

RHODODENDRON PARADE HONORS HOMETOWN HEROES

by Andrés Felix Roméro



Dance professor accused of transphobia

by Angel Barker

Students studying dance at CPH have voiced concerns about transphobic behavior from dance instructor Linda Maxwell. Trans students say that she consistently misgenders them, and one says that Maxwell discouraged her from starting hormones, even threatening her ability to perform. Maxwell says that her intentions were never malicious, but students feel that she hasn't put effort into improving her conduct.

On February 21, 2022, sophomore dance major MJ Williams was asked to have a meeting with Maxwell, her professor and adviser. Williams, who had just come out as a trans woman, was considering going on estrogen. In the meeting, Maxwell suggested she wait to start hormone therapy and threatened

to assign her an understudy for the upcoming performance.

"I was talking about going on estrogen, which I did, but she called for a meeting with me, and said, 'I think you should wait to start your estrogen, otherwise, we're gonna have to get an understudy for you,'" Williams said.

Williams asked why, and says Maxwell responded that she was concerned about possible side effects of estrogen that she'd read about on WebMD, like dizziness.

"I was like, there's other trans people here on medication, and never have we ever had to have an understudy," Williams said.

Williams also noted that Maxwell brought in print-outs from WebMD de-

tailoring the possible side effects of estrogen.

"I felt like I wasn't being supported in the moment, you know, obviously I'm supposed to be supported by my dance faculty," she said.

To Maxwell, the situation felt completely different.

"I had a conversation and the concern of reading the side effects that could make it difficult for the person to perform, and I was concerned about that after just from having read scientific articles," Maxwell said. "Frankly I have never had anyone go on hormone therapy during a performance."

Maxwell said that because the concept of hormone therapy was new to her, she felt justified in voicing her con-

cerns to Williams.

Aside from unwelcome concerns around hormone therapy, Williams and other students have faced constant misgendering from Maxwell.

"There were just a handful of times where she would outright misgender me and use he/him all of the time," Williams said.

According to Williams, Maxwell once asked for all of the men to go to the back row, then specifically named her.

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Student workers ask the CSU for union rights

by August Linton

CSU officials are now deciding whether student workers should be allowed to unionize, after students petitioned the California Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) on April 17 for the right to take a union vote. This was accompanied by around 4,300 signatures from CSU student workers.

Daniel Chaidez is a student assistant at CPH, working for the university's Waste Reduction Resource Awareness (WRRAP) Program. He says that the Let Us Vote campaign will hopefully give students a better foothold for bargaining with the university.

"It would just make things a little more equitable and bring a little more awareness to the issues that student

workers are currently facing," Chaidez said.

Chaidez tabled on the UC Quad on April 18 along with Stephen Green, a labor relations representative for CSUEU, the CSU employees union. The CSUEU is taking an active role in supporting students working for unionization.

"When hiring a lot of student assistants it's very unorganized in a lot of ways," Chaidez said. "It feels like it's just a way for the school to get easy labor from students."

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Photo by Alex Anderson | Stephen Green (left), the Labor Relations Representative for the California State University Employees Union tables outside the Gutsurak Student Activities Center with Daniel Chaidez.

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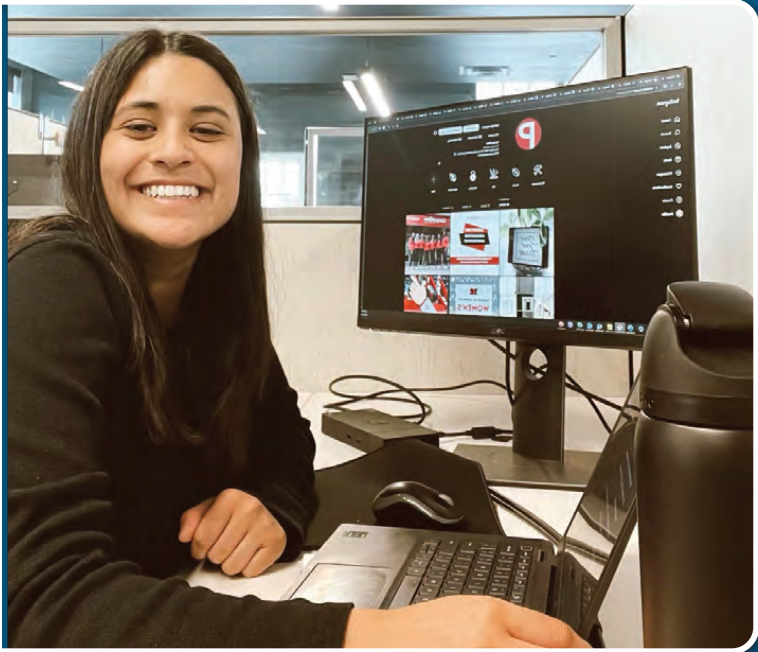
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The UPD is still understaffed and without a police chief - but not desperate

by Brad Butterfield

An expected 2,000 additional students are anticipated for the Fall ‘23 semester, threatening to strain an already understaffed police department at Cal Poly Humboldt. The UPD is currently absent a police chief and shorthanded in both dispatchers and officers. Since early March, the number of new hires onto the force has not increased—not for lack of effort. Despite working long hours to compensate for the lack of personnel, Sergeant Andy Martin remains optimistic.

In early March a candidate for police chief, Kevin H. Williams, was interviewed by the hiring committee. Williams, a former LAPD lieutenant with a long resume as a public servant in many departments, filed a lawsuit against the City of Los Angeles in 1999. The suit claimed racial discrimination and cited that Williams suffered from pseudofolliculitis-barbae, which allegedly prevented him from shaving his beard and commonly afflicts Black men. A federal district court would later dismiss the case. Martin, who serves on the hiring committee for the department, couldn’t divulge the reasons

Williams was not hired onto the UPD force. With extensive medical tests, background checks, psychological evaluation and training required in the hiring of any officer, Martin explained that it is unlikely CPH will have a police chief come the Fall ‘23 semester.

“I would be shocked if it all happens before fall semester starts, but things happen. I’ve been surprised before, but I don’t think so,” said Martin.

Although short staffed, the department is not rushing the hiring process.

“Our Vice President [Dr. Jenn Capps] puts a lot of expectations and weight behind the police chief and so, she’s made it clear - she’s not just going to hire anybody. She wants to make sure she’s hiring the right person for the job and what we need on campus,” Martin said.

While scrupulous hiring is partly to blame for the lack of personnel on the force, it is far from the only force at play here. The very features of Humboldt county which attract many residents often work against the UPD’s effort in enticing new officers to join the force.

“The county tends to be a little be-

hind the rest of the country in some aspects. You know, the night life completely shuts off at a certain hour. It’s a quiet place,” Martin said. “We don’t have the fast food chains. We don’t have what you would expect in some of the bigger cities. That can be a detriment for us sometimes because we are asking somebody to come to a more remote and isolated spot.”

Martin further explained that being behind the ‘Redwood Curtain’ filters out many potential officers.

“It’s just hard to convince somebody to come work up here in a smaller department... It’s intimidating for a lot of people if they’ve never been here,” Martin said.

Just as in March, dispatcher Jennifer Gomes is still working long hours as one of only two full time dispatchers employed by the UPD. Two potential hires for dispatcher are being considered currently, but even if both are hired, “they’ll probably still be in training as the next semester gets going,” Martin said. Additionally, one officer is currently going through the hiring process.

“I am optimistic that they will be here before this next semester,” said Martin.

Evidently on the backfoot, the likely addition of two dispatchers and one officer will still leave the UPD understaffed. Lack of officers means that there is often just one officer on duty. In anticipation of the rapidly expanding new polytechnic university, the UPD will be hiring another sergeant and a couple more officers.

“That process is just getting started,” Martin said. “So I expect that some of them will start mid [fall] semester at some point.”

Regarding the massive influx of students coming to Arcata for the fall semester, Martin is confident that the department will be ready.

“Our staff is incredible. You can tell by the hours people put in and the heart that they give to this department,” Martin said before adding, “It would be a little more comfortable if we had more people though.”

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“Why did [she] say ‘all men to the back?’” said Williams. “It was one of those moments where you’re just kind of sitting in the room, and it’s like, it’s awkward.”

Student A, who decided to stay anonymous for fear of retaliation, also faces transphobia from Maxwell. Student A uses they/them pronouns, yet Maxwell continues to use he/him, even though she did not know them when they used different pronouns.

“My name, my gender, and my pronouns are my identity,” Student A said. “[Maxwell] not being able to say something as simple as my correct name and pronouns makes it discouraging to talk to [her,] gather information, and get help.”

Student A said that Maxwell has consistently misgendered students for multiple semesters, and eventually, it is just easier to say nothing than correct her.

“As annoying as it is to listen to your professor call you by the wrong pronouns, personally sometimes it’s easier, even though it sucks, to go by misgendering than say it out loud and have all the attention go onto you,”

Student A said. “It is just discouraging and sucks in general to have to sacrifice your comfortability.”

Student B, who is also staying anonymous for fear of retaliation, finds it exhausting to continuously have their friends and peers misgendered.

“Being constantly misgendered in a program that is supposed to be uplifting is really hard,” Student B said.

Williams filed a Title IX complaint against Maxwell about her misgendering of students, but was told by Title IX Coordinator David Hickcox that Maxwell’s behavior isn’t out of spite. Hickcox argued that because Maxwell is older, Title IX couldn’t do anything about it other than have a conversation with Maxwell.

Maxwell noted age as being a factor, and said it’s been a learning curve to learn new pronouns, even though the campus has made a push for inclusivity.

“It is a habit of a lot of years of teaching of not having these pronouns,” Maxwell said. “I always try to apologize if I’ve messed up...but absolutely I have total respect for people who want to go by different pronouns and whatever is important to them.”

She struggles to verbalize her apologies correctly, and insists that her in-

tention was never to offend anyone.

“I am trying my best, I am always trying to improve. I have no intention of wanting to disrespect students. I have been in education for over 50 years,” Maxwell said. The use of incorrect pronouns is a learning curve.”

Student B thinks that the times demand better, especially with Cal Poly Humboldt being a seemingly inclusive campus and priding itself on that, professors, faculty, administration and

staff should reflect that.

“Fix the way you teach, or retire,” Student B said.

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“[Student Workers are] a pretty significant part of the workforce that keeps this campus running, or the system running,” Green said. “And they don’t get treated with a lot of respect. They get abused, and they have no voice at all in their working conditions.”

Chaidez thinks that better parking infrastructure for student workers would be a good first step, either with subsidized/discounted parking passes or reserved spaces.

Another concern for Chaidez is the weekly hours caps for student workers.

“A lot of students are cut off at 6 or 7 hours a week,” Chaidez said. “And that’s not really working for a lot of people.”

Many student assistants and employees are paid minimum wage, and at 6 or 7 hours a week, this forces them to supplement with second or even third jobs to make ends meet. More jobs means less time for students to study, let alone relax.

Some CSU student workers are even paid less than the minimum wage in their area. This is because the CSU only pays state-wide minimum wage as a state-wide organization, as reported by CalMatters.

If the board approves this request, workers at CSU universities will have the opportunity to organize, something which is automatically given to

non-student workers.

“It’s kinda a new thing for students to have a union on campuses,” Chaidez said.

Other universities and university systems have had high-profile unionization processes recently, including the University of Oregon and the UC system, according to Green. If the request to unionize at the CSU is approved and the students vote to unionize, the resulting organization would be the largest student employee union.

“Generally, the PERB is pretty worker-friendly,” Green said. “I think we have a pretty good case, that we’ve submitted a sufficient amount of legitimate signatures.”

In the meantime, advocates continue to gather support, hoping to apply pressure to the PERB.

Student workers who wish to join the unionization effort can contact the CSUEU to sign a union card, and to add their signature to the PERB petition.

“You don’t want to assume these things, so we’re still gathering more signatures,” Green said.

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Dinner at Gabriel’s Italian Restaurant: Review

by Maranda Vargas

On a recent visit to Old Town Eureka, my spouse and I decided to dine at the local Italian restaurant, Gabriel’s. The restaurant is nestled in one of the many historic buildings in that area. Once we walked in the tall doorway, we were greeted by a smiling host and promptly seated in the upstairs dining room.

Once seated our server took our beverage order, we chose a Humboldt Cider and craft martini. We were seated along a balcony overlooking the lower dining room, where there was a steady flow of people arriving with reservations. Delicious smells wafted up to us from the dining room below, teasing our senses with a garlic scented deliciousness. When the server returned, we both ordered a dish served with fresh pasta. For myself it was the classic Spaghetti and Meatballs (\$26). My dining partner ordered the Clams and

Linguine (\$28) tossed in a light Alfredo sauce served with lemon wedges.

We both enjoyed the bread that was served with olive oil and balsamic vinegar. When there was just one square of bread left on the table, we heard a sudden ding as we turned to see what made the chime. The server slid it open the door to a dumbwaiter and took out our steaming plates. The server promptly delivered our plates, ground fresh parmesan on top of my spaghetti and disappeared to let us enjoy our meal.

The Linguini and Clams looked amazing, and my dining partner raved about them long after the meal was done. The food was delicious, every bite was a culinary delight. Both my partner and I are excited to return to try more.. If you’re in the mood for authentic Italian cuisine, Gabriel’s is the place to be.



Photo by Maranda Vargas | A plate of Spaghetti and Meatballs at Gabriel’s.

Hometown heroes celebrated in Rhododendron Parade

by Andres Felix Romero

Crowded together on all sides of Henderson and C street sidewalks in Eureka, local Humboldt residents excitedly waited for the 2023 Rhododendron Parade to commence. When the clock struck 10:00 AM, the Eureka branch of the fraternal organization Native Sons of the Golden West presented the American flag for the National Anthem, sung by Taylee Mullins on the announcers’ stage. Following the presentation, 62 different organizations in the local area paraded through the streets of Eureka beginning at 7th and E streets.

The annual community gathering was held on Saturday, April 29, and was organized by various organizations from Humboldt County, primarily the Old Town Eureka Rotary Club. They’ve been involved with the Rhododendron Parade for at least 30 years, and have been the primary organizers of the annual celebration for the past decade. Old Town Rotary Club President Amanda Moxon takes pride in her organization’s involvement with the community event, especially bringing back the Parade post-COVID.

“Last year was the first year [after the pandemic],” Moxon said. “We’re getting back to our pre-COVID activity. It’s just so good to see everybody out and volunteering their time to make [the parade] happen.”

The Grand Marshal of the parade is a notable person who rides in an open car in the front of the parade to honor them. This year’s Grand Marshall was owner of Shafer’s Ace Hardware, Jack Reike, along with his wife Michele Reike.

“I’m super proud of my husband,” Michele Reike said while preparing for the parade to begin. “We’re excited to be here and involved in this longtime community event.”

The Reikes led the parade in their crimson red 2013 60th Anniversary Corvette along with their grandchildren tossing toys to the crowd. When asked about how he became Grand Marshal, Reike remained humble.

“Just years of helping out in the community,” Jack Reike said, smiling at his Corvette. “I really appreciate [Rotary] asking me.”

The Reike’s appointment to Grand Marshal follows the Rhododendron Parade’s 2023 theme of Hometown He-

roes, celebrating individuals like the Reikes who have spent years in service to the community. There were a plethora of other people participating in the parade that supported the communities. Organizations ranging from the children’s service group the Shriner’s to emergency responders such as emergency medical technicians (EMTs).

Paige Hannemann is an EMT with City Ambulance of Eureka. She along with her team were ecstatic to interact with the Humboldt community in a positive way.

“We’re excited to see the community in a better light than we normally do,” Hannemann said. “We see people in the worst days of their lives. It’s nice to see them on their good days and when they’re happy.”

Other local heroes were present that provide sanctuary to those in need for those who walk on more than two feet such as Sequoia Humane Society, a no-kill shelter. They were being led in part by Tracy Lizento, a volunteer present with her own rescue, 16 year-old precious. Lizento was happy to be at the parade to represent pets in need, and to educate the community on proper care.

“We’re excited to be here and to show our animals,” Lizento said. And to let everyone know they need to neuter their pets.”

There was no shortage of the variety of methods the parade participants used to mobilize themselves throughout the Eureka streets. There were riders in horse-drawn carriages, motorized trolleys, an appearance by Smokey the Bear in a Forestry truck, a variety of vintage vehicles including VW Buses, and of course the classic method of human transportation was reserved for the marching bands, walking.

The Rhododendron Parade also marks the final performance of the semester for the Cal Poly Humboldt’s marching band, The Marching Lumberjacks. Brand new band member Sammie Malcom led the Marching Lumberjacks as their Axe Major.

“This is my first year,” Malcolm said while reflecting before the parade. “Now I’m leading it which is pretty crazy.”

General Manager Chris Perez was proud to continue the Marching Lumberjack’s participation in the parade fol-

lowing the University’s transition to Cal Poly Humboldt and to serve an important role in the celebration.

“It’s been tradition,” Perez said. “We’ve been doing this since we were Humboldt State. [Marching Lumberjacks] gets the last position of the parade because we’re the anchor”

Mellophone player Michael Caban enjoyed being able to play one last time with graduating seniors, and having his last performance of the year be with an interactive crowd and great bandmates.

“It’s always fun performing with the Lumberjacks,” Caban said. “And this wasn’t the exception. We’re an energetic group.”



Photo by Alex Anderson | Marching Lumberjacks march past the Rhododendron Parade stage in celebration of hometown hero’s.

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- **The Depot’s VedgeCraft** is now offering fresh made-to-order fruit smoothies.
- As we look to the year ahead, Humboldt Dining worked closely with the university for meal plan pricing for the 2023-2024 academic year. Those rates can be found at www.dineoncampus.com/calpolyhumboldt
- Meal Exchange will be offered at **Bigfoot Burgers, Humboldt Street Subs & Urban Revolution in College Creek Marketplace, Marketplace Café, VedgeCraft & Kinetic Koffee** in the Depot, and the Library Café.

We are focused on continuing to provide a valuable dining experience for the Cal Poly Humboldt campus community rooted in feedback. You can share your thoughts and suggestions by visiting <https://dineoncampus.com/calpolyhumboldt/contact--feedback>



Photo by Alex Anderson | A line of classic cars slowly strolling down H St. for the Eureka Rhododendron Parade on April 29.

Humboldt softball finishes season with home win

by Jake Knoeller

Cal Poly Humboldt’s softball season came to an end on Saturday, with them splitting back-to-back doubleheaders this weekend at the Humboldt Softball Field against Monterey Bay.

It was Humboldt’s first time playing on their own home field this season. They were playing at Bear River Sports Complex in Loleta for most of the year due to excessive rain being an issue for the grass field on campus.

“It was really nice to finally be able to play on our home field,” said sophomore pitcher Gaige Garcia. “While we are very fortunate to have a backup field, nothing beats playing at home.”

Friday started off well for the Lumberjacks, with an impressive 3-0 win. In this game Micaela Harris was the star of the show, with a home run that batted in two runs and gave the Jacks a comfortable lead. Harris also had two hits, as did Izzy Starr.

In the second game of the day, Humboldt held Monterey Bay scoreless for another three innings, but in the fourth they gave up a run. Two more runs in later innings allowed Monterey Bay to cruise to a 3-0 win.

Saturday got off to another great start, with the Lumberjacks scoring in the first inning of the first game. However, this game got out of their control quickly, with Monterey Bay scoring 11 times in the next three innings, eventu-

ally cruising to a 12-4 win.

Despite the loss, Katlyn Gifford had a standout performance, with one run, two hits, and three RBI (runs batted in). Harris and Tessa Poirier had one hit and one run each in this game.

Even after such a humbling game, the Jacks were able to redeem themselves in the next one. It took until the fifth inning, with Monterey Bay leading the second game 1-0, when Humboldt suddenly exploded with five back-to-back runs, and one more in the sixth inning to win 6-1.

In the win, Harris had another great

showing, with two runs and three hits. Gifford and Starr, along with Shelby Shanks, who had one run and one hit each in this game. Starr had one RBI as well.

“We ended on a high note,” said Garcia. “Everything from defense, to pitching, to hitting, to the energy in the dugout was great.”

Although Humboldt narrowly missed the postseason this year, the way they performed this season was undoubtedly a step up from 2022. Their final conference record of 14-20 makes their 7-29 record from last year

seem like a very long time ago.

“This season, our team practiced and conditioned really hard in the fall, and worked together to improve our team chemistry,” said sophomore catcher and outfielder Julia Rivera.

A strength for the Lumberjacks this season was definitely their home form. In a conference where home games seems to be crucial for picking up wins, Humboldt has a 15-9 record at home, often giving their fans reason to celebrate and look forward to watching them take the field.

In the end, the Jacks finished eighth out of ten teams in the conference, where the top six teams made the postseason.

“I think we proved the conference wrong this year, since we were expected to place dead last,” said Rivera.

Humboldt only has four seniors on this team, therefore a lot of the athletes will be returning. They have an opportunity to take another step forward next season.

“All of the returning players are amazing athletes who work hard every single day on and off the field,” said Garcia. “Next year our goal is to make it to the CCAA tournament and get some wins for Cal Poly Humboldt.”



Photo courtesy of Max Tepper/Humboldt Athletics | The Humboldt softball team celebrates as a group.

SCIENCE

Old growth and new chair in the Forestry department

by Andrés Felix Roméro

Sitting at his office desk, surrounded by his works of landscape paintings, Department Chair for Forestry, Wildlife and Rangeland Management Dr. David Greene reflects on his career in academia, describing himself as a dying breed of professor.

“This amusing image of someone so lost in deep thought that they trip over a log and break their glasses,” Greene said, “that’s the eccentric Professor Einsteins type. I’m the last one.”

Greene has been the Department Chair since 2014, following a 25-year long career at Concordia University in Montreal. Greene joked that one of the pull factors to California was when he shivered through a Canadian winter colder than the surface temperature of Mars. Greene will be stepping down from the Department Chair position, effective the end of the spring semester. As his time in this position comes to an end, Greene ponders the successes the Forestry department has seen under his leadership of nine years

“As Chair, I shouldn’t be vain,” Greene said. “I shouldn’t say these are the things I’m proud of. I should say instead these are the things we did together.”

In particular, Greene is proud of working alongside the Forestry department on projects such as the implementation of the Tribal Forestry

Concentration and advancing the Fire Science Major alongside Professor Jeffery Kane. He also enjoyed seeing cohesiveness of his students and faculty within the department, as evidenced by the positive reviews from students in their course evaluations.

Dean of the College of Natural Resources and Sciences Dr. Eric Riggs commends Greene for leading the department through difficulties such as the pandemic.

“David has been seriously active in this space and shepherded the department through some pretty difficult years,” said Riggs. “[Greene] had to suffer enrollment declines and budget cuts. Anybody who has been responsible for departmental leadership through [COVID] has had a lot of really tough challenges.”

Greene wishes to step down from his position to spend more time teaching, working with Forestry students on their masters degrees and researching vegetation and habitat regeneration in landscapes following the event of a wildfire.

“Being department head, it becomes very routinized,” Greene said. “You teach more or less the same courses, you tinker with power points, you do this and that, but you’re not really putting that much time into [teaching and research]. I only teach one class a year,

and 70 percent of students I don’t actually get to meet.”

Greene hopes to spend his free time developing his craft in his hobby of painting, particularly nature landscapes on canvases. Greene cites Professor Megan Atherton with sparking a passion for the artform, with him following a class with her the semester before the pandemic. He has been painting through the pandemic and now has dozens of pieces to his name.

Riggs is looking forward to the rotation of Department Chair. As Chair, Dr. Erin Kelly will be assuming the position from within the Forestry Department. Riggs is excited for Kelly’s appointment because of her background in social science, her ties to groups such as the Society of American Foresters and overall bringing a fresh perspective to the department.

“Kelly brings a strong understanding into how Forestry plays into different communities,” said Riggs. “I think it matters to put a female voice forward in Forestry, which is often very much a male dominated discipline.”

Kelly is set to assume the role of Chair beginning of August 2023, and is aware of the challenges that come with the position.

“I think a lot of people dread being Department Chair,” Kelly said. “Chairs have to do a lot of paperwork and represent the interests of their department to the university.”

Kelly has been teaching at Cal Poly Humboldt for over 10 years and is currently a Professor of Forestry. Kelly’s research primarily focuses on the relationship between humans and the forest, particularly long term impacts and changes socially, culturally, politically and economically. In her free time, Kelly enjoys keeping herself on wheels. She can be found on her bike or competing in Roller Derbies in her free time and is currently nursing a dislocated finger from a recent match.

Kelly was inspired to take up the Chair position to work with the Forestry community at large as the face of the department. She hopes to help launch more environmentally sound students into careers within Forestry post-graduation.

“We have this huge external community that we work with,” Kelly said. “Federal agencies, industrial landowners, nonindustrial landowners, conservation groups. These external groups, they really value our students.”



Photo by Andrés Felix Roméro| Dr. Erin Kelly in her office next to a painting gifted to her by Dr. David Greene.

Kelly feels like it’s a great time to assume the position of chair, especially as the department is experiencing growth amidst the Cal Poly transition.

“We’re growing,” Kelly said. “A lot of my time here, we’ve been in a budget crisis and we’ve been shrinking. We’ve been told that we can’t think about new things, new classes, new programs. Now it’s like, ‘okay, you can think about these things.’ I think it’s a good time to be a department chair.”

Kelly shares a vision for the department with Riggs, which revolves around making the Forestry, Fire and Wildlife department and fields as welcoming for any and all potential students.

“I think that forestry is a really cool place if you can find your community here,” Kelly said. “I would like to be seen as a department where people with really diverse backgrounds can come and feel at home.”



Photo by Andrés Felix Roméro | Some of Dr. David Greene’s paintings in his office.

I’m tired of ‘sustainability’

by Emma Sjostrom

I see it almost everywhere – for nearly everything I buy, there’s a product that is packaged in some sort of brown paper or clear plastic container, with green-colored words saying something like “eco-friendly” or “all natural.” While the thought that more people are willing to buy sustainable-minded products is nice, a majority of these claims are mostly bogus. I see them as nothing more than huge, carbon-producing and trash-making companies looking to capitalize on growing consumer demand with fancy buzzwords and aesthetically pleasing packaging.

Sadly, a majority of these claims of environmental responsibility are nothing more than greenwashing; companies trying to appeal to consumers without actually providing any proof of sustainability, or doing the complete opposite of what they claim to value.

A few years ago, H&M launched their “Conscious Collection,” making claims that their new line of clothes offers recycled materials, are less resource intensive and are ethically made. Not only were these claims vague and had given little actual evidence, I find it difficult to believe that a huge company in the fast fashion industry – one of the largest polluting industries – would actually be doing all that good for the environment. Even if the line was found to be truly sustainable, what about all the rest of H&M’s clothing that they produce? It’s no surprise to me that the company has seen numerous lawsuits over the years about their claims.

On top of being fed unsubstantiated promises, I’m simply tired of the notion that it is all on us individuals to achieve sustainability. It’s like we can never escape the endless lecturing for us people to calculate our carbon footprint and to do our part to save the planet. Meanwhile giant companies get to endlessly extract and pollute.


Some companies even go so far as to make apps to help people track their CO2 emissions. Back in 2020, Launchpad announced their new VYVE app, which allows people to directly calculate how much emissions their travels create. Who is Launchpad you may ask? It’s a subsidiary of none other than BP, one of the world’s largest oil and gas companies.

BP, like other major oil companies, have launched campaigns claiming to focus on sustainability, some even going as far as to say that they’re working towards a “low carbon future.” These campaigns essentially make appealing claims while ignoring the elephant in the room. These companies promote their false narrative of sustainability, meanwhile continuing to profit off mass resource extraction that is the largest contributor to ecological destruction.

On top of simply spreading misleading information about themselves, these companies are doing even more harm to people and the environment. While working to make themselves look good to an increasing amount of people concerned about the environment, they are continuing their irresponsible practices. It’s simply exhausting.



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JASMIN'S CORNER

I feel so trapped by my situation-ship turned friendship. I haven't really dated anyone since the situationship ended and I just still feel really stuck by it. What should I do?

Man, my heart hurts for you. This is one of the top ten worst places to be in, right next to finding out your last hookup gave you an STI. I can see you're trying to play the long game; wait it out, maybe they'll change their mind a few years down the line – yada, yada, yada. Mind you, patience is a virtue and sometimes things work out exactly how you want them to. Being patient shouldn't come at the cost of your sanity, though.


I'm friends with a lot of my past situationships and exes. By friends, I mean they watch my stories on Instagram, some bold enough to leave a like or the fire emoji. That being said, you can't be friends with all your former lovers. I've always wanted to be the kind of person that can leave a situation before it's fully dead, and that is 100% what I recommend for you, but I get how hard it is to leave something that you really want to work out.

Honestly, you can just stay delusional and see what happens – that has literally always worked out for me. At the end of the day, you can always rely on them to be the most loyal viewer of your story. Maybe one day they'll slide up with the fire emoji.



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NEVER ENOUGH: Album Review

by Jake Knoeller

R&B artist Daniel Caesar has made his return to the music industry in style. In April 2022, he released a breathtaking single titled “Please Do Not Lean,” featuring BADBADNOTGOOD.

This song was just a reminder of how good Daniel Caesar can be. I personally consider “Freudian,” his first studio album, to be one of the greatest albums of all time. When I found out Caesar had a new album coming out on April 7 of 2023, I had high hopes.

I was not disappointed. The album clocks out at about 54 minutes, which is not too long. I was left in disbelief at how amazing it was.

“Ocho Rios”

It’s not often that an opener of an album is my favorite song, but this album kicks off with an absolute fiery ballad. This is one of the best songs released this year. The lyrics are some of his most vulnerable to date. The drum patterns mixed with the guitar solo make this track otherworldly.

“Valentina”

Caesar gets a bit more smooth on this song. I just know people are calling it “a vibe.” It’s perfect for a sunny day and not sugary enough to be annoying at all. The track just feels like summer.

“Toronto 2014”

This is what many people would call a comfort song, with some relaxing production and beautiful singing from feature artist Mustafa. “I can hear the bells ringing, reminding us why we’re still here singing,” is a standout line throughout the track.

“Let Me Go”

Probably the most cathartic song on “NEVER ENOUGH,” with heartfelt lyrics about a relationship that has reached its end. Caesar sings “Baby, won’t you let me go,” on a high-pitched hook that will make you levitate when you sing along to it. This track hurts, but in the best way. Look at Caesar making heartbreak fun again.

“Do You Like Me?”

Capturing a not-so-unique situation, Caesar doesn’t know if the woman he likes has good intentions. “Guess we’ll find out, guess we’ll wait and see,” Caesar sings over more top tier production.

“Always”

The typical love song about always being there for someone who you aren’t together with anymore, and the outro will give you goosebumps. It’s just another example of Daniel Caesar making a song that ensures listeners will feel something.

“Cool”

This track is much more quiet, but still gets its point across with an atmo-

spheric sound and a soft piano instrumental.

“Disillusioned”

The second song on the album to bring a feature, and guest artist serpentwithfeet does not disappoint. The song is groovy with an overall good vibe. It’s nice to have a song that just makes you smile on an album with a lot of emotions.

“Buyer’s Remorse”

This song doesn’t do much for me, even though I love seeing Daniel and Omar Apollo on a song together. It’s hard to describe this song because there’s just not a lot going on, but it’s not bad.

“Shot My Baby”

Kind of absurd. Caesar decided to write about killing his lover, and as if that wasn’t enough, the man she was cheating with too. He channeled his inner SZA on this one. “I caught my lady being untrue, oh what was I supposed to do,” Daniel sings. Guest vocals from Justin Skye and a strangely muffled guitar solo make this song a fun listen though.

“Pain Is Inevitable”

I really connected with this one on the first listen of the album. It starts off with quality strings with crisp vocals on a nice beat, but the breakdown is where the song really gets good. The arrangement of noises midway through the song is very hard to explain, but it’s another song that makes you float to outer space. The acoustic ending with the soft vocals adds a nice touch.

“Homiesexual”

The transition into the next song is smoother than Jack Harlow talking to a woman he likes. The name of the song is strange to say the least, but that doesn’t change how catchy it is. Ty Dolla \$ign is featured on the track, which is a surefire way to make it even better.

“Vince Van Gogh” and “Superpowers,”

These are the two songs I consider skips on the album, both being perplexing to listen to both in terms of the production and Caesar’s lyrics.

“Unstoppable”

The final track takes the quality back up again. It feels like a fitting closer to a sensational album.

In my opinion, the album is nearly flawless. If you haven’t given it a listen, I think you should. There’s something for everyone, unless you just don’t have good music taste.

If people weren’t talking about Daniel Caesar alongside modern R&B legends such as Frank Ocean and The Weeknd, now would be the time to start.



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Job Rejection and Mental Health

by Lidia Grande-Ruiz


The job market is scary; it’s full of amazing opportunities but also full of rejections. We all feel the pressure of not just wanting to succeed, but also the pressure of not being a failure. Especially for someone still in college or about to graduate, this world of uncertainty can trigger a lot of emotional toll.

I, like many others, have applied to about three hundred jobs and internships combined and been rejected over one hundred times. It has taken a huge toll on me mentally because once I see an email that begins with, “Thank you for your time... we will be moving on to someone who has better qualifications...” It makes me wonder, what is wrong with me? It makes me wonder if my major, or even starting college, was the right decision for me.

Being a film major, I feel the immense pressure of trying to better myself in a field where it’s highly competitive and seems almost impossible to land a job, let alone an unpaid internship. When I get rejection emails, especially for a position in which I was told I was a top candidate and then get

either ghosted or rejected later, I take it personally. It’s not a healthy habit; I start to question if my major was worth it. Is being a film major really making me happy? Am I going to end up homeless? So many of these and more questions run through my head.

I don’t regret being a creative person. I don’t regret my choice of choosing a path in film, but that also does not mean I don’t feel the weight of the world on my shoulders. Being first generation, the pressure is always there. I have lost count of the many job applications sent and rejections I have received. So many tears and screams just for an opportunity. I am very thankful to have such an amazing support system that pulls me out when I am too in deep with my thoughts. I myself have this quote that goes, “Without experiencing criticism and rejection in life, it would be impossible to grow or improve yourself.” If someone rejects me for a job or internship, I keep telling myself that another door will open. It will happen!




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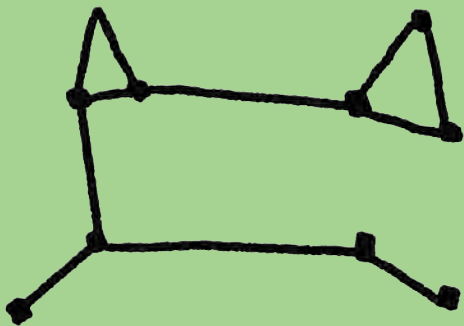
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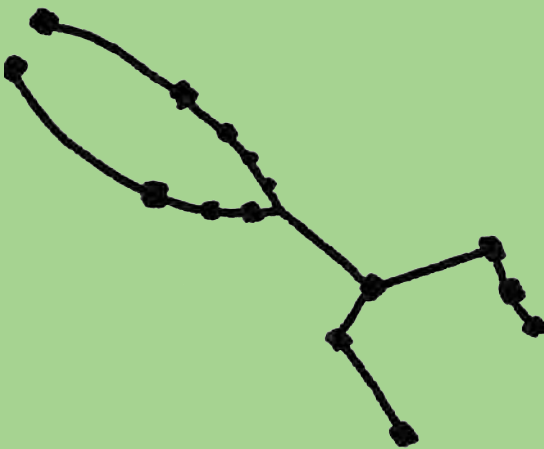
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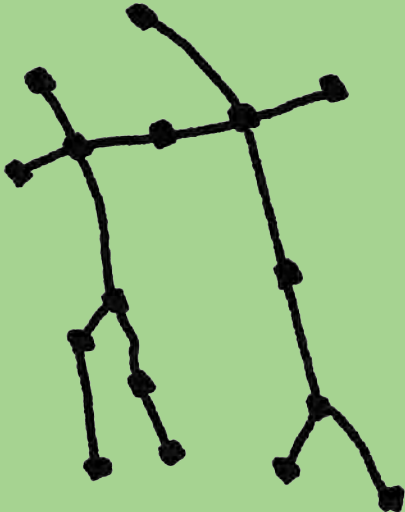
Aries

You deserve to relax this summer after micro-managing every single one of your loved ones and acquaintances this spring. Just remember nobody cares you're spending three months away from school at some unpaid internship you can't help but post about on your Instagram story. Get out and enjoy the sunshine on your fat head.



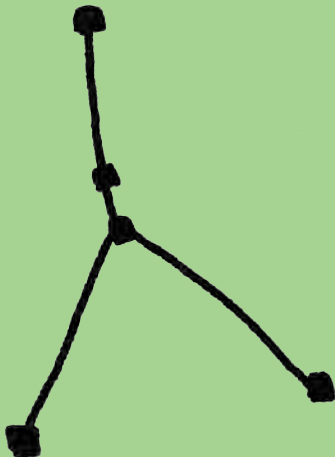
Taurus

You've been telling everyone that summer is going to be your time to shine since February. I hope you know you actually have to implement change to reap the rewards. A hot girl trip to Cancun isn't going to fall into your lap. Start hustling. May I recommend Feetfinder.com?



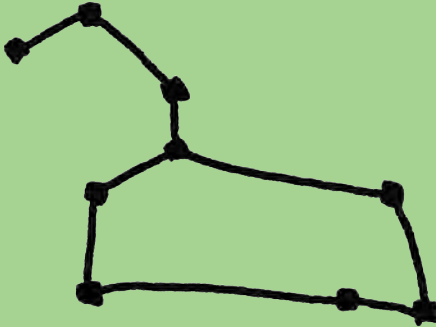
Gemini

I only ask you not to spend your summer pining after your Spring semester hottie. They may know how to throw you around in bed but don't own a car. Who's gonna take you to all your fun river trips this summer? Find a new bae or this summer will not slay.



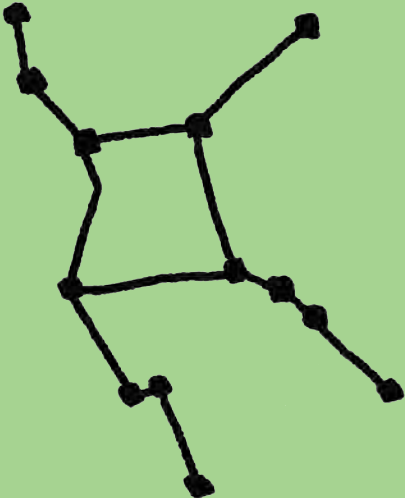
Cancer

Venus is moving into Cancer at the end of this month—time to evaluate your home and relationships. You may be finding yourself with some nice pieces of ass these next few months if you play your cards right. All the college baseball players are coming up to join the Humboldt Crabs roster this summer. Take your pick. Tinder is about to get fire.



Leo

Prepare to be spoiled this summer, Leo. I'm talking shots on the house and groupies. Just be careful with spending your money, both on yourself and your hoes. People are definitely not relying on you to bring the uppers to parties.



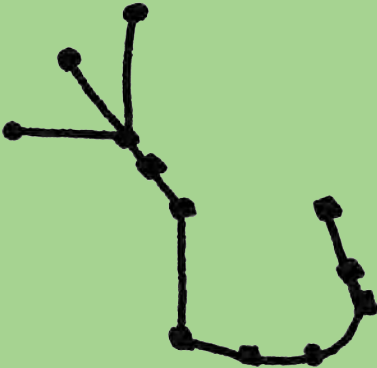
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Enjoy your summer away from being the emotional burden of your friend group. Maybe this summer they'll start inviting you to things.



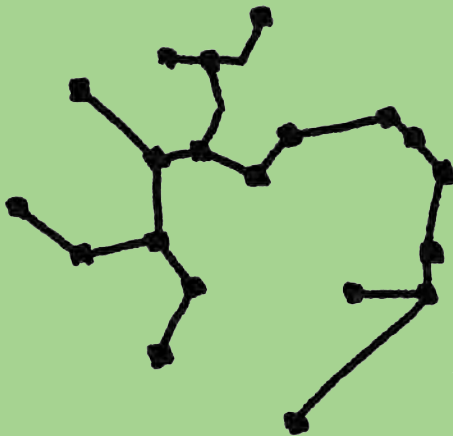
Libra

As the temperature rises your emotional maturity dips. Don't throw too many temper tantrums this summer or you might overheat. Also maybe don't wear sandals out too much you might hurt your feet when you stomp them so much.



Scorpio

Dip your toes in the water this summer you hard exterior scorpions. Try something new like a Midori Sour or actually not giving your unsolicited opinion every three seconds. Do that and you'll actually start getting invited places.



Saggitarius

You have had your fair share of black-out summers. Maybe it's time to take it slow in the summer of 2023. Starting with a job application and a debit card not under your parents' name. You probably think you sound soooo cool adding everyone's drinks to your tabs but everyone knows that's coming straight from mommy's pockets.



Capricorn

I don't know what to tell you. Wear as little clothes as possible and lose your inhibitions. Summer is always fun under those terms. No shrooms. If your third eye was that open you wouldn't have to talk about it all the time.



Aquarius

Another summer to fill your time with a three-month fling before you lose interest and ghost. Aren't you tired of your years being taken up with awkward situationships and mile-long phone contact lists? You love happy hour though, woohoo!



Pisces

You're bordering on neurotic. The fantasies you create of the people closest to you that treat you terribly are starting to blur your everyday decisions. Seek some help and do not plan that vacation. You may need to take another with a straight jacket if you continue this.