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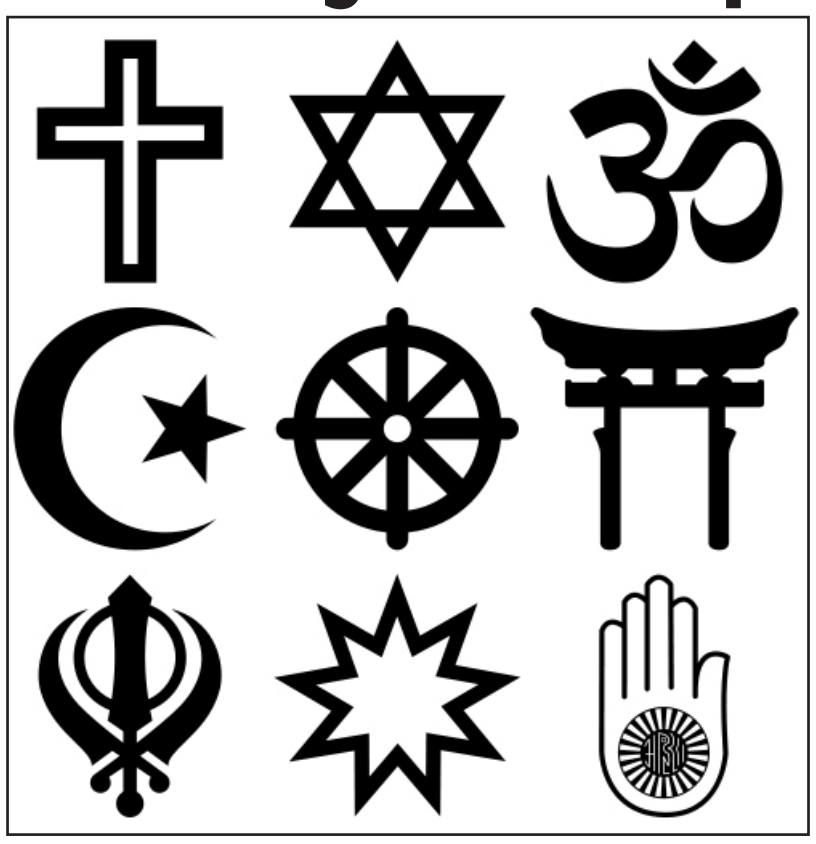

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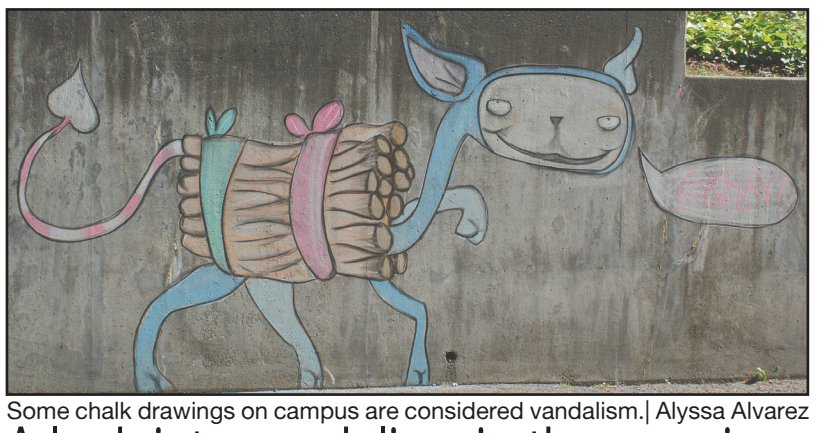

Some chalk drawings on campus are considered vandalism.| Alyssa Alvarez

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Chancellor Charles Reed discusses the state of the CSU with the press during a meeting Thursday. "You can write this down," Reed said. "The trigger is going to get pulled." | Catherine Wong

Chancellor Reed announces 'Trigger is going to get pulled'

by Kaci Poor and Catherine Wong

For Chancellor Charles Reed, doling out bad news is like handing out cough syrup.

"If my children are not well, I make them take medicine. I make them take it even if they say, 'Pap, I don't want it,'" he said Thursday morning in a meeting with HSU students, staff and faculty held in Goodwin Forum. "It's the same with the CSU. I have to step back and say, in my judgment, what is best for the system."

That includes dealing with imminent trigger cuts.

Reed—who traveled to HSU Thursday, Sept. 22 to take part in the College Creek Apartment Complex ribbon cutting—said he expects the CSU system to have another $100 million cut from it in January.

The trigger cuts will come on top of the $650 million cut the CSU system received over the summer.

While promising the cuts would not lead to increased tuition mid-year, Reed admitted the CSU would face increasingly difficult decisions.

"We have taken the system down to the very edge," he said, noting the closure of programs like HSU's nursing program and the consolidation of information technology services.

Blain Garrett, a senior cellular-molecular biology major who transferred to HSU two years ago, said he is frustrated by the changes he has seen as a result budget cuts.

"In the short time that I've been here, they've made classes less available," Garrett said. "They'll only open an additional section if there's an overwhelming number of people that want to get in, but they have to hit a critical number or they just drop all the students anyway."

Garrett said students are frustrated with the school and their finances.

"[Richmond] will just use creative wording like, 'We're all hurting. The economy is bad,'" Garrett said. "But he isn't hurting. It's the students that are hurting and it's the teachers that are hurting. The administration's doing fine."

Reed said much of his decision making revolves around making sure students have classes at all.

"I want students to stay in school. I want students to graduate. They have to get the classes in order to do that," Reed said. "So the classes might get a little bit bigger, but there is somebody there serving them."

Reed said one of his main concerns is making sure quality higher education remains affordable and accessible.

"Right now, everyone [in Sacramento] is saying the right words, but their actions don't back that up," he said, noting the CSU's current level of funding is equal to that of 1998, while the number of students in the system has increased by 70,000. "Right now, we are all working harder to do more with less."

One of the contentious issues Reed avoided during his visit is the ongoing contract negations between the CSU and the California Faculty Association.

As he cruised around campus, meeting with student leaders, eating lunch with community business members and speaking at the ribbon cutting, a crowd of faculty members waving giant posters plastered with his face under a wanted sign tailed him.

"We are here to protest the Chancellor's presence," said Mike Camann, zoology professor and vice president of the HSU chapter of the CFA. Camann was one of about ten faculty members who stood at the back of the College Creek Great Hall during the ribbon cutting holding up protest signs.

"Reed's proposals [in the contract negotiations] are designed to change the nature of the CSU in ways not benefiting the faculty or students," he said.

Reed's proposals push the CSU in the direction of privatization, he said, making it more like a "big corporation than a public education system."

Humboldt CFA President and philosophy professor Benjamin Shaeffer said he's noticed major changes since he came to HSU in 1994.

"I've seen students not able to get [into HSU]," he said. "I've seen fewer classes for students. I've seen overworked faculty. I've seen lecturer rights diminish."

Despite the faculty's efforts to draw Reed out, he left them out of his speech during the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

"They [the CFA] raise hell," he said afterwards. "Someone tells them what to do and they are like mice—they go do it. They have a job. Why? Because we raise tuition. Because we make tough decisions."

Provost Robert Snyder said Reed's failure to acknowledge the faculty during his speech was not meant as a slight.

"The Chancellor being here is centered around this [the ribbon cutting]," he said. "If the CFA feels ignored, that's because this is not the proper avenue for discussion. Collective bargaining negotiations are always adversarial and contentious."

For Reed, keeping "everyone happy, every moment" is impossible.

"Sometimes taking medication doesn't taste good, but you're going to get better," Reed said. "Look at this country. Look at this state. I have never seen times more challenging in the 30 years I have worked in higher education."

Milton Boyd, a retired professor, protests along with other members of the California Faculty Association. | Kristan Korns

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History and Political Science face off in Quiz Bowl

by Melissa Coleman and Angela Tsai

Two teams of professors and students from the history and political science departments faced off last Friday in a Constitution Day Quiz Bowl. The political science department won, but how will you fare? The Lumberjack made up some questions to test your knowledge. Answers will be provided online at thelumberjack.org.

1. What day is Constitution Day?

2. Which two signers of the Constitution eventually became president?

3. Which of these does Congress NOT have the right to do under the constitution?

A. borrow money on the credit of the U.S.
B. establish post offices
C. create taxes
D. declare war

4. How many amendments have been overturned?

5. What year did the voting age change from 21 to 18?

6. When was the last amendment passed and what did it concern?

7. How many times does the constitution use the word "democracy"?

8. Who was the first president to live in the White House?

A. John Adams
B. Thomas Jefferson
C. George Washington
D. Abraham Lincoln

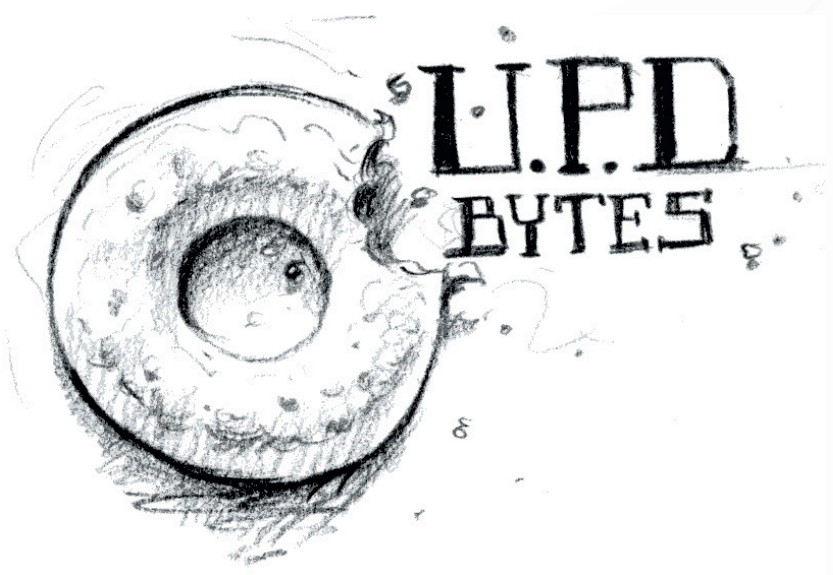
Political Science Professor Jae Emenhiser asks the political science team a question during the Constitution Day Quiz Bowl last Friday, Sept. 23. | Angela Tsai

9. Three of the four amendments listed below were proposed but never ratified. Identify the amendment that was ratified:

A. the right of citizens to segregate themselves from others
B. the requirement that Congress assemble at least once every year at noon on the 3rd of January, unless otherwise decided
C. limiting the income tax maximum for an individual to 25 percent
D. the forbidding of religious leaders from occupying a government office or receiving federal funding

10. Which of these men was not one of the Founding Fathers?

A. Benjamin Franklin
B. Thomas Jefferson
C. James Madison
D. John Quincy Adams



Wednesday, Sept. 21
12:12 p.m. Male in library parking lot warned for sitting in shrubbery. Did this male happen to have his pants around his ankles as he was "sitting" in the shrub?

2:56 p.m. Subject fell and injured ankle on Rossow Street. Officer advised subject to have a nice trip, informed subject he would see him next fall.

4:05 p.m. Parking permit stolen from locked vehicle. No sign of forced entry. The thief further dazzled officers by stealing a rabbit from a hat.

5:11 p.m. Helmet stolen from bike parked near Jolly Giant Commons.

7:09 p.m. Headlight and bracket stolen off of bike at College Creek Marketplace. Someone is obviously still new to the whole bike-stealing thing.

7:56 p.m. Audible alarm occurred at Siemens Hall. Window was open and plant was being blown around. Thankfully, HSU has a warning system in place to alert of such windswept botanical crises.

Friday, Sept. 23
5:09 p.m. Person reported suspicious van parked behind Behavioral and Social Sciences building. Van absent by time officer arrived. It probably just went to restock its candy supply.

6:33 p.m. Subject on Granite Avenue locked keys in car with engine running. Officer provided assistance, eye rolls.

8:14 p.m. Four vehicles illegally parked on Laurel Drive. Two parking tickets issued. Apparently UPD flips a coin before handing out parking tickets.

Sunday, Sept. 25
12:07 a.m. UPD assisted Arcata PD with a large party. Presumably the CHP brought the drinks.

Compiled by Nathan Post

ON THE COVER:
[LEFT] An "alligator" painted in a vacant lot on Q street. | Brandon Widder
[CENTER] Graffiti covers the walls behind Hutchin's Grocery. | Catherine Wong
[RIGHT] More graffiti from Q street. | Brandon Widder

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Corrections

The photographs that accompanied the "Campus serves up moldy meals and stale snacks" on page 6 from the Sept. 21 issue were taken in College Creek Marketplace, not the South Campus Marketplace. The South Campus Marketplace was replaced by College Creek Marketplace last semester.

Nathan Post was not given credit for compiling UPD Bytes in last week's issue (Sept. 21). This week's UPD Bytes may be found on this page.

Student wins Hearst Award

"I would not be here without the Hearst Trustees Award" said Chryste Johnson, a Graduate Student enrolled the Social Work department, Sept. 23. | Samantha B. Seglin

by Marimar White-Espin

Social work graduate student Chryste Johnson spends 16 hours a week interning for Humboldt County's child welfare services. Johnson is learning what it takes to bring families back together. She hopes to have a career in social work so she can give back to the Humboldt community.

Johnson is the 2011 recipient for the William Randolph Hearst/CSU Trustees Award for outstanding achievement. Each year, one student from each CSU campus is awarded the $3,000 scholarship. Earning the award takes hard work. Johnson faced adversity, but it only reinforced her desire to work with families.

"I like to find out about people," Johnson said. "I'm really drawn to people and how they live in their world."

Johnson said she did not expect to go to a four-year college. "I got a D in American History," she said.

Her mother, Marquita Simms, felt otherwise. "Chryste has been very studious. She was always well above average," Simms said.

Johnson came from a low-income community where many residents do not have the opportunity to leave. Johnson grew up in South Central LA and saw her community shaken by gang violence, riots and poverty. "I think my brain has blocked out a lot of it," Johnson said, describing witnessing two drive-by shootings. "I watched it happen like a movie. I just stood there."

Johnson's mother served as the protective adult and kept her children safe. "I couldn't afford to put them in private schools, so I did the best thing I could do," Simms said. Simms arranged for her children to be bussed two hours away every day from LA to the San Fernando Valley to attend school. When Johnson had the chance to go to college, her mother pushed her to leave home.

Simms said she remembers Johnson applying to HSU. "I saw a flyer for the school," she said. "It was perfect." HSU offered Johnson the Summer Bridge program, a one-week summer orientation designed to acquaint new students to the HSU campus. A 12-hour drive from home meant Simms would not see her daughter every day, but she said she knew it was necessary for Johnson's future to go to college. "She's my baby. I love her. I wanted her to go where she needed to be. I wanted her to be happy and comfortable," Simms said.

Johnson credits former Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) staff member, Cheryl Seidner for helping her get into HSU. Seidner convinced Johnson to fill out an EOP application and called her constantly to make sure she filled out the proper paperwork. This allowed Johnson to pay for school using EOP grants, a program offered to students from low-income families.

"I called it stalking," Johnson said, laughing.

In 2004, Johnson graduated from HSU with a B.A. in psychology and took a job in the EOP department. Until Johnson enrolled in the Masters of Social Work program she "stalked" high school students from low-income families and brought them to HSU. "I wanted to give people the opportunity to experience college," Johnson said.

At the age of 30 and as a 12-year resident of Humboldt County, Johnson is not a SoCal girl anymore. "I don't ever want to leave," she said. She said she found a new home in the redwoods.

After her stepfather suffered a heart attack and could no longer work, Johnson's family relocated to Arcata. Johnson's younger brother is pursuing an undergraduate degree in social work at HSU.

Simms said she is proud of her daughter's accomplishments and recent award. "I've always been proud of her," she said. "She has always been amazing. She's my hero."

In Johnson's internship, she is learning that some families must first separate before unifying. By leaving her home in LA and seeking higher education, she gave her family the opportunity to reunite in a safer environment. "In the end, it's their self-determination," Johnson said of the families she works with. "After a while some families become whole again."

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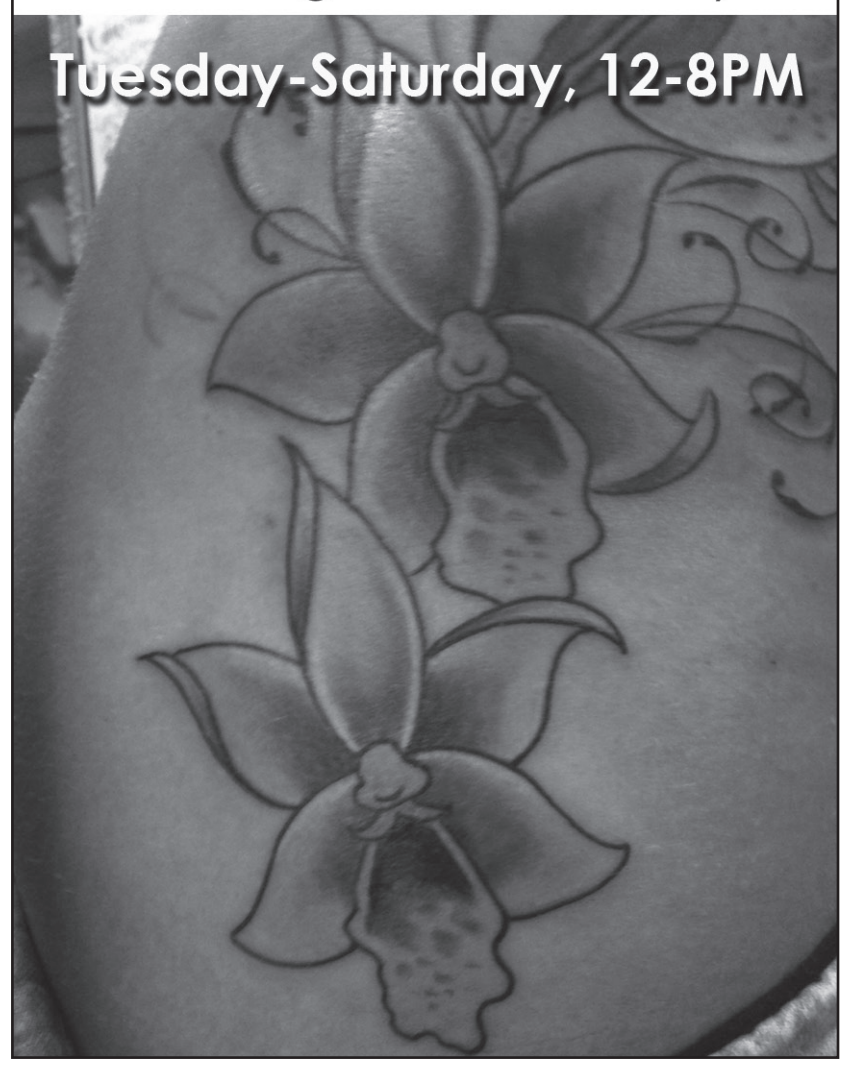

AS petitions for earlier beer

Max Vecchitto (left), Joe Welnick (center), and Charlie Wills (right) cheer to extend beer hours. | Samnatha B. Seglin

by Katherine E. Leonard

Beer hours in the Depot currently run from 3 to 8 p.m. Associated Students is petitioning to begin serving alcohol three hours earlier, from noon to 8 p.m. A claim on the AS petition says more hours will bring more revenue. Two Muddy Waters employees in the Depot agree.

While making a chai latte, Muddy Waters employee Cassie Pais said, "[the extended hours] would be great for business and more people would definitely come to the Depot." Pais said more beer is sold during the first hour of operation, between 3 and 4 p.m. She said if hours were extended, more beer would be sold, meaning more profit.

According to the AS petition, another reason to extend beer hours is "to foster intimate and non-formal communications" between students, faculty and staff.

Wildlife majors Kate Howard, 29, and Aaron Spidal, 21, meet in the Depot to share some beers and play pool at least twice a week from 4-5 p.m. As he gulped down his glass of Redwood Curtain IBA, Spidal nodded in agreement as Howard approved the beer hour extension.

"Yes! More beer, all the time!" Howard said. "People who are old enough to drink should be old enough to make conscious decisions about the choices they make."

Howard said the atmosphere is welcoming. She also said the bars downtown have lists of people waiting to play pool, while in the Depot the pool tables are almost always open.

HSU is one of the few CSUs that offers alcohol sales on campus.

Vice President of Student Affairs Peg Blake said she needs a compelling reasoning to extend beer-serving hours.

"I'm looking at the proposal and its merits and figuring out what to do," Blake said.

She and the other members of the Associated Students Executive Council are concerned consuming alcohol so early might have a negative impact on their classes in the afternoon. The group of staff members and President Richmond say this could be a disruption for the class and a risk to students in science labs. Blake said students using chemicals in science after drinking "can't be sharp." She said this also raises concerns about people who work with children on campus, as well as those who engage in physical fitness.

The Executive Council say they will consider how extending alcohol hours will affect the lunch rush. They said they do not want the Depot to get too crowded.

Blake said the staff has done a "nice job with controlling the distribution." The alcohol beverage license will expire in January. AS said the renewal of the licence would mark a good time to transition into new beer hours.

Spidal said if beer hours operated "between 2 and 3 p.m., it would be nice to drink a beer and get my homework done." If alcohol hours are extended, Spidal could purchase his afternoon homework beer by the beginning of next semester.

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Student blood boost on campus

Donations rise by unexpected numbers

Donor care specialist, Jessica Stark prepares transfer student, Caleb Whittaker, to donate blood on Sept. 22, in the Northern California Community Bloodbank's bloodmobile parked in front of the HSU campus. | Marie F. Estrada

by Marie F. Estrada

In the arc of a light blue chair, with his arm relaxed to his side, senior environmental science major Caleb Whittaker waits for the prick that will begin his contribution to the medical community.

In three minutes, one pint of blood travels from his right arm into a pouch just below his seat.

Whittaker first donated blood in his junior year of high school. He continued donating over the past six years because his blood type, B-, is often in short supply.

The Northern California Community Blood Bank has parked the Bloodmobile on campus for more than 15 years now. This semester, blood collections on campus have increased by about 15 percent from 2010 due to an "onslaught of donors," Kevin Davis, donor specialist for the blood bank, said.

"Nearly 20 percent of our donations come from students," Director of Donor Resources John Gullam said.

"That 20 percent figure includes high school, HSU and CR students."

Last year, 10 percent of Bloodmobile donations came from HSU students. So far this year, the blood bank has seen 273 students, an unusual number for so early in the semester.

Joanna Leppek-David, a donor recruiter at the blood bank said, "We're off to a really good start."

"It is not unusual to have a huge increase in the fall semester," Leppek-Davis said. "There are a lot of freshman and transfers that are eager to continue donating when they get to Humboldt."

The HSU donation rate has always been high, but Gullam said the spike in student donation this semester can most likely be attributed to increased high school recruitment in the state.

Gullam said in the past years, more donors signed up for their donor cards in Humboldt County, but this year a lot of folks had wallet cards from home.

Junior education major Elle Dodd first donated blood in the fall semester of her senior year of high school and has donated blood on campus for the past three years.

"A lot of my friends were doing it, so I thought I'd give it a try," said Dodd, who has continued to donate because "it saves lives."

"The high school kids are the ones we want to develop donating habits," said blood bank worker Linda Erickson. "If we can get them to donate three times, we've got a donor for life."

Leppek-Davis also said the location near the College Creek apartments is much more convenient for student donors.

The Bloodmobile's new location on B street is right in front of the Student Business Services building, approximately one block from College Creek apartments.

Though there has been a large increase, Erickson said after the fall semester the number of blood donors decreases because not all of the new students stick around.

Of all the individuals eligible to donate blood in the nation, only 3 percent are donors, Erickson said. The average in Humboldt County is 5 percent, 2 percent more than the national average.

"For every one person [who donates] there's three lives helped," Erickson said.

"We try to emphasize that all blood products have a shelf life," Gullum said. Red platelets last for 42 days after donation. Platelets last for 7 and plasma can be frozen for up to one year.

Charlie Ellingson, owner of the Crosswinds restaurant in Arcata, has donated 15 gallons of blood over the course of 30 years.

"I don't have much money to give to the community, but I've got blood," Ellingson said with a smile.

Ellingson has not yet reached his goal, though. "When you donate twenty gallons, you get your picture on the wall," he said.

- Blood makes up about 7 percent of the body's weight
- The average adult has about 10 to 12 pints of blood
- A newborn baby has about one cup of blood in their body
- One pint of blood can save up to three lives
- Each year, 4.5 million Americans will need a blood transfusion
- About one in four people will require a blood transfusion at least once in their lifetime
- Less than 38 percent of the U.S. population is able to give blood

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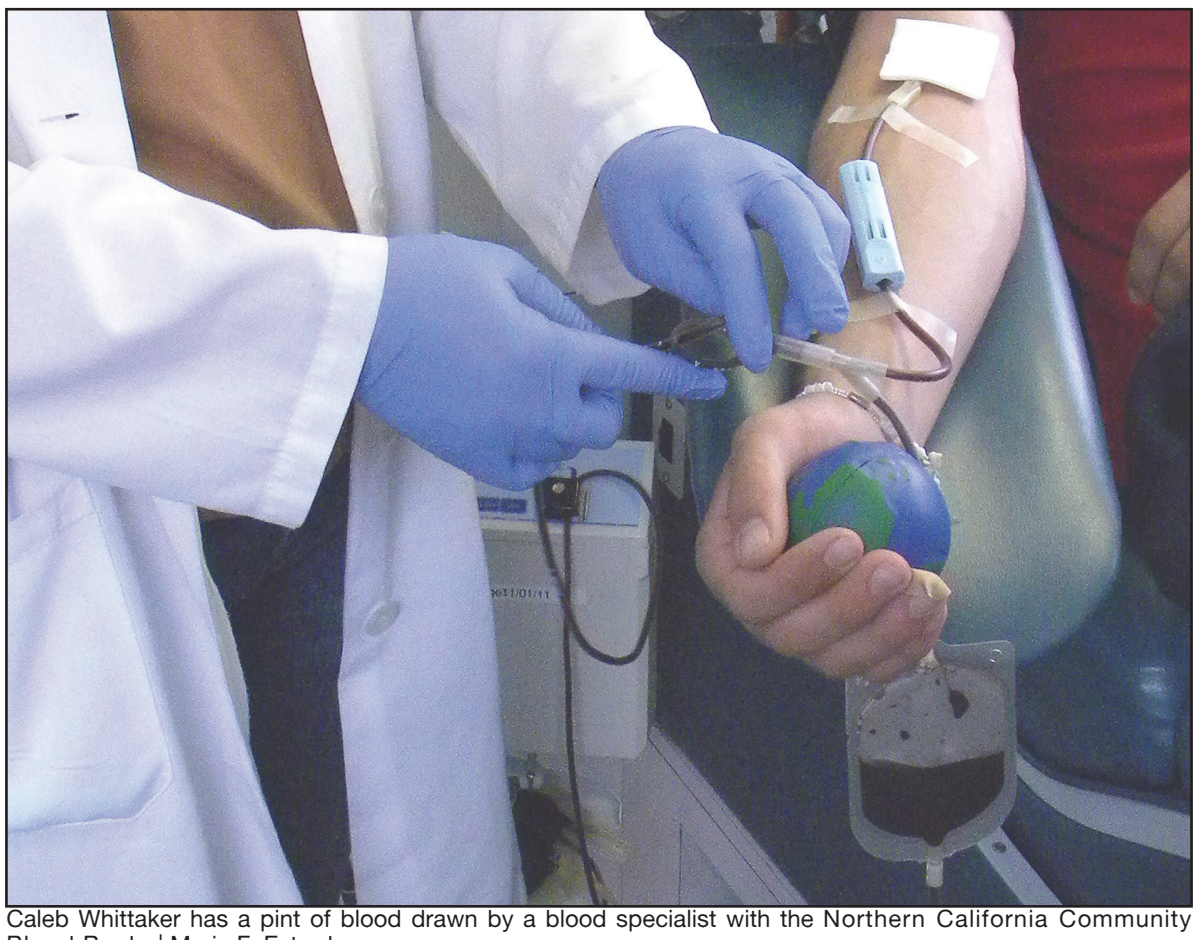

Caleb Whittaker has a pint of blood drawn by a blood specialist with the Northern California Community Blood Bank. | Marie F. Estrada

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B-	+		+					
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Campus signage will be posted that morning and an emergency test text message will be sent out to those who have registered their cell phone number through the HSU Account Center (remember, if you have changed vendors, you need to re-register your cell phone number and vendor).

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The World In Briefs

Saudi Arabia Saudi King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz decreed on Sunday that women now have the right to vote and run for public office. The international community praised his decision, but questioned the many restrictions Saudi Arabia still holds on women. Women cannot drive, wear certain clothing, divorce without consent or sit in certain sections of restaurants.

Palestine The UN Security Council, which is made up of 15 countries including the U.S., is discussing Palestine's bid to become a state this week. However, the U.S. has the power to veto the bid because it is one of the five permanent members of the security council. President Obama said the U.S. plans to veto the bid in an attempt to get Israel and Palestine to negotiate with each other.

Italy The Amanda Knox appeal trial is expected to reach a verdict by Saturday or Sunday. Knox, a former student at the University of Washington, was previously convicted for the 2007 murder of Meredith Kercher. The two were studying abroad in Perugia, Italy at the time. American media has largely questioned the validity of the evidence used in her conviction, and new witnesses came forward, stating that they could prove Knox's innocence.

Egypt Egyptian officials announced Tuesday that the first election since the overthrow of Hosni Mubarak last February will be held on Nov. 28. Since Mubarak left office, a military council has been in control. However, the council promised power would be restored to the people within six months. Almost eight months later, many people are not convinced the military council will give Egyptians the full power they fought for this year.

Spain The Catalonia region of Spain held its last ever bullfight last weekend. Politicians banned bullfighting in Catalonia last year because of the strong animal rights movement there. Bullfighting has long been a tradition in Spain, but with thousands of bulls killed each year and diminishing crowds, popular opinion has decreased in recent years.

Yemen Yemeni Defense Minister Mohammed Nasser Ahmed survived an assassination attempt on Tuesday in southern port city Aden after a suicide bomber detonated a car bomb. Yemen is the latest site of uprisings in the Middle East. Citizens have held demonstrations against President Ali Abdullah Saleh for more than six months, but he still remains in power.

Kenya Nobel Peace Prize-winning environmentalist Wangari Maathai died on Sunday at age 71. Maathai, the first African woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize, started a campaign to plant trees in Kenya to promote political and social change.

Sources: The Washington Post, Reuters, Associated Press, The New York Times

Compiled by Melissa Coleman

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Sports

Jacks Roundup

A win in B.C.

by Luke Ramseth

In Brief

Men's Soccer: Jacks 0 SF State 2

HSU came close to scoring — hit the crossbar and post — but couldn't capitalize. A few defensive hiccups didn't help the Jacks' case.

Jacks 0 Cal Poly Pomona 5

Cal Poly destroyed the HSU defense in the first half, and scored their first goal just three minutes in. Luis Gonzalez of Pomona scored a hat trick (three goals) by minute 16.

After a stagnant offensive game at SF State, the HSU offense came to life in the second half, outshooting Pomona 11-7. It was too little, too late. HSU drops to 2-5 overall, 2-4 in CCAA.

Women's Soccer: HSU 0 SF State 3

The Jacks went scoreless, despite taking almost as many shots as SFSU on goal. The team lost motivation after SFSU got its first goal, and couldn't rebound. Senior Karen Pononi had a few late scoring attempts.

Jacks 0 Cal Poly Pamona 2

Another game, another shutout. HSU's offense was almost nonexistent, taking only four shots. The Jacks are still looking for their first league win (1-4-2, 0-4-2 CCAA).

Volleyball: 1-1 weekend

On Thursday, CSU Los Angeles beat the Jacks at home in four sets. HSU showed poor serving and in one set, scored only two kills. Alexa Rosendale and Oceana Matsubu had 11 and 10 kills, respectively.

HSU came back from its CSULA loss with vengeance and smoked CSU Dominguez Hills in three sets. Sophomore Brooke Ferguson contributed 15 digs, and the ever-consistent Matsubu had a match-high 14 kills.

Cross-Country: Women 13th, Men 14th overall at Erik Anderson Invitational.

Despite inexperience, the Jacks had a few solid placings at the Erik Anderson Invitational in Spokane on Saturday.

Senior Bridget Berg was the top-placed runner in 13th, and third among Div. 2 women. She ran a 22-minute flat time on the 6k course.

Joe Ostini was the top HSU male finisher in 48th, with a 25:52 over 8k.

Football: Jacks 35, Simon Fraser 7

The Jacks rolled easily in front of only 350 fans in British Columbia. Freshman JJ Latu returned the opening kickoff to the Simon Fraser five-yard line. Lyndon Rowells punched it through for a 7-0 lead. From there, it was easy coasting. Senior Linebacker Jona Faraimo had 11 tackles. Rowells had 136 yards on the ground. The HSU offensive line has not yet let quarterback Mike Proulx get sacked.

For homecoming, the Jacks take on a slightly more challenging Dixie State squad this Saturday night in Redwood Bowl.

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THIS WEEK

Football vs. Dixie State College
Saturday 10/1, 6 p.m.
Redwood Bowl

Women's Soccer vs. Sonoma State
Thursday 9/29, 12:30 p.m.
College Creek Field

Men's Soccer vs. Sonoma State
Thursday 9/29, 3 p.m.
College Creek Field

Volleyball vs. UC San Diego
Friday 9/30, 7 p.m.
Lumberjack Arena

Cross Country at Willamette Invitational
Saturday 10/1
Salem, Oregon

Club team hopes to make a big splash

by 'Alohi Bikle

At age 12, Kevin Fraser decided he was never going to play water polo again. A ball to the face was all it took.

However, escaping the sport was not possible for Fraser. His older brother and sister were heavily involved with water polo, so he eventually found himself back in the pool.

"It was destined to be," Fraser said. He said a need for competition had a lot to do with it. Fraser and his sister went to San Ramon Valley High School, a rival to his brother's school, Monte Vista High School.

Fast-forward seven years and the junior recreation major is now the instructor for HSU's water polo class. He has been the instructor for the past three semesters.

Water polo is a one-unit class open to anyone who wants to learn the basics, as well as experienced players looking to get some time in the pool. It is available for both fall and spring semesters.

Fraser said there was not enough time for experienced players to play competitively.

"Water polo is very popular now and there is a good group of students here on campus who have been around the sport all throughout high school and want to play," Fraser said.

HSU sophomore Caila Lee grew up playing water polo and said she plans to join the team. She said she was surprised HSU even had one.

"I never heard anything about it when I got here back in August. I saw the pool and the cages [water polo goals], and knew then."

Fraser, along with a handful of other avid water polo players, got together last year to put the club together. It took time and there were a lot of logistical issues that had to be solved, Fraser said. However, they are now an officially recognized sports club on campus.

The founding group had to find a time that would work for all of them, while also working around the pool's limited availability.

Another big problem the group faced was "trying to find a certified lifeguard that could make it to practice times and who would do it for free," Frasier said.

Sophomore Spencer "Bear" Weden helped found the club.

"It's a great way for experienced players to have fun and exercise," while also getting those competitive juices flowing, Weden said.

The club team hopes to travel to play, but many schools do not have a team, Fraser said. College of the Redwoods has a program similar to HSU's.

Fraser said the team wants to play Chico State and the University of Oregon's club teams. They also said they want to compete in tournaments down south.

However, traveling out of Arcata is not cheap.

"Fundraise, fundraise, fundraise is how we're going to get to play," Fraser said. He said the club plans on applying for grants through the clubs and activities office.

"We're trying to make a name for [ourselves], not only on campus, but within the competitive circuit and we'll exhaust all options to do so," he said.

HSU Water Polo Club member Hunter Cresswell positions himself in front of the goal during practice on Sept. 15 at the HSU pool. | 'Alohi Bikle

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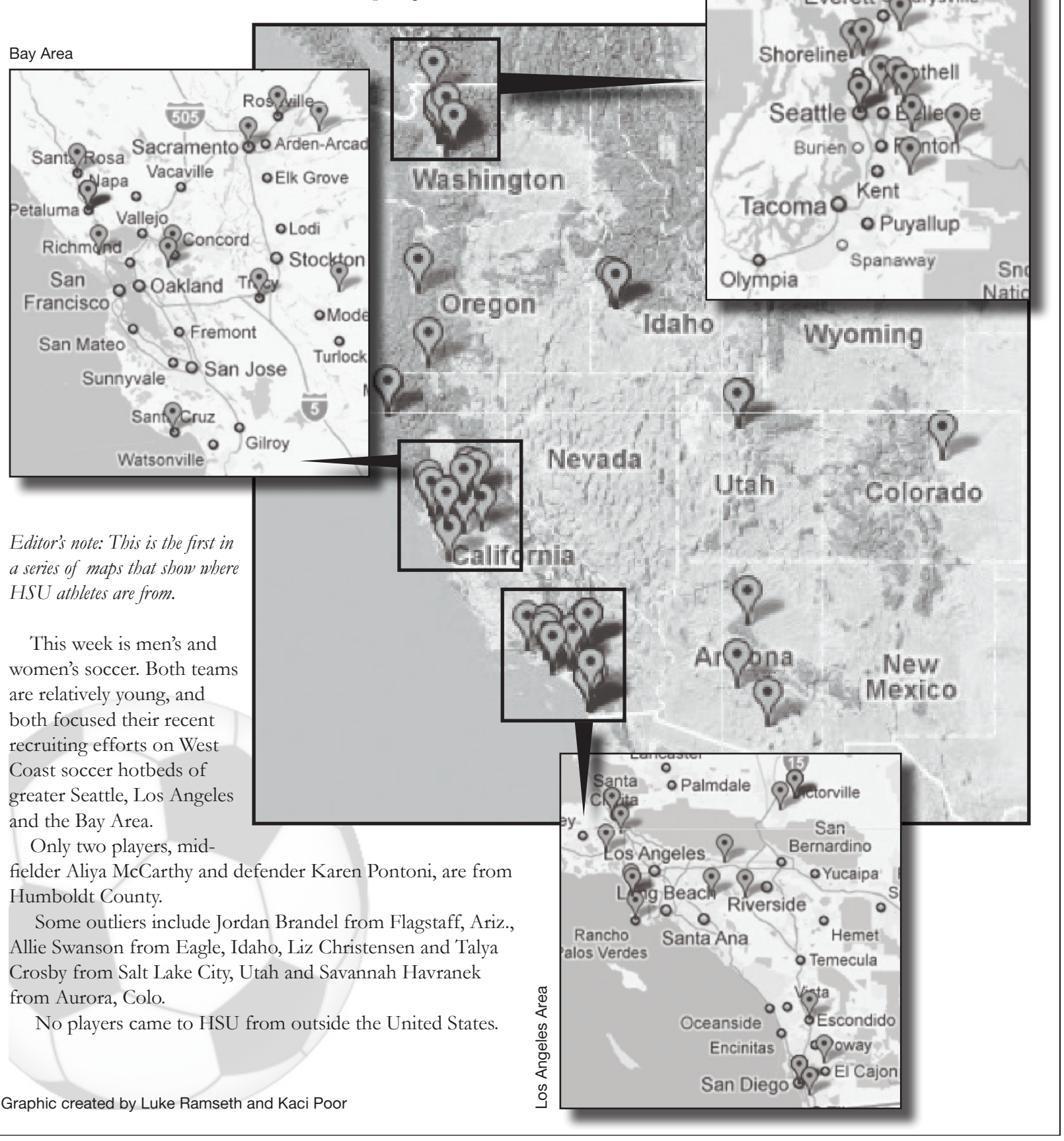
Where's your team from?

A breakdown of HSU soccer players' hometowns



Editor's note: This is the first in a series of maps that show where HSU athletes are from.

This week is men's and women's soccer. Both teams are relatively young, and both focused their recent recruiting efforts on West Coast soccer hotbeds of greater Seattle, Los Angeles and the Bay Area.

Only two players, midfielder Aliya McCarthy and defender Karen Pontoni, are from Humboldt County.

Some outliers include Jordan Brandel from Flagstaff, Ariz., Allie Swanson from Eagle, Idaho, Liz Christensen and Talya Crosby from Salt Lake City, Utah and Savannah Havranek from Aurora, Colo.

No players came to HSU from outside the United States.

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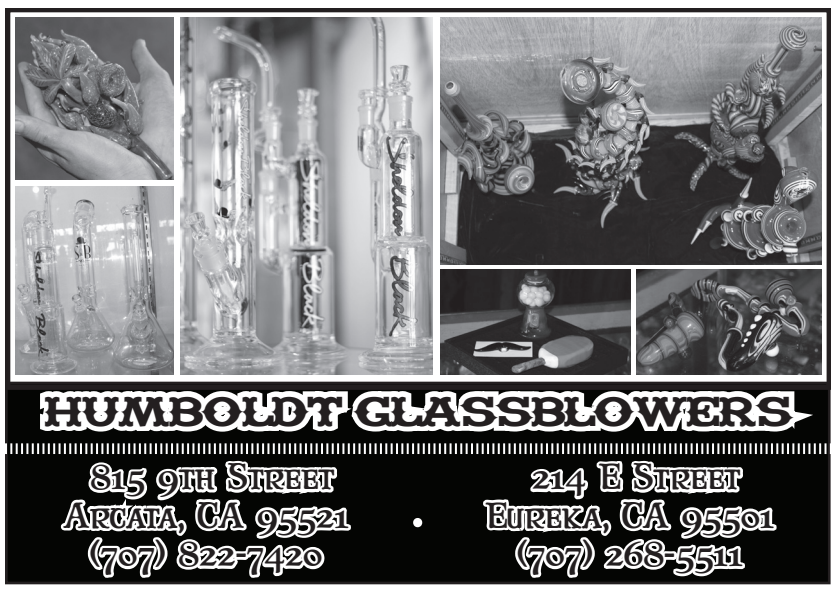

Lydia Zowada climbs on the Flying Mayan at her first competition on Sept. 17 at the Meyer's Bouldering Competition in South Lake Tahoe, Calif. | Provided by Nolan Kloer

Female climbers give perspective on outdoor competition

The Climbing Beat

by Mary Pero

It is Lydia Zowada's first climbing competition. It is her first time climbing outside of a gym. She knows her climbing shoes have rubber soles that catch on rock like putty on a wall. Still, she is nervous.

"It's personal trust," Zowada said. "I have to convince myself that I can use my feet to support my weight."

On Sept. 17, 12 HSU students drove seven hours to compete in the Meyer's Bouldering Competition in South Lake Tahoe. The students are part of the HSU Climbing Coalition, the climbing club on campus. However, they could not compete as a team because HSU regulations forbid outside climbing. Zowada and the rest said it was worth the risk to attend.

Tahoe's rock quarry changes throughout the area, Zowada said. Some boulders have been created by dynamite from construction. "They make the perfect cracks," she said.

The rocks have a different texture from the boulders around Arcata. At Moonstone in Trinidad, the rocks are sandstone. In Tahoe, the rocks are a smooth granite. Granite is sharp and a lot tougher on the hands.

Alaina Garrigan, Zowada's climbing companion in Tahoe, found herself particularly bruised and scratched up. Her perseverance over the weekend surprised her.

"It's discouraging to have to keep climbing the same route," she said. There was one route Garrigan was not about to surrender, no matter how the granite scraped her skin.

Garrigan said climbing is a humbling experience. Sometimes she would finish some routes at the competition with ease, but then on an easier route she would have a hard time making the first move.

"That's all part of climbing, though," Garrigan said.

As a woman, "I know I don't have brute strength. I approach with more balance," she said.

Garrigan said she tries to make the best use of her skeletal structure. She said straight arms are stronger than flexed arms. "You know you're fine because there is someone spotting you", Garrigan said. "It's about continually getting back on the rock [and trying again]."

Boulders in the United States range in difficulty from VB (for beginners) to V16 (the most difficult). The V at the beginning of each grade is for "Verm," the rating system's creator, John Vermin Sherman. There were three categories at the Tahoe competition: intermediate (VB-V3), expert (V6 and below), and elite (V6 and above). The highest-rated route at the Tahoe competition was a V10.

"We were the 12 kids from Arcata driving around in groups of four," Garrigan said. Most of the other climbers were from around the Tahoe area, she said. The HSU students stood out from the crowd.

There were four to five bouldering spots. The climbers decided to stay in groups with similar abilities. Each climber competed on their own and marked the routes they attempted and completed.

There was no limit to the amount of attempts a climber could make on a route. If a climber flashed a route, they marked an F by the route name, Garrigan said. A flash is a successful first attempt on a route.

"I pushed myself harder to climb since I was in a car of strong climbers," Terizan said. She drove to each section with Nolan Kloer, Andrew Zaslove and Alex Borst. The boys were working on V6 to V8 routes, so she climbed V5 and V6 routes.

Three HSU students placed in the competition. Alex Borst placed third in the Men's Elite category, Andrew Zaslove placed first in Expert and Mackenzie Terizan placed third in Women's Intermediate.

"My score could have been better, but I pushed myself more," said Terizan. She said if she had flashed easier routes, she might have scored better. However, by attempting difficult routes, she had to push herself harder to do more technical moves to be able to reach higher.

Terizan's favorite climb at the competition was a difficult route, a V5 traverse. A traverse is a route that circles a rock. She and Borst practiced the traverse the night before the competition with their head lamps. The last move of the route was a dyno, a dynamic move where Terizan had to lift herself off her feet and try to catch a hold. She said she was very close to snatching that last hold, but will have to wait until she revisits Tahoe to try again.

Nevertheless, Terizan said she is happy with her reward for third place. She now has a climbing guidebook of Yosemite and a brand new brush set to clean holds—tools to bring her to more beautiful places with rocks, she said with a smile.

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Junior, Mackenzie Terzian climbs the Flying Mayan, a V5 route with her team supporting her at the Meyer's Bouldering Competition on Sept. 17. | Provided by Nolan Kloer

Features

Campus Weekly

Arctic Alaska: Conservation Research for Conservation Outcomes
Wildlife Building 258
Thursday, September 29
4-4:50 p.m.

Come to this week's Ecology Series with Steve Hack, an Arctic Landscape Coordinator for the Wildlife Conservation Society for his talk on Alaska for FREE.

How the Bicycle is Changing U.S. Cities
BSS 166
Thursday, September 29
5:30-7:00 p.m.

Jeff Mapes, a senior politcal reporter for *The Oregonian*, comes to speak about the political power of cyclists in Europe and across the U.S. after three years of research and writing.

San Francisco Comedy Competition Semi-Finals
The Depot
Thursday, September 29
8 p.m.
$5 General, FREE for Students

Don't miss your chance to see the next generation of comedians compete in a laugh off.

Clubs Fair & Carnival
University Quad
Friday, September 30
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Enjoy Homecoming & Family Weekend with a Greek Carnival with games and prizes, appearances by the Marching Lumberjacks, a free photo booth, face painting and more.

Taste of Humboldt Welcome Reception
University Quad
Friday, September 30
4-6 p.m.

Local eateries with FREE samples and offerings for Homecoming & Family Weekend.

Classes Without Quizzes
Science B 133 and 135
Saturday, October 1
10 a.m.-noon

Geology Professor Lori Dengler talks about big earthquakes, tsunamis and preparedness in this FREE lecture. No homework or tests!

Symphonic Band & Jazz Orchestra Concert
Fulkerson Recital Hall
Saturday, October 1
8 p.m.
$7 Adult, $3 Child/Senior
FREE for Students with ID

Come hear the music of Granger, Leemans, Joio & Shostakovich, Evans, Hancock, Mingus and Count Basie.

Yuja Wang
Fulkerson Recital Hall
Sunday, October 2
8 p.m.
$42 General, $22 Student

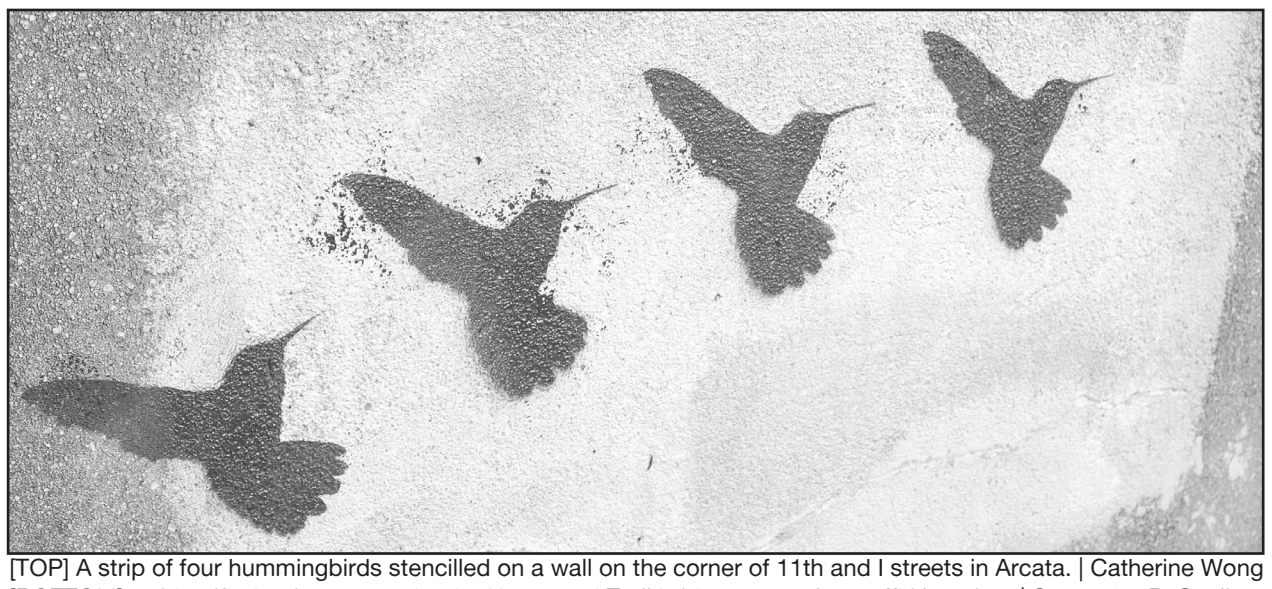
Come see the 24-year-old Chinese-born pianist who is widely recognized for a style that combines the spontaneity and fearless imagination of youth with the discipline and precision of a mature artist.

Drop-in Kickball
West Gym
Monday, October 3
6:55-9 p.m.
$2 General, FREE for Students

The Student Recreation Center will host a HSU drop-in kickball game. Rules will be similar to grade school, encouraging all students to participate.

College of Natural Resources and Sciences Mixer
Kate Buchanan Room
Tuesday, October 4
4 p.m.

The College of Natural Resources and Sciences will host its annual fall semester mixer for CNRS staff, students and faculty. Come join us for food, raffle prizes and entertainment provided by the Humboldt Bass Crew.



[TOP] A strip of four hummingbirds stencilled on a wall on the corner of 11th and I streets in Arcata. | Catherine Wong
[BOTTOM] Unidentified artist tags under the Hammond Trail bridge, a popular graffiti location. | Samantha B. Seglin

Inside:
A look at faith on campus

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It's Art. It's Vandalism. It's Graffiti.

by David Percival and Brandon Widder

OOPYBEAT.
CRAYON MAYON 2012.
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Do these words mean anything to you?

Chances are, they do not. These are among the recent tags scrawled across the men's bathroom in Art Building B. They stand together amid the sea of illegible scribbles on fresh paint.

However, not all bathroom markings are textual.

If you open the first stall, the face of a creature—some sort of lion-human hybrid—glares back at you from the other side. Above the right ear, the name "candyman" follows the outline of the creature's long, flowing locks of hair.

Some call it "art," others "vandalism." Either way, it is still graffiti and someone has to clean it up.

Humboldt State University and local authorities continue their efforts to eradicate graffiti on campus and off. Police officials, school custodians and volunteers are curbing vandalism in the public eye through reports, arrests, buffing and paint. However, the general consensus on what constitutes "graffiti" is inconclusive at best.

"I love it and I respect [graffiti] as an art," said Genevieve Angle, a 21-year-old theater major at HSU, "but writing it on a bathroom wall where a custodian has to spend their time cleaning it up is inconsiderate. I would not want to clean up after someone else, so why should someone else have to clean up after me?"

Fred Ruchte, an HSU custodian of over 20 years, is up to the task of removing graffiti.

"I've never caught anybody in the act," said Ruchte, surveying the latest crude illustrations and colorful remarks spread across the men's third floor library bathroom stall. "If somebody does something really bad, then it could take up to a half hour at a time to try and get it off."

Like the selection on a painter's palette, bathroom graffiti artists operate with a variety of tools at their disposal.

"Mostly it's just pen and ink," Ruchte said. "Sometimes it's spray paint and sometimes the super wide, black magic markers."

"Sometimes I really don't like what I have to read in the bathroom stalls," said Kelly Gordon, a 21-year-old dance major, referencing an inquisitive bathroom tag reading "does he love me?" in the stall. "One girl wrote about a guy who broke her heart and how horrible he is. She even put his number up on the stall so girls could call."

Graffiti—traditionally characterized by lettering painted, marked, scratched or scrawled upon public spaces—evolved over the last 50 years to become what many consider "street art." Tiles, wheatpasting, markers, yarn, stencils, stickers and spray paint now help compose the art form.

Matthew Oliveri, a 38-year-old artist and co-owner of Eureka's Accident Gallery, recognizes that Humboldt County boasts more artists per capita than anywhere else in the state. "It's difficult in a school where art is one of the bigger majors," Oliveri said. "You're gonna have a lot of people who are inspired by what's happening in other parts of the world when a lot of that is street art and graffiti, so it shouldn't be surprising that it shows up here."

"The vast majority of reports of vandalism on campus are for graffiti," said Lynne Soderberg, the newly appointed interim-chief of police for the University Police Department.

According to HSU police stats on Vandalism Reports and Arrests, UPD received 147 reports of vandalism and made 12 vandalism-related arrests between Sept. 20, 2010 and Sept. 20, 2011. Although not all vandalism cases were considered graffiti, 23 cases were reported in residence hall areas and 15 were reported in various parking lots around campus. Another 24 reports of vandalism were filed for the pedestrian underpass, while the remaining reports were scattered around campus.

"Not all graffiti is art based," Soderberg said. "Sometimes it's threat based, sometimes it's bias based. Just having a mark on a wall doesn't necessarily mean that it's art or felt to be art."

Chet Wheatley, an art major at HSU, said there is something to be said for the quality of graffiti. "I would probably like some of the stuff that is considered vandalism by a lot of people if it was done well," Wheatley said. "If you're going to do it, you should practice your craft, not suck at it. Don't draw a shitty mushroom on the wall."

The graffiti scene is not isolated to campus. Many of the same graffiti artists—encompassing both students and those unrelated to the university—have taken their tags to Arcata, McKinleyville, Eureka and the surrounding areas. The area behind the Bayshore Mall, known as "The Devil's Playground," has become a popular hangout for amateur and veteran graffiti artists alike.

A voluntary cleanup crew—comprising members of Eureka High School's Multicultural Club, local businesses, the Eureka Police Department's Problem-Oriented Policing Unit, the Eureka Rescue Mission, concerned citizens and others—took to the streets several weeks ago in the first "Graffiti Cleanup Day." The group worked to cleanse parks and private businesses within Eureka's city limit of graffiti. Another event is planned for the spring.

While considered vandalism by some, graffiti is seen as one of the purest art forms to others.

"The art form is generally done for zero to very little personal gain for the artist other than the accomplishment of finishing another piece," Oliveri said. "You have people spending decent amounts of money to produce something in a place no one will see it and it will most likely get written over within the week. They're not tearing down the walls or selling it in a gallery. They're doing it for the love of creation."

Currently, students, artists and citizens are contemplating a public, graffiti-friendly wall in hopes it would reduce graffiti on campus and within the community. A public area would allow a legal outlet for creative expression, free of prosecution and retribution from the law. Oliveri and the Eureka Art and Culture Commission have even discussed the prospect of having a city or private wall devoted to the cause.

"I think a public wall would help build community respect for the art," said a local graffiti artist from Berkley, Calif., who wished to remain anonymous for fear of further prosecution. "They really hit you with the book here."

Still, others see a legal option as counterintuitive.

"I think it would be cool, but people who are super into graffiti probably wouldn't want to do it there because it's all about the whole danger of it," Wheatley said.

Danger or no danger, the debate over graffiti rages on.

"It's the biggest art movement in the history of mankind," Oliveri said. "The sheer number of people doing it dwarfs abstract expressionism, the Renaissance, any of that. It's huge and it's not stopping."

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A word cloud of the introductory paragraph on religion from Wikipedia. Words that appear more in the text are larger. | Created by Kaci Poor with Tagxedo.com

Religious studies program connects students to beliefs

by Adrian Barbuzza

Hindu death metal. Psychology vs. Buddhism. Homosexuality in the church.

These are just some of the topics examined by students and faculty in the HSU religious studies department.

William Herbrechtsmeier, a professor in religious studies on campus, was raised as a conservative Lutheran. "You do not determine this religion to be true or this religion being true," he said. "Rather, look at them even handed and fair among them."

Herbrechtsmeier attended the University of Iowa and studied world religions. "It is transformation for me," he said. "Things taught to me in church did not contradict, but the approach [to studying world religions] was fascinating. It's been the driving force ever since."

James Rogers, a religious studies major, said his desire to be a minister in his youth led him to realize his homosexual orientation. His sexual orientation conflicted with his ideals and values. This conflict led him to study religion. Rogers said he would like to "understand the roles, values [and] constructions of societal, cultural and historical functions of homosexuals within multiple religions."

Jackson Stephenson took a world religions course with Professor Stephen Jenkins. "I was at a point in my life where I had to choose a major," he said. The semester after taking Indian philosophy with Dr. David Heise, he said "Screw it!" He said he liked what he took in world religion and Indian philosophy. "I am a religious studies major with a focus on Indian traditions," he said. "I'm also a metalhead, so I like to study metal bands from India and incorporate Indian philosophical framework into their subject matter."

Stephenson's interest in the auditory art from Hindu scripture mirrors that of Professor Sara Harts' interest in the art of the written language. Hart entered religious studies through literature. She said she was attracted to poetry and scripture and pursued dual graduate degrees in literature and religion studies. "Seemed to me I could not understand the poetry of the world without knowing something of their traditions," Hart said. "Poetry and art got me."

Religious studies major Liz Hannig became interested in psychology when she was in high school. Hannig said, "I want to know the reason why bad things happen to people, with the understanding that human beings are fundamentally good." Hannig said the reason people suffer is at the core of her interest. She said psychology was not answering her questions, so she looked into alternative psychology, counseling and transpersonal psychology.

Transpersonal psychology focuses on Buddhist philosophy and balancing Eastern and Western ideologies. She is interested in Buddhism and psychology, specifically women in Tibetan Buddhism. "The way that Buddhism can be used as a framework to understand individual psychology and how to ease people suffering would like to be a conduit for healing people in some way, in some sector," she said.

HSU alumnus Christian Jarquin is a Zen Buddhist. "I was raised Catholic—not strict, but culturally," Jarquin said. Introduced to Buddhism at 16, Jarquin explored Eastern schools of religion. Jarquin said he initially majored in philosophy, but felt torn between studying philosophy and religion. Now a graduate of HSU, Jarquin said he aspires to study Zen Buddhism in graduate school.

HSU alumnus Elliott Bazzano said, "In terms of diversity, the program rocked the house. Especially given the quantity of faculty members, I was able to engage in a great diversity of subjects and feel that I received a well-rounded view of religion and religions during my time at HSU."

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Mormons: Not just bikes and suits

by Kaci Poor

Mormons get stereotyped. A lot.

Just ask HSU student Bridget Bereznac. Before the 21-year-old social work major converted to the Church of Latter-day Saints last year, she had a lot of misconceptions about the church.

"I wasn't raised with a religion, and so last year I started looking around. I wanted to know more," she said. "When I got to Mormonism, all I thought of was Utah and having a bunch of kids."

That was before Bereznac started researching. Three months later, after intensive study with missionaries and a baptism, she was converted. She is now an active member in HSU's Latter-day Saint Student Association and her church's single adult ward.

"It was really quick," she said. "It's only been a year, but everyone has been really supportive and welcoming."

"Mormons are not just a bunch of young men walking or biking around in suits," Hannah Stutzman, president of HSU's Latter-day Saint Student Association, said. "People just see that image a lot because they are all over the place."

Mormons, also referred to as Latter-day Saints, are a diverse group of people, said the 20-year-old child development major.

According to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' website, there are 14,131,467 church members in the world. Approximately 2.5 percent of those members live in California.

At Humboldt State, Stutzman estimates there around 40 students involved in the church and they do not all ride bikes.

In fact, this semester student members have made it their goal to revamp the on-campus student association to include activities that appeal to all of their members. "In the past, the club didn't really have an official purpose," Stutzman said. "It was mainly just for tabling."

Stutzman, Bereznac and other club members said they hope to steer the club back to its original objective, helping students balance their faith with academics and life, this semester.

"In addition to increased community service, we are hoping to help out students academically, through study support groups," Stutzman said. "Several club members have also expressed an interest in activities like yoga."

"Right now we are really just interested in trying out different things to find what works," she said.

For more information or to join the club, email the Latter-day Saint Student Association at hsuldssa@gmail.com. The club meets Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Arcata Institute for Religion at the intersection of B and 13th streets in Arcata.

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A QUICK LOOK AT MORMONISM

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints—headquartered in Salt Lake City, Utah—was organized in 1830. According to followers, Jesus Christ chose 14-year-old Joseph Smith to restore the Church of Jesus Christ to earth. In doing so, Smith found and translated the Book of Mormon in 1823 which was originally printed on thin gold plates. By 1830, Smith had translated the book into English and published it under the name "The Book of Mormon: Another Testament of Jesus Christ."

As of 2010, the church had approximately 14 million members. Followers are referred to as Latter-day Saints or Mormons, a nickname that refers to the Book of Mormon. Followers believe the Book of Mormon is the word of God and, as such, goes hand in hand with the Bible.

Local congregations are organized geographically and called wards or branches. The bishop, or spiritual leader, serves voluntarily in the ward. When wards are grouped together, they are referred to as a stake, which has a stake president.

Single men between the ages of 19 and 25, single women over the age of 21 and retired persons have the option of serving as missionaries. Missions are unfunded and voluntary. Missionaries are not paid for their work. Men serve for two years and women serve for 18 months.

As an alternate to serving as a missionary, The Relief Society was formed in 1842 for women over the age of 18. The focus of the organization—one of the oldest and largest women's organizations in the world—is to provide provide humanitarian aid.

Muslims worship in Arcata

Worshipers kneel and bow while facing toward the Kaaba in the city of Mecca after hearing the sermon delivered by Emran Essa during the Friday afternoon prayers at the Arcata Public Library. I Kristan Korns

by Kristan Korns

At precisely 1:12 p.m., Abdul Hafiz chanted the traditional Muslim call to prayer in loud Arabic. It echoed from the walls of the small conference room in the Arcata Public Library, where prayer rugs covered the floor.

Soon afterward, Humboldt State University graduate and local business owner Emran Essa delivered a sermon on the mercy of God, in both Arabic and English, before leading the group in the traditional Friday afternoon prayers.

Essa originally came to Arcata 30 years ago to attend the International English Language Institute at HSU. After perfecting his English, he took regular classes at the university, earning first a bachelor's in business and computer information and then an MBA.

"Islam is not for just one region," Essa said. "It's for everybody, for every color, for everywhere."

The faces of those who gathered to worship reflected the crowd's diversity. Some were students from Saudi Arabia and other nations studying at HSU, while some were immigrants and others were native-born Americans with roots in Europe or Africa.

Brian Ouellette came to the area seven years ago to study nursing at the College of the Redwoods and now works at Mad River Community Hospital. Ouellette said he is inspired in his work by the Koran, the Islamic religious text.

"To save one human life is as if you saved all of humanity," Ouellette said, paraphrasing part of the Koran.

Jabril Muhammad, an HSU student from the Los Angeles area, is majoring in international studies with an emphasis on globalization. He said he was influenced by people of many nationalities as he grew up.

"It's just a part of me," Muhammad said. "I've always tried to keep up with my religion and I like to be around different cultures."

Several foreign students studying at HSU echoed that sentiment. Abdulmonim Al Idrisi is an economics major in his junior year, originally from the city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia.

"I love to visit countries and to get to know more societies," Al Idrisi said. "I had never heard of Humboldt before I came here, but I was surprised."

He studied for two years in the city of Nashville in Tennessee before coming to Humboldt.

"This is a completely different America, a very free society," Al Idrisi said. "I love California."

Hamzah Jafar, who has been studying English here for five months, said he has met people from China, Brazil, Russia, Japan and Latin America who are also studying at the International English Language Institute.

"I've made friends who have other beliefs—Christians, Buddhists, Hindus," he said. "Most of them have the same dreams and they're my good friends."

Jafar said he is concerned by what he sees as Islamophobia in the U.S. media. He said he wishes people here knew more about the real Islam.

"If you say you are Muslim or from Saudi Arabia, they start thinking about terrorism," Jafar said. "We are not like that. The message of Islam is about peace. If someone is bad from a country, it doesn't mean that everyone in the country is bad like him."

Abdul Hafiz was born and raised in San Diego before he became a Muslim and changed his name. Hafiz said he feels Islam has made him more tolerant.

"People who study the Koran live life in a peaceful way," he said.

Muhammad also said living in the College Creek dorms puts him in contact with tolerant people from many different cultures on a daily basis.

"When I came out here, I had no expectations," Muhammad said, "but I found a great community here and I'm thankful."

Moe Al Khathlan is a Saudi Arabian student in the bridge program between the International English Language Institute and regular classes at HSU. He said he too liked the feeling of inclusiveness in Humboldt.

"It's an amazing community here in Arcata. There are Buddhists, Christians, Muslims, and even people who believe in nothing. Everyone lives as a family," Al Khathlan said. "It's a very mature community and I'm happy to be part of it."

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Catholic crew prays with a view

by Katherine E. Leonard

Looking out a bayside window, white puffy clouds stretch as far as the eye can see, spreading over the bay and the community of Arcata. Like an owl perched at the peak of its tree, the Newman Center sits atop a hill off of Union Street near the stop signs where 7th Street and Bayside Road meet.

The Catholic Club meets here every Friday night at 5:15. They chitchat and banter while admiring the view and waiting for other members to arrive. Reverend Eric Freed sits comfortably in a red cushioned chair, joking and laughing with the Catholic students. His apprentice, Regina Fosnaugh, coddles her three-week-old son.

Freed is a busy man. As the chaplain for the masses held at St. Bernard and those at the Lutheran Church, he has little time to devote to the Catholic Club. He appointed Reggie to take over and lead the club and their activities.

At the beginning of club meetings, members catch up. Next comes a traditional mass, led in both English and Spanish. Afterward, the group heads to the dinner table, where they enjoy a home-cooked meal prepared by either a club member or volunteer from St. Bernard.

As the sunshine fades, club members enjoy mashed potatoes and gravy, baked chicken, grilled squash, salad, lemonade and ginger pear cake—all made from scratch.

After their bellies are full, club members either go outside and play volleyball or enjoy board games or a movie inside. On some occasions, they coordinate bowling events or other fun trips around town. Last Christmas, they sang Christmas carols to the elderly at a nursing home.

In the coming weeks, they will welcome guest speaker Betty Chin of Eureka, who recently visited the Pope. Catholics are welcome to come enjoy the fun activities of the club and worship in a welcoming atmosphere every Friday evening.

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Jewish students 'unionize'

by Omar Carter

Aaron Calderon's maternal grandparents started their own temple, so there was no way he was getting out of service. Calderonis a reformed Jew, meaning the rules he follows are a little more relaxed than those a conservative or orthodox Jew would observe. He is also the Jewish Student Union's newest president.

The union has not always been active. It was not even a participating club last year. Last year's president, Lidia Katz, had an organized group, but did not file the paperwork to create a recognized club. Instead, Katz hosted gatherings for Jewish friends.

"I felt a need for a Jewish Club," Calderon said. "I mean, the only synagogue is in Eureka. [I] just wanted that option."

The union does not have an official meeting place yet. For the moment, they are meeting at the MultiCultural Center at 6 p.m.

> *"There's an absolute need for this club."*
> *–Flora Franklin*
> *Jewish Student Union treasurer*

Flora Franklin, the union treasurer, agreed with Calderon's stance on the club. "First, we have to do tabling, then find out people's schedules and commitments prior," she said. "There's an absolute need for this club."

Tizzianna Buren, who is not Jewish, has been attending the Friday night gatherings for a year. "They're the highlight of every Friday," she said. "I was introduced to the club through Lidia Katz, last year's president. He was black and Jewish, and suddenly I didn't feel quite so awkward anymore."

As for what they plan to do in the near future, Calderon said, "The High Holidays are coming up soon. Rosh Hashanah is the 28th of this month, so we'll probably do something for that. Religious services [include] candles, then usually wine or grape juice followed by a bread-like substance. [We] hope to do more than that."

The Jewish Student Union invites all those interested to come and join their services, even those who do not know the prayers or are not Jewish. Buren described it as "mad food and mad fun."

"Just go and have dinner with friends—nothing tedious, just some prayer and talking with friends and grape juice," she said.

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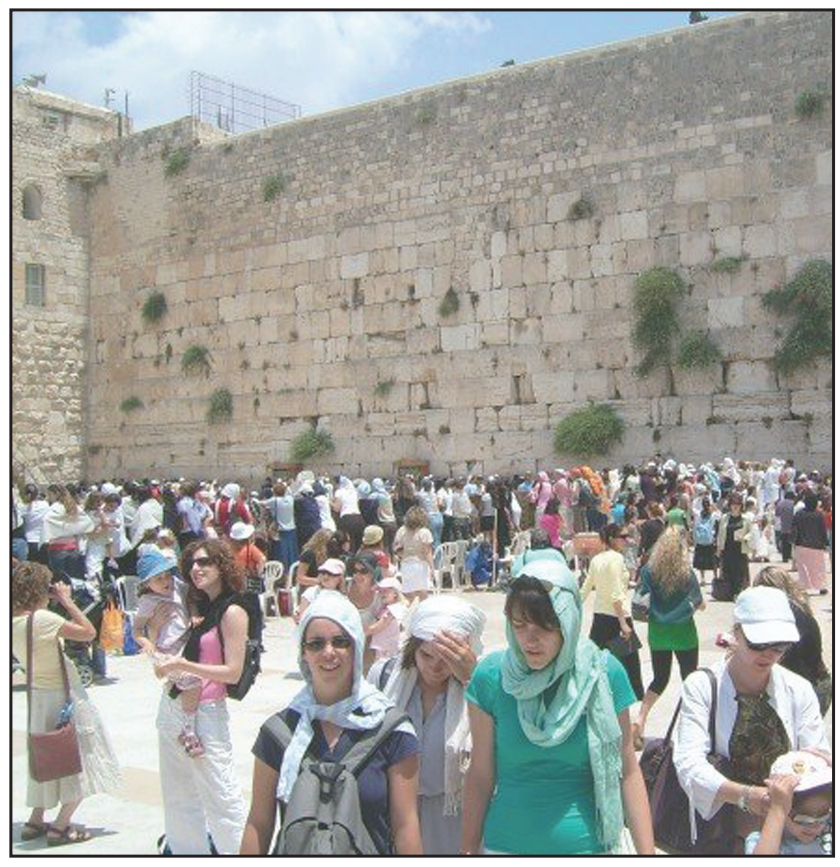

Jews from around the world congregate daily at the Kotel (Western Wall) to slip a prayer or wish in between its cracks. This sacred courtyard is a common place for B'nei Mitzvot, the Jewish right of passage. | Samantha B. Seglin

HSU students experience 'City of 10,000 Buddhas'

by Yawen Xu

Soudachan Chanthalavah is a foreign exchange student from Laos. When she came to study at HSU this fall, she registered for the Buddhism in India and Tibet class, taught by professor Stephen Jenkins.

Chanthalavah grew up in a Buddhist family that goes to the temple and meditates during weekends in Laos. Chanthalavah's family also gives alms to the monks in Laos. "If you give the monk food, we believe that the food will be transferred to people who died," she said.

Chanthalavah's father passed away a few years ago. Every time she and her mother give food to the monks, they think about her father.

Chanthalavah said she has not gone to a temple since she came here. "I don't know [if] they have a temple here," she said.

Shinichiro Tanaka is in a similar situation. Tanaka is a full-time freshman from Japan who came to HSU to study film.

Before coming to HSU, Tanaka attended the English language program at University of San Diego. There, he participated in Soka Gakkai Internaitonal (SGI), a Buddhist organization.

He said SGI helps people gather an inner source of courage, wisdom and compassion. He said it also helps people overcome life's challenges and lead happy and fulfilling lives.

SGI members practice their beliefs in their daily lives, he said. They chant Lotus Sutra and pray whenever they need to. They hold group meetings to discuss and share experiences with each other. "I am looking for people who believe in the religion," Tanaka said.

When Tanaka came to study at HSU this semester, he did not find many people interested in SGI.

Religious studies professor Stephen Jenkins said the 1885 Chinese expulsion incident in Eureka could be one of the reasons Humboldt County does not have many Buddhists.

Jenkins began teaching at HSU in 1998 after receiving his Ph.D. from Harvard University. He has led and participated in 13 school trips to India, China, Pakistan, Nepal, Japan, Israel and Tibet.

In recent years, the religious studies department at HSU has developed a field trip study program called The City of 10,000 Buddhas Weekend. The program takes place in Talmage, Calif.

Every semester, professor Jenkins and professor William Herbrechtsmeier bring students enrolled in the Religious Studies 394 class to the temple. They spend three days there learning about and experiencing Buddhist culture.

Jackson Stephenson, a religious studies senior with an emphasis in Indian religions, attended the field trip in fall 2009.

Stephenson said during those two and a half days, he woke up at 3:30 a.m. to sing and pray to Buddha. "One of the Buddhists there told me if we keep on doing this, we can be reborn to the pure land in the next life," he said.

During the rest of the day, Stephenson and his classmates had a busy schedule. They worked in the garden and planted organic vegetables.

Religious studies senior Summer Stuart went to the City of 10,000 Buddhas last semester. "The trip was phenomenal," he said.

Stuart was raised as a Christian. However, he said his mind is open to other religions.

Stuart said during the three-day trip students did a lot of chanting, some Tai Chi and meditation every morning and evening. "We ate bamboo, a lot of tofu and fried veggies," Stuart said.

Stuart said there are similarities between Christianity and Buddhism. "I focus on the ideals, the correlative scriptures as being similar," he said.

Melissa Corona is a senior social work major with a Spanish minor who attended the program in spring 2009. She said she was interested in Buddhists' lifestyles, so she decided to go in hopes of learning their practices and customs.

Corona said she discovered Buddhists get up early, stay up late and only eat once a day. "They don't really get mad. They look so peaceful," Corona said.

"I respect them," she said. "It takes a lot of mental strength to be Buddhist. They are really passionate about their lives."

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Warrior lives with "invisible wounds" of war

Letter to the editor

My name is Kevin C. Miller and I am the President of the Student Veterans Association at Humboldt State University.

At first glance, I look like just another student at HSU; but that is not the case as I am a former Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps infantry and a combat veteran of one of our current wars, specifically the one in Iraq.

I am also one of the many warriors that live with the "invisible wounds" of war. I have sustained multiple Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBIs) in the line of duty, including direct explosions from roadside bombs. I was fortunate enough to walk away from it, when many of my brothers and sisters in arms have not and have had more severe injuries or have even made the ultimate sacrifice.

In 2006, when I separated from the Marine Corps, I left the war, but the war never really left me.

I currently live with combat PTSD and have endured many of the common symptoms associated with it: impulsive behavior, social anxiety, isolation, nightmares, and countless sleepless nights. I have been lucky to have the support needed from taking a self-destructive path in life that has been all too common for combat vets. I have had school, sports, outdoor recreation, and a group of family and friends who have been supportive of me to get the help I need. Not every veteran has been as lucky as I have been to receive the support I have had over the years.

I have found the veterans services in Humboldt County to be much better than expected despite the rural location.

There have been great organizations like the Veterans Enrollment and Transition Services (VETS) at HSU, North Coast Veterans Resource Center (NCVRC), and the Redwood Vet Center who have been vital in supporting me inside and outside the classroom. However, in the past few years great programs that have been offered to veterans, like Veterans Upward Bound (a program that helps set up a veteran for academic success) and Outward Bound (an outdoor program to help transition veterans to civilian life through outdoor activities), have been lost due to lack of funding.

In addition to these services being lost there has been a removal of a portion of our benefits called "break pay", which is payment that covers the breaks during the course of the academic year. With high unemployment rates across the nation, the loss of this specific benefit has been absolutely detrimental to veterans and especially those with families because they do not have a steady income coming in during break periods.

I transferred to HSU last year and was surprised to find out there was such a considerable amount of veterans in the area despite being such a remote location (over 11,000 in Humboldt County, according to the U.S. Census; with approximately 400 attending HSU and over 200 at the College of the Redwoods). However, the Northern California region has the second-highest number of homeless veterans (12,771 according to National Coalition for Homeless Veterans), and highest concentration of homeless veterans per capita in the U.S.

I recognized a need for the community to get together to honor the service of our veterans, as well as the need to help the community better understand some of the issues that veterans live with today. That's why I am helping to organize the 1st annual Veterans Day 5K Run/Walk and would like to extend an invitation to everyone in the community to join our local veterans on Nov. 11, 2011 for a 5K Run or Walk, starting at the Redwood Bowl at Humboldt State University.

All proceeds raised will go to the VETS Department at Humboldt State University to help better assist our veterans both on and off campus and help to bring back some of the services they have recently lost. So come join us, and lets honor the service of our veterans this November 11, 2011 by showing we support them.

Thank you and I hope to see you all there.

Semper Fidelis,
Kevin C. Miller.

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The secretive chancellor

Editorial

A little respect is all comedian Rodney Dangerfield ever asked for, but never could quite attain.

This is how we, the students of *The Lumberjack* newspaper, felt after meeting the Chancellor of the California State University system, Charles Reed, on his trip to HSU last week.

Never mind that Reed compared the California Faculty Association protesters, who stood with signs in hand at the back of the Great Hall during the College Creek grand opening ceremony, to mice.

Pay no attention to the fact that Chancellor Reed and the Board of Directors are currently asking California Faculty Association members to remain in a salary freeze mode for another three years. That's a total of seven years without a raise and yet, Reed justifies approving a raise of $100,000, a total of roughly $400,000, for incoming San Diego State University President Elliot Hirshman because he has not had a raise in five years.

And forget that Reed missed the irony when he said, "I wish I had enough money to take out an ad like that." The Chancellor was referring to a full-page color advertisement denouncing his policies in the Sept. 21 issue of *The Lumberjack*, which was paid for by the California Faculty Association. Not taking the Chancellor's lavish housing and vehicle accommodations into account or the $30,000 deposited into his account every year for his retirement, Reed could use one year's salary to buy a full-page color ad in *The Lumberjack* for the next 23 years. We highly encourage Reed to do the latter.

The real lack of respect shown by Chancellor Reed, the Board of Trustees in Long Beach, and the Humboldt State administration, is the culture of secrecy implemented in an attempt to thwart the faculty and students of Calif. from having any say in how their institutions are run.

For proof, just go back to last Thursday.

While Reed was speaking at the grand opening ceremony of the new College Creek Complex, Bernadette Cheyne, Humboldt professor in Theatre, Film & Dance, and the newest faculty member to be appointed to the California State University Board of Trustees, cast the only vote against the passing of a new rule that will keep the names of university presidential candidates secret. In addition, candidates for the job will not even be required to visit the campus before being hired as it's president.

In fact, the governor of California, Jerry Brown, exhibited the need for transparency when he signed SB 8 into law on the Sept. 7. The senate bill, which the Chancellor's office opposed for years and worked hard to amend, puts auxiliary organizations of both university systems in California under the California Public Records Act (CPRA).

Auxiliary organizations are separate legal entities and include organizations such as the Associated Students, bookstores and student unions. But the term also refers to university organizations that manage gifts, endowments, trusts, public relations, fund raising, and a host of other entities that the Chancellor and Board of Trustees would rather not have scrutinized by us. A total of just under $1.6 billion was reported for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

No wonder that neither the Chancellor, nor President Rollin Richmond encouraged us to contact our legislature, as they are fond of saying.

Auxiliary organizations were scrutinized in May of 2010 when a total of $93,000 was taken from an auxiliary organization to pay for former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin to speak at Cal State Stanislaus. To make matters worse, in an email to event organizers, Reed wrote, "The release of the fee, while well-intentioned to share all details, will likely only serve as the financial headline for a new round of stories rather than the intended purpose of clearing the air and making the stories go away."

State Senator Leland Yee, who is author of SB 8 said of the incident, "Chancellor Reed [is] more concerned with covering up an embarrassing story than complying with state law."

It seems that hiding away is Reed's answer to adversity. When Humboldt State University Spokesman, Paul Mann, was asked why the Chancellor's trip wasn't promoted by the administration, he told *The Lumberjack*, "The Chancellor's office handles that."

If there's one thing the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees should understand, it's what long-time journalist Bill Moyer once said, "Secrecy is the freedom tyrants dream of."

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Chancellor Reed ignores the elephants in the room

Art by Heather Scheeler

The best advice: Don't sign anything

Letter to the editor

The season has arrived for signature gatherers to visit our campuses, trying to qualify a wide range of ballot initiatives for next year's election cycle. Most get paid by the signature and will say just about anything to make their proposed ballot initiatives seem attractive. Behind their seductive sales pitches are measures that can have devastating impacts on public higher education, many of them specifically designed to harm staff and faculty, but all of which will ultimately ripple out to hurt students and the quality of education as well.

The best advice for one and all: Don't sign anything!

Some of the measures proposed for next year's ballot impact staff and faculty's right to bargain collectively and to have a decent retirement, among other injustices. Here are just a few of the initiatives in the works:

- The "Stop Special Interest Money Now Act" would make it purposely more difficult for unions to gather and spend voluntary political contributions. Signature gatherers are concentrating on conservative areas of the state for this one.
- The "End Public Sector Bargaining Act" would prohibit state and local public agencies from recognizing any labor union or other employee association as a bargaining agent of any public employee.
- The "Raise Public Retirement Ages Act" increases the minimum retirement age to 65 for CalPERS members.

This race to the bottom is bound to result in a lower-quality educational experience as it becomes more and more difficult to recruit and retain quality educators and staff.

Sponsors have until late October to gather the required hundreds of thousands of valid signatures per measure. The campus community can make sure these harmful measures never make it to the ballot just by following this advice: Don't sign anything!

Sincerely,
Steven R. Mottaz
President, Chaper 301, CSU Employees Union

Weekly Events

Campus events may be found on pg. 9 of the FEATURES section.

Thursday **9/29**	**Random Acts of Comedy** Arcata Theatre Lounge 7:30 p.m., All Ages $5	**Brown Chicken Brown Cow** Humboldt Brews 9 p.m., 21+ $10	**Forrest Day with The Renegade Stringband** Jambalaya 9 p.m., 21+ $8-$10	**Coney Island Cockabilly Roadshow** The Red Fox Tavern 8 p.m., 21+
Friday **9/30**	**Children of the Sun** Humboldt Brews 9 p.m., 21+ $5	**Opio, Equptio, and ZMan** Jambalaya 9 p.m., 21+ $10	**Chip tha Ripper with Mika Sun and DJ Just One** The Red Fox Tavern 8 p.m., 21+ $15-$17	**Tremors** Arcata Theatre Lounge 7:30 p.m., Rated PG-13 $5
Saturday **10/01**	**Pastels on the Plaza** Arcata 8 a.m., FREE	**The Fly** Arcata Theatre Lounge 7:30 p.m., Rated R $5	**7th Annual Redwood Coast Belly Dance Festival** Arcata Community Center 11 a.m.-8 p.m., FREE	**Libra Bash 2011 DJ MuziqLement's Birthday** Jambalaya 9 p.m., 21+ $5
Sunday **10/02**	**Sundaze with Deep Groove Society** Jambalaya 9 p.m., 21+ $5	**Open Mic** Mosgo's Coffee 7 p.m., FREE	**The Addams Family** Arcata Theatre Lounge 5:30 p.m., Rated PG-13 $5	**Sunday Night Karaoke with KJ Leonard** Blue Lake Casino 8 p.m., 21+ FREE
Monday **10/03**	**Monday Night Football** Arcata Theatre Lounge 5 p.m., All Ages, FREE with minimum $5 food or beverage purchase	**Open Mic Night** Humboldt Brews 7:30 p.m., All Ages FREE	**Monday Night Football** Jambalaya 5 p.m., 21+	**Quiz Night** Blondies 7 p.m., All Ages FREE
Tuesday **10/04**	**Rebirth Brass Band** Humboldt Brews 8:30 p.m., 21+ $20-$25	**Star Slinger with Mux Mool and Shigeto** Jambalaya 9 p.m., 21+ $10	**North by Northwest** Humboldt County Library 6:30 p.m., All Ages	**Humboldt Cribbage Club** Moose Lodge 6-9:30 p.m., All Ages $7
Wednesday **10/05**	**Pete Kartsounes Band** The Red Fox Tavern 8 p.m., 21+ $6-$7	**Richie Spice and Norris Man** Arcata Theatre Lounge 10 p.m., 21+ $28	**Beer & Buffet featuring Mad River Brewing Company** Humboldt Brews 6:30 p.m., All Ages $25	**Onewise Sound Dancehall Reggae Night** Jambalaya 9 p.m., 21+ $5

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Where's Rollin?

It's hard enough to find HSU 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?"

Winner will be picked on a lottery system and announced along with the prize in next week's edition.

Last Week's Winner:

Devin Paine

You won a $5 gift certificate to Arcata Scoop. We ask that you pick up your prize in our office, located in Gist Hall 227.

CRYPTO-PUN!

Directions: Every letter has been **replaced by a different letter to make a** code. Figure out the code to solve the puns! Every pun uses the same code.

What do you call someone who videotapes sexual wordplay??
B FHDWIXBFRAX.

Why couldn't the sleepy bicycle stand up?
CO NBG ONW-OCXAP.

What do you call crooks who put together kitchen cabinets?
MWHDOAXSACOAXG.

Which medication would sue a government official?
GHPBSAP.

What do you get when you put the pictures of the Kings of Russia on a flag?
ORA OGBX-GFBDIEAP YBDDAX.

HUMBOLDT JUMBOLDT

by Melissa Coleman

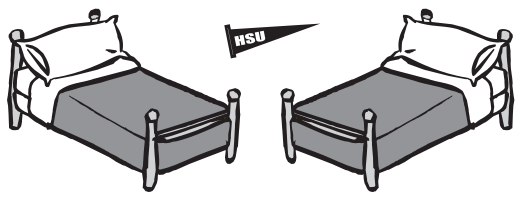
Rearrange the letters to form a word. Set aside the double underlined letters on the line below. Rearrange those letters when all words are solved to find this week's answer! Plurals allowed, no proper nouns though final answer may be a proper noun. *Answers in the next issue.*

ASSME _ _ _ _ _

OONRM _ _ _ _ _

OMITS _ _ _ _ _

ORGAC _ _ _ _ _



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ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:
AMUSE, ELDER, KAYAK, OCEAN
FINAL ANSWER: "EUREKA!"

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Spotlight

Mad River turns medieval

by Angela Tsai

Festival participants reenacted the Middle Ages at the Medieval Festival last Saturday and Sunday at the Mad River Community Hospital Festival Field.

Adults and children dressed up in medieval costumes, enjoyed performances and played games such as archery and Jenga.

Angela Tsai may be contacted at ayt6@humboldt.edu

[TOP LEFT] Sydney Stechmann poses in her costume. [TOP RIGHT] Bill Kohse, as King William, hosts games for the Medieval Festival. [BOTTOM] Elizabeth Williams and Tony Smithers serve beer and wine at the Medieval Festival. [BOTTOM LEFT] Colin Smithers (left) and Sol McCarty (right) engage in sword fighting.
| Angela Tsai

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