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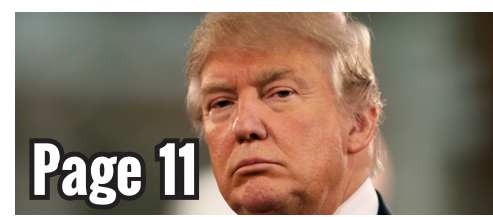
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## Coming home to Humboldt



Cars line Granite Avenue near sundown on the outskirts of HSU's campus. | Race Blackwell

by The class of Journalism 480

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### Moving in

Porché Reith enrolled in Humboldt State University to study kinesiology. Hoping to spend her time learning how to mend broken bodies, Reith spent her first two weeks in Arcata scrubbing the stench out of a cigarette smoke infused carpet. Stepping outside and the deck is no better.

"There is a lot of wood rot and when we arrived here there were mushrooms growing up out of the deck," Reith said.

Her landlord attempted resolve the rotting wood by laying a series of plywood planks across the damage.

"As expected, those now are also rotting and adding to the smell," Reith said.

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A heater, that hasn't produced warmth since Reith moved in, sits attached to the wall with no function.

"I wrap in 4 to 8 blankets at night, and just try to stay warm," Reith said.

Stained walls, water damage, and mold are all too common roommates for many of HSU's students living off campus.

Humboldt State University is not directly responsible for the housing security of its students. However, HSU does have an interest in securing more properties for its students to stay.

Melissa Miranda rents a house on Granite Avenue with two other students. Granite Avenue is a stretch neighboring the freshman dormitories and is typically home to dozens of students every year. One morning in early October, Miranda received a call from her landlord.

"HSU is buying the house and they are going to come inspect it," the landlord said.

## Writing to Pelican Bay inmates

by Sue Vuna

Tania Mejia's mind was not in the classroom, it was looming in the dark and cold prison cells of the men she writes to behind bars. Students scurried through the rain to get to class as Mejia sat transfixed on a bench outside of the library. Her cheeks were wet from the tears she could not hold back as she talked about the often forgotten stories of people behind bars. These stories are afforded a rare chance of being heard through the outpour of letters she receives from being a prison pen pal.

Thousands of men are caged in stark concrete boxes for up to 23-hours a day two hours away from Humboldt State, at Pelican Bay State Prison (PBSP). Inmate Gilberto Garcia wrote that the stench of corruption is so foul that even the pelicans refuse to land. The close proximity of a maximum security prison to an institution of higher education that pledges social justice and environmental awareness has fostered some communication between prisoners and individuals in the HSU community. For Mejia, a communications major at HSU, it's penpalling with over 80 inmates across 20 different states. For Sharon Fennell, it's the sultry sounds of deep soul and smooth R&B that connects her to the prisoners at Pelican Bay. Fennell is better known to inmates as the familiar voice of Sista Soul, host of 'Sista's Place' on KHSU for the last 35 years. The music of Marvin Gaye and The Temptations set the background for discussions about different aspects of prison reform and dedications from loved ones on the outside to inmates at Pelican Bay. In a letter to the Lumberjack, PBSP inmate William Hopeau wrote:

"Yes, your school is full of activists but if it wasn't for Sista Soul on KHSU no one would know this place exists," Hopeau wrote. "She has truly helped spread word of the struggle to make changes and shut down the SHU (Solitary Housing Unit)."

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## Safe, warm, and dry

by Tina Sampay

On Thursday Nov. 3, 2016, the city of Eureka ended its overnight sleeping program for the homeless without any prior notice. The homeless were "evicted" from the city designated camp site and threatened with tickets and fines. This means that currently there are no legal places for the homeless to sleep. This only adds to the plight of the homeless population in Eureka and Arcata.

Homelessness in Humboldt County is becoming an increasing issue due largely to the fact that a lot of the mental health services and resources for the elderly and disabled continue to dwindle. These might be the factors that aided in Eureka city council declaring a shelter crisis for the city of Eureka.

"There are several hundred people for whom there is nothing. They don't qualify for any of the programs, they don't have services and they don't have resources," said Nezzie Wade who is the president of Affordable Homeless Housing Alternatives (AHHA).

There are shelters in Arcata and Eureka in addition to non profit organizations and community members who are dedicated in

providing food, shelter and resources to the homeless population.

To gain access to the main shelter in Eureka, you are not allowed to bring your belongings. Homeless people are forced to part with their pets and cherished items for a temporary place indoors to rest the night.

There is an overall lack of rehabilitation services that will give those who have been homeless for years the ability to successfully transition into a home and not fall back into the cycle of homelessness.

"A lot of people who are homeless have serious mental health issues," Wade said. "We want to provide spaces where they are safe, warm, dry and free from interactions from law enforcement."

AHHA understands that those who are homeless and have been for years, need help that is based upon a continuum--small steps towards the ultimate goal which is getting the homeless person within their own home. It is important to note that those who are homeless may need to be reintroduced to the ways of maintaining a home after surviving outdoors for years.

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## Mr. Burgundy and Grey



Samuel Barragan speaks into a microphone on behalf of Lambda Theta Phi. | Jared Funk

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# Lumberjack bulletin

by Iridian Casarez

## Local

### Armed robbery in Trinidad

HSU student Aubrey Emiko Ross allegedly robbed Cher-Ae-Heights casino in Trinidad November 17. Ross walked into the casino dressed in all black, flashed a handgun and demanded money. On November 18, Ross voluntarily walked into the sheriff's department to speak with detectives and was arrested for robbery.

### Public safety

The Arcata City Council is set to meet on December 7 to further discuss a public safety task force. The task force will only be created for a year because it is defined as a temporary committee created by the council for specific purposes.

## U.S. News

### Deadly blaze

A fire broke out in a warehouse at a late night electronic music party in Oakland, California Friday, December 2. The death toll has risen to 33.

### NDAP

The National Guard announced that it would not allow the North Dakota pipeline to be drilled through the Standing Rock reservation in North Dakota.

## International News

### Showdown across the pond

The British government is set to begin its legal battle with the supreme court as to who has the power to trigger the formal process of leaving the European Union.

### Vacancy in the old country

Italian prime minister Matteo Renzi resigns after voters rejected his constitutional reforms on December 4.

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## Mental Health Week at HSU

by Iridian Casarez

The Peer Health Educators took to the quad to give students free fruit to put in their water bottles as part of their Mental Health week.

Paola Hortalueza is a fourth year marine biology major who works in the Peer Health Education office. Hortalueza was helping with the booth.

"We're giving out vitamin C, energy and fruit that hydrates," Hortalueza said. "We understand that this week is going to be stressful so we're doing these workshops as a way to make students de-stress."

The Peer Health Education office is offering free workshops on how to de-stress throughout the week. The workshops include make your own bath bombs, stress less pleasure and DIY tea blends.

Cali Dorsh is a senior critical race and gender studies major and a second year peer health educator. Dorsh will be coordinating a tea



Peer Health educators on the UC quad giving students free fruits and vitamin C packets. | Iridian Casarez

blending workshop for Mental Health Week.

The workshop will focus on how to make tea that they could make themselves.

"Students will realized

especially with the Co-op being so close that it's accessible to them where they can make their own tea for their wellness," Dorsh said. "It's a good way to offer students different options for self-care."

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## Students struggle to secure adequate housing

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“HSU is buying the house and they are going to come inspect it,” the landlord said.

Miranda and her two other roommates have had to show Real estate agents from Ming Tree and environmental consultants from SHN their home while the parties inspect the home on behalf of the school.

“They have come to the house three times so far, two last week and once more on Monday,” Miranda said.

The group of students are not on any kind of official lease. They send in all of their rent money straight to the landlord. But that could all be changing as HSU will be renting to the students through a third party real estate manager.

Over the last 10 years HSU and other departments under the umbrella of HSU have purchased eight different properties.

Traci Ferdolage, associate vice president of facilities management at HSU, said the buying up of property is apart of HSU’s master plan. Specifically, the master plan calls for HSU to buy up the entire stretch of Granite Avenue.

### Far from home

HSU cannot buy every property in Humboldt, nor can it buy enough for all its students. For

criminology major Liz Halstead, relief was the dominant emotion when she landed a place at Azalea Gardens in Mckinleyville.

The lease to her previous place on Union Street in Arcata expired three weeks before she got her security deposit back. Upon setting up camp at her new place, Halstead quickly realized she was far from home.

“It was just a bad neighborhood,” Halstead said.

A couple in the apartment below hers constantly fought.

“I had to call the cops on them a few times actually,” she said.

The man who lived in the apartment next door often screamed and banged on things. “There were people always coming around that were creepy,” she said. “I’d tell the property management about it and they’d say he’s just an alcoholic — he’s just loud. Then I’d tell them about the couple and they’d say that they are such a sweet couple and it didn’t seem like them. I’d tell them all the time and they’d just tell me to write a formal report.”

Although Halstead is a student, she cannot rely upon the University Police Department for help because of her location so far from campus.

### Advocating for student’s rights

HSU has no administrator in charge of advocating for student housing leaving students to the whim of Humboldt County’s housing market. There has not always been a void in the area of student housing advocacy. Students lobbied for students 40 years ago, effecting real change on and off campus.

HSU political science lecturer Dan Faulk, known for sprinting up the stairs in his classes, was sprinting to class at HSU 40 years ago. In 1976 Faulk was elected president of the Associated Students Council and began working with a group called the United Students For Positive Political Action to form the Student Tenants Union. Ran out of Faulk’s AS president’s office, students were able to come in and receive legal advice from the tenants union. This organization provided a source of empowerment in which students could learn the law for themselves, he said.

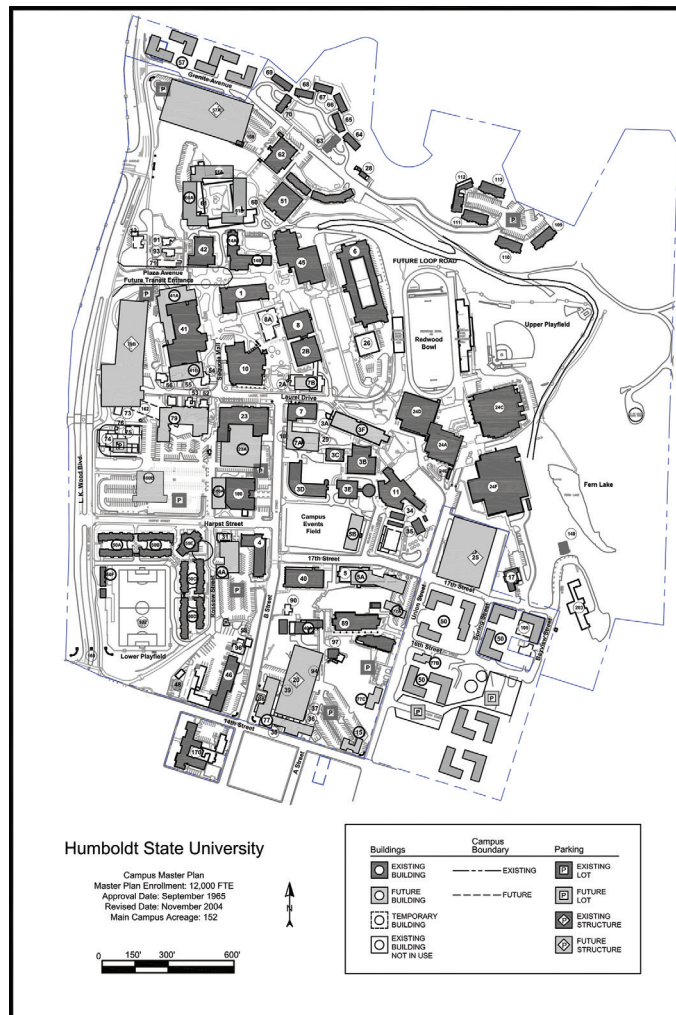
“We realized that students were highly disadvantaged in their understanding the law and what their rights were and how to protect those rights,” Faulk said. “One of the very first things the Student Tenants union did was research the legal rights of a tenant.”

The tenants union summarized these rights for students with the use of the NOLO Renters Rights Handbook. With this newfound knowledge students were able to take their landlords to small claims court in which each party had to represent themselves. With an even playing field and an understanding of the law students were winning their court cases. Because of their success, the tenants union moved to

a more permanent location in a house behind the library.

The Student Tenants Union was often asked to go into apartment complexes that had health and safety code violations. The tenants union would organize students by landlord, teach them their rights and aid the students in negotiating the repair of the properties.

This political force by the student body shocked Humboldt State’s administration and President at the time, Alistair McCrone. Composed of many real estate interests at the time, both Humboldt State’s administration and the advisory board for President McCrone shared a concern and aimed to disband the tenants union.



Graphic of HSU’s master plan. | Provided by Craig Ruck

One year, while the students were away for the summer, McCrone tore down the building that housed the tenants union in order to build an arboretum. The arboretum was never built and the Student Tenants Union no longer had a place to congregate. Without a place to gather, the Student Tenants Union faded away and was replaced by a tenant’s advisory committee run by administration.

The tenants advisory consisted of a list of available housing and lacked the advocacy that the Student Tenants Union provided.

“At the housing office on campus they got rid of all the advocacy for tenants, all the production of rights, all the learning things that they needed to help students become empowered and they replaced it with a little listing of available housing,” Faulk said. “It was so effective. Getting rid of it was a detriment to students, forty years later you can see the consequence.”

### Discrimination

First time renters face a myriad of barriers blocking the entrance into a very limited housing market. Discrimination is one of them.

Kaitlyn Hernandez experienced discrimination while applying for housing.

“There has definitely been racial bias because a lot of the housing market is controlled by the white population,” Hernandez said. “Policies are set in a certain way that doesn’t fit culturally for other people.”

While searching for housing Hernandez would come across listings for two bedrooms. When she and her potential roommates would go to apply they would be

turned away because two people wanted to share a room.

“I grew up with a lot of people in a small space so the idea that a two bedroom space couldn’t fit four people doesn’t make sense to me culturally,” Hernandez said.

HSU Student Nomora Warren and her two potential roommates were turned away from housing when the property management they were applying too found out that their cosigner was unable to speak English. Insisting they could translate for their cosigner, they waited for a response from the property management.

“We waited for them to contact us for a long time and it was a waste of our time,” Warren said. “I heard a lot of stories of them being racist and not picking people.”

### Figuring it out

Erick Escher, department chair of economics at HSU, said housing responds to local economies.

“If an economy is booming, then that will typically raise rents. So in a college town like Arcata, if there’s more students coming to campus that will tend to raise the rents,” said Escher.

Property owners notice the increase in demand for housing, and an immediate reaction is to raise rents.

However, Escher said that in the long run housing demand “might entice people to build new apartments or convert some room in their house,” which would provide increased student housing.

Due to dorm prices going up next term, students will have trouble deciding whether the convenience of living on campus is worth the amount of money that could be saved by choosing off campus housing. A double room in a freshman dorm building on campus with the smallest meal plan costs \$10,970 this term, nearly \$1,200 a month. In 2017-2018, the prices will go up \$55 a month, coming to roughly \$11,300 for one year. Because the price of a dorm is increasing, many students have taken to absorbing loans to cover living expenses and school.

### Developing a solution

Buying a few houses may put a few students in beds; however, curbing the tide of student homelessness requires a larger endeavour. Outside developers have proposed large-scale development projects in the city of Arcata. The largest is being planned by AMCAL of Los Angeles in partnership with Coleraine Capital Group, two developers that focus on student housing projects. In 2015, AMCAL and Coleraine completed the Promontory, a student housing project for Cal State Monterey Bay. The project took approximately a year and more than \$40 million to build. The partnership sold the Promontory to Cal State Monterey in September for \$68.5 million. David Moon, founder and president of Coleraine, proposed the project to Cal State Monterey in the early 2010s after he had trouble finding housing for his own child who was a student.

“My interest started as a parent and as a consumer,” Moon said. “There’s so little housing provided on campus by the cal state schools, and that’s how I became interested in student housing.”

The proposed Humboldt project, called The Village, would consist of four main buildings, 240 units and 800 beds. The cost would likely land between \$50-\$60 million. Construction would take between 18 and 24 months. The project has been filed with the Planning Division of Arcata. The city has not approved the plans submitted last May. If the plans are approved and the construction successful, HSU would still have to either lease the building or purchase it outright which would dig heavily into its coffers.

“There are currently no plans to partner with HSU,” Moon said. “The school has been supportive but it is still a private development.”

Additionally, the project at Monterey became the most expensive student housing option available to students at \$5,398 per semester for a single, and \$3,941 for a double, not including meal plans. It is highly likely that The Village would also become the most expensive option for HSU students.



Wood rot outside of Porché Reith’s home. | Jessica Ernst



Porché Reith standing outside her home. | Jessica Ernst

# AHHA seeks to create tiny house villages for the homeless

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AHHA's goal is to gain access to land where they can develop tiny house villages for the homeless. They hope to build detached bedrooms so that those who are homeless can have a room they can sleep in and a door to close. The idea revolves around small community living, which is the first part of the continuum or transition. Those who experienced chronic homelessness, have survived in part off the help and resources of their fellow homeless peers.

"The reason we focus on developing community is because those who are homeless have strong support within their homeless community," Wade said. "That's been the travesty about breaking up all the homeless encampments in Eureka because they have lost track of their friends and their family. They aren't eligible for the same resources they used to rely on within their community."

AHHA has developed tiny house prototypes to illustrate the model of detached bedrooms they plan to develop into tiny housing communities. Troy Williams is one of the volunteers who helped build these prototypes and says that he thinks AHHA's plans of tiny housing communities is a good idea.

"I hope they can gather all the resources that they need," Williams said. "If I was homeless, I would rather one of the tiny bedrooms than to be out in the elements."

Initially AHHA hoped to partner with The City of Eureka in bringing forth their tiny house villages but has received much resistance. AHHA has done everything they can to apply for city grants and help from the city but since the city is heavily invested in providing funding for already established non profits, it has been extremely difficult for AHHA to break ground. In addition, being a new organization without a track record further aides in the resistance AHHA receives.

This has not deterred AHHA however, who has decided to seek funding through other avenues such as state grants, partnerships with the community, organizations and donors.

"What we really need is a place or land. If we had the place, the rest will follow because there are a lot of people in the community who want to help us build," Wade said.

To get involved you can go to AHHA's website where it has the necessary contact information on how to reach the board members in addition to ways you can donate. AHHA is currently seeking those who want to volunteer as well as donors that can help secure land or funding to help produce the envisioned tiny house villages for the homeless. AHHA hopes to partner with organizations and be invited to present



their plans in hopes of future collaborations.

Nanette Deean is someone who has received help by AHHA. Due to a falling out with family members, she experienced homelessness for two years before she was able to be placed in her own camp-trailer due to help from AHHA.

"AHHA is trying to do a good thing. I personally view their plan to be better suited than what's out there," Deean said. "The city did not help me personally. AHHA had a huge role in restoring my faith in humanity. AHHA has helped me tremendously, not just with housing but emotional support and making the transition back into a home."

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# Seeking humanity in inhumane places

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Mejia and Fennell's communication with Pelican Bay inmates and the pursuit of justice by individuals from within these two seemingly different institutions, Pelican Bay State Prison and Humboldt State, is what ties them together. Students at HSU mobilized and rallied against racial injustices, proposed tuition hikes, the North Dakota Access Pipeline and the current political climate in the past semester alone.

Despite being stripped of basic human rights and decencies, a small group of political prisoners locked down at Pelican Bay's notorious Security Housing Unit for decades rallied together and mobilized the largest hunger strike in California prison protest history. The strike sparked solidarity amongst prisoners in California demanding an end to long-term, indeterminate sentences for prisoners held in solitary confinement, as well as the need for better education and rehabilitation programs. According to a report from the California Department of Correction and Rehabilitation, the statewide strike lasted for 60 days in the summer of 2013 as an estimated 30,000 inmates across California's 33 prisons went without food.

While murderers, rapists and other criminals serve due time behind bars--they are human. In a letter to the Lumberjack, PBSP inmate Kyron Aubrey wrote:

"The vulgar treatment by the correctional officers and the inhumane conditions that we must endure is outright disgusting. Being stripsearched every other day in front of no less than 10 other men is not my thing. I understand that we've broken the rules imposed by our state, but does that give the state prison system the right to snatch our humanity? You tell me."

There are prisoners in the system who have been wrongfully convicted and are still serving time. California leads the nation with the highest number of wrongfully accused convictions according to a study by the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law. The study found that at least 200 wrongful convictions have been exonerated by the state of California since 1989, collectively setting back those convicted 1,300 years of freedom and costing taxpayers \$129 million.

In a letter to the Lumberjack, PBSP inmate Jovan Ibarra wrote:

"I came to prison in 2009 when I was 19-years-old and got sentenced to life for something I didn't do. I got life over people lying about me. I [have] been doing my appeal since 2011 to prove my innocence and I won't give up until I get my freedom."

Just beyond the status quo of what it means to be a student and what it means to be a prisoner lies the intertwined stories of individuals seeking justice, communication and humanity. In a letter to The Lumberjack, PBSP inmate Abisai Elizondo wrote:

"It comes to a certain point when most in here are forgotten and many give up the most important thing in here- hope."

## Letters from the Penitentiary:

Words from inmates at Pelican Bay written through letters received by Lumberjack writer Sue Vuna and Humboldt State student Tania Mejia.

I have been wondering about the political consciousness of the campus considering the recent attention given to the tough on crime rhetoric and politics of the past, the harmful effects of mass incarceration on urban communities, the pro-life movement and the shift in support of the death penalty, and the view of life sentences as the new death penalty and of course the attention, and light shined on solitary confinement by Pelican Bay prisoners including myself via hunger strike. I wondered if students and the school would be interested in sponsoring a secular self-improvement program here created by prisoners.

-Desinique Rivers, V14639  
Pelican Bay State Prison

I did not know HSU is that close to us (Pelican Bay). That is fascinating especially when I think about the state and its potential that it could develop if they shifted their investment efforts from state prisons to the education system. I be seeing Lumberjack football commercials all the time and I would be lying if I said I've never fantasized about going there.

-Kyron Aubrey, F95041  
Pelican Bay State Prison

We are also humans. Everyone thinks we are animals not realizing we breathe the same air and share close feelings that are alike.

Angel Corella, T82975  
Pelican Bay State Prison

After years of self reflection, reading books like "The New Jim Crow" and Elizabeth Hinton's "War on Poverty" I see that this system has been in place long before us. Don't get me wrong there are some weirdos who deserve to be in here. I believe it's a lot of factors that play into eliminating the mass incarceration monster like sincere re-entry programs and family support (if you have one)."

Maurice Walker, V08102  
Pelican Bay State Prison

It wasn't until my time being spent isolated in administrative segregation and its living conditions where I noticed the effect this place leaves on both the inmate and their family members by distancing communication with loved ones which is one of the many ways the California prison system lacks effort to present us with proper social skills to rejoin society in the outside world.

Amadeo Vasquez, AF1725  
Pelican Bay State Prison

*\*Editor's note: The quotes from Pelican Bay inmates were received through letters to Tania Mejia and Lumberjack editor and writer Sue Vuna. Full disclosure and permission of the use of the information inmates provided was fully permitted. If you are interested in further information about penpalling or have further questions, contact Tania Mejia or Sue Vuna via The Lumberjack.*



Tania Mejia reading Pelican Bay letters. | Sue Vuna

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## Sista's Place

### How KHSU helped bridge the gap between Arcata and Pelican Bay

by Tina Sampay

Sharon Fennell, also well known by her disc jockey name Sista Soul, is originally from the Bronx and has been a Humboldt County resident for over 30 years. Fennell is a HSU alumna, and through her 36 years of volunteer work at KHSU, she has shown continuous love and support for those held within the prison industrial complex. She has grown to become an advocate for prisoners and has shown faithfulness in bringing awareness to the conditions and contradictions of America's penal system. After 36 years, Fennell, or Sista as she is called by friends and close acquaintances, has decided to move on. She has one more radio show this Sunday, Dec. 18. Sista lives in Manila with her husband Michael.

**Why did you decide to move to Humboldt?**

Me and Michael decided we wanted to go back to school. When Michael was a young man, he traveled through Northern California and he remembered Humboldt as being a beautiful place, and it also had a university.

**How did you become involved in the radio station?**

I was having a political house meeting around 1980 about Central America solidarity work. There were two guys that showed up at my house who already had a radio show at KHSU and they invited me to join them. The show was called "The Alternative

Review."

**How did this transition into "Sista's Place"?**

Around that same time, I became a student at Humboldt. After being on the alternative radio show I thought to myself, "Ooh I would love to do a music show." During that time, there were mostly students on the air and a few community members. So I got a show right away. I called it the "Old Soul Show."

**Where did you get the name Sista Soul?**

Where I grew up in New York City, I hung out with everybody. The brothers that I came up with used to tell me that I was an honorary soul sista. So I took that--Soul Sista--and just flipped it for my radio name.

**When did you first become aware of Pelican Bay, and what were your initial thoughts?**

1987, 88, when there was word they were going to build a prison in Crescent City. A lot of us didn't know what a supermax was, but that a supermax was coming. So we started to do our homework to find out all we could.

**When did inmates start writing you?**

When the prison opened and the station at KHSU had a strong signal that reached Pelican Bay. Troy and Ernest were the first. The only way they were able to do that was one night, Troy had his radio out and was trying to get a signal when he heard someone playing Marvin Gaye.

**From the letters, what were these inmates relaying that made**



Sharon Fennell aka "Sista Soul" in the KHSU Radio Studio | Photo courtesy of Sharon Fennell

**you want to get more involved?**

There was a guy, Michael Dourrough, who's still in prison by the way, and still stays in touch with me. Michael and Troy, but mostly Micahel, would describe to me the horrific conditions. I think Troy was trying to protect me a bit from what was going on. Michael Dourrough spelled it out. Telling me what solitary [confinement] was. So I was getting educated by prisoners themselves.

**How do you think growing up in the Bronx helped shaped your views on the world?**

We are all products of our environment. I grew up in a working class, not middle, working class neighborhood with all ethnicities. I could see through my whiteness how others were treated differently in all kinds of ways growing up. That experience, growing up in a multi-ethnic working class neighborhood, has informed my whole life.

**Was there ever a time when you felt frustrated by your white peers due to your interest in different cultures?**

No, mostly because I chose people in my life who thought like I did. A lot of my friends are

multi-racial couples.

**When inmates started writing you, how did you feel you could help the most through your radio show?**

At first, I believed that the music would be the best thing that could happen for them because it was music that they loved and didn't have access to anymore. It also happened to be the same music that I grew up listening to. Guys would write me asking me to play this song or that song, and I would do that. Then, a friend of mine named Bato Talamantez from the San Quentin Six, urged me to do more educational work. And I was conflicted because the guys would write telling me, "Your two hours of music helps me take my mind off where I'm at." Many years ago, I decided I was going to do that and I started interviewing all kinds of people, from prison rights attorneys to those doing great prison reform work.

**Is there anything from this experience you learned that you want to share?**

People should know that you can help change somebody's life by just having correspondence. What amazes me as someone

who only spent half a night in jail is the resilience of folks to be able to survive a really toxic environment, which is prison. So anyone that survives it with any mode of success is amazing. There are great success stories and I am blessed to know some of these people. It has enriched both me and my husbands life, without a doubt. I have to say that it was KHSU, Humboldt State's radio station, that really, really shaped the rest of our lives. Not just mine, but Michael's too.

**For people who are not informed or involved with prison work, what do you want people to know or do?**

Since we all pay for prisons through our tax dollars, we should be mindful of what happens when we lock people up. Regardless of what they did, we should be mindful of what happens to them because we are paying their way. In California, the recidivism rate, which is how many guys come in, go out and come back in, is 70 percent. If we are going to take away people's freedom because they offended, and I don't disagree with that, it's what we do when we take them that matters.

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## College Cravings

by Ashley Groze

### The Struggle to Eat on a Budget

Finding time to eat between classes is a struggle many college students face every day. College students are far from rich. With the common assumption that students live off of ramen noodles and coffee, it's not hard to believe that the price of food can make it hard to eat a balanced meal three times a day. Whether they plan meals for the week or plan on eating wherever they are at the moment, most Humboldt State students can say they've eaten on campus at least once.

Without having a J-points discount, the price can sometimes triple when paying with cash or card. Many students are shocked to see their total when they purchase food at campus dining locations.

Jack Bradley is a kinesiology major so health is pretty important to him. When he isn't at the gym or in class, you can typically catch him with a plate of gains before his next shift at The J.

"It's nice working at The J because I get the employee discount, which makes things so affordable," Bradley said. "Although I do enjoy a burrito from The Depot once in a while."

Bradley thinks having more food choices and

extending the hours could satisfy more students.

Jared Dunhin is a junior zoology major at HSU. He thinks the prices for on-campus dining are pretty fair compared to some other dining locations in the area. Dunhin typically eats at The Depot or the College Creek Marketplace.

**The food is pretty monotonous**

— David Jones  
HSU Student Jared Dunhin, Junior

"The food is pretty monotonous," Dunhin said. "I wish there were more fish options than just fish and chips."

The only complaint that Dunhin has is that The Depot doesn't open until 8 a.m. and on days where he works at 8 a.m., he'll have to wait until his break to get food.

Olivia White is a senior art education major. When she is early for class, she likes to treat herself to a breakfast burrito from The Depot.

"They are just so warm and filling," White said. "It's a great way to start my morning."

Although White digs the Depot burritos, sometimes her pockets are not on the same page.

"I rarely get them because they cost so damn much! I'm broke as fuck!" White said.

When White is anticipating a paycheck, she will usually make eggs for breakfast. She aims to cook dinner every night so she can take leftovers the next day. She keeps them in tupperware to heat up before a jaunt to her next lecture.

"The prices are just not ideal when you're trying to pay bills and rent without any assistance," White said.

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# Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority Inc. Male Beauty pageant



Joseph Marmolejo smiles as he strides down the runway representing the Kappa Sigma Fraternity during Saturday night's male beauty pageant | Jared Funk



Samuel Barragan takes a bow in front of the crowd gathered in the Goodwin Forum last Saturday night | Jared Funk



Samuel Barragan speaks into the microphone on behalf of the Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity | Jared Funk



Jaime Osorio points to his friends from the Chi Phi Fraternity during the pageant | Jared Funk



Jaime Osorio torches sushi during Saturday's festivities | Jared Funk

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## 2016 Top album releases

by Ashley Groze

### A Year in Music

#### Top Album Releases of 2016:

- The Life of Pablo- Kanye West
- Coloring Book- Chance the Rapper
- This Is Acting- Sia
- Still Brazy- YG
- 22, A Million- Bon Iver
- Blonde- Frank Ocean
- Lemonade- Beyonce
- Views- Drake

- EVOL- Future
- Starboy- The Weeknd
- ANTI- Rihanna
- Untitled Unmastered- Kendrick Lamar
- 99.9%- Kaytranada
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- Malibu- Anderson .Paak

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## Jacks Pass

by Ermelo Albert Rebosura

### Football

Junior running back Ja'Quan Gardner and left tackle Alex Cappa were named 2016 Division II CCA First Team All-Region team.

Gardner led the GNAC conference in rushing yards with 1300 and in touchdowns with 19. Cappa and Gardner helped the Lumberjacks end the season with a 7-6 record.

### Women's Basketball

The women's basketball team dropped their first conference game this week losing 76-68 to Cal State Los Angeles.

The Lumberjacks were down by six after the first quarter but only scored seven points in the second quarter down and were down 42-26.

It was much of the same in the third quarter and the Lumberjacks headed into the fourth quarter down 22. The Lumberjacks got off to a hot start in the fourth erasing the deficit going on a 13-5 run. They eventually cut the lead to six with eight seconds but their rally ended as time ran out.

Freshman guard Tyra Turner had a team high 14 points and nine rebounds. She's averaging 12 points per game this season.

The Lumberjacks are now 1-7 with a 0-2 conference record.

They have back-to-back games this weekend playing at Chico State on Friday and at Stanislaus State Saturday.

### Men's Basketball

The men's basketball team squandered an 18-point lead ending their six-game win streak with a 85-82 loss to Cal State Los Angeles.

The Lumberjacks got off to a hot start ending the first half going on a 19-7 run. They had a 54-37 lead entering the second half.

In the second half they struggled to stop Cal State Los Angeles' offense from scoring. They shot 52 percent and outscored the Jacks 48-28 in the second half.

Sophomore forward Calvin Young II shot 10-15 from the field for 24 points off the bench. He also had a team-high 16 rebounds. Sophomore point guard Nikhil Lozette followed up a 25 point performance last game with 23 points.

The men's basketball team also have back-to-back games this weekend at Chico State and Stanislaus State.

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## National Sports Pass

by Keaundrey Clark

### NBA

Russell Westbrook is on his 6th triple double in a row. No one has done that since Jordan in 1989. I feel bad for Anthony Davis, he has finally stayed healthy, yet so far this season he's playing with a bunch of scrubs. Klay Thompson dropped 60 last night in 29 minutes. The Warriors have hit their stride and have the most wins in the league. The Christmas game between them and the Cavs will be huge. The latest top five teams via the NBA power rankings from NBA.com were:

1. Golden State Warriors (17-3)
2. San Antonio Spurs (16-4)
3. Toronto Raptors (14-6)
4. Los Angeles Clippers (16-6)
5. Cleveland Cavaliers (13-5)

### NFL

The Cowboys are now 11-1, they have a backup quarterback who might win MVP. The Raiders keep pulling wins out of their ass. This could end up being their best season in team history if all things break right. Their Thursday Night Matchup with the Chiefs will be huge. The week 14 NFL power rankings released by NFL.com had this top five.

1. Dallas Cowboys (11-1)
2. New England Patriots (10-2)
3. Oakland Raiders (10-2)
4. Seattle Seahawks (8-3-1)
5. Kansas City Chiefs (9-3)

### College Football

Ohio State was able to squeeze into the playoff without winning their conference. Penn State shouldn't have lost to Pittsburgh and maybe they would have got in. Alabama looked like their usual selves, dominating. With Clemson winning out and Washington destroying Colorado we have our final four for the College Football Playoffs.

1. Alabama
2. Ohio State
3. Clemson
4. Washington

### College Basketball

Top 5 in the College Basketball Rankings

1. Villanova

The Wildcats have a top 10 offense and defense. Josh Hart is averaging a team-high 17.1 points, 6.5 rebounds, 3.9 assists and 1.5 steals.

2. UCLA

Lonzo Ball and TJ Leaf ladies and gentlemen, these freshman lead the bruins to a great win over Kentucky. They are shooting 55% from the field, that leads all of D1.

3. Kansas

Top 5 in field goal percentage at 52% and Top 20 in Three point percentage at 41%. Led by Frank Mason, Josh Jackson and Devonte' Graham the Jayhawks get balanced scoring from this group.

4. Baylor

The Bears have wins over Xavier, Oregon, VCU, Michigan State and Louisville. That's a murderous row of wins so early in the season.

5. Duke

Luke Kennard is looking like an early player of the year candidate averaging 19.4 points per game. Duke has played this early season without their freshmen Jayson Tatum and Marques Bolden.

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# The best damn sports column

by Ermelo Albert Rebosura

I want you to imagine an extremely attractive person standing in front of you. This person is everything you want. They're as flawless as can be. You're looking and you think to yourself that it can't get any better. But to your amazement it gets better.

The internet is a lawless land and the most toxic place on the internet is the comment section of anything that pertains to the Warriors. Heck, I see "the Warriors blew a 3-1 lead" in some places that have nothing to do with basketball.

I understand where the saltiness comes from. But let's go back to our imaginations again. Think of that special somebody and try to get mad at them for being too beautiful. You can't. Even if this person is taken by someone else, you have to appreciate how dang gorgeous this person is.

That bodacious person is the Warriors. And with the addition of superstar Kevin Durant that bodacious person got even more bodacious. So bodacious that the city of

Oakland should secede to make it's own nation just to have the Warriors compete against teams worldwide for the next Olympics.

If you're a fan of another team you have to at least appreciate how the Warriors play. It's not like one person is carrying the load like what Russell Westbrook is doing with the Thunder. They have an unselfish brand of basketball and truly beat teams with teamwork.

Michael Jordan revolutionized basketball with his dominance. He single-handedly changed basketball and the shoe game. His influence created a generation of players trying to emulate his athletic, isolation-style game like Kobe Bryant and Tracy McGrady.

I hope the Warriors-style of play can change the next generation of players that focuses on team play and fundamentals. I also hope to meet the bodacious person of your imagination.

### Men's Basketball Standings

	Conference	Overall	Streak
San Francisco State	2-0	8-0	W8
UC San Diego	2-0	7-1	W2
Dominguez Hills	1-0	5-2	W4
Sonoma State	1-0	5-2	W2
East Bay	1-1	7-2	L1
Chico State	1-1	7-2	W1
<b>Humboldt State</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>6-2</b>	<b>L1</b>
San Bernadino	1-1	4-2	W1
Los Angeles	1-1	4-5	L1
San Marcos	1-2	5-3	L1
Stanislaus State	0-1	2-5	L1
Cal Poly Pomona	0-2	2-4	L2
Monterey Bay	0-2	2-6	L3

### Women's Basketball Standings

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East Bay	2-0	5-3	W2
Los Angeles	2-0	5-3	W2
Cal Poly Pomona	2-0	4-4	W2
Stanislaus State	1-0	3-5	W1
San Marcos	2-1	4-3	W1
UC San Diego	1-1	5-3	W1
Sonoma State	0-1	4-2	L2
Dominguez Hills	0-1	3-5	L3
Chico State	0-2	5-3	L2
Monterey Bay	0-2	3-5	L3
San Francisco State	0-2	2-7	L3
<b>Humboldt State</b>	<b>0-2</b>	<b>1-7</b>	<b>L3</b>

### Men's Basketball Statistics

	GP	GS	FG%	REB	AST	PPG
T. Rattler Jr	8	8	0.457	6.8	1.3	16.6
N. Lizotte	8	8	0.441	1.3	2.4	15.9
M. Morgan	8	8	0.465	2.5	4.9	13.0
C. Young II	7	1	0.540	8.6	0.6	9.3
P. Davis	7	1	0.528	1.7	1.4	7.3
W. Taylor	8	0	0.553	2.9	2.6	7.1
C. Calsick	8	7	0.514	0.8	0.9	6.4
J. Lucas	6	0	0.524	0.7	0.2	5.8
T. Green	8	0	0.378	1.5	1.4	5.8
J. Kaub	8	7	0.457	4.8	0.6	5.0
K. Gerig	4	0	1.000	1.8	0.8	2.3
M. Junior	4	0	1.000	0.3	0.0	2.0
C. Popov	2	0	0.000	0.0	0.0	2.0
C. Maldonado	2	0	0.000	0.0	0.5	0.5

### Women's Basketball Statistics

	GP	GS	FG%	REB	AST	PPG
C. Rees	8	6	0.383	2.1	2.1	12.1
T. Turner	8	8	0.466	3.6	3.8	12.0
T. McMiller	8	6	0.465	4.5	0.5	9.3
K. Murie	8	6	0.304	2.9	1.3	6.0
J. Arrington	2	2	0.200	2.9	0.5	6.0
L. Troxell	6	0	0.538	3.5	0.2	6.0
M. Hatch	2	2	0.158	2.2	0.0	4.0
M. Shannon	8	5	0.500	1.5	2.1	3.0
R. Thayer	8	5	0.370	3.9	0.9	2.9
A. Cox	7	0	0.214	3.3	0.6	2.1
M. Schoenofe	7	0	0.389	1.3	0.6	2.1
A. Zalin	8	0	0.500	2.3	0.4	2.0

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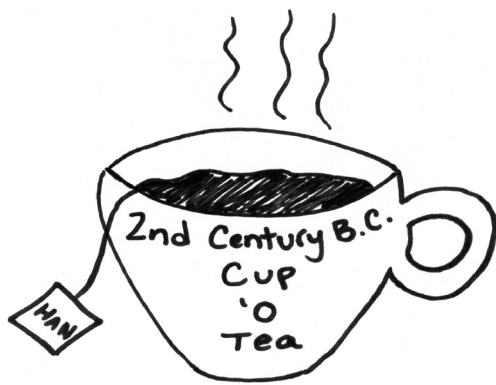
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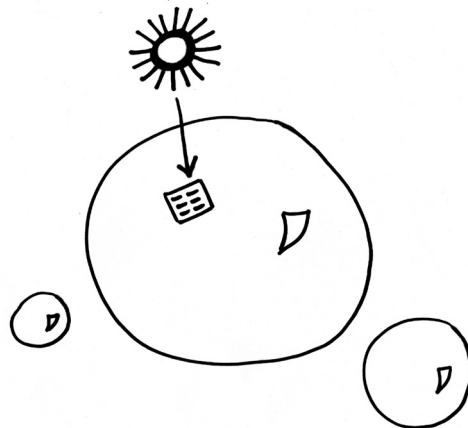
by Claire Roth



### Food - The first sip of tea

Though tea has long been one of the world's favorite warm beverages, it was only last January that scientists discovered just how long tea leaves have been steeping in our global societies. The mausoleum of an emperor from the Chinese Han dynasty revealed dried herbs that turned out to contain a plant from the genus *Camellia* that is known to have been brewed into tea. Radiocarbon dating of the herbs and preexisting knowledge of the Han dynasty led researchers to the conclusion that tea has likely been around since the second century B.C., or more than 2,000 years ago.

Sources: The Atlantic, Nature.com



### Energy - Super small solar cell

In the intensifying search for clean, alternative energy sources, solar panels have been popping up all over: on the roofs of houses, stationed in empty fields and more. Last February, however, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology seemed to take the solar craze to a new, tiny level when they came out with a solar panel that was so miniscule and weighed so little that it could be laid on a soap bubble without causing disturbance. This 'lil cell is now the smallest working photovoltaic cell in existence.

Source: American Association for the Advancement of Science



### Space - Juno meets Jupiter

Planetary scientists gained a closer look at what lies beneath the mysterious, rust-colored clouds of Jupiter last July when NASA's spacecraft Juno became the second in history to enter orbit around our solar system's largest planet. Some of the goals for Juno's encounter with Jupiter include studying the planet's infamous Giant Red Spot Storm and attempting to uncover clues about Jupiter's origins, due to the probability that it was the first planet to have taken shape after the formation of the sun.

Source: NY Times



### Climate - Toughening typhoons

A gradual rise in temperature of the Pacific Ocean has increased the intensity of typhoons across East Asia. This phenomenon is especially dangerous for highly populated areas of this region, such as China and Japan, and is being attributed to the effects of climate change. Scientists have recorded a 50 percent growth in intensity of typhoons over four decades and predict this number will only go up if climate change is not mitigated or slowed.

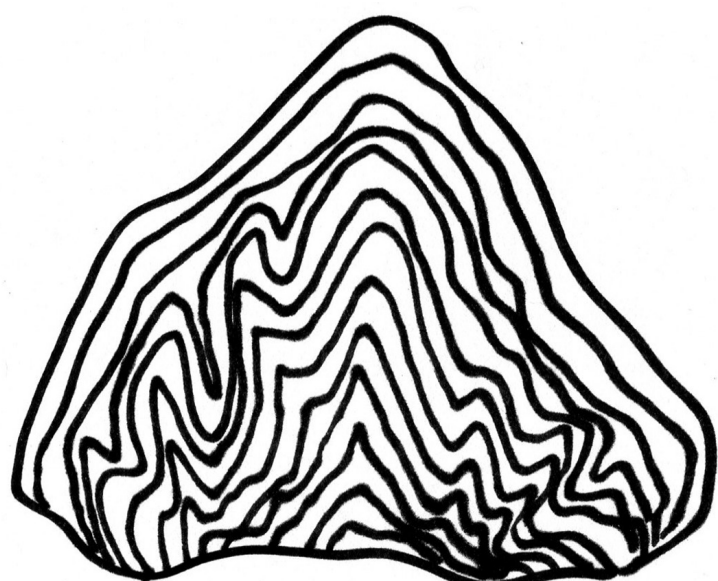
Source: The Guardian



### Space - Made on Mars

If you've been itching to settle down on a new planet and grow your very own garden of space veggies, scientists may have made your dreams just a little less out of this world. Last June, researchers in the Netherlands successfully cultivated tomatoes, rye, peas and radishes in soil much like the kind found on Mars. Though the initial obstacle was growing food without it absorbing harmful metals present in the soil on Mars, the crops in the experiment were found safe for human consumption and will be of utmost importance for humankind's goal of sending people to Mars in the 2030s.

Source: Phys.org



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### Fossils - Older than old

By their very definition, fossils are ancient. Last August, however, the oldest fossils ever confirmed were said to have been found in Greenland. The fossils were dated at over 3.7 billion years old and are believed to be stromatolites due to their resemblance to today's stromatolite structures in Australasia. These structures are created by a combination of sediment buildup and lime-secretion by cyanobacteria.

Source: NY Times, British Broadcasting Corporation

# Pipeline will not pass

*From Humboldt to Standing Rock and back again*



Oceti Sakowin Camp on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation in North Dakota. | Josh West

by Emily Owen

After months of effort from the Standing Rock Sioux and water protectors, the Obama administration, Department of Justice and Army Corps of Engineers decided to reroute the Dakota Access Pipeline to another location with less controversy that has yet to be decided upon.

While those involved view this as a victorious and historic moment, their focus now is to push for significant divestments from the fossil fuel industry. Environmental activists are preparing to continue the fight to keep pipelines out of the ground. Their expectation is that this will

become increasingly more difficult under a Trump presidency.

Josh West, a recent HSU business management graduate, is among the water protectors who have decided to stay in Standing Rock until the Dakota Access Pipeline is stopped for good.

“Army corps is a victory for sure,” West said. “However, the Energy Transfer Partners are continuing to drill. The Oceti Sakowin Camp is asking those who are prepared to stay, so I am.”

A group of about 20 Humboldt State students made the 26-hour drive to the Standing Rock reservation over fall break, joining fellow earth protectors in the fight to protect the threatened area.

Madeline Bauman, HSU sophomore, arrived at the

camp the morning after a violent evening that escalated to the point that one water protector had to get her arm amputated. For 10 hours, protectors withstood icy blasts from water cannons in 28 degree temperature.

Bauman sensed the deep, dark effect the possibility of the Dakota Access Pipeline had on the protectors. Even more powerful was the protectors’ will to keep standing up for what they believed in.

“DAPL is the very definition of money influencing government, and they would have been untouchable if the veterans hadn’t joined our fight,” Bauman said. “You don’t have to be an extremist to understand the implications of veterans going back into battle against their own government.

There was a very tangible feeling that our government was on the side of the corporations and capitalism was quite literally attacking its own people.”

Bauman was moved by the gravity of what had occurred over the last few months in North Dakota. Although the situation was dire for those involved, it had a profound healing effect on the unity of indigenous peoples throughout the world.

“The elders of all seven tribes haven’t come together since the 1800s and there was a real feeling of thankfulness at the camp,” Bauman said. “People were constantly saying how grateful they were for the black snake for bringing everyone back together.”

Noelle Sully, HSU sophomore environmental studies major

and President of the Healing Vibrations Club, left Standing Rock with a mission to emphasize the importance of bringing unity to our communities. Sully reserved the Green and Gold room in Founders Hall every Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. in order to create a space for uniting various activist groups in our community.

“There’s all these groups doing different kinds of activism and I want them to all come together,” Sully said. “Everyone at Standing Rock was working towards a common goal and because there was so much unity, they were able to actually get something done.”

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# Blondies Food & Drink: Science on Tap

*Science in the Trump Era*

by Nathan Owain

President-elect Donald Trump is an open skeptic when it comes to climate change. At a rally in Fresno, California last May, Trump denied that California’s drought is happening. He described the problem as water simply being “pushed out” into the ocean before we can use it.

Trump’s skepticism of topics such as climate change begs the question as to how environmental sciences will be affected once he assumes office.

On Dec. 7 at Blondies Food and Drink in Arcata from 6 to 7:30 p.m., Humboldt State political science professor Kathleen Lee will host Science on Tap, a public lecture held on the first Wednesday of every month during the HSU academic year. Lee will discuss topics relating to the evening’s theme, “Science in the Trump Era.” Her lecture

will help answer questions about the potential effects that President-elect Trump’s policies could have on efforts to protect the environment.

For environmental activists, the recent election news sounded like warning sirens. An impending tsunami of deregulation for protected lands became a renewed concern, not to mention the potential threat of decreased funding for environmental protection projects.

Nate Kolberg is a HSU student majoring in forestry. In light of the nation’s new president, he hopes his future employment opportunities will still be open for him when he graduates, and sees importance in Lee’s upcoming presentation.

“It’s really important to know what’s going on,” Kolberg

said. “It sounds like a great way to get involved.”

Through her presentation, Lee hopes to give students a clear understanding of the president’s power over policy changes and the threat Trump could be to the protection of our nation’s fragile web of ecosystems.

“He has not demonstrated an understanding of the issues relating to the environment,” Lee said.

Due to the limited space in Blondies Food and Drink, Science on Tap can get crowded quickly. Stephanie Myers, a Blondies employee, said that it is best to get there early.

“Get a drink, learn some science, have some fun,” Myers said.

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## Editorial

# Collegiate voices finding activism

Student activism in higher education; It's a traditional hallmark of American academia, it's a democratic construct that fosters great change-- and for Humboldt State students; whether political, social, or environmental; it's a fundamental part of the experience.

When organized correctly, student activist groups have had a historical impact on social movements. During times of extreme political or social upheaval, students have organized and engaged in activism helping to dictate the outcomes of major movements like the Civil Rights Movement.

The Lumberjack believes that when students here on campus assemble and protest, it must be done so with a clear message and solidarity. Too often the theme of a protest is muddled by differing messages and a lack of continuity among its participants. We don't want to give the opposition the chance to reduce a strong show of activism to a petty list of complaints or simply nullify it as irrelevant.

The 1964 Berkeley Free Speech movement students formed the United Front and protested to express political views on campus even before protesting on campus was permissible. Although 773 students were arrested for occupying the administration building, the movement resulted in the right to use the University campus for political activity and debate.

Many changes during the Jim Crow South

begin on college campuses. It was young students both in college and high schools who stood up in a time when everyone expected them to sit down, and the first black woman to be forcefully thrown from her seat on a train was protesting lynching. She was a college teacher and high school educator by the name of Ida B. Wells.

After the divisive presidential campaigning curated by President-elect Donald Trump, the response to this election has been the widespread rise of student activism in the form of protests. HSU students even took to the streets for a week of protests with vague and yet rallying chants of "dump Trump", and "not my president."

Once Donald Trump is sworn into office as the 45th president of the United States, we are bound to witness more protests and an urgency to fight against Trump's policies.

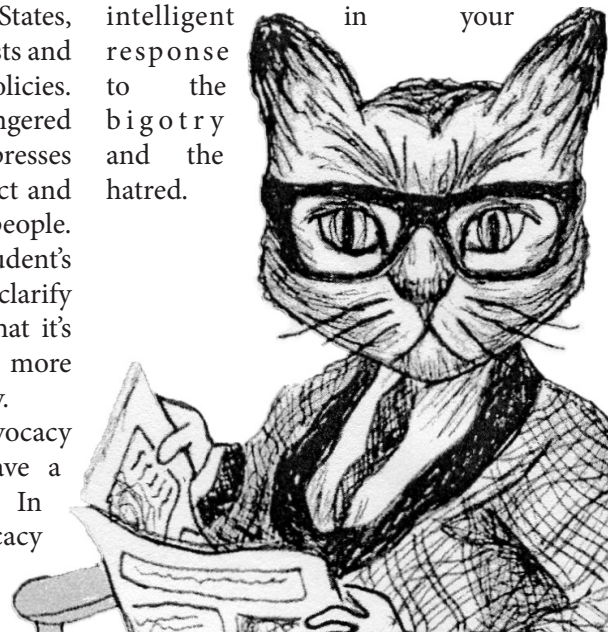
We understand that people are angered that a man such as Trump who expresses such hateful rhetoric is president-elect and serves as a symbol for the American people. The protest showcased HSU student's feelings about Trump but failed to clarify a clear plan of action. We believe that it's important that students activists are more critical in how they assemble and why.

No matter the form of advocacy chosen, the action taken must have a clear message and desired results. In 2015, Missouri state student advocacy groups organized a series of protests,

boycotts and hunger strikes in response to racial incidents on campus. Their successful advocacy for social justice led to a change in administrative procedure and inspired other colleges like the University of California-Los Angeles and the University of Michigan to do the same.

The Missouri state students had a clear message and used different methods to reinforce addressing the rise of racially charged incidents in their community.

A fight without an apparent cause can get lost in the noise. Although well-intentioned, sometimes a movement can do more harm than good. We want HSU students to be passionate, be motivated, even be angry but most importantly be intelligent in your response to the bigotry and the hatred.



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# Procrastination nation

## The struggle of doing nothing

by Lindsey Zito

Procrastination is most likely one of the biggest traits students amongst campus might share. While finals time approaches, students find themselves cramming assignments, studying and essay writing until the very last minute. Regardless of how many times we tell ourselves we'll be more on top of it next time, why is it that we as students continue to procrastinate? Criminology major Rachel Barker has identified herself as an "organized and well-planned procrastinator."

"Today I found out I have a three-part final for an online class due this week," Barker said. "I haven't even begun to look at directions because I'm too nervous."

It seems as if students anticipate their procrastination and organize their assignments

based off how much they may plan to put off. They admit that most times they try their best not to continue this habit, but ultimately it happens. Business administration major Will Dolan is one of these students. He's admitted he has somewhat created a formula that helps decide which order to finish his assignments.

"I rank them by their importance and where I'm at in that particular class," Dolan said. "I then divide my study time based off that."

Not all students plan on procrastinating their scholarly obligations. Students such as business accounting major Kendall Story admits that it's just something that happens.

"I usually work on a little bit when it's assigned," Story said. "But then when I'm close

to the due date, I just stay up until it's done."

Story advises students not to procrastinate as much as they can. Especially if they enjoy sleeping.

"I swear you get more sleep if you get your stuff done early," Story said. "Also, you'll have less pimples because you won't be so stressed out."

While procrastination might be a common trait students share, not all students are consumed in the lifestyle, and to those who aren't, us procrastinators salute you. So, to those who procrastinate, put this paper down and finish all your assignments. Your sanity and GPA will thank you later.

# Modern consumptions of GMOs

by Smith Purdum

We, well-fed consumers, are blinded by romantic nostalgia for the traditional farming of the past. Because we have enough to eat, we can afford to indulge our aesthetic illusions. If you think about it, the organic movement is at its heart a rejectionist one. It doesn't accept many modern technologies on principle. Like the Amish in Pennsylvania, who froze their technology with the horse and cart in 1850, the organic movement essentially freezes its technology in somewhere around 1950, and for no better reason.

On a global scale, between 1961 and 2010 the area farmed grew by only 12%, while kilocalories per person rose from 2200 to 2800. So even with 3 billion more people, everyone still had more to eat thanks to a production increase of 300% in the same period. This is

due totally to improvements in the farming techniques using modern chemistry. Primarily, the improvements have come from both the introduction of artificial fertilizer and from genetically modifying crucial crops.

Worldwide the amount of land that was spared in the process, thanks to these dramatic yield improvements for which chemical inputs played a crucial role, was 3 billion hectares or the equivalent of two South Americas. Artificial fertilizers and genetically modifying organisms have slowed the pace of environmental destruction while simultaneously allowing more and more people to both exist and to exist to a higher standard of living.

The modern, environmentally aware human must internalize the thought of using GMOs as a way to combat several environmental

concerns. I find it similarly interesting to call the choice to eat organic a choice that stems from economic privilege, which is true. Only the unhungry can be picky about how their plants are grown, and it really is an aesthetic choice. Genetically modifying plants to increase yield is one of the most humanitarian efforts on a country and planet which struggles with hunger. Spreading misinformation about GMOs is similar to burning a book that hasn't been written yet.

Much in the same way, the most viable, earth friendly energy resource on the planet (nuclear) is having its pace of progress retarded by baseless rhetoric. Look for yourself at the science on genetically modified organisms, with the new focus on the intersectionality of class, environmentalism and culture.

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# Puzzles page

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 Me: how about 30 more mins  
 Me: just skip the class  
 Me: just drop out



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## TRIVIA

- 1.) How much will The Village cost?
- 2.) What Fraternity hosted the Mr. Burgundy & Grey pageant?
- 3.) What is Rattler Jr.' s feild goal percentage?
- 4.) Name the four foods that could possibly be grown on Mars?
- 5.) What is AHHA's goal?

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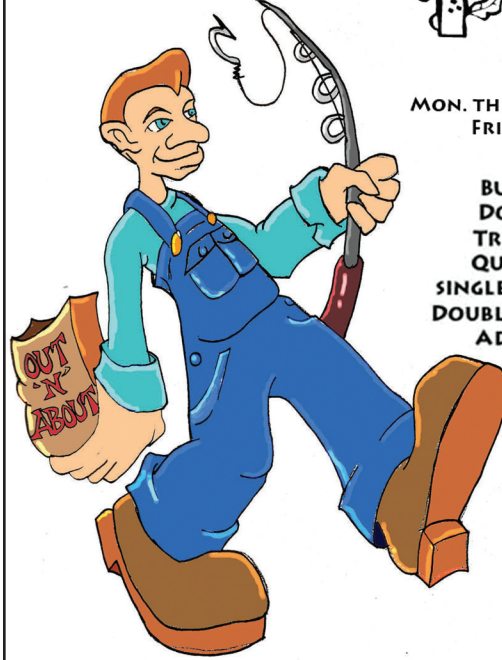
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Eulachon Poetry Reading Series @ The Sanctuary  
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The Love Witch @ The Miniplex at Richards' Goat Tavern  
9 p.m., \$8, \$6.50 matinee, 21+

## DECEMBER 8

columbinus @ HSU Gist Theater  
7:30 p.m., \$10, \$8 students/seniors, 18+

Jack and the Holiday Beans @ Arcata Playhouse  
7:30 p.m., \$12, \$8 kids 12 & under, \$10 students & seniors

Agatha Christies' The Hollow @ North Coast Repertory Theatre  
8-11 p.m.

Character Projects @ Dell'Arte's Carlo Theatre  
8-11 p.m.

Jackie Kashian @ Arcata Theatre Lounge  
8:30-11:30 p.m., \$15, 18+

## DECEMBER 9

Doubt: A Parable @ Humboldt State University Studio Theater  
5 p.m., Free, Free PWYC

Arts!Arcata @ Arcata  
6-9 p.m.

Alice in Wonderland: The Dell'Arte Holiday Tour @ Van Duzer Theater 6:30-7:30 p.m., Free

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A Charlie Brown Christmas @ Ferndale Repertory Theatre  
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