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Making the grade

Overcoming academic probation proves to be no easy fix for students or advisers

by Kevin Bunch
Staff Writer

One out of every 10 students who enrolled at Humboldt State last semester earned a cumulative grade point average that was below 2.0.

Two years ago, Tyler Peters was one of the students told not to return for spring 2011 because of his low GPA.

"My last semester at HSU I was not happy about being on academic probation," Peters said, "but I [had] already dug myself into a hole and it was really hard to get out."

Peters came to Humboldt in fall 2009 and wanted to join the sociology program, but never got around to filling out the paperwork.

"I had a lot of issues with my major," Peters said. "I went through a lot of advisers."

Peters admitted to not being entirely prepared for college academics, but also felt that a reliable major adviser would have helped.

> ***"Let us help you while you're in good standing rather than once you're on probation."***
> ***— Cai Stuart-Maver, Learning Center adviser***

Peters was first put on academic probation in spring 2010. He visited with a learning center adviser regularly to discuss a plan to get off of academic probation. The learning center adviser explained the process of academic probation and made Peters aware of learning resources that could help him bring his GPA back up.

Peters waited until halfway through his semester to do anything about his academic probation, but when he realized how much the advisers could help him it was too late.

Students on academic probation are expected to meet with an adviser from the HSU Student Learning Center to come up with a plan to get off of probation. The learning center implemented a new intervention plan for the first time in fall 2011.

But even with the new changes, more than half of the students who were on academic probation last semester either remained on the list, or were disqualified from the university.

Cai Stuart-Maver was the learning center adviser who helped Tyler during his probation period. He was with the Learning Center when they constructed the new intervention plan for academic probation last spring.

Through the plan students on probation are now added to a learning center group that they can access on their Moodle homepage.

"In the spring 2011 semester, there were more students on probation than our staff could meet with before the second week of classes," Stuart-Maver said. It was this circumstance that led to the creation of the academic probation workshops and the online tutorials, he said. The Moodle group requires the student to go through an online tutorial and register for a workshop with the learning center.

The tutorial explains academic probation and what a student's options are moving forward. Before the new system went into effect, the learning center advisers were responsible for doing this with every student. Now it's done online.

At the workshops, students are asked to fill out an Academic Success Plan — a basic form students sign explaining what the student will do to turn their grades around.

Peters filled out this same form when he first visited with the learning center in fall 2010, before the online aspect was added. The learning center does not know yet if the new system is an improvement.

What learning center advisers do know is that spring 2011 showed 53 percent of students returning to probation or being disqualified for the following semester. This was before the new plan. That's 2 percent less than the fall 2011 report, which reflected the learning center's first semester operating on the new plan.

A student is disqualified from the university if they are not able to bring their GPA above the minimum requirement for their academic grade level (determined by the number of units completed to date).

For freshmen, 30 units or fewer completed, a minimum 1.5 GPA is required; for sophomores,

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CSU prepares for the worst

by Cora Vay
Staff Writer

California State University announces precautions planned in order to survive a 'worst case scenario' cut in funding — to the tune of $950 million.

If approved in May, Gov. Jerry Brown's proposed budget for 2012-2013 will set back the CSU system $750 million in funding. That does not include an additional $200 million trigger cut if proposed tax initiatives do not pass.

The California State Student Association, Board of Trustees and the Chancellor's Office are joining forces to advocate against the potential cuts.

Miles Nevin, executive director of the state student association, reminds students to be alert of these potential cuts.

"Everything is a proposal, that is the reason for advocacy now. Depending on how things play out in Sacramento, we have things we need to evaluate and be prepared for," he said.

Not waiting until disaster strikes, the CSU system has already enforced cost-cutting measures in hopes of closing an increasing gap. Changes include decreased enrollment, employee reductions, deferred maintenance, restricted travel and streamlined IT support.

On the executive level, a salary cap has been enforced for sitting and incoming campus presidents. Pay increases can only amount to 10 percent more than their predecessor's salary.

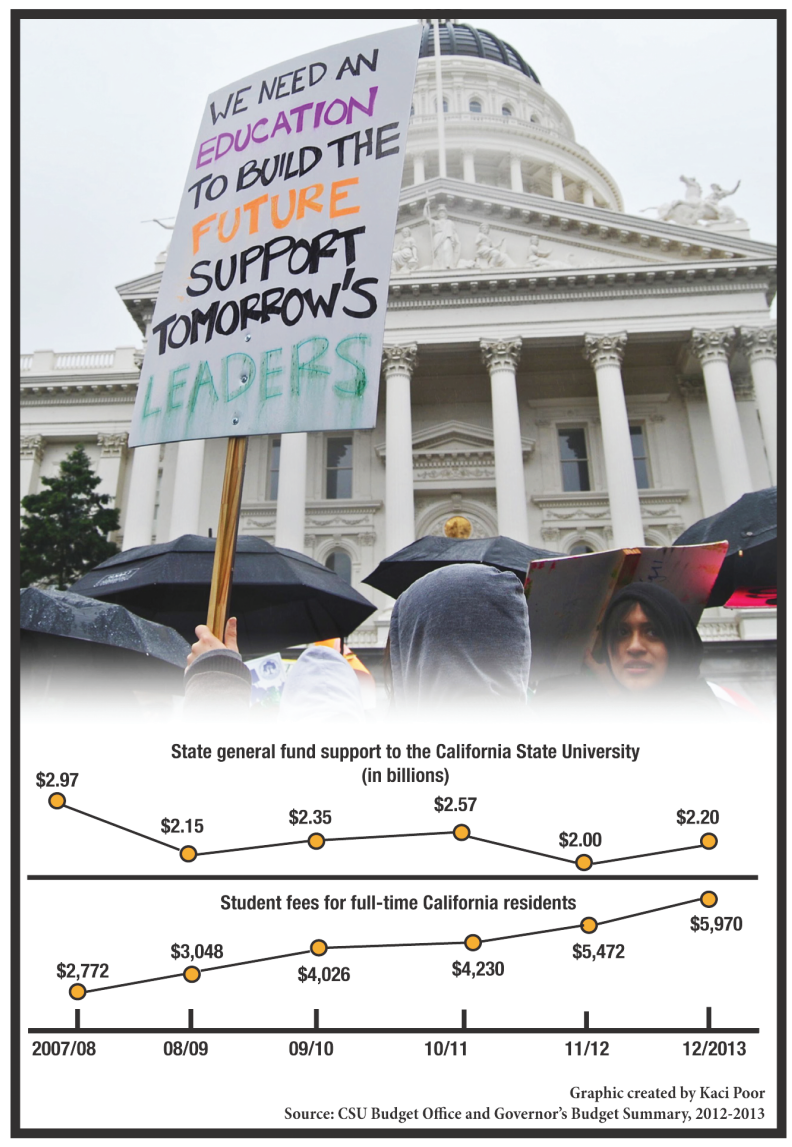
Changes to Pell Grants have also taken place. Distributed more than any other award in the state, students can now only receive the $5,550 grant for 12 semesters instead of the previous 18. The CSU suspended the federal loan's six-month grace period — leaving interest to be charged immediately upon graduation.

The proposed cuts would also place new restrictions on Cal Grants. Brown's proposal entails a GPA hike for eligible Cal Grant A and B recipients. Grant A would only be obtainable with a 3.25 GPA or higher, and Grant B would require a minimum of 2.75 GPA.

Peggy Metzer, associate director of the financial aid office at HSU, notices a shift in students' attitudes since the cuts.

"Stress has been placed directly on students' shoulders. The stress doesn't go away, it just gets passed back and forth from students to staff, the interaction between them have been strained because of this," she said.

William Oesterreich, an environmental science major at HSU, comments on how he could potentially dodge immediate repayment of loans.



"I'm thinking about moving out of the country after graduation because of the economy in California. With the way things are, I don't think the government will put a high priority on student loans. I'm not worried, but I'd still like to have that buffer," he said.

Course cuts kept Matthias Hofstadler, an environmental science major, out of a Diversity and Common ground class at HSU.

"It was frustrating," he said. "I realized the instructor was having a hard time cutting people, but that still didn't help my situation. This feels like a really expensive game of waiting."

Grim with these prospects, more cuts can only be expected if Brown's tax initiative is not approved in November. The proposed plan would raise sale and income taxes for high earners in a span of five years. If denied, ramifications would unleash a beast — a $200 million 'trigger cut.'

Worse case scenario, funding from the government will be at its lowest since 1996. In this situation, the CSU would have to further cut funding. Options include a tuition hike, further reductions in staff and academic programs and cuts in student services — all of which could hinder the success and timely graduation for students.

"It's because all other options have been exhausted and we are trying to balance affordability. No one wants to do it, and it's not taken lightly. This is a direct result of Sacramento and their withdraw of support," Nevin said.

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GPA hike may cut students out of Cal Grant aid

by Cora Vay
Staff Writer

Students who rely on government funding may have reason to worry after Gov. Jerry Brown proposed new restrictions toward Cal Grant aid.

Brown's proposed budget for 2012-2013 calls for a $750 million cut in funding, with a $200 million "trigger cut" if tax initiatives proposing raised sales tax and income taxes for high earners do not pass. If Brown's budget stays intact through the nitpicking of the CSU system, changes are in store for students who receive Cal Grants through financial aid.

Cal Grant A would only be awarded to students who accumulate a 3.25 GPA or higher, a 0.25 increase from the current requirement. Cal Grant B recipients would be required to earn at least a 2.75 GPA — a 0.75 increase.

Stephanie Thara, a CSU Chancellors Office representative, wants to reassure students that the system is on the defense against these potential cuts and changes.

"We need to protect the Cal Grant program in order to close the gap for the under-served community; those of color, first generation college students and low income families," Thara said. "Financial aid became a line item in the [2012-2013] budget instead of essential, like it is."

It is pivotal to understand the importance of Cal Grants A and B in order to fully comprehend the impact students could face.

Grant A paid Cal State universities $5,472 per student in the 2011-2012 school year. Most funds were allocated toward tuition and covered system-wide fees.

Grant B aims to provide a living allowance and additional tuition and fees assistance for low income students; first-year recipi-

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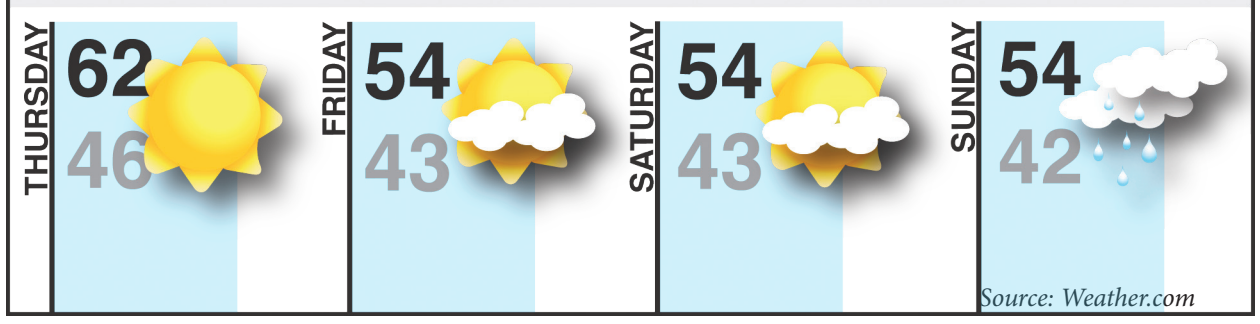

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students who have taken up to 59 units, a 1.7 GPA is required; for juniors, students who have taken up to 89 units, a 1.85 GPA is required; and seniors, students who have taken more than 90 units, a 1.95 GPA must be achieved during their semester of academic probation in order to remain enrolled in the university.

The idea is that a student's total grade points earned throughout their entire college career must average at least 2.0, or a C average , so these numbers should ensure that the cumulative will give the student a chance to graduate according to their academic grade level.

HSU kinesiology junior Zachary Thompson survived his first semester on academic probation in spring 2009 when his grades averaged above 1.5 (freshman minimum), but that didn't bring his overall GPA above 2.0. He was still on academic probation when he returned to HSU in fall 2009. As a sophomore he would need a 1.7 to stay at HSU, the same requirement that would disqualify Peters a semester later.

"I was so close," Thompson said. He fell just short of the minimum requirement, and was disqualified for one semester.

Thompson reapplied to HSU in fall 2010 and has remained in good academic standing. He was put back on academic probation upon readmission and was only allowed 12 units, which he said helped him get back on track.

"I only had one final," Thompson said. "It was pretty sweet."

The learning center's services are open to HSU students at any academic standing. The center provides students with help in time management, testing and study strategies and tutoring. Groups of more than three students receive free group tutoring paid by Associated Students, and one-on-one tutoring costs approximately $10 per hour depending on the level of the tutor. Students involved in the Educational Opportunity Program, sports, or other student support services can receive free one-on-one tutoring.

"Let us help you while you're in good standing rather than once you're on probation," Stuart-Maver said.

Peters now attends Moorpark Community College in Moorpark, Calif. He plans to transfer to California State University Northridge in good academic standing.

He did not reapply for admissions at HSU because in his year away from Humboldt he has solidified a position in the Moorpark law enforcement.

Peters is optimistic about his future and had only one message to offer his peers at HSU.

"Students shouldn't let it get to the point that they are so far gone that it takes a lot of counseling to make it right," he said. "Just get it right the first time and you don't have to trip."

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ents received $1,551 in the 2011-2012 school year.

More than a third of eligible applicants are predicted to be locked out if the new restrictions are agreed upon by the state. The CSU Chancellor's Office estimates 5,900 entering students would be impacted. The proposed GPA hikes would cut out high school and transfer students who do not have time to raise their GPAs to parallel the new norm.

Peggy Metzer, associate director of the financial aid office, comments on alternative aid offered at HSU.

"Students who miss the required GPA mark will usually qualify for the CSU State University grant, which is awarded based on need and not GPA. So far, Humboldt State has enough funds set aside to accommodate students who qualify. The most important point is to pay attention to FAFSA deadlines in order to receive the maximum aid the school can offer," she said.

CSU predicts if Cal Grant changes take effect, most impacted will be low income families who rely on such aids to plan for college. Without sufficient government support, college expenses will be at a stand still — 'tentative and dependent on budget negotiations'.

Jamie Ohnemus, a liberal arts and child development major, is a student already locked out of Cal Grants.

"[Financial aid] already cut my Cal Grants this semester," Ohnemus said. "Because of that I had to take out more student loans to pay the difference. I'll stress about paying them back when the time comes, but I have to stay focused right now."

The budget has been the center of controversy amongst government agencies who rely on sufficient funds to operate. The proposed cuts to educational funding questions the value of obtaining a college degree in the midst of the economic crisis.

"[It is] a direct shift of burden from state to student, lack of commitment and investment in higher education by Sacramento lawmakers," Thara said.

Efforts from the Chancellor's Office and the California State Student Association are already in motion to halt these changes in time for Brown's "May Revise" — where feedback, economy and tax revenue come into consideration. Legislators must vote on a set budget in June and official changes will take effect in July.

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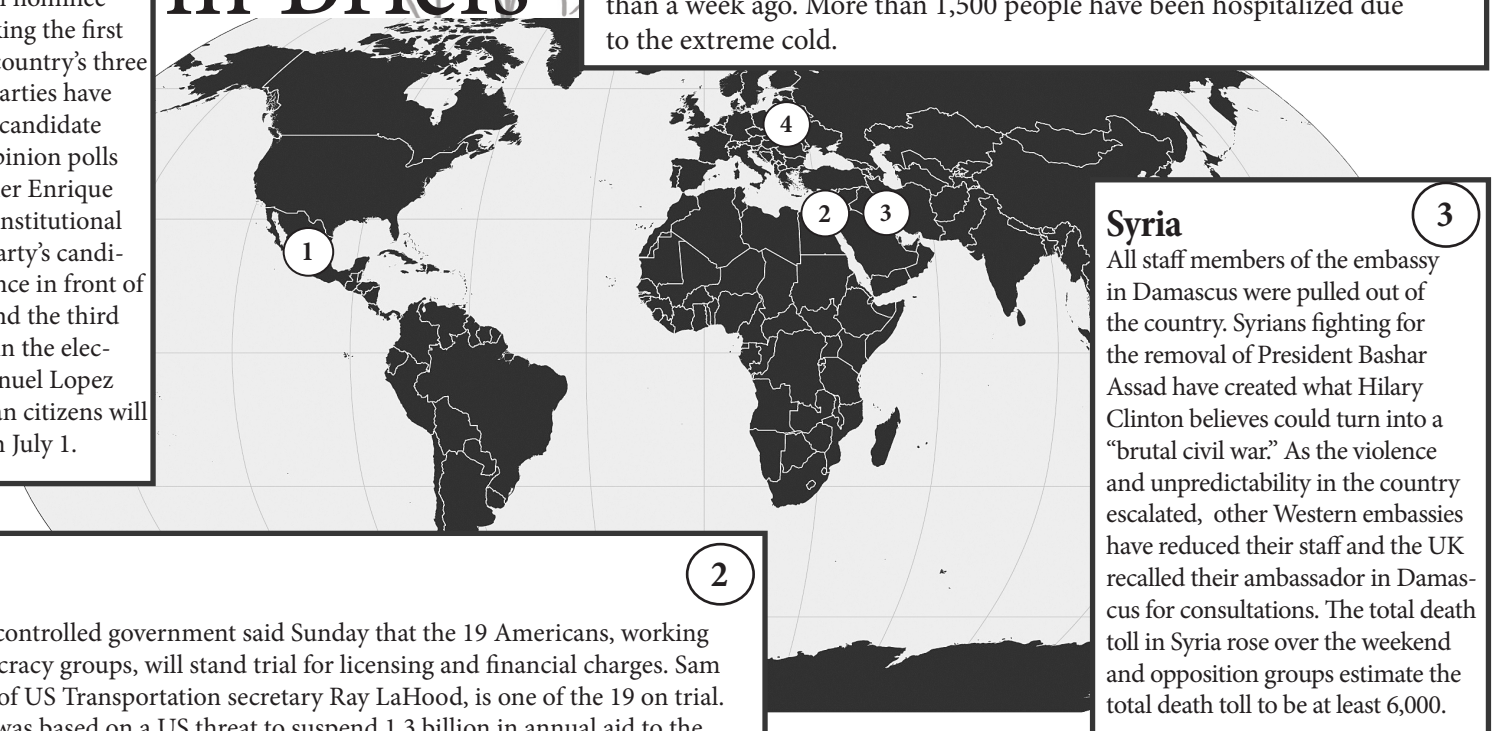
World in Briefs

Mexico (1)
The National Action Party chose former education minister Josefina Vazquez Mota as its presidential nominee on Sunday, marking the first time one of the country's three major political parties have chosen a female candidate for president. Opinion polls place front-runner Enrique Pena Nieto, the Institutional Revolutionary Party's candidate, some distance in front of Vazquez Mota and the third main candidate in the election, Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador. Mexican citizens will cast their vote on July 1.

Europe (4)
Roman residents woke up to snow due to the cold weather that has made its way to the western side of Europe. In London, Heathrow airport is said to cancel about 30 percent of its flights. In Ukraine, 122 people have frozen to death since the cold weather started more than a week ago. More than 1,500 people have been hospitalized due to the extreme cold.



Syria (3)
All staff members of the embassy in Damascus were pulled out of the country. Syrians fighting for the removal of President Bashar Assad have created what Hilary Clinton believes could turn into a "brutal civil war." As the violence and unpredictability in the country escalated, other Western embassies have reduced their staff and the UK recalled their ambassador in Damascus for consultations. The total death toll in Syria rose over the weekend and opposition groups estimate the total death toll to be at least 6,000.

Eqypt (2)
The military-controlled government said Sunday that the 19 Americans, working for pro-democracy groups, will stand trial for licensing and financial charges. Sam LaHood, son of US Transportation secretary Ray LaHood, is one of the 19 on trial. The decision was based on a US threat to suspend 1.3 billion in annual aid to the Egyptian military.

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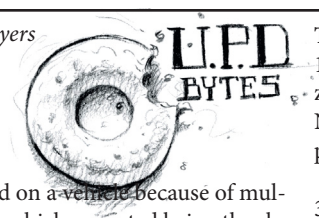

Wednesday, Feb. 1
3:03 p.m. A boot was placed on a vehicle because of multiple parking citations. The vehicle reported being thankful — given the cold and rainy season — that UPD did not place a sandal instead.

3:54 p.m. In the most unlikely of events, truly remarkable, shocking even, drug activity was reported in Sunset Hall. We don't know for sure, but we are assuming it did not involve huffing glue. We think. Probably. Maybe not though. On second thought...no. Definitely, maybe.

Thursday, Feb. 2
1:57 a.m. A noise complaint occurred at the Canyon Gazebo. Seriously dude, best band name ever: The Gazebo Noise Complaints. It is a work in progress. Gazebo Complaint? Noise Gazebo? Canyon Noise Noise? I give up.

3:57 a.m. Vehicle indigestion was reported, wait. Nope, investigation. There we go.

Friday, Feb. 3
1:14 p.m. UPD conducted a "field interview." Reports indicate it was a rather one-sided conversation — the grasslands had little to say.

Saturday, Feb. 4
1:02 p.m. The parents of an HSU student requested a welfare check — they wanted to bypass the FAFSA paperwork.

Front page photo captions:
[Left] At a market in Thailand, HSU alum Kale Roberts purchases fresh produce to bring back to his village in the Isaan region. | Provided by Kale Roberts
[Middle] Slackliner Andy Lewis pforms with Madonna. | Provided by Andy Lewis
[Right] HSU students and married couple Bryana and David Wellman. | Samantha Corrales

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Corrections

The "HSU student arrested in marijuana bust" article on the front page of the Feb. 1 issue of The Lumberjack was missing the byline. The article should have been credited to Kaci Poor.

The map on page 2 in the World in Briefs section of the Feb. 1 issue of The Lumberjack was not credited. The world map was created by Aaron Taveras.

The byline was missing for "Humboldt's youngest historians" on page 13 of the Feb. 1 issue of the The Lumberjack. The article should have been credited to Scottie Lee Meyers and Jeremy Smith-Danford.

The prize for the Lumberjack Fact Check on page 19 of the Feb. 1 issue of the The Lumberjack was simply "insert what you can win here." The announced prize should have been a $5 gift certificate to Arcata Scoop.

The byline for "Dean Lee brings Lunar New Year cheer to HSU students" on page 5 of the Feb. 1 issue of The Lumberjack stated Frank Cardenas as a guest writer. This is incorrect. Cardenas is actually on *The Lumberjack* staff.

In "Improvisation sensation" in the Feb. 1 issue of The Lumberjack, the caption underneath the photo of several improv club members warming up stated senior philosophy major Shannan Bass as the center woman in the photo. Brenley Larson is actually center.

Katherine Elena Leonard's name was misspelled in the contact info at the end of her article "Delta Phi Epsilon helps break Greek life stereotypes" on page 16 of the Feb. 1 issue of The Lumberjack. It's Katherine Elena Leonard, not Katherine Elizabeth Leonard.

For those of you who missed UPD Bytes in the Feb. 1 issue of The Lumberjack, they can still be found online at our website, www.thelumberjack.org.

There were several issues with the "Executive Order 9066: Am I an American or not?" article written by Cora Vay in the Feb. 1 issue of The Lumberjack. First off, Karen K is not an HSU professor of political science. Secondly, Aiko Uyeki was 15 years old when she interned in Gila River, Ariz., not 10 as stated in the article.

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Waiting for an empty seat

Crammed classes leave students questioning quality of education

Seats in Daniel Faulk's American government class are only vacant because they are broken. | Samantha Corrales

by Kevin Bunch and Colleen Chalmers
Staff Writers

Sitting on the floor in a lecture hall has become routine in many classes at Humboldt State. Maren Westfall, a senior art major at HSU, said all of her classes this semester are too full.

"If I don't get to art theory 20 minutes early, I have to sit on the floor," she said.

Half an hour before the course meets in Art 102, students mull around and wait for the class that meets before to end. Once the other students exit the room, they swarm in to find a seat.

Starting last semester, HSU decided to use the wait list system for regulating student enrollment in classes. Some students do not believe it is working.

Westfall said wait lists are not maintaining classroom capacity.

"Classes being that full negatively affect our education," she said. "It makes me not want to go to class."

For John Stoa, a transfer biology major, the classes he wanted were so full that he decided not to go to HSU at all. He dropped out of the university. He now attends College of the Redwoods, where seats are available in the classes he needs.

Ryan Wimmer, a sophomore forest operations major, needs intro to soil science to graduate. He could not enroll because he was too far down on the wait list.

"I gave up on that class," he said.

"Sometimes a good number of students will drop the course you're interested in, but it just depends on how long you're able to wait and fall behind," Wimmer said. "It's a gamble."

Wimmer is a volunteer firefighter with the Arcata Fire Department. "I used to arrange my class schedule in a way that could accommodate me doing a 24-hour shift with the fire department during my school week," he said.

Now he can only work weekend shifts with the fire department. Wimmer did have a schedule planned out that would allow him to work shifts during the week, but with most of those classes already full, he had to settle for a different schedule.

But Wimmer remains positive amongst scheduling frustrations in order to focus on the fire department.

"Like everything else, you do the best you can. If that means training after classes, doing drill nights or running early-morning calls, then that's what you do," Wimmer said.

Grace Dempsey, University Registrar, said there are two reasons for wait lists.

"It's a more equitable way to enroll students into high demand classes when a seat does become available," Dempsey said. "It also gives departments an idea of the demand for classes. If funding becomes available, they could use this information to open additional sections."

However, for many classes that are in high demand this semester, that statement does not hold true.

Mary Glenn, PhD, a professor of anthropology, said her human biology and evolution class is always impacted and there are not additional sections being opened.

"I stopped counting at 130 students who inquired about the class, so there are even more than that," Glenn said. "I just took the most absolute-crazy dire cases, like graduating seniors or people who didn't get the class last year.

> ***"[Students] see through the translucent scheme that makes us pay more for less. I've talked to people who just want to abandon school because of it."***
> ***— Maren Westfall, HSU student***

It just kills me not to let everyone in."

Dan Faulk, a political science lecturer, said that students are desperate to get into classes.

"They all want in, but every student I take on is more work. You cut the resources for academic affairs and every general education class is going to be over prescribed."

Students feel like they are paying more for less.

"There is a conflict between limited teachers and students' increased tuition," Faulk said.

Ryan Brisbin, a senior majoring in political science and French, said since she started at HSU, the student fees have gotten higher, departments smaller and classrooms more crowded.

Brisbin said there are people sitting on the floor in every class period for her revolution in modern French literature course this semester.

"It is ridiculous to pay more only to have your quality of education decrease," Brisbin said. "We're named after a famous German explorer, and we've cut our German major, really?"

Since the first day of the semester, Wimmer went to forest ecology — even though he was not enrolled — determined to get a spot in the class because he needs it for his major. Wimmer finally got a permission number after waiting for three weeks.

Now that he is in the class, he has to bring his own laptop to the lab section.

"My professor had me give up my computer in the lab for someone who hadn't come in the class from the wait list."

"We do a ton of data analysis and computations from measurements we take in the field," Wimmer said. Students in the course who have to use their own laptops have to install Excel on their computers to keep up with the assignments.

"Impacted classes affect the way we learn," Wimmer said. "Whether you have to fight for a seat or use your own laptop in a lab section, it's frustrating for everyone."

Brisbin said students need to be more pro-active in ensuring they get what the need out of their education. "It's still a pain in the ass, but it's one of the things that make higher education what it is."

Westfall said it is unfair that budget cuts in the education system are affecting students' success in class. Her intro to political science class in Founders Hall 118 has people sitting in broken chairs and on the floor. "That is illegal," Westfall said. Allowing a room to fill beyond capacity is a fire hazard.

The decision to leave HSU due to impacted classes makes Stoa realize that maybe it is for the best.

"Now I don't have to pay so much for just a couple of classes," he said.

Stoa wants to attend his classes and learn for the sake of learning. "Why would I want to pay a bunch of student fees for stuff I don't need?"

Westfall said students are smart when it comes to what is happening to their education. "They see through the translucent scheme that makes us pay more for less," she said. "I've talked to people who just want to abandon school because of it."

Frustrations with the decline of education quality make some students feel that their voice is not being heard.

"The people running the school are money hogs and do not give a fuck about us," Westfall said.

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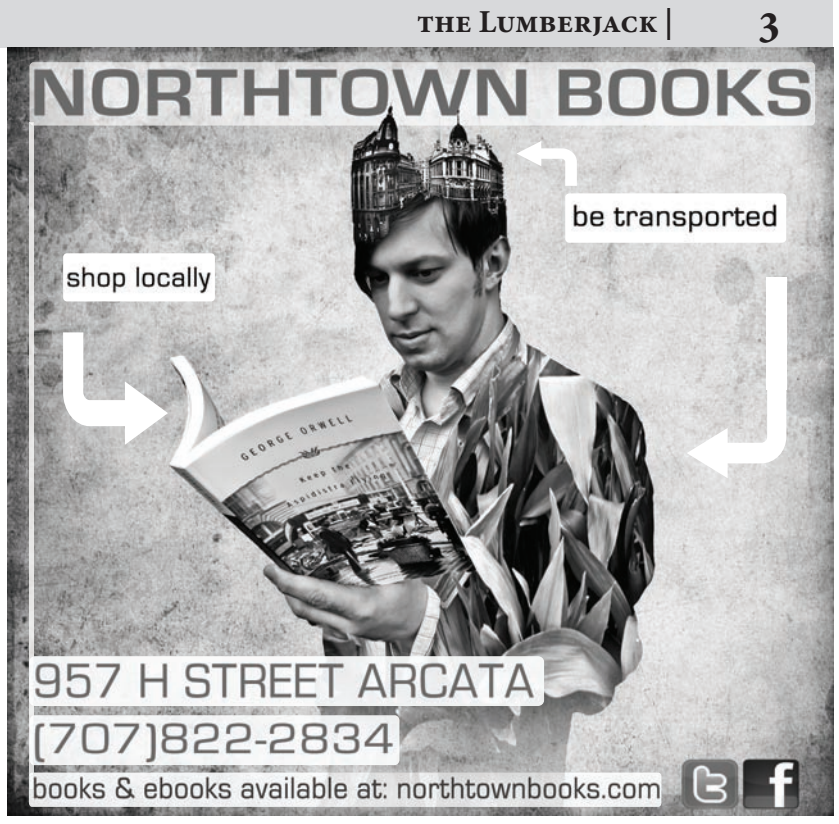

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Laying down the law

Former student athlete and alum looks to share experience working in the capitol

by Kaci Poor
Editor-in-Chief

Since Michael Lynch graduated in May with a degree in business administration, the former Jacks' outside linebacker hasn't had a day off.

"You gotta keep hustlin', you know?" said the 23-year-old with a smile as he sat outside Founders Hall 232.

Lynch returned to Humboldt State Wednesday to speak with students about the Capitol Fellows Program, a 10 to 11-month fellowship that places students in full-time jobs working in legislative, executive or judicial branch offices. The program is accepting applications for a new round of students through Feb. 22. Lynch was one of 18 students chosen to serve as a Senate Fellow in Sacramento last year.

"I can't say enough about the program," Lynch said. "You really learn so much — how to make a bill a law and then all of the politics surrounding that process. It's invaluable. I encourage anyone and everyone to apply."

Before being accepted into the program, Lynch worked as a graduate student assistant with the Board of Equalization and a couple months in Washington, D.C. assisting with the Campaign for Youth Justice. Both helped him prepare for his role working alongside Democratic Sen. Curren Price, in the capitol.

"Over the summer [working in Washington] I got to speak with a lot of students. I realized that right now, in California, the juvenile justice system is cruel to youth of color or youth that have been in contact with the law. Kids make mistakes. But we are just making it harder for them to get back on the right path," said Lynch, who one days hope to work as a juvenile justice.

By October, Lynch is hoping that a bill he drafted through the fellowship program will become California law. The language of the bill would prevent public schools from denying readmission to young people who have been involved in criminal activity.

Michael Lynch, a former student athlete and alum, now works in Sacramento drafting public policy. | Kaci Poor

"That's the coolest part of this job," Lynch said. "I am passionate about social justice and social change. I really do see public policy as an avenue to provoke the change I want to see."

Sen. Price, who serves as chair of the Business Professions and Economic Development committees and the California Legislative Black Caucus, said Lynch grasps societal issues and approaches them with innovation.

"It is committed and conscious young people like Michael who will make government more responsive to the needs of its citizens," he said.

Head football coach Rob Smith said Lynch stopped by a practice during his visit to campus.

"I wasn't at all surprised to see him doing so well," said Smith, who described Lynch as the definition of student athlete during his time at HSU. "He excelled both on the field and in the classroom. He has always understood the priorities that needed to be set and it's good to see that he has accomplished them."

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FACTBOX

The deadline to apply for the Capitol Fellows Program is Feb. 22.

Fellows are employees of Sacramento State and work for 10-11 months, receive health benefits and a monthly stipend of $1,972.

Fellows can earn graduate units toward either the Government Department or Public Policy and Administration programs paid for by Sacramento State.

Apply online at www.csus.edu/calst/capital_fellows_programs_overview.html

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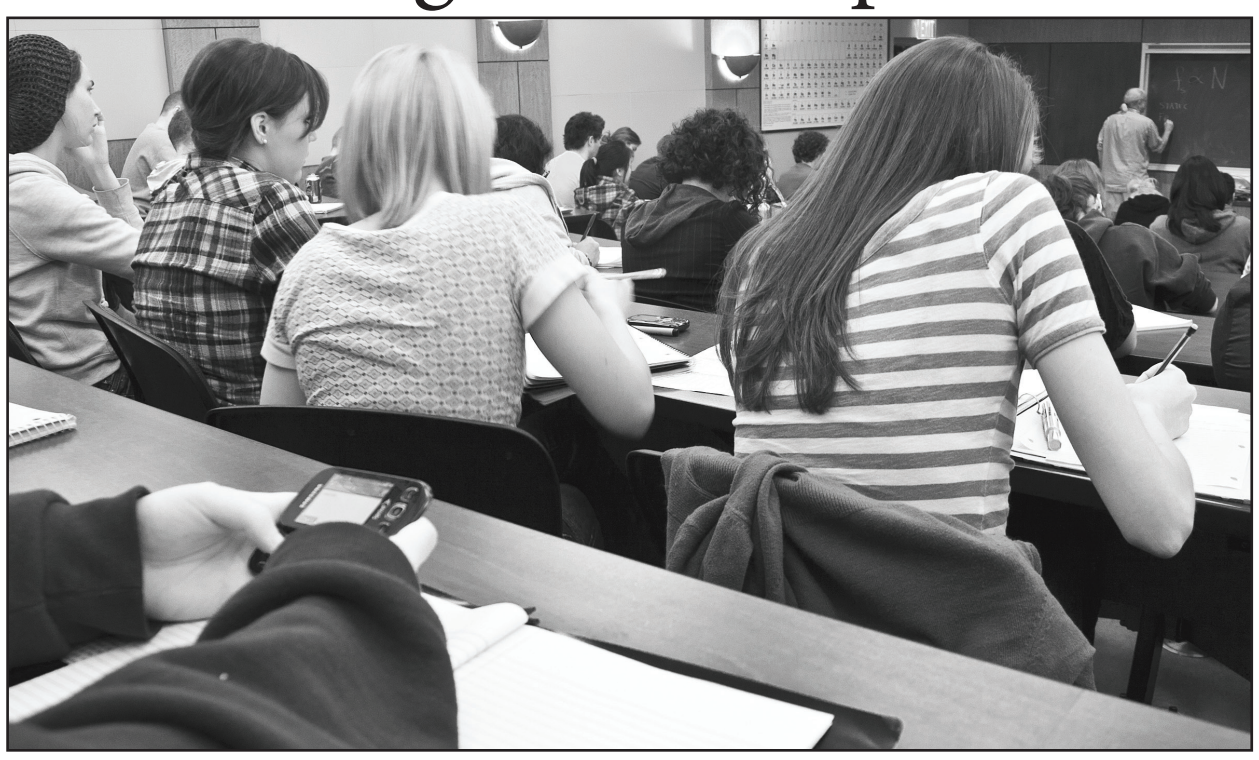
It is not uncommon to see peers using their phones during class, some lecturers do not mind, but others are very upset when students have phones out. | Samantha B. Seglin

by Lillian Boyd
Staff Writer

Political science professor Stephanie Burkhalter believes cell phones can prevent a productive class session. Within the past four years especially, cell phones have led to tension between students and teachers, Burkhalter said.

A study done by Mobile Beyond indicates that cell phone usage has surpassed Internet usage within the last year and is expected to continue growing.

"[Professors] are charged with creating an effective learning environment. When texting or laptops or video-watching crosses the line," Burkhalter said, "it becomes distracting for professors and the students and we have an obligation to stop it."

Not all faculty have banned cell phones from class. English professor Kendra Ross encourages the use of technology during class.

"This generation is better at multitasking," Ross said. "It's awesome when we have a class discussion and a student pulls out their phone to look something up."

Undeclared sophomore Hannah Foster believes professors should be allowed to set their own policies regarding cell phone use.

"If using my cell phone silently during class doesn't bother [professors], then I should be allowed to do it," Foster said. "For those teachers who clearly outline their cell phone policies and discourage their use, I always leave my phone on silent in my bag."

The twenty-year-old said discouraging cell phone use during discussion and participation classes is understandable.

> ***"It's awesome when we have a class discussion and a student pulls out their phone to look something up."***
> ***— Kendra Ross, English professor***

"But, in large classes and lectures, as long as they are silent, who cares?" she said. "We pay enough in tuition that we should be allowed to do just about whatever we want."

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Health comes first on campus

The Student Health Center may be changing its same-day appointment policy to accommodate student needs. | Katherine Elena Leonard

by Natalia Estrada
Staff Writer

Positive and negative test results come from more than just academics. In health and reproductive services, a small plus or minus could drastically affect a student's life.

The Student Health and Wellness Center at Humboldt State strives to make access to its services easier and more convenient for students. The Health Center is in the process of changing its same-day appointment policy for students.

If the same-day appointments are changed, students might have more flexibility with scheduling appointments, which could potentially benefit both them and the Health Center staff members.

"Students hate it, and we're not too crazy about it either," said Mary Grooms Vancott, the Student Health Center associate director.

To supplement the health center's reproductive services, Six Rivers Planned Parenthood Outreach, an extension of the Planned Parenthood facility in Eureka, visits HSU Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The program offers more than just birth control. Pregnancy testing, options education, chlamydia testing and treatment, HIV testing, as well as condoms and other supplies are available to students. Under Family Pact, which is a teal card given to income eligible individuals to cover reproductive health, most of these services are free or at a low cost to students.

"My first visit to Planned Parenthood was kind of awkward, but they were very nice and understanding," HSU sophomore Samantha Boyd said.

Planned Parenthood operates on the Mezzanine floor of The J for two-hour blocks of time. There is no need to schedule an appointment because they are open for walk-ins.

Jermaine Brubaker is the Six Rivers Planned Parenthood Outreach Coordinator.

"The Six Rivers Outreach meets three times a week on campus, and they see anywhere from seven to 30 people per clinic," she said.

Brubaker emphasized the importance of treating people who are younger than 25 because they are more likely to have multiple partners which puts them at a higher risk for sexually transmitted diseases. In 2011, the outreach program performed 140 pregnancy tests and 1,543 STD tests.

For students who no longer have access to their parents' insurance, the expenses of proper medical and reproductive services for university students are a lot to invest in.

Vancott, the Health Center's associate director, said students do not need insurance for the basic services provided. "It is important for students to realize that we don't have access to a lot of other medical facilities," she said.

For emergencies and accidents, Vancott advises students to have some kind of medical insurance, like HSU's Associated Students Sickness and Injury Plan.

The health center provides an after-hours nurse response service with licensed professionals. This makes it possible for students to call for medical advice when the health center is closed.

"We're always trying to improve our services," Vancott said.

HSU junior Amy Duarte is pleased with the services provided by the health center.

"The health center is a convenient resource for us, especially for students who can't afford medical attention elsewhere," she said.

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Student input at Redwood Park

by Keeren Payano
Staff Writer

The City of Arcata is creating a new master plan for Redwood Park with visions and proposals by professionals, the community and Humboldt State students.

The new plan will be used to develop the existing Redwood Park Lodge area for the improvement of the City of Arcata.

A group of students enrolled in the recreation planning workshop class at HSU are helping construct the plan.

Cameron Sena, a student enrolled in the class and an environmental management and protection major, said he is glad to be involved in the project. Sena said that the students are working on both the master plan and learning how to interact with the community.

Ari Maiello, an HSU environmental management and protection major enrolled in the course, said the course teaches the student how to become managers in their field and that he feels good making a contribution to the community.

The steps for the implementation of the master plan were shown at a visioning workshop on Feb. 2 in the Redwood Park Lodge in Redwood Park. Heather Stevens, manager of the Recreation Department, and Dan Miemer, park superintendent, created the workshop to involve the community in the project. Projects developed by the new master plan will be based on the community input.

A few of the proposed changes discussed by the community during the meeting included the expansion of existing projects, like the basketball court. Safety was also brought up, with proposals for more lights, traffic signals and caution signals for children.

Stevens is excited for the new project and said that once the new changes are ready and approved an architect will be hired to design the project.

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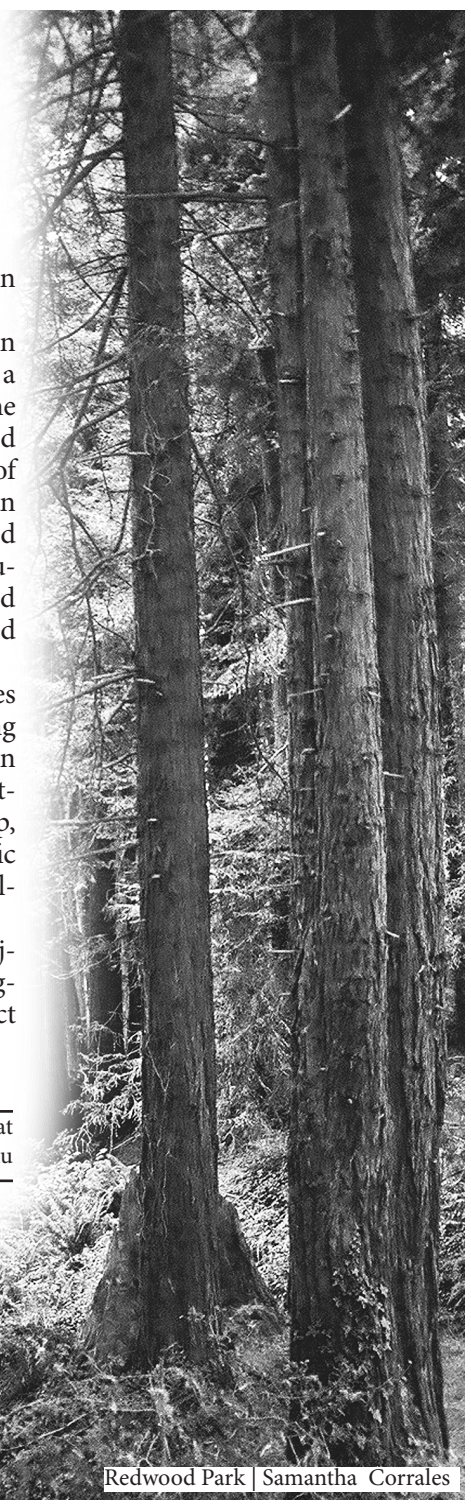
Redwood Park | Samantha Corrales

REDWOOD PARK

The Redwood Park and Arcata Community Forest were originally home to the Wiyot people. The land was sold in individual parcels for $1.25 per acre to the City of Arcata in 1850.

AS Update

by Shelby Meyers
Staff Writer

Editor's Note: The Associated Students hold biweekly meetings to make appointments, pass legislation and shape school policy. Our reporter Shelby Meyers will be covering these meetings and reporting on significant events — just in case you cannot make one.

Paul Yzaguirre, Professional Studies council representative, and Brandon Durr, Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences council representative, were appointed without opposition to be committee representatives of the University Senate, Planning and Resource Committee. Yzaguirre is an economics major with a minor in business and Durr is a political science major at Humboldt State.

HSU student Kerri Malloy was appointed to the Services for Students with Disabilities committee, and Greg Pfotenhauer, an environmental resource engineering major, was appointed without opposition to the At Large Representative position. Pfotenhauer joined AS to help plan the AS community garden project.

Jason Wells, a forestry major at HSU, was appointed council member of the College of Natural Resources and Sciences. Wells' main focus is to achieve affordable higher education. During his time at HSU, Wells said his tuition has nearly doubled. "I want to try and make it so we can have the best education at the lowest cost."

Decked out in a black suit and tie with a red button down shirt, Jesse Hoskins was ready for his appointment to the California State Student Association Representative position.

Hoskins is a political science major with a minor in economics. Kelly said Hoskins' experience working with lobby corps would be beneficial to the Buck Starts Here Campaign, a CSU-wide campaign to advocate against tuition increases. The campaign is expected to begin in late February.

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HOUSING + DINING

Sports

Persistence in recruiting draws athletes to HSU

by 'Alohi Bikle
Sports Editor

When college coaches recruit, they are like private investigators.

At least that is how sophomore basketball player Andrew Torres describes them.

"They want to know everything about you, to make sure you will fit well into the program that they head," Torres said.

Torres, a forward for the Jacks, was recruited during his senior year of high school by Steve Kinder, head coach of the men's basketball team.

"Kinder showed up at one of my travel ball tournaments and also one of my high school games. He even came to my house for a home visit," Torres said, who was also thinking about playing for Chaminade, Chico State or CSU Monterey Bay.

"His [Kinder's] persistence had a lot to do with my decision," he said.

Recruiting prospective athletes for college teams can be a long and enduring process. There are many regulations put out by the NCAA that both the institutions and athletes have to follow.

Prospective student athletes who wish to play for a Division I or II school such as Humboldt State, including those still in high school and junior college transfers, must sign up for a NCAA Eligibility Center account.

According to the center's website, the center certifies whether prospective college athletes are eligible by reviewing the student's academic record as well as their SAT or ACT scores. Students must be cleared by the center before they receive an athletic scholarship.

Once cleared, the student is ready for recruitment and eventually to make a commitment to a NCAA sanctioned institution.

| Ian Stewart

Associate Athletic Director Tom Trepiak said that in terms of recruiting, each coach at HSU has his or her own process.

> ***"I always knew I wanted to play football at the next level, and I'm glad HSU gave me that opportunity."***
> ***— Zach Wermich, HSU student athlete***

"Most of them include traveling to watch student-athletes compete, watching videos that students send to them, visiting prospective student-athletes in their homes, and bringing them to HSU for a visit," Trepiak said.

Freshman football player Jose Sanchez was contacted during his junior year of high school by Coach Shay McClure, HSU football recruiting coordinator .

"I came up for an official visit, and I knew that this is where I wanted to play football. The campus and especially all of the older guys on the team were very welcoming, " Sanchez said.

"I gave Coach Mac (McClure) my commitment, got everything together and was eligible to sign on signing day," he said.

HSU participates in the National Letter of Intent Program, which is how student athletes, like Sanchez indicate their commitment to participate at an NCAA sanctioned institution.

The letters are issued to the student and are valid for 14 days. They state that if the student athlete makes a commitment to play for an institution for one academic year, that in return, that institution promises financial aid for that year. The Letters are faxed by the recruited student to the institution's athletic department, making the commitment official.

Known as "National Signing Day," Feb. 1, was the first official day that football, cross country, track and field and soccer players around the nation could sign the letters.

Twenty-eight players signed last week to play their respective sport for HSU. Of the 28, 19 were football signees. The rest are soccer players brought on by C.J. Johnson, the head coach for the men and women's teams.

HSU is expecting more athletes to sign on as the semester continues because basketball players and all other athletes can sign a National Letter of Intent starting April 11.

Freshman football player Zach Wermich was one of 2011 recruits who committed to HSU late in the year.

He received offers from smaller schools but the deals fell through.

"I didn't think I was going to play Division II college ball, junior college maybe," Wermich said.

"It wasn't until late in the season, that I got an email asking me to think about playing for HSU. I always knew I wanted to play football at the next level, and I'm glad HSU gave me that opportunity," Wermich said.

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Married women's basketball coaches keep it balanced

Skip and Joddie Gleason live side-by-side both on and off the court

by Katherine Elena Leonard
Staff Writer

Relationships are appreciated in countless ways. Some couples are attracted to their significant other because they share similar interests. For others, opposites attract. For the head and assistant women's basketball coaches at Humboldt State, it is both.

Joddie and Skip Gleason have always shared a love for basketball, even when they met while playing at Chico State. After marrying in 1998, both husband and wife started coaching basketball at different levels. Joddie Gleason started off as an assistant coach at Chico State. She then coached at the high school level before moving on to Butte College, and eventually making her way to HSU in 2004. Skip Gleason started at the high school level, was an assistant coach for the HSU men's team back in 2004 and then became the head coach at College of the Redwoods before joining his wife, court-side, in 2007.

Skip Gleason, women's basketball assistant coach, stands behind his wife and head coach Joddie Gleason during Thursday's home game against East Bay. |Katherine Elena Leonard

Bree Halsey plays forward on the team. She values both of her coaches' strength as a paired team. "I feel like they really know their stuff," she said, "defense, organization, they get us ready and motivated."

Halsey also notices their strengths in coaching as individuals. Skip Gleason plays the role of the defensive coordinator, while Joddie Gleason is all about offense. Halsey said that while Joddie Gleason is showing her countermoves, and emphasizing the execution of plays, Skip Gleason will motivate with trigger-words. "He says 'pressure, pressure, pressure!' and when he exaggerates and repeats, it gives me more momentum and confidence," Hasley said.

When its time for basketball, Halsey said the Gleason coaches are all about business and their opposite skills are what mesh together to form a skillful team. "They balance each other out, and never bring personal issues to the court," Halsey said. "They know each other's role to the team, are open to each other's suggestions, and stick to their triangle philosophy (student-athlete-person). So far, I feel like it's been working well."

Married couples who coach teams are not uncommon at the college level. Texas Tech University, Washington State University and UC San Diego are just a few of the collegiate teams that have husband and wife coaches.

Skip and Joddie Gleason not only share the same career, home and last name. They also share a one and a half year-old daughter named Raimee. Balancing both a work life and home life side-by-side can be a lot to deal with at times. "It can be a challenge, but our resources and family support helps us through our busy times," Joddie Gleason said.

Their ability to juggle the challenges of a toddler, the stresses of basketball, and the responsibility to lead a team of young women do not go unnoticed by their friends and support systems.

Coach Steve Kinder, who coaches the HSU men's basketball team, has been close friends with Joddie Gleason since she arrived on campus to coach in 2004, and Skip Gleason since 2007.

Kinder finds that the Gleason coaches are a unique pair and appreciates that he has both a great working relationship and friendship with them. When he's not at their house for Sunday BBQs, he and Skip Gleason enjoy fly fishing on the Klamath, rafting down the Trinity and playing competitive basketball in the Eureka City League.

"The challenges they [the Gleasons] face on an hourly basis, with all the hats they wear, how they handle all the stresses is simply amazing," Kinder said. "They've been married for so long, and are more and more successful each day. I'm proud and amazed."

As the HSU women's basketball team heads into the end of the season in March, and with everything the Gleason's share and juggle, they find happiness in the lives they lead both on and off the court.

"We love to work together," Joddie Gleason said. "It can be busy at times, but with the help of our family and resources, we're able to balance them all out."

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Jacks Roundup

by 'Alohi Bikle
Sports Editor

People called the Humboldt State softball team "young" last season. The Jacks squashed all that talk last weekend as they finished the Best of the West Classic Tournament, in Turlock, 4-1.

Confident in his maturing team, Frank Cheek, head coach of the Jacks, said in an earlier press release, "All in all, it was a good showing...When our pitchers got in a tight spot, they got out of it for the most part. We also made some good throws. I thought our outfield performed up to expectations."

The Jacks travel down to Carson, Calif. to face Cal State Dominguez Hills this weekend. Last year the match up between the two was cancelled due to rain.

With the CCAA Championships only three weeks away, both the women's and men's basketball teams need to make every game count from here on out. The women are still fourth in the CCAA, while the men are tied for first alongside Chico State, Cal Poly Pomona and CSU San Bernadino. At home again this weekend, both teams face CSU Dominguez Hills on Thursday and CSU Los Angeles on Friday.

Softball:

(2/4) HSU 4 Metro State 1. HSU 6 CSU Monterey Bay 5. HSU 2 Chico State 3.

(2/5) HSU 11 Western Washington 3. HSU 12 San Francisco State 6.

Women's Basketball:

(2/2) HSU 52 CSU East Bay 57

Senior guard Kayla Williams dominated the night with 24 points. Unfortunately, turnovers plagued the Jacks who were behind East Bay the whole time.

(2/4) HSU 65 CSU Monterey Bay 51

Bouncing back from the loss against East Bay, the Jacks took control of the court and earned a well-deserved win. Coming off the bench, junior guard Patrice Saindon was all over the court and tallied six of the Jacks' 15 steals.

Men's Basketball:

(2/2) HSU 86 CSU East Bay 78

Losing to East Bay back in December, the Jacks showed no sign of backing down this time around. The Jacks came out strong and fired eight straight free throws at the end of the second half to seal the win. Senior guard Brandon Sperling, and senior forward Randy Hunter, finished the night off with 24 and 22 points respectively.

(2/4) HSU 93 CSU Monterey Bay 73

It was a crowd-pleasing game lead by freshman guard Ethan Dillard. Dillard sunk six three pointers which boosted his scoring points to 20. Guards Austin Bryan and Scott Clark, along with forwards Kyle Baxter and Darren Turpin, also put up double digits. Monterey Bay trailed the whole night and was handed their 14th consecutive loss by a fired-up team of Jacks.

Track & Field:

HSU track and field kicks off the 2012 season with the Green & Gold Open Meet on Saturday. An intrasquad style meet, athletes pay $5 for an unlimited number of events. Field events are to begin at 10 a.m., with track events to follow at noon. For more information, visit hsujacks.com.

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All eyes on HSU alum during Superbowl halftime show

by Scottie Lee Meyers
Features Editor

More than a 100 million people watched the halftime show during Super Bowl XLVI on Sunday. While most of the world awaited Madonna's performance, it was Andy Lewis — the toga-togged acrobatic tight roper — that stole the show (and a kiss) from the Queen of Pop.

Andy Lewis performs next to Madonna during Sunday's Superbowl. | Provided by Andy Lews.

Lewis graduated from Humboldt State in 2008 with a degree in recreational administration and was the class valedictorian. The extreme and obscure tightroping he showed off at the Super Bowl is called slacklining. It involves two-inch wide nylon webbing attached between two posts — usually trees.

The most gnarly slackliners freestyle bounce on the line executing tricks (Lewis is said to be the first to land a backflip) — it is known as tricklining and it's Lewis' specialty. He is the four-time-running world champion.

"[Lewis] invented tricklining," said David Moench, a senior recreation administration major at HSU and president of the school's slackline club. "He was the first person to do any kind of bounce trick on the slackline. He created 95 percent of the tricks on the slackline."

Moench hopes the exposure will expand his club's membership. The Super Bowl outreach certainly surpasses tabling in the quad.

In December, Cirque du Soleil called and invited Lewis to be a part of the halftime show. The famous circus company planned to use their own performers but no one could figure out the slackline.

For the past month, Lewis, who sometimes goes by his stage name Sketchy Andy, has been rehearsing the show in New York with Madonna, LMFAO and the other performers. Each practice meant a rehearsed kissed from Madonna. Lewis brags that the kiss was his idea and that Madonna probably smooched him 30 times.

"I feel like I'm being shot into stardom," Lewis said from the airport in Indianapolis. He is not exaggerating. People are talking about him. His Youtube videos have tens of thousands of views, and The New York Times, Daily Mail, ABC News, and even Howard Stern interviewed Lewis this week.

Although Lewis often interrupted his classes, retired school of business professor Michael Sims spoke highly of Lewis.

"He's a very outgoing, affable guy, and a good student. I would say brilliant," Sims said. "I taught in Siemens 108 and right outside the classroom between the two trees, there would be Andy. I would have to close the blinds because my students were far more interested in Andy's slacking than my lectures."

Moench said he does not see Andy as a celebrity or a world champion. "I kind of just see him as a goofball from Humboldt."

No matter how you see Lewis, just be prepared to see a lot more of him.

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Students stretch mind and body through yoga

by Ryan Nakano
Staff Writer

In a dark and quiet room in the West Gym of Humboldt State, only the sound of slow and steady breathing can be heard. The last of the students of a yoga class sit up before bowing and chanting, "namaste."

Despite budget cuts and tuition hikes, Humboldt State still manages to offer five different yoga classes. Many colleges in the CSU system dropped yoga because of insufficient funding, HSU yoga instructor Paula Scott said.

One reason that yoga may have survived is the constant demand from HSU students.

"When I started teaching yoga there were two sections each with 15 people. Now there are six sections with 50 people in each," Scott said.

So what makes yoga so desirable to HSU students?

In order to test the benefits of yoga on the human body, yoga instructor and HSU graduate student Bradley Richmond, is carrying out an experiment for her Master's thesis on the effects yoga has on heart rate and blood pressure.

The results of the experiment are expected to be released at the end of April and can be found on Digital Scholar, an academic database accessed through the HSU Library.

"I'm hoping that this experiment will create a foundation for other students to do studies, every beginning of any journey takes one step," Richmond said.

Galal Alalas, a 28-year-old physics major at HSU, has been practicing yoga for four years. After taking a break from yoga, Alalas started back up during this spring semester at Humboldt.

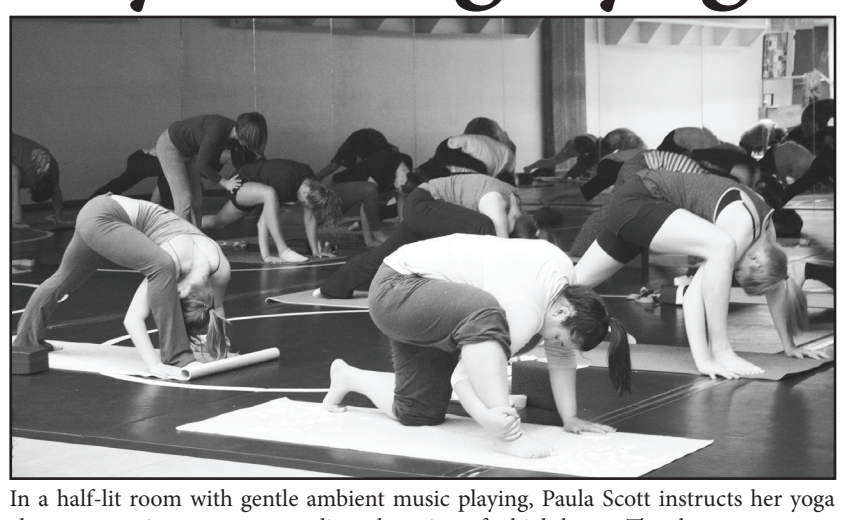
"When I didn't go to yoga, it was adversely affecting my health. Being a diabetic, I realized that my blood sugar was not where it should have been," Alalas said.

Alalas described yoga as addicting and a necessary component to other exercises.

HSU student Julie Stewart, a 20-year-old natural resource major, said, "Yoga de-stresses you… people are constantly on-the-go, can never relax, but yoga forces you to focus on your body."

Kinesiology junior Alizah Rotman, 21, gave an explanation for why some might be skeptical about taking yoga.

"Some people think it's just some weird hippie ritual," Rotman said.



In a half-lit room with gentle ambient music playing, Paula Scott instructs her yoga class to move into a more complicated version of a high lunge. The class meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 12PM in the Green and Gold Room. | Alyssa Alvarez

To 45-year-old HSU Yoga instructor Paula Therese Scott, yoga is more than stretching.

Scott was introduced to yoga in India as an offshoot of practicing meditation. She stressed the importance of breathing and awareness in yoga and how it positively affects the body.

"Honestly, I don't know how people survive without yoga," Scott said.

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SHAC Attack

Screw Valentine's Day: Have a Gratitude Day Instead!

Valentine's Day can be difficult. It's hard not to buy into something that has been commercially shoved down our throats into the very core of our self-worth since we were young. No matter how you feel on this day, or how other expect you to feel, simply being grateful can get you through Valentine's Day largely intact. The students of SHAC wanted to share a few things that we appreciate because we feel that every day should be celebrated, no matter how you happen to feel about this particular day.

Ashleigh

That being said, the first thing that I am thankful for is that it is only 24 hours in duration. Although it can be a torturous and annoying affair, it *will* be over at some point, and there's some hope in that. For the past few year, it has been on my agenda to purposefully forget that the day existed entirely, but that proved to be difficult, because it also happens to be my parents' anniversary, and it is generally expected that we the children recognize the official formation of The Union, apparently. Also, to my extreme mortification, my mother sent me flowers on Valentine's Day for the first few years after I moved to college, which definitely smacks you in the face when you are attempting to feign ignorance all day, especially when the delivery person remarks, "These are nice flowers! Someone really cares about you. Who's your Valentine?" I mumbled "Uh… my mom," and quickly shut the door. Needless to say, he did not get a tip.

Overall, I have been blessed with my share of talents and endearing qualities (or quirks?) that I can enjoy and appreciate for myself, along with some pretty amazing friends whose existence adds fun and excitement to my life. Mostly, I am thankful just to be here and able to learn all I can about the world before I venture out into it, and I don't need some greeting card written by someone who doesn't know the first thing about me or the person who gave it to me to tell me that I am smart and awesome enough to do whatever I please with this life. However, I am never too proud to accept chocolates.

Alex

I am grateful for my family and friends. For all the animals in the world. For hot sauce and jalapenos. For the people in the world who love me for who I am. For my amazing teachers and mentors. I am grateful for all music, there is always a song to comfort me or pump me up. For Victoria's Secret and all things PINK. I am grateful for smiles and laughter. For the love and the loss. For the hard times and the good times. I am grateful for the life I have and the person I am today, for all I have accomplished and overcome. I am grateful for the opportunity for a new start, the strength to get up after falling down. I am grateful for everyone I have known in the past and present, as they all have a purpose and have changed my life in some way. I am grateful to be able to share my love with the world and to receive love back. I am grateful to wish you a Happy Valentine's Day!

Jessie

I am grateful for… hugs, beds, my friends that stick with me over the years, new friends from school, colors of Humboldt on a rainy day, sunsets after it rains, good conversation, and yelling and debating about heath care inequalities. I am grateful for my family, my fat dog, my cat who sleeps on my face, sleeping in, babies laughing (actually, anyone laughing), Will Ferrell movies, Netflix, a pair of good jeans and a warm sweatshirt, and, most importantly, the people in my life who tell me all the time that I can follow my dreams if I back them up with hard work, and the wonderful people I meet everyday that inspire me to have those goals. I am grateful for all my relationships, and that I have someone to give a Valentine to on February 14th and every day of the year. Yea! :)

We hope that no matter where you're at on Valentine's Day, you can find things to be grateful for. This day, and every other day, should be about appreciating the people around you, and the blessings you possess. So have a glorious Gratitude Day and let those important people in your life know they're loved!

Brought to you by: SHAC (Student Health and Counseling) is a committee dedicated to the health and well-being of the minds and bodies of the HSU campus, and consists of students and staff who desire to disseminate information on pertinent health issues to the student body in the least boring/patronizing way possible. Meetings are held every Thursday from 11am-12pm in the Health Center Conference Room, come and check it out!

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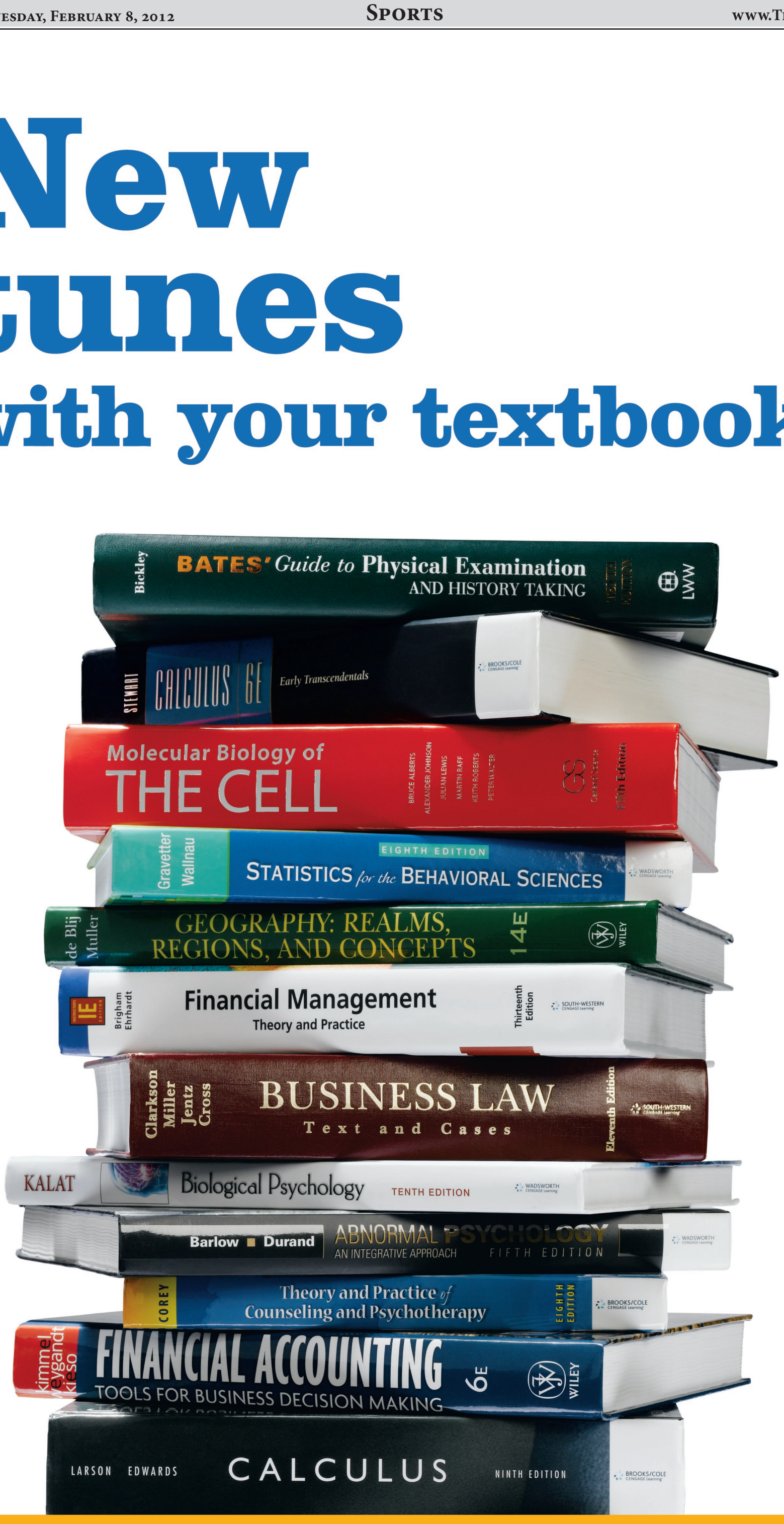

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Features

Campus Weekly

Spring Clubs Fair
Wednesday, Feb. 8
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Free

Come check out one of the many clubs the Clubs & Activities Office has to offer for the spring semester. With more than 180 clubs, the fair is a great way to discover how to get involved, meet new people and find your passion at HSU!

Humboldt Circus Fireshow
Wednesday, Feb. 8
Art Building, room 102
7:45 p.m.
Free

Humboldt Circus members will showcase their talents with a barrage of flaming, spinning, tossing and manipulation juggling to keep you entertained. Bring your friends — and maybe some dancin' shoes.

Venus
Wednesday, Feb. 8 - Saturday Feb. 11
Gist Hall
7:30 p.m.
$10/$8 , with a limited number of free seats to HSU students

Based on a true story from the early 19th century, follow a young black woman's journey from a humdrum job in South Africa to a whirlwind life as a side show star in England. Enticed with promises of fame and fortune, she soon comes to realize that she is much more than a victim of oppression and exploitation. For more information contact the HSU Box Office at (707) 826-3928.

Blackout: Glowing Blacklight Circus
Friday, Feb. 10 & Saturday, Feb. 11
Studio Theater
7:47 p.m.
$5-$10 sliding scale

A Humboldt Juggling Society showcase — carried out entirely underneath UV lights. Come out and witness a grab bag of juggling, performance arts and clowning around to fundraise for the Humboldt Juggling Festival in March. Doors open at 7 p.m. and there will be a blacklight costume contest at intermission.

Rocky Horror Picture Show
Saturday, Feb. 11
Van Duzer Theater
8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.
Suggested donation $10/$8 with costume

The 45th Humboldt Film Festival and The Flashy Robots Present: Rocky Horror Picture Show! Prop bags and concessions will be available for purchase.

Why are we enrolled at HSU this semester?

1. High school guidance counselor tricked me.
2. Sick of being ridiculed for hula hooping.
3. I came with my boyfriend...we broke up.
4. The sun was shining at Spring Preview.
5. Isn't San Francisco like an hour away?
6. Underwater basket weaving is my major.

Valentine's plans for singles and doubles

by Bryn Robertson
Staff Writer

Whether you have a sweetie you would like to treat, plans with friends or are simply looking to take advantage of the special deals in town, Arcata is catering to you this Valentine's Day.

Olivia Barry, a marine biology sophomore, said even though she has not had a real Valentine since eighth grade, she plans on doing something fun with friend Shannon Adams, a sophomore studying child development. The two girls plan to see a movie, followed by ice cream.

"We are going to get dressed up and everything," Barry said. "Who needs an actual Valentine when you've got a friend?"

Austin Lyon, a senior business major at Humboldt State University, can already predict his day from start to finish.

"I'll wake up promptly at 6 a.m. for school and mope over an ex on Facebook. I haven't decided which one yet. I'll go work out to make myself feel better, go home and make rosemary chicken for one," Lyon said.

For some students, holidays like Valentine's Day are time consuming and expensive.

Religious studies sophomore Josh Masser said he has no concrete plans yet with his girlfriend of seven months, Camille.

"I have class and work all day. But it's not a big deal, we'll celebrate each other in some way," Masser said.

In preparation for the holiday, Safeway in Arcata, will offer chocolate dipped strawberries as well as a selection of both cut and potted roses. Advertisements for The Bear Hug Bundle, which includes a bouquet in a glass vase and a cute plush bear went up Monday.

"You have to wake customers up," Safeway employee Ron Lawton said. "They know Valentine's Day is in February, but they might not all remember what day."

At Wildberries Market, florist Karen Woodward perfects the art of tasteful floral arrangements while taking her customers into consideration. Woodward suggests that customers keep their minds open to unique and wallet-friendly bouquet ideas.

"You can make affordable bouquets with 10 stems of tulips and then add roses to make it special.The price of tulips stays the same. People on a budget should ask their retailer what is a good value, because the early bird catches the rose," Woodward said.

For dinner, Tomo Japanese Restaurant will serve heart-shaped salmon sushi rolls along with their daily list of specials.

The Other Place, the sister restaurant to Luke's Joint, has a Valentine's Day tasting menu based around local and seasonal food. Included in the six-course meal is homemade potato gnocchi, roasted Willow Creek Farm beets with goat cheese and red velvet cake.

After dinner, head over to Bon Boniere for dessert. The ice-cream parlor will serve a triple-chocolate Amore sundae with homemade chocolate liquor icing and baby, heart-shaped cakes.

Coming Attractions Theater's two Humboldt locations — Broadway Theatre in Eureka and Mill Creek Cinema in McKinleyville — will show The Vow, a romantic drama about a husband's efforts to win over his wife's heart after her recovery from a coma.

The Arcata Minor Theatre will show 2012 Golden Globe nominated films and offer a couple's deal on any candy with a large popcorn and drink combo.

If you are looking for something to do in the evening, a horse drawn carriage ride through Old Town Eureka is one dreamy way to bring out your romantic side. Old Town Carriage will be giving carriage rides on Valentine's Day from noon until about midnight. Go to the gazebo in Old Town Eureka to hop on the horse.

The Pleasure Center is having a Valentine's Day Sale on Secrets Lingerie — buy one get one free. They also have a whole rack of lingerie for $6.99 each. Vibrators are 50 percent off, and they have new items in stock.

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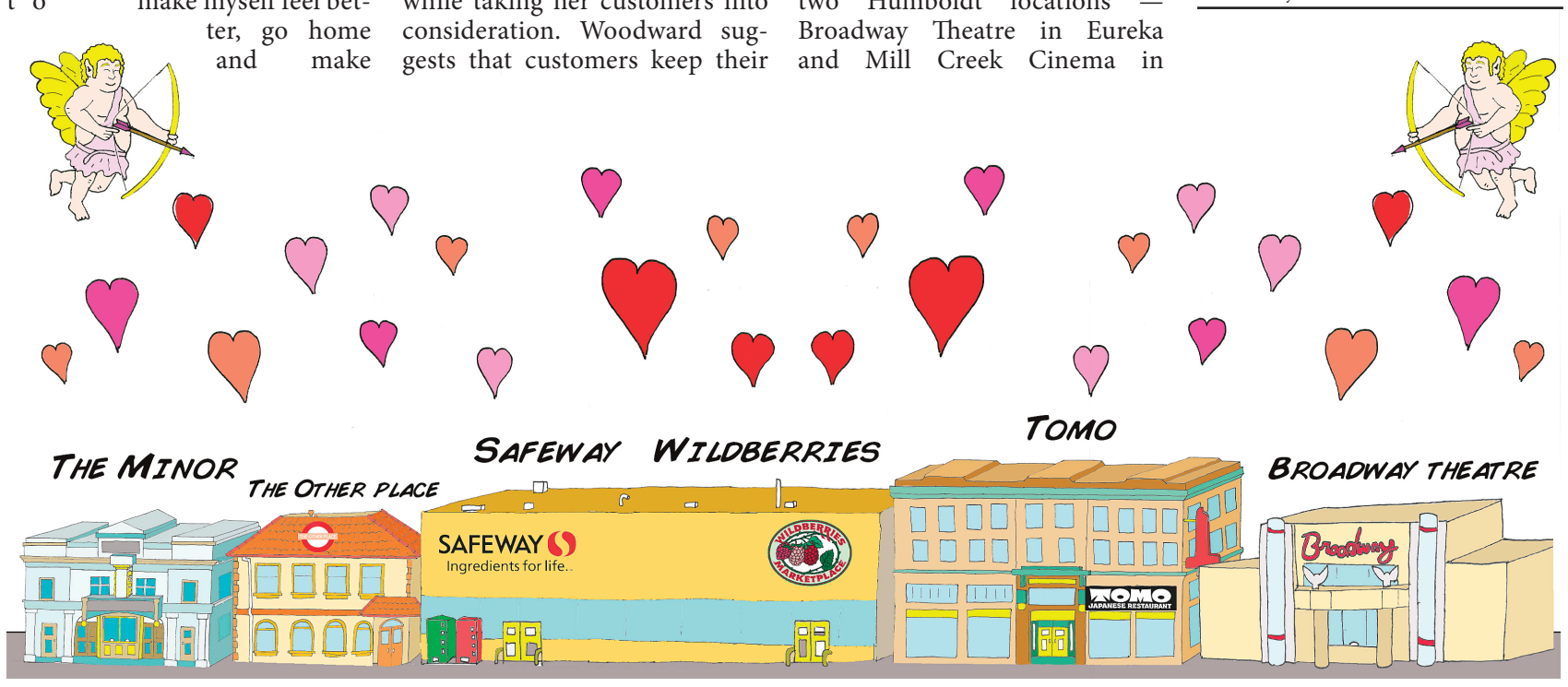

Students vie for $25,000 prize

Economic Fuel provides cash to creative entrepreneurs

by Rebecca Gallegos
Staff Writer

Alister Shirazi proclaims himself the "iPhone Surgeon."

"Whether you drop your phone in beer or throw your phone across the room after reading a text message you're upset about. I can fix pretty much any issue with the iPhone," Shirazi said. "I like to buy iPhones and just take them apart and look at them. It's kind of trial and error. I learn by doing."

The Economic Fuel Competition gives students like Shirazi an opportunity to compete for a $25,000 award to start their own business. Eighty teams registered business proposals this year and up to eight teams will win.

Competition organizers are offering a business proposal workshop on Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. To register for the event, call (707) 476-2628 or e-mail theteam@economicfuel.org.

"We work on the motto of live, work and succeed in Humboldt County," said Michael Wheeler, an organizer for the competition. "We are challenging people's ideas that after they graduate they have to leave the area to get their dream job. We are saying, no, you can stay here and you can create your dream job and do exactly what it is you want to do."

Shirazi, a 24-year-old economics major at Humboldt State, fixes just about everything with an "i" in front of it — iPod's, iPhone's and iPad's — but the iPhone is his speciality. He worked in an electronics store in San Diego more than a year ago and learned a few repairs. He brought his technological tinkering skills with him to HSU in August.

Sara Rankin wants to open Kaleidoscope Gluten Free Bakery and Café for people who can't have food made with the same utensils as a gluten product. |Samantha B. Seglin

"I put up an ad on Craigslist and got an overwhelming amount of response. So from then on I sort of branched out," Shirazi said.

Shirazi hopes the Economic Fuel competition will give him the opportunity to branch out his business.

"I'm looking to expand my business in a way that I wouldn't be able to do on my own. I figure if I have some more capital, then I can expand my reach and help more people," Shirazi said. "If I win Economic Fuel, I'd like to purchase a bunch of devices and expand beyond iPods, iPhones and iPads. I could do all kinds of smartphones. I could do all kinds of MP3 players."

Justin Skillstad is entering his business plan in this year's competition. The 23-year-old studio art major wants to put tools in the hands of artists.

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> ***— Alister Shirazi, HSU student***

"I know that doing metal work can get expensive. A lot of my friends and people in the community can't afford to buy all of their tools and equipment. What I propose is to create a facility that is kind of like a gym where you buy a membership and you can go in and use the equipment," Skillstad said.

Owen Newman won the grand prize last year. He opened O'dogs, a hot dog stand that operates in the Arcata Plaza. Sara Rankin hopes judges will award another food entrepreneur this year. The 24-year-old industrial design and studio art major wants to open Kaleidoscope Gluten Free Bakery and Café.

"It is a dedicated Gluten Free bakery. No gluten in the facility at all. That's something that people who either as a lifestyle choice are gluten free or have Celiac [Disease] and don't have a choice so they can feel safe in what they are eating. I am a Celiac myself," Rankin said.

Although places offer gluten free options, there is still potential for contamination. "If I have noodles that are cooked in the same water as wheat noodles, I'll get sick, " Rankin said.

"A lot of gluten free has a bad rap to it because people think that it's hard and tasteless, but it doesn't have to be. I don't want to just make a product that is gluten free. I want to make a product that anyone would want to eat," she said.

Alister Shirazi, the iPhone surgeon, will fix your IPhone then donates the screens to artists who recycle them for art. |Samantha B. Seglin

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LOVERJACKS

by Shelby Meyers
Staff Writer

There are 2,596 married couples that met at Humboldt State, according to an article that appeared in Humboldt, HSU's alumni magazine. That is a total of 5,192 Lumberjacks to walk down the aisle together. Most college students struggle to think past the next week, let alone the next year. Some of these married couples were students when they met and got married. How did they find a balance between school, work, social lives and marriage?

Patric and Lindsey Esh with their children Adeline and Eleanor. | Samantha Corrales

Once HSU students, Diane Smith-Young and Gregory Young are now lecturers for the Communication Department. | Samantha Corrales

The Myers

HSU psychology professor Melinda Myers, PsyD, was married at 22 when she was a student at Humboldt State.

"It felt odd. There was such a small number of students married it seemed like relationships could be trivialized," Myers said.

"There's a difference between falling into a relationship and being married. When you're married it's a decision and intention that's made. That intention is the next level," Myers said.

Being a full time student can be difficult to handle on its own, but for married couples there may be added stress. Myers is also a marriage counselor. She believes a maintained sense of humor is necessary for any couple to survive. No one can take things too personally.

"People forget that their partner is the person that you should treat better than anyone else in the world. It's key to save your best for your partner and if you can't then apologize," Myers said.

The Youngs

Diana Smith-Young and Gregory Young met at Humboldt State in 1980 during their junior years through the intercollegiate debate team. They have been married for 28 years.

"We met in Theatre Arts Room 111. The very room I teach in every day," Diana Smith-Young said.

Both Diana Smith-Young, a transfer recruit from just south of Oakland, and Gregory Young, a Humboldt County native, work as professors in the communications department on campus.

After graduating from HSU, both Smith-Young and Young applied to graduate school.

"There was no guarantee that we'd be accepted to the same graduate programs. It could've been the end," Smith-Young said.

With the help of a friend, the pair found internships in San Diego and completed their masters degrees at San Diego State University.

On Dec. 17, 1983 the couple tied the knot.

"We finished our finals then went home and got married," Smith-Young said.

For their honeymoon, the newlyweds took off to San Francisco.

"We were graduate students who had no money. We spent our time at a crappy Holiday Inn eating hot dogs and doing touristy things," Young said.

The pair wanted to return to Humboldt. For several years the couple hovered around the Northwest. Young worked on his PhD at University of Washington while Smith-Young traveled 250 miles a day to four different jobs in order to maintain their life together.

"It's what you do," Smith-Young said.

By 1995, the pair moved back to Humboldt with their two-year-old daughter Erin. This December the couple will celebrate their 28th anniversary.

Smith-Young affectionately reflects on her life with her husband and the life they built for their daughter, who is now 19 and a junior at HSU.

"There was no blinding sexual light. I've experienced that. That's infatuation. He makes me his equal in every way, and the only place I fall short is size because he's 320lbs," Smith-Young said as she laughed.

The Wellmans

HSU students and married couple Bryana and David Wellman do their best to balance school, work, marriage and finances.

Bryana Wellman and David Wellman met during the Cloverdale Citrus Fair for which they performed with the Marching Lumberjacks. While playing "Godzilla," David Wellman caught the attention of Bryana Wellman by unknowingly yelling at Bryana Wellman's visiting family in the crowd.

Bryana Wellman replied, "He yelled and I fell in love."

"I proposed because I realized it was utterly ridiculous to not live with her the rest of my life," David Wellman said. The young couple planned to have two weddings — one in Arcata for their Marching Lumberjack and Arcata friends and another for their families in Hanford, Calif.

For months the couple saved, but unexpected expenses changed their plans. The Wellmans decided to drop the two weddings and used the money to pay for Bryana Wellman's sister's education at HSU.

The couple married at the Arcata Theatre Lounge on April 9, 2011 at the stroke of midnight — exactly two years after their first date.

Students Bryana and David Wellman pose for a photo. | Samantha Corrales

To make up for the loss of having a big wedding David Wellman planned a surprise honeymoon. "It took a year of eating Raman soup and penny pinching," he said.

The couple jetted to Florida to Universal Studios and then it was off to Miami, where they rented a brand new 2011 Camero and hopped on a one-week Caribbean cruise.

The Wellmans try to find balance and remain financially stable while David Wellman finishes his teaching credentials and Bryana Wellman gets ready to graduate with a degree in international studies with a concentration in Chinese studies and a minor in teaching English as a second language.

After graduation the couple plans to go wherever David Wellman can find work. Bryana Wellman wants to return to China after next year where she once studied abroad.

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HOUSING + DINING

Conservation groups move to protect Humboldt Marten

by Grayson B. Sandy
Staff Writer

Art by Ian Stewart

The thick canopy of the Humboldt forests would seem a safe place, but within lies a killer. This killer is a vicious predator sporting claws, teeth and a relentless will to capture prey that would make the most cunning of hawks jealous. This is not some monstrous jungle cat or colossal grizzly bear, but the Humboldt Marten.

A member of the Mustelidae family, this cat-sized relative of the weasel is a subspecies of the American Marten and lives exclusively along the northern coast of California, with individuals being seen as far north as Oregon.

For all the survival skills and predatory intuition the Humboldt Marten possesses, it cannot fight off the deforestation that is leading to its extinction.

Gregory Schmidt, US Fish and Wildlife biologist, said the most recent survey of the species indicated there are less than 100 individuals left in the wild and their numbers continue to dwindle with the loss of their habitat.

Martens prefer forests containing large numbers of dead and fallen trees. The jagged landscape provides Martens with adequate protection from predators such as fishers and bobcats, as well as shelter for their dens.

These habitats are known as "old-growth forests" and according to a petition filed in September 2010 by the Center for Biological Diversity and the Environmental Protection Information Center, these are the only places where the Humboldt Marten can thrive.

Many of Humboldt County's coastal redwood forests are considered to be old-growth forests. And vast though they may be, hundreds of thousands of acres of these forests are owned by private logging companies and Andrew Orahoske, Conservation Director at the Environmental Protection Information Center, said logging companies such as Humboldt Redwood Company strive to maintain old-growth forests because older trees yield not only more timber, but better timber. They take only what they need and allow certain areas to grow relatively untouched for many years, allowing trees to flourish while preserving valuable old-growth habitat.

Gary Raymierson, manager of Forest Policy and Communication at Green Diamond Resource Company, one of the largest logging companies on the North Coast said, "Our harvesting is generally in young-growth forests. That being said, we are still trying to understand the true habitat needs for this species."

Orahoske made the distinction between Humboldt Redwood Company and Sierra Pacific Industries, a company that according to him exhibits "nothing close to conservation." The Lumberjack tried to contact Sierra Pacific Industries as well as several other logging companies for comment, however Green Diamond was the only to respond.

"Companies with this mentality must change their practices if the Humboldt Marten is to have a chance," he said. "It's not simply about protecting what's left, it's about creating new areas for [Humboldt Martens] and creating strategies that lead to their eventual recovery."

The Environmental Protection Information Center and the Center for Biological Diversity have been petitioning for the Humboldt Marten to be placed on the Endangered Species List. The two groups maintain that with so few animals left in the wild, it is imperative that this species be protected under federal law. Doing so would require logging companies to develop plans to preserve the species and change logging practices to accommodate the animals.

Orahoske said before the forests were logged, Humboldt Martens were very common because they had a lot of habitat to forage and raise their young. He said the problem is that, while we have been good at protecting what is left of the old-growth forests, there isn't a plan to restore the old-growth forests that were destroyed.

"In order for the Marten to survive in our increasingly populated world, wildlife can no longer be simply 'left alone,'" Orahoske said. "We must strive to live alongside these ancient environments and find a balance that will preserve existing ecosystems while protecting endangered animals."

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THE GREEN SCENE

by Brietta Linney

Have you tried to buy a light bulb this year? If you have, you might have noticed some changes in purchasing options at the local hardware store. That is because in 2007, Congress passed the Energy Independence and Security Act, which called for energy efficiency improvements on many products. Beginning Jan. 1, 2012, lights that are as bright as the older 100-watt incandescent light bulb will be required to use no more than 72 watts of electricity.

While working as an intern for Redwood Coast Energy Authority last summer, I switched out incandescent light bulbs for compact fluorescent light bulbs in residents' homes across Humboldt County. In 2010, interns for Redwood Coast Energy Authority swapped out 34,650 incandescent bulbs for compact fluorescent light bulbs in more than 3,000 homes across the county.

Compact fluorescents are commonly in the form of a swirling, ice cream cone shape. There are a lot of myths about phasing out the incandescent bulbs in favor of compact fluorescents or halogens, but I want to help clear up some of that confusion.

Incandescent bulbs were not "banned" this year and consumers are not being forced to buy new compact fluorescents. What is really happening is that federal law now requires light bulbs to use less energy.

People tend to associate fluorescents with harsh, institutional lighting. Have you ever been in a store or hospital where the fluorescent lighting is blinding? Modern technology solved this problem by creating a fluorescent that shines with a warm pleasant light hue with no hum or flicker.

You may associate fluorescents with negative connotations because they contain mercury. It is true there are trace amounts of mercury in the fluorescents — the size of the tip of a ballpoint pen. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, recycling the bulbs properly will prevent mercury from entering the environment and will also allow other bulb materials to be reused.

You can take back your used-up fluorescents to a local hardware store or the Redwood Coast Energy Authority office in Eureka. If you break a compact fluorescent bulb, be careful to follow the cleanup instructions, which can be found at epa.gov/cfl/cflcleanup.html.

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BUYING BULBS

1. Compact Fluorescent Lights use up to 75 percent less energy and last 6 times longer than tradition incandescent light bulb. Price: $2 per bulb

2. Light-emitting diode. As a college student, these pricey bulbs seem out of the question, but hear me out. These lights can last up to 25 years and save 75 percent or more in energy costs. Price: about $25 per bulb

3. Halogen incandescent which look like the old-fashioned light bulbs you are used to seeing, but they actually use 25 percent less energy and last three times as long! Price: $1.50 per bulb

Switching bulbs causes confusion, but guess what? There is an app for that! It is called the "Light Bulb Finder." It helps consumers understand and purchase more efficient light bulbs. The app is free and uses Environmental Protection Agency data on energy-saving light bulbs. Check out the website at www.lightbulbfinder.net

Recyclemania competition started this week. Between Feb. 5 and March 31, HSU will compete among college and university recycling programs in North America and Canada to reduce waste, increase recycling and raise awareness of conservation issues.

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VENUS

Come see the hot Miss Hottentot for one week only

Venus, played by Eboni Session, performs during a dress rehearsal of the upcoming play at Humboldt State "Venus". "Venus" runs from Wednesday, Feb. 8 through Feb. 11. |Jeremy Smith-Danford

by Zoe Berman
Head Layout Editor

Who is Venus? Certainly more than a freak show act with an enormous posterior.

Sophomore English and dance major Eboni Session plays the title character in Humboldt State's production of Venus opening Wednesday evening. The show follows a young black woman's journey from a humdrum job in South Africa to a whirlwind life as a side show star in England. Enticed with promises of fame and fortune, Venus soon comes to realize that she is much more than a victim of oppression and exploitation.

Playwright Suzan-Lori Parks based the show on a true story from the 19th century. Saartjie Baartman inspired the character Venus. Baartman was the most celebrated of several women from the Khoisan peoples in South Africa who were exhibited in Europe as "Venus Hottentot." The public viewed these women as curiosities or even as freaks for their unique physiques. In Baartman's case, disproportionate buttocks complimented her slim frame.

While following Venus' odyssey, the audience meets the Mother Showman, played by Shannon Bass. As one of the show's numerous villains, the Mother Showman is responsible for Venus's impropriety. Venus ultimately becomes aware of her "freakish" attributes and how she can utilize them, capturing the attention of the Baron Docteur, played by Zach Scott.

Our heroine eventually meets the Negro Resurrectionist, portrayed by Robert Davis, who befriends Venus and wants to protect her.

"Everyone should come see 'Venus' because it's a very different play," Session said. "Who doesn't like different?"

"Venus" opens Wednesday, Feb. 8 in the Gist Hall Theater. Evening performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 8-11 with a final matinee on Sunday, Feb. 12 at 2 p.m. General tickets cost $10. Student and senior tickets cost $8. There are a limited number of free seats at each performance for HSU students.

Director Jean O'Hara incorporated multimedia elements into the show including photographs, video montages and music with the help of student designer Kevin Landesman. O'Hara said she did this to convey the message that the oppression and exploitation present in the show still exists in our society.

"You can't say 'the people in the 1800s were so racist,'" O'Hara said. "It still happens today."

Scott, a junior theater major, hopes to tell a story with this production, but more importantly, he hopes that "Venus" will inspire change.

"There's some pretty messed up stuff," Scott said. "It'll teach you a lesson."

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Suzan-Lori Parks: award-winning playwright

Suzan-Lori Parks, writer of "Venus," was the first African-American to win the Pulitzer Prize for Drama. Her acclaimed Broadway play, "Topdog/Underdog," won the award in 2002. The play chronicles the adult lives of two African-American brothers, Lincoln and Booth, as they cope with women, work, poverty, gambling, racism and their troubled upbringings.

"The Village Voice," a newspaper devoted to theatre artists and groups in New York, awarded "Venus" with an Off-Broadway Theater Award in 1996.

Parks has written screenplays for Brad Pitt, Denzel Washington and Oprah Winfrey. Her first feature-length screenplay "Girl 6" was written for Spike Lee.

In 2003, Parks published her first novel, "Getting Mother's Body."

Parks is currently working on a Ray Charles musical, "Unchain My Heart," scheduled to premiere on Broadway, and an adaptation of the classic opera Porgy and Bess, which opened on Broadway earlier this year.

Humboldt History

by Scottie Lee Meyers
Features Editor

Each week The Lumberjack hunts for campus history in the thickets of the Humboldt Room on the third floor of the library — where much of the school's history is archived.

Chris Lawrence might just be Humboldt State's Trojan Man. On Feb. 4, 1975, Lawrence — chairman of Humboldt State's resident hall council — introduced a proposal that was immediately met with pious sarcasm from his fellow council members. Lawrence wanted to put condom dispensers in convenient places around campus.

The proposal died on arrival, but The Lumberjack looked to revive the motion — or at least point out the fallacy in its scorn — in its Feb. 19, 1975 editorial, which is excerpted below.

A lot of people laughed at a recent suggestion to put condom dispensers in the dorms. But after the initial giggles are over, it's not such a funny idea.

Consider that "rubber" dispensers would support the local nickname of the dorms, "the drunked whorehouses on the hill." Then, imagine the facial expressions of parents who check out the school they intend to send their "innocent" children off to.

As IRC President Terry Yadon said, "If they really want them, they could go to the drugstore."

Last (but not least), students would have a handy source for water balloon fights, an activity discouraged by both the housing office and simple economics, considering the cost of condoms as compared with balloons.

The real come-upper is that the dispensers are illegal in California. If, as predicted, they become permissible, having prophylactics would probably just make things safer, rather than encourage rampant sex. Dorm life is not the wildlife many restrictive persons would like to imagine, but no one can deny that some roommate-trading does go on.

It is time to get rid of the prudish idea that a rubber is something nasty bought in a drug store and snuck home in a brown paper bag.

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Lumberjacks lend a helping hand

by Alexa Malmgren
Staff Writer

In the Isaan region of Thailand Humboldt alumni, Kale Roberts, uses his enviromental science degree to help his host community solve their pollution and litter problem. | Photo Provided By Kale Roberts

Roughly 8,000 miles away in the northeastern region of Thailand is a Humboldt State alumni who is making a big difference.

Kale Roberts, an environmental science major who graduated from HSU in 2009, works, learns and educates in the Buri Ram province, located in the Isaan region of Thailand.

In an area where agriculture is the main economic activity, Roberts is surrounded by the fish ponds, vegetable gardens and expansive rice fields that feed the local community.

"I'm bursting with passion," Roberts said. "Peace Corps allows me to both learn and teach, discover another world and myself, work hard and have fun doing it."

Roberts is a community-based, organizational development worker for the Peace Corps. Like many other HSU alumni, he volunteers his time to gain a professional and cultural experience that will benefit the global community.

In 2010, Peace Corps ranked HSU twentieth out of U.S. medium-sized colleges and universities for producing the most undergraduate alumni volunteers. A total of 775 Lumberjacks have served after their graduation dates, with 24 active volunteers currently working in the field.

Roberts works with a collection of Thai villages; collaborating with members of his host community to promote education and use what he was taught at HSU to benefit the rural environment surrounding him.

"Garbage and litter are one of Thailand's most pressing environmental problems," Roberts said. "Landfills are unlined, and the preferred method of disposal is burning large piles in front yards, along the sides of the road, and even outside school classrooms."

To combat this issue, Robert's helped create a Youth Environmental Initiative with his village youth group. The three-step approach includes the creation of two village recycling centers, planting a tree nursery and having the children of the community design anti-litter signs to line the roadways.

"Learning how to live and work in a different culture can really benefit you," Bouj Rai, HSU's Peace Corps recruiter, said. "It's practical work and makes you a better candidate when applying to grad school and different jobs."

In 2011, the Peace Corps received 15,000 applications, Bhoj Rai said. Out of those applicants, 5,000 were invited to serve and 4,000 of those volunteers completed the full 27 months of service.

Many students who are uncertain of their future after graduation apply to the Peace Corps, hoping to gain international experience while developing a broader range of knowledge that will help them make decisions about grad school.

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> ***— Kale Roberts, Peace Corps volunteer and HSU alum***

Ryan Wessells, a Research Associate in the Dept. of Biological Sciences at HSU and a former Peace Corps volunteer, faced these same decisions after graduating from the University of Maryland in 2003.

"I knew when I graduated I wanted to go into public health, but I wasn't sure where I wanted to take it," Wessells said. "Through Peace Corps I got involvement in public health campaigns, behavior change intervention and health education. I could then see where I wanted to go to grad school afterwards."

Wessells, now a postdoctoral scholar at UC Davis, thoroughly enjoyed serving her host community in Burkina Faso, West Africa.

Nine months into her service she helped form a community initiated theatre group. The educational skits performed by the group discussed issues such as malaria and HIV aids prevention, maternal health and the importance of bed nets.

"For seven days we biked and camped, performing in 14 villages," Wessells said. "You're out in the middle of Africa on these really narrow dirt paths. Not everyone has a bike so there's people riding on the back of other peoples bikes, not everyone has breaks, but it was just a really good experience."

However Wessells acknowledges the fact that it is not always easy for volunteers. The potential culture shock and homesickness volunteers risk facing will sometimes play a role in the duration of their service.

"It's a struggle sometimes," Wessells said. "It's lonely out there at first."

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HSU professors travel the world on sabbatical

by Cassandra Klein
Staff Writer

> ***We talked about the Euro crisis every week as it was unfolding around us. It was the ideal teaching and learning environment."***
> ***— Selma Sonntag, Department of Politics professor***

The view of Henry IV's castle and park from Selma Sonntag's third story apt window. | Selma Sonntag

Selma Sonntag leads her black, toy poodle Coco down three flights of stairs, through a park alongside the castle of Henry IV and up the Boulevard des Pyrenees. Cafes, eateries and palm trees line the way as she strolls through Pau, France.

Later in the afternoon, Sonntag, a Humboldt State Department of Politics professor, walks 40 minutes to the University Study Abroad Consortium where she teaches European politics.

Soon Sonntag will leave the fresh baguettes and rolling hills of France to make her way to India for the spring semester. She will be a visiting scholar at the Institute for Advanced Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi, where she will research "The Political Economy of Linguistic Diversity in India."

Sonntag is on sabbatical.

A sabbatical is a paid leave from the professor's customary work to acquire new skills through research or the application of skills in a new environment. The time period ranges from one semester to one year.

Sonntag describes it as an opportunity to teach "in the field."

A full-time instructor is eligible for sabbatical leave after every six years of service on campus. When Sonntag's eligibility for academic leave came up she thought, "who would not go to France?"

Sonntag teaches international politics at HSU, but the ability to teach European politics in Europe is enriching for her.

"We talked about the Euro crisis every week as it was unfolding around us," she wrote in an email. "It was the ideal teaching and learning environment."

All of her students are from the U.S., including some from HSU.

"I loved teaching in this environment as we talked about what was happening around us in addition to mastering the ins and outs of European politics," she said.

While instructors are away on sabbatical, the university does their best to still offer the classes the instructor was teaching before they left, said John Meyer, a professor of politics at HSU.

"There are many instructors qualified to teach that same course, but at times [the university] finds that we can offer other classes," he said.

Instructors provide a report to the dean that entails a description of their travels, research, and experience when they return from their sabbatical. Some may offer "campus talks," said Meyer, but the sabbatical experience is really about the "direct impact on [the instructor's] own teaching."

Chris Hopper, Department Chair of kinesiology and recreation, said the sabbatical experience "furthers [the instructor's] own academic and professional development."

This enables the instructor to "provide real examples for their students" as well as the ability to relate the learned concepts "directly to the teaching experience," Hopper said.

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Credit card scanners make waves in business

by Kaleigh Brady
Staff Writer

Businesses are using a new device that allows customers to pay using just a credit card and a smartphone. The method is simple: type in the payment amount, swipe the card through an attachment on a smartphone and have the customer sign on the dotted line.

There are multiple companies and websites that provide the service with small variations of the concept. The accessories range from small plug-ins or larger attachments that fit on the bottoms of the phones. Some applications even allow the user to scan the credit card with their phone camera.

Kayla Brown, owner of Beau Monde in Arcata, uses a company called Square.

"I switched [to the smartphone scanner] because it deposits the money faster, and it's cheaper," she said. The company takes a single percentage of the transaction whereas the banks tend to take multiple fees.

Square's website offers a free credit card reader when customers sign up for their services. The company allows customers to choose between emailed, printed or texted receipts, and a new feature lets customers leave a tip.

The new credit card scanner and app is convenient for small business owners. |Samantha B. Seglin

Some people flinch over using a phone to transfer money.

Manuela Henry, a hairstylist at Beau Monde, said, "I had an older lady who was a little wary at first, but I showed her how it works and then she was fine with it."

You can buy a card reader just about anywhere and for any type of smartphone. Typically prices range from $50 to $70, not including the application.

The card scanners are beneficial to business owners and especially street vendors, who often accept cash only.

"I think technology scares people sometimes if they aren't used to it, but so far I love it. It's fast and easy," Henry said.

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

It is no new idea that many students fear failure, however with 10 percent of Humboldt State students falling below the academic grade point average, one starts to wonder if the majority of those on academic probation are actually ready for the university experience.

There are obviously personal circumstances that a student may experience such as work or family issues that might interfere with their learning experience, and those should be dealt with by the student and possibly a counselor and an adviser in an effective, prompt manner.

However, in the event that personal matters are not a factor, once an individual decides to make the choice to pursue the university experience, they must assess their own readiness and ask themselves a variety of questions. Am I ready? Should I start slow? The decision to take on the four-year system must be well thought out, regardless of whether the person is a stellar student or struggles constantly. Although a few people have applied a negative connotation to it, there is no shame in going from high school to a junior college and then transferring. There is no point in trying to rush through a very important chapter of your life if you are not ready, or do not think that you can commit yourself to the hard work.

It is a different story if a student chooses to go to university but allows distraction to interfere with their education. College is always associated with freedom and fun. All work and no play can make for a dull life, so yes indulge in a little break time but make sure priorities are straightened out first. There is no room for laziness, failure to complete work, or excessive distractions in the college environment, and if you do not adhere to a strict plan and course, you will find yourself on academic probation.

In the event that you do hit roadblocks or bumps on the path to success, there are resources for you to turn to on campus. With the right tools, research, and dedication, anyone can get back on track. But do not wait until it is too late otherwise you may find yourself dismissed with no where to go.

For some, there are very few people around us to hold our hands and guide us. To truly move forward we must work hard for ourselves.

Common threads of Valentine's Day

by Tilton Fifield
Opinion Columnist

Valentine's Day can be a difficult holiday with emotions running from anxiety to romantic aspirations. Romantic expressions take varied forms across the world, but at the heart of every tradition is a yearning to do something that would be unusual on any other day. How and who we spend the day with can mean the difference between a good Valentine's Day and a bad one. Regardless of our various beliefs, I think we can agree that it is an opportunity to surprise those we love/admire.

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> ***—Tilton Fifield***

With opportunity also comes the chance for failure. Displaying our affection can take various forms from awkward to romantic. A fine line separates the two, but an absence of thought in a delicate moment can lead to embarrassment, whereas a thoughtful card or gift is romantic. If a faceless person in a hoodie who never showers and sits at the back of class comes up to you on Valentine's Day and declares their love, we can call this unexpected and possibly embarrassing. That's not to say that a stranger could not pull it off, but the odds of succeeding increase the more we know someone. If our significant other knows our name, what we like, and surprises us, we can call it romantic. Valentine's Day is about displaying and affirming how partners, spouses, boyfriends, and girlfriends feel about each other.

I am a hopeful romantic, but I do not pretend to know anything about love. Love seems to know me better than I know it. But I know what it is not. We can not force it anonymously, because no amount of gifts or cheesy words can buy love. It is the kind of thing that gets stronger as we get to know someone, not as we imagine them. More likely than not, love of the enduring quality is not made on Valentine's Day, but it can be affirmed.

This affirmation is what makes Valentine's Day. After all, it is a big business holiday where we are told to buy chocolates, a card, and festive stuffed toys to give substance to a recycled annual message of love. I seek affirmation but I think Valentine's Day can go beyond what is expected. Regardless of where we live, this affirmation is the common thread that binds Valentine's Day in its various forms. For example, Japan celebrates Valentine's Day on February 14 and March 14. In February the female gives a gift to the male which is returned in March. In this way, women get to choose their own gift. The most popular gift is handmade chocolate, since they believe that store bought chocolate is not a gift of true love. Italy once celebrated in an open air Spring festival, where young people gathered in ornamental gardens reading poetry and listening to music. In Turin, couples would announce their engagements on Feb 14th. In Germany, men court their fiancée with flowers. Love tokens with messages serve as Valentines, but these can be distributed on any occasion. Valentine's Day can take different forms, but love and its affirmation remain a common theme.

In an increasingly corporate world, we like to think of Valentine's Day as a special day. But it is a mistake to think that romantic aspirations have to begin on February 14. Rather than limit ourselves to one day and conventional gifts I propose we do something unique and unexpected that bucks the corporate trend that has become Valentines day. Love knows no bounds and can be found in unexpected places. As someone that has been struck by Cupid's arrow I can say that it helps to be yourself because a little honesty never hurts. So to that end I want to say this:

Dear Diana,

I love you very much and while your birthday and Valentine's day may leave me broke, I'm still searching for new ways to leave a smile on your face. Some people might think it's crazy, but you and I both know what love is. No amount of cards, chocolate, or saying I love you could buy it. It has its ups and downs and God knows it extends beyond February 14. And while it might make sense for me to do something drastic and propose to you, I'll leave that surprise to you and me. It is cause for celebration for how far we've come, and how far we will go. I can't wait to spend the day with you wherever the day leads us. I love you and happy Valentine's Day my love.

Tilton

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Letter to the Editor

I am not an alumnus of HSU but have become a fan of their basketball teams and a fundraiser and contributor to the women's team. One of the larger fundraisers is the "Free Throw Frenzy" where people make pledges based on the number of free throws participants make.

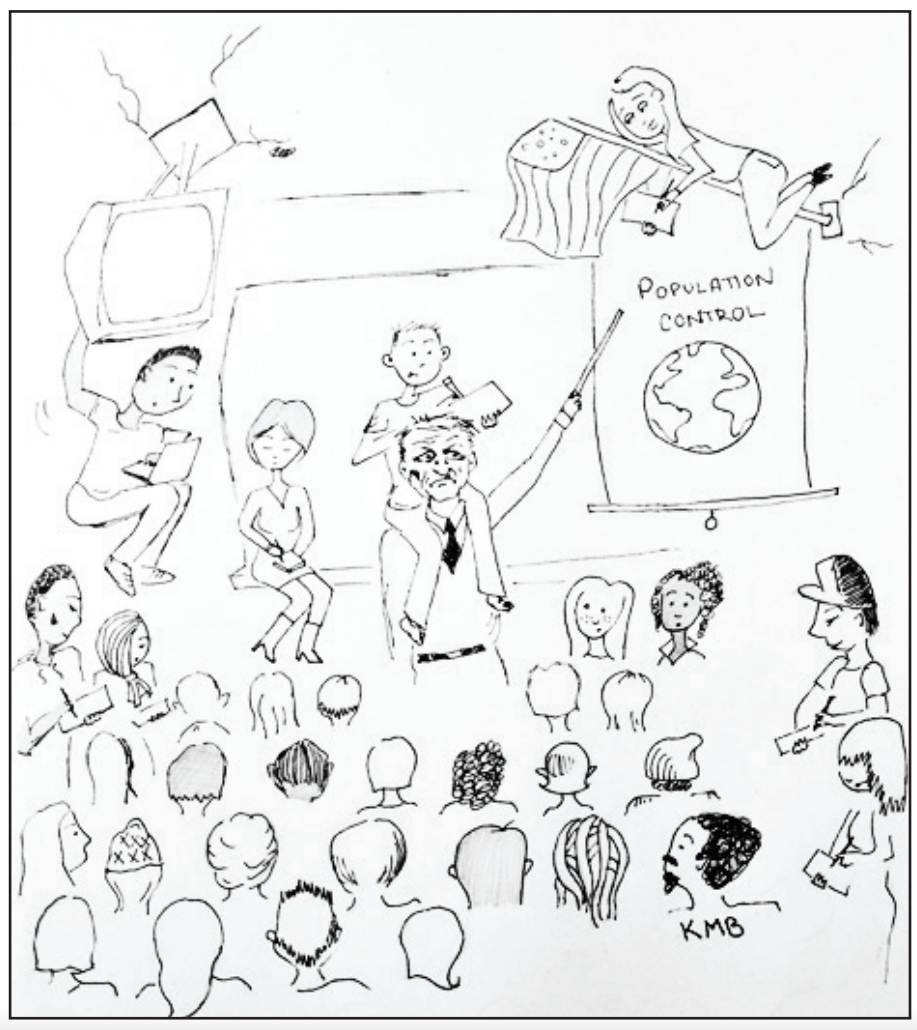
Some pledges are sizeable but many are in the $15 to $20 range. The reason I am I boring you with this is that I recently received a "Holiday Season" card from Rollin and Ann Richmond with a Harpst Street return address, with postage paid through the use of the HSU postal meter. I would conservatively estimate that the cost of postage and the card itself would be in the $1.50 range so that 10 cards would cost $15. For what I am able to contribute that translates to about 500 cards at a cost of $750.

Previous to my retirement I worked for Humboldt County for 28 years. The last five years (1996-2001) I was the County Administrative Officer which is the Chief of Staff to the Board of Supervisors and as high as you can go in the county heirachy of some 2,000 employees. I was responsible for a budget of over $200 million. We suffered through some severe budget problems and had a policy to "do what was necessary, but ignore what was nice until the funding situation improved." If I had used public funds to send out greeting cards, two things would probably have happened: The Auditor-Controller would have refused to pay the bill as an illegal use of public funds, and the Board of Supervisors would have given me a stern rebuke or fired me.

So why am I raising funds for programs when money is being wasted in other places? Tax dollars are not given to the university to send out cards. I seriously doubt people contribute monies to the university or the foundation so the president can send out cards. My money is ear-marked for the basketball team. I get a thank from the university for tax purposes, and that should be sufficient.

I think this was an improper use of funds that would otherwise have been available to benefit the students, and the president should reimburse the university. Since he makes three times what I did, I think he can afford it. By the way, I have been assured that my name will be removed from the holiday card list. I know others who received cards and share my sentiment, so I will report back next year if this waste of funds continues.

John Murray



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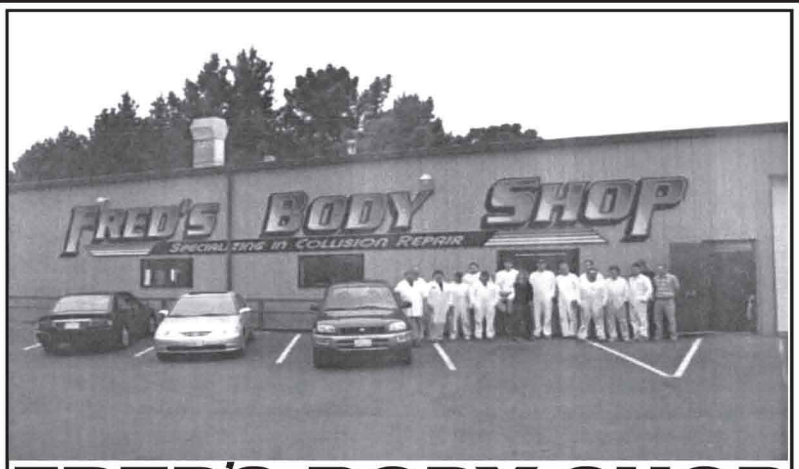

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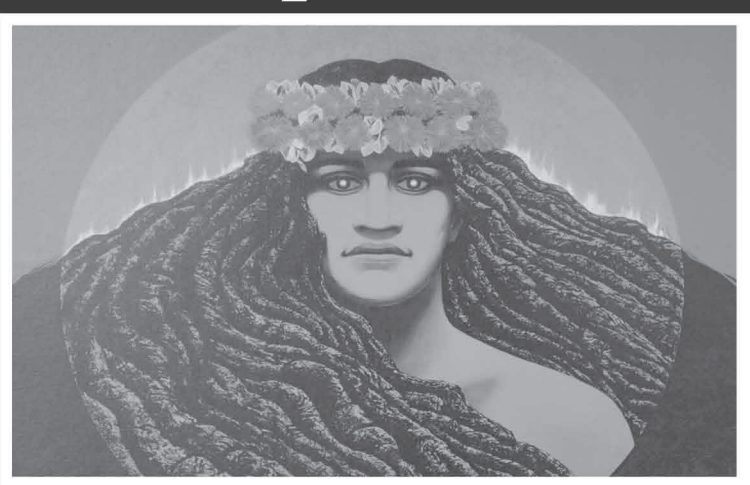
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Clam Beach Inn
9 p.m.
FREE

Figure Drawing Group
Cheri Blackerby Gallery
7 - 9 p.m.
$5

Euforquestra
Humboldt Brews
9 p.m.
$10

Friday 02/10

Inked Hearts Valentine's Tattoo Expo
Blue Lake Casino
10 a.m. - 11 p.m.
FREE

Arts! Arcata
Arcata Plaza
6 - 9 p.m.
FREE

Laughter on The 23rd Floor
North Coast Repertory Theatre
8 p.m.
$15

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Humboldt Brews
9:30 p.m.
$8

Saturday 02/11

Sister Carol (reggae)
Jambalaya
9 p.m. - 1:30 a.m.
$18

Open Gardens
Humboldt Botanical Gardens
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
$5

Laughter On The 23rd Floor
North Coast Repertory Theatre
8 p.m.
$15

Valentine's Dance
Arcata Community Center
8 - 11 p.m.
$10

Sunday 02/12

Winter Classic Table Tennis Tournament
Arcata Community Center
11:30 a.m.
$10/$5 kids

Laughter On The 23rd Floor
North Coast Repertory Theatre
2 p.m.
$15/$12 students and seniors

Monday 02/13

Friendship Circle Dance
Moose Lodge
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7-10 p.m.
$4

Tuesday 02/14

Lovers Ball with The Coup
Humboldt Brews
9:30 p.m.
$15

G Money's Karaoke
Silver Lining
8 p.m. - midnight
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Bluesy Tuesday
SpeakEasy
7 - 8 p.m.
FREE

Sunny Brae Jazz
Six Rivers Brewery
7 p.m.
FREE

Wednesday 02/15

Kindergarten Readiness
Pine Hill Elemantary School
6 - 7:30 a.m.
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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:

Paradise Graff

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.

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.*

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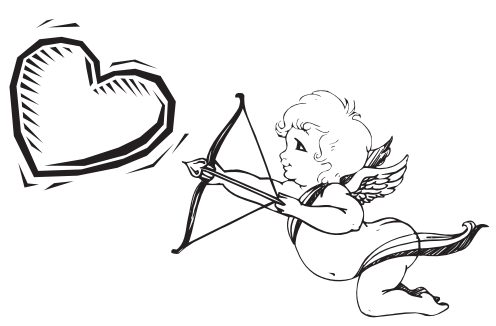

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ANSWERS TO LAST ISSUE'S PUZZLE: SASSY, CRAWL, TIGHT, OLDER

FINAL ANSWER: WEST COAST

Weekly Sudoku *Difficulty: HARD*

6			1			9	5	
8					7		2	
	2	5	3					
1			8					
2		4				5		8
					4			2
					3	7	4	
	3		4					1
	6	7			5			3

Lumberjack Fact Check

Win a $5 gift certificate to Arcata Scoop!

If you read all the stories in this week's issue, you will know the answers to the following trivia questions. Submit your answers to thejack@humboldt.edu with the subject "ATTN: Fact Check." A winner will be picked on a lottery system and announced along with the prize in next week's edition.

1. If passed, how much money would Gov. Jerry Brown's proposed budget for 2012-2013 cut from the CSU system?

2. What class standing is HSU basketball player Andrew Torres?

3. Roughly how many Humboldt Martins are left in the wild according to the most recent survey of the species?

4. What is the name of the 19th century Khoisan who inspired the lead character in "Venus"?

5. Which European city experienced its first snowfall in 26 years on Saturday?

Last week's winner: Gary Lester

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Classifieds

(Obituary)

David R. Lauck, professor emeritus Dept of Biology

Born June 6, 1930 in Alton, Illinois
Died January 15, 2012 in Parowan, Utah
M.S. & PhD Entomology from University of Illinois

Dr. Lauck was a life-long collector of water insects. He traveled throughout the states, Central Europe, North African Coast from Atlantic up to a confrontation with armed military in Egypt. Crossing the Atlantic as a member of 4-person crew on a tiny yacht he managed to collect in the mid-Atlantic, then on several Caribbean Islands and later Central American countries. When hired by Humboldt State in 1961, his collection became part of Humboldt holdings.

Served as Dept. Chair during his tenure at HSU from 1961-1986. During this time another University of Illinois entomologist was hired, (Dr. Hurley, emeritus d.) permitting Dr. Lauck to focus on forest entomology (and revising his collecting endeavor).
Dr. Lauck took early retirement, but did return to complete a study-survey of Lake Earl, Crescent City. In his retirement years he chose to live near the southern Utah mountains.

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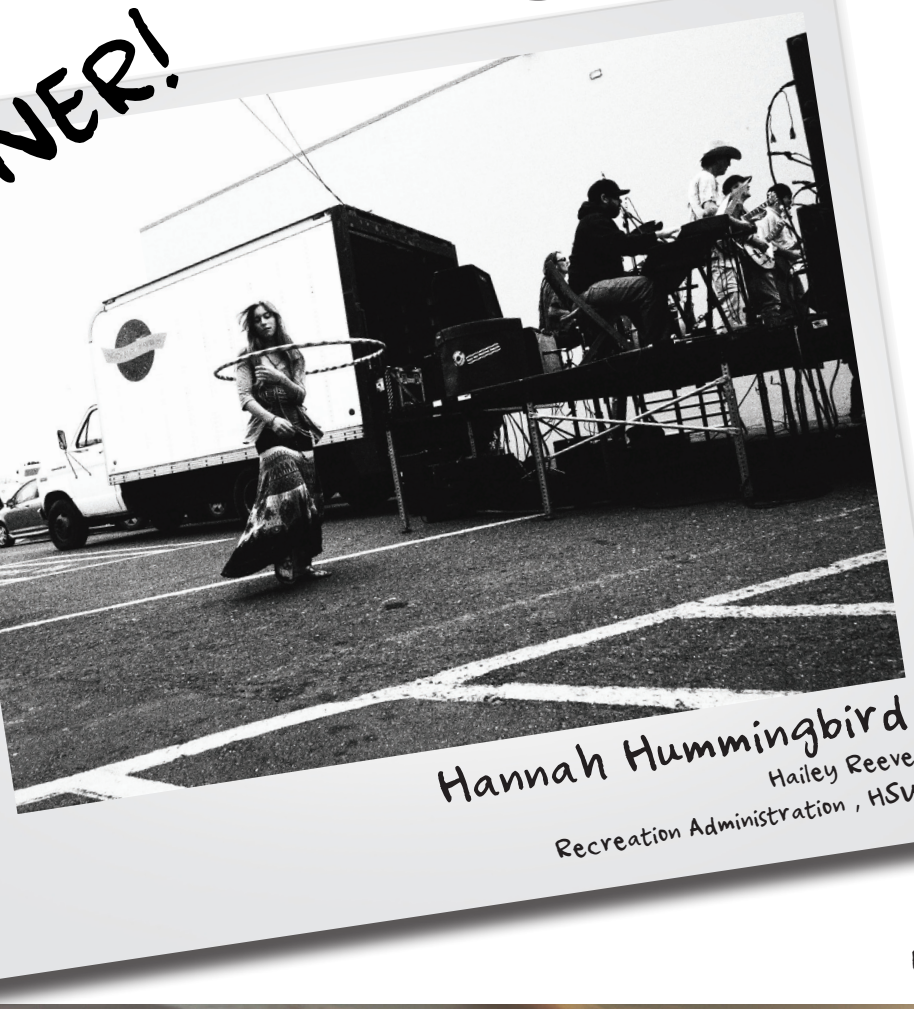

Hannah Hummingbird
Hailey Reeve
Recreation Administration , HSU

Horse Mountain; taking it all in
Evan Wisheropp
Natural Resource Planning, HSU

Arcata Marsh
Roger Tuan
Environmental Science and Journalism , HSU

Flash Us!

The Lumberjack is introducing a semester-long photo contest. Each week we will ask you, our readers, to submit a photo that you believe captures the essence of Humboldt. The photos can be of people, places or things and they can be funny, serious or ironic. We don t mind. Just so long as they capture the Humboldt vibe.

Each week we will pick our favorite photos and feature them in Spotlight. At the end of the semester our Photo Editor Samantha B. Seglin will pick her favorite photo. The winner will receive a $50 gift certificate to Swanlund s Photo in Eureka.

To make things easy on our Photo Editor we ask that the photos have a resolution set at 300dpi and be no longer than eight inches on any side. Don t forget to include your name, age and major!

Good luck!

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