man Bant Bott-Boforth. We reached out for a comment.

“Huuuunnnnnnggggrrrrrryyy!” Bott-Boforth said. “Neeeeeeed uh browwwwwnnnniie.”

We didn’t have any brownies, so we offered Bott-Boforth a Twinkie, but he grumbled something about not getting high and stormed out of the interview.

According to Darwin’s theory, because Chip-n-Dip and Mary Jane were so high when they turned, this particular breed of zombies won’t feed unless they’ve got some weed in their system.

As a result, most of the zombies walking the halls of HSU are completely docile. If you happen to cross the path of a zombie with bloodshot eyes, however, it will have already been too late.

Once upon a time at Humboldt State

We here at the Dumberjack got too tired to write another story so we figured you could write one for yourself!

The President of HSU recently announced that the department of (NOUN) and (VERB ending in ING) would be taking over the upcoming event on (DUBIOUSLY ACADEMIC SUBJECT).

“The event is going to have over (NUMBER) speakers, talking about some (ADJECTIVE) subjects,” President (NAME) said. “We are even going to have local (TYPE OF FOOD) vendors so that all the guests can enjoy the (ADJECTIVE) cuisine!”

(NUMBER GREATER THAN TWO) year HSU sophomore (NAME OF YOUR MORTAL ENEMY) said that they were really excited to hear about (VERB ending in ING) in the forest behind the Creekview Apartments.

The (SPORT) team will be holding a workshop on how to best workout your (BODY PART), while not straining your (OTHER BODY PART).

The (SUBJECT YOU HATE) club is hosting a professor from (UNIVERSITY THAT ISN’T HSU) to speak on the United State’s involvement in (INTERNATIONAL TRAGEDY).

Graduating senior wakes up with a business degree and no memory of the last five years

Amnesiac alum is now feeling a bit... different...

by Elasmö Kelly

Emilie Alberta, an HSU business major, woke up on a patch of grass near the Theatre Arts building last Monday with all their graduation requirements met and no memory of anything after high school.

“The biggest mystery to me is why I chose to be a business major,” Alberta said. “Is that the one about stocks? Do I do stocks? All I have to do is make the line on the graph go up, right?”

Alberta is worried about what happens now, but they’ll take the college degree.

“I guess it sucks that I don’t remember anything I learned, but I have a piece of paper that says I know it. I think that’s the same thing,” Alberta said.

Alberta isn’t sure what caused their memory loss, and they aren’t sure if they want to find out.

“It’s not that I don’t have any leads as to what caused my memory loss, it’s that I have too many,” Alberta said. “I walked into what is apparently my off-campus apartment and was overwhelmed with the possibilities.”

Alberta said that although they don’t have any memories, they feel a lot different after getting their business degree.

“I have a new voice inside my head telling me to bathe in the blood of those less fortunate than me,” Alberta said. “My advisor said that’s totally normal, so I’m going to roll with it.”

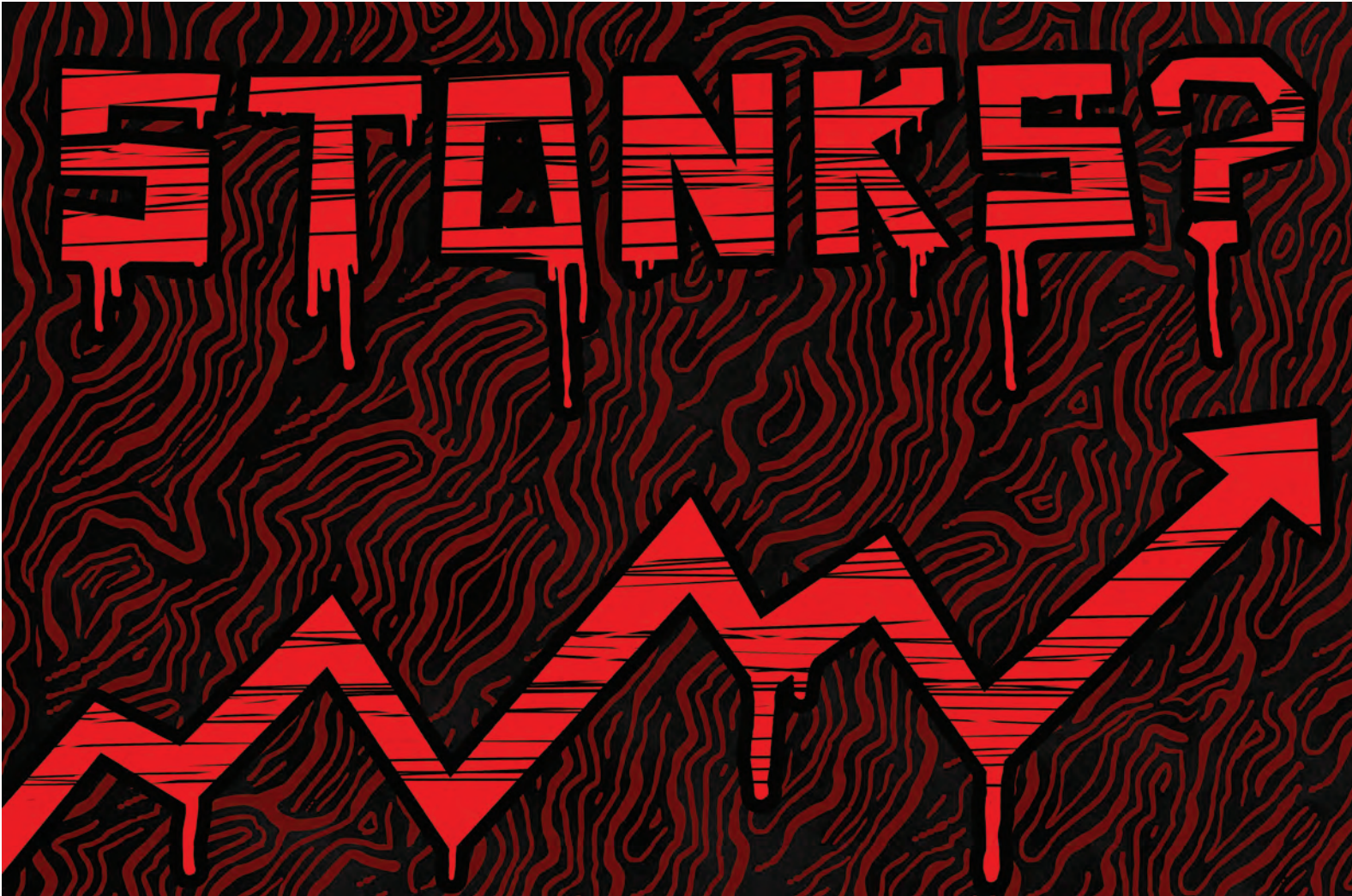


Illustration by Elasmö Kelly

Spencer Carol, Alberta’s academic advisor, gave reassurances that Alberta’s condition was normal.

“There’s nothing to worry about. One of the perks of being a business major is this little worm that goes into your ear and whispers the directives of the Blood God,” Carol said. “If the worm is speaking, Alberta doesn’t need memories.”

Carol said that he’s been worshipping the Blood God for just over 25 years and thinks Alberta is ready for every challenge of the business world.

“I asked Alberta a few simple questions,” Carol said. “First, which way should the line on the graph go? Alberta said up. Second, who is the blood for? Alberta said the Blood God. It usually takes business students years to learn that.”

Alberta’s doctor isn’t as optimistic. “Emilie’s going to have a rough time,” Dr. Evangeline Mable said. “Not with the brain damage. You see, business major Blood God worms are blaspheming speakers of a false prophet. That’s not fun.”

Dr. Mable recommends anyone in Alberta’s situation to get help immediately.

“I have years of experience exorcising those wriggling parasites,” Dr. Mable said. “I can’t help with the amnesia, though. Good luck.”

Through it all, Alberta is just happy to have their diploma and to start their new life as a college graduate.

“Even though I don’t remember anything, I really feel like I have a solid goal in mind,” Alberta said. “I’m ready to wring blood from the masses. And I think that puts me ahead of the curve.”

4 pieces of advice to help you complete Humboldt State’s repopulation plan

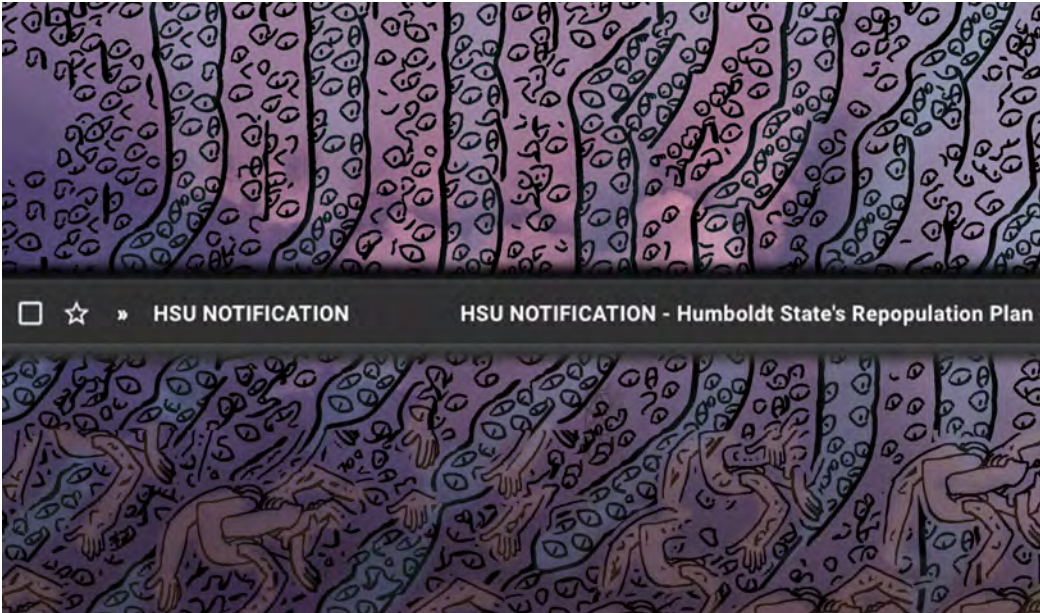
None of these will suprise you!

by Big Danger

Many of us have been stuck inside for the last year. Others have had to venture outside into certain danger just to get what they need to survive. Either way we’ve all had to make sacrifices and plenty of us have likely forgotten certain social norms. With the horrors receding, we can finally begin to spend time outside in earnest, and with any luck we’ll produce enough humans to repopulate the habitable zones. The repopulation process won’t be easy but with these tips it will hopefully go much smoother for you. If you’re lucky, you might even find a mate.

1. Do not eat the fruits of the undergrowth flesh if you plan on meeting with another human

Those of you who have not ventured out may not know what I’m



talking about here but you will know them when you see them. If you’ve already been out you may have already consumed these fruits for sustenance. They can provide a quick boost of energy in times of great need. Be warned, should you meet with another human within an hour of consuming one you will be overcome with bloodlust. Also, they don’t smell great so if you have a

date, you won’t want to have that smell on you.

2. Avoid the tendrils of heaven

This is one for those of you who have yet to venture outside. You can usually see them coming from a decent enough distance that you can alter your route to avoid them. Watch the skies for brief

but bright flashes of blue or pink, those are the first signs. Should you fail to go around your first step is not to panic. They sense emotions so feeling anything about them will only lower your chances of survival. Second step is to try and find a hiding place that they won’t fit into. If they can’t get to you, you’ll be fine. If all else fails, DO NOT RUN. You will never be able to outrun them. Do not try.

3. Accesorize!

Tired of wearing the same boring old outfits? Try adding some accessories! Even the simplest outfit can be brought up a notch with small accessories. Try adding a scarf to your winter wear or a necklace to a fair weather outfit. If it’s raining blood out, a simple amulet of runas will make you all the rage among members of the opposite (or same!) sex.

4. Liberate the automobile exteriors

This one is self explanatory.

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