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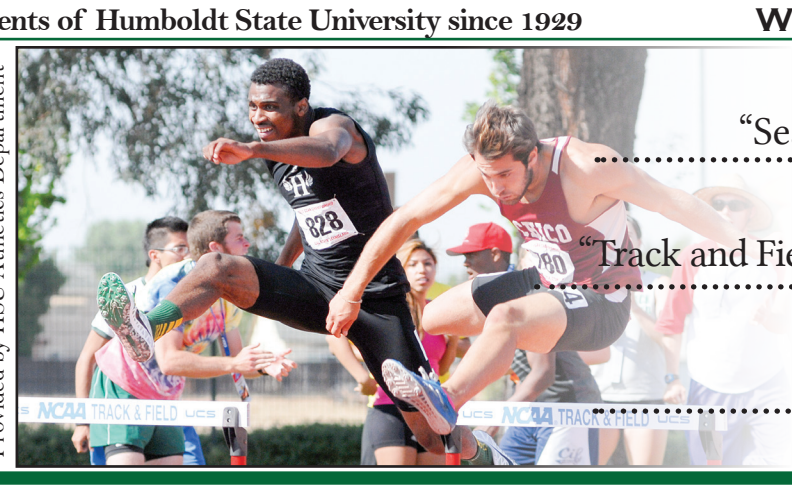

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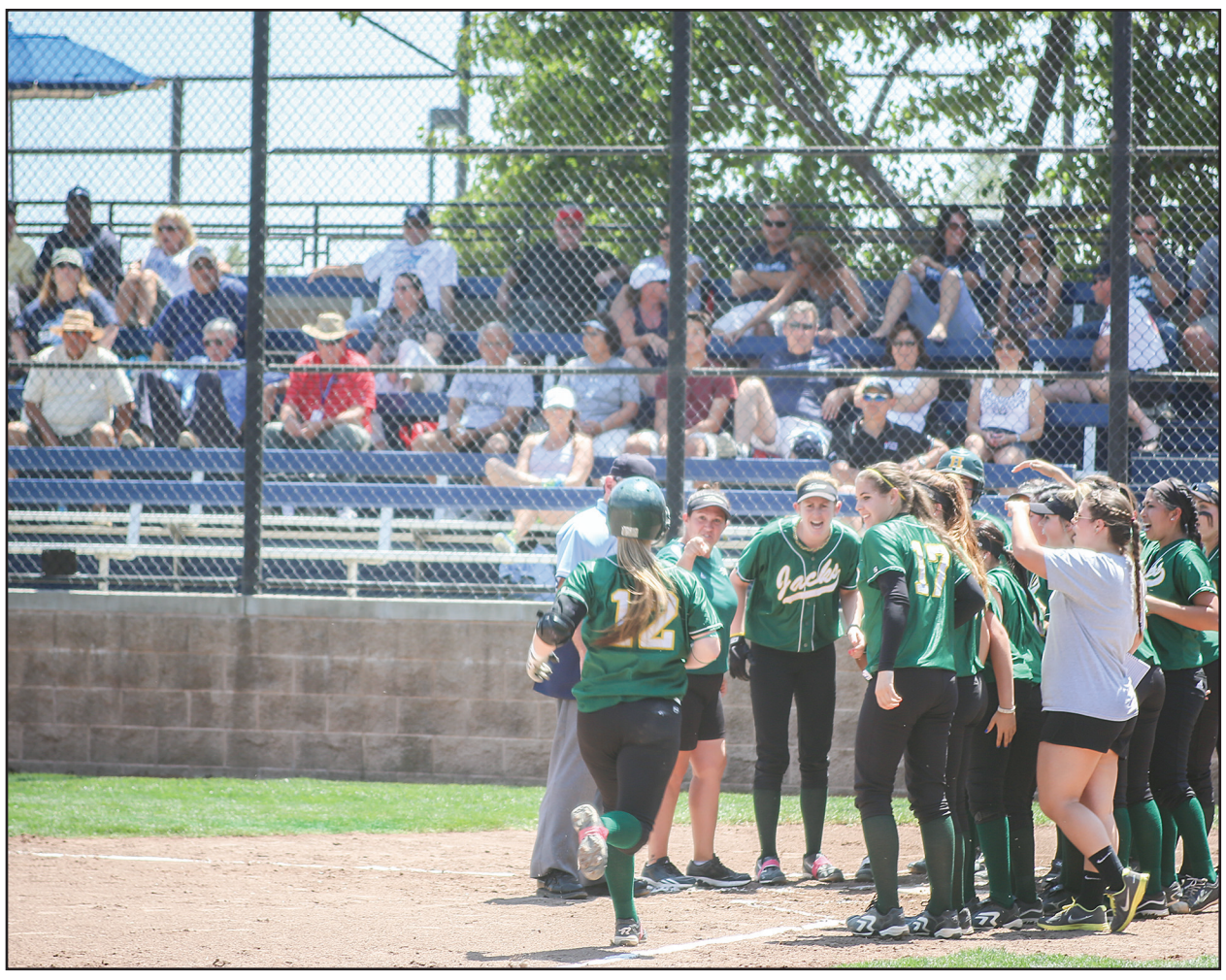

Courtney Hiatt being greeted by her teammates after her home run against Sonoma State. | Provided by the HSU Athletics Department

Softball CCAA Champions

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HSU loses Forestry staff member

Gayleen Smith | Provided by the Humboldt State Forestry Department

by Lisette Saldana

After battling cancer for 18 months, Gayleen Smith, a staff administrator for the forestry department, passed away on April 24.

For students who knew Smith, she was not just a friendly face among the staff in their department; for students like Derek Weatherbee, she was their "forestry mom".

Weatherbee, a wildfire and land management major, said Smith was a valuable member of the department and he was privileged to have known her.

"[You could] talk to her about your problems, whether forestry or personal," Weatherbee said.

Weatherbee met Smith through Socks for Soldiers — a Eureka-based organization that collects and donates items to soldiers overseas.

It was at one of the Socks for Soldiers packing parties that Smith met Weatherbee. He recalls her asking him what he did and what school he attended. When he told Smith he attended HSU and was a forestry major she immediately asked him why she did not know who he was.

It was a running joke that she kept tabs on students in the forestry department.

"I had to come check in with her every morning," Weatherbee said.

See "Forestry mom" on page 3

Student evaluations gone paperless

by Eduardo Barragan

Professors depend on two things every semester: enrollment and student evaluations.

In the past, most of the student body at Humboldt State spent class time filling out bubbles and comment boxes.

Last spring, the California State University faculty union negotiated for student evaluations to be mandatory for every course in every department at all CSUs.

This requirement intensified the workload for every department.

Richard Bruce, the Administrative Support Coordinator said, "Last spring, we scanned over 23,000 evaluations and that doesn't include all the papers that were printed, thrown away and unused."

Every year, faculty in each department would have to organize and distribute evaluations to professors. "Some professors weren't getting their evaluations until September when the semester ended in May," Bruce said of the Spring 2012 semester.

Going paperless allows the evaluation process to function more efficiently. Comments are now legible, do not need to be individually scanned, and they are automatically organized by every course online. Professors can get instant feedback and paper will not be wasted.

Ivan Mueting is a psychology major at HSU.

"I think it's convenient and saves people's time. Students will actually get the class time they pay for, instead of wasting it writing evaluations," Mueting said.

Bruce addressed the issue on students failing to fill out their evaluations."Students will get emails every two days to fill them out. The only way to stop the emails is by submitting evaluations for every class they

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Do you like that course evaluations are now online?

Adam Tricomo

marine biology, freshman

"I don't think they are as effective or reliable. Students see them more as optional now that they are offered to be filled out at their leisure."

Adrian Baez-Alicea

geology, freshman

"I personally love the new change, it doesn't waste class time, allows more privacy, faster delivery times and of course eliminates the use of paper which is great for this purpose."

Olivia Quinn

marine biology, freshman

"No, it's a lot easier and more convenient to do them on paper. I don't like getting bombarded by emails and taking time out of my day to do them."

Compiled and photos by Aaron Selig

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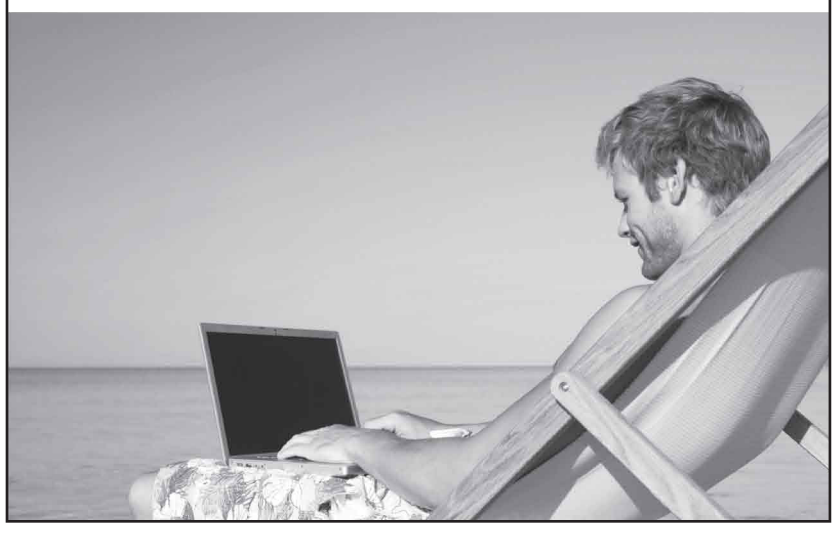


No shirt, no shoes, no printing service

Printing company tries to censor nude photo in Osprey Magazine

by Patrick Evans

Humboldt State's student magazine, the Osprey, says no to prudish censorship.

Oregon printing company Tri-State tried to blur a photo of a nude model in an article for the Osprey's spring issue, "The art of nudity: Learning bodily acceptance through art," written by Samantha Dell and photographed by Jennifer Padilla.

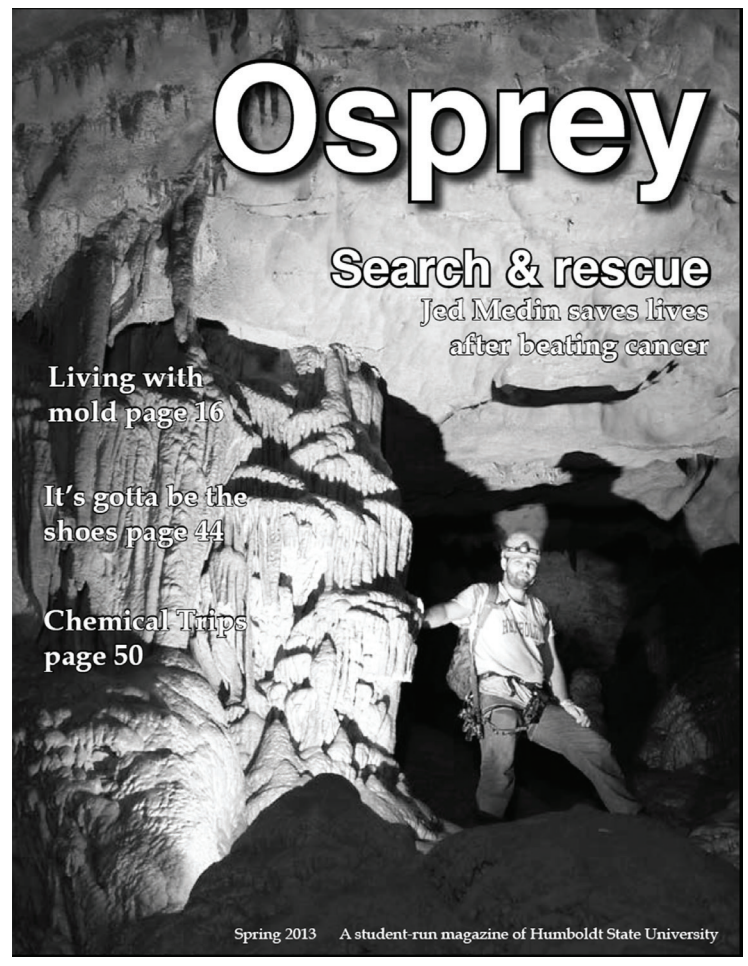
The article includes several picture of models posing for life drawing students at HSU. The image Tri-State Printing altered, shows a woman sitting in pose. Osprey photo editor and senior journalism major Jennifer Padilla said Tri-State Printing sent an email with their version of the photo.

"They blurred her nipples and her pubic hair... it was stupid, the whole story is about nude models, so it didn't make sense," Padilla said.

Osprey Editor-in-Chief Jake Wetzstein said Tri-State Printing made no mention in its contract of a policy against printing nude images.

"It said nothing about editing rights," Wetzstein said. "Legally, if they edit our magazine, they have to become responsible."

The Osprey dropped Tri-State and the spring edition ran with the photo uncensored. Wetzstein said changing printers at the last minute was a minor setback. Wetzstein said the Osprey's new contract with Western Web Incorporated is censorship-free and only costs about $50 more.



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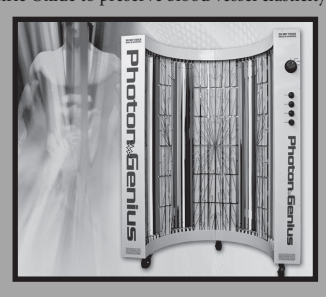

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From the May 1 issue:

Page 1: There was no photo credit for the "AS election results" photos. They were provided by Associated Students.

Page 10: In the "Athlete of the Week New cleats on the block" the story said pitcher Katie Obbema was the pitcher of the year. Twice. She was named pitcher of the week. Twice.

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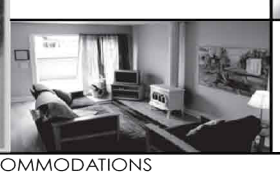
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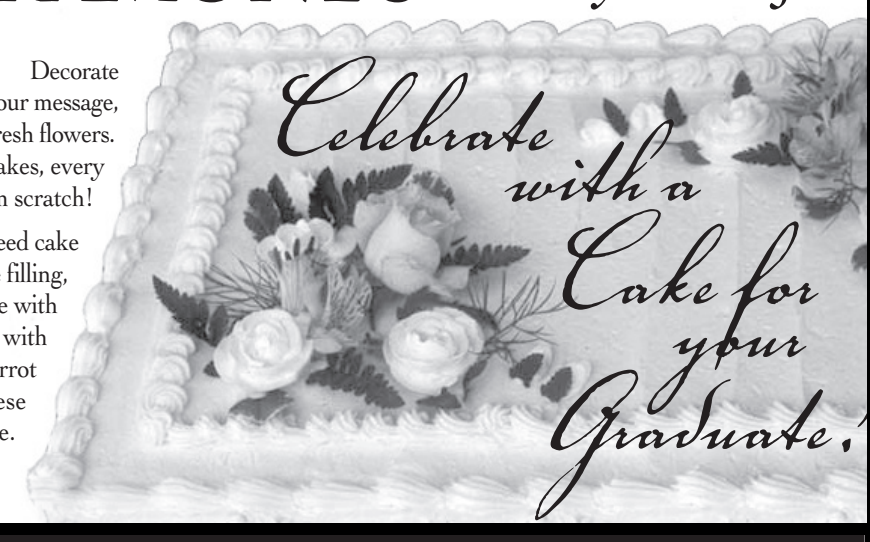

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Convenience over quality

First semester of online evaluations at HSU

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take."

According to Bruce, evaluations have had low quality and low numbers when they were on paper. Even though they are online, it might not change.

Ashante Lowe is a junior majoring in forestry major. "The evaluations don't matter. I would never do them before but I kept getting emails this time around so I did them as fast as possible." Lowe said. "It's really a popularity contest. I took a class and I didn't like the professor so I gave them a bad review. But my friend really liked the class so he gave them a good review. It doesn't mean I didn't learn anything, I just didn't like the professor," she said.

When evaluating professors, some students believe that they either love a class or they hate it. Because of this polarity, students in the middle do not express any interest in filling out an evaluation. There is a chance where there is one negative evaluation submitted and the rest of the class decides not to submit any. In this situation, it cannot represent the overall performance of a professor whether the evaluations are positive or negative.

Bruce recognizes this issue and believes that the success or the failure of evaluations cannot be measured whether they are on paper or online

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Alumni Relations expands role at HSU

Illustration by Aizik Brown

by Kevin Forestier

Humboldt State's University Advancement plans to restructure the Alumni Relations program at HSU, increasing its outreach to more than just HSU graduates. Despite plans to increase the role of Alumni Relations at HSU, University Advancement eliminated four student jobs this semester.

HSU's Alumni Relations is the department responsible for keeping contact between the campus and HSU students who graduated. Alumni Relations Program Coordinator Christy Khattab said Alumni Relations is an important link between former students and HSU. In most cases, they are the first department former students contact to get back in touch with HSU after graduating.

Khattab said there are plans to expand the role of Alumni Relations at HSU, including a greater outreach beyond just former students. "We want to include more constituents," Khattab said, "including parents and current students." Khattab also said they want to communicate with students at a much earlier stage, going far beyond just offering alumni membership upon graduation.

Khattab said that because of this new, more active role at HSU, Alumni Relations plans to increase their staff.

But for some, these ambitious plans did not translate into more jobs. According to HSU student Molly Daly, at least four student jobs in University Advancement disappeared this year, including her own.

Daly started working as one of Khattab's assistants in Alumni Relations last November. Most of her work involved updating student information of HSU alumni, doing most of her work on the computer.

Daly said University Advancement started eliminating jobs as early as last January, when Director of Alumni Relations Dean Hart was laid off. "It was a shock to me," Daly said, "they told me at 5 in the morning that my boss was let go."

A few weeks later, Daly was told she no longer had a job. "There was no heads-up, I came into work and was told my job was gone."

But Craig Wruck, the vice president of alumni relations, said that the elimination of these jobs is not a result of restructuring Alumni Relations, and are isolated events. Wruck said that during the school semester, University Advancement has anywhere from 30 to 36 jobs — mostly telemarketing jobs — and that there are no plans to reduce the role of student jobs.

"University Advancement is employing as many students as they ever have," Wruck said.

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News

AS run-off election complicates voting process

Students forced to vote twice for their candidate

by Lashay Wesley

Humboldt State students cast their ballots twice in this year's Associated Students elections.

The Associated Students Constitution states that if executive officers do not receive a majority of the vote, then a run-off election must be held, and that is exactly what happened May 1 and May 2.

With seven students campaigning for the AS President Elections Commissioner Kaitlin Carney said a run-off is the only way to fairly get a winner when seven other students are running. "It is confusing, but that's just the way it's written into the code."

Jennie Rose Saunders was an Administrative Vice President candidate.

The environmental policy major was seven votes away from the leading candidate in the first election. She said it confused a lot of her supporters when she told them they had to vote again.

"I think most would agree the run-off was kind of a waste of time," Saunders said.

Juan Diaz-Infante was running against Saunders and said he did not have enough time to campaign after the first elections because he was too busy catching up on classes.

"I didn't schedule my semester for that," Diaz-Infante said.

Jennifer Alejo, who lost in the presidential run-off elections, said she did not get to campaign very much either time.

"Damn, this took too much time," Alejo said, "We're all really busy, like any student."

Jacob Bloom, who eventually won the Associated Students Presidency, said the run-off elections really put him behind in school and work. He also said that the run-off elections give candidates who did not campaign before an advantage.

"Normally [in elections] you don't get a second chance," said says Bloom said.

It was hard to motivate people to vote a second time, said Bloom said. He believes that winning the elections comes down to your main support base and friends.

In the first elections cycle, 17 percent of students cast their ballot for a total of nine positions. In the run-off, 7 percent of the student body voted for three positions: President, Administrative Vice President and Student Affairs Vice President.

"How does that represent the student voice?" Bloom said.

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HSU loses Forestry staff member

Gayleen Smith dies at 63

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Coordinator and founder of Socks for Soldiers, Paulette Gilliam, said even though Smith was ill, she would still show up for packing parties. In total, Smith helped the organization pack nearly 30,000 packages for soldiers.

Both Gilliam and Smith have sons and relatives that have been deployed, that is what brought them together to send packages to soldiers.

"She was a worried military mom, just like I was. The best thing to do is keep busy when your kids are deployed," Gilliam said. "I certainly will miss her this year."

Smith kept her illness private. Students, faculty and staff in the forestry building knew of her battle with cancer but Smith did not disclose details of what type of cancer and the severity of her condition.

Smith took a few weeks off each time she received treatment from the University of California San Francisco.

While Smith received treatment, Sarah Hanna, a graduate from the masters program in rangeland resources at HSU, filled in for her.

Smith was the first person that Hanna met when she entered the natural resources department.

"She helped me with anything and everything," Hanna said.

Hanna said Smith was always there to lend an ear and advice, as well as help with forms and school problems she had. Hanna is acting as the Administrative Support Coordinator until the department can find someone permanent.

Faculty and students came together on April 19 to take a picture to send Smith while she was out for treatment. Hanna remembered showing up at the forestry building and not expecting many students. She was surprised to see that the entire forestry lobby was filled with students wanting to take part in the picture.

The photo was taken at the events field because there were too many students and faculty to take the picture in front of the forestry department.

Stockroom Manager for the forestry department, George Pease, put together a poster with pictures of Smith and a biography of her life. It hangs outside the forestry department office. Pease remembers Smith being a positive person even while she struggled with her illness.

A memorial will be held on June 22 at Azalea Hall in McKinleyville at 1 p.m. Community members, students, faculty and staff are welcomed to attend. like Derek Weatherbee she was their "Forestry Mom".

Weatherbee, a wildfire and land management major, said she was a valuable member of the department and he was privileged to have known her.

"[You could] talk to her about your problems whether forestry or personal," Weatherbee said.

Weatherbee met Smith at Socks for Soldiers, — a Eureka-based organization that collects and donates items to soldiers overseas.

It was at one of the packing parties for Sock for Soldiers that Smith met Weatherbee. He recalls her asking him what he did and what school he attended. When he told her he was forestry major she immediately asked him why she didn't know who he was.

The two developed a joking relationship. It was a running joke that she kept tabs on students in the forestry department.

"I had to come check in with her every morning," Weatherbee said.

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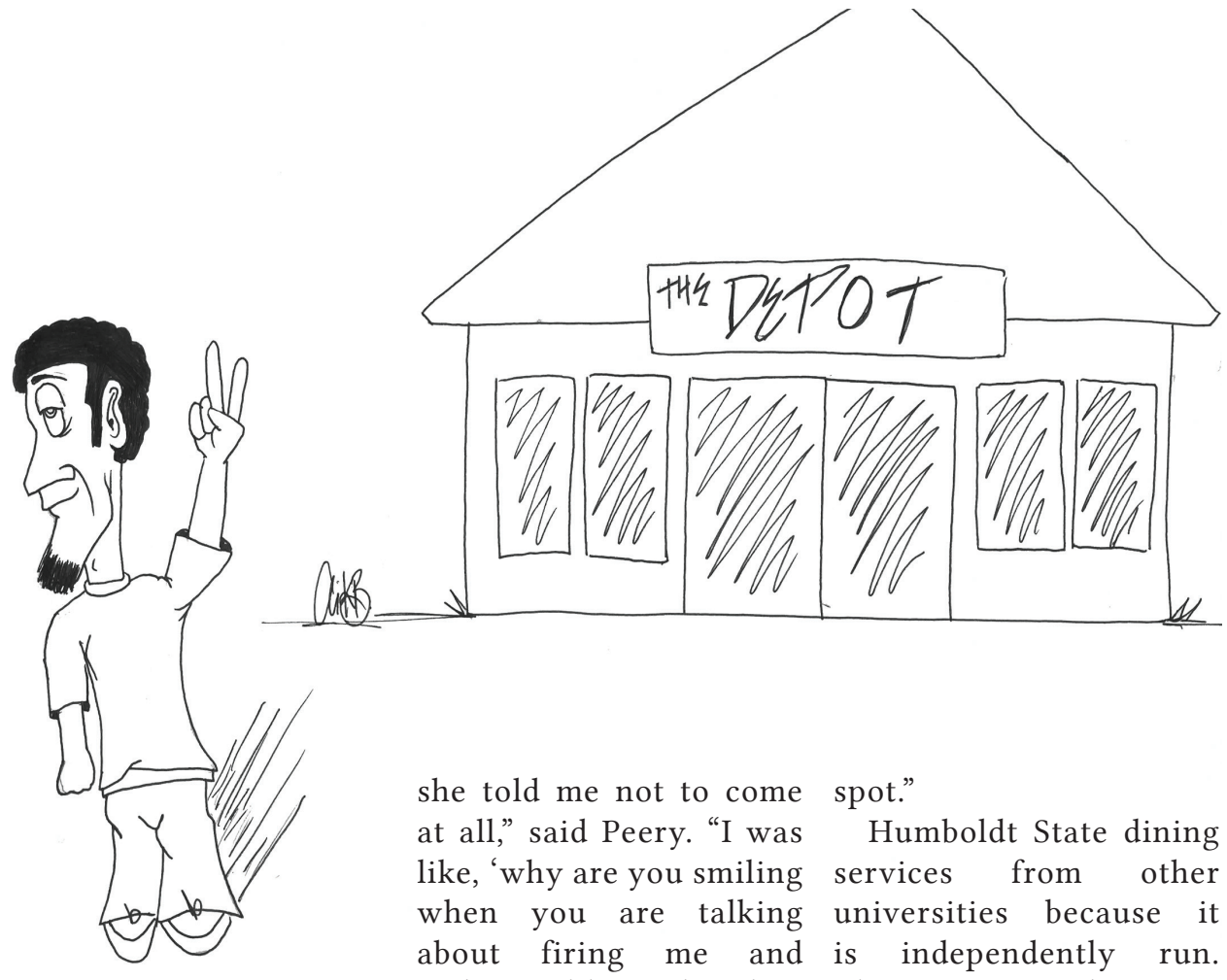

by Lizzie Mitchell

Bad bosses and difficult shifts keep pushing students to leave their jobs at the Depot.

Tex DiBiase, a 19-year-old religious studies major and former Depot employee, quit last week.

"I know a lot of other people have told me about problems they have," said DiBiase. "Three people quit the same day that I quit. A lot of people put in their notice. I just stopped showing up."

DiBiase's former colleague and roommate, 22-year-old kinesiology major Jojo Peery also quit after getting in an altercation with his boss on April 26. His boss told him to leave and come back the following Monday.

"I showed up on Monday and [my boss] was all smiling and said she told me not to come at all," said Peery. "I was like, 'why are you smiling when you are talking about firing me and making it like a joke when it's really not funny?' I got my last check that same day."

Both Peery and DiBiase both said they did not want to work there anymore and knew that other student employees also quit.

"It wasn't good management because the boss wasn't professional," said Peery. "You don't play with my job or take it as a joke. That's the main reason I didn't really care about working there."

Former Dining Manager of The Depot, Eddie Aguilar, quit in January and plans to continue his career at Washington State University. He managed The Depot since 1999 and said he is ready to move on to a new place.

"I just needed to get some different experience under my belt," said Aguilar. "Fourteen years is a long time to be in one spot."

Humboldt State dining services from other universities because it is independently run. The Depot workers are not state employees and are not part of a larger management company.

About 10 employees work during one shift at the Depot, and Peery said the shift schedule was really random and inconvenient.

"I had the weirdest shifts," said Peery. "They were all over the place. I had like two or three shifts in one day. I would have to go to work then leave and then come back. It was pretty stupid."

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There's a new lieutenant in town

A new addition at the University Police Department

by J. Daniel Fernandez

Lt. William Honsal standing by his police cruiser | Photo by Sebastian Hedberg

From the 2012-2013 HSU Budget

University Police Operating Fund: $2,286,209

Staff salary	$1,139,265
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Lt. Honsal pay is between $7-8,000 a month ($84,000 - 96,000), plus benefits.

For William Honsal, April 15 was more than tax day, it was the first day of a new job and a homecoming of sorts.

At 39, the new lieutenant of Humboldt State's University Police Department has lived most of his life in Humboldt County and was part of the HSU family when he served as sergeant of the University Police Department from 2004 – 2007.

Born in Humboldt County, Honsal graduated from Eureka High School in 1991. He completed his training at the College of the Redwoods police academy in 1995 and spent 18 months as a new officer in Madera, Calif., followed by eight years in Sunnyvale, Calif.

In 2007, Honsal left HSU and joined the Humboldt County District Attorney's office as an investigator where he was part of the Child Abuse Services Team.

"It opened my eyes to problems with child abuse in the county," the father of two said. "It was very challenging and took its toll."

His father, Bill Honsal, served in the Eureka Police Department for 30 years and retired in 2000 as a sergeant.

Lt. Honsal was one of two candidates nominated by a search committee, whose members were asked not to speak to the public due to confidentiality concerns. The selection process took place in January and interviews were held in early February.

UPD Chief Lynne Soderberg explained that the process of hiring a new lieutenant takes at least a month. Several days are needed to interview each candidate and once a selection is made, an investigator is sent to do a background check and speak with character witnesses. Meanwhile, the candidate is subject to a polygraph test, psychiatric evaluation and medical examination. "This is standard for all of our officers," said Soderberg.

During the search for a new lieutenant, The Lumberjack was invited to two semi-public committee meetings where select members of the campus community were allowed to ask questions and meet the candidates.

Soderberg decided to make attendance to the meetings available only through committee member invitations — and even then, the public was limited to just one meeting with each of the two candidates.

The meetings were held in room 106 of Nelson Hall East, and the day's scheduled event read "open forum." There were fewer than 25 people in the room. These included representatives from Parking, Housing, University Police, community members and search committee representatives. Also in attendance was Francesca McDonald, the one lone student representative (besides the Lumberjack reporter) not representing Housing or Parking.

"I was recommended by [student representative on the University Center Board] Jacob Bloom," McDonald said. Bloom pushed for more public input, especially from the people who are to be policed: the students. Bloom also informed and invited The Lumberjack to the forum.

McDonald believes there are pros and cons to public and private forums, but regardless of the format, she thinks students should play a larger role in the process right from the start.

"As a representative, I don't want to base my decision on meeting someone just once," she said.

Six years ago, Chief Soderberg went through a different process. An open forum was held for anyone who was interested," she said. "The Goodwin Forum was packed and it became daunting for the candidates. It was so packed that I don't think it necessarily allowed for everyone to participate."

A packed Goodwin Forum may show that students want to be involved in choosing who is hired to police them; however, Soderberg says that open forums are not ideal, whereas a controlled setting allows similar questions to be asked of the candidates in order to compare and contrast their answers. "An open forum doesn't allow for that," she said.

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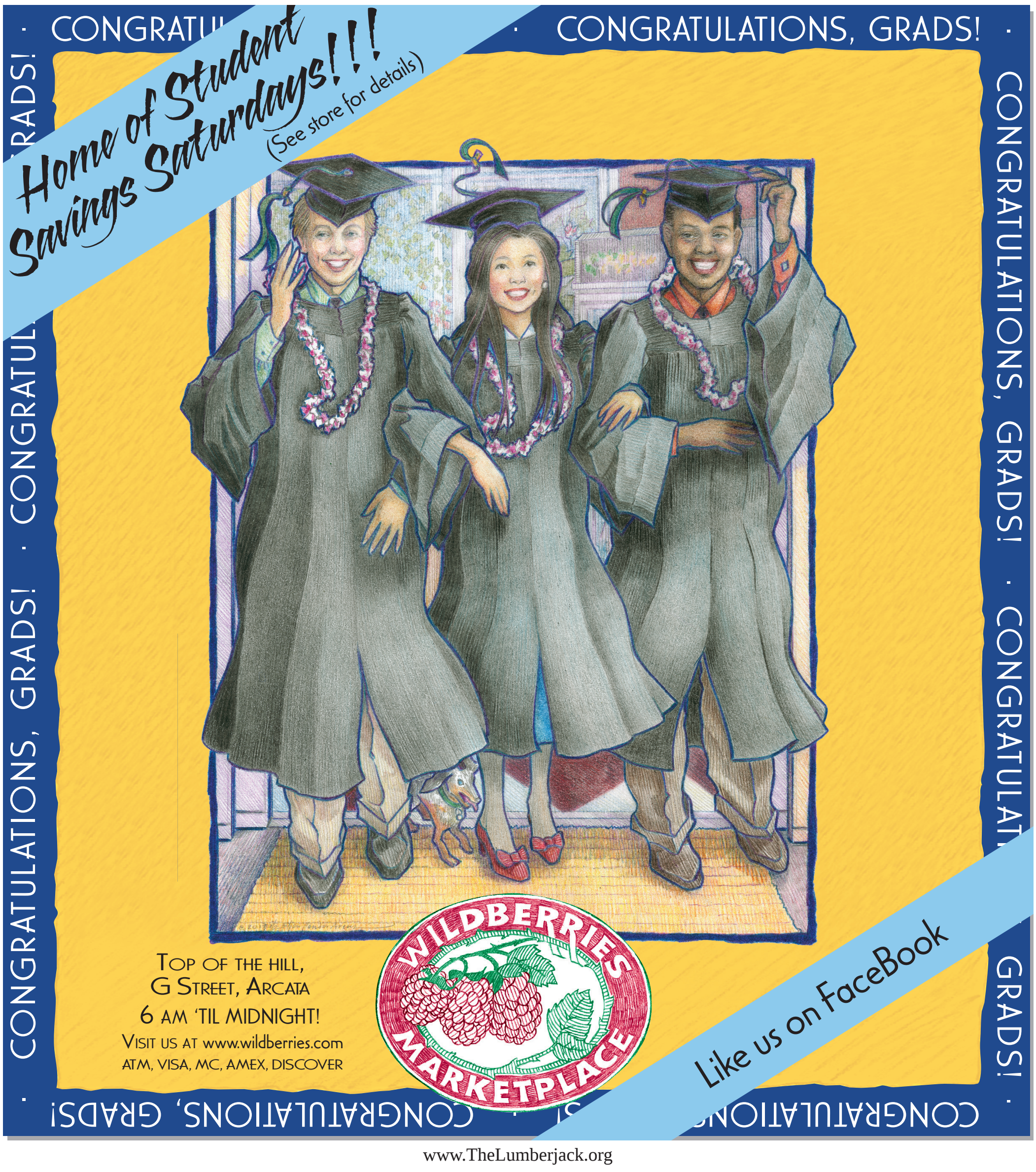

Life & Arts

Bigfoot breaks through the

Bigfoot graphic provided by Derek J. Rudy, PR manager for Personal Publicy

by Ryan Nakano

Citizens of Humboldt County beware: In less than one month, Bigfoot will appear ... on the big screen.

The Arcata Theatre Lounge will host the West Ccoast premiere of Bobcat Goldthwait's docu-horror film "Willow Creek" on May 31.

After the 8 p.m. "believers' screening" of "Willow Creek," stand-up comedian and acclaimed movie director Goldthwait will open the floor up to a Q-and-A about the film.

As a child, Goldthwait became obsessed with the famous 1967 Patterson-Gimlin film, a short motion picture that captured an unidentified figure on the Klamath River, purported to be "the Bigfoot".

Now 50 years old, Goldthwaite still believes in the mysterious Bigfoot and has turned his childhood obsession into a suspenseful horror film.

And though the film is riddled with facts and actual accounts of Bigfoot sightings, Goldthwait's "found-footage" horror film intends to terrify.

"If you can scare people, people tend to open up their minds that it could actually exist," Goldthwait said. "That's why I decided to make a horror."

"Willow Creek" takes a realistic approach to a subject that Hollywood often portrays as corny and satirical. For Goldthwait, the film is "more than just a guy in a fur suit running around."

The film follows Jim Johnson, a bigfoot enthusiast and amatuer filmmaker, and his non-believer girlfriend Kelly Gilmore. In true documentary style, Jim sets out with Kelly to interview locals surrounding the area near Willow Creek where the Patterson-Gimlin film took place. But the farther Jim and Kelly venture to find Bigfoot, the more terrifying things get.

Last year, Goldthwait drove through and visited every bigfoot hot spot in California until he found himself in Willow Creek.

"When I came upon Willow

POW! Free comic books Break the bank

COMIC BOOK DAY

by Dennis Lara-Mejia

It's a bird. It's a plane. It's… Free Comic Book Day.

Free Comic Book Day happens every year on the first Saturday of May. The event first started back in 2002 as a way to draw customers in by giving away the first eight to 10 pages of new comic books by Marvel, DC and other comic book publishers.

This year, local comic book store North Coast Roleplaying participated in the event for the eighth year in a row.

"[From the comics given away], shoppers get a taste of a particular series," said Barry Osser, owner of North Coast Roleplaying. "That way they'd be back to pick up the rest of the series here in store."

Humboldt County's comic book fans nabbed up to 52 different comic books that included titles such as Superman, The Walking Dead and Archie on May 4. But the free comic books people carried home came with a hidden price. Each comic book costs 45 cents out of Osser's own pocket to be shipped to Eureka.

"Shipping is kinda pricey since we're out in the middle of nowhere," Osser said.

In addition to this cost, Osser must pay manufacturers' and distributors' fees. "After all the costs I end up paying $1.50 for each book," Osser said.

Osser decided to change the way he handed out comic books this year because of how expensive the event became.

"In previous years, I would lay all the comics out for people to grab whichever ones they wanted," Osser said. "But lots of people would walk in grab as many comics as they could carry, and all the comics would be gone by noon."

Now customers like Liberty Williams have to walk up to the register and ask Osser for the comic books.

Williams shops at North Coast Roleplaying for comic books regularly.

"I like comics because they are the perfect mix of art and story," Williams said. "With books you get all the text and none of the pictures … with comics you get just enough of both and it leaves something for you to fill with your imagination."

Each Free Comic Book Day, Osser gives his customers an incentive to shop while they are in the store. This year he cut the prices on all hardcover books by 50 percent.

"Comics used to cost 33 cents an issue when I was young," Osser said. "Some kids come in here to buy a single book at a time — I never remember just buying one."

While Osser tries to find ways to compensate for inflation he feels like some publishers are trying to put him out of business.

"Marvel has a record of short-printing comic books," Osser said. "I place my orders three months in advance. When I receive the shipment, I find that some comics are damaged and some might even be missing when I go to place another order on these, Marvel comes back and tells me they are out of print."

The issues go out of print because the distributor ordered fewer comics to be printed than they originally announced.

"This happens especially with the first, second and third comic books in a series," Osser said. "By that time, you can expect publishers to be working on a tradeback that'll have issues one to five in them — so they're not interested in reprinting the singles."

Osser said that most of his customers come in looking to buy single comic books rather than tradebacks. Osser said that since Borders bookstore closed down at the Bayshore Mall, North Coast Roleplaying started getting the crowd that bought tradebacks there.

Trevor Reece, a regular customer at North Coast Roleplaying, prefers single issue comic books.

"I like keeping up with the Saga comic books," Reece said. "I don't want to wait five to six months for them all to come together — even though it might be cheaper. I like reading them as they come."

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Left: North Coast Roleplaying owner Barry Osser.
Right: Some of the comics available in Osser's store. | Photos by Eduardo Barragan

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big screen

Creek, I decided to pull the trigger," Goldthwait said. "It only made sense to film the movie there because of the significance of the Patterson-Gimlin film, not to mention the fact that Willow Creek is the mecca for bigfoot sightings."

"Willow Creek" aired at the Boston Independent Film Festival on April 29, and since then has received great interest that Goldthwait calls "Sasquatch-itis".

"Last year people were into zombies. I guess this is the year for Bigfoot," Goldthwaite said.

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DESPERATELY SEEKING SASQUATCH

by Ryan Nakano

While students search for some way to salvage their grades this week, Dr. Jeff Meldrum seeks to solve a different mystery: the whereabouts of Sasquatch.

Meldrum, a professor of anatomy and anthropology from Idaho State University, believes in Bigfoot. So much so, he decided to write the "Sasquatch field guide".

Meldrum's six-fold pamphlet helps identify the mysterious furry giant known as Sasquatch. The guide covers everything from sasquatch footprints to the whoops, wails and screams of the "Wildman of the Woods".

Bigfoot enthusiasts will also learn how to cast, or preserve tracks supposedly left behind by such a creature.

Growing up in the city of Spokane, Wash., Meldrum first became intrigued by the mystery of bigfoot at a young age. After Roger Patterson, bigfoot researcher and enthusiast, came through Spokane with footage of a female sasquatch sighting in the Six Rivers National Forest, 11-year-old Meldrum knew he must find the missing link for himself.

In 1996, a series of more than 35 15-inch footprints in the muddy forest of Walla Walla, Wash. made a lasting impression on both Meldrum's personal beliefs and future career path.

"When I saw them I was flabbergasted. I was warned the prints were a hoax but I noticed the details and the anatomy and movements of the foot were indicative of real feet," Meldrum said. "I thought, 'gosh, a sasquatch walked right by here.'"

Meldrum said he wrote the field guide as more of an educational tool than anything else.

"When it comes down to it, it's just a good way to get people outside and observing nature," Meldrum said. "If I can accomplish that, that's great. If it leads to actual evidence of Bigfoot, even better."

With more than 200 footprint casts in his lab Meldrum holds trails of evidence soon to be available online at the Idaho Museum of Natural History website.

Still, Meldrum admits, he has never seen Bigfoot.

"I've been really close. One night when we were out, it was not only dark, but there was a thick fog which limited our visibility. Needless to say, we heard vocalization; a sort of yelling and 'tooth popping,' and heard ruffling near our backpacks," Meldrum said. "When we woke up, we found 16-inch tracks near our campsite."

But if Sasquatch is as real as Meldrum believes, how exactly did it come to be?

Meldrum offers two opposing explanations.

"Either the Sasquatch is mostly ape-like and evolved from the gigantopithecus, a genus of ape species now extinct for over 2000 years," Meldrum said. "Or, the Sasquatch is more human-like, and survives as an early offshoot of the hominid."

Regardless of its origin, Meldrum's lasting interest in the Sasquatch comes from the possibility of another existing bipedal, or two-footed, primate.

"As a student of human evolution, it fascinates me to know that if the sasquatch derived from gigantopithecus, then its species evolved bipedalism both independently and convergently," Meldrum said. "But if the sasquatch was an early hominid, then it was already bipedal."

But with so many unanswered questions, the search continues for the Sasquatch, and the latest investigation will soon take to the sky.

Recently approved and funded by Idaho State University, the "Falcon Project" aims to launch a helium-filled dirigible, or airship, 2000 feet in the air to peer down into forest canopies and take clear photographs of possible sasquatch activity.

Meldrum hopes the project will finally allow researchers to come close enough to stick a biopsy dart or tracking device into one sasquatch to solve the mystery of Bigfoot.

And even as skeptics doubt the credibility of his work, Meldrum looks to none other than Charles Darwin for reassurance.

Mounted just above the doorway of Meldrum's office is the following quote:

"Ignorance more frequently begets confidence than does knowledge: it is those who know little, and not those who know much, who so positively assert that this or that problem will never be solved by science." - Charles Darwin.

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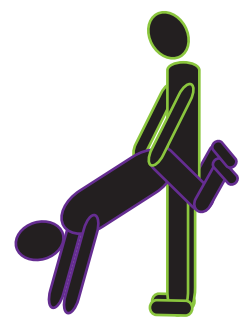
THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY

Finals are next week at Humboldt State, and most students are itching for summer. To help spice up everyone's summer in-between work hours or during down time, I've created a to-do list for you to check off that will make you hot and sweaty: "The top six WASPs" — Wild Abandon Sex Positions.

WASPs are sex positions with high physicality and endurance. These positions will help you and your partner reach ultimate orgasms in a more challenging and visually stimulating way. WASPs can be performed with same-sex partners as well, in some cases with sex toys or dildos. What better way to end a work day during summer than to come home and take your partner by surprise and lay them down on a countertop or washing machine?

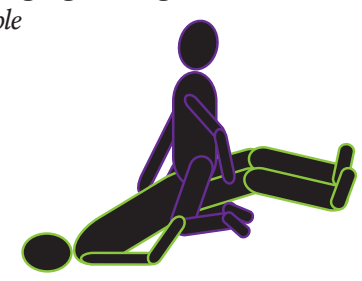
Caution! You may need to stretch and warm-up before you attempt these positions. You don't want to be the person who got sent to the emergency room for a failed attempt at an extreme sex position.

** "Person A" is highlighted in green and "Person B" is highlighted in purple*



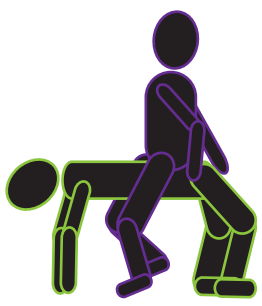
Froggy-Style Wheelbarrow

This move looks exactly like what it sounds like — a frog in a doggy-style wheelbarrow race position. Person B kneels down on hands and knees in traditional doggy-style and Person A kneels on the floor behind Person B and in between the partner's legs. Person A slides the penis or dildo into Person B and grabs around their waist, slowly stands up and pulls Person B's legs up off the ground and begins to thrust.



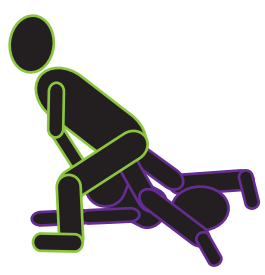
The Waterfall

Although this move doesn't actually involve water, it's a new way to use the traditional mattress. Person A lies on their back on the edge of the bed so head and shoulders are on the ground. Person B then straddles Person A faced toward partner and is in total thrust control.



The Bridge

This position might break your partner's back, but you'll both reach an epic orgasm. Person A (in green) goes into a bridge position (it helps to be strong and super flexible), Person B straddles Person A while in the bridge position and slides the penis or strap-on dildo into them. Person B takes all the weight onto their feet and moves up and down while on top of Person A. Don't stay in the position too long! You don't want the person in the bridge position to let too much blood rush to their head and pass out.



Front Row Seat

In this move, Person B basically becomes a backward and upside down human chair. Person B lies back and lifts legs in an overhead position. Once Person B is stable, Person A squats on top of Person B and slides their penis or dildo into the bottom partner while faced in the opposite direction. The person squatting can control their orgasm by leaning back on the bottom partner's butt or by leaning forward toward the floor.

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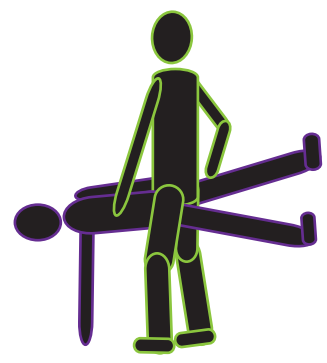
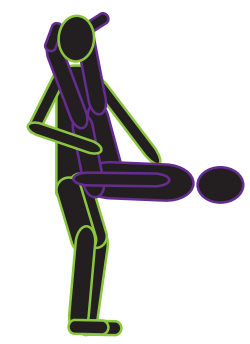


Suspended Scissors

It's a good thing there are a lot of rock climbers in Humboldt County, This position requires some hardcore arm strength in the bottom partner. Person B lies on side with only legs, hips and ankles on the bed and props up off the floor with the left arm. Person A lifts Person B by the waist and steps over Person B's left leg, holding up Person B's right leg and penetrates.



The Butterfly

This position is definitely not as pretty as a butterfly but it'll give full frontal views and a new use for your kitchen counters or dining tables. Person B sits on the edge of a somewhat high table or counter top. Person A stands before partner with legs slightly bent. Person B then grabs around the neck of partner and pulls one leg at a time over Person A's shoulders and leans back as Person A penetrates them. Person A takes control of the thrusts by grabbing the ass of Person B.

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HSU custodians get short end of broomstick

by Dennis Lara-Mejia

If you think it is such a hassle to clean your room, take a look at Dan Adams and Linda Sherwood's job. Adams and Sherwood, both custodians at Humboldt State, clean up the 50,000 square feet that make up Founder's Hall by themselves.

"Three to four thousand students walk through [Founder's Hall] every day," Sherwood said., "You have two people cleaning up after them."

Adams and Sherwood start cleaning at 5 p.m. everyday. Their shifts go on until 1 a.m.

"That's just how it is. I do it everyday. I can even do it with my eyes closed now," Sherwood said.

Sherwood feels like she could use more help, but the money to hire more custodians simply is not in the budget. "[Plant Operations] administration does the best they can do with the budget cuts and the money we have," Sherwood said.

Adams said that during the 1980's, 75 to 80 custodians worked on HSU's Plant Operations staff. The number then shrunk down to 53 in 2000 when Adams started working. Now HSU Plant Operations hires 32 full-time custodians.

"It doesn't make sense since new buildings keep popping up," Adams said.

Jason Kitzerow is the California State University Employees Union Unit 5 representative at HSU. He said that in addition to fewer custodians and an increased workload, the rate of inflation in the last 10 years has gone up.

"For laborers whose pay has stayed the same, their buy power has gone down," Kitzerow said. "I have spoken to [HSU President Rollin] Richmond and he seems to sympathize."

Linda Sherwood (left) and Dan Adams (right) work late keeping HSU clean. | Photos by Aaron Selig

Traci Ferdolage, associate vice president at Plant Operations, said that the issue of budget cuts runs statewide.

"A billion dollars have been cut from the California state budget," Ferdolage said. "We're faced year after year with cuts."

Kitzerow and his fellow custodians have asked administration for in-range progression raises.

"If you start in a job and they say that the range will be between $25,000 to $40,000 a year, you expect that after a certain amount of time you can get to that $40,000," Kitzerow said

The in-range progression raises can be submitted once a year. Human resources and Traci Ferdolage take a look at the requests and determine if there is enough money to give custodians raises.

"You have to remember that in-range progression raises are not funded by the campus," Ferdolage said. "They come from a budget that I have to make. It's not that I don't want to reward our workers, but if I only have a certain amount to buy toilet paper and someone is asking for a raise, I have to weigh it carefully."

In-range progression raises are extremely rare. Since Kitzerow started working in 2008, he has only received one.

"It speaks to the mindset that the California State University [system] has," Kitzerow said. "We need to save $1 million, let's fire two custodians," Kitzerow said.

Adams and Sherwood, the two custodians who take care of Founder's Hall, keep cheerful even with these budget constraints.

"The workload may be heavy, but I like to keep a positive attitude," Sherwood said. "I want you guys to come to school and have a clean building. I work very hard for that."

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The band that shall not be named

by Lizzie Mitchell

A dark cluster of musicians dressed in all black filled Arcata Theatre Lounge on April 5.

The Humboldt State Marching Lumberjacks perform a spring concert every year. This year, Associated Students said they could not perform using their band name or wearing their school uniforms. The Marching Lumberjacks still performed, but wore all black and called themselves "The Band that Shall Not Be Named."

Eugene Im, a 24-year-old percussionist for the Marching Lumberjacks joined the band last semester and said this was his first spring concert.

"It was interesting," Im said. "I mean, it was a pretty dark theme, but it was a lot of fun."

Chibu Okezie, the Marching Lumberjacks' public relations representative, said this was the first event that the band could not perform with their name or uniforms.

"It happened at this particular event for insurance purposes," Okezie said. "The university was kind of vague in their reasoning. They basically told us that if we are going to perform at this event we could either not use our name or not perform at all."

The Marching Lumberjacks still played their usual songs, but could not perform HSU's fight song — "Drive On."

The Marching Lumberjacks' general manager, Sarah Pine, said the band still did their best given the circumstances.

"People were disappointed, but we still wanted to play and have fun with it," Pine said. "We still wanted to make it successful without being associated with HSU and we did."

Pine also said that the Marching Lumberjacks were not notified until April 1 that they could not perform with any association to HSU. They decided to go through with the show anyways.

The Band that Shall Not Be Named outside the Arcata Theatre Lounge. | Photo provided by the Marching Lumberjacks

"When I told the [Arcata Theatre Lounge] what the school was trying to do, they weren't very surprised," Pine said. "They said that [Associated Students] views them as competition. So we weren't supposed to play there as the Marching Lumberjacks."

The Marching Lumberjacks plan the spring concert in advance every year, and give HSU their schedule along with a financial budget for performances. Pine said she signed a contract with Arcata Theatre Lounge before the event and did not see any problems with it.

"The fact that we couldn't perform as ourselves kind of hurt ticketing," Pine said. "Not as many people as usual came in."

Okezie said that the show was a success, but the band still appreciates when they can represent HSU.

"We're very much for the university," Okezie said. "Like any sports team that wants us to play for them, we will play for them. We just love Humboldt."

Okezie also said that it was difficult when they found out they could not perform by their band name, but they tried their best to make the most of it.

"We've dealt with hardships before," Okezie said. "We're pretty good at turning things around, though. It was obviously a huge bummer, but we decided to have fun with it."

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Sports

Men's and Women's Soccer get new coaches next season

by Kjell Dreher

For the first time in nearly a decade, the Humboldt State men's and women's soccer teams will have separate coaches.

After the HSU men's soccer team hazing scandal last year, Coach C.J. Johnson left his position as head coach.

The HSU Athletics Department selected Fred Jungemann to be the new men's soccer coach. HSU sought him out because of his experience at Sonoma State and California State University, Los Angeles, where he led them to division championships. Before coaching, he played professional soccer for a handful of teams in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

"It was professional because we got paid," Jungemann said, "but no one made a living in professional soccer."

Injuries took Jungemann out of the league and he made the natural transition into coaching. Leading a new group is an eagerly awaited challenge, but Jungemann said that everyone has a common goal. "We all want to to be successful and win."

The combined team model was standard in the California Collegiate Athletic Association. HSU and CSULA were the last schools to employ one coach for both teams.

Dan Pambianco, the sports information director for HSU Athletics said the split will give the coaches a chance to "focus on their own teams." Women's soccer is searching for a coach and about 60 prospects are interested in the position.

The change came this year after previous coach C.J. Johnson left for a promotion at California State University, Bakersfield. The HSU Athletics Department insists that Johnson's move is unrelated to the hazing incident earlier this year.

HSU Athletics Director Dan Collen is thankful for the time he Johnson coached here.

"We wish him the best," Collen said. "With that, we're excited for the future of the men's and women's soccer programs."

Soccer player Austin Schwartz agrees that Coach Johnson's new job makes sense for his career and will give the Lumberjacks a chance for a fresh start.

"We're still a great team," said Schwartz, "and Fred Jungemann will make a great fit."

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Fred Jungemann coaching | Provided by HSU Athletics

New mens soccer coach Fred Jungemann | Provided by HSU Athletics

HSU crew might not make nationals

by Eduardo Barragan

Crew praticing during alumni weekend.| Photo by Sebastian Hedberg

The Humboldt State women's crew team finished second at the 13th annual Northwest Collegiate Rowing Conference Championships on Saturday. The HSU varsity 8 finished 10 seconds after Western Washington University for the conference championship. WWU overall won the title with 94 points and is representing the western region in the NCAA championships. HSU scored 79 points.

HSU Rowing head coach Robin Meiggs thinks the team had a difficult season.

"Everyone was surprised to see WWU winning. We've had a tough season, traveling for 13 hours to a regatta affects an athlete's performance." Meiggs said. "But overall, we had a very good weekend." Though HSU lost the NCRC championship, they did win in the varsity 4 and the novice 8 races.

Katie Harris is a third year coxswain for the Lumberjacks. Coxswain navigate and coach the rowers through the races by verbally supporting them. Harris was named the NCRC All-American athlete for her performance on the team and academics.

"Last year, WWU won second place behind us." Harris said. "We had high hopes this season and we knew this was our last chance to get our spot in nationals." The loss against WWU means that HSU's chance to defend their title at the NCAA championships is diminishing.

The team must wait for a postseason at-large bid until May 20. HSU depends on UC San Diego to win in the southern region and Seattle Pacific in the eastern region. If they win in their regions it will leave an open bid for HSU, allowing HSU to defend their championship in the NCAA.

UCSD races at the Dad Vail championships in Philadelphia on May 10 and Seattle Pacific races the University of Central Oklahoma on May 18 in Oklahoma City. "We're waiting for the other teams to race. Competitions are based on relative times and if they do well, it gives us hope for nationals," Coach Meiggs said.

All the crew can do is wait for the bid, and they are trying not to have high expectations. "It's hard to wait," Harris said. "The level of competition has elevated this season. We might not even go to nationals, but we still want to be prepared."

The 2013 Division II National Championships begin May 31 at Eagle Lake Reservoir in Indiana.

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Former HSU student killed in car accident

Bruno da Matta | Provided by HSU Athletics

by Al Cloonan

A candlelight vigil was held Monday night to remember former Humboldt State soccer player Bruno da Matta. A sophomore kinesiology major, da Matta died Monday from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident near San Diego.

Friends and teammates gathered on the HSU soccer field to share memories and prayers. As rain drizzled, lighters passed from candle to candle, illuminating the faces of those touched by da Matta.

Voices from the crowd comforted each other as they remembered the times shared with da Matta. Those in attendance remember da Matta most for his smile. They commemorated da Matta for his supportive and happy demeanor.

When teammate and communication major, Chuck Pitts, met da Matta, they quickly formed a friendship.

"He'd always let me sleep on his floor when I didn't want to walk up the hill to the Creekview Dorms," Pitts said.

Pitts remembers da Matta's smile the most.

"[Bruno] had the most contagious smile. He had this happy way about him," Pitts said. "He was so motivational. He got me to do 1,000 sit ups. He could get me to sprint as long as he could."

Teammate Jordan Zogg, kinesiology major, played soccer with da Matta since their freshman year at HSU.

"He was the most uplifting person," Zogg said. "Even if you didn't tell him you were upset, he'd still know and bring you up and help you."

Interim HSU soccer coach, Colin Garon, said there were two things that always came to mind when thinking about da Matta.

"His hair and his smile," Garon said. "He had this crazy hair and he was always smiling."

Garon coached da Matta for the last two years.

"Bruno had a real passion on the field and he carried that with him off the field," Garon said. "He had so much love in him. He had a real enthusiasm for life."

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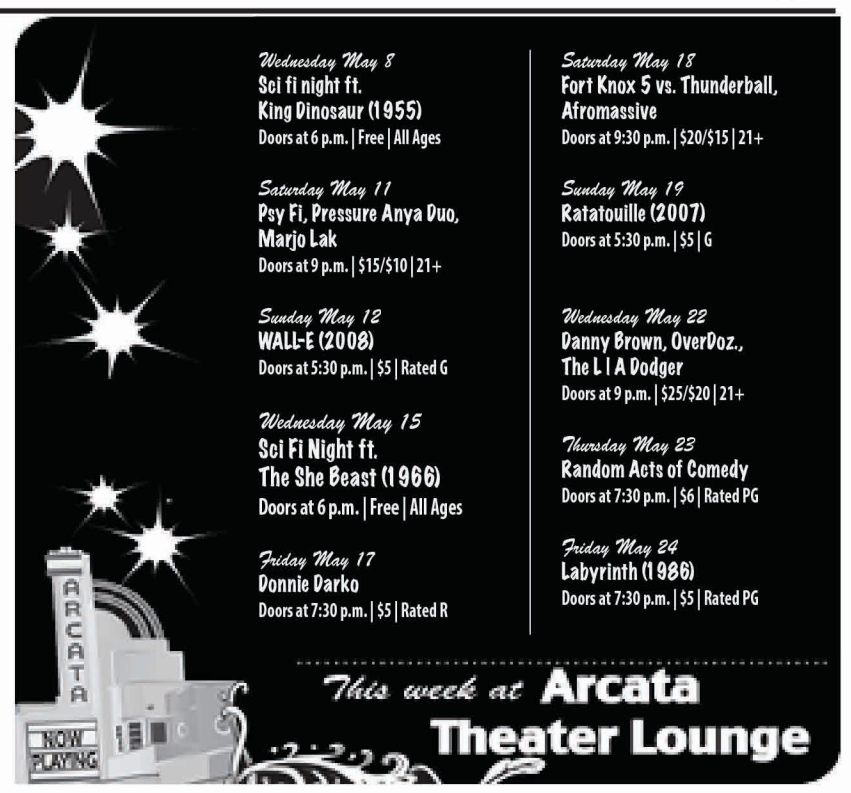
Sudents gather at a vigil for Bruno da Matta | Photo by Sebastian Hedberg



Track & field loses pace in conference

by Samuel Machado

Fred Rosser ran the 400-meter hurdle race and won first, with a sore throat.

Although the team relies on a team effort, Rosser is the only runner who placed first, earning HSU's lone individual title at the CCAA championships. Rosser took the lead by the last hurdle on his way to a winning time of 52.87 seconds.He scored 10 points for finishing first in the 400-meter hurdles and an additional 4 points for his fifth place finish in the 400-meter race.

Overall, the Humboldt State men's track and field team placed sixth at the CCAA championships on Saturday.

The team did not do as well as the coaching staff had hoped this season.

The higher the ranking, the more points a runner gets. The team averaged between four to five points for every race. Veteran runners like Austin Huff, a geography major,did not meet his own expectations. Huff ran the 5,000 and 10,000 meter races.

Jantzen Oshier, a religious studies major, was unable to defend his 2012 titles in the 800 and 1,500 meter races placing at 6th and second.

"I was hoping to score points for my team, and that's all that mattered," Oshier said. "I'm looking to make top eight."

Oshier earned the team 10 points for both races.

"I think I should've won 10,000 meter race; I was tired at that point," Huff said. "I was happy with the 5,000 meter race. I raced as hard as I could."

Huff placed fourth in both of his races also earning the team a total of 10 points.This meet might be Huff's last meet as a senior at HSU and he believes the greatest benefit of being on this team is the pressure.

Austin Huff leading the pack | Provided by HSU Athletics

"It's great competition and it pushes me to improve," Huff said.

As a team, HSU scored 66 points placing sixth and Chico won the title for its third year in a row with 211 points. This was a heavy blow on the team but coaching staff looks forward to working with younger athletes like Fred Rosser over the next few years.

Men's track and field has one last meet on Saturday May 11 in Turlock, California.

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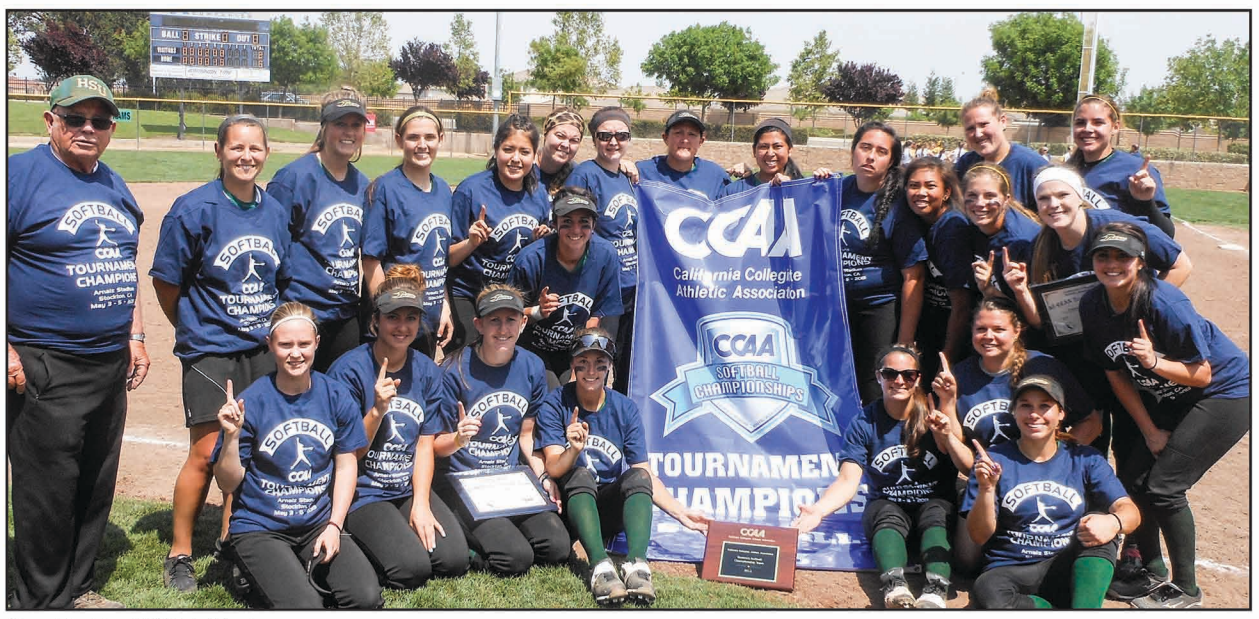

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by Lorrie Reyes

The Humboldt State women's softball team traveled to Stockton, Calif. last weekend to play in the California Collegiate Athletic Association championship tournament. They returned as CCAA champions.

The Lumberjacks swept the tournament and beat all three opponents they faced, including University of California, San Diego in the championship game (6-2) on Sunday, May 5.

"Every team we played was a good team," head coach Frank Cheek said. "We could've lost to any one of those three teams."

The Jacks also faced California State University, Dominguez Hills (4-1) and Sonoma State (4-2) during the first rounds of the CCAA tournament.

Winning the CCAA tournament set the Jacks up to play at home during the NCAA West Regional tournament this weekend.

Their first opponent will be UCSD — for the sixth time this season. HSU beat UCSD the previous five times they faced them. Seniors Chrissy Stalf and Courtney Hiatt do not think playing UCSD a sixth time hurts their chances for winning.

"They're coming in scared," Stalf said. "We're confident because we've won the first five. We've seen all their pitchers."

Hiatt agrees with Stalf that the team is confident in playing against UCSD. Hiatt was named the Most Outstanding Player in the CCAA championship tournament and is currently on an 11-game hitting streak.

The Jacks' hitters should be confident in facing the Tritons. UCSD's pitchers have an 10.25 ERA against HSU.

Stalf, Hiatt and the rest of the Jacks know it will take more than hitting to win the NCAA West Regional Tournament. It will take good defense and pitching.

"The team that makes errors will be the one to lose the game," Hiatt said. "Every team now is good."

Freshman pitcher Katie Obemma will pitch against UCSD for the fifth time. She has won all four previous games.

Obemma's record is 26-3 this season, but she credits her teammates for her success.

"I have to give props to everyone behind me. They have supported me through everything," Obemma said. "Coming in here, I knew we needed pitching and I just needed to work and do my job. I couldn't ask for a different season."

Stalf knows the benefit of having a good pitcher to help HSU win games.

"Katie is doing the best we can ask for," Stalf said. "She just has to keep pitching the way she has and we'll win regionals."

The NCAA West Regionals will be held at HSU beginning Friday, May 10.

The tournament will include HSU, UCSD, Grand Canyon University and Saint Martin's University.

Although the Jacks will be home, their field has gone through some reconstruction. The outfield fences have been pushed back.

Usually, the collapsible fences are at 190 feet in left field, 220 feet in center field and 190 feet in right field. During the NCAA West Regional tournament, they are required to be 207, 230 and 210 feet.

"Right now, we pushed the fences back. It's a whole different field," Obemma said. "Even though we're home, which is great, it's still gonna be a different ball game."

The Jacks' first game will be against UCSD on Friday, May 10 at 4 p.m. on the HSU softball field.

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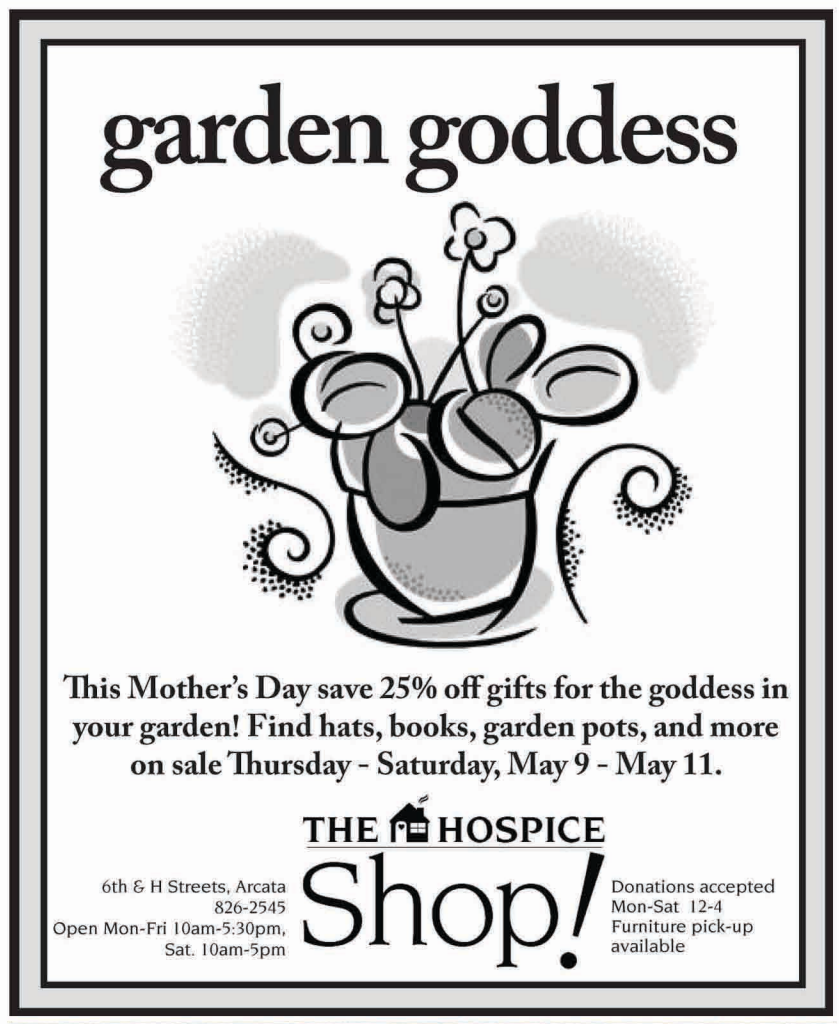

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EDITORIAL

Humboldt State sent out thousands of emails alerting students to evaluate their professors online on April 22.

For students, course evaluations offer a safe space to leave constructive and critical comments to improve future classes. They also give students a chance to support their respective teachers to obtain tenure.

Now, with the system of course evaluations streamlined outside of the classroom, students can spend more time providing honest answers without sacrificing precious class time.

The streamlined nature of online course evaluations also lessens the burden for faculty members to sort through hundreds of papers.

In addition, online course evaluations match the environmentally-conscious mission statement of our university. According to conservatree.org, moving course evaluations online saves a total of 32,000 pieces of paper and around 32,500 gallons water.

And although this might not seem like a significant amount of materials conserved, every bit counts.

Unfortunately, many students argue that online course evaluations are ineffective. The continuous spam emails sent out every two days to remind students to send in their course evaluations can seem excessive and off-putting. So much so that some may decide to not submit their course evaluations at all.

But students who truly wish to provide honest feedback to their teachers will theoretically fill out course evaluations whether or not they exist online or as hard copies in the classroom.

The real issue that the university must stress is the importance of course evaluations by students. Many students remain apathetic toward filling out course evaluations because they miss the big picture.

As students, we pay thousands of dollars for tuition for a high-level education that can only exist if the faculty and lecturers of our classes are exemplary.

If we do not voice our opinion, nothing will change.

All course evaluations end this Friday. Do yourself a favor and spend the next 15 minutes on your future education.

Opinion

Legalized in Rhode Island

by Saryah Robinson

Same-sex couples now have the civil liberty to marry as of Thursday, May 2, in Rhode Island. Rhode Island is the 10th state to legalize same-sex marriage following Connecticut, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Vermont and Washington.

Although there is great opposition with the issue of gay marriage, our country is now moving toward liberation of gender equality.

In March, the U.S. Supreme Court heard Proposition 8, which if overturned will legalize same-sex marriage in California. The court should reach a decision by June.

As more and more states propose laws for the legalization of same-sex marriage, it will encourage our country to move toward being a nation of full equality. Americans have the right to their lives, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness –– and because our government denies same-sex couples marriage, not everyone receives these American values.

It is uplifting that more and more Americans are able to feel secure in living free. Still, conservatives continue to keep the current federal laws intact.

> "What does it hurt for two people to get married?
> - Arinne Sidwell, College of the Redwoods freshmen

First year student Arinne Sidwell, attending College of the Redwoods said "What does it hurt for two people to get married? Why the fuck do people get in other people's business?"

As Sidwell's statement suggests some people are passive about the idea of same-sex marriage. But I think many people believe in the act of free will. If people want to marry someone of the same sex, then it is their free will to act on what they feel is right in their heart.

Humboldt State senior Danny Chavez said "Although I'm encouraged about what has happened with Rhode Island, I am looking forward to the Supreme Court's decision."

Even if people disagree with the proposition of legalizing same-sex marriage, they still want to see how our country evolves. Everyone is aware that our country will eventually constitutionalize same-sex marriage; conservatives just hope to put it off as long as possible. The question is not whether same-sex marriage will be legalized, but when.

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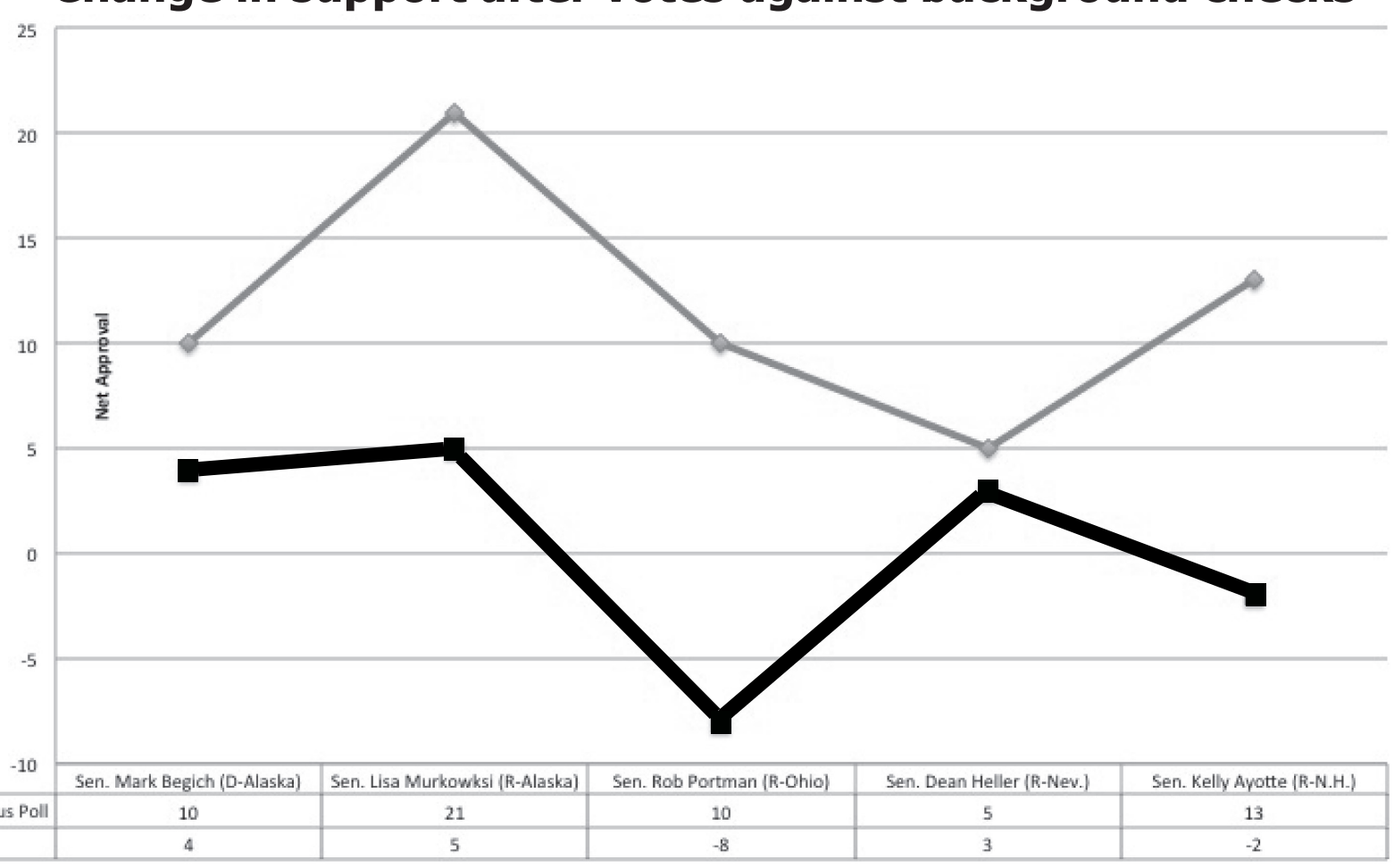
My faith in American politics restored



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by Jake Walsmith

American politics in the past couple of years have made it difficult to believe in the American political system. But after the Senate failed to pass legislation in April that would have increased background checks for gun buyers, my faith in the system has been renewed.

On April 17, those in favor of more stringent background checks to buy guns failed to get enough votes in the United States Senate to move the bill onto the next stage of becoming law. In other words, the Senate's post-Newtown, Conn. push for increased gun control effectively died.

I was, once again, let down by our leaders and our democratic system. According to a Gallup poll, more than 80 percent of Americans also favor increased background checks.

Democrat Joe Manchin from West Virginia and Republican Pat Toomey from Pennsylvania formed the plan as a last ditch effort to salvage some sort of additional gun control in the wake of the December 14 mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Conn.

Four Democrats and 41 Republicans voted against expanding background checks to include people buying guns at gun shows or through private party sales. California Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer both voted in favor of the bill.

How could someone not lose faith in the American system if our elected leaders cannot pass legislation that 80 percent of the country supports?

That question was answered for me when I opened up my computer on April 29 and saw the headline on the Huffington Post. "Senators Lose Support After Opposing Gun Background Checks, Poll Shows."

Polls released on April 29 by Public Policy Polling, a private polling firm, show decline in their public approval ratings.

The senators with the largest declines were Ohio Republican Rob Portman, of Ohio who lost 18 points; Alaska Republican Lisa Murkowski, who dropped 16 points; and New Hampshire Republican Kelly Ayotte, who dropped 15 points. Democrat Mark Begich and Republicans Dean Heller and Jeff Flake also saw sharp declines in public approval. Conversely, Toomey saw his approval ratings rise seven points since he co-sponsored the bill.

This is our democratic system at work.

The people these Senators represent are exacting their revenge for being ignored. This is the purest form of democracy.

Many political scientists worry that Americans are becoming less and less engaged with the workings of Washington. Most people do not have a clue of what is going on, who is in charge of what or sadly even who their Senator's are. But these poll numbers give me hope.

Politicians voting against the interests of their constituents is nothing new. Countless times in their careers politicians in Washington act against the opinions of those at home. It appears that this time they may have gone too far.

When 80 percent of the country supports something, it is hard for lawmakers to justify their dissent.

I hope that those who voted against their constituents either do the politically logical thing and fix their mistake, or get voted out of office the next time that they are up for reelection.

Democracy can work whether or not our elected officials listen to us. It is up to the voters to make them pay.

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Adderall: The all-night study buddy

by Ryan Nakano

Before I came to college, I never drank coffee. I never needed it and quite honestly it tasted like dirt.

But this article is not about coffee. It's about a tiny capsule, a pill, 20 milligrams of Amphetamine/dextroamphetamine, more commonly known by its brand name Adderall.

The prescription drug works on the central nervous system as a stimulant and in the pharmaceutical world is prescribed to those with cognitive deficiencies such as Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder and Narcolepsy.

But come finals week, it seems everyone either has ADHD or Narcolepsy.

No, I don't mean to suggest that students are unfocused or sporadically falling asleep, but I've run into several students over the past couple of days who are in search for the drug.

Why?

Because students who do not need Adderall on a medical basis are still students looking to succeed and overcome the stress of their course work. Adderall allows them to not only stay up, but seems to heighten their focus.

One 18-year-old at HSU, who will remain anonymous due to the legality of the issue, continues to use Adderall to study for finals and complete class projects without a prescription.

"I need it to concentrate. Like, I'll take one or two and I'll just focus on one thing and that's all I'll do. If I were on it right now and I looked at something interesting, I could just stare at it for hours," he said. "I'm not addicted to it, though; I only use it for finals and projects."

But even though the student claimed to not be addicted, he said he planned to use the drug throughout the rest of his college career.

With such self-gratifying results, I can't help but think of the Pringles advertisement slogan "Once you pop, the fun don't stop."

But even if a physical addiction does not exist, there does seem to be a dependence on drugs like Adderall when it comes to academics.

And though its use is not considered cheating by either the administration of Humboldt State or by the countless students who take it without a proper prescription, what makes it any different than performance enhancing drugs within the realm of professional sports and athletics?

We all harked on Lance Armstrong for blood doping and Barry Bonds for steroid use but does anyone complain after receiving an A on the paper they wrote on Adderall?

Before I came to college I never took Adderall. I never needed it, and quite honestly it's 1:33 am and I'm as focused as ever without it.

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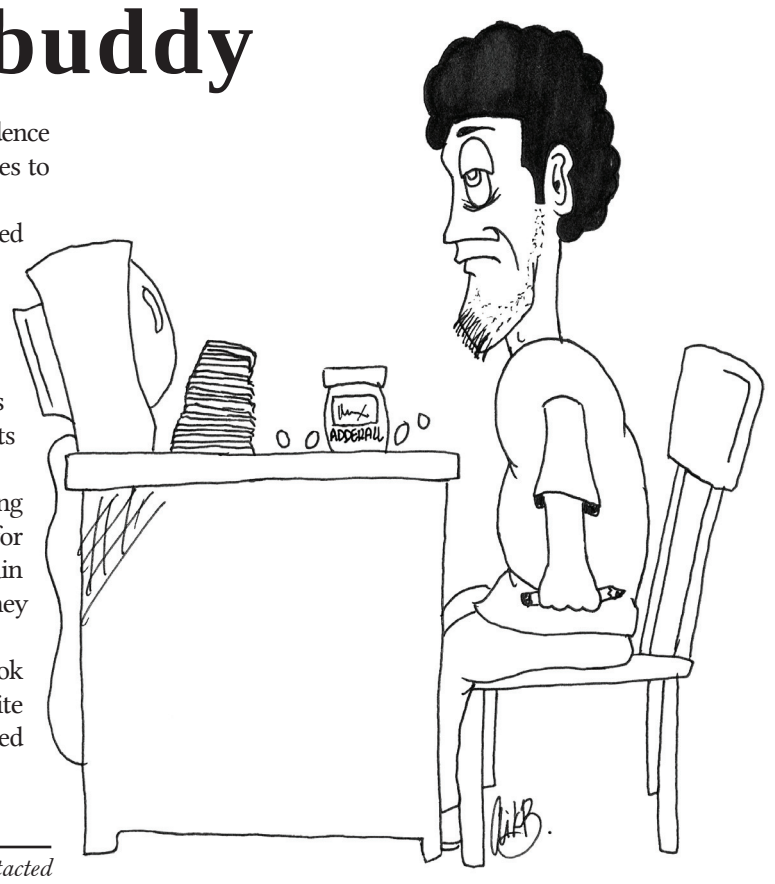

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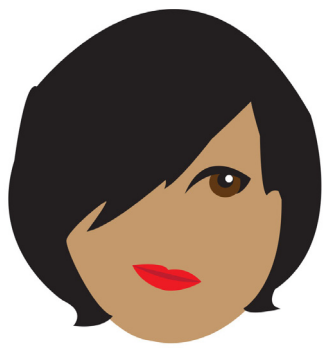

The importance of diversity

by Shareen McFall

As if guided by an occult hand and given an affirmation Humboldt State's Latino population is rapidly rising, currently representing 22 percent of the student body. Despite the increasing percentage the faculty and staff at HSU is still predominantly white; according to the fall 2012 Diversity Report more than 80 percent of the faculty and staff identify as white.

The California State University, Office of Federal Relation said that for the 2013 the system's top priority is to help serve California's diverse population. The first bullet point on the CSU report is to, "Maintain funding for Hispanic-serving and other minority-serving institutions."

"WOW!" Was the first word that Cassidy Platt, elementary education major said when told the percentage of white faculty and staff at Humboldt State.

According to research conducted by The American Federation of Teachers,"…racial and ethnic diversity has both direct and indirect positive effects on the educational outcomes and experiences of students."

Platt believes that it is important to have a larger number of minority faculty and staff because "…some have a different outlook and different input. It's not right to have one set of input."

"If students don't see people who look like them, who have similar backgrounds as them then that could feel out of place,"Su Karl, learning center director said.

Karl believes that with a few exceptions, "Faculty and staff get over burdened helping support students of color or minorities and so there's this extra charge for faculty and staff of color that doesn't get shared by white faculty and staff."

One staff member, who asked that we not put her name in the paper, said she agrees that minority faculty and staff are often the individuals that are sought out to mentor minority students.

The students are frustrated because they cannot find faculty of color who they can identify with or answer their questions.

"I do feel tokenized and marginalized on this campus, and it's lonely.After a while students want more people that look like them and have similar backgrounds as them. So you become a broken record, you become that old tattered book on the shelf. They want somebody new, somebody different," the staff member said.

Tanza Triggs, associate dean of student engagement and leadership said, "When we push students of color on faculty and staff of color we make an assumption that we are all the same, and we're not."

HSU is taking baby steps towards the effort of diversifying the faculty and staff on campus, Steve Bell, administrative support for The Diversity and Inclusion office said.

Bell believes that although the steps are small they are in the right direction and he has full trust in the university to continue with this development.

A concept that Triggs thinks will further help Humboldt State is "Growing your own — build special programs where students will kind of move through the ranks and graduate with bachelors, stay and get their master's degree and the university will employ them for a certain number of years. Just so they can always have a steady population of faculty of color, before they move on somewhere else."

Having people from different backgrounds not only connected to race but to gender, beliefs, and cultures is important to allow students to know that they belong here, Karl said

Although the staff member feels privileged to help guide students she said, "I'm not a single representation of all Latina women, you know, I'm my representation."

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La diversidad y su importancia

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Como si guiados por una mano oculta y dada la afirmación, la población latina de la Universidad de Humboldt va en aumentando rápidamente, actualmente dicha población representa el 22 por ciento de la población estudiantil. A pesar del creciente porcentaje, los docentes y el personal de la universidad, son todavía predominantemente blancos de acuerdo al Reporte de Diversidad del otoño del 2012, más del 80% de los profesores y el personal en mención se identificaron como blancos.

La Oficina de Relación Federal, de la Universidad de California, mencionó que para el 2013 es prioridad primordial del sistema,servir a la población diversa de California. El primer punto sobre el informe de la Universidad de California es "Mantener el financiamiento para el servicio a los hispanos y otras instituciones al servicio de la minoría."

"¡WOW!" fue la primera palabra que Cassidy Platt, estudiante de la carrera de Educación Primaria, exclamó cuándo le dijeron sobre el porcentaje de docentes y personal de raza blanca que tiene la Universidad de Humboldt.

Según una investigación realizada por la Federación Americana de Maestros, "…la diversidad racial y étnica tiene efectos positivos directos e indirectos sobre los resultados educativos y las experiencias de los estudiantes."

Platt cree que es importante tener un mayor número de profesores y personal de la minoría porque "…algunos tienen una perspectiva diferente y visión diferente. No es adecuado tener un sola perspectiva".

"Si los estudiantes no ven a personas que se vean como ellos, que tengan antecedentes similares como ellos entonces eso podría hacer sentir a muchos estudiantes fuera de lugar, dijo Su Karl, Director del Centro de Aprendizaje.

Karl cree que con unas pocas excepciones, "personal docente y administrativo se sobrecargan brindando apoyo a estudiantes de color o de minorías, de manera que existe esta carga extra para los profesores y empleados de color, la misma que no es compartida por docentes y personal administrativo blancos."

Un funcionario, que pidió que no pusiéramos su nombre en el periódico, dijo que ella está de acuerdo en que el personal administrativo y los docentes de minoría son a menudo los individuos que asesoran a los estudiantes minoritarios.

Los estudiantes se sienten frustrados porque no encuentran a docentes de color con quienes ellos puedan identificarse o quienes puedan responder a sus preguntas.

"Me siento convertido en un Token y marginalizado en esta escuela, y es algo solitario. Después de un tiempo los estudiantes quieren más personas que se vean como ellos y que tengan antecedentes similares. Así, uno se convierte en un disco roto, o en ese libro viejo destrozado en el estante. Ellos quieren a alguien nuevo,

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Gabriela Garcia: Shifting the Paradigm

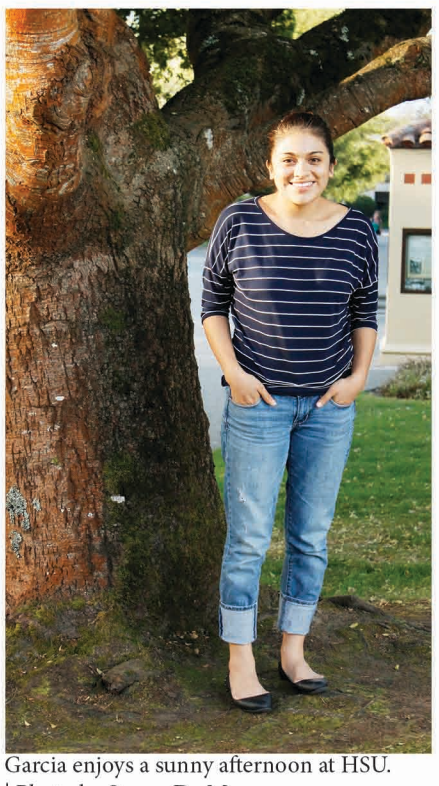
by: Stacey De Marcos

Gabriela Garcia, a local Humboldt state student from Fortuna, Calif., was the recipient of the 2012-2013 Outstanding Student of the Year award for Outstanding Co-Curricular Contribution and 2012-2013 Al Elpusan Award for Student Activism. Both of Winning these awards surprised her.

"It was something that I wasn't even expecting just because I feel like it's an honor" Garcia said.

The awards made her feel like people actually care about the work she is doing. Most of her work is based on serving the community and assisting wherever she can.

Garcia is completing her last semester at HSU with a degree in political science with an emphasis on globalization. The 21-year-old has been actively involved in multiple programs on campus. She has been the Alternative Spring Break co-director at Youth Education Services, the anti-racist coordinator at the Women's Resource Center, the Social Justice Summit coordinator with the Multi-Cultural Center and she was also one of the founding members of Finding Resources and Empowerment through Education.



Garcia enjoys a sunny afternoon at HSU. | Photo by Stacey De Marcos

"I'm am basically in support of anything that promotes the equal right of education for all people" she said.

The creation of the club was a collaborative work of students who wanted to see change on this campus. "When you try to work with someone or you are asking for help and people aren't really acknowledging you, sometimes the best thing to do is to unite with those people and try to form something" she said.

This is what lead the group of students to create F.R.E.E. – a program that would strive to bring awareness to AB 540 students as well as make this campus AB 540 friendly. These individuals "were really frustrated with the things that weren't mainly acknowledged and those were first generation, low income students and undocumented students" Garcia said. She was very passionate about this topic because she considered that to be her struggle.

Garcia has not always been so driven to complete her degree. Like some students, she has had rough times in which she felt like she wanted to give up on school. "I couldn't handle it anymore" she said, but her involvement with clubs on campus is what kept her going. During that period she learned a lot about herself and activism.

Garcia said that "as educated students we have the responsibility of making a difference in our community but also our world." She encourages students to go out of their comfort zone and try something new.

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Nuestra Voz

Q: How do you feel about having a bilingual publication on the HSU campus?

Leon Medina

kinesiology major
A: "I think it would be pretty good because theres a big hispanic group on campus here at HSU and a lot of them our from Southern California..I don't see why not."

Aaron Mcphipher

wildlife major
A: "I think it would cool to have, as a new addition."

Mariah Wallace

political science and CRGS
A: "I think it makes a lot of sense because were having a lot more minority students specifically Latino students on campus because there is more implementing of the language and culture."

Michael Adams

business administration major
A: "I think it would be a good addition, and add diversity."

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elLeñador: The making of a bilingual publication

by: Lashay Wesley

from left to right, Stacey De Marcos, Monica Reynoso, Shareen McFall and Juan Carlos De La Cruz. The founding four of El Leñador newspaper. | Photo by Josefina Gonzalez

It has been almost a year in the making and El Leñador, Humboldt State's first bilingual news publication has arrived on newsstands. Since last fall students have met up every Friday to conduct research in order to launch an independent, four page, bilingual newspaper which will appear as an insert in HSU's student newspaper, The Lumberjack.

It all started six years ago when a journalism student came up to Marcy Burstiner, chair of the journalism department. The student wanted to report and write in spanish. "It stuck in my head all these years,"Burstiner said.

At the start of the fall 2012 semester Dr. Rosamel S. Benavides-Garb, chair of the world languages and cultures department, and Burstiner developed a team of journalism and world languages students who knew Spanish and were interested in launching the publication. The first phase started with an $8,000 grant from the College of Arts and Humanities. With the money three students from journalism and three from world languages were given a stipend of $250 each to research other spanish and english college newspapers.

What they found was surprising. The students did not find many bilingual newspapers in the U.S. and not even many in California. What they found were two newspapers on two CSU campuses, one at California State University, East Bay and the other at California State University, Northridge.

Shareen McFall, the Editor-in-Chief of the publication says they didn't know where to begin, "We just wanted a bilingual publication."

At the start of the this spring semester, both professors took a seat back and let the students take over. Four students are responsible for writing, editing, and designing the four page newspaper. The insert will show up regularly within The Lumberjack, but El Leñador will act independently. "[The Lumberjack] is giving it a place to grow,"Burstiner said.

More Than Just A Newspaper

The last few years HSU has seen an increase in the amount of Hispanic students and is moving toward becoming a Hispanic Serving Institution. "Now it's really the time," Burstiner said.

> You can see it, it's almost magic.
>
> Dr. Rosamel S. Benavides-Garb
>
> chair of the world languages and cultures department

Benavides-Garb says that there has always been a need for a bilingual newspaper, but he says the political climate makes this the right time.

Monica Reynoso, who has been with the project from the start says it is especially important because the number of Latino students continues to rise and because HSU is moving toward becoming an AB-540 campus to undocumented students. "We have so many Latinos coming [into HSU] from all over,"Reynoso said.

For the students involved it is not just a newspaper."[The students] identity is a center part of this," says Benavides-Garb.

For minority students, coming to HSU might be a culture shock. "Oh, this is not Los Angeles, this is Humboldt County,"McFall said about when she first got to campus. She says students notice the difference from home right away and often times it can be hard to adjust.

The El Leñador staff hopes that this newspaper will be more than just a way for bilingual students to get their news, but as a way to reconnect with their roots. "Sometimes you don't realize how important [language] is in your life until you go somewhere different,"McFall said.

Longer Road Ahead

At the start of next school year, El Leñador's staff will have to face the challenge of both advisors being gone. Marcy Burstiner of the journalism department will be on sabbatical and Dr. Rosamel S. Benavides-Garb will be working in Spain. Advisors say they will be available to students online and mentors will still be in the departments to help.

Running a newspaper is not cheap either. Burstiner wants the newspaper to get the same funding as The Lumberjack, "We don't want it to be a stepchild." She says that the editors, like the editors for The Lumberjack, should receive a stipend for their work. To fund the paper the group has applied for two grants, one from the Diversity Office and the other from the president's loyalty fund.

El Lenador is the start to a whole new vision for the journalism and world languages and cultures department too. Burstiner is working to create a bilingual journalism curriculum that would give students, like the one she had six years ago, a place to write and report in another language.

It has taken almost an entire year to get the paper off the ground, advisors and the staff say it is a labor of love. Benavides-Garb said it is great to see students come together for a project. "You can see it, it's almost magic,"he said.

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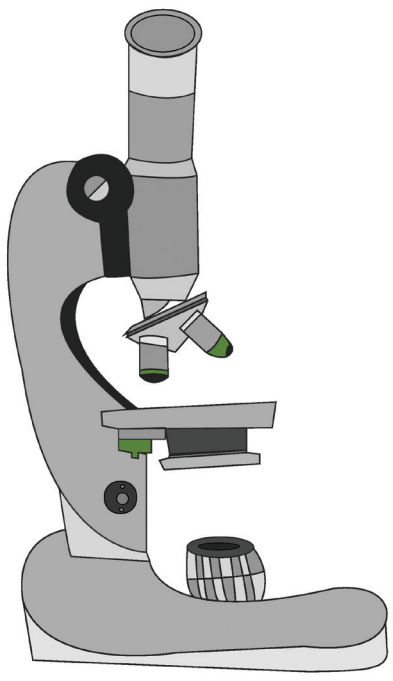
The microscopic population of Latinos in the sciences

by: Monica Reynoso



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Environmental management major Juan Quezada looks down pensively, and thinks hard about the question that is presented to him. Why are so few Latinos dedicated to studying the sciences in college?

Forbes Magazine declared that Latinos have branded themselves to be the fastest growing minority in America today. According to the 2010 census the Latino population has reached 37.4 million in the U.S., and the number of college-bound Latinos is also on the rise. Why, then, are there so little in this minority group STEM students – students who are majoring in science, technology, engineering or math based studies?

Research has proven that it has to do with how Latino students perform in the sciences at a young age. According to the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering, only 3 percent of Hispanics are proficient on national assessment tests given annually.

Quezada agrees with this fact that indeed, the root of the problem begins in grade school. He said his interest in the sciences started at an early age. Later, his involvement with an outreach program targeting minority students at his high school contributed to his interest in the natural sciences.

"I was with a group of students from high school," he said, "and the program targeted the minority culture. I kept with it. I have seen how far I have come. Without that specific program I don't know if I would be the same person, or I would even be here."

> People who are minorities tend to live in lower income communities that have lower funded schools.
>
> ~Bianca Castillo
> environmental policy major

Quezada also said that more should be done to recruit minority college students. "In my opinion we do not have enough outreach from the natural sciences division here at Humboldt State University to get these ethnic diverse populations in the majors."

Latinos make up 22 percent of the student population at Humboldt State. Although Latinos are dominant on the HSU campus, environmental policy major Bianca Castillo explained no matter the size of her science classes there are always "maybe 10 percent Latino students," no matter the class size. Castillo said science education in grade school contributed to her interest.

"I definitely feel that it starts at a young age. People who are minorities tend to live in lower income communities that have lower funded schools. Usually at these schools they do not emphasize science. Even now they are thinking of cutting a year off the science requirement for high school graduation. It's not at the top of their priority list. Students do not have an opportunity to grow to love it and be inspired by nature."

Although Latinos do not seem to have a dominant presence in the sciences here at HSU , National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering reports that the numbers of Latinos in engineering, computer and math majors is increasing. This research shows a 7 percent growth rate of Hispanic students studying the sciences and technology.

NACME studies report that because of a lack of qualified students 3.2 million jobs related to STEM-based studies go unfilled.

Marine biology major Lyna Abal is optimistic. She says, "I know there (are) a lot of underclassmen and I see a lot of them going into the sciences. Definitely in the future I can see many Latinos populating in those areas."

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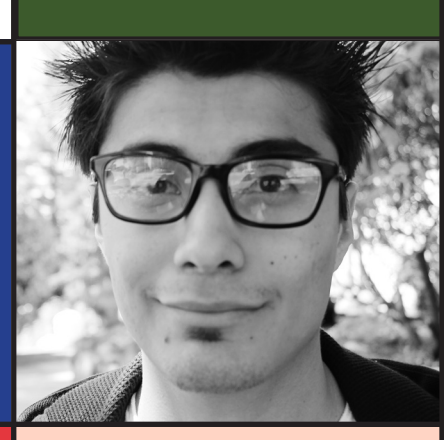
¿Qué es ser latinoamericano?



top, Eduardo Ruano, 20, elementary education major.

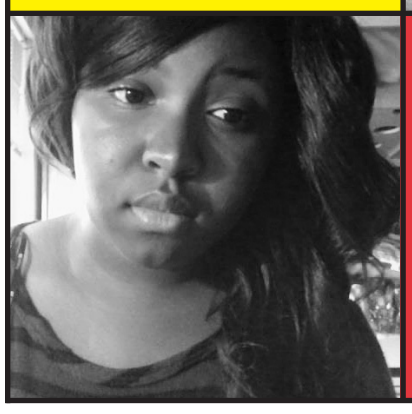
bottom, Michelle Purnell-Grace, 18, english writing practices and theater arts major. | foto de facebook

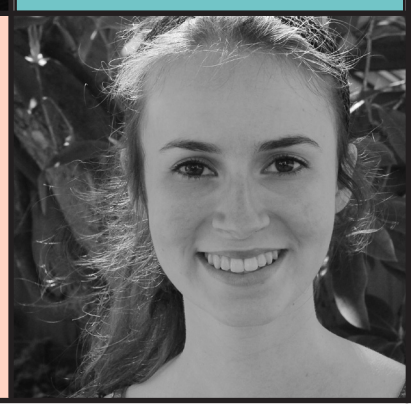
left, Janeth Sanchez, 21, social work major.

right, Denise Guerrero, 19, social work major.

left, Zack Chihuaque, 22, psychology.

right, Alba Sanchez, 17, Arcata High School.





La identidad en el medio de la diversidad se entremezcla y cambia en contacto con la riqueza y variedad de otras culturas, tradiciones y valores.

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por: Juan Carlos De La Cruz

Hoy en día se habla de la importancia de la identidad. Se usa la identidad para registrar tu voto, para definir tu religión, para postular a una universidad, pero ¿cuál es la relación entre identidad y ser latino/a?, ¿cómo nos sentimos al ser identificados como latino/a's?, son preguntas que podemos hacernos a cada momento en nuestra vida.

Se define a un latino/a como una persona de Latinoamérica, un descendiente de españoles o hispanohablante. Personalmente, la palabra latino/a es un vocablo que ha sido utilizado en los Estados Unidos para identificar a un grupo de personas procedentes de algún país latinoamericano; sin embargo, se desconoce su verdadero significado ya que éste va más allá de una simple definición geográfica. El ser latino/a me lleva más allá de las fronteras divididas en Latinoamérica, el ser latino/a no se limita a ser de Latinoamérica geográficamente, sino que une a todos aquellos quienes comparten una misma cultura, una misma sangre, una música, un ritmo, un baile, un canto y una religión; luchan por la unidad, por hacer la paz, por ser independientes y por ser libres, demuestran su inteligencia su talento como representantes de una historia cultural milenaria.

En varias ocasiones relacionamos el ser latino con el ser descendiente de aquellos países que fueron colonias de los países e uropeos cuyas lenguas son derivadas del antiguo latín, aunque muchos estén de acuerdo o crean que se pueden identificar con la sangre europea como la base de sus raíces, yo sigo pensando que el ser latino/a sobrepasa las fronteras de un lenguaje o raza.

La mayor parte de nuestra sociedad relaciona a una persona latina con el idioma español. El ser latino/a es más que saber un idioma, porque quien habla o lee español es una minoría latina en los Estados Unidos y especialmente aquí en el condado de Humboldt. Si bien los latinos/as somos una minoría aquí en el condado de Humboldt, reconocemos el significado de la palabra "latino/a", pero aún no hay una conceptualización clara de la palabra. Aquí las personas quienes se identifican con la palabra latino/a comprenden que ser latino/a es entender la diversidad de culturas que nos rodean.

Las culturas, costumbres, y generaciones van cambiando cada día, la identidad no se puede definir por los cambios que ocurren en la sociedad, especialmente aquí en el condado de Humboldt, donde la identidad se entiende como una parte de la diversidad. La identidad en el medio de la diversidad se entremezcla y cambia en contacto con la riqueza y variedad de otras culturas, tradiciones y valores. En muchas ocasiones me pregunto ¿qué es ser latinoamericano? pero les digo que realmente no tiene sentido hablar de identidad cuando todo cambia.

El ser o no identificados como Latin@, Chican@, Hispan@, o Mexican@-American@, en realidad no tiene importancia porque a final de cuentas todos compartimos algo en común que es nuestra sangre caliente, nuestra cultura, nuestra conciencia sobre nuestras diferencias, las mismas que no nos separan, sino que nos unen, porque entendemos que no estamos solos, que somos seres sociales, que tenemos una riqueza de emociones, que valoramos nuestras familias, sus raíces y lo que nos han enseñado. ¿Has pensado en qué significa ser latino/a? ¿Crees tú que existe una definición exclusiva para el término "latinoamericano"?

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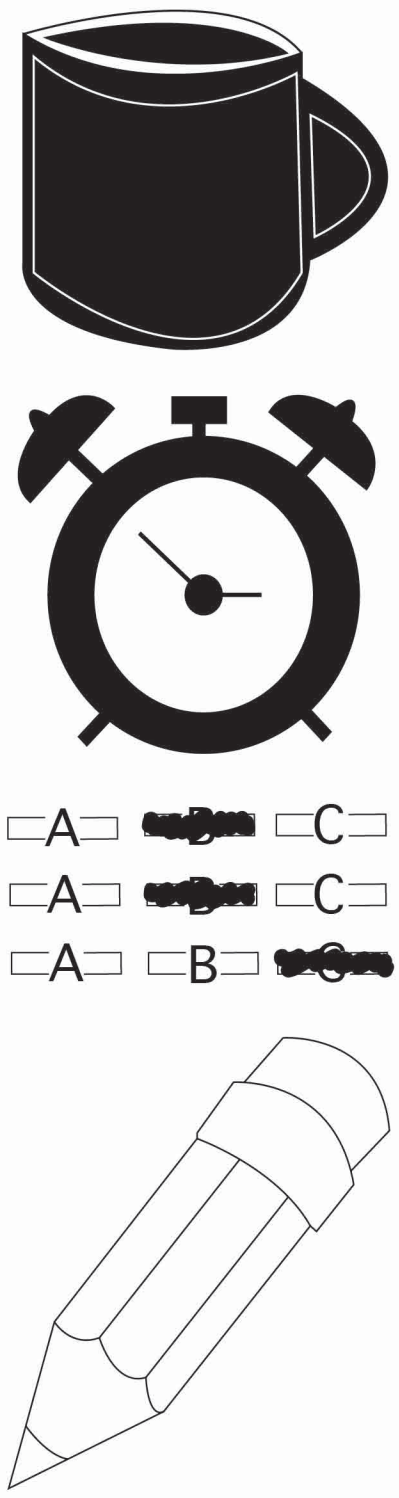
Un fraude: exámenes para el éxito



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El reloj da las doce de la noche y en la mañana del lunes te preguntas a dónde se ha ido el tiempo. Podrían haber sido demasiados episodios de The Walking Dead en Netflix o aquella fiesta a pocas manzanas de tu casa que podría haber esperado. De cualquier manera es hora de quemarse las pestañas.

La semana de exámenes finales esta a la vuelta de la esquina, todo el aprendizaje que has acumulado durante este semestre ha sido condensado en un examen de cuatro páginas que te tomará más de dos horas en completar. Luego, lo terminas. Sólo si hubieras recordado la respuesta cinco segundos antes de haber entregado tu examen, pero tu calificación es definitiva.

Los resultados de los exámenes no son imprescindibles para el éxito. Tampoco determinan la inteligencia. Suli Breaks señaló "no voy a dejar que un resultado de examen decida mi destino", ¿es posible valorar el conocimiento de un individuo en un solo examen?

Muchos estudiantes preparan su futuro desde antes de haber entregado ese examen en particular, buscan su camino para encontrar la carrera académica apropiada que marcará su vida; con sus tazas humeantes de café acumulan la mayor información que puedan en los espacios de su cerebro, con la esperanza de recordar todo lo requerido para aquel momento definitivo.

Quienes deseen continuar con una educación superior en un colegio comunitario, universidad, facultad de medicina o escuela de derecho, tendrán que enfrentarse a una exigencia considerable en los resultados de los exámenes. Estos resultados, se dice, definen a la inteligencia como la base del éxito. Según una investigación realizada por la Universidad de Leicester, la inteligencia se define como la capacidad intelectual. Tradicionalmente, en los Estados Unidos esta competencia se ha medido por los exámenes estandarizados que dicen probar el inminente éxito o el fracaso. El miércoles, 24 de abril aproximadamente 100 estudiantes de preparatoria en el área de Chicago protestaron sobre los exámenes estandarizados. Dijeron al The Huffington Post que los exámenes estandarizados no deberían determinar el destino de los estudiantes.

Sus resonantes palabras eran muy similares a las de la artista de "palabra hablada", Suli Breaks, desde su exitoso video de YouTube. Break dijo: "no dejaremos que los resultados del examen nacional decidan nuestro destino.

¿Qué pasaría si les dijéramos a ustedes, estudiantes de la Universidad de Humboldt, que todo esto no es tan cierto como parece?

En un blog del The New York Times sobre ¿Qué es lo que prueban los exámenes?, del autor Richard D. Kahlenberg, menciona que "... sólo porque los estudiantes están capacitados para obtener buenos resultados en una prueba en particular no significa que ellos hayan dominado ciertas habilidades." Lo que significa que los resultados de los exámenes no son necesariamente un calificador imparcial de la inteligencia, hay un sin número de factores que deben ser tomados en cuenta.

En este sentido y de acuerdo con aspectos de la inteligencia, Andrew M. Coleman explica que el estrés, la falta de interés y el cansancio son factores que pueden afectar los resultados de los exámenes.

Cada individuo tiene una forma única de aprendizaje, sus conocimientos no siempre pueden ser reflejados en los resultados de los exámenes estandarizados. En la Universidad de Yale, el profesor James Comer dice que, "los exámenes impulsados o administrados a la fuerza, no pueden enriquecer ni fomentar las características necesarias para el éxito en la vida."

Atrévete a ser un Amancio Ortega Gaona, Cesar Chavez, Oprah Winfrey, and Abraham Lincoln, quienes desafiaron los estándares de la sociedad (dejando los exámenes a un lado) y lograron hacer historia.

No te dejes engañar, no tienes que medir tu inteligencia frente a las limitaciones que ofrecen los exámenes estandarizados.

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La diversidad

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Un concepto que Triggs piensa puede ayudar a la Universidad de Humboldt es "crecer tu mismo — construir programas especiales donde los estudiantes puedan moverse a través de niveles y graduarse con una licenciatura, quedarse y obtener su maestría e incluso la universidad les podría dar empleo por un cierto número de años de modo que, siempre tengamos una población estable de docentes de color, antes de que se muden a otro lugar".

"Tener personas de diferentes orígenes no sólo relacionados con raza sino con género, creencias, es importante dejar saber a los estudiantes que pertenecen aquí", reafirmó Karl.

Aunque el funcionario se sienta privilegiado de ayudar o guiar a los estudiantes, ella dijo: "yo no soy la única representación de todas las mujeres latinas, sabes, yo soy mi propia representación."

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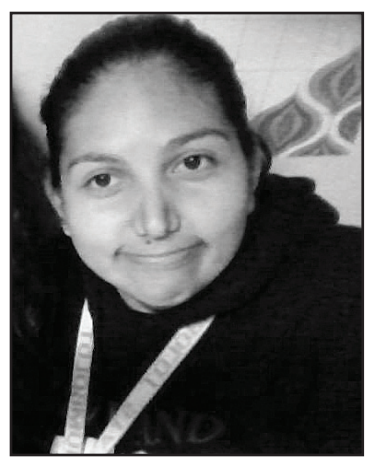
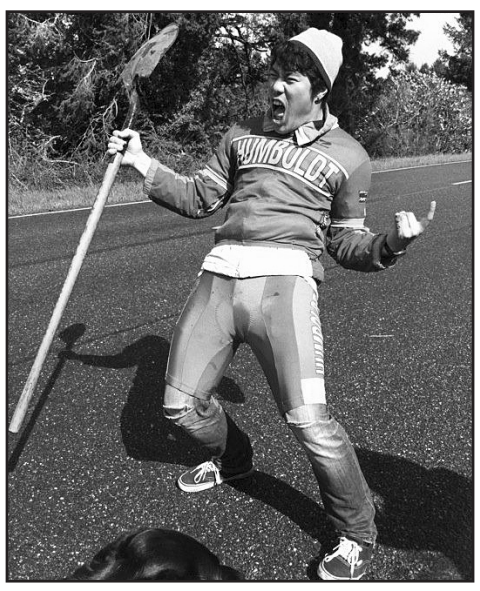
In Memory

Thomas Bruner
(1970 - 2012)
Known for being an engaging and enthusiastic lecturer, Thomas Bruner taught economics for eight years. He implemented his own experiences into his teaching methods and was passionate about traveling and economics.

Suzanne Seemann
(1972 - 2012)
Suzanne Seemann was a geography professor and an active member of the running community. Seemann's friends and family regard her as a dedicated athlete and the kind of instructor who would go out of her way to make time for students.



Jessica Garcia
(1994 - 2013)
Jessica Garcia was a freshman majoring in business administration from Reseda, Calif. Friends described her as a hardworking student with a random and funny sense of humor.



Shaun Summa
(1990 - 2012)
Shaun Summa was an active member of the HSU Cycling Team. He was known for his storytelling, sense of humor, animation and passion for exploring.

Not pictured

John Travis
(1944 - 2012)
John Travis, a political science professor, taught from 1970 to 2007 and served as the department chair of the political science department. He served on the Academic Senate as well as the local and statewide chapters of California Factory Association. Shortly before he died, the University Senate of Humboldt State University honored Travis for his contributions to HSU.

Gayleen Smith
(1950 - 2012)
Forestry students remember Smith as a kind, individual who cared deeply for her students. She was a military mom and volunteered for Socks for Soldiers –– a Eureka-based organization that collects and donates items to soldiers overseas. She lost her battle with cancer on April 24.

Not pictured

Scott Guild
(1955 - 2012)
Scott Guild was an instructor for the School of Business. The department remembers him as an effective teacher with a sense of humor. Guild coached his son's T-ball team as well as high school basketball teams and made an active effort to support and volunteer for the community.

Not pictured

Kuljian Family:
Mary Scott (1955 - 2012)
Howard Kuljian (1958 - 2012)
Geddie Kuljian (1994 - 2012)

Parents Mary Scott and Howard Kuljian met and fell in love on a backpacking trip in the Trinity Alps. Mary worked as a registered nurse and taught at College of the Redwoods. Howard received his undergraduate and masters degree at HSU in geography. Their son Geddie Kuljian attended Arcata High School and was known for his outgoing and helpful personality and maturity. The three family members are survived by Mary and Howard's daughter, Olivia Kuljian.

Linda Scott
(1954 - 2012)
Linda Scott owned E & O Bowl and taught bowling for Humboldt State for 22 years. Aside from the sport, Scott was an avid motorcyclist and rode with Humboldt County Fog Dogs. Nicknamed "Linda Loud," she was known as an opinionated, passionate woman.

Bruno da Matta
(1993 - 2013)
Bruno da Matta was a former HSU soccer player and sophomore. The San Diego-native graduated from La Jolla High School and majored in kinesiology. He was described as a motivational teammate with a contagious smile and great hair.

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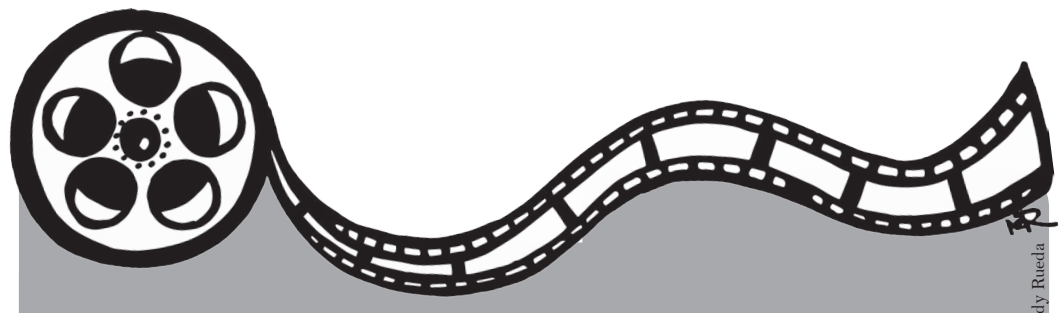
Weekly Events

Thursday May 9

Dancing Salmon Home Documentary
This award-winning film documents the history and travels of the Winnemem Wintu tribe of Northern California. The film received the Best Documentary Feature award at the 2012 American Indian Film Festival in San Francisco.
7 p.m.
BSS 162
Donations accepted



Local Filmmakers Night
This event will feature Art Meets Storytelling by director and cinematographer, Chad Ross. Ross was awarded Seattle City Artist as well as Best Documentary Film for his documentary "The Way of the B-Boy." A Q-and-A will follow Ross's screening.
Eureka High School Lecture Hall
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
$5

Illustration by Maddy Rueda

Friday May 10

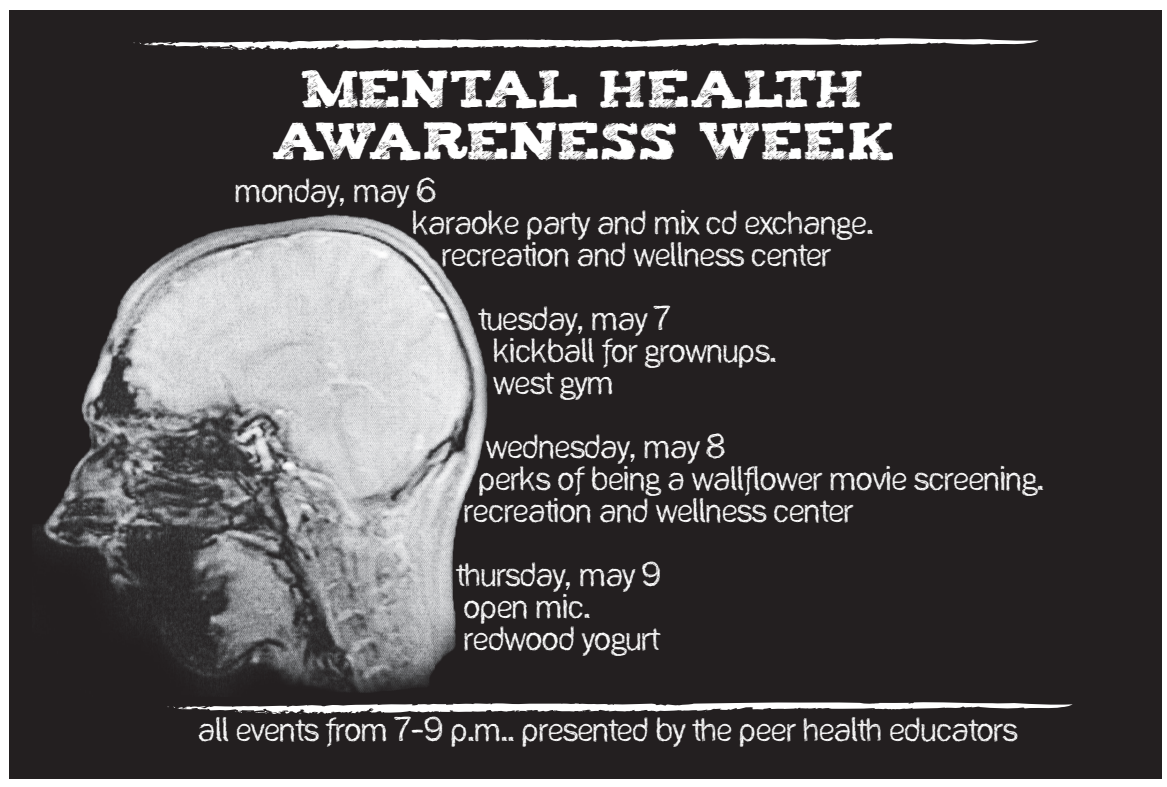
Humboldt Symphony
The Humboldt Symphony will perform jazz works from the 1920s, including pieces by Darius Milhaud, Monteverdi and Percy Grainger.
Fulkerson Recital Hall
8 p.m.
$7, free with student ID

Saturday May 11

Electronics Waste Collection Event
Drop off used and new electronics. No hazardous waste, fluorescent bulbs, heaters, dehumidifiers or vacuums.
G14 parking lot near corner of 14th and B St.
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday May 12

Monthly Breakfast
Breakfast consists of your choice of eggs, ham, sausage, toast, pancakes, coffee, tea and orange juice, and raises money for various programs within the community. Mad River Grange
8 to 11 a.m.
$4



Puzzles Page

Last week's winners:

Where's Rollin?: **No winner**

Where is this?: **Tessa Anderson**

You won a $5 gift certificate to Arcata Scoop. Pick up your prize in our office in Gist Hall 227.

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 in the courtyard by Science B.

Weekly Sudoku

Difficulty: hard

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

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?"

I am graduating, so sadly, this is the last Humboldt Jumboldt. It's been fun, but...

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.

OOILF _ _ _ _ _

LIKST _ _ _ _ _

LUDAT _ _ _ _ _

SHRAB _ _ _ _ _

CABKA _ _ _ _ _

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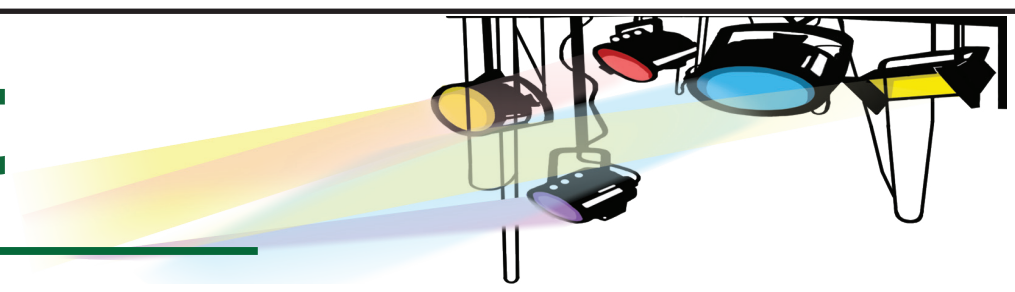
Spotlight

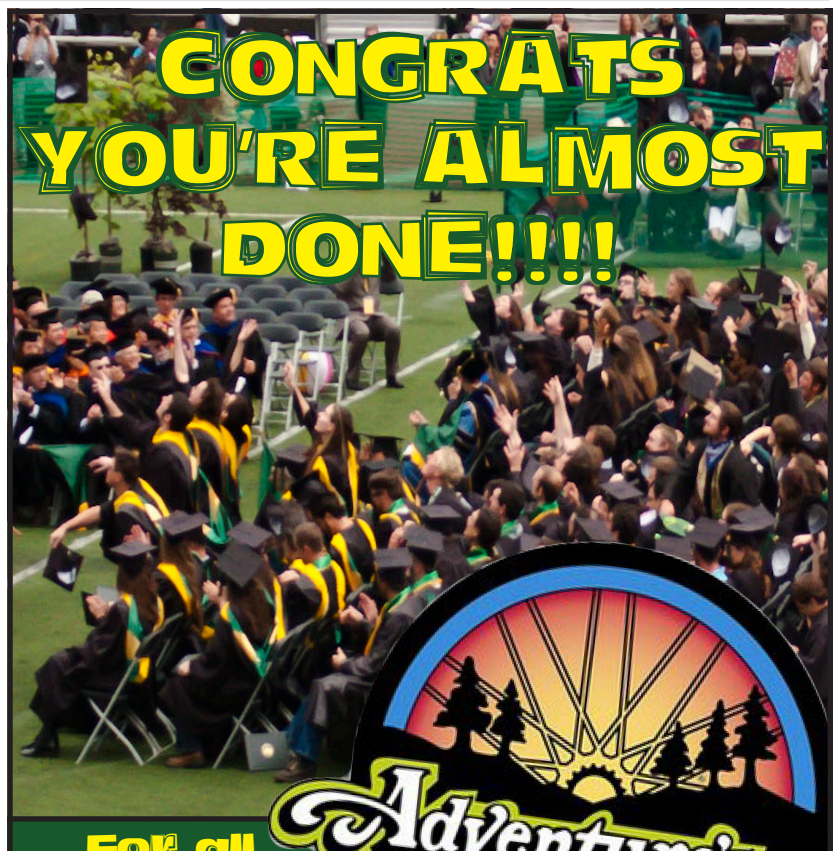


SCRAP Humboldt

The creative reuse center, SCRAP Humboldt, is project of the a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, SCRAP. SCRAP Humboldt will be participating at the College Creek site during Humboldt State Donation Dash on May 15-18.

Similar to the Reusable Office Supply Exchange (ROSE) program on the Humboldt State campus, SCRAP Humboldt has a variety of materials including fabric, sequens, staplers and boxes. SCRAP is looking for volunteers for the Donation Dash event, more information can be found on their website: www.scraphumboldt.org

Above: An image from the Humboldt State University ENGR 215 course. One of the teams created a parabolic solar wax melter and then they 3D printed molds for the wax to be poured into.

Top left: Re:Boutique inside the SCRAP store. Re:Boutique features local artists who make products out of a minimum of 75 percent reused materials. All of the displays are all built from reclaimed materials.

Bottom left: Outside the SCRAP Humboldt building located on 101 South H St, Suite D.