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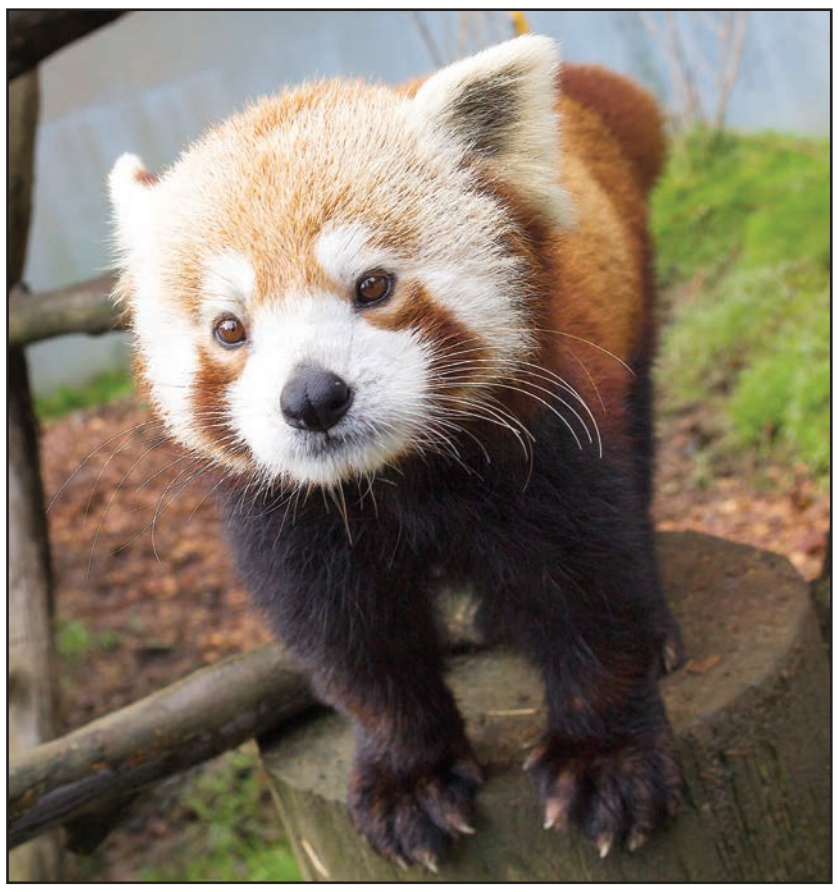

Red Pandas are part of the Species Survival Plan. | Manuel Orbegozo

Repopulating nearly extinct species

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HSU alums start local chocolate company

Campus & Community

by Estee S. Trevizo

After many long nights of trial and error, Dick Taylor Chocolates won its first Good Food Award in a blind taste test on Jan. 24 thanks to its 72 percent Belize, Toledo chocolate.

Located in Arcata and sold around the world, these crafty chocolate makers use organic cacao beans to produce some of the finest chocolate possible.

After winning a bronze medal in an international competition at the Northwest Seattle Chocolate Festival on Oct. 1, 2013, these bars are slowly becoming a huge phenomenon.

Adam Dick and Dustin Taylor both graduated from HSU with degrees in recreation administration, and business minors. From building furniture and wood boats to handcrafting chocolate, these hands-on chocolate makers are just getting started.

"Many people don't know the distinction, but there are chocolatiers who go out and buy chocolate from a much larger manufacturing facility and then mold that into flavored bars, truffles, etc." Dick said. "We're 'bean-to-bar' fermented chocolate makers, so we start with fermented and dried cacao beans."

By "bean-to-bar," Dick means that they buy the best beans from a fair trade source and process them in their Arcata factory to create chocolate bars as opposed to melting them down for coating. They purchase the cacao from farms in Madagascar, Belize, Ecuador and the Dominican Republic.

"You can distinctly taste the

See *Vegan sweets* on page 6

Adam Dick proudly shows off the sweet chocolate he and his employees handcraft daily. | Ashley Villavicencio

Lyfe's lessons spoken

HBO Def poet visits Humboldt State

Ise Lyfe signs copies of his book "Pistols and Prayers." | Manuel Orbegozo

Campus

by Tina Sampay

On Monday evening the Kate Buchanan Room was host to "What Are We Thinking?" which was a critical analysis of pop culture and its role in African-American culture presented by poet and spoken word artist Ise Lyfe.

During his presentation Lyfe said something is terribly wrong within the current mindset of black people. It can be seen in the endless shows, movies and music that caricaturize black culture. The problem is that people who are not familiar with black culture on a personal level are inadvertently absorbing these stereotypes. Black people begin to accept and portray these stereotypes and treat one another based off these biased depictions.

"The biggest problem black people face today is being too caught up in individualism and

See *Ise Lyfe* on page 4

Jack's leading scorer Kersey Wilcox has the highest free throw percentage in the conference. | Sebastian Hedberg

Jacks star leads on and off the court

Women's Basketball

by Javier Rojas

At 5 feet 6 inches, Kersey Wilcox stands as one of the bright spots for the Humboldt State women's basketball team this season.

In her first year as the Jacks' starting point guard, Wilcox leads the California Collegiate Athletic Association conference in 3-point percentage free throws made, and is ranked third in points per game.

The 21-year-old math education major is finding success on the court, but does not forget her humble beginnings.

Wilcox arrived at HSU as a transfer student from Prineville, Ore. with high praise from her coaches. She set records for free throws made and

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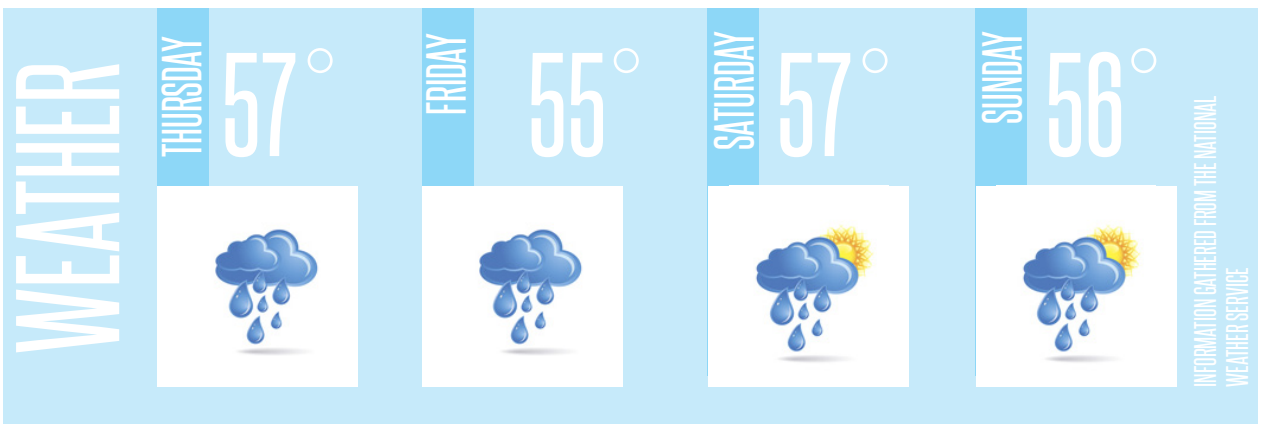

What a bright idea

Campus competition reduces water and energy usage

Campus

by Natalya Estrada

How would you feel if someone turned you on and left the room? | Rebekah Staub

From Feb. 12 to March 5, Humboldt State residents will participate in the world's largest national energy efficiency and water conservation competition.

The Alliance to Save Energy's PowerSave Campus program at HSU is part of the Campus Conservation Nationals (CCN). HSU is up against 16 campuses in California, more than 200 schools nationwide including the District of Columbia, and several schools in Canada. The CCN will measure water and energy usage to determine which campus saved the most water and energy in a three-week period.

To most people, three weeks may seem like a short amount of time to measure water and energy usage. However, Anais Rodriguez, the outreach coordinator for PowerSave Campus believes it is enough time to develop a lasting impression on students.

"A lot of students in the dorms don't do laundry or dishes at home and now they have to, so Campus PowerSave teaches them how to do it sustainably," Rodriguez said. "If you repeat a behavior for 21 days it creates a habit."

PowerSave group member Jenna Bader explained that the group wants residents to track their progress both online at buildingdashboard.net/humboldt and within the dorms. They plan to measure each dorm building's energy usage and post the results in the common areas.

"It's kind of like a mock electricity bill," Bader said. "We meter the energy and water usage and update the dorms every week so they know where they stand in the competition."

One of PowerSave's annual goals is to save $50,000 a year in energy saving which is attained through CCN and additional projects as well.

President of PowerSave Campus Johnny Lococo is confident HSU will be a top performer in the CCN competition. He thinks having the dorms compete will inspire residents to save more energy.

"There's already a sense of identity in terms of your own residence hall. For example the Hill versus the Canyon could provide some healthy competition," Lococo said.

The Alliance to Save Energy started with former president Jimmy Carter's creation of The Alliance to Save Energy. Lococo believes PowerSave Campus differs from other energy and water conservation groups at HSU because their group did not originate as a university program.

The members of PowerSave Campus are not just volunteers. According to Bader, most of them start out as for-credit interns.

"We definitely had to work for our positions," Bader said. "Once a spot on the board opens up, we usually hire people who have done our for-credit internships."

Every member of PowerSave pursues individual projects to promote energy saving but using PowerSave Campus is a great way to track the group's progress throughout the years.

"With PowerSave we can see what worked at preserving energy and water and what didn't work," Bader said.

The dorms participating this year are The Hill, Canyon, College Creek and Creekview. HSU ResLife is happy to assist CCN.

PowerSave Campus hopes to encourage students to shut off their lights when not in use and they even have a shorter shower pledge on their Facebook page and website. The pursuit of energy and water conservation remains a constant goal for this group, and like previous years, PowerSave Campus at HSU wants to stay a top competitor in the Campus Conservation Nationals.

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Panama

Expansion work on the Panama Canal was halted by a disagreement between the European building consortium directing reconstruction efforts, GUPC, and canal operators. The two sides could not agree who should pay an extra $1.6 billion added to the construction budget. The Panama Canal Authority accused GUPC of underbidding their original contract. It could take three to five years before construction efforts can begin again if no deal is reached.

England

The Thames River in England broke its banks on Monday and flooded towns upriver from London. Attempts by British troops and residents to build up the banks with sandbags were insufficient in addressing the increased threat of flooding. The British government will provide relief support.

Yemen

President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi authorized the transition of Yemen into a federal state with six regions. The country will have an additional year to establish a constitution. Some in the southern region are not satisfied with the change as they hoped to return to a separatist state.

Mali

An Al-Qaeda group called the Movement for Oneness and Jihad in West Africa have kidnapped five Red Cross workers in Mali. All five are Malian citizens and went missing on Saturday while driving on a road between the towns of Kidal and Gao. France has been attempting to restore order in their former colony since 2013, but are winding down military operations and will have only 1,000 troops left by spring out of the 5,000 deployed since 2013.

China

China and Taiwan have begun the first governmental talks in 65 years since the Chinese Civil War. Officials from both countries met in Nanjing, China to discuss their futures. It is likely that Taiwan will seek to further establish economic relations and security with its neighbor, while China will most likely talk about the reunion of Taiwan back into China.

Compiled and written by Israel LeFrak

Sources: Al Jazeera, USA Today

G Street hair salon vandalized

Provided by Dena Pulverman

by Diover Duario

Dena Pulverman, owner of the salon known as Hair., received a phone call at 9:15 a.m. from a passing client that her business had been vandalized.

When Pulverman arrived at her establishment a half hour later, she saw the salon's main window was smashed, along with two adjacent cars parked on 211 G Street in Arcata.

The incident occurred at approximately 2 a.m on Monday morning, according to Pulverman.

"It makes me really sad and frustrated (that Hair. was vandalized)," Pulverman said.

Pulverman, who lives in Eureka, graduated from HSU 26 years ago with a teaching degree. She's been a hairstylist for more than 15 years and has run Hair. for the last five.

Since working in the Arcata area, she has seen her share of vandalism.

To the instances she knows of this type of vandalism occuring are at the Funk Shui and at The Belilah's Salon — where she previously worked.

"I don't feel I was targeted because of the other cars that were damaged," Pulverman said.

Compiled and written by Karl Holappa

AS resolution targets students' diets

The Associated Students passed a resolution on Jan. 24 that recommends the Humboldt State campus implement the Real Food Campus Commitment, a pledge made by colleges and universities across the nation to buy at least 20 percent "real food" by 2020. The resolution requests that the HSU real food commitment be 33 percent of the total campus food budget by 2020.

According to the Real Food Challenge organization website, the definition of real food is a food system that fundamentally respects human dignity and health, animal welfare, social justice and environmental sustainability from seed to plate. The organization has a goal to shift $1 billion of existing university food budgets away from industrial farms and "junk food."

The resolution cites many reasons for the recommendation of the campus pledge, including student health, carbon footprint reduction and support for independent, localized farming operations.

The resolution advocates the development of a holistic food system on campus and seeks to heighten awareness of the 'new green revolution.' The resolution also requests the creation of a university-wide Food Systems Working Group. The group would include students who evaluate the progress towards the goals set in the commitment and report on the progress to the Board of Directors and Associated Students.

UPD BYTES

February 4 13:46

Reports of people in House 74 (ceramics lab) complaining of feeling light-headed. A small gas leak was located and repaired.
I thought everybody in the ceramics lab was light-headed already.

February 7 01:04

Complaint of loud laughing at Trinity Residence Hall.
Goddamn happy people.

February 9 01:23

Egg thrown at door at Trinity Residence Hall. No damage.
Just making breakfast.

01:24

Report of blood inside elevator and stairwell going from third floor to ground floor at Trinity Residence Hall.
Did anybody see The Shining?

11:01

Recycling bin and some crates on the back porch of House 94 (campus data network) were moved and some stuff was dumped behind the building.
That free pile sucked!

13:52

Female student received a suspicious letter from a classmate.
Valentines are always awkward.

Rallying students block senate meeting

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CSU LA

by Yzzy Gonzalez - The University Times

On Feb. 4, students gathered in front of the CSULA Bookstore at 12:30 p.m. to rally and "demand that the Academic Senate vote to make ethnic studies a part of the General Education Requirements beginning fall 2016," according to a flier being handed out at the event.

After rallying with speeches and a teach-in at the Bookstore, students entered King Hall and walked down the halls with megaphones chanting phrases such as "What do we want? Ethnic studies! When do we want it? Now!" Other students held signs reading messages such as "Listen to student voices," "It is our First Amendment right to peacefully assemble and peacefully protest," and "Ethnic studies now!"

The rally was sparked from the previous week's event at the weekly Academic Senate meeting on Jan. 28, where the Senate outvoted the motion to make one of the two required diversity courses an ethnic studies course. While students were outraged about the motion not being passed, the other major concern was the lack of student communication and representation at the Senate meeting.

At 1 p.m. students headed to the Golden Eagle Ballroom where the Academic Senate meetings are held and linked arms to form a line across the doors of the ballroom, determined not to let in any Senate members. Some students wore tape across their mouths as a sign of unifying silence.

As members of the Senate began to arrive, students held strong, kept the doors blocked, and directed the Senate members to wait outside. When professor Kevin Baaske, chair of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate arrived, students chanted "no clickers" in reference of the Senate's anonymous use of iClickers when voting. Baaske tried to reason with the students, offering them a half hour in the meeting to speak about their concerns, but the students refused.

Instead, students each took turns to speak through the megaphone and directly told the Senate what they wanted and expressed how important ethnic studies was to them. One of the most memorable speeches came from ASI Vice President for Administration Steven Urrutia. During his speech Urrutia said, "This is not a sorry excuse to let our voice be heard about our people, this is for us; integral part of society, to grow, and to make our future heard, because at the end of the day, it's not just your future now, it's our future."

The speeches took the entire duration of a normal Academic Senate meeting, from 1:30 to 3:10 p.m. While most of the Senate members stood to the side and chatted amongst themselves, some stood in the front with Baaske and listened to each student.

Students had a wide range of supporters, from faculty, alumni coming from graduate schools at UCLA and UC Berkeley, East LA locals and even one student's parent.

At the end of the speeches, the students made it clear to the Senate that they will be back every week until changes are made to how the Senate is run and when ethnic studies becomes mandatory.

This article was provided by *The University Times* through the California Student News Organization — a student-run news wire service.

Ise Lyfe asks, "What are we thinking?"

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not being concerned about the masses," Lyfe said. "Having no dignity within our people. If you do not care about the people, then what do you care about?"

The overall message of Lyfe's performance was how society needs to get "off the fence" meaning that black people specifically are so divided that they cannot agree on fundamental issues like a cultural identity. He illustrated the need to have these discussions about the current state of affairs and to develop a sense of racial self-esteem to be exhibited through an overall respect for one another.

Samantha Thompsen is a Humboldt State student majoring in social work who attended the event.

"It was very powerful. I liked his comments about making the issues apparent and relevant for those who want to learn," Thompsen said. "Not strictly trying to enlighten those who are not ready, but making the knowledge available."

Lyfe is an Oakland native who believes that every human being should have access to food, water and shelter. Out of high school he obtained a job at Def Jam as Regional Marketer. During his employment he was exposed to the ills black people are still dealing with to this day, no matter the city or state they live in, the condition of black people all over the world is still to struggle with the same things in different places.

Lyfe's career began with a play entitled "Pistols and Prayers" that he wrote and performed in. It was a critique of American apathy and how society avoids dealing with real issues. He began giving speeches at colleges and universities where he was performing his play; he was motivated to have dialogue about these issues outside of the stage.

Lyfe is focused on working with students. He has been published in The Huffington Post, Education News, The New York Times. He also has published a book entitled "Pistols & Prayers: A collection of poems, rhymes, journal entries and anecdotes."

Steven Bell works with the Office of Retention and Inclusion at Humboldt State, and is the advisor to Brothers United, the student organization responsible for bringing Lyfe to HSU.

"I was hoping to appeal to the body of black students on campus especially. There is a common uncomfortability, an uncertainness around blackness that I felt Ise's message could address," Bell said. "I am hoping that hearing him will spark more action within the student body and develop a sense of pride within black students at Humboldt State."

> "If you do not care about the people, then what do you care about?"
>
> — Ise Lyfe, spoken word artist, keynote speaker

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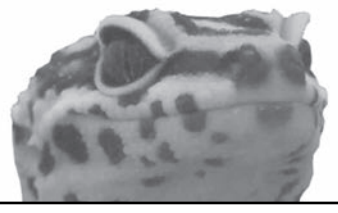
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King Maxwell spins for social change

HSU professor DJs for upcoming Roller Derby

Professor Maxwell DJs a private event at Blue Lake Casino. | Manuel Orbegozo

Campus & Community
by Caledonia Gerner

The records stashed in the back of Maxwell Schnurer's office are a clear indicator of his love for music. Schnurer is the communication department chair at Humboldt State. Elsewhere, he is also King Maxwell, the DJ.

Schnurer has been performing since the 1990s, but now he mostly plays to support causes he believes in.

"I have the privilege of being able to pick DJ gigs that match up with my politics," Schnurer said.

Schnurer has recently been combining his passion for social activism and his music skills by volunteering to DJ for Planned Parenthood benefit events. He is also the current DJ for the Humboldt Roller Derby team and plays at their home games.

"I like roller derby because I support women's athletics. I like DJing for Planned Parenthood because I support Planned Parenthood," Schnurer said. "It's amazing to be able to play music for something you believe in."

Schnurer has been DJing since he was a student at University of Vermont.

"I've been DJing since I first started at university," Schnurer said. "I was a radio DJ for WRUV in Burlington Vermont in the 1990s and have collected music and DJed ever since."

Joyce Corpuz, assistant support coordinator at HSU, has witnessed Schnurer perform live and is amazed by all that he is involved in and accomplishes.

> "You often think of professors, they teach and they go home, you don't often think about what they do in the community."
>
> — Joyce Corpuz, assistant support coordinator, HSU

"You often think of professors, they teach and they go home, you don't often think about what they do in the community," Corpuz said.

Schnurer teaches almost every class the communication department offers along with classes such as social advocacy, gender and communication, and act to end sexualized violence.

"The more I get to know him the more I realize the extent of his social activism," Corpuz said.

Elijah Joves, a zoology major, is taking Communication 100 with Schnurer this semester and can already see how dedicated he is to teaching.

"Even though I've only been in his class for a few weeks now, I think he's an awesome professor," Joves said. "I really like how he appears to be laid back, yet is really serious about the course. I think he really enjoys sharing his knowledge with the students in his class."

See King Maxwell DJing at Humboldt Roller Derby on Saturday Feb. 15th at Redwood Acres in Eureka.

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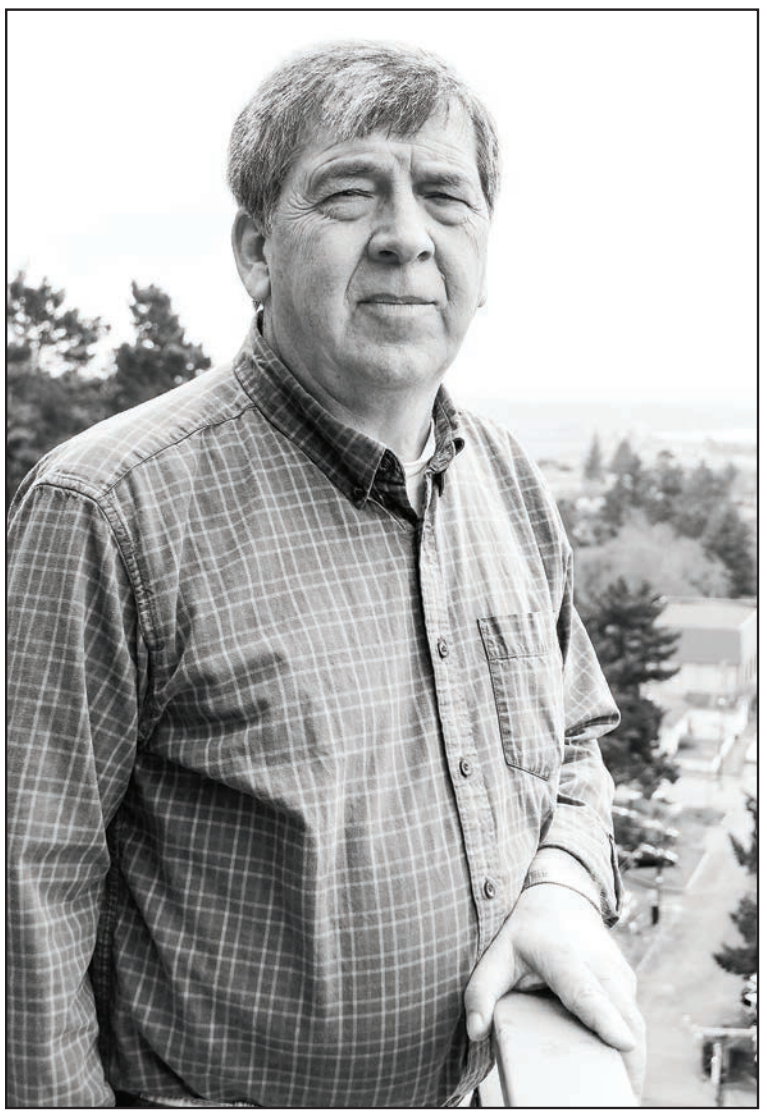
A minor threat

Philosophy professor questions CSU system

Education

by Katelyn Roudebush



HSU Professor J.W. Powell questions the effectiveness of the CSU educational system. | Ashley Villavicencio

On Jan. 24 an article, 'The Tyranny of the College Major' was published on the Atlantic website in the Education section. The article, by Humboldt State philosophy professor John W. Powell focused on the idea that college students should be forced to take more classes outside of their major than what is already required through the GE system.

Powell was first inspired to write about this topic when he attended a CSU-wide strategic planning conference in Monterey in 1997 as one of HSU's delegates. The conference, along with some articles that then-chancellor Barry Munitz wrote, shaped Powell's opinion that the chancellor was blind to all the things the professors do besides helping graduates get jobs and pay taxes.

"Being smart voters, sane parents, historically informed, skeptical about authority, facility with arguments and controversies — none of that seemed to matter to some of the people (not all of them, of course) at the top," Powell said. "So I wrote a piece about thinking too fast about what education is for."

Powell's basic view in the article was that general education in the U.S. has become weakened and unfocused and is not benefitting students as much as it should. He then suggested that if a new requirement of three minors was added it would increase the scope of learning and benefit students all around.

"Majors are a fairly recent fad in education," Powell said. "One big impetus for thinking that higher ed. is about preparation for a job came with the series of federal laws funding land-grant colleges which would teach modern farming practices, would produce good business managers, good public school teachers, and would produce attorneys."

Powell, who has been with HSU since 1993 has noticed that although the university stresses the importance of teachers more than other CSU schools it is still losing some of its strengths as an undergraduate institution.

"I really loved HSU, still do, I think it's a remarkable place, teaching is much more important here, but I feel like some of it was getting eroded," Powell said, "I think we were losing [strength as an undergraduate institution] because we were letting management concerns displace educational concerns."

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Powell's proposal has not been welcomed with open minds; not everyone has been accepting of his idea. Negative comments have surfaced criticizing the amount of money this change will cost as well as the difficulty in changing CSU policies. Powell understands the challenges that will arise yet and still has confidence that it might work.

"Reforming the CSU system is going to be very difficult, it's going to be like trying to turn around an aircraft," Powell said, "but I think the current chancellor is much better than the past two."

Powell, however, does not want to get rid of majors but rather have students take a hard glance at the odds of being able to stick to one career in a major and have them consider learning about other subjects. Powell throughout his argument is certain that change is necessary for students to have a better education that will leave them more equipped for the outside world.

Skip Oliphant, an HSU student who is more than 60 years old, has known Powell since 2005. Oliphant said he agrees with Powell's proposal but understands how difficult it is in today's day and age to pony up the costs for these new proposals. Oliphant said that he believes Powell is a good person who truly cares about his students and their education.

"One of the philosophy students that I met a number of years ago said that John is an actual philosopher, that he does philosophy, not just teaches it," Oliphant said. "He embodies his philosophy and that's evident in the way he treats students and the way he runs his class."

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Vegan sweet tooth

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different beans that come from these places," Dick said. "I think that's really what drives us a lot, sourcing new and unique cacao beans."

Unlike huge chocolate companies, Dick's chocolates are not only original, they have been carefully made, aged and processed with just two ingredients: organic cacao beans, and organic cane sugar to satisfy not just the chocolate lovers, but the vegans too.

"We do a lot of experimenting all the time, we have a lot of chocolate, so we're always trying stuff out," Dick said.

Dick Taylor is one of 50 craft style chocolate producers in the country.

"I think there is a lot of momentum now for small batch chocolate," Dick said. "We source the best chocolate in the world, and we're able to make the best chocolate with just two ingredients."

From roasting to molding, this process of fine beanery takes about a full week to make.

Dick Taylor Chocolate was founded in Arcata in 2010. The factory is located right in front of Almquist Lumber on Giuntoli and Boyd Road.

Rick Alexander has worked at Almquist Lumber since before Dick Taylor opened up. He had previously worked with the two men building furniture and rowboats.

"Before, we had a coffee shop in front of the store," Alexander said. "We had a history with Dick and Taylor as entrepreneurs before they started making chocolate and it worked out."

Alexander explains that they have sold hundreds of their chocolate bars to their customers, and it helps the store out because of the huge fan base.

"They definitely get a thumbs-up in our book," Alexander said.

Most of the time, Dick Taylor's chocolate bars are sold out, but when they aren't, the most popular bars are bought in a heartbeat.

"We do a bar with dried black mission figs, and we do a bar with caramelized coconut in the back. These are just flavors that we want to experiment with," Dick said. "Chocolate is fantastic within itself, but oftentimes with another ingredient, it gives it a different texture and aroma and mouth-feel, which I think is pretty interesting."

One thing about Dick and Taylor is that they never dismiss a challenging product until they feel it is finally completed.

Thanks to Dick and Taylor, they are restocking the chocolate supply on campus. You can find these organic chocolates on the south side of campus at The Marketplace.

You can also purchase these chocolates at local stores in Arcata, such as the Co-Op, Wildberries, and other local grocery stores in Arcata.

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ARCATA

AFTER HOURS

Column

by Ryan Nakano

**Editor's note: this column is a sad attempt by one journalist to explore the human spirit in its purest form. Although the initial beat for this column is supposed to be @ 2am in Arcata Plaza, the time and location is subject to change depending on the student's sense of time and unusual habit of aimless wandering. The following content combines immediate observations with provocative or not-so-provocative commentary for the enjoyment of himself, not necessarily his readers. That is, if there are any…*

Thursday January 23, 2 a.m.

There is a time and place for everything, and at two in the morning on the corner of 9th and H street it seems everything is happening all at once. Every Thursday night in Arcata there is a story, from drunken fights to philosophical quandaries and yet the next day almost nobody remembers. But I remember…I was there.

I swear if he pounds any harder the window will shatter.

He is drunk. He is angry.

It doesn't take long before a cop tears his hand away from the glass; crowd control for the belligerent. Onlookers gorge themselves on pizza and donuts, as the cop escorts the middle-aged man from the outside looking in.

How primitive, the way we divert our attention to such spectacles. It is in this state of euphoria that we revert back to our primal instincts. Even in passing there is tension. One wrong look, one drunken slur and in a matter of seconds two males stare each other down with only a pizza box in between. But even here, there is safety in numbers. And even in our most primitive state we seem to clutch desperately to the seemingly rational.

"I'm trying to graduate bro, I'm not trying to get fucked up," says the friend of the young man who just seconds ago instigated the frivolous encounter. For now the hostility is diffused. Closing my eyes, I slowly become lost among the crowd of voices. How can anyone in here hold a conversation? Faintly in the background I hear Beyonce's "Irreplaceable" playing through the speakers.

"You must not know 'bout me
You must not know 'bout me
I could have another you in a minute
Matter fact he'll be here in a minute,
baby"

The screeching sound of brakes shatters my concentration.

A green sedan with the words "plaza cab" decaled on the side, pulls up to the sidewalk just outside of the pizzeria. Four bodies emerge from the vehicle. Then just as it starts to pull away, two more college-aged guys jump out the back. What a circus act!

It is three in the morning and I am tired.

As I make my way outside, not even the blaring red and blue lights cast onto the brick wall of the building next door fully capture my attention. I stroll past as if the sight of two young males with hands placed behind their backs is simply an elaborate mural done up by some nightowl street artist, like Banksy in an alleyway.

In a few more hours it will be morning and everything will be as it was before.

But for now, I am left feeling empty and empathetic.

I am the belligerent drunk, the late night cop, the overly anxious college student worried about his future.

And for a moment, I am enlightened.

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Discussing the North Coast's conservation efforts

Sumo arrived at the Sequoia Park Zoo when he was 9 months old. | Manuel Orbegozo

Community

by Robin March

On Feb. 19 the Sequoia Park Zoo (SPZ) in Eureka will host a Species Recovery Seminar for the Pacific Northwest. It is an opportunity for the zoo to share the work they are doing with multiple programs.

Dr. David Shepherdson of the Oregon Zoo is the main speaker. He hopes to talk to locals about the roles zoos and aquariums play in the conservation and rehabilitation of wildlife.

SPZ manager Gretchen Ziegler has been getting the zoo's conservation program going over the last couple years. Although it is still young they want to reach out to the community.

"The Oregon Zoo has been involved in a lot of species recovery programs," Ziegler said. "We thought Dr. Shepherdson would be a great person to connect the idea in our community about the roles zoos can play."

The SPZ has a captive breeding program focusing on red pandas and a Red Panda Awareness Day where all donations go towards the Red Panda Network in Nepal. There are also a variety of other endangered animals at the zoo like gibbons, cotton top monkeys, nicobar pigeons and flamingos.

SPZ helps to promote local animal conservation and rehabilitation when they can. Their most direct program is the grant program, now in its third year. One of the grants funded a Ph.D student in Vietnam, where an unknown mammalian herbivore was found.

Hidden in the Six Rivers National Forest, artificial "rest boxes" made with old-growth and redwood are concealed within trees waiting for animals to call them home.

After Matt Delheimer spent last summer setting up the rest boxes. Delheimer, a graduate student at HSU with a B.A. in biology, is monitoring the boxes until next summer to see if any animals have taken interest. Delheimer mostly works with Humboldt martens. Until rediscovered in 1996, the Humboldt marten was thought to be extinct.

"This is a long-term, habitat improvement tool much beyond what I am doing, which is something that I think is really cool about it," Delheimer said. "I'm looking at short term response survey, but these will be revisited in one year to five year intervals into the future."

The rest boxes are monitored with remote-sensing cameras. Although the cameras cannot be precise, they can tell what species are showing up and determine whether they are going inside.

"We have had recently what we think is a female marten [that] has started to show interest in one of the boxes and appears to have made a few visits," Delheimer said. "Flying squirrels and fishers have also made plenty of visits."

Delheimer also set up track plate surveys — plates baited to collect prints left by animals near the boxes. Currently he is

Red Pandas are part of the Species Survival Plan. | Manuel Orbegozo

Because of their rotating ankles Red Pandas are skilled at climbing downwards. | Manuel Orbegozo

Flamingos, also part of the SSP, are social animals that eat algae while standing on one leg. | Manuel Orbegozo

monitoring the boxes for the winter and spring. In the summer he will redo the track plates to see if there has been a change in occupancy to make sure the boxes are still intact and working. Delhemier believes if there is a delayed response it is only because the animals are unsure of what the boxes are.

"The boxes are designed based on a project started around 10 years ago, they've done a similar thing in Scotland," Delheimer said. "It hasn't really been attempted around here so it's cool to try something new."

Apart from Delheimer's work with martens, some wildlife masters' program students are focused on snowy plovers, pacific fishers, river otters, and birds on organic farms, all local to Humboldt County.

Michael Kennedy, a forestry major and vice president of the wildlife club Conservation Unlimited (CU), thinks the clubs on campus are a great way to raise awareness and get others interested in wildlife conservation. He said it is also a good way for wildlife students to get firsthand experience in their fields.

Kennedy enjoys new experiences on every club outing. The club has learned to identify birds and how to graph local animals on tracking trips.

"[The club] is all the fun parts of school without any of the stress," Kennedy said. "Seeing a fresh cougar kill was an amazing experience."

The club also hosts events to raise conservation awareness, such as the "Beast Feast," a large dinner inviting local wildlife biologists and hunters to gather and share different ideas on how their various practices affect wildlife. All the meat served at the dinner is game donated from what the hunters saved throughout the season.

Members of the Yurok tribe also attend the feast to trade out hunters' lead bullets with copper, another motion towards wildlife safety. Upon hitting prey, lead bullets disperse throughout the meat and condors and vultures can get sick from eating the carcasses. The bullets are traded out for free, so if a person is going to hunt, they are doing it in a more environmentally responsible way.

CU is also HSU's chapter of the Wildlife Society. They have a Quiz Bowl team which competes on a nationwide scale. The club also hosts many activities related to conservation, wildlife and education such as taking kids to search for salamanders, tracking animals and going bird watching.

Micaela Szykman Gunther, head of the wildlife department, works with her students to help promote conservation both near and far from HSU.

"Our mission isn't necessarily to work on local species, but is really to do applied management and conservation work," Gunther said. "Even if we're not working with an endangered species we're almost always working with local managers to figure out more information about a species so that we can protect their populations."

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Red Pandas only eat bamboo leaves leaving the branches behind. | Manuel Orbegozo

Crested Screamers are non-migratory birds from South America. | Manuel Orbegozo

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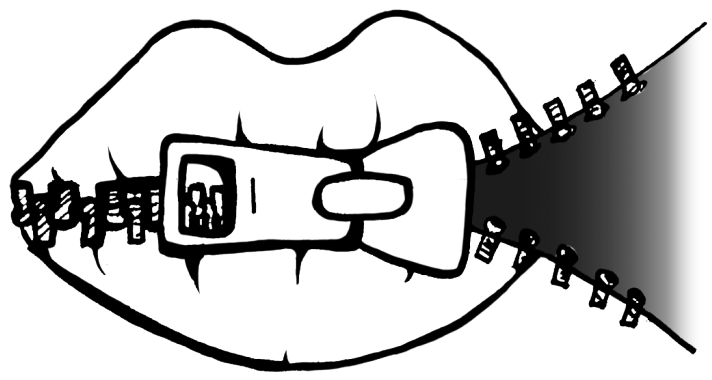

The Safe Word

A day for them

Or us ...

Column

by Jack Sherwood

It's my least favorite day of the year.

I remember trading Valentine's Day cards as a child. I remember the candy and card-giving ceased as I aged.

Slowly it became a day of appreciation of your significant other. It took a major turn in high school and became a day when boys do everything in their power to make girls swoon. I would observe the rituals, but I never had "a valentine" until a long distance relationship during my sophomore year at Humboldt State.

I was never part of the Valentine's Day festivities; I had an automatic distaste for it and told my girlfriend. She was upset and told me it's one of her favorite holidays. Her birthday is Feb. 7, and she saw Valentine's Day as an extension of it.

She tried to convince me to visit her to celebrate but I said no. I had a valid excuse; the spring semester had just begun but I decided to surprise her. I strategically mailed her a birthday card and a Valentine's Day card as I hopped on a bus to see her. I was on the road for 16 hours and with the help of her roommates I successfully surprised her at midnight on Valentine's Day.

In the morning I made her breakfast in bed as a gesture of my appreciation for her.

I had plans for the day and I was excited to keep surprising her. I set up the day to start off with a walk in the city and a couple of hours in batting cages, then dinner. I planned to teach her to make my favorite dish, enchiladas de tres moles. She had told me that her old laptop had started malfunctioning so I looked for a replacement on Craigslist and found a lightly used Macbook Pro.

When she finally woke she asked me,

"What do you have planned for me today?"

I was ecstatic and began to execute my plan. Everything went well and when we got back, I told her that I would teach her to make the enchiladas. I told her I had all the ingredients in a paper bag in the refrigerator. I had also placed her new laptop at the bottom of the bag so she would find it there.

When she did, she screamed with joy and immediately started transferring files from her old laptop. I ended up making dinner on my own, but it was okay because she loved her present. I pulled her away long enough to eat and then she went back while I did the dishes. I felt confident that I was making this a great day for her but I realized I had gone out of my way to do so many things for her and yet she actively ignored me and hadn't done anything for me. I attributed it to her excitement over the laptop, but I became angry.

She turned away from her laptop and asked me something that made my temper teeter.

"Is that all you have planned for today?"

I turned her question on her.

"Is that all you planned to ask me today?"

Inevitably this led to one of the most intense arguments I've ever had in my life. I said she was entitled. I argued that this day should be about both of us not just her. She argued that it's a day when I have to prove how much I love her. This argument went in circles and ended up being the beginning of our break up months later.

We spoke recently about this and she admitted she was being selfish and even tried to pay me back for the laptop. All I really cared about was being loved back, but I wasn't communicating that to her. She regrets that she wasn't considerate and I also apologized for being selfish in my own right. I expected something in return for my efforts and I regretted my angry outburst.

If I do celebrate Valentine's Day again, I will make sure both of us are clear and considerate. Valentine's Day should be a day for everyone. I want it to be more like when I was a kid; everyone sharing the love.

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Jacks star leads on and off the court

Wilcox commands playoff run

Continued from page 1

free-throw percentage at Lane Community College.

"I started playing when I was five or six and my parents taught me and my sister at a young age. [Basketball] was something I really picked up well," Wilcox said.

She credits her sister for her competitive nature and motivation to be better— both play at a collegiate level.

"We work out together a lot and we play each other one-on-one," Wilcox said. "She is my biggest competitor and my motivator.''

As the HSU women's basketball team plays through a tough stretch of conference games it has a lot to be excited about. The team currently sits in seventh place in the conference and has an overall 11-9 record.

The team's recent play has put it in the thick of things in the CCAA conference and its point guard is a big reason why.

One of Wilcox's pregame routines includes shooting 20 free throws and talking to herself. She credits the mental preparation as a key factor in her game.

Wilcox has faced her ups and downs in life. At a young age her parents separated and caused her to move frequently while still trying to play basketball.

"My sister and I always went back and forth living between them," Wilcox said, "Finally in high school my dad moved us to Bend, Ore. which was hard on us."

Her adversity has not only mentally prepared her but has helped her succeed on the court as well. Women's basketball head coach Joddie Gleason praises her point guard for everything she has brought to the team this season.

"She has the ability to make other players around her better in a way that seems effortless," Gleason said. "Team first and selflessness is what comes to mind and [she] is efficient as [they] come."

Wilcox's work ethic has also made an impact among her teammates as well. The team's center Elle Anderson, 21, said her teammate has made a big difference on the team.

"She is definitely a leader by example and comes in everyday, does what she has to and that has rubbed off on all of the players," Anderson said.

Anderson, a special education major, said that Wilcox brings more depth to the position. Last year the team struggled at the point guard position and had trouble finding a team leader.

"Honestly she's one of the best people I know and can really bring a team together, I couldn't have asked for a better teammate," she said.

The point guard has a high talent ceiling according to assistant head coach Skip Gleason. He said that Wilcox is a leader by example and is one of the reasons why they recruited her to HSU.

"Her characteristics were one of the first things that we noticed about her," Gleason said. "She's a winner in all facets, not just basketball but in life.''

While her college basketball career flourishes, Wilcox is looking towards the future as well. She wants to do more than just basketball after her playing days are over.

"I see myself teaching math, hopefully in Central Oregon while also coaching basketball," Wilcox said. "I love basketball and I want it to be part of my future."

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Kersey Wilcox scores 15 points in 63-70 loss to Cal State Monterey Bay | Sebastian Hedberg

Jacks drop crucial game against Otters

Basketball
by Justin Bell

The Humboldt State women's basketball team was upset Saturday night by Cal State Monterey Bay in a 70-63 loss.

HSU came out strong, taking an early 11-3 lead. However Monterey Bay came back stronger and had a 41-27 advantage by the second half. The Otters extended their lead to 17 with 14 minutes left in the second half.

HSU looked poised to make a comeback late in the game. The team came within three points of CSUMB with 47 seconds left on the clock but ultimately could not catch up.

"It was a huge loss to give up on our home court," head coach Joddie Gleason said. "We worked hard to get it back to a one possession game but unwanted fouls stopped us from winning."

Missed shots and turnovers kept the Lady Jacks from continuing their winning streak. HSU was only able to make 33 percent of its 2-point baskets and 23 percent of its 3-pointers.

Center Megan Shields topped the stats for HSU with 19 points and 11 rebounds. She also had four blocked shots.

Despite having a rough shooting night, guard Kersey Wilcox scored 15 points, hitting all nine of her free throw attempts.

Monterey Bay had won one conference game leading up to Saturday's matchup.

HSU dropped down to 8-8 in conference play, putting them in a three-way-tie for seventh place with UC San Diego and San Francisco State.

Despite the loss, HSU is still in the hunt for a playoff spot. These next few games are crucial if the team wants to continue into postseason play.

HSU looks to move past this loss with its road game against San Francisco State on Friday.

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Rowing team prepares for upcoming season

Rowing

by Nicole Willared

The crew team meets in Eureka before the sun rises five days a week. | Jasmine Servin

Crew won its first national title at the NCAA Division II Women's Rowing Championships when it beat Western Washington University two years ago. But after last season's relapse the team is mentally and physically focused for a 2014 comeback.

Although the team was unable to defend its title in 2013, crew members like 23-year-old geology major Jamie Larrabe learn valuable lessons while rowing at Humboldt State.

"I came to HSU right out of high school. I didn't know what I was doing. Rowing has changed my life," Larrabe said. "If you put 100 percent into one thing, you're going to put 100 percent into everything. If you do things half-assed, you will get half-assed results."

Head coach Robin Meiggs' crew members put strong emphasis on improving their athletic and academic performances. Every year, the rowers choose to sign contracts stating they will remain sober during rowing season.

"We took a vow not to drink and we all got together and signed it. It's hard at first but worth it," Larrabe said.

Meiggs also expects her athletes to earn good grades and intervenes when a team member is falling behind.

"Once a month we get our grade checks. If it's below a C, coach Meiggs has a meeting and insists on tutoring," Larrabe said. "We are student athletes. Being a student comes first. A scholarship doesn't hurt either."

The team is dealing with the loss of several members. "Last year a lot of rowers graduated, some quit and another had multiple surgeries. We missed going to nationals by one or or two seconds," Meiggs said.

Although some athletes may not come back this season, the remaining team members are shining bright and and committing to the cause.

Larrabe is a varsity rower. But first-year rowers, called novices, also prepare for the first crew race of the season. The crew's first national ranking will take place against Seattle Pacific University.

In the meantime, coach Meiggs teaches her rowers to handle rough water. Five days a week, the team trains for hours before sunrise.

"If you want to get things done, you have to get up early. It's about showing up whether it's for you, your job or your class," Meiggs said. "Rowing is less about athletics and more about real life."

Before putting the boats in the water, the women warm up their bodies in the dark, cold morning air.

Jumping jacks, lunges, push-ups, and squats start the session with the athletes lined up in a semi-circle. The rowers are directed into a yoga-type position that they hold for minutes on end.

"Today's goal is getting up to a certain stroke rate," Meiggs said. "Coxswains are going to help keep you nice and long. It's all about how to get the stroke up." Coxswains sit at the head of a row boat and are in charge of navigation and steering.

With just enough light from the docks of the Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center, the rowers launch their racing shells and get into seated position. Meiggs is situated in a dingy next to them. She has one hand on the steering column and holds a megaphone with the other. Meiggs sounds like a calm flight attendant giving pre-flight instructions before take-off. Not surprising since Meiggs used to be a naval pilot.

"We'll travel south from the aquatic center north to the coast guard station engaging our bodies at the catch. Remember three quarter slides should not be completely vertical shims." Jamie! How many shims do you have today?" Meiggs said.

Larrabe broke her ankle and was not a part of HSU's major win in 2012. It was two weeks before a doctor was able to treat her.

Larrabe would have won alongside her teammates at nationals but the injury came days before the championship.

"I walked on it for two weeks before a doctor saw me. I had to have six pins put into my ankle. But after that, I really took care of it to make sure it healed right," Larrabe said.

Although Larrabe is no stranger to disappointment, it seems giving up is not in her DNA.

Larrabe said she never once thought of quitting the team.

"No, I'm going to come back next year and be stronger. I have this fire in me. A passion to be the best I can be. I can be strong. I can be light." Larrabe said.

The crew season begins March 15 at the Sacramento State Invitational. Varsity rower Marina Hagen has a clear understanding of the commitment needed to be selected for the 2014 championships in May.

"We have to trust that the other girls in our boat are pulling hard for us, so we have to do the same for them," Hagen said. "As we like to say, 'miles makes champions' and we can only do that by being at practice 110 percent."

High winds forced crew team to remain on land and clean its boats. | Jasmine Servin

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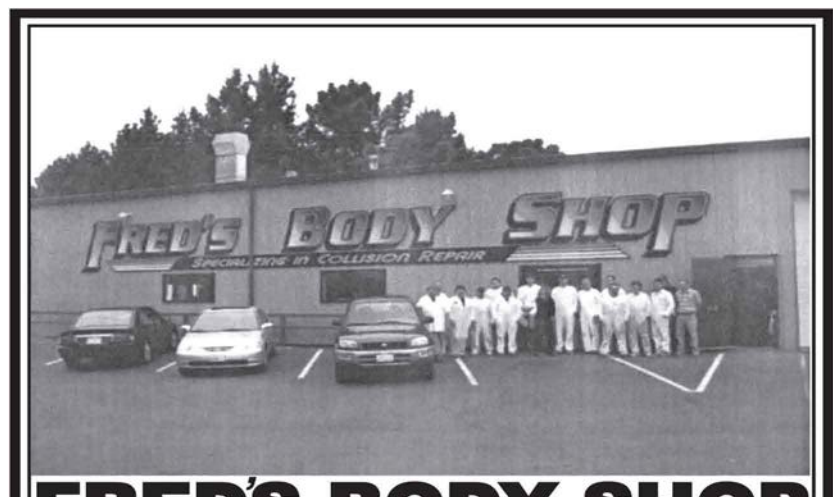

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It's the Olympics!

And America is not impressed

It's the year of the Winter Olympics and also the year the United States decided to become a huge whiney baby.

The Olympics are a coveted event, not only for the United States, but for countries throughout the world. It is one of the few, if not the only, time that the world comes together for a singular event. It is not only for the sport of it, but it is a chance to connect with the world.

I think we can all agree that Russia and its politics are different than those of the United States. We have very differing opinions on world affairs, but those politics are just that; they are politics. The entire world is watching Sochi right now and it has nothing to do with Russian politics.

The people of Russia are not Russian politics. Just as the American people are not U.S. politics. We have culture, traditions and a country filled with beauty and people that can be experienced outside of the veil of government. I know that a very large portion of U.S. citizens would not want to be judged by the actions of their president or their government. I think we should all extend the same courtesy to the people of Russia.

As for the state of Sochi, did they not take the last year to completely revamp the town of Sochi in order to be able to host the Olympics there? Is it not honorable that a country would care that much about an event? And is it really breaking news to report that your hotel is not up to your standards?

CNN and the Washington Post have both reported full stories on journalist's tweets complaining about minute problems with their hotels.

One journalist tweeted a picture from the bathroom in his hotel of a sign that said not to flush toilet paper. Sure that can be frustrating, but that is something a lot of foreign countries require. Russia is old, their pipes are old. There is an entire website called wheredoiputthepaper.com dedicated to different bathroom etiquette for foreign countries, many of them dealing with not flushing toilet paper. It makes you wonder if any of these journalists have ever travelled outside of the United States or read a single travel book.

Before the Olympics even started, journalists reported over and over again about "#sochishambles." It is surprising that they feel entitled to pristine hotel conditions.

There has been so much animosity surrounding Sochi that athletes are left feeling perplexed. These few chosen athletes from across the globe are competing in this epic event and are ecstatic just to be there. Yet all the United States can do is complain, taking the focus away from the people who worked so hard to be there.

We cannot fix Russia, only Russia can fix Russia. But we can embrace this chance to connect to differing nations, to learn about each other, and to present ourselves in a way that may ignite change in others.

WHAT A WOMAN DESERVES

WHAT A GIRL WANTS WHAT A GIRL NEEDS

Balancing Valentine's Day

by Lauren Voigtlander

The roles of Valentine's Day are outdated and a step back in time for women's rights. They are also heteronormative, excluding any other form of relationship from standard participation in the festivities.

Valentine's Day? Oh you mean the holiday where women get showered in gifts and then return the favor by having sex with their boyfriends?

When exactly did Valentine's Day turn into consumerism in exchange for sex? As powerful, modern women of today, shouldn't females be reciprocating in a way that does not make them seem like Julia Roberts in the first half of Pretty Woman?

The month of February is consumed with commercials aimed at men for women. Jewelry, flowers, candy and all the pretty little things that apparently every woman needs on "their" special day. And for women, wear the latest Victoria's Secret line, because you will want to thank your man after you receive all the spoils of Valentine's day.

There is an assumption that men are the only ones who want sex and women only want to be showered with expensive things. A group of men actually made a new holiday to combat the standards that have been placed on Valentine's Day. March 14 has now been dubbed Steak and Blowjob day.

This needs to change. Women are capable of treating men on Valentine's Day and it does not have to be demasculating in any way nor does it have to be only sex. Surprise your partner on Valentine's Day with something specific to them. It doesn't have to be all flowers and jewelry.

And sex should never be used as reciprocation. In reality women enjoy sex just as much as men. If you want to celebrate Valentine's Day with sex then make it a mutual excursion. Talk about what you both like, go to the sex store together, do something that includes both of you.

The underlying theme of the day is love, so lets bring it back to that. No matter what kind of relationship you are in, there should never be a set standard of expectations. It is unfair to the person you are with to decide without their consent how they should be. Let's change the Valentine's Day standards by just giving because of the love we have for someone.

Instead of expecting things on Valentine's Day, men and women in all forms of relationships, should focus on expressing love. Whether you want to spend money, doing so is at your discretion.

The truth is that we should express love for each other everyday of the year, but if we need a day to remind us to do so, then lets make our expressions honest and mutual.

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In the story GameKeepers, Charlotte Wehmeyer was misquoted. She stated that, "Many members inside the club hunt, however they hunt on a personal basis not as a member of the California Waterfowl Association."

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How Humboldt State can better support community development

by Raul Gardea

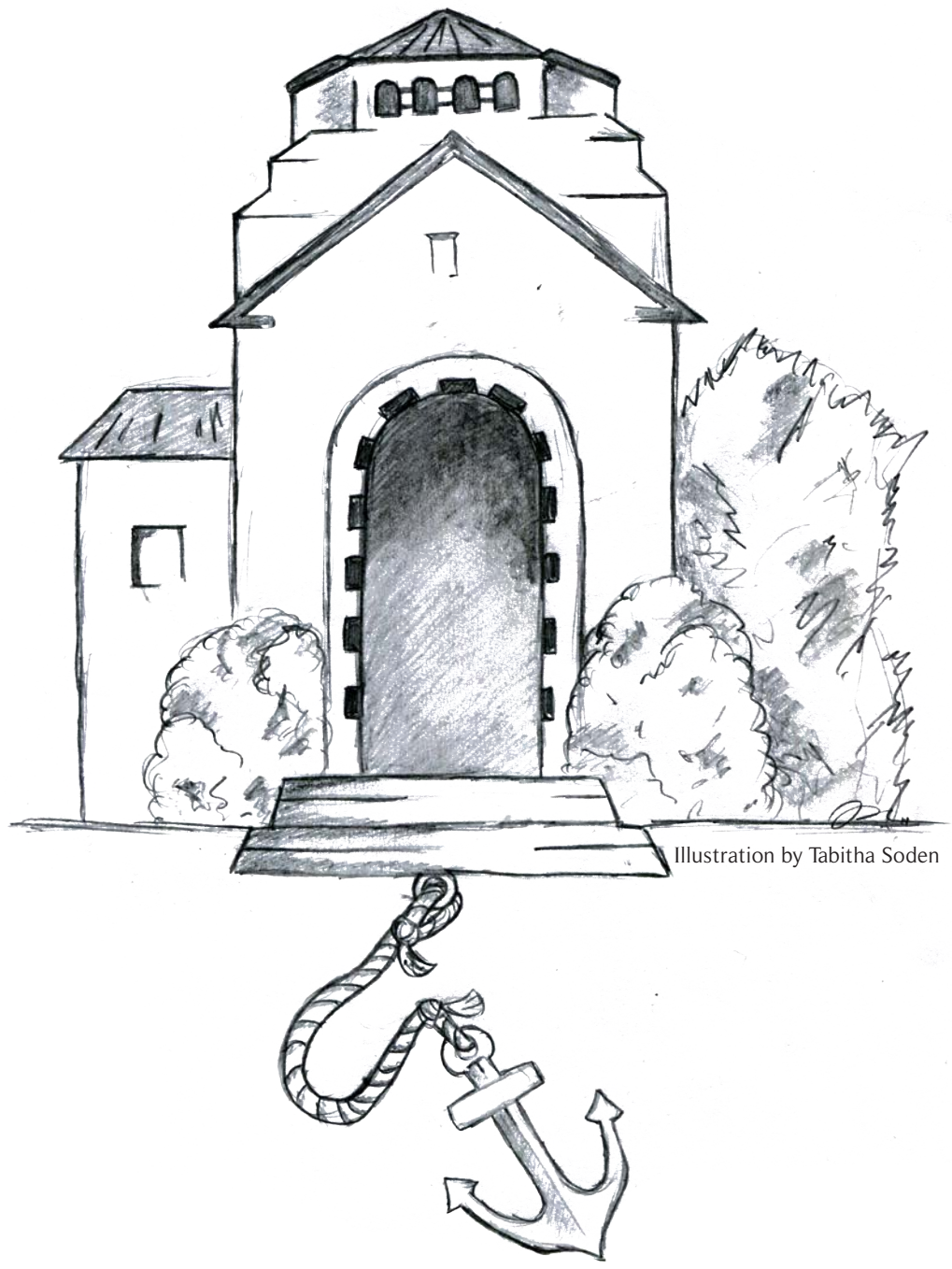
This year at the Roosevelt Institute Campus Network we are undertaking an ambitious project, which seeks to measure the level of community engagement and investment by anchor institutions. Dubbed the Rethinking Communities initiative, this project involves dozens of universities across the country participating in a collaborative effort to gauge the socioeconomic impact of their schools on the communities in which they reside.

First of all, what is an anchor institution? The term refers to entities such as universities, hospitals, faith-based organizations, certain large employers, and others that are "anchored" in their community. Unlike a chain store, for example, that can close up shop and flee, anchor institutions are stable within their locale and can not easily move. They tend to be some of the largest employers in the area and often wield significant economic clout. Because of this, anchor institutions provide a largely untapped resource for capital to fund community-level initiatives and projects.

Many of the problems we face today will not be solved by a gridlocked Congress or a symbolic executive order. We can't afford to wait around for action. We must divert our attention to the local level.

Universities can and should play a significant role in serving the community they reside in. They should seek fair wages and labor practices from its contractors. Sourcing their purchases locally, investing responsibly and transparently, and collaborating with non-profits, local governments and other anchor institutions. In doing so they can devise sustainable and equitable policy solutions to address poverty and homelessness, unemployment, food security, affordable housing, access to quality education, among many others.

The Roosevelt Institute's goals are threefold: First is the analysis phase. We will gather data about regional demographics, college hiring practices and sustainability rankings, procurement methods, our school's operating budget, and examine the investments of the Humboldt State University Advancement Foundation, the curators of the university's small, in comparison than to other universities, $22 million endowment.



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Secondly, we will identify our strengths and weaknesses based on those findings. As we compare our findings with other universities, we hope to find common threads and develop policy proposals around the deficiencies we discover.

Lastly, we will advocate for these policy changes by building partnerships with relevant outside groups to help cultivate an even more socially responsible and mutually beneficial relationship between our school and the community at large. This should be the mission of any anchor institution.

The long-term goal of this nationwide project is to use the data acquired from the various campuses, define key metrics of community engagement, and develop a standards- based rating and certification system, similar to Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) system by the U.S. Green Buildings Council, to rank anchor institutions on the criteria of community engagement and investment.

As a relatively new model of economic development and planning, empirical research on outcomes of university-community partnerships are scant. This is especially true in rural communities. HSU is therefore in a unique position to contribute to this research.

Our school's mission and value statements state that the belief that the "University is an integral part of our local and regional communities" with the goal of of being "exemplary partners with our communities, including tribal nations." As an anchor in the community, HSU must play a major role in helping design the future of our region beyond the borders of the campus. There is little doubt that our school does a great deal for Humboldt County at large. Let's measure it and give credit where credit is due.

We need your help! Join the discussion at Roosevelt Institute meetings every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in Nelson Hall East 120.

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From the natural world to the digital age

How I learned to love technology

by Ryan Nakano

Relationships scare the hell out of me. Sometimes I feel like I'm moving too fast, like I'm rushing things. She tests my patience. I push her buttons, I make it hard for her to process everything all at once. She overheats, stops responding, until eventually she shuts down.

"She" is a 14' Lenovo laptop and we've been in an intimate relationship for at least six years now.

There are those who say we can't escape technology. They say that we will forever be stuck in the digital age. One month ago I might've disagreed. But of all things to change my mind, it came down to a film.

"Her" the recent Oscar nominated movie by Spike Jonze starring Joaquin Phoenix, provided an in depth look at our constantly evolving social, psychological and personal relationship with technology.

Thus I digress, but not before stating my three-part argument in defense of our current technological love affair:

1. We as a society seem to have a love-hate relationship with technology.

2. The hate part of this relationship stems from a lack of initial understanding of the technology itself, a misuse or abuse of said technology, or the technology is flawed in one way or another due to human error.

3. Thus, in retrospect our only relationship with technology is one of love.

Surely this is oversimplified; I will be the first to admit. But let us look past my half-assed attempt of an axiom, and try to understand where our inherent love for technology comes from.

Have you ever noticed how technology always seems to be put in direct contrast with that of the natural world?

For the longest time the striking distinction between technology and nature never sat well with me. It was not until I watched "Her" that I came to understand the reasons for my discontent.

By pitting technology and nature against each other, there is an implied assumption that the two are distinctly different. There is nothing natural about technology, and there is nothing technological about nature. This I am convinced is a false dichotomy. Is technology not a natural occurrence in and of itself?

New technology replaces old technology, continuously adapting to the world around us. Camera's enhance our sense of sight, smartphones increase our awareness of our natural surroundings, social media lends itself to our ability to communicate with other natural beings. Are these not natural reproductions?

Living as a neo-luddite for so long, it's been hard for me to understand this. There are so many negative connotations associated with new technology. There is a fear of these things in the modern-age and the National Security Agency isn't helping. A recent article by The Guardian drives home our worst fears by revealing that surveillance technology now targets our phone applications. We are more paranoid than ever over our man-made inventions, scared that we are losing touch with the natural world.

It is easy to become critical, even cynical with regards to our current technological state. But working against it will in no way strengthen our relationship with the world around us. When our love for technology spawns from our love for nature, the only sensible thing to do is adapt.

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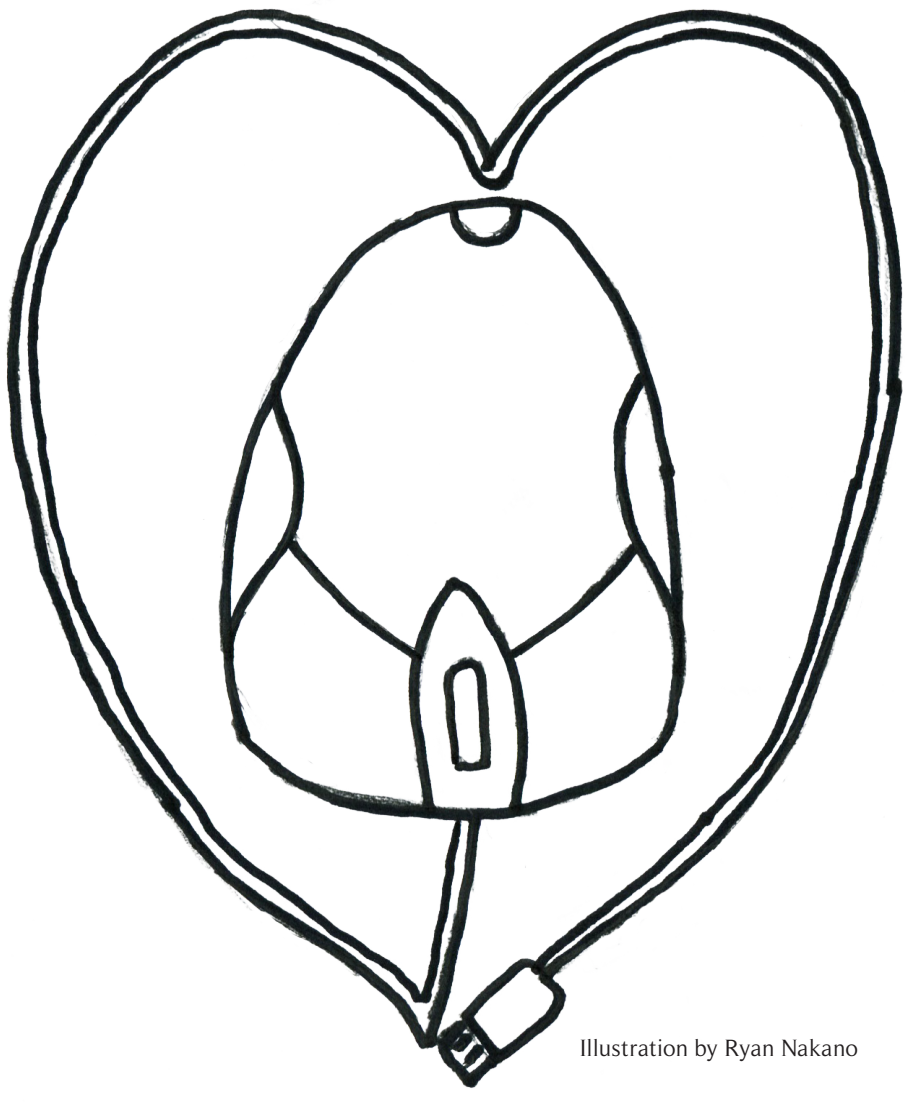

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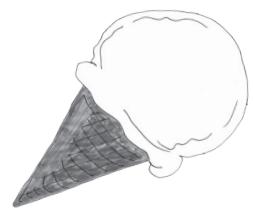

Where's Rollin?

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

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

Last week's winners

Where's Rollin?
No Winner

Where Is This?
Robert Garcia

The Lumberjack Trivia:
Mayra Gonzalez

Trivia Questions

1. How much money does the Powersave competition aim to save?

2. What are the ingredients in a Dick Taylor chocolate bar?

3. What is the women's basketball team's ranking and record?

Winners get a $5 gift certificate from Arcata Scoop. Winners can pick up their prize in our office located in Gist Hall 227.

HUMBOLDTJUMBOLDT

created 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 and proper nouns are allowed.

See thelumberjack.org for answers

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compiled by Ian Bradley

Where is this?

The following photo was taken somewhere on the Humboldt State campus. Do you know where? Email your answer to thejack@humboldt.edu with the subject "ATTN: Where is this?"
Last week's photo was taken behind Bret Hart House.

Weekly Sudoku

Difficulty: easy

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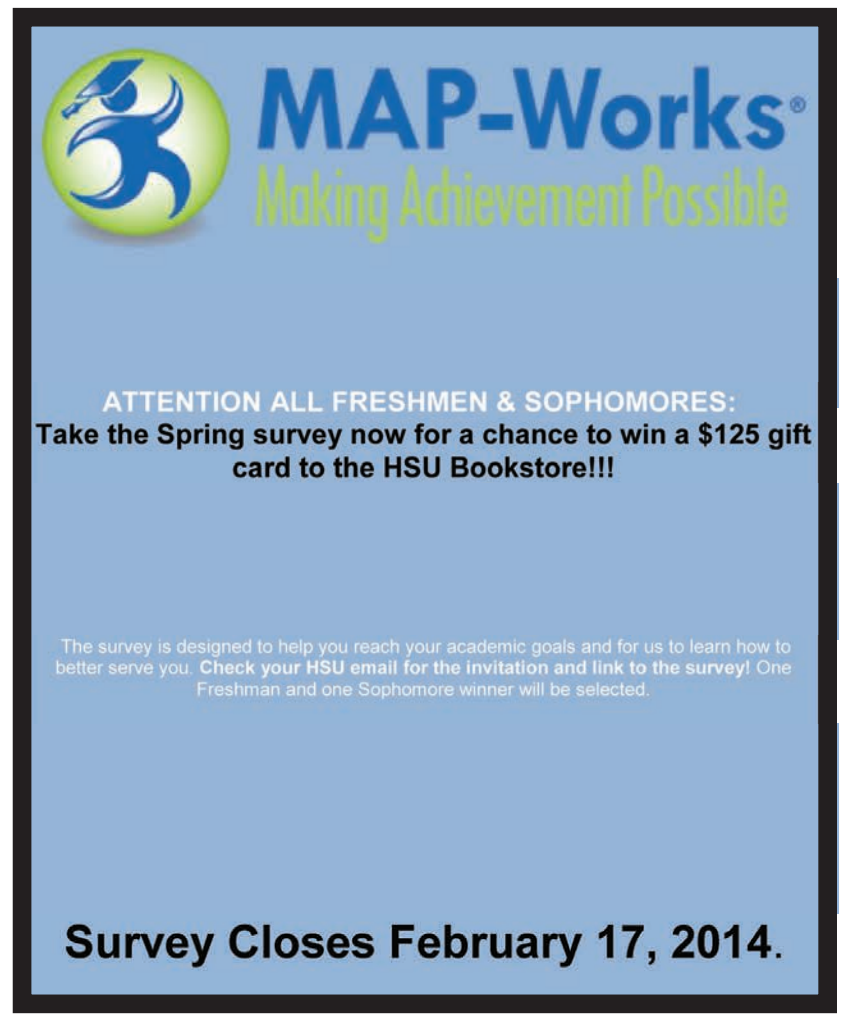

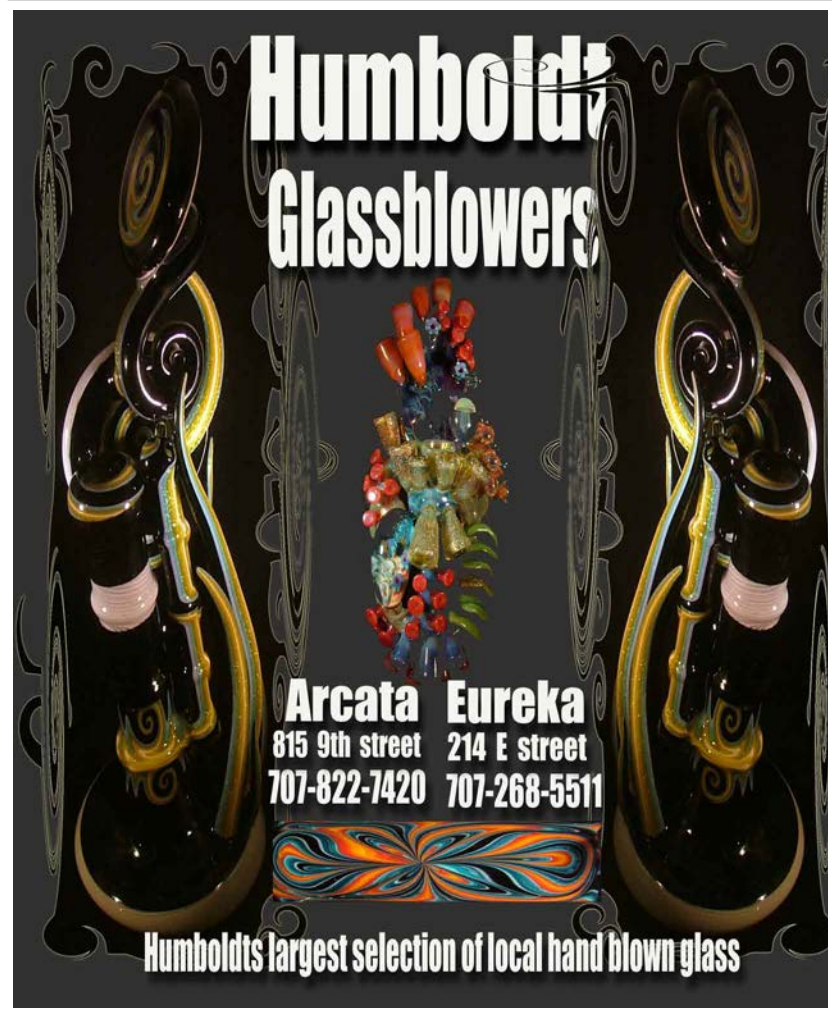

CALENDAR

February 13 - February 14

Thursday, February 13
Making a Twined Basket

Laura Doyle-Wilder presents a program "Making a Twined Basket" at Humboldt Handweavers. The program is open to the public and attendees will learn to weave a small twine basket. Instruction follows a brief general meeting where Doyle-Wilder will explain weaving materials and styles along with harvesting techniques for basketry plants that grow in the wood. All materials and instruction provided free.
Wharfinger Building in Eureka

Thursday, February 13
Speed Dating

This week's age group is 45-55. Have six dates in one hour, pre-registration is required. Registration is $25 and includes drink, ticket and appetizer.
Six Rivers Brewery
$25

Friday, February 14
Blood Gnome at the MGMA

Blood Gnome, an all-girl band, will perform at Morris Graves Museum of Art. The band, self-described as a "Japanese noise porcupine covered in a melted synth popsicle" will be joined by The Comix Trip who will perform live storytelling with musical accompaniment and hand-drawn projected comics.
The Morris Graves Museum of Art in Eureka
$5, all ages
Beer will be available for those 21+ with I.D., sales benefit the museum

Friday, February 14
Salsa Dancing

Salsa at Six will be teaching a sequence of steps that are more intimate in honor of Valentine's Day.
Redwood Raks
$5

Friday, February 14
Valentine's Arts Alive

Enjoy $2 Humboldt Bay oysters, $3 draft pints and $5 champagne. Live music will be performed by Milana Ringo.
T's Cafe in Arcata
5-8 p.m.6:45-8:30 p.m.
Free, but tickets required

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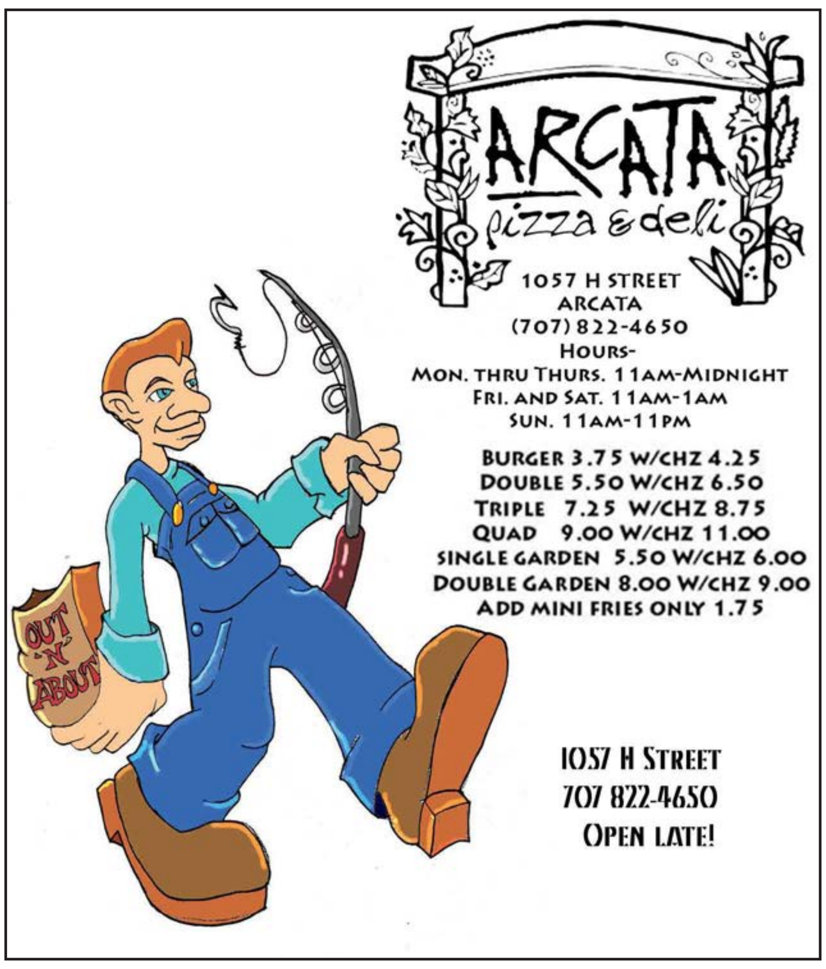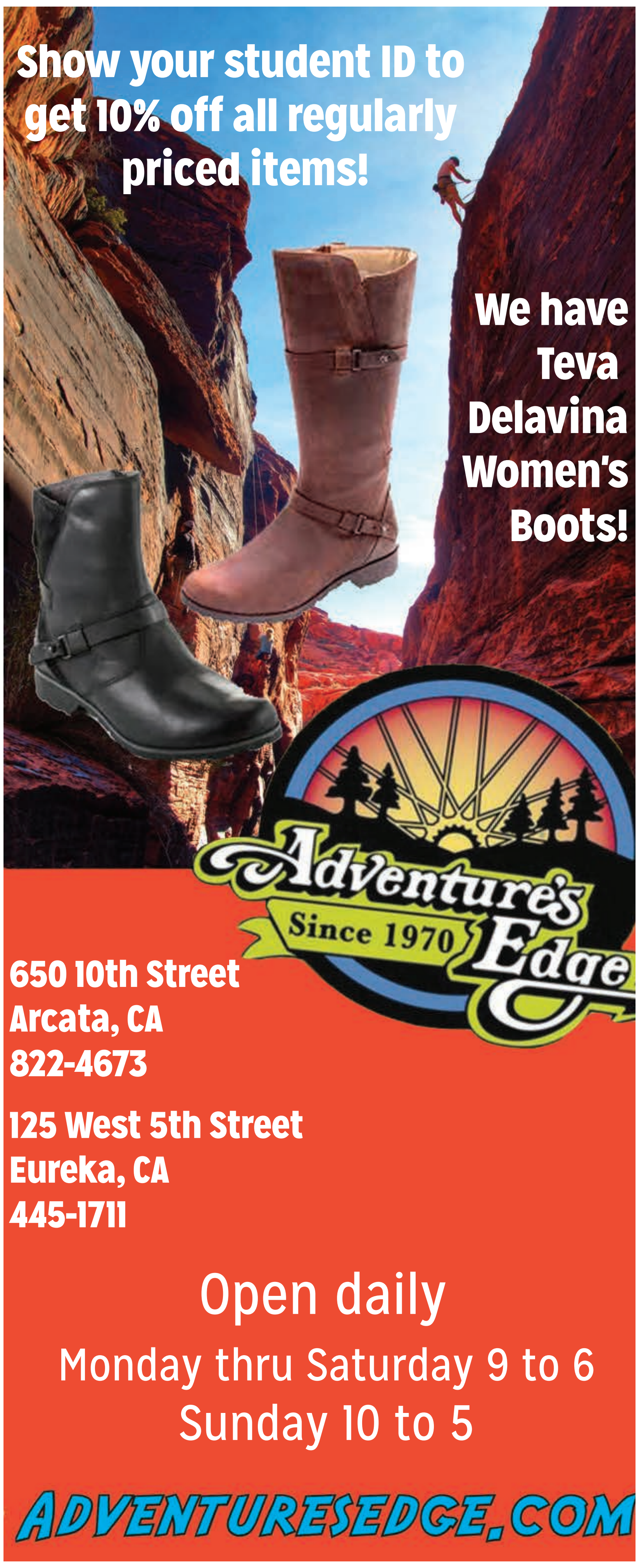
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