



Kyle Mántzouranis works on the obstacle pole on Thursday, Sept. 18.

SEE WHAT THEY SAW: HUMBOLDT LUMBER SPORTS TEAM RETURNS TO ACTION

Photos and story by Morgan Hancock

Chainsaws buzz as the rain pours down in the redwoods. Timbersports athletes can be found clambering up trees, throwing axes, attempting some extreme balance beam act with saws in hand - just an average Saturday for the HSU Timbersports team. They are determined to keep alive practices which once defined the timber industry.

According to Alex Beauchene, a forestry restoration major, “Logging sports events are rooted in tradition and competition, and can be applied to

working in the woods whether that’s in the past or adapted to present day.”

Clinton Kafka, the team president, cheers on his team even in the gloomiest of weather. He chops wood and runs a chainsaw every Saturday practice as a way to destress from a week full of classes. Kafka gave a lay out of all the events that our lumberjacks love.

“As a team, we compete in all of the events at the competitions,” Kafka said. “There’s tree climbing, power saw, obstacle pole, choker setting, cross cut, double buck, horizontal chop, vertical

chop, axe throwing, pulp toss, caber toss. And then, some more academic events that we have are timber cruising, plant identification, and traversing.”

Beauchene’s favorite discipline is climbing. It involves athletes climbing up a tree using gaffs (leg braces with a spike to stab into the bark) and a rope around the tree. In competition, climbing is a timed event to see who can reach the 50 foot mark the fastest. In his opinion, the hardest event is the single buck also known as the misery whip.

“The misery whip got its name from loggers felling large trees historically with a crosscut saw running it back and forth and back and forth,” Beauchene said. “In logging sports it has been adapted to single or double buck, where one or two people run a crosscut saw and race for the best time to cut a cookie (a cross section of log in the shape of a disk) from a log.”

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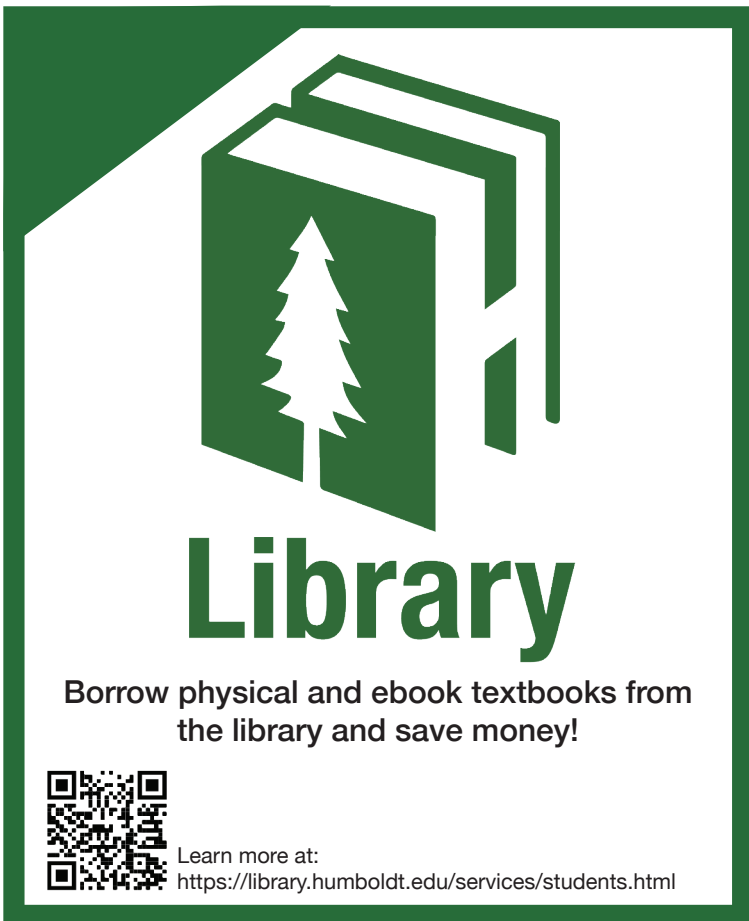
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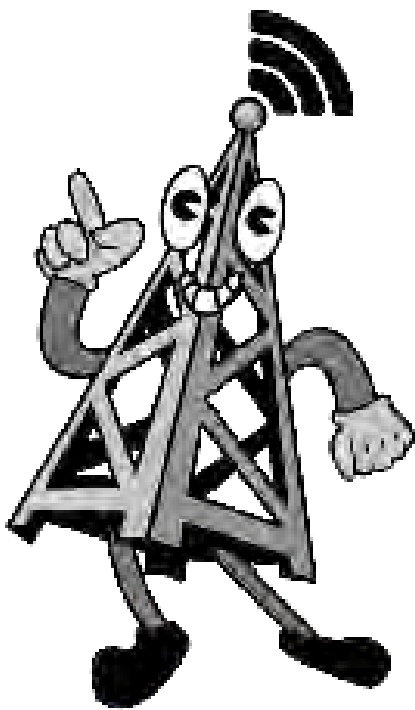
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HSU counts down library’s return

Despite difficulties, university looks positively towards the reopening of the library

by Matthew Taylor

Anticipated to complete in the fall of 2019, HSU’s library construction has continued on far past its originally intended end date. A simple seismic retrofit intended to keep the building up to newly updated safety codes has turned into a full blown reimagining of the university’s library.

“When it first started, it started with the roof replacement and exterior painting,” Cyril Oberlander, dean of the university’s library, said. “What ended up happening is while we were waiting to do the second bid, the seismic coefficient changed in standards... [forcing] a redesign of our original plans.”

This sudden change in plans inspired the much larger update currently taking place at the campus library. This newly updated library will follow a more open floor design plan, allowing for the ability to create new spaces geared towards collaborative learning.

Oberlander listed changes ranging from whole new sets of LED lights with a focus on power consumption reduction, improvements in overall safety, and even a possible future virtual dissection table that would not only allow students to examine the human body

through an interactive 3D model but also allow for the examining of wildlife and marine life too.

Jason Baugh, head construction project manager, added that along with the new LED light installations there will be new mechanical grills, mechanical ducting, improved air quality, and a total repainting and new flooring.

“We’re going more towards a green, more school color [theme],” Baugh said.

The library will also be added into the campus-wide system lockdown update, which will allow for the remote locking of any doors on campus at a moment’s notice. Baugh lastly teased that the library may see the addition of solar panels to it within the next few years as part of the university’s micro-grid project.

Aside from the physical changes coming to the library, Oberlander and the faculty are working on making the library a hub for more important student resources.

“The YES House, Youth Education Service, and Academic Career Advising [are] now moving into the library,”

Oberlander said. “And should be opening [with] the [re-opening] of the library.”

It’s easy to see now how such an originally small project wasn’t able to hit its intended end date. All these additions to the construction weren’t the only obstacles that Baugh and Oberlander hit along the way.

“It was like, how many curveballs can you get,” Oberlander said, sharing a laugh with Baugh. “Well...we had a few.”

Due to the university’s location, many contractors have been hesitant to take on this huge project in such a secluded area, thus efforts had to be made to rein in the project’s budget. This largely entailed figuring out the best ways to cut corners financially without sacrificing imperative safety measures and features.

“We did end up having to get rid of our general contractor. They weren’t doing what they were supposed to and they weren’t going to hit our original milestones,” Baugh said. “But it’s fine. We’re getting there. I’m just happy to say we’re making the progress we

have.”

Currently, they are on track to get the first floor open by November, with a full reopening of all floors by the beginning of next year’s spring semester. Prior to the pandemic, the library itself had on average 4,000 people visiting a single day and hosted over 2,100 events in 2018 alone, making its speedy return vitally important to student life.

Oberlander and Baugh both recognized the strain this project has brought to many students’ academic lives. Both felt a mutual sense of frustration about the whole situation.

“It was tough on people... I recognize that and I’m pushing as hard as I can to get them back into a space that they should have and rightfully so,” Baugh said.

For students looking to currently access library resources you can visit HSU’s official library website at <https://library.humboldt.edu/> or visit the lowest level of the library in room 28 located at the building’s south entrance, open Mondays through Fridays from 8 am to 7 pm and Sundays from 11 am to 6 pm.

Why waste when WRRAP’s got you covered

Food waste is an environmental issue that you can do something about

by Morgan Hancock

Food waste is an environmental issue that impacts all of us. Good food thrown away today will be greenhouse gases impacting our community tomorrow. This is all preventable.

Food waste comes in several forms: it can be spoiled food that never made it on a plate, or overstock from a grocery store that never made it to a cart. A food system filled with inefficiency leaves us with extra waste that impacts us all. Lucky for communities around Humboldt County, there are solutions and resources that can reduce the emissions that you are responsible for.

There are several issues that make food waste’s impact so negative. For one, it is a huge source of greenhouse gas emissions. Food that is wasted in landfills never properly decomposes as it is trapped between other refuse like plastic. It is a waste of the resources put into growing, processing, and transporting food products too. In addition, it is unethical to dispose of so much food in the face of food scarcity.

Many sources of food waste come in the pre-consumer stage, where food fit for consumption is tossed out before making it to market. This can be due to such trivial things as appearance of produce, improper storing techniques, or often, grocery stores throw out food that was never sold.

Alexis Diaz, a remote Environmental Studies student at HSU, is doing her part to combat food waste by dumpster diving. Diaz looked into the legality and found that dumpster diving was permitted under California v. Greenwood (1988), as long as there were no local ordinances prohibiting it. She began frequenting grocery store dumpsters and found her own method of modern foraging. Diaz found herself shopping less and always stocked on produce.

“I went to the dumpster and I just found large amounts of potatoes, onions and apples consistently, I just have so much food to eat” Diaz said.

Zero Waste Humboldt, a local non profit, is doing their part to ensure that food waste never reaches landfills by supporting food security efforts in Humboldt County communities. Their model follows the food recovery hierarchy supported by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The model starts by reducing production to account for our surplus of food that is thrown away, then feeding people with edible products that would otherwise go to waste. Food unfit for

humans and scraps go to farms to feed livestock. Food byproducts like oils go towards industrial uses. Anything unaccounted for in those steps is to be composted and returns nutrients to soils. Their efforts help to propel bills like SB1383, which will hold food industries accountable for their organic waste materials. SB1383 will take effect Jan. 1 2022.

So what can HSU students do about it? Fortunately, the university has several programs to help educate students on waste reduction and mitigate food waste impacts. Waste Reduction Resource Awareness Program (WRRAP) is home of the Earth Tub, an industrial sized composter for student scrap needs.

The Compost Squad puts out five gallon buckets to collect compostable material weekly. Using an e-bike, they deliver it to the Earth Tub to turn into nutrient rich finished compost. The finished product is available for free pick-up to use in your own garden.

The Compost Squad is here to help! Krissi Fiebig serves as the Compost Director and is an Environmental Engineering major at HSU.

“Before COVID, the Earth Tub was diverting around 500 pounds of waste every week, but now it is only diverting about 40 pounds,” Fiebig said.

You can change that. Ella Moore, the other member of the Compost Squad, encourages students to get back into eco-friendly habits as student life returns to campus.

“All the students have to do is put their waste into the WRRAP provided buckets that are in dorm kitchens and around campus and you can actually request your own bucket for classrooms on campus as well,” Moore said. “That will be collected on Thursdays after 4 pm.”

As for students off campus, there are options too.

“Students off campus can bring their compost in a brown paper bag or a bin that they can dump to CCAT, the Campus Center for Appropriate Technology, and put it into their compost or any other bins around campus,” Moore said.

The Compost Squad misses their loyal bucket holders that did their part to keep the hungry earth tub fed. Please do your part to reduce emissions and mitigate needless waste. For more resources or to answer questions, check out WRRAPs website.



The Compost Squad picks up Compost on their Thursday run Sep. 16, 2021. Photo by Morgan Hancock



Photo by Morgan Hancock Krissi Fiebig picks up compost on Thursday Sep. 16, 2021.



Ella Moore from the compost squad delivers compost buckets to classrooms Sep. 16, 2021. Photo by Morgan Hancock

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Others pin the vertical chop as the toughest event, where athletes must chop through 14 inches of an upright vertical log in the quickest time possible.

One of the most visually-interesting events is the obstacle pole. In this event, athletes balance as they run up an inclined log with saw in hand, and once at the end they saw through the end producing a cookie before running back down. According to the team president it is hard to even get a qualifying time, let alone a fast one.

The skills learned here are often applicable career skills for quite a few majors, but that does not mean the team is limited to just forestry or management majors. The team welcomes everyone to try their hand at being a lumberjack, and students of all skill levels or majors can join the club or the class. The program is looking to build up their numbers since obstacles in the pandemic have impacted campus life.

Kyle Mantzouranis is a forestry operations major who found community in the logging sports team.

“My favorite thing about logging sports is the broad variety of events and how friendly and helpful the team is. They encourage everyone to try the events and are very supportive regardless of your skill level,” Mantzouranis said.

Cassandra Renteria, a junior on the team, thinks there is something special about practicing logging sports in Humboldt County which has so much history in the timber industry. She also believes there is something special about her team.

“I’m proud that as a team we still come out here rain or shine ready to put in work at practice every Saturday while being safe about it. I also love how the team makes me feel like I’m a part of something special,” Renteria said.

The team hopes to compete against other collegiate teams from around the West this season. Students may consider taking the logging sports class, FOR 170, next semester to help support the Lumberjacks at Logtoberfest competition.

1. Alex Beauchene prepares for the obstacle pole on Saturday, Sep. 18.
2. Bryan Looney practices axe throw.
3. Cameron Tavis practices saw skills
4. Members of the team practice power saw.
5. Alex Beauchene on the obstacle pole.
6. Kyle Mantzouranis works on the obstacle pole.



The Humboldt Hags huck again

Humboldt State’s women’s ultimate frisbee team returns to the Redwood Bowl

by Alana Hackman

The Humboldt State women’s ultimate frisbee club team is back on campus after nearly a three-semester hiatus.

The team has been practicing three times a week to prepare for their upcoming home tournament, HUCK, on September 25th and 26th with Sonoma State’s women’s ultimate team at the Arcata Community Center softball field.

The Humboldt State Hags 2020 season got cut following the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Usually, the spring semester is the competitive season for the team while the fall semester is recreational. However, the USA Ultimate Association decided to extend the team’s competitive season to fall this year to make up for their lost spring season of 2020.

Emily “Eddie” Dryer is a senior environmental studies major who has been a part of the Hags since her freshman year, after an injury prevented her from continuing her collegiate softball career. Dyer was also the team captain and vice-president of the Hags before the pandemic.

“It really affected us,” Dryer said, referring to the COVID-19 pandemic. “It was really challenging ‘cause we were trying to get everyone on Zoom and keep everyone involved but it was just so hard to keep everyone motivated, I’m really happy and really excited about our numbers this year.”

According to team president Helina Leone, the Hags had a higher turnout of recruits this year than past seasons, which led to more opportunities to compete and go out into the local community. The team is all walk-ons and recruits anyone from any experience level. In past years the Hags have

participated in local invasive plant pulls and trash pickups throughout Humboldt county to stay active in the community, where they work side-by-side with Hags alumni.

Leone, a third-year kinesiology and dance studies major, has big plans for the Hags this year after being appointed as team president. Leone has been playing with the Hags since her first year at HSU. She is planning for an alumni game as well as incorporating injury prevention into the team’s practices and tournaments to build a healthy team foundation.

“Definitely right now the emphasis is still on rebuilding and remembering that we are working to go to regionals or maybe even nationals as a solid team of burly, burly Hags,” Leone said.

The Hags are a close-knit family, evident from just a few seconds of watching them scrimmage together in the stands. The team consists of members with years of ultimate experience and others who are brand-new to the game.

Ella Feick is a third-year environmental science and management student who joined the Hags for the first time this semester. Feick enjoys the team aspect of Hags as well as the opportunity to meet other people she would have never met before joining the team.

“It is nice to be seeing people I would have never known before without doing this and now I see them around Arcata,” Feick said. “It is really cool to have these connections outside of the game but also a time where I get to see everybody every week.”

Team members said they rely on each other for advice, school work accountability, confidence-building, and getting their numbers up for the future seasons. Many Hags members consider joining Hags as a foundational block



The Hags scrimmage during their Thursday night practices at the Redwood Bowl on Thursday, Sept. 16.

Photo by Alana Hackman

to enjoying their student experience here at Humboldt State.

“I came to college having spent all of my extracurricular time on dance and so at this new start I was sort of moving away from that life and the rocky relationship I had with my body and the dance community as a whole, frisbee helped me step away from that and find power in myself again,” Leone said. “The camaraderie built from late-night practices, long tournament weekends, and just juggling life together is unparalleled.”

Samantha Castro is a senior returning to the Hags for her third season and said joining the team allowed her to find a community on campus after feeling somewhat lost her first year at HSU.

“We’re like a family out there on the

field,” Castro said. “Since day one it’s all been about the girls and how close and tight-knit we are, I really enjoy that aspect.”

The Hags will be hosting the first tournament of the fall club season this weekend and are hoping to use it as a warmup for new players before their sectionals in October. The team is always looking for more burly Hags to join the group, no matter the experience level.



A player reaches for a long pass during drills.

Photo by Alana Hackman



Lumberjack soccer star shines in early season tests

Christian Gonzalez headlines a stout Humboldt State defense that has yet to concede a goal

by Jake Knoeller

“There’s not a prize until the end”
Christian Gonzalez, a center back in his second year on the Humboldt State men’s soccer team, is settling in.
A junior born and raised in Bakersfield, California, Gonzalez has loved the game since he was just five years old.

He has four years of college soccer experience under his belt, evident in his playing this season.
“The further you get into soccer, you’re just grateful that you get into it with a group of guys that are just as determined to keep pushing as you are,” Gonzalez said.
Gonzalez enjoys the grind of soccer and talked a lot about how it keeps him engaged after the HSU versus Simpson game on Friday.
“There’s not a prize until the end. You’re just grinding games, running several miles each game,” Gonzalez said. “That’s something that’s great to appreciate towards the end of the season. Early in the season, we know we’re

5-0, but that’s not what we’re seeing right now. We’re taking it one game at a time.”
Gonzalez said his winning mindset has come from training constantly for years. He learned to practice the way he would play in a real soccer game by having the determination to win all the competitions, not just limited to games, but small sided challenges in practice as well.
“Even something as simple as a passing drill,” Gonzalez said.
On the field, Gonzalez plays with his head. He maintains confidence that he can win a ball in the air, offensively or defensively.
Gonzalez also mentioned that he has been heavily influenced by Italian defenders and the way they play.
“Defending has been my passion ever since I was little and if I had to pick out several influences it’d just be the classic Italian defender,” Gonzalez said. “If you can score a goal, that’s great, but first thing is defending.”
This mindset explains how the men’s soccer team defense has been so successful this season. They back up their offense and make things easier for them. They simply allow fewer goals.
The team has had a very successful season so far, undefeated with a 5-0 record currently. They managed to sneak away with a 1-0 win against Simpson Friday where a goal from Marco Silveira late in the game snatched the victory for the Lumberjacks.
The previous weekend, the Jacks won two away games against different non-conference opponents in Hayward, California by scores of 4-0 and 3-0. The team’s next game is at College Creek Field this coming Saturday, September 25th. They will face their first conference opponent, Chico State, in a rivalry game.



Photo courtesy of Thomas Lal/HSU Athletics
Christian Gonzalez kicks the ball during a game against visiting Columbia Basin at College Creek Field on Aug. 28.

Blondies back at it again

Getting a front row seat look at all the up and coming local musicians

by Matthew Taylor

Humboldt is a community of creatives. From the struggling student artist to the bar-hopping musician to the forest hermit writer. Every week in Arcata, there is some kind of event being held to bring people of this demographic and their audience together. One such event is the weekly Thursday evening open mic sessions at local bar and convenience store, Blondies.

By 6 pm, the signup sheet was already filled with over half a page worth of names. The inside of Blondies itself was lightly filled, but the back patio, where the event was hosted, soon became filled over the night with locals from all across the county. They each grabbed a drink and made their way to the back seats.

The event began with a performance by the host, an older rockstar by the name of Squirrel. While being one of the oldest members of the audience, he was by far one of the liveliest. He opened up with a sultry piece on his own electric guitar and threw a whole bunch of comedic one-liners through each musician's act. Every act was a unique and different experience, from touches of bluegrass, to spoken word, to pure punk, and many that couldn't even be classified into any genre.

Ra Ross, a local hip-hop artist, and spoken word poet, was one of the earlier performers of the night. Ross said his music has largely been inspired by the R&B, soul, and jazz he grew up with and how, as a kid, he would often take the instrumentals of those songs and replace them with his own lyrics

mentally. For 10 years now he's been putting those words down to paper. His musical performance could best be described as empowering, not afraid to delve into the darkest matters with the intent of unearthing hope.

Soon after Ross performance came "actor by training, sometimes by trade" Ayesha Kinnunen. Originally from Minneapolis, Minnesota, Kinnunen found herself in Humboldt County soon after working as a rural community designer in the state's central valley. Not unfamiliar with the performance scene, she was able to grab the audience's attention at an incredible speed with her quick wit and dry humor.

"This is my third time," Kinnunen said. "But to speak with complete candor, I have been performing so much [of my life] that having [this] opportunity to just come in [and] share what's in me with [a] community is one, really nice, and two, a familiar, kinda low stakes. Even if you goof, even if you boof the whole thing, it will be okay, it's just Blondies!"

Kinnunen was far from the only one who utilized the small and accepting social environment of Blondies to stretch out their artistic wings. Victor Guerrero, a previous HSU student and member of the band Pills for Thrills was one of the next performers up on the roster.

"I do a lot of different stuff," Guerrero said. "I went from like Renaissance classical, to punk, to folk, to just goth... I just do everything! Whatever kinda stuff I'm writing I just come here to test it out before I show it to [the] band. I come to play it here first."

HSU senior Ben Romero, currently



Local Musician Victor Guerrero (center right) plays his guitar in front of a tightly packed audience at the back stage of Blondies on September 16.

majoring in geology, has been passionately playing guitar for over 13 years and hopes to turn the lifelong hobby into a professional career someday. Romero explained how he started performing his music only a few months before the pandemic hit and did a few shows in his home city of Los Angeles before bringing it back here at the start of this fall semester.

"I'm building a repertoire and I'm also getting somewhat of a small following," Romero said with a smile. "I'm also getting somewhat of a small following and people love my sound honestly."

Romero said he could only best place his sound as fingerstyle solo style acoustic guitar. His melody was spontaneous in the best ways and his ever-changing riffs left every audience member glued to their seats. Each song ended with a series of thunderous applause.

"Personally, it's like my go-to," Romero said. "I used to never really go out and play... I never really did shows until recently. It's quite a different experience and I'm so glad that I'm able to go out and do this. And people are willing to listen. It's refreshing, it's good."



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Loss and regrets

The trials and tribulations of losing a loved one to COVID-19

by Danielle Hendrickson

My family and I now sit in a confusing state of grief and anger. Last week we got the earth-shattering news that a family friend of over 30 years had passed away due to COVID-19.

In early August, he was admitted into the hospital and shortly after put on a ventilator. Before being put under, he confessed that he wished he would have gotten the vaccine. I think about his last conscious seconds before being put on the ventilator and I can't imagine what was going through his mind.

We have all been getting vaccines since we were born. To me, I see this vaccine as no different than the rest. Many people worry about the efficacy of the drug since it was produced at such a fast rate. What most people fail to realize is the astronomical funding that went behind this. This vaccine shows what happens when people band together and contribute to public health.

Nearly every person on the planet has been affected by this terrible virus in one way or another, whether they have simply had to change the pace of their everyday life or lost a loved one to COVID-19. I truly never thought I would be the second of those two options.

The events that occurred on September 11, 2001 are horrific and never forgotten, killing nearly 3,000 people in a single day. After that, the United States severely beefed up security and started a twenty year war in the Middle East.

At its peak, COVID was killing over 15,000 people a day around the globe.

What has changed in the year since we embarked on this journey of a global pandemic? Not too much. There is virtually no "lockdown" anymore, with festival season beginning and nightclubs being packed to the brim, as if the pandemic is a distant memory.

Masks, you ask? Mandates widely vary by your geographical location. I can go to a supermarket in my city and everyone is abiding by the rules. But if I grab dinner at a restaurant in the next town, not a mask in sight.

Too little is being done in efforts to combat this disastrous virus. As of this past week, the United States hit a dreadful milestone. 1 in 500 US citizens have died from COVID-19. If you don't want to get the vaccine for yourself, please do it for the safety of those around you.

In the final hours of my family friend's life, his fiancée was allowed to say her goodbyes in a hazmat suit. I could not think of a worse way to spend your loved ones' last seconds on earth. No one wants to deal with that and no one should have to.

The hardest part about this situation is that it could have been avoided. Hundreds of thousands of dollars were spent and his life was lost because he didn't want to get a free shot. Even though he was a right-winged lunatic at times, he did not deserve this in any capacity. He had so much more life to live. He was supposed to get married, watch his children start a family, and travel the world. He should not have been another statistic.

Whiteness: a continuation

by Cheyenne Wise

I was asked why I decided to write about whiteness and uncomfortable conversations. And I had a few reasons.

Seeing my white classmates shut down when someone speaks on their experience as a person of color (POC) that challenges a white person's perception of such experience is a bewildering thing to see. Yet, I often see it that a white person could have more knowledge and experience over a POC's experience of living as a person of color. Talking about race used to feel like I was doing something wrong, and it wasn't until I left my bubble and went to college that I realized, "damn, I am an idiot."

I might seem like a white savior or even like someone turning their back on fellow white people, but that's not what I'm doing - at least I hope that's not what's happening. In my last piece, I got a few fun comments from other white people. One person was really upset about melatonin and people that have a lot of it. I hope they can find the sleep aid that they need. But I also got comments that immediately went on the defense. And to them, I say, no one is shaming you for your skin color or ancestors and I know how sad that must be to be criticized for your skin color constantly. No one said anything about your ancestors. You brought it up. We know that wasn't you, yet here you are, holding on to it like it's a fun statement piece.

I'm a loud and outspoken person. Anyone who has ever even been in the same room as me would know that. When I see things, I call them out. I jump to people's defense without even thinking about it. But I had to learn not to do that sometimes. That people can take care of the situation on their own. That speaking over the voices that are being suppressed or ignored isn't okay, and I don't need to jump in front and

start yelling. I needed to learn to stand back and let people speak for themselves and listen.

A few years ago was talking to a friend of mine about a band that I used to listen to all the time when I was younger, a South African band called Die Antwoord. I showed her one of their music videos because it was so crazy, and she turned to me and said, "they're doing blackface." I was mortified that I never even realized. Something as obvious as blackface, yet I didn't even notice. I looked them up after she pointed them out, and there was article after article about how problematic they are. I used to listen to and watch their music videos, and I never noticed the blatant racism.

Many white people are open to difference and exploring different ideas but afraid of being ostracized for being white. Tapping into the deep fear many white people have not just dissing whiteness but criticizing while inhabiting. But even the whites that want to do better aren't. I've seen countless comments asking, "Can I wear this? Is it okay if I do this? Is it bad to buy from a black-owned store?" on a video of someone doing a TikTok dance. While I don't want what I'm saying to shame you or deter you from learning, there are so many better ways of getting your questions answered in the correct space.

As a white person, the moment you enter a conversation between people your group generally dominates, you ask for accommodation. Social media allows us to listen and learn without butting in. Not every conversation is for me or about my whiteness. But those conversations are so important to listen to and understand, to see other people's experiences and perspectives on something that I am not a part of.



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