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swept away
by wave

*Search for
KeyMaan Stringer
called off*

by Dajonea Robinson

On Oct. 29 Humboldt State freshman KeyMaan Stringer from Los Angeles, was swept away by a sneaker wave around 4:30 p.m. at the North Jetty in Eureka. Stringer has not been found.

The U.S. Coast Guard and a variety of other first responders were notified of the incident around 4:32 p.m. on Oct. 29 and then searched for Stringer. According to the Coast Guard News’ release the search for Stringer was suspended around 9:50 a.m. on Oct. 30.

“The Coast Guard and partner agencies searched approximately 160 square-nautical miles for 16 hours in a continuous effort to locate the man.”

Singer’s family has created a Go Fund Me campaign for the search and recovery of Stringer in response to the U.S. Coast Guard suspended search.

For those in need of support Humboldt State University Counseling & Psychological Services at 707.826.3236 As for staff and faculty who may need support there’s the Employee Assistance Program at 707.443.7358.

Dialogue
on safety
continues

*Charmaine Lawson
holds an important
meeting with Cal
State University
Chancellor*

by Tony Wallin

Charmaine Lawson and HSU student advocates held a meeting on student safety on Nov. 4 with California State University board of trustees chair Adam Day, and Chancellor of the CSU Timothy White.

Charmaine Lawson is the mother of David Josiah Lawson, a criminology major at HSU, who was murdered at an off-campus party April 15, 2017. Josiah Lawson’s case remains unsolved and his

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ART BEHIND BARS



Photo by Tony Wallin

Co-founder of the Dell’Arte Prison Project, Janessa Johnsrude uses props like these masks in her theatre ensemble class with her students at Pelican Bay State Prison. She said available data shows that participating in arts programs reduces recidivism.

Professor teaches
inmates in Arts in
Corrections program

by Tony Wallin

Julie McNiel began her career teaching drawing classes at College of the Redwoods. Today, she has a new set of students she instructs in visual arts, inmates at Pelican Bay State Prison in California.

McNiell said she learned about local artists teaching inmates at Pelican Bay in 2003 and thought it was an amazing idea. That idea followed her for a decade.

In 2014, she was referred to the William James Association by her colleague from the College of the Redwoods’ art de-

partment. She was offered an artist’s contract to teach at Pelican Bay.

“I look at the prison in a completely different way now,” McNiel said.

McNiell is now the leading artist for the Arts in Corrections program. As lead artist, she acts as the liaison between the artists, the prison, and the William James Association, making sure there is communication between them.

“Creativity is everywhere, especially in prison,” McNiel said. “This program allows opportunity for those on the inside.”

The William James Association started the Arts in Corrections program in 1977 in with the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitations and the California Arts Council. The pro-

gram is now in all 35 California prisons.

According to their website, their philosophy behind creating the art program is “based (on) the belief that participation in the artistic process significantly affects a person’s self-esteem and general outlook on the world.”

“Going through art classes, they’re more likely to attend other programs like GED and enroll in college,” McNiel said.

McNiell said the program lost all its funding because of the 2008 budget crisis. A pilot program was proposed in 2014 and has been expanding ever since.

McNiell said when the art program started, there were only three artists teaching one workshop. McNiel said there are now art classes every day of the

week.

Including McNiel, there are five contracted artists: Janessa Johnsrude and Zuzka Sabata with Dell’Arte International, Cecelia Holland who teaches creative writing, and Dale Morgan who teaches guitar.

“There has been an overwhelming experience of people saying these programs are very much needed,” McNiel said.

The co-founder of the Dell’Arte Prison Project, Janessa Johnsrude, leads a physical theater ensemble at Pelican Bay. She said they teach awareness to body, availability to change and adaptation, and responsiveness in present moment.

Johnsrude said the prison environment isn’t conducive to

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Trigg's Talks

Mother and daughter take action against racist bullies in middle school

by Alex Harris

While many sixth graders went to soccer practice or hung out with their friends, Sadie Shelmire, a local African American sixth grader from Sunnysbrae Middle School, educated people on her personal experience with racism in school.

“Ever since I moved to Arcata, I have been stared at,” Shelmire said. “I could be walking down the street with my dad and a group of girls will just walk by staring.”

Microaggressions like this are exactly why Shelmire and her mother, Director of Student Life and Affairs at Humboldt State Tanza Triggs, held a conference on Oct. 29 entitled “Loving the Skin I am in: My Story.”

The conference was framed as a talk show. Triggs asked questions to Shelmire about her experiences, and then after the floor would be open to the audience’s questions. Triggs said that while she came up with the idea for the event, her daughter’s experiences as well as growth and maturity while dealing with racist bullies inspired her.

“I wanted to show her that I was proud of her because I saw over the course of the six years how she changed personally,” Triggs said.

Shelmire feels she has gone through a lot over the course of

those six years. She moved from a town in Missouri, where the majority of the community is African American, to Humboldt County where the majority are white.

“I am not sad or angry,” Shelmire said about the predominantly white community. “But I am a little uncomfortable.”

Humboldt’s predominately white community is reflected in its education systems. This is something that both Triggs and Shelmire said is detrimental to the experience of African American and minority students.

“There wasn’t any African American teachers,” Shelmire said. “I couldn’t really go to someone who had the same struggles as me growing up.”

These struggles were mostly in the form of racist comments by bullies from Shelmire’s school.

Triggs said people have called Shelmire poop, n****r, and other derogatory names. These problems stem from the student’s homes and many parents need to be held responsible when it comes to admitting to these problems.

“Not only do they get (influences) from YouTube but they are also getting it from their parents,” Shelmire said.

Triggs and Shelmire said students need to be the facilitators of understanding race and its



Photo by Luis Lopez

Tay D. Triggs (left) and Sadie Shelmire (right) speak with audiences about never staying quiet when confronted with racist comments. follow a Time, Date and Place structure.

history. Race education should be ran like sexual education or food programs. They believe schools should provide funds to teach children deprived of an education or experience with minorities or children of a different ethnicity.

“We provide children with food because we know they might not get it at home,” Triggs said. “So why not address this problem too?”

Shelmire’s discomforts and experiences revolve around how her teachers don’t discipline the student bullies.

“They then would send us to the principals office, and then they had to apologize and say what they did wrong,” Shelmire said. Shelmire said that this does not address the problem

because the student who was verbally assaulted has to sit in class with their bully.

“After someone just (verbally) racially assaulted you, would you really want to go back to class with them,” Shelmire said. “Especially if kids around you heard it and would stare after.”

Shelmire inspired many to share their story, including Trinity, a 13-year-old African American girl from the Trinity County area, who was racially bullied to the point of being homeschooled by her mother Judy. Trinity shared similar concerns as Shelmire in regards to how teachers have been insensitive or ineffective when dealing with this type of bullying.

“They don’t really do anything ever,” Trinity said. “The

kid is forced to apologize but usually you know it’s not genuine and they’re not even sent to detention.”

Trinity also said this mistreatment of the situation creates distrust between the student being bullied and the teacher.

To Shelmire and Triggs, this problem should not be internalized by the children who are bullied, but be dealt with by the institutions and parents who placate these racist bullies.

“When you go to a teacher and they don’t handle (racially charged bullying) well and it keeps happening,” Trinity said. “You will not go to the teacher and you just have to deal with it yourself.”

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murder has prompted students to raise issues of safety and support on campus, particularly for students of color who move to Humboldt and are unfamiliar with the area. Lawson said the meeting was to allow the students to express to Day and White their experiences and concerns involving safety on and off campus, poor housing conditions on and off campus and funding of multicultural centers which provide stable, reliable and safe sanctuary for students of color.

“This is the opportunity where we get our voices heard,” Lawson said before the meeting.

Charmaine Lawson met Day at a CSU board of trustees meeting in Long Beach. She asked him to be her guest at Humboldt to talk about safety for black and brown students.

Charmaine Lawson said White wasn’t originally going to attend the meeting but he arranged his schedule just so he could make it. She said her son did not have safety at Humboldt and wanted

Day and White to hear directly from students the problems they have on campus.

“We want to make safety top priority for new students,” Lawson said.

Attending in support of Lawson was lead staff for California Faculty Administrator’s Statewide Council for Affirmative Action Audrena Redmond and CFA Associate Vice President of Affirmative Action North, Cecil Canton.

Redmond said there hasn’t been enough action since Josiah’s death and it was very important that Day and White came to the meeting. She said if this was the first they listened to the student concerns of safety and support on campus then the line of communication is broken somewhere in the CSU.

Redmond said responsibility is starting to be taken after the treatment of Lawson during a board of trustees



Photo by Tony Wallin

Charmaine Lawson, middle, and student advocates supported by HSU staff, faculty, and members of CFA during meeting with Chancellor of the CSU, Timothy White, and CSU board of trustees chair, Adam Day, on Monday Nov 4, 2018.

meeting where a police officer stood behind her holding his gun belt.

“Policing of black bodies especially toward a grieving mother is inhumane,” Redmond said.

Deema Hindawi, active member of M.E.CH.A and employee at the Multicultural Center, was one of the student advocates to express their concerns on continuous problems at HSU that has not been fixed. She said there is no point in calling UPD for help because they take too long and most students of color don’t even feel safe around them. Hindawi said the Multicultural Center at HSU is a reason why people of color are staying here but they are underfunded and have no professional staff that overlooks the center.

“As students we run the center,” Hindawi said. “We need professional staff but that’s not something the university is giving us.”

Hindawi also addressed the safety of students and said she doesn’t feel comfortable walking over the Sunset Ave bridge because there aren’t any lights. She said she sometimes doesn’t leave school until midnight and feels it’s necessary to carry a stun gun for safety.

“I have been hearing that the bridge will have lights since

I was a freshman,” Hindawi said. “I’m a third year now.”

Active member of Students for Equality and Education and M.E.CH.A at HSU Nathaniel Mcguigan addressed the poor quality of on-campus housing and said students are forced to live in poor living conditions. Mcguigan said the campus dorms are too expensive and there are problems with mold and bed bugs.

“I would like to see improving conditions of on-campus housing,” Mcguigan said.

Cecil Canton was positive after the meeting and said it appeared Day and White were actually listening and staying present. A major problem Canton said is the disconnect from campus and community. He said the campus doesn’t see their nexus with the community until there is a negative action that takes place.

“The community is in the campus and the campus is in the community,” Canton said.

Canton said campuses have to ask themselves how they can work together with community. He said problems of safety for faculty, staff, and students are at all CSUs. Canton knows proof is in doing and action is needed.

“We can’t afford anymore deaths at Humboldt, or any CSU’s,” Canton said.

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Webcam wary and privacy concerns

HSU students practice computer safety methods with spy guards and more

by Walter Hackett

You’ve probably experienced that creepy feeling like you’re being watched. You don’t know why, but hairs stand up on your neck and you look over your shoulder, even when you think you’re alone. If you get that sensation while you’re at your computer, you may want to check your webcam.

Mark Zuckerberg, co-founder and CEO of Facebook, once posted a picture that showed his laptop webcam covered up with tape. If webcam security is something Zuck is concerned about, should you be too? Hackers are likely more interested in someone like Zuckerberg, but that doesn’t mean it won’t ever happen to you.

Dr. Sherrene Bogle is a professor in the computer science department at Humboldt State University.

“To the extent that both Big Brother and hackers are watching us, we should all be concerned about computer privacy in all forms, not just web cams, but audio, our telephone conversations being recorded,” Bogle said. “Online security is an ongoing task.”

Some students at HSU have caught on to the webcam taping trend.

Erik Ramos, working on his laptop in the Library Cafe, uses a spy guard over his webcam. The guard is a small

“I’ve heard stories about people being watched through their web cams. It could definitely be the government or just creeps.”

— Erik Ramos
Humboldt State University Student

plastic cover that mounts over a flat surface webcam. Ramos’ guard is made by Targus, and has an adhesive back and a slider hatch for when you want to use the cam.

“I’ve had this cover on for about a year,” Ramos said. “I’ve heard stories about people being watched through their webcams. It could definitely be the government or just creeps.”

Ramos said that he used to use post-its before he bought his cover, but since he worked



HSU student Erik Ramos displays his spy guard cover on his laptop webcam Oct. 6 in the HSU library. Photo by Walter Hackett

at Staples he was able to get a guard cover for cheap. Sliding guard covers retail online for about \$5.

Hailey Hughes has a basic trimmed and taped post-it note covering her laptop webcam. For Hughes it’s better to be safe than sorry.

“I’ve had this on here for maybe two years,” she said. “I’m just suspicious in general.”

According to Bogle, both personal computers and Macs are susceptible to webcam attacks, but personal

computers are slightly more vulnerable. She also said that new computers aren’t coming up with unbeatable protection.

“Vulnerabilities still exist with the ubiquity of online and especially wireless network connections,” Bogle said.

She said there are some things you can do besides covering your webcam to protect your them from getting hacked.

“Use secured networks, limit or avoid sensitive trans-

actions on free wi-fi, use firewalls, and update your anti-virus software regularly,” Bogle said.

“The relationship between convenience and privacy is like a see-saw,” Bogle said. “It’s hard to balance because most of us desire convenience and the greater the convenience the more exposed we are and inevitably the less privacy we have.”

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be open with emotions, thoughts and feelings, but bringing in theater gives an outlet for performing.

“If you give them a chance to grow they will,” Johnsrude said.

Johnsrude teaches five different classes twice a week. In the two and half years she has been at Pelican Bay, she said she has seen significant changes in her students, and by participating, they are investing in something positive.

“The data available for those participating in arts programs shows it reduces recidivism,” Johnsrude said.

Johnsrude said the students come to escape the humdrum of incarceration, and by doing that, they discover something unexpected in the theater program. In her classes, students



Visual arts teacher, Julie McNiel with two of her students at Pelican Bay State Prison in California photo by Peter Merts.

work on writing components, monologues, actor training, course work in play and theatrical form in ensemble.

“The main goal is offer a space for people in Pelican Bay to express themselves,” Johnsrude said.

Dell’Arte Prison Project’s other co-founder, Zuzka Sabata, said the Arts in Corrections program became the ideal model after choosing a selection of professionals and creating a positive impact. She said the participation helps people cope with being incarcerated and leads to having less behavior problems

the program is facilitating support within the prison for rehabilitation. It isn’t a clear system with new programs to help the staff organize themselves. Sometimes staff may be willing to facilitate, but their superiors may not be.

She also said there are negative responses from the community that reflect the ignorance of the positive impact the program brings due to social prejudices. Sabata said too many people have the idea that a mistake makes someone permanently a bad person, and that isn’t the case.

“If we don’t acknowledge the stigmas attached to incarcerated individuals it is more challenging to shift from incarceration to a free person,” Sabata said.

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From gang culture to inmate advocate



Retired HSU sociology professors, Jerry Krause and Betsy Watson, pose with Eliberto “Eddie” Ramos Nov. 4 after he was presented the 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award at HSU. Ramos escaped the gang culture and now works in criminal justice in LA county.

by Tony Wallin

Eliberto “Eddie” Ramos barely escaped the street-gang violence of his east Los Angeles neighborhood only to return and work in the criminal justice system.

Ramos, a psychiatric social worker for Los Angeles County, earned his BA in sociology at Humboldt State University in 1999. Ramos went on to earn his Master’s in Social Work from the University of Southern California.

On Nov. 1 Ramos was presented the 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award at HSU. He later gave a presentation on his journey from growing up in the gang culture to becoming an advocate for inmates with mental health and substance abuse issues.

“For me it’s a great experience seeing the two sides of where I came from,” Ramos said. “And now I’m working with the law in order to help the system.”

Ramos grew up in East LA and participated in the gang culture at an early age. He said the culture had been around for 60 years by the time he was born and his whole family was involved. Ramos said it’s hard to wake-up and leave it behind when everyone around you is living it.

“At that age you’ve already lost so many people you ask yourself ‘whats left for me,’” Ramos said.

Ramos caught a break from the street violence and crime when a counselor suggested he go to Pyles Boys Camp at the age

of 14. The camp, which is nestled among the redwoods in Sequoia National Park, is a program to motivate at-risk or disadvantaged youth. Ramos credits the camp as paving the way for him attending HSU.

“At the boys camp I had a place to learn how to get along with other people,” Ramos said.

Retired sociology professor, Jerry Krause, said he had Ramos as a teacher’s assistant in his prison and society class. The field experience for the class was to travel to Pelican Bay State Prison. Krause said he had Ramos lecture the class sometimes because he could vividly describe the environment that inmates would be coming from.

“He was so attentive and would always sit in the front row,” Krause said. “You could see his eyes light up.”

Krause said the key in changing life trajectories is with peer relationships. He said it takes people like Ramos to help people with similar situations and backgrounds. Krause said what helps is he has noticed more students are coming from urban areas to Humboldt and studying behavioral science.

“Since I have retired it has become much more diverse in Humboldt,” Krause said.

Retired sociology professor, Betsy Watson, was the department chair of the sociology program when Ramos was a student. She had Ramos in a couple of classes and said he had great intuition and could read people very well. She first noticed him

when she thought she saw two “gang bangers” walking pass her, only to find out they were students and one was Ramos.

“I tried to convince him he was as smart as he was,” Watson said.

Watson said the department was most relieved when Ramos would return back for the fall semester. They were relieved he was alive. She said they knew what kind of environment he was returning back to and couldn’t imagine what the parents were having to go through in the neighborhood. Watson said since Ramos was a student at HSU a lot more students have been enrolling with backgrounds where they are exposed to danger. She said the diversity is important.

“Once you study the culture of someone else you learn your culture so much more,” Watson said.

Ramos said the future of rehabilitation lies in therapeutic programs. He said the most successful are peer support programs where people can connect with each other because of shared similar experiences and backgrounds.

Ramos works on alternative sentencing and rehabilitation plans for adult offenders. He said he works as the bridge between the courts, the community, and the clients within the Los Angeles criminal justice system.

“Find your purpose,” Ramos said. “It may take 10 or 20 years to find but it’s out there.”



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EDITORIAL

Life, liberty and pursuit of self care

This has been an election with record high early voter turnout for a gubernatorial race just after two years of America’s most polarizing and unpopular president in history.

There are also many critically important ballots and measures which could affect everyday life for people in Humboldt county, and it’s very important to take care of yourself during such a high pressure election.

One of the most critical ballots for people’s livelihoods this year is measure K, an initiative to make Humboldt County a sanctuary county prohibiting local law enforcement with cooperating with federal immigration officers. Proponents of K claim this measure protects families of undocumented persons by granting custodial power and avoids unnecessary pain.

This measure could likely make or break the practice of separating families in our county. Family separation can cause irreversible harm to kids and their parents. It makes sense that the people whose livelihoods and security depends on this measure will feel the stress this election season.

Resources for undocumented students and/or citizens are available on both a national and local level:

Humboldt State University offers multiple resources through the Student Health and Wellbeing center for students including financial aid options, health care options and legal help.

The California State University system offers various resources for legal or on campus help for undocumented students.

Teresa Foster, Immigration Consultant 707 255-8666 - According to the St. Joseph’s Community Resource listing, Foster helps immigrants re-unite with loved ones through various visa processes, up to and including residency and citizenship; based in Napa, office serves the immigrant community throughout the



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state. Foster is not an attorney, she is a consultant with a bond on file at the CA Secretary of State. Because this location is farther away consider calling for information.

Catholic Charities, Immigration and Citizenship Services offers mostly legal services regarding citizenship classes, refugee resettlement, DACA, preparing documents for visa petitions, adjustments of status, affidavits of support, consular processing documents and work authorizations. This location involves a four hour drive south, but you can visit their website for general information on any of these topics or family reunification.

Those in need of help and advice can also find the closest resource to them through the National Immigration Legal Services Directory. A zip code search will bring up a list of near by resources.

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Though there is not an explicitly a decision on immigration, this election has the potential to sway the political power in both the House of Representatives and the Senate. We recognize the results of this election can still cause great distress about the future of important topics like immigration policies and reform.

On a mental health care level, this election season, The Lumberjack has some suggestions for people who are feeling uneasy about the future. For whatever reason voters may feel stressed, depressed, angry, sad or happy, people can decompress by taking breaks from social media, watching funny animal videos, yoga and meditation, and emotion management.

Taking a break from social media is a strong preemptive

measure to reduce anxiety and depression for the election. Research from Anxiety and Depression Association of America suggests that social media usage is significantly associated with mood instability, including a prevalence of depression.

If you see content that might cause you discomfort, turn your phone over for a little bit. There is no shame in logging off in the name of self care.

Crying also has mood benefits, depending on the person. The act of crying leads to tension relief, and can help with psychological recovery from distress. It is possible that people may feel distress when realizing their candidate has lost, like when President Trump was elected. A healthy cry gets the job done to move on to the future.

Try watching some online videos like funny animal

videos or fail compilations. These are a great way to take the edge off a long election night. Skip the viral videos and play your favorite video game instead.

Make some time to sleep or exercise as healthy distractions if viral videos and video games won’t cut it.

Last, but most certainly not least, if you are feeling that you can not handle the pressure alone, here are some resources to connect to the person you need.

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Phone: 707 826-3236

OPINION

90 years and slap to the face

Lumberjack football reaches to their final destination

by Gabe Rivera

As the Azusa Pacific field goal that beat the Lumberjacks on Nov. 3 sailed through the upright, it dawned on me that this would be the final play of football ever at HSU. The empty feeling in my gut is all too familiar.

Born and raised in San Diego, I could never tell local Jacks fans how to feel or how they should feel. However, after over 30 years of cheering for the San Diego Chargers, I have a pretty good idea.

Year after year, heartache after heartache, I remained loyal to the Chargers. When they went 1-15 after drafting University of Washington Cougars quarterback Ryan Leaf (the biggest flop in professional sports history), I stuck with it. When management fired head coach Marty Schottenheimer after going 14-2, I stayed true to

my team. There was no quit in me.

Chargers owner Dean Spanos made the decision to move the Chargers to Los Angeles in Jan. 2017 because he felt it couldn’t compete with the rest of the league financially at his old stadium in San Diego. Loyalty was never on the menu for ownership and I no longer have a team.

The same can be said for HSU administration. People are pointing the finger at HSU president Lisa Rossbacher and rightfully so. This is the second football program to be eliminated under Rossbacher’s watch.

Many locals will be getting their wish. Rossbacher announced her retirement to begin after the end of the Spring 2019 semester. One must wonder if future university presidencies are in her future and which team will be in the chopping block next.

After playing the blame game, the reality of the loss

begins to set in. For me, it was the fact that my team that I had literally bled for was going to leave my city for our rival city to the North. Watching them be successful this season has been hard to watch to say the least.

There’s no more cheering for Lumberjacks football even if you wanted to. The game against Azusa was the last game to ever be played at the Redwood Bowl. That is the reality.

Never again will locals be able to come down early on a Saturday to tailgate before a big game. There won’t be any more Lumberjacks moving on to the NFL like Jacks All-American offensive lineman Alex Cappa in this year’s draft. This is it.

The people with the most to lose in this situation are the players. Many of whom moved up to Humboldt County away from their comfort zones just to play the game of football. For some, HSU was the only of-



Photo by Nick Kemper

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fer received. For others this university was their choice.

Even though HSU won’t fully admit to having a diversity problem, many students would agree that there is one. Losing Jacks football will have a negative effect on the diversity that HSU tries so much to promote.

The program is over and

the lights at the Redwood Bowl are off. It’s a slap in the face and the feeling will never go away.

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Lumberjacks' football finale

Jacks fall short of winning last game, athletes thank and celebrate community support



Photo by Nick Kemper
The kick that ended the Lumberjacks final home game. The Cougars won the game after scoring a field goal to take the victory 17-20 at the Jacks final home game Nov. 3 2018.

by Matt Shiffler

The Humboldt State Lumberjacks lost the overtime coin flip and started with the ball, with pressure to make it to the end zone. The offense stalled, and third string senior quarterback Brenden Davis was flagged for intentional grounding. The 15-yard penalty and loss of down forced senior kicker Jose “Pepe” Morales to attempt a 37-yard-kick. He missed the crucial overtime kick.

Possession flipped and Azusa Pacific ran eight plays for 29 yards setting up their kicker Jacob Hall for the game-winning 13-yard field goal.

Quarterback Brenden Davis finished with 68 yards and completed 60 percent of his passes. Three quarterbacks handled snaps after starter Joey Sweeney left the game with a potential head injury.

“Senior year, last game at the Redwood Bowl, I got an opportunity and I was ready,” Davis said. “We didn’t get the win. Mistakes were made but the effort was there on every play and I believe we closed this thing out right.”

The loss pushed the lumberjacks to 1-8 overall and 1-6 in Great Northwest Athletic Conference play.

The opening drive was quickly halted when Azusa Pacific intercepted Sweeney’s pass down the sideline. Azusa led a 10 play, 43-yard march into the end zone. The four minute drive was capped off by a three-yard run by Azusa running back Aaron Baltazar.

The Jacks were shut out in the first quarter but came alive in the second, finding the end zone twice. Head coach Damaro Wheeler decided to go for it on 4th and goal, trusting the offense.

Quarterback Sweeney read the defense and handed the ball off to senior running back Tyree Marzetta who jumped into the end zone. The Jacks first touchdown drive lasted 17 plays with an exciting fourth down finish. Marzetta carried the ball a season-high 24 times and has had four touchdowns in the last three games.

“When there was anything available in the run game I tried

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— Brenden Davis
Third String Senior Quarterback

to do my part and contribute,” Marzetta said. “Shoutout to our offense, the offensive line, receivers, and our third string quarterback Brenden Davis. His back was against the wall and he didn’t fold.”

Sweeney was thrown to the turf by two Azusa Pacific defenders in the second quarter on a 3rd down play and left with an apparent head injury. Second string quarterback Andrew Tingstad replaced Sweeney and found the end zone from 8 eight yards out on a designed quarterback keep with 45 seconds left in the half.

Tingstad was also injured on a two-yard run play in the third quarter and did not return to the field.

Coach Wheeler thought the injuries were unfortunate but believed in the preparation of the team through practic-

es and film, especially for his quarterbacks.

“Next man up,” Wheeler said. “He [Brenden Davis] wasn’t nervous and the moment wasn’t too big for him, [going forward] we have to game plan for him.”

The second half was all defense as both teams did not allow the other to run into the end zone. The Jacks defense was led by linebacker Demetrick Watts, who recorded a team-high 13 tackles. On a fourth down play with 6:37 left, Watts laid a hit on the Azusa Pacific running back and stopped their drive, giving the ball back to Humboldt’s offense.

Two other linebackers, Moses Finau and Connor Cox, both dished out big hits and brought down Azusa Pacific’s quarterback Tyrone Williams Jr. The play of the day was made in the secondary, when redshirt sophomore safety Adam Herrera intercepted Williams Jr. and took it back 32 yards into Azusa’s territory to give the Jacks a shot to win..

“I listened to coach,” Herrera said. “He said if the dig comes, to look for the post and the quarterback threw it straight to me. I was taking it to the crib and nowhere but the crib. I wanted to hit that open field.”

The Jacks didn’t come away with a victory but the fans cheered and gave a standing ovation to HSU’s last football team. After the game, quarterback Brenden Davis and running back Tyree Marzetta talked about how much the team meant to them and how honored they felt to have a community that never failed to come out and support.

“It’s a real home field advantage out here, we couldn’t ask for a better fan base,” Davis said.

“It’s emotional for me. I’ve never been a part of a team like this. I’m grateful to be a Lumberjack,” Marzetta said. “It’s sad it’s over because I love this place and I appreciate Humboldt for all it is.”

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Thursday, November 8, 2018

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4pm-6pm
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