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Remembering Father Eric Freed

Campus & Community

by Israel LeFrak

The death of Father Eric Freed sent ripples of sadness throughout our community. A beloved member of St. Bernards Church and Humboldt State, as well as numerous other social groups, Freed touched many people's lives. No amount of words can replace the devastating loss of Father Freed, however it is through the sharing of words and memories he is able to breathe life again.

While other publications and media sources have told the details of Freed's death, The Lumberjack wanted to offer a tribute to his life. We hope to give people an outlet for their grief and a chance to share their memories of such an influential member of the community.

Bishop Robert Vasa:

"People are grieving. They walk up and say 'Bishop we're sad for you and the loss of your priest.' I say my heart goes out to you because you lost someone that you got to experience everyday. Tap into your community and reach out. We may not always understand why, but God is still good."

Jantzen Oshier, religious studies major and former student of Father Freed's:

"One of the coolest teachers, really knew his stuff, and had a good understanding of what he taught. Remember these books [the bible gospels] were written by people. You know they are going to have an objective and want to say something. When you understand where it's coming from you can understand purpose and develop for the better. I loved talking to him. He epitomized what a Christian should be like. Compassionate, caring, involved in faith, just an amazing guy. I guarantee he's in a better place now and we should celebrate it."

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Celebrating the virtues of racial equality

Local gatherings reflect upon the life of MLK



Children from the Boys and Girls Club of the Redwoods performed at the Martin Luther King Jr.'s event in Eureka. | Manuel Orbegozo

Community & National

by Karl Holappa

Humboldt County residents joined together Monday to remember the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Events were held in both Eureka and Arcata to honor the work and legacy of the civil rights leader.

The 14th annual Bowl of Beans kicked off on Monday at

5 p.m. The Arcata Community center was full to capacity with residents who came to eat a dinner of rice and beans and be entertained by performing arts groups. The event raised funds for the Arcata Recreation's Arts in the Afternoon program, as well as for Arcata Elementary School's arts program.

Kayla Bonnett, a senior wild-life major at Humboldt State,

was among the volunteers staffing the Arts in the Afternoon table, she sold ceramic bowls made by students as part of the fundraiser. Bonnett, said that the students prepare for the event months in advance, and it is one of the largest fundraisers of the year for them.

"We're selling a lot of bowls this year," Bonnett said. "[The

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Superbowl preview

National

by Diover Duorio

In two weeks, the holiest Sunday in American sports will draw millions of viewers from around the world to watch the Seattle Seahawks and the Denver Broncos duke it out for pro football's most coveted prize. Adding to the tension of the NFL's best defense in the league pitted up against the best offense are the storylines emanating from each locker room. On Feb. 2 an under-sized quarterback, a superhuman running back and a jaw-dropping defense will take a shot at their first Lombardi trophy against a future hall-of-famer on a mission for his second. Here's what you need to know:

Peyton Manning and the Broncos broke seven team records and eight individual player records on offense during the 2013 regular season.

Denver Broncos

Team:

Points: 606 --previously held by the 2007 New England Patriots at 589

Touchdowns: 76 --previously held by the 2007 New England Patriots at 75

Players with 10 or more touchdowns: Demaryius Thomas (14), Eric Decker (11), Julius Thomas

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At home abroad

Local organization connects travelers

International

by Ian Bradley

The word servas means "to serve" in Esperanto, the international language of peace. A fitting title for an organization founded on the principles of peace and unity, ideas that require service to a higher good than oneself. Members serve by traveling the world, meeting new people and exchanging ideas.

The program works like this: people register as a host, a traveler or both. Hosts open their homes to travelers from abroad, typically for two nights but they can offer their guest a longer stay if they wish. The goal of the program is to connect individuals from all over the world in the hope of fostering relationships that help people explore their differences on a personal level.

Participation in Servas is up to the individual — members are responsible for making their own travel arrangements and contacting a host family to stay with. Servas gives travelers a list of hosts in the area, but does not provide funding or aid beyond that. The organization exists to connect people who are already traveling.

Amy Scolari is the manager of the U.S. Servas office, a position she has held for two years.

"[Servas] is similar to couchsurfing in a sense," Scolari said. "There's a host and a traveler who contacts them and says 'I'm going to be here these days can you host me?'"

Beyond couchsurfing, Servas offers members the opportunity to learn a foreign language through the SYLE (Servas Youth

Language Experience) program. SYLE offers the chance to spend a month in a foreign country, and live with one or more host families. Participants must be between 18 and 35 years old, and have a basic knowledge of the country's language. The program places travelers with specific hosts to maximize their experience.

Participants in the SYLE program can apply for the Moger-man scholarship — up to \$500 intended to enrich the traveler's experience. How it is spent is up to the recipient. The money can be put toward travel expenses, food, or gifts for the host.

Servas membership costs \$85 for one year or \$150 for two. Members can travel domestically or internationally and are charged for a list of hosts in the countries they visit. The program also offers membership to people who want to travel domestically. Students are charged \$25 and non-students \$50. Hosts living in the United States are offered the chance to travel domestically without having to pay for a host list.

Tracy Jordan French is a Servas host and an administrator at its headquarters in Arcata.

"Hosts often join because they want to have that international experience," French said. "[Servas] isn't just about a place to stay, it's about the relationships that are built when people stay in someone's home and share meals and conversations."

French became a host a year ago because she wanted to introduce her daughter to people from other cultures. So far she

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New softball coach

Softball

by Rebecca Gallegos

Shelli Sarchett is the new head coach for Humboldt State softball. She succeeds HSU's winningest coach Frank Cheek after being his assistant coach for eight years.

Sarchett, a San Francisco native, played softball at HSU for four years and said she fell in love with Humboldt.

"This is where I wanted to coach, I wanted to be back here," Sarchett said. "It was just a matter of biding my time, learning from one of the best coaches in the country."

Sarchett has played softball since she was 8 years old. She said it's always been her passion.

Sarchett is a three-time All-American at HSU, twice as a third baseman and once as a catcher. She was also a part of two championship teams, both as a player and a coach.

Cheek said he always intended for Sarchett to take over as head coach when he retired. It was his plan to have someone with a familiar presence take over and make a smooth transition.

"She's paid her dues," Cheek said. "Plus she's a local, she played here. It's important that you know the philosophy of the school."

Cheek coached Sarchett for four years at HSU and worked with her as a coach for eight.

"We would disagree on things. There's no question, we've had our ups and downs, but I didn't want an assistant coach who was going to agree 100 percent with what I did," Cheek said. "I wanted someone to think outside of the box."

Cheek has the most wins as a coach in HSU history and is in the Hall of Fame.

"He's one of the best in the business," Sarchett said. "It was an extra little bonus to be able to play and coach for him. I know what he expects out of a player to win. And I know what he expects from a coach in order to make those players win."

Alicia Reid is the new assistant coach for the softball team. She was a graduate assistant last year and worked under Sarchett as a player. Reid said that she and Sarchett have a good feel for each other and have a great working relationship.

"She's knows them individually from when she was assistant coach," Reid said, "and now as the head coach she knows what motivates them, how to push their buttons and how to get the most out of their abilities."

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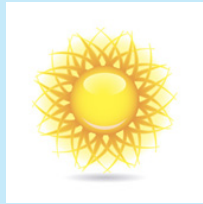
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Iran

Iran came to an agreement with six of the top world powers to allow international experts to inspect their nuclear program for a six-month period starting Jan. 20. In exchange for allowing inspectors into their country, some of the economic sanctions levied against Iran will be lifted. The P5+1 group that reached the deal with Iran includes: Britain, Germany, France, Russia, China and the United States.

West Virginia

Officials in West Virginia have lifted a ban on drinking tap water that affected more than 300,000 people after a toxic chemical leaked into the Elk River, a main water source in the area. The ban was lifted despite the fact that dozens of people are still seeking medical help from exposure to the chemicals. The most common symptoms have been red, itchy skin and upset stomachs.

Namibia

Outrage erupted worldwide when it was revealed Corey Knowlton from Dallas paid \$350,000 in an auction for the rights to hunt an endangered black rhinoceros in the African country of Namibia. Knowlton has received multiple death threats from outraged individuals over the news. The rhinoceros tagged to be killed has been identified as potentially dangerous to other black rhinoceroses due to his aggressive nature, and while many are against it, some scientists and conservationists argue that killing it would spare others of the same species.

Russia

Russia released photos of three women who have been identified as potential terrorists accused of planning an attack during the Olympic torch relay. Two of the women remain at large, but one of the three, Zaira Alieva, was killed on Saturday by a police raid in Makhachkala, capital city of the Russian republic of Dagestan. A fourth woman who has been identified as Ruzanna Ibragimova, or the “Black Widow,” is thought to have traveled from Dagestan to the site of the Winter Olympics in Sochi.

Thailand

Thailand’s government declared a state of emergency after continued conflicts between protesters and pro-government forces led to increased violence. Twenty-eight people were injured on Jan. 19, when two grenades were thrown at protesters in Bangkok. The 60-day period set to start on Jan. 22 will allow expanded searches, and the ability to arrest and detain individuals with less judicial oversight.

Sources: Al Jazeera, CNN



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- December 14

21:12

Reports of an intoxicated male trying to sneak into the Willie Nelson concert. He was gone on arrival of police. Willie, we love you!
- December 18

20:10

A flash mob of scantily clad residents created a brief disturbance. No crime was witnessed and the mob dispersed peacefully. Thank you UPD for your service.
- December 21

14:58

Subject urinating near north side of the bike racks. Gatorade, bike shorts and a long bike ride will stress anyone's bladder.
- January 8

22:20

Scratching heard inside of room at Cypress Hall, believed to be a raccoon. That's either a raccoon or I need to stop eating my roommate's brownies.
- January 16

12:19

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Tree removal and maintenance conducted over break

Multiple trees were removed from campus over winter break. According to a press release, a safety review was conducted on campus, resulting in the removal of 13 trees in total. Multiple species were affected including dogwoods, silk oaks, a liquidambar, siberian elm, yellow cedar and an apple tree. According to the release, the removed trees were either at the end of their lifespan or they posed a danger. Multiple douglas firs and redwoods on campus were also pruned. The campus Grounds Manager, a certified arborist, coordinated the

project, using outside contractors supported by campus grounds crews. The work was part of a regular maintenance schedule, conducted upon the results of the safety review and endorsed by the Campus Advisory Group. The release said plans are in place to plant approximately 20 new trees over the course of the next year, which will further compliment the approximately 1,700 trees already on the Humboldt State campus.



A Siberian elm, located in front of Bret Harte House, was cut down before Spring semester started. | Ashley Villavicencio

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New online GE offerings for students



Humboldt State is leading the way in the California State University system with the introduction of a comprehensive online General Edu-

cation program. According to a press release, the program will offer 10 courses beginning Spring 2014 semester, with an additional 11 to be

added to the lineup for Fall 2014. “This new program will increase our course offerings, improve scheduling flexibility and help our students graduate on time,” HSU President Rollin Richmond said in the press release. The majority of the courses will be on an eight week schedule, as opposed to the traditional 16 week semester. HSU faculty will teach the classes with support from members of the College of eLearning and Extended Education. The classes will join other online offerings from HSU, such as Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in social work, and multiple certification programs.

Drought continues within county

Humboldt County is experiencing one of its driest winters on record. According to an article in the Times Standard, the county is receiving emergency funds from the USDA to aid the agricultural community. An article in The Lost Coast Outpost says Eureka experienced a record low of 16.6 inches of rain in 2013, shattering the previous record of 21.17 inches recorded in 1929. Snow levels in the local mountain ranges, a vital water source, are also critically low. Data from The California Department of Water Resources shows that the

Northern Sierra and Trinity region is currently at 8 percent of its normal snowpack as of Jan. 16. Forest fires continue to be a threat, due to dry conditions. The Red Fire, 15 miles east of Arcata, scorched 333 acres. According to a KQED article, the fire was 100 percent contained as of Jan. 9, with no reported injuries or property damage.

New guest wireless available on campus

The Humboldt State campus will now offer short-term wireless access to guests. According to a press release, the service became available on Jan.10. The service is designed for a usage time of up to 15 days. Users will complete a short form that asks for their cellular phone number. They will then receive a text message with the needed credentials to sign in to the network. The press release says

bandwidth will be limited to 1 Mbps on the service, which is designed for users such as visiting parents, prospective students, faculty visiting on short-term business, and conference attendees. Users will be able to access the network on their mobile device, as long as their operating system is up to date. Visiting faculty who are staying for a longer period of time must follow a different procedure, al-

though the bandwidth cap applies to them as well. Visiting contractors and consultants on short-term business will have access to the secure network in order to ensure compliance with data-protection laws and avoid the cap on bandwidth.

Wednesday Jan 22

Sci Fi Night Ft. The Brain Machine (1977)

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Friday Jan 24

The Big Lebowski (1988)

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Saturday Jan 25

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Sunday Jan 26

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Wednesday Jan 29

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Violence in the community gets a positive spin

Humboldt's effort to increase the peace

News

by Tabitha Soden

Starting as a Facebook post and evolving into a community event, Increase the Peace, scheduled for Feb. 1, is a night for people in the community to establish what Humboldt means to them.

In light of recent local violence, Peter Ciotti, owner of Jambalaya and Big Pete's Pizzeria, posted a comment to Facebook suggesting an event to bring the community together.

Ciotti said the passing of Father Eric Freed, who married Ciotti and his wife, was a catalyst for the event.

Within 12 hours of the Facebook post, Ciotti was contacted by KHUM and other community members offering their help with the event.

Don Husman, owner of In Human Creation, has been living in Humboldt since 2007. He is one of the many people helping organize the event. He said that his personal philosophy is "Don't talk about it, be about it," and he hopes the event can reflect that.

"Pete called me and asked me if I could be his wingman," Husman said.

Husman is helping to promote Increase the Peace and plans to film a

documentary of the event.

"There has definitely been an increase and a trend toward violence," Husman said. "The whole point [of this event] is about empowering our community."

At a planning meeting, Ciotti said he emphasized the importance of making this an uplifting gathering.

"I want it to be about moving forward, not reflecting on the past," Ciotti said.

Increase the Peace was originally going to be held solely at Jambalaya, but with 200 people already attending the event on Facebook, they have expanded and now Humboldt Brews will also be hosting.

Starting at 5 p.m. there will be food donated by local businesses. Wildberries is a sponsor among numerous others. Dinner will be followed by spoken word, poetry and guest speakers.

Husman has contacted Arcata Mayor Mark Wheelley and the Arcata Police Department and hopes that an officer will be able to give a talk on what measures to take if you see something going on in your neighborhood.

"I see a lot of people lashing out toward the police," Husman said. "It's not just their responsibility, it's everyone's responsibility."

The rest of the night will be filled with music. Local band Liquid Kactus is one of the many acts that will be performing at the event.

Josh Foster, a recent Humboldt State graduate and bass player for Liquid Kactus, said Ciotti contacted them about playing at the event.

"As a musician, I figure this is what we can offer the community because music brings people together," Foster said. "There is a problem and it's not going to fix itself unless people band together."

A suggested donation of \$5 to \$10 is asked of those attending, but Ciotti said that no one will be turned away.

All proceeds from attendance and the silent auction will go to the Humboldt Area Foundation.

Husman said the Foundation was the right choice for the event because it can distribute money to multiple non-profits.

Husman said there are many areas in our community that need help, from the homeless population to the people who struggle with mental health.

"We're not looking or talking about just one specific issue," he said. "It's a day to bring forward solutions, not excuses."

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Remembering MLK Jr.

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students] do get really excited about selling them."

Arcata mayor Mark Wheelley was in attendance for the event. Wheelley, who has a daughter that attends Arcata Elementary, said community support for the event is consistently strong year after year.

"This is one of those magical moments when you see the community come out, because they know what it's about," Wheelley said. "It's a dual celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. and it's also to support two great community programs."

The Eureka event, hosted by the local branch of the NAACP, was held earlier in the day at the Adorni Center. Traditional gospel music was showcased, along with a dance routine performed by children from the Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods.

Speakers at the event included Richard Leamon and Zariah Larson.

Leamon was a student at Sacramento State University when Dr. King came to give a speech on Oct. 16, 1967. Leamon, recalls trying to get close enough for an autograph, only to be turned away by Dr. King's bodyguards. Despite not getting to meet him, Leamon said the experience inspired him to become involved in human rights activism.

Larson, a student at Eureka High and a Liberian immigrant, said that the day holds great importance to her.

"It's really special to me because without him I wouldn't be who I am," Larson said. "Without what he's done, I probably would not even be here being able to speak at [an event] like this."

Lorna Bryant, a 2010 HSU journalism graduate, was the Master of Ceremonies for the event. Bryant first attended HSU in the 1980's, and she said that racial tolerance has improved in the local community since that time.

"I've said it's not often that I get to see people who look like me in the community," Bryant said. "When I do see people like me, I reach out and every opportunity I get I like to educate and inform [them]."

Bryant said that embracing differences between race and culture is paramount for the development of a strong identity.

"When people say I don't see color, I like to correct people and say well that is an important part of my being," Bryant said. "It's my color that makes me special in my own way, and if you don't identify that for whatever reason, you're losing a big part of me."

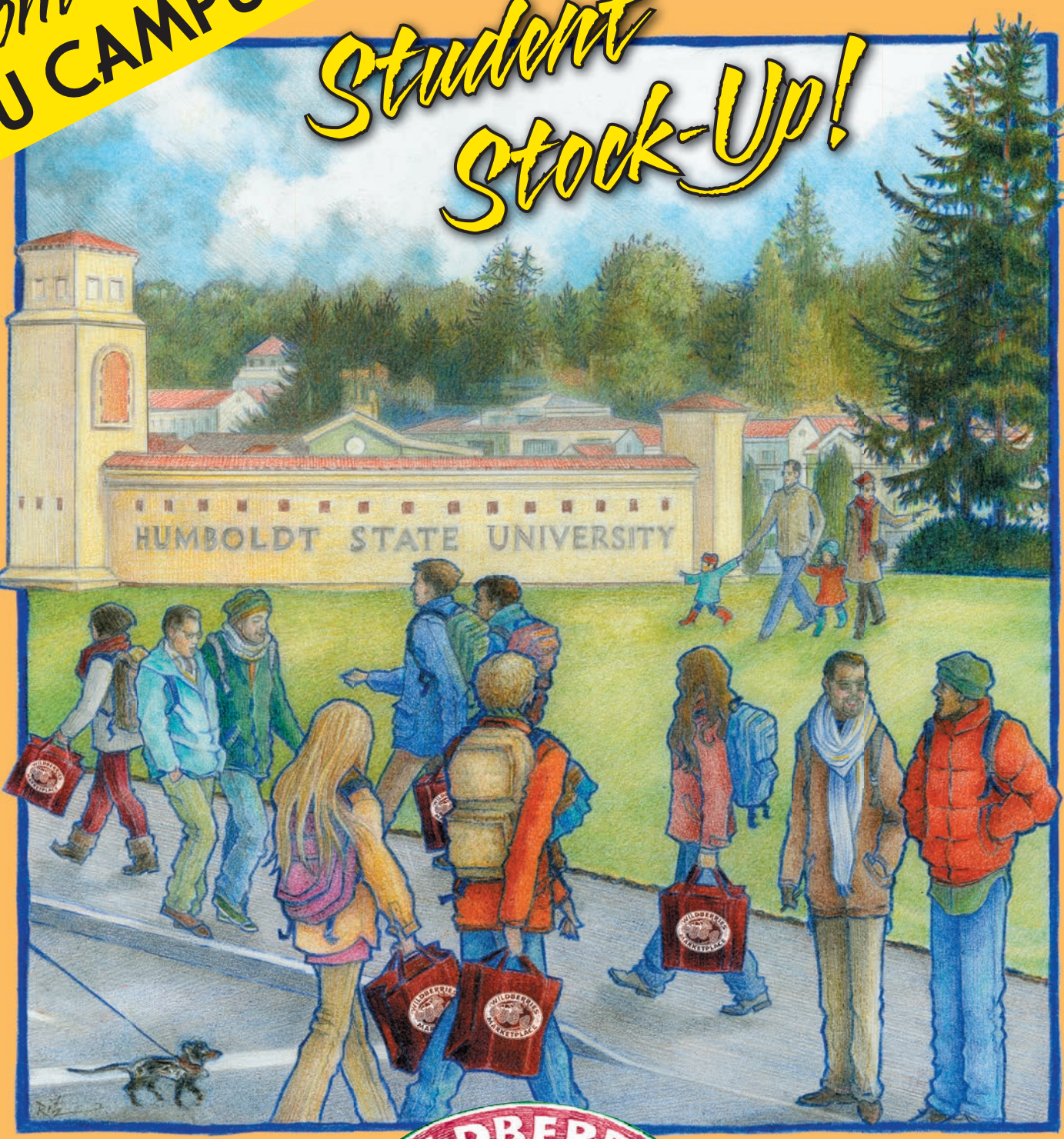
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HSU instructor crowdsources publishing project

Campus
by Ian Bradley

The quality people notice most about Kamila Larripa is her passion. It shows in the way she speaks, whether she is talking about her 5-year-old son, surfing, or partial differential equations.

Over the past three years Larripa, a math professor at Humboldt State, has spent her nights writing a 250-page young adult novel.

“Luke Walker and the Hadron Cauldron” is the story of an orphaned boy who travels from a trailer park in the middle of America to a prestigious science academy beneath a lake, thanks to a mysterious surfer named Maverick.

“I’ve always enjoyed writing, from the time I was a young kid,” Larripa said. “It’s an escape, it’s playful. I’d work all day and write at night. It’s a way to balance the day.”

Larripa began the project after her son was born, writing when she could fit it into her busy schedule.

She named the main character Luke Walker after her son Luke, and nephew Walker.

“I just put them together so

both of them felt recognized when it came out,” Larripa said. “I would like both those boys to feel like I was thinking about them when I wrote it.”

When Larripa finished the book she shared it with her friend Kirstin Odegard, who has written three herself. Odegard critiqued the novel and referred Larripa to her editor.

“I contacted the editor, he read my manuscript and said he liked it,” Larripa said. “He thought there was something there and wanted to do something with it.”

The problem then became funding. Publishing requires seed money that Larripa does not have. She considered saving it over time or working without an editor. In the end she decided to try crowdsourcing.

On Jan. 5 she launched a Kickstarter page with the goal of raising \$5,000 to put toward publishing. People can visit the website and pledge money in exchange for a gift.

The prizes vary depending on how much is given. Donors can get their names in the book, ask Larripa a math question, receive a postcard, a phone call or even name a character.

One donor actually submit-



Larripa wrote the novel for her 5-year-old Luke | Provided by Kamila Larripa

ted a math question.

“He asked if there was always a prime number between two squares, like between four and nine, it would be five,” Larripa said. “It’s actually called Legendre’s conjecture. It’s never been proven. In a 1912 conference it was called an unattainable problem.”

She could not provide a definitive answer, but explained more about the problem and said the donor was pleased with the answer.

“Luke Walker and the Hadron Cauldron” takes its name from the particle accelerator in the school’s basement, which doubles as a roller derby track. Over the course of the story Luke makes friends, studies science, skates roller derby and experiences the trials of young

adulthood.

“I’m developing an accompanying lab manual for kids and parents and teachers,” Larripa said.

“I’d like to pull 7 to 10 scientific themes from the book and then have a concrete experiment that people could do to understand it a little bit better.”

Using Kickstarter does not guarantee that Larripa’s dream will come true. Projects must set a realistic completion date. If the total donations are even \$1 short, the project will not receive any funding. However, if Larripa exceeds the goal she will keep everything.

Former HSU student Matt Richards said he will support the project by spreading the word to help her raise the money.

“I didn’t know about her book or the Kickstarter page until today but it doesn’t surprise me,” Richards said. “Kami is one of the hardest working people I know.”

Her Kickstarter campaign ends Feb. 7.

“The day I launched, so many of my friends and family shared it and it was growing rapidly,” Larripa said. “It kind of leveled off and ... truthfully I’m not sure if I’ll make it or not, but I’m close. I’m a little less than half-way there.”

Larripa said that if she does not reach her goal she will try to distribute her novel to local schools and hopes it and the lab manual spark kids’ interest in science.

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Digital disconnect

Do electronics affect classroom performance?

Column
by Keren Interiano

Now that the holiday season is over, students are eager to use their new laptops and electronics at every opportunity, including in the classroom. Could they be a useful tool, or will all the gadgets become a distraction?

Kevin Vargas, a sophomore at California State University, Northridge, calls the use of laptops and electronics in the classroom a “double-edged sword”.

“They’re only beneficial to the students who have good study habits to begin with,” Vargas said. “Otherwise they’re detrimental.”

A recent study done in Canada hopes to determine if electronics in the classroom are a benefit or a distraction.

The study placed volunteer freshman into a classroom and simulated a typical college lecture. The participants took part in different experiments that tested their multitasking abilities. Researchers also hoped to find out if laptops distract people who aren’t even using them.

Faria Sana, a doctoral candidate at McMaster University in Ontario conducted the study with doctoral candidate Tina Weston and Melody Wiseheart, an associate professor at York University.

paper were seated beside or behind laptop users while others were seated apart from them.

Results of this experiment showed that participants sitting near the laptop user scored lower than those who were further away. Students who use laptops in class can earn lower grades and distract the people sitting around them.

With HSU pushing teachers to use Moodle and expanding Wi-Fi accessibility on campus, will students feel encouraged to bring their laptops to class?

Tyree Love, an HSU sophomore, noticed the increased amount of attention he has to put toward checking Moodle.

THE CHECKPOINT

Many students believe that electronics create a disruptive, non-learning environment. Instead of focusing on taking down notes or doing an assignment, they get sidetracked by surfing the web.

“They get distracted too easily, go on Facebook, watch Netflix and listen to music,” said Bree Perez, a Humboldt State sophomore.

Humboldt State Forestry major Gabe Beal feels that proper punctuation and grammar are being neglected as students become more reliant on spell-check and auto-correct functions.

In the first experiment, all participants were asked to bring laptops and use them to take notes. Some participants however were asked to do off subject tasks such as going on Facebook when they have time during the lecture. At the end of the experiment the participants were given a quiz.

Results showed that participants who multitasked on their laptops did worse on the quiz than those who did not.

In the next experiment, participants took notes either with laptops, or pen and paper. Some of the students with pen and

“All my classes require us to access Moodle regularly,” Love said. “Probably to reduce the time and energy it takes to get the same information out to the students.”

As it stands, laptops are more disruptive than beneficial in the classroom, but as technology and teaching methods evolve this might change. This will only happen if teachers and students work together and create an environment where laptops and electronics help, rather than hurt the learning environment.

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has hosted two different guests, but both were from the United States.

“Both of these women were fascinating, really strong, independent women with all kinds of accomplishments,” French said. “It was great for my daughter to have exposure to women like that, as role models. I’ve been really pleased with the people she’s met so far through the program.”

The Servas program has members in more than 120 countries and accepts applicants after a short interview process.

Nancy Mitchell has been a Servas interviewer for more than 10 years.

“I ask ‘how did they learn about Servas?’ and ‘Why are

they interested?’” Mitchell said. “If they say it’s cheap or free I discourage that — the purpose is not to have a cheap place to stay.”

Instead Mitchell makes sure applicants understand that Servas is a volunteer organization, that hosts are opening their homes and welcoming strangers, and that it is not something to take advantage of. Although travelers are staying with a family and not at a hotel, it does not mean they should expect their stay to be free. She explains what is expected of travelers — what to expect of their host, how to contact them and the etiquette of traveling.

Servas provides members with a small guide about the country they are visiting, with information such as local customs and taboos, which Mitch-

ell strongly advises applicants to read.

“To see from an insider’s viewpoint and experience staying in a person’s home,” Mitchell said, “that’s the best experience you can have when you’re traveling through a foreign country. It broadens your thinking, it helps you understand different religions and politics.”

Scolari said that many people choose to renew their memberships because of their experiences meeting people through the program.

“Because the experience is so focused and intimate, they become friends for life,” Scolari said. “That’s what it’s all about.”

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David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants

A Gladwellian approach

Book Review

by Jack Killion

I thought I had an understanding of the story of David and Goliath. That changed over the holidays, when I had the pleasant experience of reading Malcolm Gladwell's new book, "David & Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and The Art of Battling Giants." Gladwell changed the way I thought about underdogs and their physical weaknesses. He writes that it is the recognition of a chink in somebody's armor and a sharpness of thought that makes an underdog irresistible in the eyes of competition; in business, politics and even dating.

Gladwell is a staff writer for the The New Yorker and the author of "Blink", "The Tipping Point" and "Outliers". In his latest book he explains how underdogs have always had the ability to evolve into elite forces. "The Art of Battling Giants" uses incredible true stories that demonstrate how underdogs can break through the barrier of adversity to topple elites.

In "The Art of Battling Giants," Gladwell proposes an interesting theory — that advantages can sometimes be disadvantages and vice versa. He cites the biblical tale of David and Goliath as an example.

One day in the Elah Valley, David was called to fight Goliath. David wasn't a front-line soldier, he was a stone slinger and hand-to-hand combat wasn't one of his strengths. Goliath, on the other hand, was a gargantuan man with a latent weakness — a tumor that made him severely nearsighted and made close combat his only option in battle. David was unaware of this but had faith in his sling and struck a mortal blow right at the hub of Goliath's forehead.

Of course many people are familiar with the story of David and Goliath, and their epic battle is the basis for "The Art of Battling Giants". Gladwell is a compelling writer because he goes in depth with these two characters and reveals the reason that David won.

Goliath is so massive he has only ever needed his strength to see him successfully through combat. However, Gladwell states that such an

advantage is actually a weakness. David knows he can't outfight the giant and is forced to think of an alternative way to defeat him. He realizes his sling will be most effective if aimed at Goliath's head and adopts this as his strategy.

By Gladwell's reasoning, that is how the underdog comes out on top. The people who cannot tackle their problems head on, the Davids who live at a disadvantage, must circumvent their shortcomings. In doing so, they open themselves up to new and creative ways of handling problems that the Goliaths of the world could never imagine.

The book also explores the idea of being a big fish in a little pond. Gladwell constantly tones himself to this attitude when elaborating about students making the transition from a small pond where they excelled (high school) to a large pond where they become overwhelmed (college).

Students at Humboldt State should be excited to hear that Gladwell approves of smaller, less prestigious schools.

"The best students from mediocre schools were almost always a better bet than good students from the very best schools," he writes.

When smart students from high

school decide to go to Yale they are automatically placed in a demoralizing pattern of failure. These top students go from standing out at their schools to blending in with the top students from other high schools. When the best of the best all gather in one place, they become little fish in a big pond because their advantages no longer stand out. I believe that Gladwell hopes to reach those people who put themselves into these large ponds and become depressed because they can't escape.

The main idea of the book is overcoming adversity. Gladwell's goal is to change the way readers perceive their strengths and weaknesses. He hopes his audience will recognize the advantages their shortcomings provide.

"The Art of Battling Giants" is an exercise in critical thinking. Gladwell makes the reader confront ideas that are new and confusing, but he supports his theories superbly. This book touched a dark spot on my psyche and made me more aware of my weaknesses. I recommend you pick up this book if you suffer from a lack of confidence, or if you're just looking for something to stimulate the mind.

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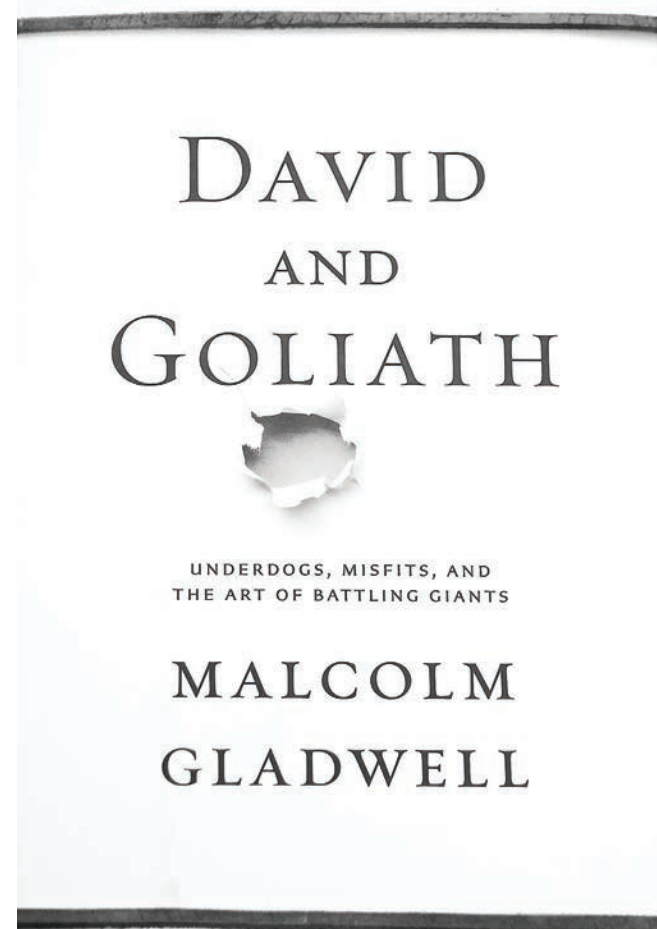


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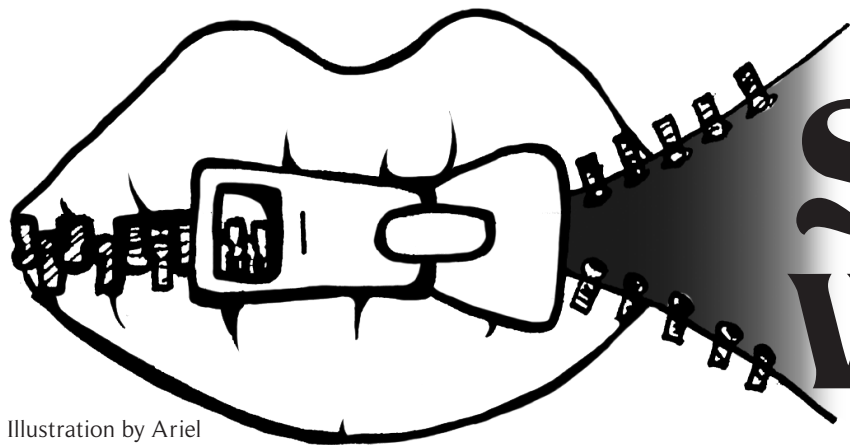


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The Safe Word

Accepting open relationships

Redefining “the couple”

Column
by Jack Sherwood

Sharing is caring — sometimes. My entire life, I was taught to share. Share my toys with my brothers, share my feelings with others and share my food with the less fortunate. In these cases, I would like to think that I’m caring.

In relationships, sharing is problematic. I’ve been dating since I was 14 years old and monogamy seemed to be an apparent evil in my life. Every person I was in a couple with would cheat on me. After the fourth time it happened, I decided I was destined to be alone. But then I came to the University and began to see a pattern unfold. Monogamy is a fantasy.

I was living with a couple my freshman year and they introduced me to Meg. Meg and I were hanging out one night watching a movie at her apartment, and it just so happened that her roommate went to San Francisco for the weekend. We were both freshman and extremely awkward at voicing how we felt, but that night we had sex.

After that night, I thought we didn’t need to talk about our status as a couple. I assumed Meg was my girlfriend and I was her boyfriend. But something was off; she only acted like it when we were alone. I asked her if we were a couple or if she was using me. She told me she didn’t believe

in monogamy, and I was confused.

Naturally, I asked if she was seeing other people. She was seeing one other guy and I felt strangely comfortable with it because she was being honest with me. We finished our conversation by labeling what we had as an open relationship.

I began to think about monogamy and what it meant to me. All of my girlfriends had cheated on me and it hurt every time, but this time was different. She wasn’t hiding it and it didn’t hurt. I realized that monogamy was not what I want; it’s what I was taught to want. I was grateful that I found Meg and that I could communicate with her about these things.

I realized that by being in a monogamous relationship, you willingly set yourself up to be cheated on. In an open relationship, cheating doesn’t exist.

The way I defined my relationship determined whether things were OK or not. Some people don’t like to share their significant other but all I care about is honesty. As long as I defined my relationship with my girlfriend — whether it is open, closed or clandestine — it felt right.

My childhood friend Mark drove over 1,200 miles to come visit me in Humboldt County and stayed with me for a week. I hadn’t seen Mark in years and I introduced him

to Meg. After a few nights of drinking and partying I found out that Mark and Meg had sex in my restroom while I was sleeping.

Mark came clean the next morning and told me every detail; they even left evidence all over my restroom walls and floor. Mark was taken aback when I showed no jealousy. I explained my situation to him and I found it ironic that he showed distaste for my relationship with Meg. After all, he was the one who had sex with my girlfriend. Eventually, he was comfortable with the idea but said he wouldn’t make that choice himself.

Over time, Meg and I drifted apart, and our relationship ended. This was a revelation; a break-up with no resentment!

I was liberated.

The type of relationship I participate in is a choice that I make with the other person. This is not to say that monogamy is a bad thing. I’ve been in both open and monogamous relationships since then. I enjoy both equally, but right now an open relationship makes more sense to me. The beauty about being a human being is that we can change our minds about what we want, whenever we want.

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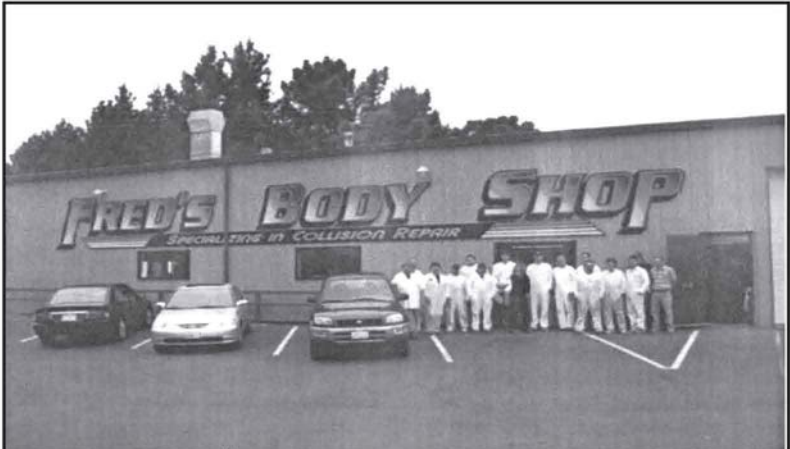
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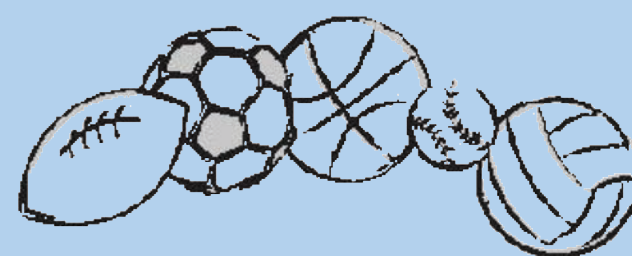
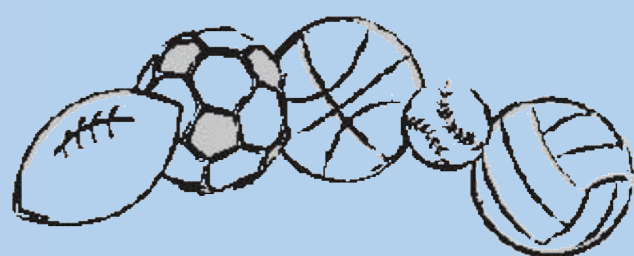
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"She knows how to make us grow," Walker said. "Somebody new would not know how I play. I'm a really emotional player, so someone who doesn't know me would be like 'oh, you're really upset,' but Shelli knows that I get mad for that one second and then I'm done. She's been really good about how to keep me up

"We have a lot of returners after last year's fifth in the nation finish," Sarchett said. "These girls come here to Humboldt, expecting to win, expecting to vie for a national championship. They don't expect anything less. That's how we breed them in practice."

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by John Ferrara

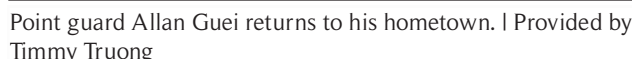
"I told my team to just keep their heads up, it's a long season," Guei said.

After a hot start, three-point specialist Parker Farris has gone cold, making only 36.5 percent of his threes.

Howard looks soft on defense and fouling out of six

"At the beginning of the season we lost a lot of bodies," Guei said. "We've grown a lot, they're not freshmen anymore."

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Seattle Seahawks:
The Seahawks' road to Super Bowl XLVIII however, is as far from the books as it gets. Russell Wilson's 26 touchdown passes seem miniscule when compared to his AFC counterpart, however the Seahawks have proven they do not need to be in the red zone to score. Wilson, a 5'11 sixth-round pick, is the first quarterback in the Super Bowl era to have a passer rating of more than 100 in each of his first two seasons. With 49 completions of more than 20

yards and 10 of more than 40 yards, the deep ball is a potent weapon in their offensive arsenal. But with Marshawn Lynch in the backfield, the Broncos' defensive gameplan will surely be geared toward bottling up one of the toughest running backs to take down.

The defense is where most analysts foam at the mouth concerning matchups against the Broncos' offense. Topping the league in most defensive statistical categories including yards per game, points per game and passing yards per game allowed, they're more than well-equipped to hold their ground against the AFC's premiere offense.

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A throwdown at the showdown as MMA packs the palace

Humboldt's fight scene gets in the ring



MMA fighter Zac Andrews raises his fit to finish his opponent. The crowd yelled in euphoria. | Manuel Orbegozo

MMA

by Israel LeFrak

The Showdown in the Sapphire Palace was packed to capacity with more than 600 fight fans at Blue Lake Casino on Saturday night. Eighteen warriors from Northern California and Oregon battled in the ring to demonstrate their skills and win glory.

Fight promoter Nick Kukuza, who puts on the event, spoke about how happy he was with the event and why Humboldt County is a special place for these fights.

“There was a little bit of everything from the fighters, and the crowd was fantastic,” Kukuza said. “The fighters love coming here because the crowd responds well and shows some knowledge about the fights. Fighters want to go where they

are appreciated.” Local favorite Louis Cosce representing Team Warrior Society in Willow Creek, drew the loudest cheer from the crowd as he entered the ring. The young and exciting 170-pound fighter brought an unmatched energy, which the crowd reflected back into the ring.

However, this night Cosce suffered a heartbreaking loss in his second round against 170-pound Zac Andrews representing Team Dragon House from San Francisco.

From the start of round one it was clear this was no easy match for Cosce as the two fighters immediately collided and the fight was taken to the ground for an intense wrestling match.

When Cosce would break out of a hold and stand back up, the crowd would go wild hoping



Jonathan Lima prepares for a battle he would later win. | Manuel Orbegozo

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Chris “Afro Thunder” Dixon has his opponent in a lock, securing his victory. | Manuel Orbeagozo

for their fighter to have a chance, only to get body-slammed back onto the ground. Cosce took a couple of tough hammer fists to the face, but he was saved by the bell and the first round ended.

That brief moment of time between rounds offered a chance for Cosce to recover, regain his breath and his strength. As soon as round two started he was slammed on his back and the struggle on the ground resumed.

Lost in the wrestling match, it was difficult to tell who was winning the fight, until Cosce’s face resurfaced on top of the pile of torsos, busted and bloody, his body bent over backwards. The referee saw Cosce was unable to defend himself and stopped the fight, awarding Andrews the victory. Even with the loss, the crowd cheered loudly for their warrior.

“Cosce had success in the cage and in toughman competitions, but he wanted to step up his competition and jump in the deep end with the sharks,” Kukuruza said. “I wasn’t upset for him, I was happy for him, this is the learning part. I feel sorry for the next person that has to face him.”

The quickest and most authoritative fight of the night was between 130-pound Erwin Gomez from Eureka and the 125-pound Ryan “Ronin” Koscinski from Klamath Falls, Ore. It lasted all of 21 seconds. It was clear when the

two fighters walked out that Gomez was taller and had a longer reach than Koscinski.

The fight started and Gomez took control immediately. The two ended up on the ground and it was all over. The thud of Gomez’s repetitive punches to Koscinski’s chest and head reverberated through the crowd’s sympathetic “ooo’s”. Gomez then put him into an arm triangle and Koscinski tapped immediately.

The showdown also featured a fight between two women, 144-pound Sidoma Bowen out of Rio Dell representing Team Mill MMA, and 133-pound Jaimee Nievera from San Francisco representing Team Dragon House.

Bowen had found out only three days prior to the fight that she would be participating. Even though it seemed apparent that Bowen was overmatched by her opponent, she fought with intensity and was determined to win. The two fighters traded blows but Bowen was declared unable to continue into the third round.

Brian Wells, a local fan who came to support his friend Anthony “Da Cobra” Pulliam said he isn’t a huge fight fan but still enjoyed himself.

“There was some pretty good action,” Wells said. “It’s kind of a shame we couldn’t have it at a bigger venue, but I’d definitely come again.”

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The judge holds MMA Sidoma Bowen fighter. She started training only three days before the fight. | Manuel Orbeagozo



Between rounds; contender Manny Rojas studies Kyle “The Ghost” Gothan; his opponent. | Manuel Orbeagozo

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EDITORIAL

Down with open-Internet rules

Federal court's decision to stop net neutrality

As journalists, we here at The Lumberjack use the Internet constantly. We search for stories, check sources, and share our own stories. We even have our paper online for those who prefer reading it in digital format. We are able to get our stories out to the world, and to see other stories from around the world, because of the Internet and the free flow of information it provides. Verizon, AT&T, and Comcast are ISPs (Internet service providers) that believe that they should be allowed to regulate this free flow of information. They believe that it is their right as providers to be able to choose which sites and companies are more accessible to the public, by charging sites to be on a faster bandwidth and leaving smaller sites in the slow lane. We here at The Lumberjack believe that this is a disservice to all of America.

Way back in 2010, the Federal Communications Commission, better known as the FCC, passed the open-Internet rules as a way to prevent ISPs from regulating Internet traffic. In other words, the FCC did not want ISPs to be able to give preference to certain websites by allowing them a larger bandwidth and enabling them to run faster than other websites. This allowed for the continuation of “net neutrality,” the notion that Internet and all the information it provides should be accessible to everybody.

On Jan. 14, the Federal Court of Appeals in D.C. struck down parts of the FCC’s open-Internet rules in a case brought on by the ISP Verizon. The U.S. Court of Appeals decided that the government could not enforce neutrality with regards to ISPs treatment of Internet traffic. The decision seemed to be based on the fact that the FCC rules did not view the ISPs as common carriers, therefore could not govern them as such. But this technicality seems minute when viewed under the weight of this ruling. This decision not only affects how the public will be paying for the Internet but it will also halt the free flow of information that the Internet has allowed since its debut.

This court case is not just about corporations’ First Amendment rights and their right to provide their service at their own discretion, but it is about changing the way Americans are allowed to receive information. If this ruling is allowed to progress then the small ideas and innovations that the Internet has helped develop will cease. Companies and services like Google, Facebook, Netflix, Amazon, more than likely most of the sites that you use on a daily basis, were allowed to progress and become what they are today by the spread of information through the Internet. If ISPs are allowed to favor certain sites that can pay for a faster

bandwidth then all of the small businesses will fall into the slow traffic where they are not likely to be discovered.

This court ruling will only hinder new ideas and stop the free flow of information. ISPs are changing Internet service into a cable TV service, except instead of paying for more channels you will be paying for more information. And this shutdown of open-Internet rules is an avoidable issue. The only reason to change the flow of Internet traffic is to allow for more bandwidth for information, which could be provided by each company if they would put in the funds to do so. Funds that they could take away from dealing in political campaigns and put towards providing a better service for the American public.

The Internet has progressed since its development and is no longer a luxury service. It is a vital part of the community and should be regulated as such. The decision to keep it this way should not be hung up on wording. The information that it can provide to the public should not be decided on by a select few corporations who want to change the rules for profit. It should remain free and open for everyone.

The system is keeping us down

Educating the lower class

Opinion
by Contessa Ricci

“The system is keeping us down, man.”

You’ve heard it said, but what does it really mean? A part of us instinctively knows it’s true, but most of us don’t know why or how.

Many statistics are thrown our way: x amount of people from demographic y make z amount of money and are more likely to blah, blah, blah. Sure some of us are able to claw our way out of a deep, black money hole and reach a better tax bracket, but most of the American population can’t and won’t be able to. The idea that the amount of work you put in will determine your wealth, and therefore your living situation, is a strongly ingrained falsehood in our society.

We know that people from wealthier families have more advantages, like access to better health care or even just the ability to eat better-quality food. But it is important to realize that these advantages are much more extensive than most

people realize, or are willing to accept. Education is a prime example of the advantages of the wealthy.

People with wealthier backgrounds have access to better schools and children from families with higher economic standing typically have college-educated parents. Some may strictly have a bachelor’s degree, but it is common for one or both parents to possess a master’s degree or higher. It creates a home life that incorporates a larger vocabulary and exposure to challenging subjects. If a child from this economic standing pursues higher education he or she will be better prepared for what academia requires of them.

Wealthier families do not need their children to work to help contribute to home expenses. This does more than free up time for homework and studying. It also frees up mental space, because they are not experiencing the stress of making a living or the need to maintain a job. It is well-known and well-documented that stress has enormous effects on your health, both physically

and mentally. Less stress really does mean better cognitive function. For students in college this also has the added benefit of having enough free time to attain relevant job experience, as well as the financial ability to obtain unpaid internships. They will be career ready sooner than someone having to work while in school and there is also a compounding ease with which that student gains further experience.

But perhaps the most important way that socioeconomic standing affects education is this: children and teens from lower economic backgrounds typically reject others who present higher levels of intelligence. A 2002 study finding shows that schools with greater gaps between high-achieving and low-achieving students tend to have more violence.

This is not because they necessarily choose ignorance or because they dislike the idea of an intelligent person. Rather because things like more formal speech, wider vocabulary, or interest in global issues are typically exhibited by people of

education; people who will statistically make more than those with only a high school education or lower; people who have historically treated those worse off as less than them. This can be seen in another study in 2006 that looked at bullying in gifted 8th graders in the U.S: name-calling was the highest form of bullying recorded, and one of the highest types of names called were related to intellectual capability — names like dork, nerd, idiot or geek. This was second only to name-calling related to appearance.

There are a multitude of things in place allowing the “system” to continue working as it is; keeping the disparity between classes wide and growing. This does not mean there is no use in trying – some of us manage to conquer our circumstance and because there is no other way than to try. But it is important to know and acknowledge the workings of the “system” if we are to understand and overcome it.

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Manuel Orbegoza’s name was spelled wrong in the paper.

The F Word

Opinion
by Cheyenne Gillett



Illustration by Cheyenne Gillett

Over the years feminism has gotten a bad name. It has become the new “F” word — a word rarely uttered without the connotation of radical bra-burning, man-hating women. Consequently, many men and women fear association with feminists because of the misconceptions that come with the label.

The word feminism often leads to confusion and I too have struggled with its meaning. However, I have come to the conclusion that it’s not a static idea, but dynamic in nature.

Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines feminism as “organized activity on behalf of women’s rights and interests.” It’s a perpetuation of righting any inequalities between men and women that may arise, and/or and enhancing women’s lives through change. Feminism doesn’t begin and end with one cause. It’s any and all causes that relate to the enrichment of women. This includes, but certainly is not limited to the glass ceiling that many businesswomen have encountered in the past and still to this day are confined by.

The term feminist gives a name to the idea and maybe more importantly a conscience. These changes have been extraordinary in nature, from voting rights for women, better equality in workplace, ability for women to go to college, and the list goes on. All women have been the beneficiaries of feminism, and it is mind-boggling that any woman would be at odds or not proud to identify as a feminist. It allows women to make choices that were not afforded to them in the past.

So then, why do so many people still avoid calling themselves feminists? Katy Perry accepted the 2013 Billboard Woman of the Year award by telling the world, “I am not a feminist, but I do believe in the strength of women.” Almost everything Perry does embodies the beliefs

of feminists such as being independent, an entrepreneur and the fact that she believes in the strength of women; yet she still shies away from calling herself one.

I think some people, like Perry, believe that being a feminist somehow means you can’t be feminine. It’s like declaring yourself a feminist automatically turns you into a “man-wannabe.”

People look at me and say, “I would have never guessed you were a feminist. You just don’t look like it.” Being petite and having an affinity for makeup has somehow excluded me from being a part of the feminist collective.

Wake up! It’s not how you look that matters. It’s how you think. You can identify as a man, woman, athlete, girly-girl, whoever you are, and still be a feminist.

Read up on feminist theories, do your research, take a class; there are so many ideas and theories to explore. You never know, you might find that “gasp”... you’re a feminist too! Some feminists will go to the extreme and accuse others who don’t share their beliefs as being horrible, ignorant people. But what they fail to realize is that they are denying others the same rights that they want for themselves when they do this.

We are not going to convince people that our convictions are right with in-your-face accusations. The important thing is that you keep an open mind and not let preconceptions or labels keep you from exploring and affirming your beliefs. By our example, we will make the world proud to call themselves feminists!

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Knowing your place, Anonymous President

Wishing luck for our next president

Opinion
by Banning Ramirez

I didn’t visit Humboldt State at all before I began attending in the fall of 2011 for my freshman year of college. My tuition was paid for, I easily figured out my housing situation and I was more than ready to kiss my ma and pa on the cheek and fly away from my little home of Hawaii in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, and begin my life in the little old town of Arcata, California. Of course I looked at the website many times and felt comfortable with my school of choice. The “trees looked cool” and “the people seemed happy” — that’s all I could really vouch for when I was questioned about my decision as to why I chose HSU.

Now, in my third year here, I have never felt more blessed to have had the opportunity to attend such a great institution in such a beautiful location. Unlike many of my peers who couldn’t see themselves holding a degree from this place, eventually packing up and leaving within their first or second semester, I was lucky enough to let the redwood curtain grow on me. To make such an ill-informed decision at such a young age was ignorant of me, but to find myself in a place that I grew to love and now call my home was absolutely pure luck.

“Informed.” “Exemplary commu-

nication.” “Great politician.” These were only a few of the many recommendations brought to the CSU Board of Trustees Search Committee’s attention back in October during an open forum, all in hopes of placing faithful trust in the committee to secure a well-rounded president for HSU. The most frequently raised question among students and faculty was why the new policy prohibits any of the candidates from visiting the HSU campus before beginning their tenure.

In years past, the committee not only has revealed the pool of candidates to the HSU community, but also allowed all candidates to interact with the students, staff and faculty on campus, to roam the vibrant and unique area, and to acquaint themselves to the college town life, really only getting a small taste of what a day-in-the-life of a Humboldtian is truly like. But now this will cease to exist because the CSU Board of Trustees says it could potentially affect the “relationship” between the candidates and their current institution.

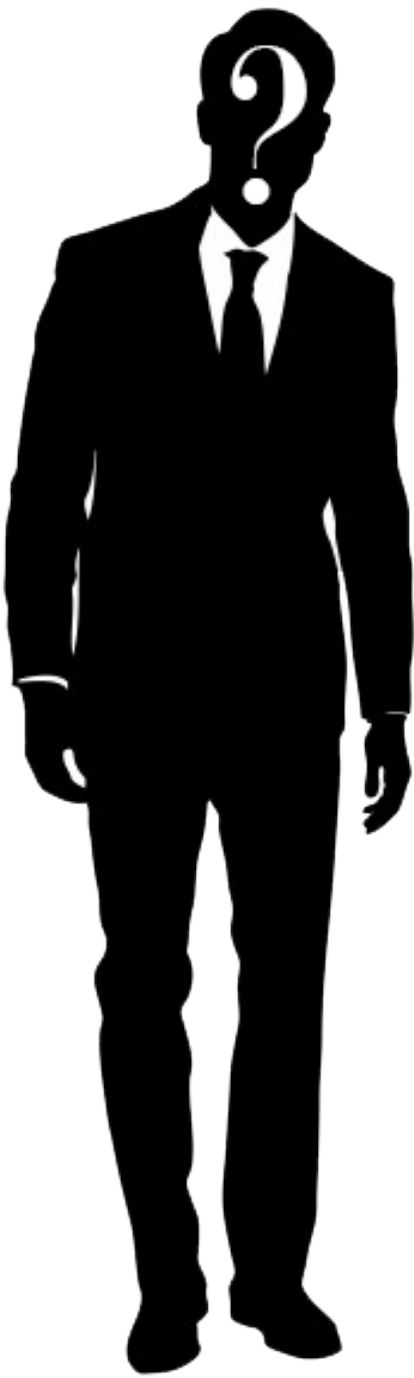
Think about it: this time we aren’t talking about a recent high school grad who is kissing their mother on the cheek and waving goodbye. We are talking about someone who will invest their time and energy into upholding the Humboldt mission and values that have been perpetuated for 100 years, diversifying the campus community,

and holding an overall budget of over 180 million dollars – but has no idea what HSU even looks like.

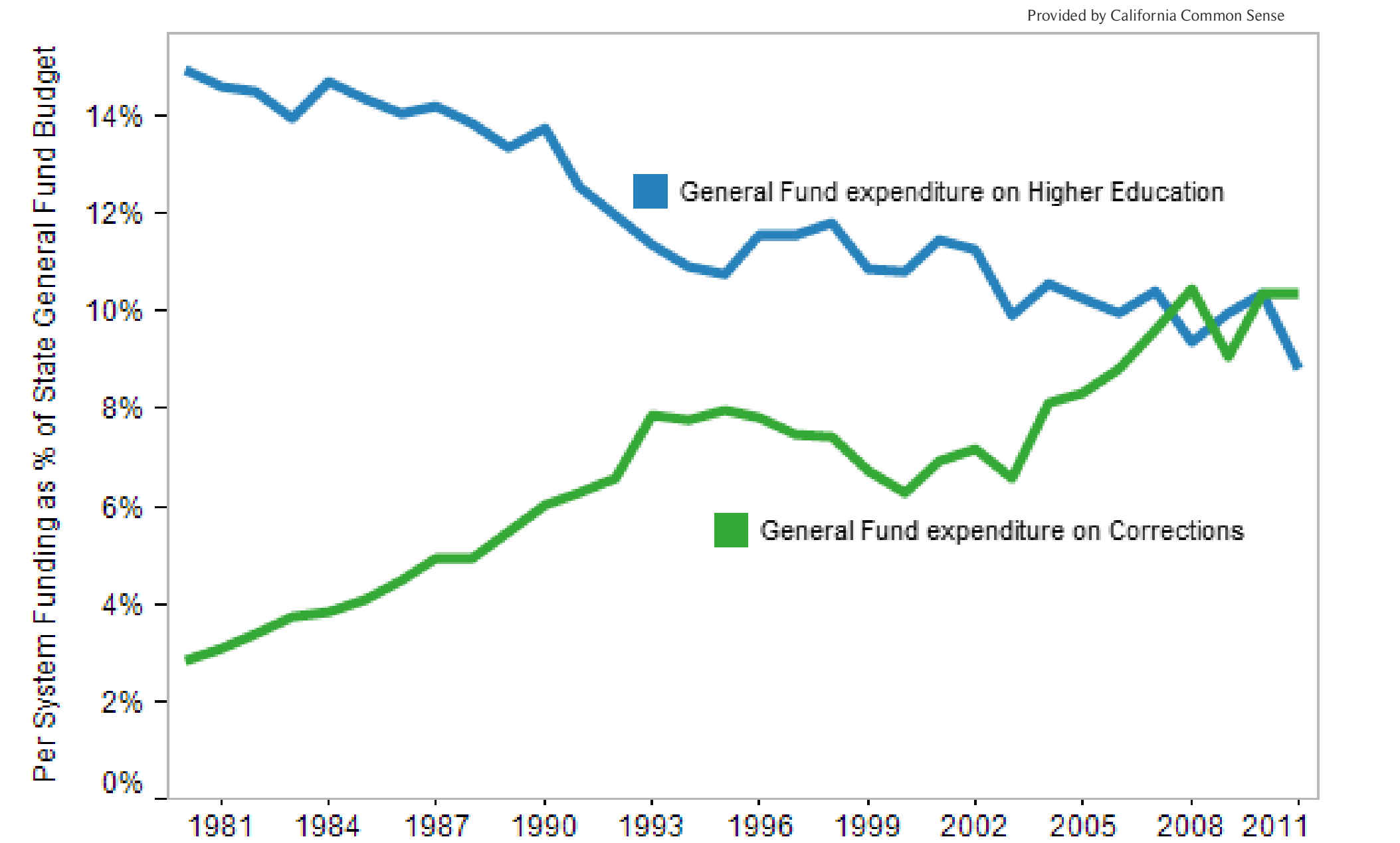
Without any prior knowledge about or involvement in the Humboldt scene, how is our next president able to assure the success of students in and out of the classroom? To say that President Richmond tried his best would be a giving him the benefit of the doubt, but his lack of visibility obviously created some clear confusion as to where he was most of the time. Now we have to pose an entirely new question: if we can’t even get the future president to step onto our campus, then just how in touch will he or she be with the HSU community as a whole.

I was extremely lucky to land in a place where I positively fostered growth for the betterment of myself and eventually others. I can only hope, along with many of my peers and colleagues, that our next president does not land here because “the trees looked cool” and “the people seemed happy,” but that absolute pure luck blessed him or her the way it did for me.

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Public comment by former A.S. President



by Jacob Bloom

My name is Jacob Bloom, and I am the former Humboldt State Associated Student’s President, former ROSA coalition member, and now the current president of the NORML (National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws) Club.

I would like to apologize for the way I resigned from my position as AS president, for the way I resigned was not the best. It was abrupt during the meeting, and I didn’t explain myself first.

Don’t worry, this action is consistent with a more general plan, and others can perform the duties of AS president better than I could. Nonetheless, I am sorry and would like to offer my apologies to anybody I may have angered or inconvenienced.

Now please allow me to explain myself:

After my time in politics, I have come to identify two core problems which I am committed to solving, and which I see as incredibly intertwined: We need to save higher education, and we must end the war on drugs.

I resigned from my position as AS president because at that meeting it became apparent that AS was preventing me from advocating for higher education.

My replacement Forust, and the rest of the council will do a great job, and the restructuring that followed my resignation is most impressive.

It took me nearly 8 months to really figure it out. AS is not about higher education. AS is not about students. AS is about students watching a

racist and classist performance by our universities administration.

We need to ask ourselves, what is the purpose of student government in the CSU?

The answer the best I can figure: to prevent students from fighting for higher education.

So I resigned to do my job as president of the NORML club.

The war on drugs is diverting resources from higher education. The business administrators who are privatizing and defunding our education are the same ones privatizing and inflating prison budgets. They are successfully marginalizing California’s radical middle class by destroying the two things that makes California great, its weed and its public higher education systems.

Therefore, the best way for me to fight for higher education is through NORML.

I am a senior, this next semester is my last semester, and I must use my time as productively as possible.

I would like to leave with three questions students must ask, which are:

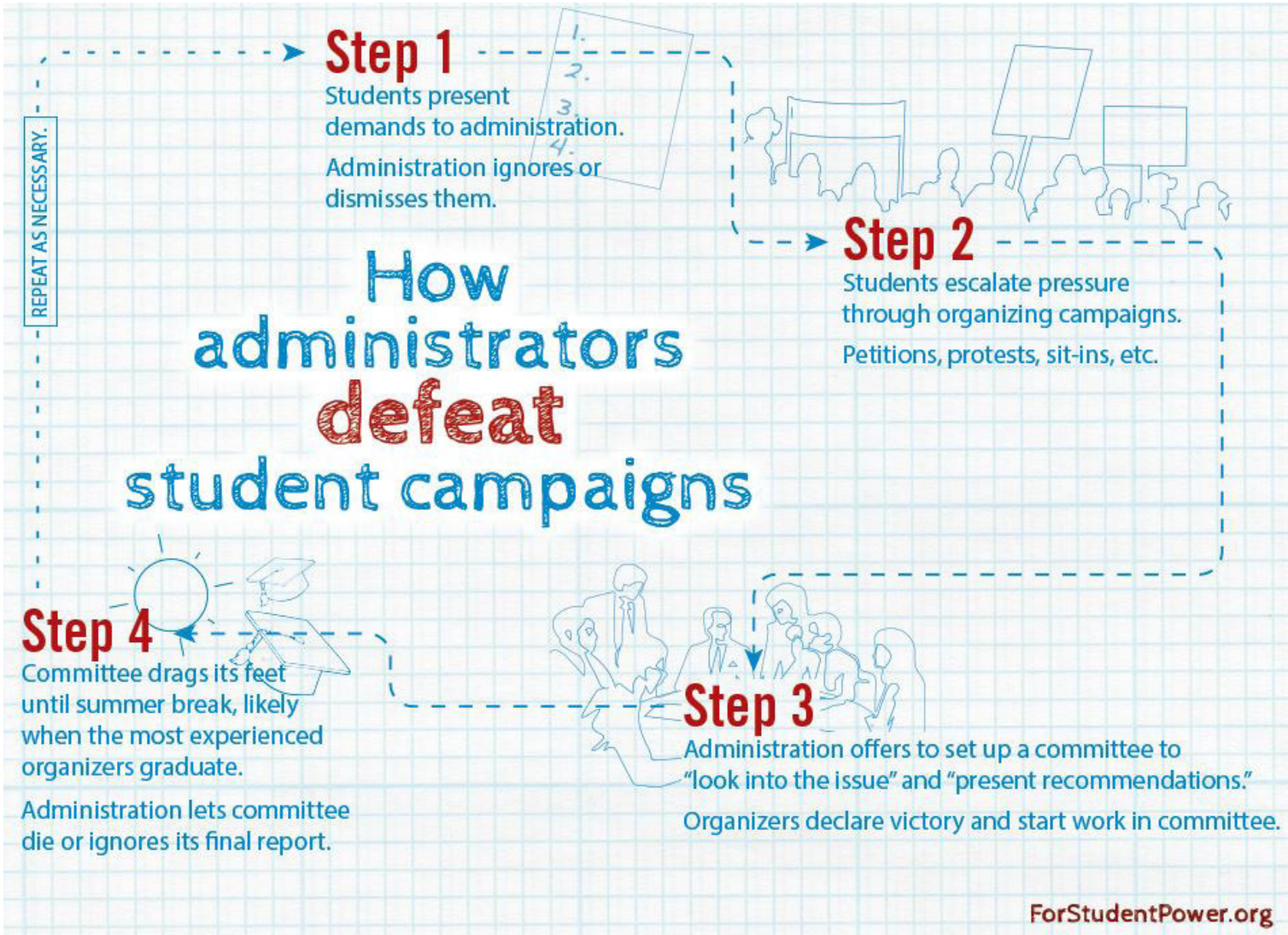
1. How do we create a grassroots democratic structure to serve the students?
2. How do we make sure people on the AS payroll are actually employees of the AS? Currently they are not, and rather are employed by the administration through student affairs and the university center.
3. How do we make sure AS is in fact serving students?

And I have three suggestions for the AS council, which were my campaign promises and which I still intend to follow through on:

1. Create an inter-clubs council. It must be created by grassroots efforts from the bottom up, not top down from student affairs administrators.
2. Restructure the AS, so that it has its own employees and decentralizes power away from the executive board. Currently the employees that are on the AS payroll work for the university center and student affairs administration. Also the executive board has too much responsibility and power to deliver a satisfactory performance. As a consequence, the rest of the council is left with nothing to do except for the bidding of the administrators. Most council issues either originate from or are exacerbated by a staff that is responsible to the administration, not the councilmembers.
3. Finally, we need an electronic resource, perhaps as simple as a blog, compiling regular reports from every council member and campus committee member. The reports must consist of a paragraph and 2 questions the student had about the meetings.

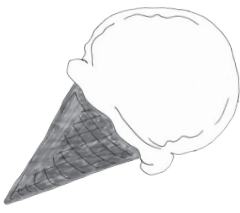
Thank you for your time.

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Puzzles Page



Where's Rollin?

It is hard enough to find Humboldt State President Rollin Richmond in real life ... but can you find him in The Lumberjack?

Cartoon Rollin is hidden somewhere in the paper. If you find him, email the answer to thejack@humboldt.edu with the subject "ATTN: Where's Rollin?"

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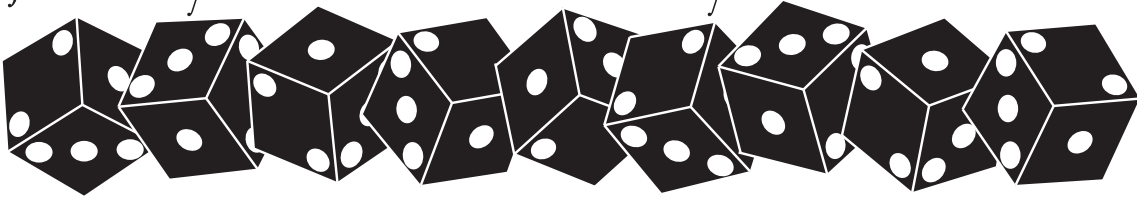
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Calendar

January 23, 2014-February 1, 2014



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Thursday
January
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Peking Acrobats

This elite group of gymnasts, jugglers, cyclists and tumblers from the People's Republic of China will perform 2,000-year-old Chinese traditions filled with live Chinese music and an array of exotic, gravity-defying entertainment.
Van Duzer Theatre | 8 p.m. | Adults \$35, Children \$25, HSU Students \$10

49th annual Trinidad to Clam Beach Run

Annual walk/run through the scenic Northern California coast of Trinidad. Choose from a 3 mile, 5 ¾ mile or 8 ¾ mile run. The run honors Ford Hess, the founder of the Clam Beach Run. The trail features uneven terrain, a view of the coastline and a river crossing. Register online at trinidadtoclambeach.com or sign up at the Red Lion Hotel in Eureka on race day.
Trinidad | 10 a.m.

Saturday
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Humboldt Roller Derby vs. Tsunami Sirens

Humboldt Roller Derby's first bout of the season. Entertainment by HRD's dance crew, the Derby Darlings.
Redwood Acres Fairgrounds | 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
\$12 in advance, \$15 at the door, Kids 10 and under, free

Sunday
January
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Six Rivers Trivia Night
Test your random knowledge.
Six Rivers Brewery | 8 p.m. | Free

Thursday
January
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Belly Dance Workout

Learn belly dancing and get a workout by doing it. No experience necessary.
The Dance Scene in Eureka | \$10

Lanphere Dunes Guided Walk

Take a tour of the Lanphere Dunes led by a Friends of the Dunes naturalist.
Meet at Pacific Union School | 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Saturday
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