



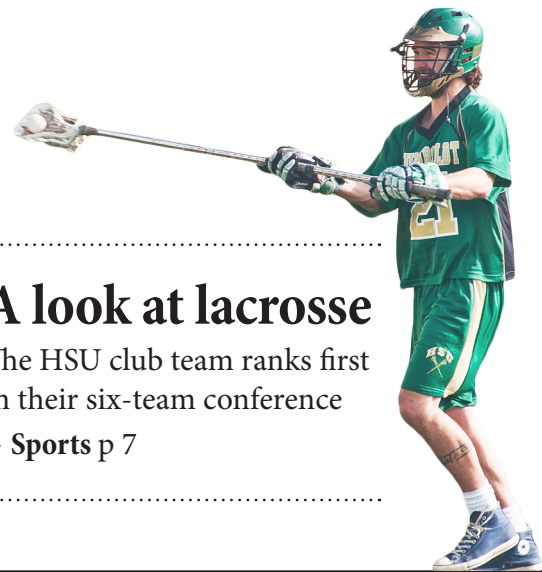
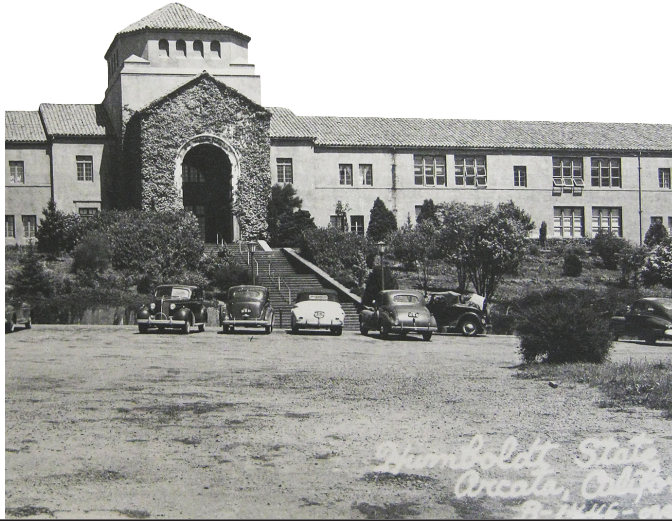
Campus is in bloom

Lumberjack photographers capture some of HSU's prettiest petals

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A look at lacrosse

The HSU club team ranks first in their six-team conference

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Dude, where's my fee money?

As your tuition increases so does — in near lock-step — the individual, campus-specific fees you pay directly to HSU.

The Lumberjack wanted to find out exactly how that student fee money is spent. Of the six campus-based fees that HSU students pay we looked at the Materials, Services and Facilities fee created in 2010.

We obtained documents using the California Public Records Act from each of HSU's three academic colleges to see where your \$145 fee ends up.

We talked to administration, faculty members and students and asked them if, after one year, the MSF fee is working well. We hope to provide insight into whether it was the right call to create the fee for students. We also were curious whether other new fees will be created at HSU in the future, especially if Calif. continues to slash funding for higher education.

by **Luke Ramseth**
Guest Writer

Your biology lab, complete with broken microscopes. Your Spanish class, without Rosetta Stone. The HSU greenhouse, shut down permanently. The Coral Sea — HSU's pride and joy research vessel — moored. Two years ago, after yet another round of California higher education budget cuts, Humboldt State administrators were wary this is what HSU would become.

"We'd been watching our labs fall apart," said Environmental Resources and Engineering professor Eileen Cashman.

Early in spring 2010, the deans of HSU's three colleges met. Despite presiding over three vastly different colleges — Natural Resources and Sciences, Professional Studies, and Arts Humanities and Social Sciences — the deans often chat about work

over a beer at Redwood Curtain.

But at this particular meeting, the stakes were high. Each dean faced making massive budget cuts to his respective college due to diminishing California state funding for the CSU system. Between the 2007/2008 and 2011/2012 school years, state funding to the CSU fell from \$2.97 billion to \$2 billion. HSU administrators feared the state's defunding of higher education would lead to the elimination of programs HSU is renowned for, crippling core programs in the sciences, like the Coral Sea, the fishery and the greenhouse.

The deans, along with HSU's Provost Robert Snyder, thought the best solution would be to create a new fee paid by all HSU students. This was not the first time a CSU created a new fee to make up for reduced state funding. The average cost of student fees for full-time California resident students attending a CSU have risen from \$2,772



Illustration Kate Yurkovic

to \$5,472 per semester between the 2007/2008 and 2011/2012 school years.

HSU's new student fee would cost \$144 dollars for full-time students per semester, \$72 for part-time students, and be adjusted each year for inflation. It would be called the Materials and Services Fee (MSF) and would cover equipment for labs, pay technical support staff salaries, pay for field trips and guest lectures. After all students paid, the fee would

generate about \$2 million.

"Without MSF the quality of education to CNRS students would have suffered dramatically," said Steven Smith, dean of College of Natural Resources and Science. "I'm sorry this cost has been passed on to students but it's due to the state of California."

Administrators hoped the \$2 million would replace any existing lab fees that students were paying, and still have enough left over to fill in other state funding shortfalls around campus.

Ken Ayoob, dean of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, said it was not just the sciences that were desperate for more funding.

"We needed to come up with some way to pay for the things our students needed," he said. His college received Calif. state lottery money in the past, but it was never enough.

HSU officials were ready to implement the fee, but first there were hoops to jump through.

Which students should pay the new fee? Should all students pay the fee or just some? Should certain majors pay more? Should they just increase lab fees? How much could they charge students?

In a recent interview, Snyder said they decided on charging a flat fee from all HSU students, mainly because it was easier than creating additional major or course-specific fees. This would be best, even if it meant some students would be paying for things they didn't use like the Coral Sea or the Child Development Lab.

In April 2010 the provost's office justified the new MSF fee in a letter to students that read, "It is the same principle as paying taxes to support many more programs than one person would use in order to preserve the common good."

A committee created for MSF looked at other schools in the CSU with similar fees. Specifically, Snyder said they modeled the MSF fee after Cal Poly and San Luis Obispo, which has the highest MSF fee in the

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Paying the price for student debt

by **Luis Lemus**
Staff Writer

College students know all too well the cost of an education. A study by the Project on Student Debt found that in 2010, 49 percent of Humboldt State students graduated with an average debt of \$17,444.

Recent graduates, Alberto Ramos-Ochoa and Karina Ramos-Ochoa, mathematics education and social work majors respectively, are no strangers to college debt. Alberto Ramos-Ochoa volunteers at AmeriCorps to help alleviate his college debt and Karina Ramos-Ochoa is still unemployed. Together they have a combined debt of over \$45,000.

"It sucks to wake up one day and realize that your debt limits your chances of financing something essential to your life, such as trying to buy a new car," Alberto Ramos-Ochoa said. "Reflecting over our debt, the amount we owe is enough to ensure a down payment on a house."

Students rally at Day of Action

by **Kaci Poor**
Editor-in-Chief

Aurora Maddocks' voice swells over the Humboldt State University Quad.

"I am tired of getting fucked over by the system," the HSU debate team captain cries. "I am paying more and getting less."

She pauses, her eyes sweeping over the crowd as the student onlookers cheer in agreement.

"We are being victimized by our school system. There is a complete lack of funding. A complete lack of communication. We are watching California go back on its promise to offer an affordable education."

Approximately 100 students found their way to the University Quad to participate in the nation-wide March 1 Day of Action, Thursday afternoon. Maddocks and a handful of other students spoke out about state budget cuts, student debt and the declining state of higher education. The day of action included campus demonstrations, workshops put on by Occupy Humboldt and culminated with an evening fire show by Humboldt Circus.



Jessie Holtz chalks "We are the Solution" on the quad during the March 1 rally.

| Samantha, B Seglin

With bright green chalk, Jessie Holtz etched the words, "We are the solution," onto the quad sidewalk during the rally.

"I went to my environmental conflict resolution class and I was feeling pretty sad about everything, but then I came out here to this rally and it is so inspiring," the 19-year-old said. "It made me realize I can take all this energy and use it to make change."

Kern Heurta, an Occupy Humboldt member since October, helped organize the Day of Action at HSU. As the 26-year-old slowly waved a giant, white Occupy flag, he explained that change is exactly what California higher education needs.

"Democracy is messy. We have to get over the idea of instant gratification. Students need to learn that they have the ability to make a difference," he said.

One way students can get involved, Heurta said, is stopping by an Occupy Humboldt General Assembly meeting every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

"It is great to read, to talk, but now it is time to come out and do something about it," he said.

Holtz agreed.

"We are students. We are young. That's what this is all about," she said. "Just doing what you can to help."

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day from The Depot**

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Graphic by Kaci Poor

With aspirations of becoming a high school math teacher and qualifying for California's Assumption Program of Loans for Education — a state program designed for students entering the teaching profession — he hopes that his student loans will be forgiven.

Karina Ramos-Ochoa, who
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is on track to becoming a social worker, is trying to make plans for her financial future.

“As a social worker, you only make about \$30,000 a year so it is really hard to pay off your student loans,” Karina Ramos-Ochoa said. In order to afford to pay for their rent the Ramos-Ochoas rent out their living room to a friend.

“As a freshman, you are financially illiterate and with all the money they throw at you, you just get excited and accept it all not knowing the consequences in the future,” Karina Ramos-Ochoa

said. “It was not until last year when I received financial counseling that the magnitude of the debt hit me, so I advise freshmen and future college students to learn the value of financial education and responsibility.”

The Project On Student Debt study — an initiative of the Institute for College Access and Success — found on average the graduating senior in California owes about \$18,113. In contrast, graduates from the California Institute of Technology — a private research university in Pasenda, average \$10,760 in debt.

Katie Clemens, a senior double majoring in anthropology and cel-

lular molecular biology, who will graduate in spring 2013, hopes her student debt does not exceed \$50,000.

During the summers she works two jobs, accumulating more than 40 hours a week to pay off her debt.

“I just turned 24, that means I am financially independent and finally able to qualify for a Pell Grant,” Clemens said. A Pell Grant, differs from a loan in that it does not have to be repaid.

Because of her father, an officer in the army, the government helped pay for some of her financial aid with post 9/11 funds that veterans received.

“The debt would have been a lot more than it already is if I had not had a college trust fund set up,” Clemens said.

Clemens currently owes about \$40,000. Once finished with both of her undergraduate degrees, she is aiming for admittance into a veterinarian graduate program.

“Even though graduate school is going to increase my debt, I try not to think about the amount of money I am going to owe,” Clemens said.

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@Nation
Tuesday’s 10 primaries could solidify a front-runner for the Republican nomination. Mitt Romney carried momentum going into “Super Tuesday.” The New York Times projected that Romney won Massachusetts, Ohio, Vermont and Virginia. Rick Santorum won Oklahoma and Tennessee, and Newt Gingrich won Georgia.

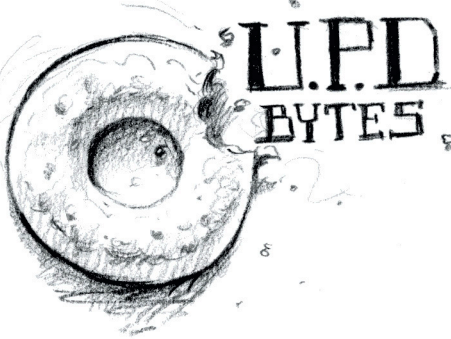
@Nation
On Monday President Obama announced his budget proposal, including \$8 million for work training programs in community colleges. Low-income community college students will have an opportunity for paid internships through the fund.

@HSU
The Federal Reserve Bank of New York released a report Monday about the growing debt load of college students and graduates. The report, created by an Equifax credit report analysis, said student debt totals \$870 billion. The average outstanding debt is \$23,300.

@HSU
Students in Humboldt County now have over 100 reasons to smile. Graduating high school, current college and returning students are eligible for the Humboldt Area Foundation scholarship that ranges from \$200 to \$7,500. All applications must be submitted electronically by March 15 at 5 p.m.

Compiled by Marie F. Estrada and Shelby Meyers

Sources: The New York Times, The Daily Breeze, The Chicago Tribune, International Herald Tribune



Wednesday, Feb. 29
5:07 a.m. A male subject dressed in all black was standing near the library entrance in the shadows. Apparently ninjas are prohibited from campus.

Thursday, March 1
8:57 a.m. Officers investigated a vehicle on Rossow Street with the engine running with no one inside. As easy as it may seem, some people still cannot successfully ghostride the whip.

1:03 p.m. An officer received a report of a suspicious text message. That is not much to work with.

Sunday, March 4
4:38 p.m. UPD seized marijuana contraband from the Campus Apartments for later consumption. Wait, destruction.

Monday, March 5
10:00 a.m. Officers reported a Cedar Hall window screen bent out as if someone climbed through the window from the outside. Those rabid raccoons are not quite as advanced as the velociraptors in Jurassic Park.

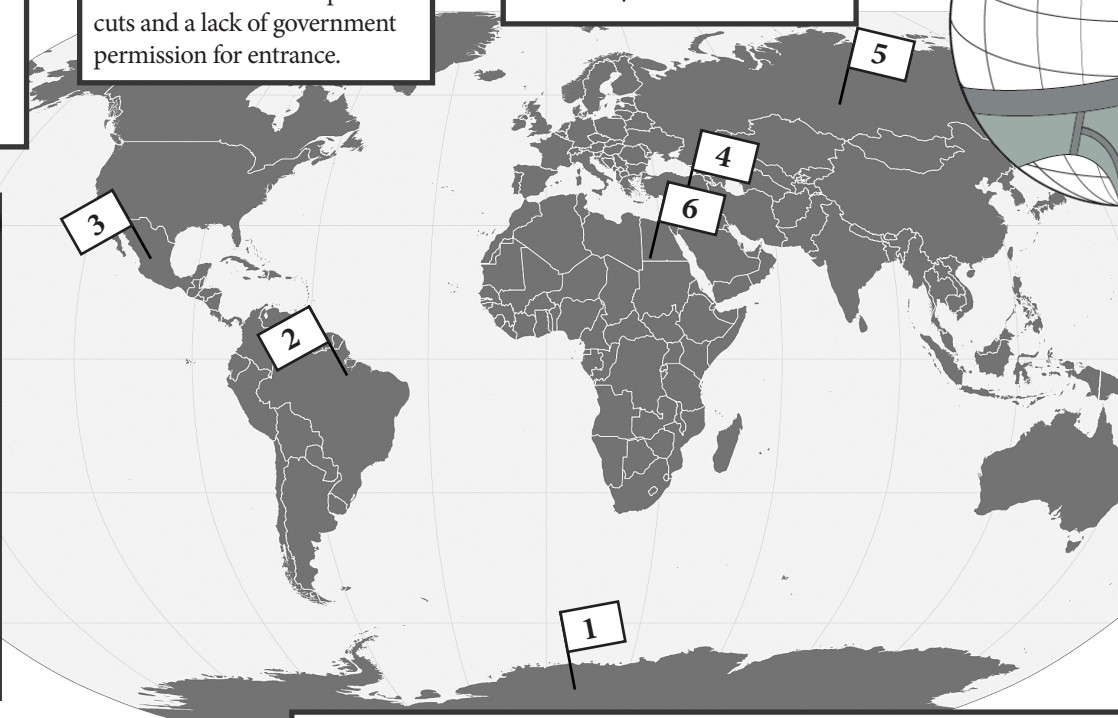
Mexico 3
In the midst of presidential elections, allegations surfaced of the International Revolutionary Party’s (PRI) corruption and former PRI Governor Tomas Yarrington’s financial support from the Gulf Cartel and Zeta gang.

Syria 4
Though the Red Cross distributed blankets and food to two neighborhoods in Homs, the most catastrophic towns are still in need because of power cuts and a lack of government permission for entrance.

Russia 5
Thousands gathered in Moscow after Vladimir Putin’s re-election to protest the legitimacy of his presidency and victory.

Egypt: 6
Militants blew up a Sinai Peninsula gas pipeline on Monday, according to Egyptian security officials. The pipeline — which transports fuel to neighboring Israel and Jordan — represents the 13th attack on pipeline since President Hosni Mubarak’s fall from power.

Antarctica 1
A team of researchers recently discovered a dramatic increase of non-native plants and various organisms after scouring the clothing of tourists and scientists visiting the White Continent. The team said the alien species will likely spread as the continent continues to warm.



World in Briefs

Brazil 2
More than 4,000 people refused to evacuate squatter settlements in the city of Rio De Janeiro on Sunday — combating governmental officials on the streets and in the courts as authorities attempt to tear down the settlements and construct “Olympic Park” in time for the 2016 Olympic Games.

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[Left] Magnolia | Samantha B. Seglin

[Middle] TART RAY (Charles ARthur Payne and Leslie RAYmond Payne), Date-1935-1955 | Courtesy of the Humboldt Room

[Right] Dylan Rhode, number 21, throws the ball during a practice on Sunday. | Jeremy Smith-Danford



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Freshman Katherine Goodwin was misquoted in Bryn Robertson’s article “The private story: inside HSU’s unisex bathrooms” on page 4 of the Feb. 29 issue of The Lumberjack. The article and accompanying word on the street portion stated Goodwin understands how great a need there is for additional unisex bathrooms. It should have said Goodwin does not understand how great a need there is for unisex bathrooms.

HSU looks to cash in on out-of-state and international students

by Ryan Nakano
Staff Writer

Over the next five years Humboldt State plans to triple its international student population.

“International and non-WUE [Western Undergraduate Exchange] students are two populations of students that we are able to increase without asking the state for more revenue,” said Peg Blake, vice president of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs. “Now is not a good time to ask the state for more money.”

Both international and non-Western Undergraduate Exchange students’ tuition costs more than California residents, whose tuition is partially paid for by California taxpayer money. The Western Undergraduate Exchange program

offers students who reside in specific western states the chance to reduce their college tuition by 150 percent of resident tuition.

An undergraduate California resident enrolled in more than six units at HSU will pay \$2,985 a semester for tuition fall 2012. A non-California resident enrolled in 12 units — the minimum course load to qualify as a full-time student — will pay \$372 per unit, or \$4,464 total a semester.

Blake said the difference in tuition costs is part of the reason why HSU is interested in recruiting these students. The other reason to recruit international and non-Western Undergraduate Exchange students is to help diversify HSU as a whole.

“California is like a separate country, but there is a whole lot more to this world,” Blake said. “Bringing in people from different places helps our students have a better experience

and more exposure.”

Selected as a cultural ambassa-

“*Humboldt has the lowest international student population percentage in the entire CSU system.*”

– Rebecca Brown,
Center of International Programs director

dor for India to the United States, 21-year-old foreign exchange student Rounaque Grover said the opportunity to represent his nation is “nothing short of glorious.”

More than seven months ago, the Indian Government selected Grover

out of 10 million other Indian students for the position.

Grover is just one student out of 118 international students at HSU.

But Rebecca Brown, HSU director for Center International programs, believes this number is relatively low.

“Humboldt has the lowest international student population percentage in the entire CSU system,” Brown said.

Like Blake, Brown also believes the recruitment of more international and out of state students will contribute to a more diverse campus.

This June both Brown and Blake will travel to Xi’an International Studies University in China to attend the school’s graduation ceremony and recruit more students to HSU.

HSU and Xi’an International Studies University share a partnership based on a program called the

Sino-American one-two-one Dual Degree Program.

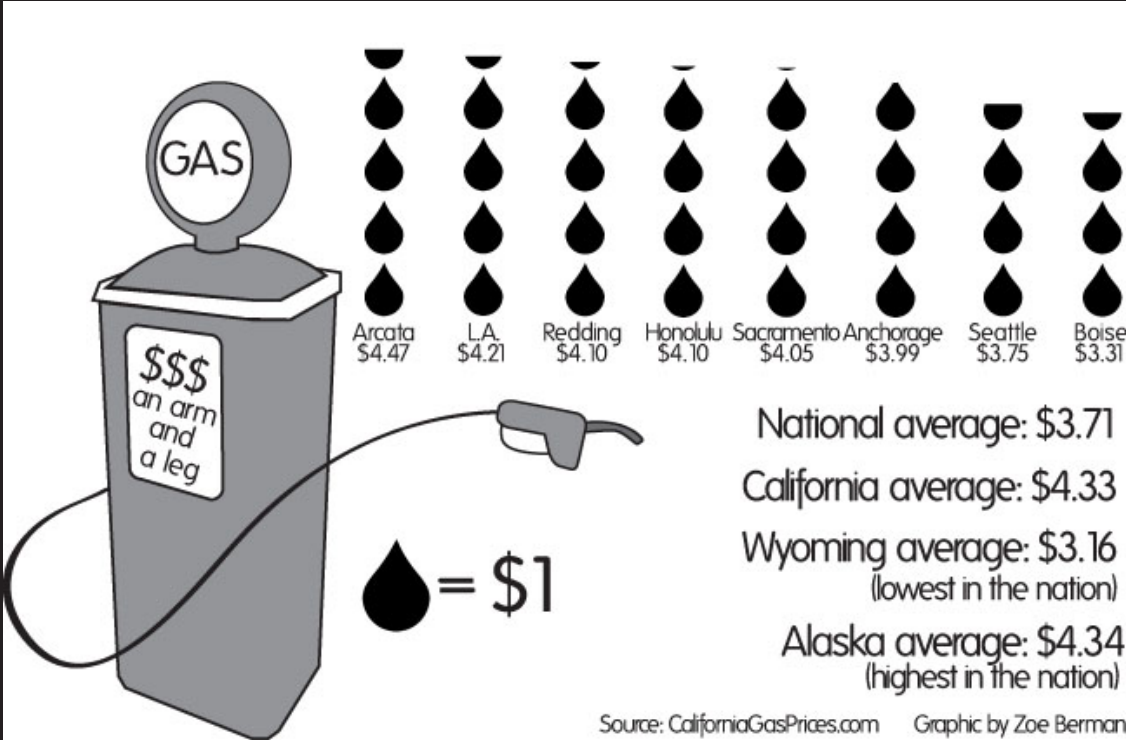
This program allows Chinese students to spend their first year at Xi’an, their next two years at HSU, and their last year back at Xi’an.

While in China, Brown and Blake plan to set up HSU offices in both Beijing and the city of Xi’an, and spend three to four days to train staff to help recruit prospective students.

The benefits of international and out of state recruitment impact both HSU as well as its international and non-Western Undergraduate Exchange student population.

“When a student from India goes to school in the United States, it’s a really big deal,” Grover said. “It gives us a chance to prove our potential”

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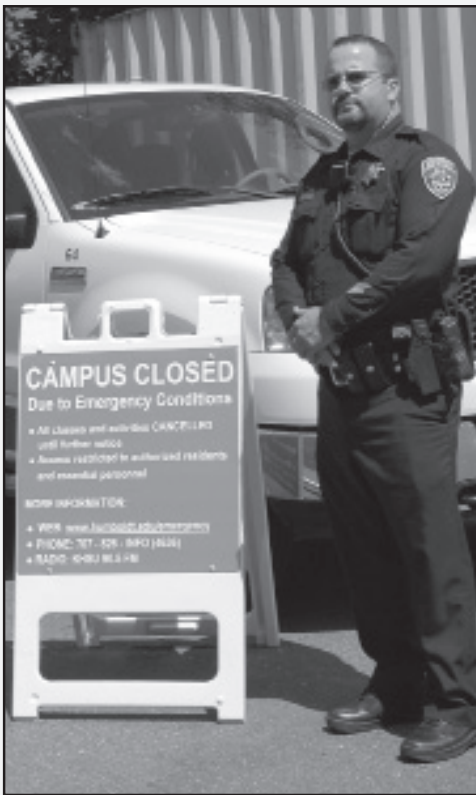
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CSU system.

Then it was a question of how much to charge students. Snyder said that originally, the fee was going to be as much as twice the \$145 charged now.

"If you totalled up the cost of everything that we take to be special [at HSU] that we don't have to do as a regular part of your education, the fee was huge, it was at least two times what it currently is," he said. "We decided that was too heavy a burden to levy on students."

The fee proposal was put to a vote by the HSU student body. It was voted down, 495-319. Sixty percent of voters voted against the proposal, but the provost and deans continued on with its implementation. They said there was no choice besides cutting more HSU programs.

Finally, it was a matter of getting the CSU Chancellor Charles Reed to approve the new MSF fee at HSU.

"I never thought the Chancellor would approve the [MSF] fee," Ayoub said. "At the time there was word going around that the chancellor would not be approving anymore fees. We were told that we would need to live within our means. The fact that [HSU President Rollin] Richmond was able to convince the chancellor really impressed me."

Natalie Guest, a science education major, served on the MSF committee two years ago.

"It's nice that [lab fees are] now rolled into one fee," Guest said. Before the fee, Guest said she didn't like paying all her fees with tuition, then paying another \$50 in her Spanish class to use Rosetta Stone language software.

"I want to be a teacher, so I definitely see the benefits," she said.

Show me the money

The College of Natural Resources and Sciences receives the majority of

the money generated by the MSF fee — about \$1 million. The College of Professional Studies and the College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences each receive about \$500,000.

In all three schools, the majority of fee money goes towards paying salaries and benefits of support staff, like a greenhouse employee, or student assistants in your psychology class. In CNRS, more than 80 percent of fee money went toward staff salaries and benefits.

"The rationale when we created the fee was to save positions," CNRS Dean Steve Smith said.

This year \$14,596 went to specialized computer programs in forestry, biology and math. Exactly \$10,000 goes toward fuel for the Coral Sea. \$12,447 is still unallocated in CNRS.

In the College of Professional Studies, more than \$27,000 went toward student travel expenses. More than \$10,000 was used for renting vehicles for student field trips.

Dean of Professional Studies John Lee said a lot of equipment in both Kinesiology and Child Development was antiquated that needed a one-time update the first year the fee was allocated.

"There were little kids tables that were actually breaking apart," he said. "Through the fee we refreshed those."

This year a large chunk of the fee in the College of Professional Studies went to student travel, supporting both undergraduate and graduate research. Another chunk went to instructional staff, he said, with Kinesiology and Child Development getting a lot of the money.

This year less money is going to equipment. More of the money will be going into assistant-ships and teaching and research positions. I believe in paying students," he said. "Before [the MSF fee], students weren't paid. Now we are able to pay student assistants

in Psychology, Kinesiology and Child Development."

In all three schools, some of the MSF-generated money is set aside. It is made available on a "competitive basis." Each academic department submits a proposal of things they need — a wish list of sorts.

"We ask every department to rank their requests, and we look at everyone's first priority. If it meets the criteria, then we fund it. Then we go back and do No. 2," said Theresa Stanley, the Art Department chair who served on the MSF committee for CAHSS. "It's a pretty organic process, but I think it works out."

But it's up to each school's respective dean to make the final call of what should and shouldn't be funded within their college.

Does it work?

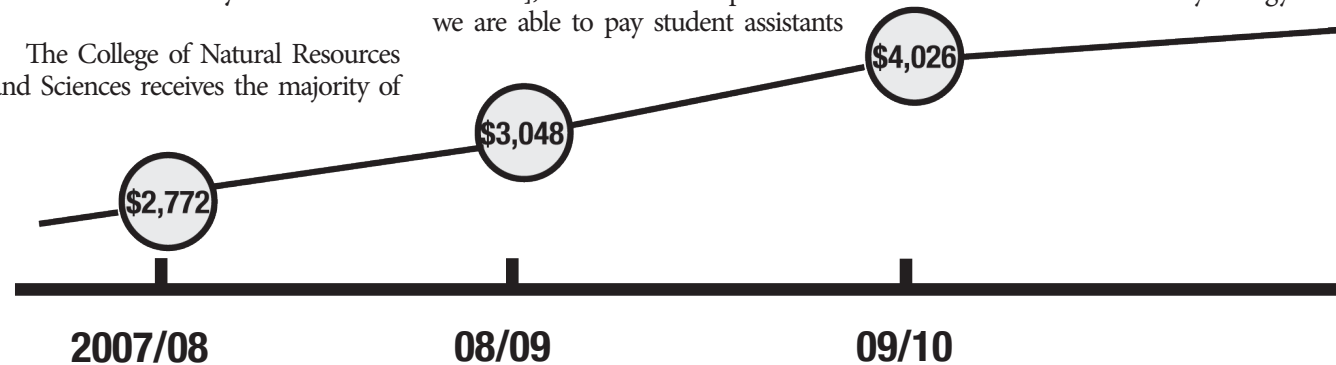
Eileen Cashman, an Environmental Resources Engineering professor, served on the CNRS fee committee. For her department, she thinks the new fee works pretty well. She pointed to special kits that her department purchased with MSF funds that are used for entry-level engineering physics labs. The kits include little building materials and tools that help students learn about structural integrity.

"We never would've been able to get those otherwise," Cashman said.

In the art department, Stanley replaced pottery kilns that weren't working and bought some new furniture.

"We haven't had new painting tables for 25 years, and we got some," she said.

Psychology Department Chair Gregg Gold said all of the students in his department benefit from the MSF fee. Because of the fee, the psychology department can now pay graduate student assistants to help with Introduction Psychology



Affirmative action: Good, b

by **Bryn Robertson**
Staff Writer

Affirmative action advocates are watching the U.S. Supreme Court this fall, as the constitutionality of race-based preferences in public school admissions risks collapse.

Affirmative action means taking

initiative to represent women and minority groups in education, employment and businesses where they have been historically underrepresented. Regulated individually by states, affirmative action legislation exists to fight discrimination based on race, religion, sex, class or national origin.

Abigail Fisher, a white applicant to the University of Texas, filed a law-

suit against the school for rejecting her, based on what she said was racial discrimination. To ensure campus diversity.

Fisher said her top-ten percentile admission was given to a less qualified student in a minority group. The state's affirmative action policy allows schools to use racial preference as a factor to maintain campus



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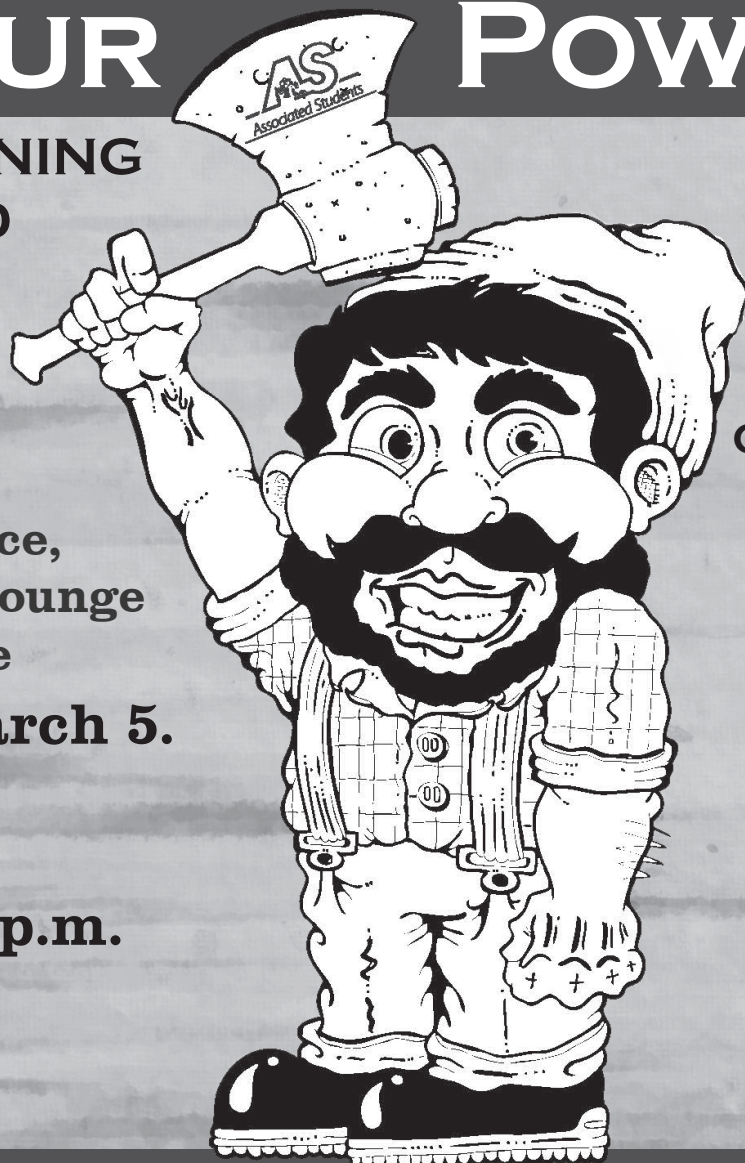
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Statistics and Introduction Psychology Research Design — two courses required for all students in the major. The department also used MSF money to create a supplementary instruction course taken concurrently with Introduction Psychology Statistics taught by a graduate student.

“It is simple,” Gold said. “Without MSF we would not have been able to offer this course at all.”

Val Arizzi, the psychology department coordinator, said the department is very careful about what it chooses to fund.

“Well, it is student money,” she said. “So we are very cognizant of how we are spending it so that it directly benefits students. We are so pleased to have money to spend — we don’t want to waste it.”

But not all professors — or students — are happy with the MSF fee.

When the fee was proposed two years ago, some professors voiced concern that the it would put more spending power in the hands of administrators, and leave less flexibility for professors.

Curtis Beaudry is an environmental science major and political science minor. The 19-year-old said he sometimes gets frustrated trying to understand where exactly his student fee money is going.

“It is surprising when you look and you realize you don’t even know what you are paying,” he said. “For me, the most frustrating thing about higher education is the hierarchy created by money. I want to know where my money is going exactly cause when I graduate I will be at least \$20,000 in debt. I want to know where that money went.”

Losing out

Provost Snyder said he thinks most students will get something out of the MSF fee.

“A large number of the majors coming into the campus begin in the sciences and then move to other programs,” Snyder said. “So I think the argument that students don’t use [the fee] or something, it’s not clear to me on that. There’s certainly some, but you know.”

Snyder was firm in saying that the MSF fee would stay at HSU — and likely increase.

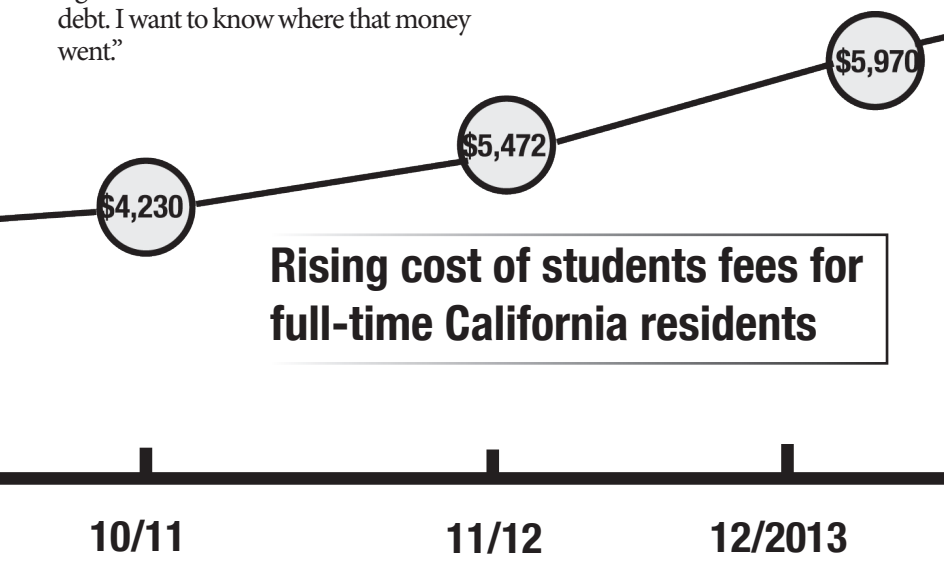
And new fees, like MSF, could be created. While stopping short of saying HSU had any new student fees in the works, Snyder mentioned that some of the CSU’s have created new ‘technology’ fees to pull some extra funding out of students for things like general purpose computer labs.

With such a strained state budget, it is likely that student fees at Humboldt State will continue to increase. The average cost of CSU student fees for full-time California resident will increase from \$5,472 this semester to \$5,970 next fall.

“Tuition will continue to go up,” Snyder said. “Fees will go up. I don’t see it reversing course.”

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Rising cost of students fees for full-time California residents

HSU department chairs and professors must apply for MSF fee money. Below are a few examples of what professors from the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and the College Professional Studies requested last fall.

The College of Natural Resources and Sciences did not provide specific request information.

We were unable to confirm whether these requests were approved by the college deans.

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College of Professional Studies

1. The Kinesiology Department requested funding for the Suntech Tango, an automated blood pressure monitor.

Cost: \$23,157.06

Students served: 10 graduate, 183 undergraduate

2. The Education Department requested one smartboard (a high-tech chalkboard) because they were “behind the times.”

Cost: \$2,000.00

Students Served: 300

3. Social Work requested furniture and mirrors for students to practice interviewing techniques in a “home-like” environment.

Cost: \$1,500.00

Students Served: 180

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College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

1. The Art Department requested 35mm cameras for students to check out.

Cost: \$5,000.00

Students Served: 300

2. The Journalism Department requested a Canon XH-A1 professional high-definition video camera.

Cost: \$3,610.00

Students Served: 90

3. The English Department requested funds to send students to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, including tickets, lodging and transportation.

Cost: \$3,680.00

Students Served: 25

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diversity. The U.S. Supreme Court heard Fisher’s appeal in February. The results of the trial are expected in October.

The Texas Top 10 Percent Plan, guaranteed students at the top 10 percent of their high school admission to a public university within the state. The class-based affirmative action program gave students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds opportunity and initiative, without being race-based. Texas continues to implement the Top 10 Percent Plan, but has added race as a factor back into affirmative action legislation.

First praised then scorned for creating reverse discrimination and perpetuating prejudice in public settings, affirmative action is still scrutinized despite intentions to provide opportunity and representation for minority groups.

California affirmative action laws are a little different. In 1996, Proposition 209 outlawed the use of race and gender preferences in California public schools, and in doing so banned affirmative action. In a February San Francisco Huffington Post article, “California Proposition 209: Minority Enrollments Down in UC Schools Despite Efforts,” Erica Perez states that minority enrollment in UC Berkeley has dropped by 58 percent, and by 53 percent at UCLA.

For senior psychology major Ashley Fields, the concept of using affirmative action for public school admission is tough. “At one time, affirmative action was good,” Fields said. “If people want to move ahead, and create a more equal society, we have to set things aside.”

Nikki Schreiver, a senior psychology major, said she thinks affirmative action would be more effective if it existed as an integral part of society earlier, as well as in early education. “We need to think of other ways to support students in minority groups on a societal level,” Schreiver said.



Senior psychology majors Ashley Fields and Nikki Schreiver said they believe discrimination is discrimination, no matter who you are. |Bryn Robertson

The 1964 passing of the Civil Rights Act prohibited discrimination in areas of public conduct, and supported equal opportunities and representation. Affirmative action legislation, adopted by schools in light of the civil rights movement, has changed over the years. The use of race as a determining factor for university admission is a hot topic for states like Texas, as historically, the white and wealthy have enjoyed the least discrimination and the greatest ease moving up in America’s competitive society.

In 1996, Texas stopped using race as a factor for universities’ admissions. In Hopwood v. Texas, a case similar to Fisher’s, a rejected white student to the University of Texas Law set a precedent for future cases.

In Hopwood, applicant Cheryl Hopwood was denied admission to the Texas Law School, despite being in good academic standing. The Court of Appeals ruled in Hopwood’s favor four years later, on the basis that the school’s use of race as a determinate for admissions was not a compelling one and violated the 14th Amendment’s right to equal protection under state law.

Donald Carpenter, a first year political science major, studies at Mendocino Community College,

located four hours south of Arcata. “I feel like it’s pretty diverse,” said Carpenter, in regards to the ethnic population at MCC. “It’s diverse enough considering the area.”

The lack of preferential legislation dictated by Proposition 209 affects public schools, as do other variables like geographic location and national economic health.

Leo Howell, who studied film at the College of the Redwoods, said the diversity of students at CR is a result of the environment. “It’s mostly white kids. There’s more diversity in age than race, because CR is mostly Humboldt County-based.”

Fisher is not the first to question affirmative action, and her standpoint as a white American combating a law meant to prevent discrimination has reached High Court scrutiny before. Come October, the Supreme Court will again try to regulate the historically controversial issue.

“As much as we’d like to think equality exists these days, it doesn’t,” Schreiver said. “Discrimination is discrimination.”

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Sports

Men’s lacrosse taps into its roots to grow at Humboldt

No experience necessary in men’s lacrosse; all it takes is a little sweat and blood

by Kevin Bunch
Staff Writer

Streaking across the field, a small solid-rubber ball cracks against your ribs and bounces to the ground. You scoop it up with the hard, plastic head of a long metal stick clenched in your gloved hand — only to be bombarded by more sticks smacking your arms, legs and shoulders.

This is lacrosse. If it sounds more like a battle scene than a game, that is because its origin on the East Coast, where Native American tribes created the sport, is modeled after war. Lacrosse was a ritual to bring boys into manhood.

Sociology professor Tony Silvaggio came to Humboldt State in 2007 from Syracuse, N.Y., where he grew up playing lacrosse. His goal as a volunteer coach for the men’s lacrosse club-sports team is to bring the sport he loves to the Humboldt community and to make men out of a group of HSU boys.

The HSU men’s lacrosse club is in its third consecutive season in the Men’s Collegiate Lacrosse Association division two. The club has been off and on with the league due to inconsistency with leadership. Silvaggio is changing that.

“All the coaches we have played this season are saying this is the best team they have seen from HSU ever,” Silvaggio said. The team is currently ranked first in their six-team conference – among them are four other California teams: UC Santa Cruz, UC Merced, San Jose State College and Saint Mary’s College, Gaels.

The team has made these improvements and asserted themselves in their conference as a dominant force, despite inexperienced players.

“We have over half the team new to the sport and they are hooked. It becomes a part of your identity; in a way, it’s a fraternity,” Silvaggio said. “These guys all have a similar outlook on life now.”

Oceanography junior Dylan Rhode is one of four co-captains for the lacrosse team. Rhode has been on the team for three years and had no prior experience with the sport before coming to HSU.

“It really comes down to sweating and fighting alongside these guys,” Rhode said. “We suffer through tough practices and the aches and pains associ-

“
You don’t have to be a monster to play.”
— Tony Silvaggio, volunteer coach

ated with the sport.”

Played on a turf or grass field, lacrosse is a high intensity adrenaline sport comparable to hockey. The men on the field attempt to get a white ball — smaller than a baseball, heavy as a softball and hard as a rock — into the opponents net, which is barely larger than the goalie.

The warrior mentality of the sport resonates with Rhode and his lacrosse brothers.

“It has such a brutal, yet beautiful healing nature,” Rhode said. “It’s a great outlet for all the built-up energy after a day of classes and extracurricular activities.”

Kinesiology freshman Jonathan Njoku had never played the game before joining the club in the fall. Lacrosse was the first organized league sport he played since middle school. But he said he picked the sport up quickly.



Daniel Balok, number 11, passes the ball to Dylan Rhode, number 21, during a practice on Sunday. | Jeremy Smith-Danford

“When I first looked at [lacrosse] I just saw guys all over the place running around,” Njoku said.

He said it was intimidating, but after the first two games, he got the hang of it.

There are attackers on the opponent’s side trying to score points, midfielders carrying the ball up and down the field to create plays, defenders deflecting the opponents every attack, and the goalie responsible for stopping the tiny ball from entering the goal. The player takes command of the nearly invisible ball in flight using a stick called a “cross,” which has a netted pocket at its end. The player’s vision is constructed with what glimpse of space they can see between the thin black bars of their face-mask’s cage.

“I love playing with contact,” Njoku said. “You see the ball and you try to get at it, but sticks start flying at you.” He said a piece of advice that his father has always preached to him for every aspect of life holds true in situations like this one: “Focus is key, remember your objective.”

“In tests,” Njoku said, comparing the pressure of sticks pounding on his body to pressure of stress that pounds on him as a student; “I feel like all these people around me are smarter than me, and there is all this pressure to perform, but I

have to keep that focus and remember what my objective is.” Get the ball, and score the goal.

“I embrace the contact,” Njoku said. “I know I’m well protected, so I just try to keep my head steady.”

Athletes wear shoulder pads – much lighter and thinner than football shoulder pads — equally thin elbow and bicep pads to protect from the stick checking that is indigenous to the game, thick gloves, and a helmet with face protection. A groin cup is also recommended by the club members.

Silvaggio is a volunteer coach for the men’s club team at HSU. On top of committing four hours a day, four times a week, and organizing the club’s league membership – which was nonexistent for 11 years prior to Silvaggio’s arrival – he attends coach’s trainings, sports club general meetings, and sports club council meetings.

“You don’t have to be a monster to play. We have guys at a buck fifty who play every game,” Silvaggio said. “I play it because it’s fun, and you can play until your 60. These kids are 18, I’m knocking them on their asses. It’s fun as hell.”

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Jacks Roundup

by ‘Alohi Bikle
Sports Editor

March madness

Humboldt State vs. Chico State. It was a sight all-too-familiar for the two teams, as it was the third match up between the two teams and the most important.

The Jacks fell twice to Chico in regular season and were not about to give up yet another win to them. Third time’s the charm though, as they beat the top-seeded wildcats 89-76 Saturday in San Diego, and claimed their first CCAA post season tournament crown.

Senior forward Randy Hunter was named the tournament’s Most Outstanding Player and made the All-tournament team alongside teammates, senior guards Scott Clark and Brandon Sperling.

After Saturday’s win against Chico, the Jacks received an automatic berth in the NCAA Division II West Region tournament, coming in at the No. 4 seed.

They head to Bellingham, Wash. to face No. 5 seed Chico State for the fourth time this season. If the Jacks prevail over the wildcats once more, they will face the winner of Western Washington vs. Grand Canyon.

After a stellar performance last week against No.1 UC San Diego, the most recent poll put the lady Jacks in seventh place in the West region. Unfortunately, they were not able to seal a spot in their respective tournament bracket with the season for the Jacks ending with a 19-8 record.

Men’s Basketball:
(3/2) HSU 74 Cal Poly Pomona 70
Splitting to Cal Poly Pomona during regular season play, the Jacks were determined to have the game end in their favor during the semi-finals of the CCAA post season tournament. It was a close call though as Brandon Sperling hit two free throws with just nine seconds remaining. Randy Hunter ended the game with a team high of 24 points.

(3/3) HSU 89 Chico State 76
The Jacks came out firing after a close win to Cal Poly Pomona the day before. They had an early 23-13 lead. Chico was able to catch up and trailed by seven by halftime. With just over 4:00 minutes remaining, the Jacks were up 13 points and kept Chico in the distance till the end. Surpassing his 1,000 point mark, senior forward Kyle Baxter ended the night with 15 points.

Softball:
(3/2) HSU 0 Sonoma State 1
HSU 0 Sonoma State 1
It was a slow day for the Jacks who only registered three hits in two games against Sonoma State. Defensively though, they were able to keep Sonoma at two runs. Freshman and senior outfielders Dani Randell and Felicia Viveiros were the only two to get hits for the Jacks. Randell with two doubles and Viveiros with a single in the second game.

(3/3) HSU 0 Sonoma State 6
HSU 4 Sonoma State 2
The Jacks were still unable to pick up the pace and remained scoreless in the first game of Saturday’s double header against Sonoma. It was a different story in the night cap however. Although the Jacks couldn’t get on the board first, they did have the first hits of the game. Up 3-2, senior second baseman Kristen Nouzovsky blasted a homer in the sixth inning to seal the win.

Track & Field:
(3/3) Kim Duyst Invitational
The track and field team went south last weekend to Turlock, and competed against junior colleges and other NCAA teams in the Kim Duyst Invitational. Capturing fourth place among 18 schools, the men’s team had a great performance from freshman sprinter JJ Latu who ran 100 meters in 11.41 seconds. The women’s team came in 12th place in a pack of 19. The Jacks return home this weekend and host the Humboldt Invitational on Saturday.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Athlete of the week, senior kinesiology major Noe Cabrera plays on basketball and soccer intramural teams. | ‘Alohi Bikle

by ‘Alohi Bikle
Sports Editor

Editors Note: The athlete of the week is a weekly feature dedicated to recognizing the best of HSU’s intramural athletes. To nominate an intramural athlete, please send the athlete’s first and last name to thejack@humboldt.edu, subject: ATTN:AOW.

The average 10-year-old boy plays video games, skateboards with friends and has to be home before the street lights turn on.

At 10-years-old, Noe Cabrera was given the opportunity to leave his home in Los Angeles and move to Mexico to attend a youth academy camp with Club

Atlas, a Mexican soccer club that produces many professional players.

He turned down the offer to stay in the states and continue his education — a decision he thinks about, but never regrets making.

“I wanted to become a professional soccer player, that was my dream,” Cabrera said, “but my parents immigrated [to the United States] from Mexico for a better life and that included me getting an education.”

Cabrera is now a teacher’s assistant at Jacoby Creek School and is in his final semester at HSU. Graduating in May and receiving a degree in Kinesiology, with an emphasis in teaching and coaching, Cabrera wants to get his teaching credentials and return back home to help out stu-

dents in his area.

“Some kids where I’m from are 16, reading at a third grade level and getting into a lot of trouble,” Cabrera said.

“I want to help them out so they can play sports in high school and then further their education like I did.”

Cabrera has played intramural sports every semester since arriving at HSU in fall 2007. He plays on a basketball and soccer intramural team.

“I like that Humboldt has intramural sports,” Cabrera said, “because I enjoy still being able to play the sports I grew up playing. And they’re fun, which is how they should be.”

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All-American & MVP first basewoman leads Humboldt State softball team

Chrissy Stalf co-captains Humboldt’s softball team and ranks as one of the top first basemen in the country

by Katherine Elena Leonard
Staff Writer

The quaint college town of Arcata reminds first basewoman Chrissy Stalf of the small town experience she gets from her hometown Oakley, Calif. The close proximity to the ocean and redwood forests is what made Stalf want to come to Humboldt State.

As she enters her junior year of child development studies, Stalf holds a handful of complimenting titles for her performance in softball.

Leading with 18 home runs, the California Collegiate Athletic Association made Stalf last year’s MVP and an All-American for her league.

“My favorite part of the game is, well, the game. I love everything about it,” Stalf said. Playing

since age 8, she started out as a pitcher, but then found her place at first base.

“I like playing first base because I like how I’m involved in every play,” she said.

Standing 6-feet tall, Stalf believes her long arms and left-handed dominance give her a unique advantage. Head coach Frank Cheek sees the advantage, too.

“She has a nice range at first base and she covers the base well,” Cheek said. “She can gather the outside pitch and drive to the opposite field.”

With a batting average of 500, Stalf sits third in the batting lineup.

“She’s one of the top three first basemen in the country out of 275 teams,” Cheek said.

Coaching for more than 43 years, Cheek said Stalf is definitely a leader on the field, leading her team more by example than by verbalizing.

Stalf’s teammate, senior out fielder Felicia Vivieros, sees the same leadership. “She’s dedicated, works hard and shows her leadership on the field,” Vivieros said. “She picks the girls up when they’re down, leads by example

and encourages everyone.”

Stalf and Vivieros are close friends and spend a lot of their free time together during their days at HSU. The softball players knew each other from playing on the Nor Cal Shockers softball team in the Bay Area.

Vivieros, who also is an All-American and a team captain, expects only greatness from Stalf.

“She’s an amazing hitter and a natural athlete. She’s only going to get better and I’m honored I got to play with her,” Vivieros said.

As Stalf hopes her team makes it to post-season, she prepares herself to be a third or fourth grade teacher.

Stalf said she would love to play softball overseas if she was ever asked to, but really wants to be a teacher.

“If she performs as well as she does on the field at some job someday, she’s going to be one amazing employee,” Vivieros said.

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Humboldt cycling club rides through first team time trial

by ‘Alohi Bikle
Sports Editor

Last weekend the Humboldt State Cycling Club competed in their first race in Paicines, Calif. Hosted by Stanford University’s cycling club, HSU raced alongside teams from UCLA, UC

Berkeley and UC Davis.

Representing HSU on the men’s team, who finished in fourth place, were club riders Luke Ramseth, Ben Barry and Ryan Spaulding.

Hayley Umayam, Traci Kroll and Kaydee Rathes raced for the women’s team and came in fifth place.

The teams raced two more

times. First in a long road race over Panoche Pass — which reached an elevation of 2,000 feet — and then on Sunday in Morgan Hill for a criterium or short course bike race.

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[Top] Ben Barry in the Mens A Criterium Sunday | Joe Zaizar
[Bottom] Ryan Sapaulding in the Mens A Road Race on Saturday | Joe Zaizar

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Crew Beat



Mary Horton (left) and Maggie Wilhelm (right) row during women's rowing practice on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012. | Jeremy Smith Danford

Ready, set, row!

by Cora Vay
 Staff Writer

The choppy morning waters of Humboldt Bay splash as eight oars move in perfect unison. The eight exhausted faces seated in the racing shell are greeted by a steady rainfall; they push as they advance toward the last stretch of morning crew practice.

"It's all for that moment when we are all in sync," novice Charlotte Portratz said. "When everybody clicks and you know everyone's rowing their hardest."

In preparation for their first regatta in Sacramento on March 10, Humboldt State women's crew practices in the water six days a week. On top of that, the team trains twice a week on ergometer machines and lifts weights for three. By the end of each week, they rack up a little under 20 hours in training, and it's all for one goal — crossing the finish line.

"It all comes down to the seconds," varsity rower Ashley Frakes said. "There's nothing like crossing the finish line and being behind by one second."

start. For 75 minutes, coaches ride next to racing shells and assess each rower individually and collectively, coaching them on how to maintain correct form and a fast stroke.

"If we can't identify what's wrong, we can't identify how to fix it," head coach Robin Meiggs said. "If your boat is fast, it's because it's from the power of one — eight people doing the same thing."

Twice a week and usually after a full day of classes, the women's crew team enters the East Gym to find a line of ergometer rowing machines — ready to be pulled and worked for 2,000 meters. Erg machines stimulate motions meant to strengthen rowing techniques and increase speed. The aim of an erg exercise is to score a low 'split' time, which translates to how long it takes a rower to reach 500 meters.

"[The erg machines provide] instantaneous feedback on how hard you're rowing," coach Meiggs said. "The harder you pull, the faster the numbers go down. We want to teach [them] to use the same intensity."

Once a week, erg exercises include a 2,000 meter pull —

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five, building to

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Jack Knife sit ups



Veronica Coraggio, Jeana Wallace and Kayleigh Lindquest (left to right) of the Women's Rowing team row during practice on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012. | Jeremy Smith Danford

You can't help but think 'what if I just pushed harder during practice, this wouldn't have happened.'

Like clockwork, Monday through Saturday at 6:15 a.m., the team can be seen warming up and lugging out 200-pound racing shells in the still of the morning — first round of practice for the day has begun.

Matched in seats they will race in Sacramento, water practices are crucial to perfect the team's form before the season's

the same distance the team races in regattas.

"I've already broken my [erg] record, and the season hasn't even started," Molly Fisher, varsity, said. "The training is more aggressive this year — we're training to win."

The last round of training concludes with personalized workouts produced by coaches. Lifting sessions twice a week help build muscles utilized while rowing; specifically building strength in the legs,

arms and the core.

"It is not enough to have beautiful form and technique on the water," varsity rower Chyna Balonick said. "If you cannot pull your own weight, you will ultimately slow the boat down. Every stroke we take in our races we are pulling as hard as possible — we strength train to enable us to pull even harder."

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Features

Is on campus convenience worth the cost?

by **Shelby Meyers**
Staff Writer

Erik Andersen, a freshmen wildlife major, lives in a double room in the Sunset dorms. Andersen's on-campus housing costs \$10,380 for the entire academic year — meal plan included.

The costs of campus dorms at Humboldt State depend on two main factors: Which dorms and meal plan students choose.

"It's like [we're] paying for the convenience," Andersen said. Some of those convenient perks include access to hot tub and sauna facilities, close dining options and the ability to wake up five minutes before an 8 a.m. class and not be late.

Utilities are included in the dorm fees. Tim Freeman, head of Housing and Dining Maintenance, keeps tabs on energy usage in the dorms.

"Sometimes [students think] 'we're not paying for this.' So they use a lot of energy," he said.

Energy costs are incorporated into students' housing fees; which means if energy usage rises students do not have to pay an increased amount, he explained. The maintenance department uses a co-generation plant to reduce energy fees and generate electricity and water for the dorms. The co-generation system uses two different water temperatures that cross paths and increase heat without the use of gas energy.

"The water goes to Canyon, Redwood and Sunset. It preheats cold water for domestic hot water.

The gas consumption is lower," Freeman said.

All residents are required to purchase a meal plan to live in the Sunset, Redwood, Canyon or Cypress dorms. Each resident has a choice between three plans: Green Plan \$3,876 per academic year, Gold Plan \$4,576 per academic year and the Humboldt Plan \$5,276 per academic year.

Cost for food is converted into J points. Every food item in dining facilities has a different point value. Even with the medium-sized plan, Andersen thinks he might run out of points before the semester ends.

For more points, money can be added to each of the meal plans.

"Nope. No way, I'm not adding more money," Andersen said, shaking his head and smiling.

Andersen has the Gold Plan. The cost breaks down to about \$457 per month for the 10-month academic year.

Holly Starks, a junior wildlife major at HSU, spends about \$150 to \$200 per month on food.

"It's because all those coconuts [I buy] at Wildberries that my groceries cost that much," Starks said.

Starks lives in a five-bedroom apartment in downtown Arcata. Her landlord covers utility payments for water, sewer and garbage. Rent costs \$2,100 per month. Starks and her roommates divide the cost so each person pays \$420 per month. Compared to Starks' rent, Andersen's dorm fee is about \$725 per month.

"There's about \$3,400 difference between the dorms and living off campus for me. That \$3,400

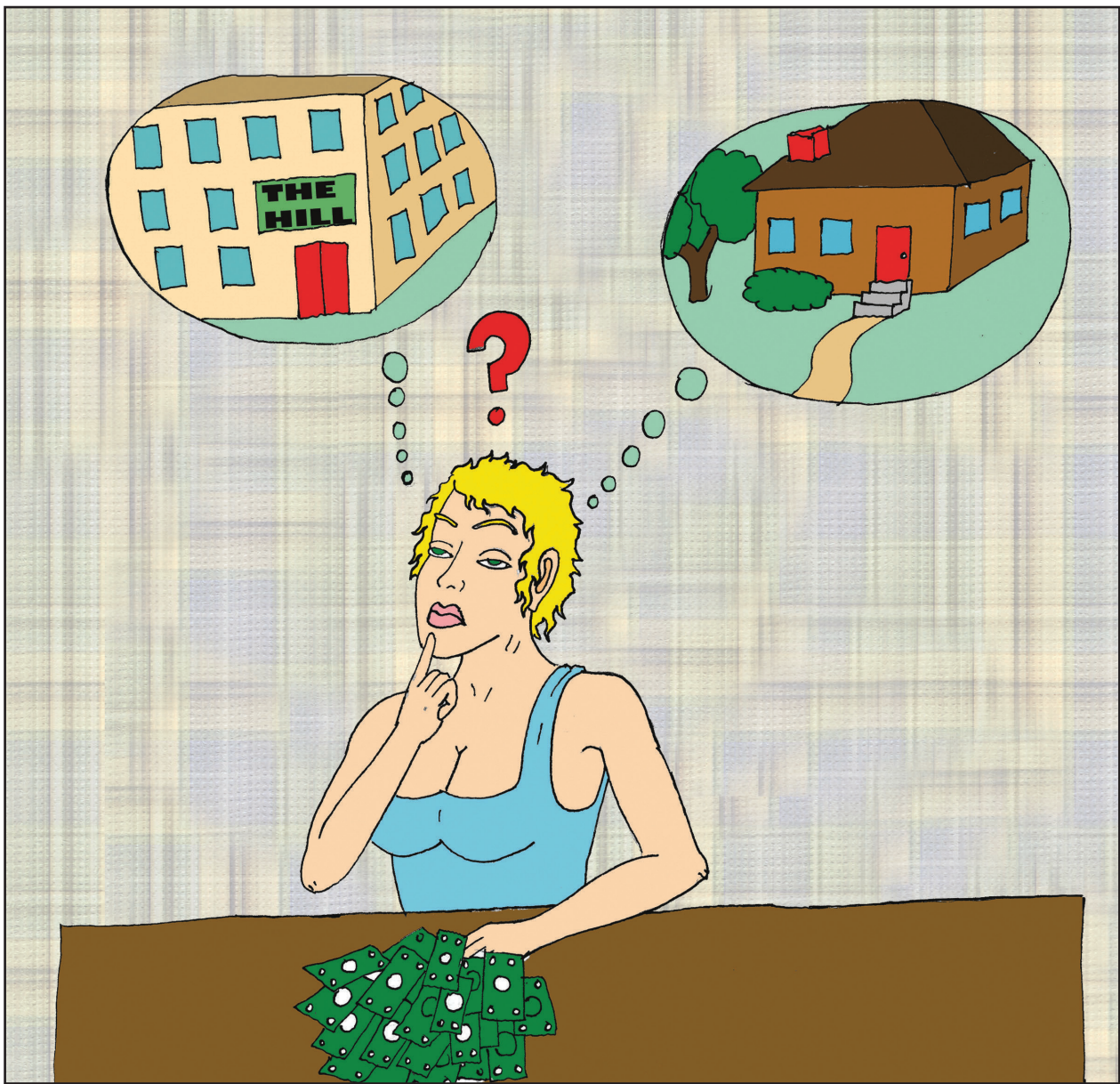


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is a big difference to spend," Starks said.

Starks spent her first semester freshmen year in the Canyon where she crashed in friends' dorm rooms. The second half of the year Starks lived in the Creekview dorms. Last year she lived in the new College Creek dorms.

Meal plans are not required in Creekview, College Creek or the Campus apartments. Within Stark's two years in the dorms, she never bought a meal plan.

"I never had a meal plan because that's where they suck the money out of you."

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Stuck in Humboldt: Daycations for Spring Break

by **Marimar White-Espin**
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For many students, Humboldt County is limited to the Humboldt State campus. There is so much more to explore and with spring break around the corner, it is no better time than to take a daycation to explore what Humboldt County has to offer.

Barn Dancing at Veterans Memorial Building

Participate in the many beginning instructional dance nights in Arcata including Barn Dancing at Veterans Memorial Building on Friday, March 16. "There's live music which is really fun to dance to and its a good place to meet lots of people," said Daniel Aslan, kinesiology major.

Other dance nights in Arcata include:

Salsa Dancing: Wednesday March 14, 7-8p.m. dance lesson, 8-11p.m. open floor dancing at Robert Goodwin Winery.

Swing Dancing: Monday March 12 at Redwood Raks, time: 7:30

Cafe Mokka, Finnish Country Sauna & Tubs

Cafe Mokka, Finnish Country Sauna & Tubs is Arcata's outdoor hot tub oasis and coffee house. Cafe Mokka employee, Taylor Sandoval enjoys the benefits of a hot soak, "Hot tubs relax the muscles and helps to unwind and recollect."

Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary

Learn how the Arcata Marsh transforms waste water into fresh clean water and experience the Northern Humboldt's native species and foliage.

"We've got over five miles of trails you can bike or walk on," said Denise Homer, City of Arcata interpretive naturalist, "There are over 300 species of birds if you want to bird watch. she said.

HSU Natural History Museum

HSU Natural History Museum's exhibits include a virtual tour of the history of plant evolution, fossil exhibits and native insects, birds and seashell exhibits. "They have a full size Pterodactyl, it's pretty epic," said Adam Boehm, senior wildlife management major.

Smug's Pizza

Smug's Pizza serves ready to order New York style slices. Your second slice is always a \$1 making Smug's one of Arcata's most affordable pizza.

Arcata Scoop

Arcata Scoop offers homemade organic ice creams and sorbets. The ice cream is made on the premise with local and in season ingredients. Two non-diary options are available. "They have delicious flavors and new flavors everyday," said Jamie Henson, psychology major at HSU who recommends the vanilla honey lavender ice cream made with real lavender buds.

Ocean Grove Lounge

Ocean Grove Lounge is Trinidad's local dive bar offering a large dance floor, full bar and plenty of outdoor space. Every Monday night is Dancehall Mondayz. DJs spin reggae, dancehall and soca mixes until 2:30 a.m. Cover charge \$5, ladies in free before 11 p.m.

Beachcomber Cafe

Located in California's smallest incorporated city of Trinidad, Beachcomber Cafe is locally owned and offers breakfast, lunch and coffee. Instead of using paper or plastic disposable cups for to-go coffee orders, Beachcomber Cafe charges \$1 for reusable mason jars. The menu is composed of organic comfort food ranging from \$1-\$10.

Westhaven Center for the Arts

Westhaven Center for the Arts is located on the hillside above Moonstone Beach. Westhaven is a nonprofit gallery and community center run by donations and volunteers who support local artists and promote community involvement. The center is open Thursday through Sunday 1-4 p.m.

Six Rivers Brewery

Six Rivers Brewery Restaurant is a most stop in McKinleyville. Six Rivers offers live music every night, karaoke, a full bar and local brews on tap. Entree prices range from \$6-\$20. "It's a cool upbeat place to hang out with good food," said Kyle McKeown, industrial technology major.

Moonstone Beach

The large rocks sitting on the shore of Moonstone beach are great for rock climbing and meeting new people. The shallow waves makes Moonstone a perfect spot for surf and skim boarding. A short walk on the shore can take you to a more secluded spot for a picnic or sunbathing.

A map of Humboldt County, California, highlighting various locations for daycations during spring break. The map includes major roads like Highway 101 and Highway 255. Key locations marked with blue pins and callout boxes include: Arcata (Barn Dancing at Veterans Memorial Building, Cafe Mokka, Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary, HSU Natural History Museum, Smug's Pizza, Arcata Scoop), Trinidad (Ocean Grove Lounge, Beachcomber Cafe), Westhaven (Westhaven Center for the Arts), and McKinleyville (Six Rivers Brewery). Other locations shown include Moonstone Beach, Crannell, Tyee City, Mad River Beach County Park, Hillier Park, and Calville. The map also shows geographical features like Brackish Pond, Butchers Slough, and Log Pond.

Soul Searcher: (above) For the guy or girl whose friends went home for the break, there is still plenty to do in Arcata.

Northern Retreat: (right) Bike the Hammond Trail from Mad River Hospital in Arcata all the way to Moonstone Beach. Explore Northern Humboldt's cities of McKinleyville and Trinidad.

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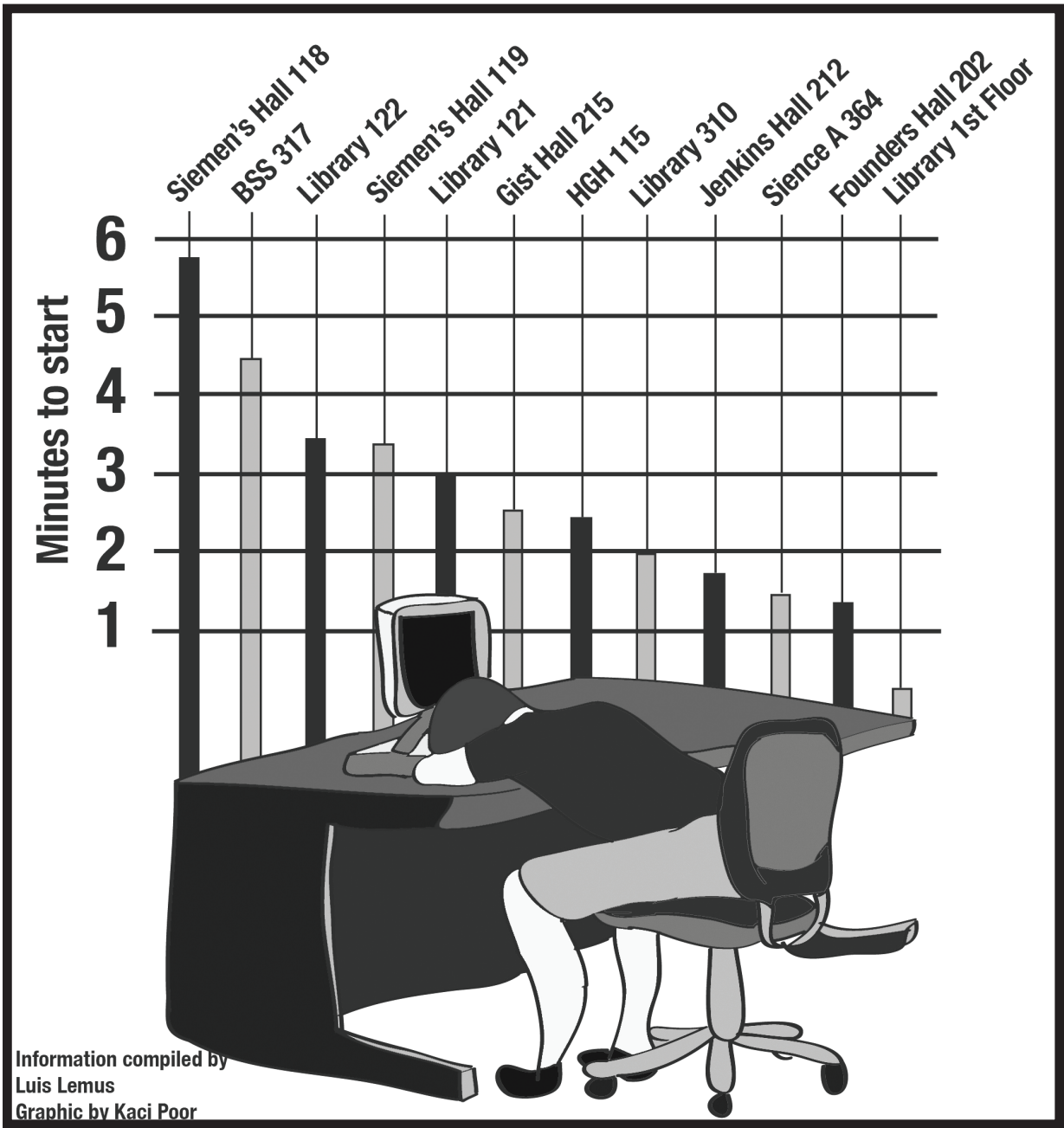
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Humboldt History

by **Scottie Lee Meyers**
Features Editor

The Humboldt State football team put its 20-game winning streak on the line against the Lenoir-Ryne Bears on Dec. 10, 1960 in the Holiday Bowl — a small college national championship — in St. Petersburg, Fla. But the game of life trumped the gridiron match-up. California’s governor seemed to think Humboldt lost before the game even started.

Gov. Edmund Brown and Humboldt State College — as it was then known — President Cornelius Siemens protested the segregated housing for the Lumberjack’s football team during their stay in St. Petersburg. The five black players were forced to a stay at a private residence while the rest of the team lodged in a hotel.

“I don’t think any California football team should consent to play where the team members cannot stay together,” Gov. Brown said. “I’m sorry they got themselves into this situation.” The Associated Press and newspapers across the country reported on the story.

On the eve of the game, 39 Humboldt State faculty members sent a telegram to the governor, disapproving of the separate facilities and asked if there were any state laws relating to participation in segregated events.

Siemens admitted that he knew about the racial policies before going to Florida. But he said “experiencing segregation is much different and it has had a marked effect

on players of our team. We live in a different part of the country with different mores and we don’t feel the same way.”

The president’s statements were offset by comments from head coach Phil Sarboe, who praised the treatment of the team during their stay. Before the team left for Florida, Sarboe made it clear that if there was a single objection due to the segregation, the team would not play. The Pacific Stars and Stripes newspaper said

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I don’t think any California football team should consent to play where the team members cannot stay together.”

— Gov. Edmund Brown

two of the black athletes prepared reports on segregation for their sociology classes.

Humboldt State students and faculty criticized the Lumberjack newspaper for failing to report or take any editorial stand on the issue. In its Dec. 16, 1960 issue, the paper ran an editorial titled, “Lumberjack answers its critics; deplores action of faculty members, Governor Brown on segregation ‘issue.’” Throughout the column, “issue” is placed in quotations — suggesting there was no issue. The student-run paper started off its defense by stating, “the paper is not obligated to report or to take a stand on anything. By law it must annually print its legal

publishers and address. That’s all.”

“We are unhappy and disgusted with 37 members of our faculty who we think have done wrong... we believe their actions so close to game time had a marked effect on the team, and we charge them with hurting [Humboldt State College’s] chances in the Holiday Bowl...Never will we forgive them,” editor Hugh Clark said.

The editorial finished by saying, “There are those who said the ‘colored fellows were sold down the river just for a bowl game.’ They were not. This action was taken despite requests by high college officials, who asked that the athletes in question not be made pawns. They were.”

With 8,500 spectators in the stands at the St. Petersburg stadium, a 190-pound freshman for the Bears kicked a nine-yard field goal with 95 seconds left — he previously missed two extra point tries — to defeat Humboldt State.

Following the game, California’s Attorney General asked Siemens for a report on the segregation of the football team. The request said in part, “We are especially desirous of learning whether the college had any advance knowledge of such discrimination and if so, what steps were taken to avoid it.

The Holiday Bowl moved from Little Rock, Ark. to St. Petersburg, Fla. in 1957 because of racial unrest stemming from public school integration. In 1961, the bowl game moved to Fresno, Calif.

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Campus Weekly

Sustainable Futures: Addressing Climate Change through Carbon Markets
Thursday, March 8
Gist Hall
5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
FREE

As part of the Sustainable Futures Speaker Series, Simone Pulver, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara presents: “Addressing Climate Change Through Carbon Markets: Lessons Learned in Brazil and India.”

I Am These People: Native Design Over Time (Opening Reception)
Thursday, March 8
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Native American Arts Gallery (bottom floor of the BSS)
FREE

I Am These People: Native Design Over Time features work by local Native American artists from several private collections, United Indian Health Services, the Seventh Generation Fund for Indian Development, Clarke Historical Museum and the HSU Library’s Humboldt Room. The focus is local utilitarian objects.

Create Kombucha
Thursday, March 8
Campus Center for Appropriate Technology (Library)
6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.
FREE

Learn to brew your own kombucha with the Campus Center for Appropriate Technology. Kombucha, an ancient elixir, is known for it’s powerful probiotic and antioxidant properties. This tea-based drink has been said to detoxify the body and energize the mind. Take home information on kombucha making as well as supplies to help get you started. Hosted by Artemisia Shine.

HSU Invisible Children Club Meeting
Thursday, March 8
University Center South Lounge
2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
FREE

Piano Master Class with Henning Vauth
Friday, March 12
Fulkerson Recital Hall
FREE

Guest Artist: Henning Vauth (Piano)
Friday, March 9
Fulkerson Recital Hall
8 p.m.
Adult \$8; Senior/Child \$3;
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Call for tickets: (707) 826-3928

Guest pianist Henning Vauth performs Schumann’s portrait of a mad musician (“Kreisleriana”), plus one of Mozart’s most popular sonatas and other selections. A Guest Artists concert produced by the HSU Music Department.

Leslie O’Hanen Voice Recital
Saturday, March 10
Fulkerson Recital Hall
3 p.m.
FREE

Spring Break
Monday March 12 through Friday March 16

Compiled from Humboldt State events.

Spring has sprung on the HSU campus



More sun, warmer weather and blossoming flowers means spring is sprinkling its fecund dust on Humboldt State’s landscape.

Michael Mesler, a botany professor at HSU, helped The Lumberjack identify flowers on campus. Mesler said the university is starting to invite him and other botany professors to provide feedback on which flowers to plant to campus.

Go to thelumberjack.org to read Kira Keleher’s article, “Campus in bloom” about edible plants on campus.

Flower names clockwise from top left: Hyacinth, cherry blossom, rhododendron, primrose and azalea

Photo credit: Photos on left taken by Samantha B. Seglin and photos on right taken by Jeremy Smith-Danford



Postcards Preserve the Past

The History of Tim Mckay’s Postcard Collection



Left: Founder’s Hall in 1948, as photographed by Charles Arthur Payne and Leslie Raymond Payne. Right: Present day Founder’s Hall. Local citizens feared Founder’s Hall would be a target for Japanese submarines. From 1944 to 1948, the walls were painted a light green for camouflage. | Photos provided by The Humboldt Room and Jeremy Smith-Danford

by **Ryan Nakano**
Staff Writer

Rows of black Ford automobiles line the streets, men and women stand outside of clubs and cigar shops, and a horse-drawn wagon pulls a heavy load of lumber across town.

The scene: Arcata in the 1900s.

A collection of more than 5,000 historical postcards from the Northwest region of California is now available in the Humboldt State library. Several of the postcards from Humboldt county date back to the early 1900s.

The entire collection belonged to Tim McKay, the former director of the North Coast Environmental Center, who died in 2006.

As the executive director, McKay helped educate about — and fight for — environmental issues along the North Coast.

McKay’s wife, 59-year-old Chris

Beresford, said McKay’s career and social life revolved around the North Coast Environmental Center.

“I remember he would always answer his phone after work and always for the same reason, saying ‘your environment never closes,’” Beresford said.

Beresford said collecting postcards was a way for McKay to document the historical and environmental history of the area as he aged.

Following his death, McKay’s two children, Laurel McKay and Forrest McKay, donated most of his collection to the HSU Library. The donated collection includes, papers, maps, photographs, audio

recordings and boxes of old postcards — lots of them.

Beresford said McKay never threw anything away.

“Tim kept all of his stuff on our back porch, there were bug collections, bird books and stacks of papers all lined up on book cases. The more stuff he brought home, the more book cases we had to build,” Beresford said.

McKay’s collection can now be found in the Humboldt Room, a section of the HSU library that houses rare and special collections of documents that emphasize the history of Northwest California.

Petra Wilkinson, a 21-year-old

art history major at HSU, works in the Humboldt Room. She started processing the postcards in late November. With thousands of postcards labeled, sleeved, and put into binders, Wilkinson still finds the project, not only important, but fun.

“I love seeing places that I recognize as well as finding areas that I don’t know much about,” Wilkinson said.

Edith Butler, HSU archivist, is excited about the recent progress in both organizing and preserving the collection. Edith hopes the collection will help Humboldt gain recognition as a part of California history.

“There is no mention of the Humboldt area in the state-wide story,” Butler said. “If it is not in the archives, it is not in the history.”

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Far left: Arcata Liquors and Everett’s Bar sometime between 1950 and 1983, as photographed by Bob Clearwater. Center left: The same location in 2012. Center right: Pythian Castle in 1908, photographer unknown. Far right: Pythian Castle today. | Photos provided by The Humboldt Room and Jeremy Smith-Danford

Sudden oak death killing California trees



Former HSU graduate student Howard Kuljian sampling crown fuels from healthy tanoak trees. Kuljian's thesis research uncovered worrisome threats posed by an introduced tree disease. | Photo provided by Morgan Varner

by **Scottie Lee Meyers**
Features Editor

Tanoak trees in California are dying. Their lesions bleed thick sap. Their thirsty-green foliage withers, suffocated by infected veins that can no longer deliver water and nutrients. More than one million oak trees have died in California since 1994. They first started dying in the Bay Area, and now they are dying in Humboldt County.

Sudden oak death is the non-native plant disease killing the trees. The disease is caused by *Phytophthora ramorum*, a microscopic pathogen. The pathogen's spores move through moist air currents and thrive within the coastal fog belt.

Humboldt State scientists helped publish research in the *Forest Ecology and Management* journal in late 2011. The research reveals the dangers the infected dead trees pose to forest fires on the North Coast.

Morgan Varner, an HSU professor who specializes in fire behavior, helped publish the report. He said sudden oak death fundamentally changes the way forest fires burn. "The only thing that prevents trees from combusting is that there's water going through them." But he said the pathogen chokes trees of water and they stand in forests like matchsticks waiting to be swiped.

The diseased forests intensify fires, accelerate the rates at which fires spread and increase flame length. During forest fires, ignited branches can loft in the air like

embers in a campfire. The fiery branches can catch fire to new areas and put forest fire fighters in danger as they are forced to shift their tactics. "It's like enemies throwing grenades over your lines. It makes it difficult to fight," Varner said.

What is killing the oak trees?

The disease attacks several oak species. Some oaks fend it off better than others – it is not an automatic death sentence for all of them. Tanoaks are particularly vulnerable to the pathogen however. There's a 95 percent mortality rate among infected tanoaks in some counties, including Humboldt.

"It's a humbling experience working against the forces of nature," said Susan Frankel, a sudden oak death researcher for the USDA Forest Service. "I mean [the pathogen] is so microscopic and has so many vulnerabilities. It should mean we should be able to stop it, but we can't."

The disease was first noticed in the mid-90s in Marin County. Since then the pathogen spread to 14 coastal California counties, southern Oregon, parts of Washington and the United Kingdom.

Where did it come from?

It is believed that the pathogen arrived on ornamental plants from eastern Asia through international nursery trade, but that has not been confirmed.

California's big outbreak came in 2004 when it was discovered that Monrovia Nursery near Los Angeles sold infected camellia plants throughout the state. A public recall was conducted to remove

any camellia plants that may have been infected with the disease from private properties to prevent its spread into the urban and natural environment.

The first cases of the pathogen in Humboldt County came in 2002. Chris Lee, a sudden oak death researcher for the University of California Cooperative Extension, estimates that less than 1 percent of Humboldt's forests have been infected. But there have been times when he narrowed his eye and looked through a microscope only to discover that the pathogen has migrated to new areas. "There's a totally sinking feeling and then a curse word comes out," he said.

Regulating Humboldt's nurseries

The Monrovia Nursery incident was a "watershed moment for regulatory agencies," said Jeff Dolf, Humboldt County's Agriculture Commissioner. The disease has led to the most concerted forest resource protection efforts in modern times.

Dolf's department regulates and inspects the movement of nursery products in and out of the county to ensure all plants are free of the pathogen. The department receives notices from border stations when plants come into the county. Inspections at the county's 25 nurseries happen every month. Before the Monrovia incident, inspections happened annually. "We want to facilitate commerce in a way where we're not artificially spreading the disease," Dolf said.

The spread of the disease in Humboldt has been northward of the initial infected areas of Redway

and Garberville, probably due to prevailing winds. The Humboldt County Department of Agriculture identified four infected nurseries in the county by 2004.

The disease is now in Redwood Creek, halfway between the coast and Hoopa. An eradication effort is under way. Every tanoak within the infected area and a 300-foot buffer zone was cut down.

"I was hopeful with this project to suppress the pathogen. That we could eliminate it is too strong of a word," Dolf said.

Traveling in waterways

As the county patrols the nurseries, the pathogen moves on by traveling through waterways. The low-hanging bay laurel leaves that are prominently found along Humboldt's creeks pick up the pathogen as it skims the top of the water. From there it moves upland.

"We have a lot of bay laurels along our waterways," said Kim Davis of the Hoopa Forestry Department. Every spring, Davis sets bait traps in Hoopa's creeks to test for the pathogen. She sticks a couple of rhododendron leaves in a small purse-sized mesh net and tethers it to a tree. She leaves it in the creek for a week before coming back to it, then sends it off to the University of California Extension lab in Sacramento to be tested. So far there is no sign of the pathogen in Hoopa, but Davis said, "It's a matter of time."

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Hoopa's tree of life now synonymous with death

If sudden oak death comes to Hoopa, it could be detrimental. The total size of the Indian Reservation is about 90,000 acres — more than 6,700 of which are moderately dense with tanoaks.

The tanoak is a prolific acorn producer. The California Native Plant Society states the "annual production of a tanoak is 3,900 to 110,000 acorns – equivalent to 35 to 1000 pounds." The acorn plays an important role in the diets and spiritual lives of Hoopa Tribal members. Acorn soup has been the staple food for the tribe. During sacred ceremonies, the only food ceremonial leaders can eat – if food is allowed at all – is often acorn soup. There are 16 different entries for "acorn" in the Hoopa Language Dictionary.

Hoopa is doing everything it can to keep the pathogen out. Truck drivers who operate for the tribe's logging company are required to steam clean their rigs and their boots if they enter contaminated areas throughout the county.

Within the Hoopa culture exists the Acorn Provider, a supernatural being that still lives in the woods. He carries a burden basket of acorns and scatters them throughout the valley in preparation of next season's harvest. Could it be that a microscopic pathogen keeps his basket empty? The Hoopa people hope not.



SHAC Attack

Staying Safe on Spring Break!

Last week we talked about alternative activities to drinking during spring break. But, let's be honest, statistically speaking everyone's going to end up at parties or in situations where drinking alcohol is the main event. If you do decide to drink, you should know how to do so responsibly. The SHAC committee is composed of students just like you, and we have Spring Break too. We want to see you smiling faces again on campus! So, we're not going to preach, but we will touch on the aspects of drinking that command the *most* attention, like alcohol poisoning. (But if you DO have basic questions, the Health Education department in the health center is always available.)

We'll also give you a list of numbers you may need on the outings when you drink and for the whole break.

Alcohol Poisoning

Symptoms:

- Person is unconscious or semiconscious
- Person cannot be woken up
- Cold, clammy, pale or bluish skin
- Person is unconscious and breathing less than 10-12 times a minute
- Ten seconds or more between breaths
- Vomiting while sleeping or passed out and not waking up
- **If a person is suffering from any one of these acute alcohol poisoning symptoms without immediate medical attention, he or she may be at the risk of dying or suffering severe brain damage**

What to do and how to get help:

- Call 911 immediately! Focus on you friend's health not on keeping them or you out of trouble. They will send a paramedic out to asses your friend for FREE. They'll be more focused on attending to the person with alcohol poisoning than getting you and your friends in trouble.
- Don't leave the person alone
- Turn the person on his or her side to prevent choking on vomit
- Do not give them anything to eat or drink

Important Humboldt Numbers

Emergency
911 (DUH!)

HSU Campus Police
(707) 826 5555

Arcata Police
(707) 822 8018

North Coast Rape Crisis Team
(707) 445 2881

RIDES:

Arcata Plaza Cab
(707) 822 4742 5pm-2am

City Cab Eureka
(707) 442 4551

THE DAY AFTER:

HSU Student Health Center
(707) 826 3146

HSU Counseling and Psychological Services
(707) 826 3236

Six Rivers Planned Parenthood
(707) 442 5700

Planned Parenthood
1 800 230 PLAN

"Things You Should Already Know"

⇒ **Responsible alcohol consumption is drinking no more than one drink per hour.** (That means one 12oz. beer, or one 5oz. glass of wine, or one mixed drink with only one 1 oz. shot of alcohol in it.)

⇒ **Alternating non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages will help avoid the hangover and keep you hydrated.**

⇒ **Drink on a full stomach and keep snacking while you drink.**

⇒ **Avoid letting others handle your drink and don't leave it unattended.**

⇒ **Use your sober designated driver to get home.** (That doesn't mean the least drunk person!)

⇒ **Drink moderately.** You CAN feel good, be aware of what's going on around you, and skip the regrets and killer hangover the next day.

Brought to you by: SHAC (Student Health and Counseling) is a committee dedicated to the health and well-being of the minds and bodies of the HSU campus,. Meetings are held every Thursday from 11am-12pm in the Health Center Conference Room.

We also have a new email account !! Hit us up at SHAC@humboldt.edu for health questions and SHAC Attack recommendations. We'll answer'em with the supervision of a HSU Health staff member every Thursday.

As always, use protection, and don't drink and drive. Stay healthy, HSU!

Opinion

EDITORIAL

Why you should be mad

California pads its prisons with more money than its classrooms. In 2011, 11 percent of the state's budget went towards correctional facilities while less than 7 percent funded the University of California and California State University education systems. The lack of funding shackles students as much as prisoners.

The CSU offered free education under the California Master Plan. In 1960, the plan provided tuition-free educa-

tion to state residents while faculty and students paid auxiliary services. Fund reductions forced auxiliary money to go towards tuition.

Since the 2005/2006 academic school year, tuition has increased by almost \$3,000. The CSU Board of Trustees approved a 9 percent tuition hike for next year.

Students are underrepresented in the CSU system. Only one student votes on the CSU Board of Trustees for the entire CSU student population. The problems of

thousands of students and the opinions that follow should be represented by more than one representative.

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Before and after: Arcata Spring Break

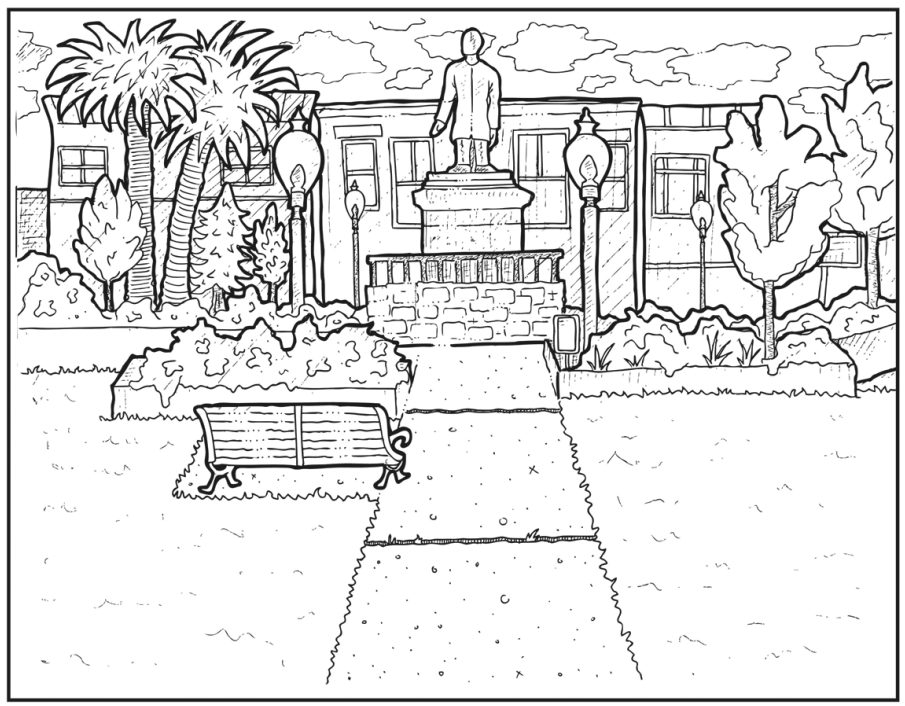
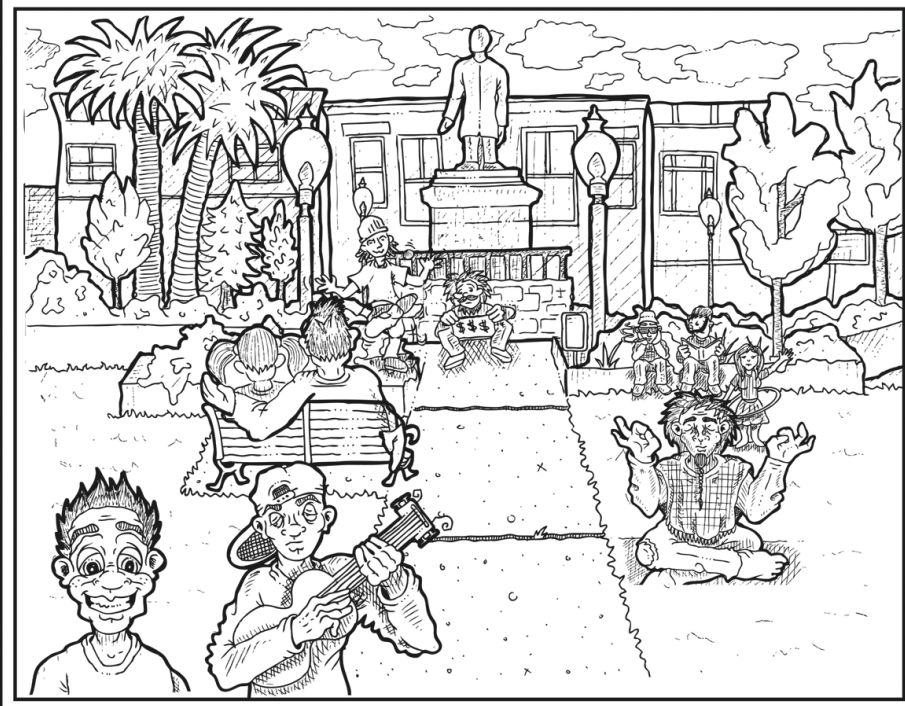


Illustration by Anna Bailey and Bobby Latona

The perks of nude modeling



Nude model Nancy Vargas drawn by HSU art professor Jim Moore.

by Melissa Yang
Opinion Columnist

Ever had that nightmare of being completely naked in a classroom while giving a speech? Modeling nude is just like that, except that a person is modeling for art instead of giving a speech. Being naked is a hard thing to do because society teaches us that being naked is shameful, unless one is a beautiful model for people to look at.

In life drawing and sculpture classes at Humboldt Stae, the professors welcome everyone because the purpose is to teach students how to draw the many different forms of bodies out there and not to ogle the human form. It is completely professional. When a person signs up to be a nude model, he or she must be willing to take off their clothes. This would be hard for a shy person.

The student goes to a private area in the back of the room, and undresses while waiting for further instructions from the professor. When class is in session, the professor instructs the subject to walk onto a small stage and hold the same pose for 20 minute intervals

with five minute breaks for the duration of the class.

Before the idea of clothing came about, nudity was perfectly acceptable for children and adults in warmer climates, but with the expansion of society, modesty was expected because nakedness is shameful and comes with insecurity.

I urge every student to sign up for the life drawing class because it may help a person become more secure in their own skin. It may be embarrassing, at first, to have a room of students (mostly females) stare at your naked body, but they are not there to express disgust or amusement, only an interest in learning about the human body for artistic purposes. It is a possible start for anyone who feels self conscious about themselves, and it is also an opportunity to understand that all bodies are beautiful. In addition, you get a free drawing of yourself by an accomplished artist, the professor. Being naked is nothing to be embarrassed about because it is natural, like breathing oxygen.

Melissa Yang may be contacted at thejack@humboldt.edu

Questioning the strength of an adoptive family

by Jessica Renae Buxbaum
Opinion Columnist

I was on the phone with my ex-boyfriend. We went out two years ago after I had discovered my birth mom. As I discussed to him, my biological mother and my own parents, he asked, "Why don't you go back to her, your real mom?"

I vent to my best friend how most people just don't get it. The informational website, Adoption 2011, dedicated to adoption statistics and studies, released an article on how the public perceives adoption. Titled "Public Perception on Adoption," researchers describe how in Western culture, the ideal family form is one of a heterosexual couple with biological offspring. Alternative forms to this model create, as research indicates, disparaging views of adoptive families and doubts as to the strength of their family bonds.

Many people harbor misconceptions about adoption and adoptive families. The adoption organization, American Adoptions, addresses these misconceptions in their "Adoption Statistics" article. They state how it is believed that the adopted child will not be as loved as the biological child. Research has shown that nearly three out of four adopted children ages under age 5 are read to or sung to every day compared to half of non-adopted children who do not receive the same attention from their biological parents. It also notes that more than half of all adopted children eat dinner with their family at least six days each week. Growing up, my mother sang to me every night before bed what she called "The Jessica Song" and almost every night I had a sit-down meal with both of my parents at the dinner table. Another misconception is that adopted children are not as healthy as non-adopted chil-

dren. It is to be assumed that the birth mother does not take good care of the baby while in her womb, which is inaccurate. Eighty-five percent of adopted children are rated to be in excellent health. The national average for non-adopted children is 82 percent.

According to a survey done in June 2002 by the Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute, although 72 percent of Americans hold a favorable view of adoption, one-third of the surveyed group believe adoptees are predisposed to drug problems, will experience trouble at school, and will have behavioral and health issues. The survey also noted how 90 percent of the surveyed consider adoptive parents lucky and unselfish.

Most people just don't get it. They tend to think that adoptive families are not as strong as a biological unit because there is no blood relation between the parents and child. What is

not conveyed is how much the adoptive parents wanted the child. The American Adoptions article explains how many adoptive couples struggle with infertility, thus gaining an extreme appreciation for parenthood. When they adopt and are given the blessing they had been hoping for, their child literally becomes the center of their lives. Most adopted children grow up in happy homes surrounded by loving, dedicated parents who only ever wanted a child. As an adopted person who grew up with supportive, caring parents, I would want the world to understand that it is not about genetics or blood that defines a family. It is the love, care, and time spent that creates that bond, something that adoptive parents strive and excel at establishing.

Jessica Renae Buxbaum may be contacted at thejack@humboldt.edu

The Lumberjack Submission Policy

Send submissions to our Opinion Editor, Sabina Gallier, at lumberjackgallier@gmail.com

Include "Attn: Opinion" in the subject line for e-mail submissions.

Letters to the editor may not exceed 350 words.

Guest columns may not exceed 750 words.

All letters and columns may be edited for grammar and spelling.

We reserve the right to edit profanity and obscenity and may hold content for any reason.

New contributors may be given preference over returning contributors.

Please include your name, telephone number, city of residence, and affiliation with relevant campus or community organizations.

HSU students should provide their major and class standing.

We also welcome cartoons, spoof articles, and other items.

All submissions must be received by 4:00 p.m. the Friday preceding publication.

Weekly Events

Thursday

03/8

International Latino Film Festival
Minor Theatre
6 p.m.
\$6

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

The Miser
College of the Redwoods
8 p.m.
\$10/\$5 students and seniors

Green Wheels
Northcoast Environmental Center
6 p.m.
FREE

Friday

03/9

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

Brandon and Deorin
SpeakEasy
7 p.m.
FREE

The Language Archive
Redwood Curtain Theatre
8 p.m.
\$17

Jammin' Fridays
Humboldt Capoeira Academy
8 p.m. to 11 p.m.
\$5

Saturday

03/10

Run a Successful Media Campaign
Access Humboldt Media Center
Noon to 1:30 p.m.
\$25

Ba-Dum-Chh
Silver Lining
8 p.m.
FREE

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

The Miser
College of the Redwoods
8 p.m.
\$10/\$5 students and seniors

Sunday

03/11

Redwood Coast Scrabble Club
Arcata Community Center
1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
FREE

Deep Groove Night
Jambalaya
9 p.m.
\$5

25th Annual Dog Expo
Redwood Acres Fairground
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
FREE

Mad River Grange Breakfast
Mad River Grange
8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
\$4

Monday

03/12

Quiz Night
Blondies Food and Drink
7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
\$2

Swing Dance Night
Redwood Raks World Dance Studio
7:30 p.m.
\$5

Open Mic
Fernbridge Market
6 p.m.
FREE

Dancehall Mondayz
Ocean Grove
9 p.m.
FREE

Tuesday

03/13

Who Bombed Judi Bari?
Garberville Theatre
7:30 p.m.
\$7 GA/\$6 seniors and children

G Money's Karaoke
Silver Lining
8 p.m. to midnight
FREE

Bluesy Tuesday
SpeakEasy
7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
FREE

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

Wednesday

03/14

You Can't Take it With You
Redwood Curtain Theatre
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
\$5

Sci-Fi Pint and Pizza Night
Arcata Theatre Lounge
6 p.m.
\$5

North Coast Water Garden Club
Wharfinger Building
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Where's Rollin?



It's hard enough to find HSU President Rollin Richmond in real life ... but can you find him in *The Lumberjack*?

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

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

Last Week's Winner:

Alexandra Jones

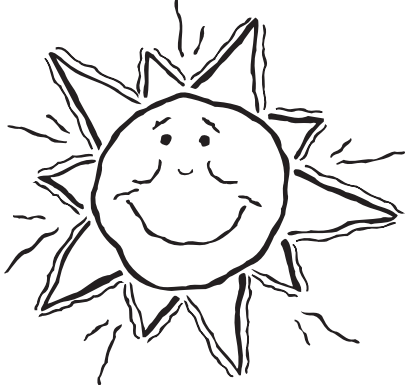
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HUMBOLDT JUMBOLDT

by Melissa Coleman

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

HNTIN = _ = _ = _
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EECIN - _ = _ = _
STUPE = _ = _ = _



ANSWERS TO LAST ISSUE'S PUZZLE: IMPLY, RADIO, APRON, EXUDE, FUMES
FINAL ANSWER: LEAP YEAR!

Weekly Sudoku

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		8		4			5	9

Lumberjack Fact Check

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

1. TRUE OR FALSE: The Jacks won their first CCAA post season tournament crown on Saturday against Chico State.
2. Which 1964 governmental act mentioned in this paper prohibited discrimination in areas of public conduct, and supported equal opportunities and representation.
3. How big is the collection of historical postcards from Northwestern California available in the Humboldt State library?
4. Which university has the highest Materials and Services Fee in the CSU system?
5. When is the HSU's spring break?

Last week's winner: Kevan Beall

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Sunday March 11th

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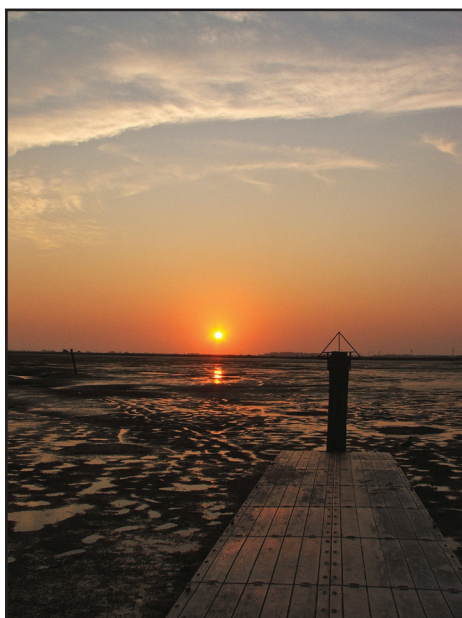
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Spotlight

WINNER!



Slug Love
Talisa Rodriguez
Geography, HSU



Sunset at the Marsh
Spencer Lejins
Wildlife, HSU



Maintaining Equilibrium
Maritza Guzman
Geography, HSU

Flash Us!

The Lumberjack is introducing a semester-long photo contest. Each week we will ask you, our readers, to submit a photo that you believe captures the essence of Humboldt. The photos can be of people, places or things and they can be funny, serious or ironic. We don't mind. Just so long as they capture the Humboldt vibe.

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

Submit your photos to
thelumberjack@humboldt.edu

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Wednesday March 7
Sci Fi Pint & Pizza ft. "Silent Era Sci-Fi"
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Thursday March 8
Ocean Night Film Screening
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Friday March 9
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Saturday March 10
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Sunday March 11
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