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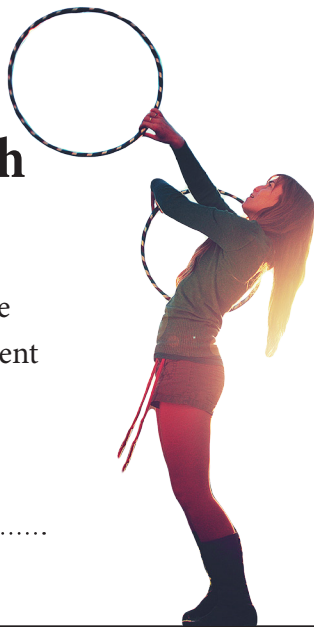
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## CSU to freeze spring admissions



Students from the California State University, the University of California and the California Community Colleges protested during the March for Higher Education last year.  
| Kaci Poor

by Kaci Poor  
Editor-in-Chief

Humboldt State will admit no new undergraduate students for the spring 2013 semester, with the exception of a few transfer students from College of the Redwoods. HSU Spokesman Paul Mann said Tuesday the CSU Chancellor's

Office made the decision to freeze admissions at several CSU campuses, including HSU, in preparation for likely cuts to the CSU in November. The CSU stands to lose \$200 million in a mid-year trigger cut if California voters do not approve Gov. Jerry Brown's tax initiative. It is estimated that HSU would shoulder approximately \$5.1 million of that cut, Mann said.

Scott Hagg, director of Admission and Records, said the spring freeze would mirror a similar decision to suspend admission in spring 2010. "What we saw then is that [freezing admissions] is not good for anyone involved," Hagg said. "It is certainly not good for students interested in continuing their education. Hagg estimates that only 50

upper-division College of the Redwoods students will be admitted spring 2013, compared to the approximately 340 undergraduate and transfer students admitted last spring. For students — in addition to the spring semester freeze — the \$200 million cut would mean larger classes, fewer course offerings and the elimination or consolidation

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## Chancellor's Office to cap your units

by Kaci Poor  
Editor-in-Chief

If the spring admission freeze and a looming \$200 million trigger cut are not enough, the California State University Chancellor's Office also wants to cap the number of units you can enroll in for fall 2012. Last semester, HSU undergraduate students could enroll in up to 17 units prior to the start of the school semester. The Saturday before classes started, the Office of the Registrar bumped up the cap to 19 units. If students really wanted to, following the first day of classes, they could enroll in more units, with a written request from their adviser.

“I asked, ‘What if classes aren’t full? What if there are empty seats?’ I wasn’t given a great answer.”  
— Scott Hagg, director of Admissions and Records

But the Chancellor's Office doesn't like that policy. In a system-wide memo sent out last week the Chancellor's Office said the unit cap would be reduced to 16 units on a system-wide level. That cap would not be bumped up once the semester began at any CSU.

If you find this news upsetting, you are not alone. Scott Hagg, director of Admissions and Records, said his office was shocked by the memo.

"About 25 percent of HSU students take 17 units or more," Hagg said. "The average GPA of a junior is 3.05. That proves they are doing well, even with the high load."

Hagg said his office immediately contacted the Chancellor's Office.

"We explained that we had already advertised the 17 unit cap [for the fall 2012 semester]," he said. "We were given permission to keep that this semester, but now we are in discussions over whether we will be able to lift that unit cap [to 19 units] at the start of fall semester."

Hagg also said he is communicating with the Chancellor's Office about the 16-unit cap for spring semester. He said capping the number of units a student can enroll in at 16 doesn't make sense if the cap is not lifted and courses are not filled.

"I asked, 'What if class aren't full? What if there are empty seats?' I wasn't given a great answer," he said.

But Hagg is not ready to give up. "Some campuses are fine with the change, but at Humboldt we are not fine with it."

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## HSU administration tells Occupy to go home

by Brandon Widder  
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Peg Blake, vice president of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, announced the removal of Occupy Humboldt from the Humboldt State quad Friday — bringing to a close the movement's six-month university occupation that began October 1. "It appeared to be a place to camp. Not a place to discuss principles upon which the Occupy movement was founded," Blake said. Occupiers are allowed to have continued assemblies but can no longer spend the night on campus or build structures.



Kern Huerta, 26, waves a flag of Occupy Humboldt during March 1, Direct Action Day. | Jeremy Smith-Danford

University Police Department and Plant Operations officials cleared the protestors from the quad on Friday — packing up, labeling and storing the equipment in the University Annex. Occupy Humboldt, like many other Occupy movements across the United States, protested in solidarity with the

Occupy Wall Street movement in New York over issues of social and economic inequality.

Senior communications major Francis Kennedy, 21, said he understands the administration's concerns, but believes Occupy Humboldt has a right to be on the university quad as long as they do not harm others or misuse the privilege.

"Removing the movement was a bit drastic," Kennedy said. "There's still Occupy movements at Davis and other universities. [HSU] should be the last school to kick anyone out given our liberal nature. But if you aren't occupying or protesting, then you're a waste of space."

Associated Students President Bryan Kelly said the movement shifted direction — losing key players and diminishing contact between Occupy Humboldt and AS — in the months between the AS Council resolution supporting the movement in mid-October 2011 and Blake's announcement. Although Kelly said he is not positive of the reasons for the movement's removal, he said there were

administrative concerns regarding abandoned encampments and the bulk of the movement members being non-HSU students.

Jesse Hughes-MacArthur, 29, helped start Occupy Humboldt in October 2011 and said he is upset with the movement's removal from HSU. He said he plans on starting an Occupy Humboldt club at HSU in order to spread information and hold events focusing on issues affecting higher education and students at HSU. The communications major said he feels like banks and big business have derailed the democracy on which America was founded — and now the administration has limited a public outlet for expression.

"I'm definitely pissed," Hughes-MacArthur said. "It's not just clearing houseless people and camping stuff. What they've done has disrespected all the people who put their time, effort and money in building a movement for everyone. I feel like democracy has been destroyed."

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### WEEKEND WEATHER

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@CSU  
In a 6-2 vote last week, the California State University panel approved a 10% pay hike for two university presidents at CSU Fullerton and CSU Long Beach campuses. The pay hikes go hand in hand with a new policy that requires a cap on the pay of executives at 10% above their predecessors.

@Nation  
A new state bill is fighting the government's right to allow police scanners to get a great deal of information from license plates on motor vehicles. State Sen. Joe Simitian proposed a bill that would allow local law enforcement to keep the data obtained from the scanners for only 60 days unless the information is used in regards to a felony. Sen. Simitian worries that the information would be turned over to private companies and violate privacy rights.

@World  
April is Testicular Cancer awareness month. Testicular cancer is the most common form of Cancer in men between the ages of 15-34. A visit to the health center for tips on how to do a self-examination, one of the most effective early detection methods, might be a good idea this year.

Compiled by Marie F. Estrada

Sources: Humboldt Events, KCBD, The Daily Titan, The Sacramento Bee, The Huffington Post, The Lost Coast Outpost, The Los Angeles Times, Cal State

Front page photo captions:  
[Middle] Arcata Fire Department crew responds to 11th Street fire. | Kaci Poor  
[Right] |Natalie Vaughan

# Security breach puts Humboldt to the test

by Marie Estrada  
News Editor



On March 12, Humboldt State released a notice regarding a security breach that occurred Feb. 29. HSU officials also mailed a notification letter to students whose information was released encouraging them to obtain a precautionary credit report.

Though other reports have indicated the breach was the result of a hacking, Paul Mann, the university spokesperson, said the system was never broken into. The information of the 5,700 students was inadvertently included as an attachment to an email that was a response to a student data request. "5,700 social security numbers were sent to one student," Mann said. "The student responded within minutes that the info was sent to them."

HSU confirmed the student removed the information from

the computer system and there is no danger of identity theft for the students whose information was released.

Josh Callahan, director of enterprise technology at HSU, said the security breach appeared to be an isolated incident. Callahan said he is unaware of a connection to previous security breaches on campus.

While HSU is confident that no threat to personal information was caused by the breach, officials encouraged students to obtain a credit report as a precautionary measure to manage their own credit.

"[A credit report] is advisable irrespective of a security breach on campus," Mann said, "because it protects against identity theft."

Students who did not receive the notice in the mail were not affected by the accidental release of information, Mann said.

Callahan said the information was available on the news section

of the university website. "The potential impact [on students] was quite limited," Callahan said. "So worrying unaffected students wasn't necessary."

Ryan Vazquez, a senior wild-life biology major, did not know about the security breach last week. Learning about the breach and about HSU encouraging students to obtain a credit report, Vazquez said he still generally feels safe using his credit card information online but is weary about his social security number.

"With your social security number they can take your identity and ruin your life," Vazquez said, "there's no telling the amount of damage they could do to your credit score. [The student informing HSU] confirms that there are still good people out there."

In response to the breach, Callahan said student center is under modification that will allow students to access their own past information and only four digits

of their social security numbers will be shown.

"There are departments on campus that need to work closely with students' social security numbers," Callahan said, "and we're modifying what can be accessed."

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## FACTBOX

California residents are entitled to a free annual credit report, to find out more visit [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com). For more information on the breach, a copy of the letter sent to students can be viewed at <http://humboldt.edu/notices/letter312.html>

## World in Briefs



### Libya

Two British Journalists were released from Libya on Tuesday after being held for about a month. Gareth Montgomery-Johnson and Nicholas Davies-Jones were working for the Iranian Broadcast Press when detained on Feb. 21 by Swehli militia for entering the country illegally and suspicion of spying. All charges have been dropped.

### Afghanistan

On March 11, U.S Army Staff Sgt. Robert Bales left a special forces base in the Panjawi district of Afghanistan after being accused of shooting 16 Afghan civilians — nine of which were children — in their homes within a nearby neighborhood. The Taliban demands the suspect be tried in Afghanistan under Islamic law. U.S Army officials are expected to bring formal charges against Bales this week.

### Switzerland

For the first time in eight years Belgium had a National Day of Mourning to remember the lives of 22 children and six adults that were lost in a bus crash on March 13. The bus was headed to the alps for an annual overnight ski trip when it smashed into the wall of a tunnel in southern Switzerland.

### Tibet

On Saturday, a Tibetan farmer and father of four, Sonam Thargyal, took a drink of kerosene after he doused his body in the flammable liquid and set himself on fire. Thargyal is one of almost 30 Tibetans in the past year who have used this method of demonstration to protest against the Chinese government and the suppression of their religion. Roughly 7,000 people were present at Thargyal's funeral.

### Japan

A recent poll indicated that most Japanese people are in favor of a complete break from nuclear power almost a year after the March 11, 2011 Japan earthquake and nuclear disaster. With safety standards considered far below the international standards, Japan now has to decide whether to restart its nuclear power plants even though civilians would remain somewhat unprepared for another Fukushima-type disaster.

Compiled by Marie F. Estrada, Shelby Meyers and Brandon Widder  
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## Corrections

The name of Teresa Stanley — the Art Department chair who served on the Material and Services Fee committee for the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences — was misspelled on page four of the March 7 issue of The Lumberjack in "Dude, where's my fee money?" written by guest writer Luke Rams-eth. The correct spelling is "Teresa Stanley" not "Theresa Stanley" as stated in the article.

Ryan Nakano's article, "HSU looks to cash in on out-of-state and international students," on page three of the March 7 issue of The Lumberjack, incorrectly stated the International Center as the "Center International."

In the "Stuck in Humboldt" article written by Marimar White-Espin on page nine of the March 7 issue of The Lumberjack, it was stated that Trinidad is California's smallest incorporated city. This is incorrect. It is the fifth smallest incorporated city in the state.

Two flower captions in "Spring has sprung on the HSU campus" on page 11 of the March 7 issue of The Lumberjack were incorrect. The purple flower in the middle is a Princess Flower, not an azalea as stated in the caption, and the pink flower in the bottom left corner is yet to be determined. Thanks for the tip Alison Bronson!

If you have any **corrections** or **comments**, please contact our office at (707) 826-3271 or [thejack@humboldt.edu](mailto:thejack@humboldt.edu)



# Early morning fire blazes through 11th Street house



Arcata Fire Department crews responded to a second-floor structure fire on the 800 block of 11th Street Monday at 8 a.m. Fire Chief John McFarland said Victorian construction makes combatting fire difficult, but that the blaze was contained by 9:45 a.m. McFarland advised homeowners and renters to invest in a working smoke detector. | Kaci Poor

by Kaci Poor and Brandon Widder  
*Editor-in-Chief and Managing Editor*

When Alana Chenevert's roommate opened her bedroom door Monday morning, smoke billowed around her. She called for Chenevert, 24, who was sleeping below.

"I ran upstairs," Chenevert said. "We tried to get into the room where the smoke was coming from, but it was too thick. We couldn't go in."

Chenevert said the Victorian house — which has multiple residents — is equipped with fire alarms, but none of them went off. She believes a heat lamp used to warm baby chickens started the fire.

"I don't think they made it,"

she said, standing outside her home as crews worked around her.

Arcata Fire Department Chief John McFarland said seven engines responded to the second-floor structure fire on the 800 block of 11th Street at 9 a.m. Monday. The engines completely blocked traffic between I and H streets. By 9:45 a.m. McFarland said the fire had been contained, but he didn't expect crews to be leaving anytime soon. The fire, he said, had burned through the second floor and crews were still working with fans to detect any additional ignition points.

Older Victorian homes, a popular construction style in Arcata, are especially prone to fire damage, he said. That is because of their unique construction. Victorians are typically built with a balloon construc-

tion. Instead of stacking each floor of the house, the sidewalls are built first. This allows a fire that originates on one story to quickly travel upwards.

"The old-style homes can terrorize the fire department," he said. "When we arrived there was smoke coming from the attic vents. That's not a good sign. Thankfully we were able to get the fire under control quickly. The timing makes all the difference. A fire like this at midnight would have been a real challenge."

McFarland reminded students to invest in working fire alarms.

"A smoke detector will save your life," he said. "You would have to be crazy not to have one."

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\$20

the average cost of a smoke detector

62%

percentage of reported home deaths that occurred in homes with no smoke alarms

Graphic by Kaci Poor  
Source: National Fire Protection Association

## AS Update

by Shelby Meyers  
*Staff Writer*

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

Miles Nevin, the California State Student Association executive director, conducted a presentation at Monday's Associated Students meeting to inform the AS Council on how to approach lobby tactics at the capitol in a time he said is a "crisis."

Nevin emphasized opposition the CSSA has to the Gov. Jerry Brown's proposed trigger cut of \$100 and increased grade point average

requirements to be eligible for the Cal Grant.

"It's criminal," he said. "If the trigger gets pulled then [tuition] would be 50/50. Shouldn't students then have a larger voice in the CSU if they're paying for half of their public education? It's something to think about."

Nevin said the proposed GPA requirements for the Cal Grant are "borderline racist." Nevin believes

the Cal Grant program was created to give a chance to students in areas of less academic opportunity, which tend to be in ethnically diverse locations.

"Personally I think that this would create some sort of elitist CSU system," Nevin said. "We need to think big. We're in a time of crisis."

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## HSU Emergency Alert System Test

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# Mentors hope to help freshmen transition to college life at Humboldt

by Emily Hamann  
Staff Writer

Early in the semester, Bridget McGraw got an email inviting her to be a mentor for incoming Humboldt State freshman. The senior international studies major has been a Presidential Scholar, a student with a 3.85 grade point average or higher, for all four of her semesters at HSU.

"They were trying to organize the presidential scholars into something more than something that you get in the mail," McGraw said. This attempt culminated in an invitation for all Presidential Scholars to apply for mentor positions in the new Academic Peer Mentor Program, which will start in the 2012-13 school year.

The program will match 20-25 incoming, first-time freshman with a peer mentor. Students will meet their assigned mentor at orientation, and will guide them through their first year at HSU, said Patty O'Rourke-Andrews, associate director of HSU Housing. The mentors' purpose is to help freshman transition to college life, get them involved on campus, and make sure they know about all the resources and services available to them. This is a proactive approach to try to retain students at HSU, which is a growing problem.

"Retention is an issue at Humboldt," O'Rourke-Andrews said. Retention is the measure of the number of students who return to HSU for consecutive semesters.

Over the last ten years, HSU has seen an average decline in retention by 1.5 percent according to the 2011 HSU Retention Report. This means that a quarter of first time freshman

said, as opposed to professors or advisers who are way ahead.

McGraw spent her freshman year abroad at Franklin College Switzerland with a mandatory freshman seminar that matched freshmen with older student mentors. "Mentally knowing that there was someone there that I could use, even if I didn't always necessarily go to them, I think that really did help me a lot," she said.

Students applying to be a mentor face a litany of qualification requirements, including a GPA of at least 2.7, previous leadership experience and a demonstration of "ethical integrity." The goal is that students living on campus have mentors with experience living on-campus, and that freshman living off-campus work with a mentor who has only lived off-campus as well.

Potential mentors are currently being interviewed for the preliminary semester of the program. More than 100 people applied, O'Rourke-Andrews said. If selected, mentors will go through six, two-hour training sessions.

"There's a lot of training that will happen through this process," O'Rourke-Andrews said.

Mentors are expected to help students with college transition issues, critical thinking, health, life management issues and identity, O'Rourke-Andrews said.

"They need to feel like they belong here, and it is a place for them, and that's our goal."

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*Mentally knowing that there was someone there that I could use, even if I didn't always necessarily go to them, I think that really did help me a lot.*”  
— Bridget McGraw, HSU student

will not return to HSU next year.

"It's all of our issues," O'Rourke-Andrews said. The mentor program is aimed at connecting students to campus right from the start. "I think in general we know that students who are engaged and involved and feel like they have a plan to graduate will stay," O'Rourke-Andrews said.

"Anytime you have interaction with a peer," Michele Miyamoto, tutorial coordinator at the Learning Center, said, "retention goes up."

In her work with student tutors, Miyamoto sees first-hand the power of peer guidance. "It's hard for people to relate to people who are older than them," she said. It is easier for students to share their difficulties with people who are just a few steps ahead of them, Miyamoto

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# Searching for a solution:

## Rising textbooks prices prompt CSU to explore digital options

by **Alexa Malmgren and Emily Hamann**  
*Staff Writers*

In February, the California State University School system and the California State Senate announced multiple plans to save students money on rising textbook prices.

Cengage Learning, CourseSmart and Follett signed contracts with the CSU Chancellor's Office, initiating a system-wide digital textbook rental program that provides the 23 CSU campuses with more than 5,000 eTextbooks. The program saves students 60 percent off the original price of a new textbook.

As the CSU system formed their digital partnerships, state senators worked to pass two bills, S.B. 1052 and S.B. 1053, which would reform textbook policy across the CSU, University of California, and the Community College system. S.B. 1052 would mandate that digital course materials for widely-taken lower division general education courses be free for students. S.B. 1053 creates the California Digital Open Source Library, a platform for open source, free, modifiable course materials.

"We want digital projects like this available to students," HSU book-

store manager Cory Adamski said. "It's cost saving, it's sustainable — it's moving toward the future."

“As an author, I put blood, sweat and tears into something I’m never going to make money off of. My textbook took three years of my life, I have not made one penny. I would like to be paid for my work.”  
— **Tasha Howe, HSU psychology professor**

The partnership with three of the nation's largest online resource companies is a part of the Affordable Learning Solutions Initiative. Launched in 2010, the initiative aims to make educational materials available to teachers and students at a discounted price.

Gretchen Keer, an Instructional Services librarian and a member of the Affordable Learning Solutions committee at HSU, works with other members to help teachers integrate changing technologies into their course curriculum.

"We're currently working on get-



The CSU is working to find ways to make textbooks more affordable for students. | Alexa Malmgren

ting a website up and running for faculty where they can share materials," Keer said. "E-books, articles, websites, textbooks and videos can all be sorted by school and subject, allowing teachers to recommend resources that have worked best for them."

Keer said the website should be up by fall 2012.

S.B. 1053 mandates a similar database, but it would be accessible by students and faculty in colleges throughout the state. Content in the California Digital Open Source Library would be under a Creative Commons license, which allows for free distribution and modification of the materials with attribution to its original creator.

Despite the potential implications this might have on book sales, Adamski is not worried. "If people are going to buy their books, they're

going to buy their books," she said.

She said the primary goal of the bookstore is to get students the books they need so they can pass their classes and graduate.

"We're not a moneymaking machine — we're a part of the campus community," Adamski said.

Tasha Howe, an HSU psychology professor and textbook author, explains the negative aspects of discounting course materials and textbooks for publishers and authors trying to make a living.

Howe said students fail to understand that by renting or buying used books, they are actually increasing textbook prices since retail value rises to compete with the new markets. This makes it difficult for authors and publishing companies to make money.

"As an author, I put blood, sweat and tears into something I'm never

going to make money off of," Howe said. "My textbook took three years of my life, I have not made one penny. I would like to be paid for my work."

Howe said new editions used to come out every three to five years, but now it is 18 to 24 months to compete with the used and rental programs.

Through these new digital partnerships, bills and textbook programs, people from the state senate all the way down to individual professors are exploring multiple options in order to find the best solution for all members of the textbook community.

"It's all a step in the right direction," Adamski said.

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# Crab fishers revel in whirlwind season



7,800 lbs. of dungeness crab| Photo provided by Noah Pricer

by **Cassandra Klein**  
*Staff Writer*

This crabbing season Noah Pricer made double the wages he usually makes, \$3 per pound compared to the \$1.50 he made when he first started his job as a deckhand. The F/V JO, the boat Pricer works on, pulled an average of 12,000 pounds of dungeness crab a day at the start of what he calls a fairytale season.

"Crab covered the entire boat," Pricer said. "We had to take the generator out and line it with tarp to make room." The F/V JO was able to fill all their fish holes and live boxes, where the crab are stored until delivery, and transform their deck into one giant crab box.

The season was not without its complications. Crab fishing in Trinidad got off to a late

start when the catch tested below Fish and Game standards on November 15. Crab need to have 25 percent meat before the season can start. The crab tested at 19 percent, delaying the season until December, when the crab were still not up to par. This forced Fish and Game to push the season's start to Jan. 15, which is as long as they can legally delay the season.

Charles Cutshall, deckhand on the F/V Secon Wind said, "the late start was beneficial; it kept outside pressure at bay."

Boats from other areas such as Oregon, Crescent City and San Francisco could not crab in Trinidad until 30 days after the Trinidad season officially opened because their seasons started earlier. This allowed for the catch to be distributed intermittently throughout the season increasing the demand and upping the price

local fishermen were paid.

"We received a high price for the crab because of supply and demand in the area," Cutshall said.

The dock in Trinidad is currently in the middle of a remodel, another complication for fishers this season. Weigh Master Jill Grady suggested that the rebuild was long overdue.

"The dock used to swing six feet in either direction," Grady said.

The delay in the fishing season provided an extra six weeks for a temporary dock to be put into place. However, this temporary fix constantly shifted location along the dock depending on the area under construction at the time, Grady said. If this was not an inconvenience, there was also a 30-foot gap located where fishers would normally drop their catch at the end of the day.

"It was a 30-foot span of nothing," Pricer said.

A crane was used to move the crab from the boat to the other side of the dock. The remodel and crane put restrictions on fishing times throughout the season and the dock is now closed for three weeks so that construction may finish.

Cutshall said he enjoyed the restrictions this season because it provided a set schedule. A days work started closer to 5 a.m. rather than the 3:30 a.m. time that fishers are accustomed to.

"It was more humane than what we're used to. We usually work ourselves to death," Cutshall said.

The obstacles this season are paying off, with crab prices higher than they have been in years. "It's the best price we've ever gotten in history," Pricer said. As of March 13, Crab Fishers are com-

pensated anywhere from \$3.50 to \$4.25 per pound.

"For years the price has been stagnant. [Crab fishers] are finally being compensated for their work fairly," Susan Rotwein, co-owner of Cap'n Zach's Crab House in Mckinleyville said. She said the lack in crab variation, such as king and snow crab impacted the market and drove up the demand for dungeness crab. This situation made the catch in Trinidad more valuable.

The F/V Second Wind pulled well over 100,000 pounds of crab in a two-week period Cutshall said.

"We did it all with a massive crane in the middle of a dock that was only half way built."

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# Donations up for Humboldt advancement foundation

This year HSU’s endowments totaled \$20 million, a \$4 million raise from last year

by N. Hunter Cresswell  
Staff Writer

An insect collection, vintage fishing rods and flies, a collection of rare Native American literature and large monetary gifts have all been donated to Humboldt State through the HSU Advancement Foundation. Both students and faculty benefit from the foundation, which released its annual financial report this semester.

The HSU Advancement Foundation exists to support and advance the mission of HSU by developing and managing entrepreneurial activities, overseeing philanthropic activities, and managing endowed and other assets of HSU.

In layman’s terms, the foundation works with potential donors to put money donated to HSU toward a department or project that the donor is passionate about, and donations come in all varieties, from money to a grand piano.

A recent power point given on the foundation showed that out of all the California State Universities, Humboldt has the highest percentage of alumni who donate to the school. Because of the relatively small size of the school, a small donor can have a large impact.

Frank Whitlatch, interim vice president for University Advancement, said the foundation works closely with the Advancement Division, to oversee endowments, accept gifts and help with fundraising.

Endowments are similar to scholarships in that they are given out to students and are usually in the donor’s name or in the name of someone the donor wants to memorialize.

This year, HSU’s endowments totaled around \$20 million, a \$4 million raise from last year. Despite this, endowments received this year are down \$1.2 million from last year.

Not all donations given to the foundation are in the form of endowments, some are gifts.

Gifts are a sum of money from a donor given to a specific department in the school. This year the School of Business received a \$500,000 gift from an anonymous donor.

Dr. John Lee is the dean of the College of Professional Studies.

“In the past year and a half more donations have been made to the college than in the past

seven years,” he said.

The department plans to use the gifts and endowments received to recruit new high quality faculty, Lee said.

During the past fiscal year, 343 faculty and staff made a gift of almost \$200,000 to the foundation.

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— John Lee, dean of the College of Professional Studies

Total gifts given to the foundation are more this year than in the past four years, with around \$6 million received and around \$8 million raised. You may be wondering where this money goes to, mainly to scholarships, athletics, KHSU and the library.

There are four divisions of University Advancement, one being the foundation itself. The other three are KHSU-FM, Marketing and Communications and Development and Alumni Relations. The foundation has a board of 20 members, many of which are major donors and alumni. There are also two current students on the board.

Laura Jackson, associate vice president for Development and Alumni Relations, said this type of foundation can be found at universities around the country, and every CSU has a foundation of their own. The numbers are released every fiscal year to give an accurate picture of what the university must spend on future projects.

To give an endowment to the university you must give at least \$25,000 and if it is to be a \$1000 a year scholarship, the foundation will give the \$1000 to who has earned it but invest the rest of the money so your scholarship will run in perpetuity, said Whitlatch.

The foundation typically tries to get a 7 to 8 percent return on the money it invests through various stocks, bonds and securities, though in the past two years they have exceeded that, 10.86 percent in 2010 and 19.51 percent in 2011, this past year the total gains were around \$3.25 million.

With the recent recession still looming behind us, it may seem troublesome to invest in a shaky economy but it is the only way for the money to not just sit in an account earning little interest, Whitlatch said.

In recent years, during the recession, the foundation did not get as much in returns and donations as it hoped, but the

foundation has seen, “A lot of recent success,” and hopefully this marks a trend and not just a “Blip,” Whitlatch said.

Both individuals and corporations can donate to the foundation, though the gifts from alumni outweigh those of the corporations, both in the sense of amount of money and number of donors.

Over 4,800 alumnus donated this past fiscal year.

Though that isn’t always the case, one of the most recent projects completed entirely by foundation funding is the Schatz Energy Research Center, located west of the BSS building. The research center promotes clean and renewable energy. The Reasearch Center is behind the Hydrogen Fueling Station by the College Creek dorms and provides technical support for the solar arrays at the Yurok Tribe offices.

David Hanking, the marine lab director, said a lot of work has been done recently to the Telonicher Marine Lab in Trinidad. A former student with the United Plankton Foundation gave a gift that paid for a replacement of the large display tanks for public viewing.

LCD screens were installed above aquariums, replacing the plaques that were there, and an alumni donated professional photographs used on these screens to identify fish. There is also a renovation in the small aquarium room that will enable students to conduct special experiments, Hankin said.

In the future Hankin would like to see the touch tank, used for children to touch anemones and starfish, replaced and relocated inside the building to make it more user friendly.

There are two types of donations that can be made, restricted and unrestricted. Restricted means that the money must go to a certain department or project that the donor specified when they gave the endowment.

For example, many scholarships that are geared toward certain majors started out as endowments. Unrestricted money means the money can go wherever it is needed most. The Zipcars were funded by unrestricted endowments.

When asked where some of this unrestricted money should go, Dillon Casey, a sophomore philosophy major said, “Fuck the administration,” and that “more money should go to the teachers.”

In light of the recent state budget crisis you may be wondering if this is the money that the university runs on. It is not. It only accounts for about 17 percent of the money the university has.

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# Early Start provides head start

by Lillian Boyd  
Staff Writer

Incoming students below college-level will be expected to sharpen their math and English skills through the new CSU Early Start program. The Chancellor’s Office web page states that more than half of incoming freshman are not at college level for math or English.

The program will help students reach college level prior to their first semester. This summer, students can access their scores online for the first time. The program will be available to students on California State University campuses, at select community colleges and online.

The fee per unit is \$182 but for students in need of financial aid, the fee is waived. Students will be notified whether they need to go through the program once

they take the English Placement Test or Entry Level Math exams.

Elizabeth Chapin, Public Affairs Representative for the CSU office, said, “The program was created with the intention to better prepare high school graduates for English and math. College-level proficiency in English and math is critical to students’ success in college.”

Chapin, the CSU administrative support coordinator of public affairs, believes the program is designed to help more students graduate college.

Some students feel the program may burden incoming freshmen.

This past fall, freshman biology major Jennifer Moreno was enrolled in both English 60 and 100a but did not pass the portfolio requirement. Moreno feels that college-level English demanded more of her compared to her high school courses.

“If I were able to take the Early Start Program last summer, I think I would have had a better idea of what to expect once college began,” Moreno said.

The majority of CSU campuses chose to exclude the option of an online course. If this were the case for HSU, Early Start would create a domino effect of obstacles for Moreno and her family. If she had to move for summer, it would require funds for rent, groceries and other living expenses. Like many students, Moreno is able to manage college tuition through financial aid.

“Rearranging my living situation all for a summer course that won’t even count toward my GPA seems silly to me.”

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# HSU surveys students for satisfaction

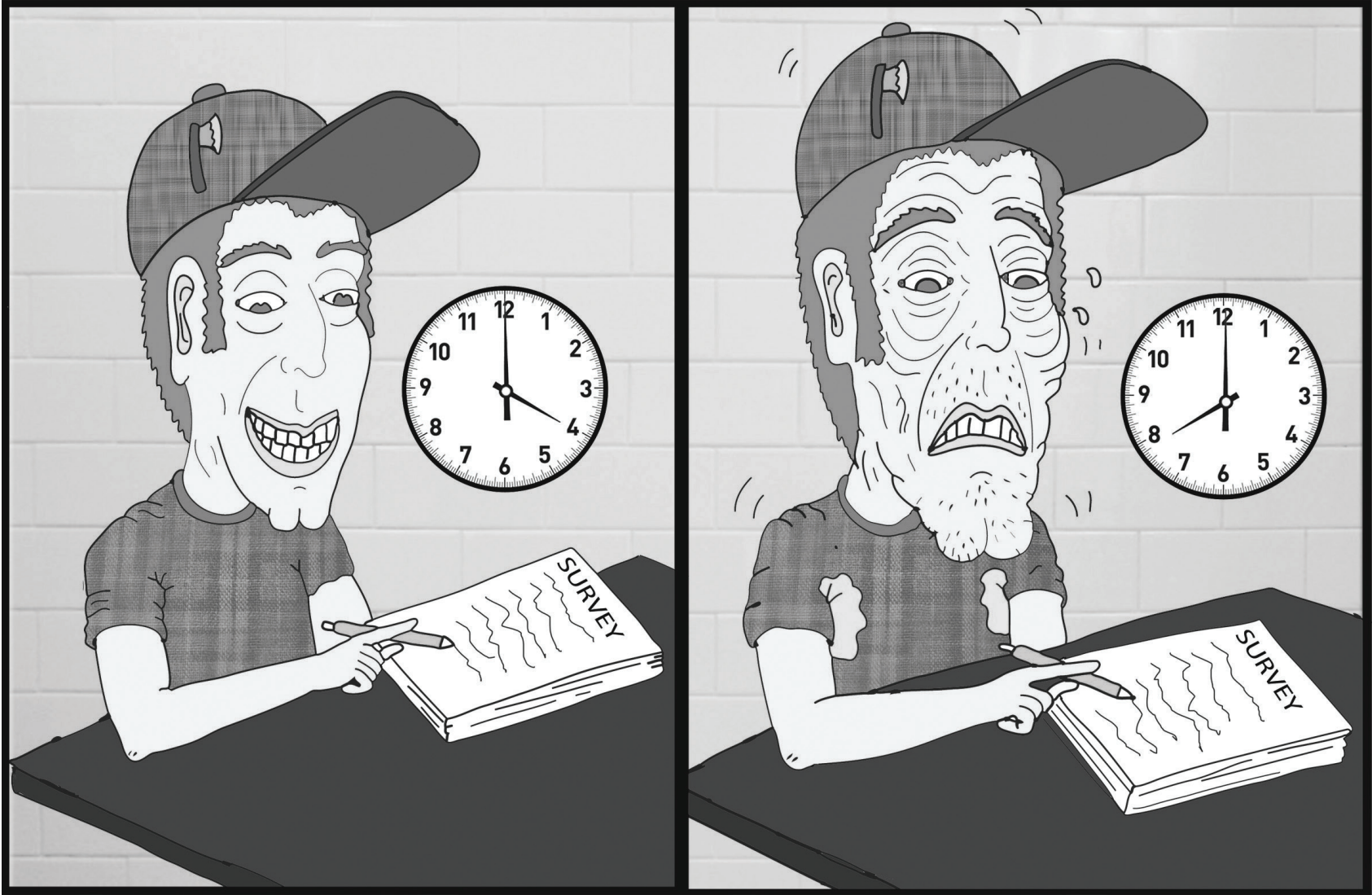


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by Rebecca Gallegos  
Staff Writer

Last Month Humboldt State sent out a Campus Quality survey email to the student body. Gay Hylton, a research technician with HSU Institutional Research and Planning, said, “We really want to know what students think about services on campus. [Where we can] improve, what we are doing good in and what we need to continue doing.”

The survey asks about students’ experiences at HSU, their level of satisfaction with services they receive and their perception of the campus climate.

Hylton started with an old campus survey from 10-years-ago. “We revamped it and then we solicited from departments across campus including student affairs, administrated affairs and academic affairs,” Hylton said. “We actually went out to the campus community and said ‘What do you want to know and where do you see a need?’”

The survey takes about 15 to 20 minutes to complete. “We [generally] hope for a 30 to 40 percent response rate. This Campus Quality survey is a little bit longer than most of our surveys, so we should probably get a 20 to 25 percent response rate.”

John Hudson, an 18-year-old

political science major, does not feel he needs to take a survey. “I feel like people take campus quality stuff when they are angry. Like people will take one of those surveys to complain about the J food or about having to pay for someone else’s puke in the dorms,” Hudson said. “But they’re not going to take a survey out of their own time to say the good stuff.”

Andrea Requeno, thinks the survey shows how much HSU cares about its students.

“They made sure to ask about the rounded experience as a student, not just about the course work. They took the time to see if the students are growing as people as well,” the 19 year-old studio

art and art history major said. “It’s just a survey, but it lets you know the school’s intentions and what the school is trying to improve.”

Hylton cares about what students have to say about HSU.

“I’ve gotten some emails from students saying ‘I don’t think this makes a difference.’ We’d like students to know that it does make a difference,” Hylton said. “The administration and all parties across campus are very interested in what students have to say about the issues that we are asking about.”

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# The cost of doing good

by Bryn Robertson  
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Federal support for Americorps programs across the the United States is waning, and workers within the program are doing the same service for less.

Americorps offers more than 75,000 opportunities and partnerships every year with local and national nonprofits to serve communities and help those in need. Workers help fight illiteracy, improve health settings, build affordable housing, clean streams and community parks and provide mentoring to disadvantaged youth.

Tara Emmerson, a Humboldt State alumna, worked for 11 months with Americorps Straight Up, a program no longer running due to lost funding.

“It’s challenging work,” Emmerson said, “you’re hardly paid anything.”

Americorps Vista, one of three main programs within Americorps, offers full-time work on a local level to improve community programs and fight poverty. Vista is an acronym for Volunteers in Service to

Americorp, though Vista workers are paid a small stipend.

Vistas serving in Humboldt County are paid \$12,124 per year, or just over \$30 a day. Prohibited from holding a second job, Vista workers commit a full year to the service.

An anonymous source spoke hesitantly of his work with Americorps, explaining that previous permission would be necessary discuss his Americorps work. Having worked with the Forest Service in a watershed sewage project, he said his pay is better than that of the Vista program.

“People have different experiences,” he said, “But it is not for everyone.”

In December 2011, President Obama signed a bill that allowed \$1.05 billion in funding for the Corporation for National and Community Service, a government agency that works directly with Americorps and other national service institutions. That’s 2.3 percent less than the fiscal year 2011, according to Voicesforservice.org, a publication supporting national service education in Washington, D.C.

Americorps provides national service, and as Emmerson sees it, an alternative to the military. Emmerson said she knew going into the program that it was going to be low pay.

“It’s still hard not to feel exploited,” she said.

While in the initial training program, Emmerson learned that the pay was partially an effort to give workers a similar experience as the disadvantaged kids they were working with.

The Redwood Community Action Agency is a Eureka-based non-profit organization that provides community services including house rehabilitation and various family and youth services within Humboldt County. Lori Reelee, the Americorps Vista director at RCAA, said she believes Vistas concerned with low pay are missing the service ethic that Vista stands for. “You can’t create programs that support poverty level clients if they aren’t at a poverty level and able to relate,” Reelee said. “This isn’t an entry level job.”

An ex-employee, who also preferred to remain anonymous, spoke of her employment at Food for

People, Humboldt County’s Food Bank. She said she was concerned with how little the Vistas were paid for their services for the community and that she worked with Vistas living on food stamps during her employment at both Food for People and the RCAA.

Kristen Haggins, the California Americorps state director, seemed hesitant to speak openly concerning the reasoning behind the Eureka branch Community Action Agency’s recent cancellation.

“It ran its course,” Haggins said. Haggins explained the 10-year lifetime of the Vista involvement with the Redwood Community Action Agency was longer than an average three year Vista program. “It speaks to commitment,” Haggins said.

Concerning Vista payment, Haggins said the pay was quite low and just enough of a living allowance to sustain volunteers.

Haggins said individuals who take on the year-long service commitment, “go into it with their eyes open.”

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# Freeze: CSU closes spring admissions

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of programs. Across the CSU, enrollment would be cut by approximately 25,000 students and hundreds of employees would be laid off.

But it could be worse. According to Mann, the current predictions do not include the possibility of a May budget revision by Brown that could leave the CSU even further in the hole.

“A \$300 million cut. A \$400 million cut. Neither are outside the realm of possibility for the CSU,” Mann said. “Everything depends on the economy and on the deficit.”

What does that mean for you? The answer right now is uncertain. What is known, is that the CSU will not look to the state for funding.

Investment in the CSU as a percentage of the California state economy is at its lowest point since 1965. State funding has not increased since 1997. Despite decreased investment, enrollment numbers in the CSU have soared as students find themselves priced out of the University of California and other higher education school systems. There are an additional 90,000 students enrolled in a CSU than in 1997.

“There is this huge change in how we think about public education,” Mann said. “It isn’t a public good or value anymore, but an individual interest.”

So where does funding come from if the state won’t pay? CSU students know the answer to that question: tuition.

The average cost of tuition for full-time California resident students attending a CSU rose from \$2,772 to \$5,472 per semester between the 2007-2008 and 2011-2012 school years.

But Mann said students do not have to grab their wallets just yet.

“No tuition increases are antici-

pated for now,” Mann said, adding that no talk of raising individual campus-based fees at HSU has been made. Given all of the the previous tuition increases, Mann said the current political climate in California will not tolerate anymore increases just yet.

But the HSU spokesman was not overly optimistic about the future of the CSU.

“I have to emphasize the extreme uncertainty that we are dealing with here,” he said. “In May, things could be noticeably worse.”

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# Sports



Kayla Williams in the Feb. 2, 2011 game against CSU East Bay. | Courtesy of HSU Athletics Department

## HSU point guard strives to keep the competition alive after final season

by **Alexa Malmgren**  
*Staff Writer*

As the Humboldt State women’s basketball season draws to a close so does the collegiate athletic career of Jack’s point guard Kayla Williams.

After four years dedicated to the Lumberjack’s success on the court, Kayla Williams faces one of the hardest transitions most college athletes overcome—turning in her team jersey and walking away from the sport she has dedicated her body, time and heart to.

“I’m going to miss it a ton,” Kayla Williams said. “The competition, that’s what I’m going to miss the most.”

The Seattle native has been dribbling, shooting and driving since she was eight-years-old. Her mother, Mary Williams, describes her daughter as a strong-willed child who showcased her early competitive nature.

“When she was in sixth grade she was 4 feet 9 inches and told me she wanted to play in the WNBA,” Mary Williams said with a laugh. “I didn’t think she was going to get any taller, but I still told her she would need to be able to shoot from the outside and have great ball handling skills.”

With her goals set, Kayla Williams attended basketball camp after basketball camp. For eight hours a day the court became her sanctuary, the key and three-point line transformed into geographical locations to practice scoring from.

As Kayla Williams’ offensive skills became one of her greatest assets as a player, her defensive game began to lack attention and development.

“I just always played offense,” Kayla Williams said. “I didn’t see the importance of defense when I was younger.”

Her mindset was forced to change completely during her sophomore season when her high school’s varsity team received a new coach, Karen Blaire.

“When I was younger I had some problems with authority, I want to be in control and don’t like being told what to do,” Kayla Williams said. “Karen was the first person who challenged me. She forced me to find the necessary line when it came to respecting my elders.”

Kayla Williams had no choice but to improve her all-around game. By demoting Williams to the junior varsity team until she improved her defense, Blaire made it clear that she demanded things be done her way. Blaire’s no excuse attitude helped develop a mental toughness in Kayla Williams and her teammates, giv-



Kayla Williams is a basketball player with a scoring averaging of 10.1 points per game. | Samantha B. Seglin

ing them the tools needed to place fourth in state during her senior year.

Now in her senior year at HSU, the environmental engineering major earned the responsibility and control she always desired. As point guard, she controlled her team’s offense—relaying the coaches game plan on the court and dishing the ball to her teammates in order to make plays happen.

“She’s a student of the game,” HSU women’s basketball coach Jodie Gleason said. “She’ll come in and watch film of our opponents. She’ll study film of herself, she constantly wants to improve.”

Kayla Williams said her goal for the season was to be successful. Though the Jacks didn’t make it to regionals, her teammates and coach are grateful for the effort, time and

hard work she put into the season.

“Kayla realized we are all good players and did everything possible to help our team score,” co-captain Lisa Petty said. “She’s a really smart player and always put the team before herself— just look at the number of assists she had.”

This season, Kayla Williams was named to the second team honors list of the All-California Collegiate Athletic Association—averaging 12.2 points per game and ranking second in conference for 101 assists throughout the season.

Along with being one of three captains of the women’s basketball team, Kayla Williams also balanced the heavy workload required by her engineering major. When not in school, she dedicated her past two summers to interning at Boeing, the

world’s largest aerospace company and leading manufacturer of commercial jetliners.

“I’m thinking about going into bio-engineering after I finish my last year at HSU,” Kayla Williams said. “I would love to go to UCSD for grad school.”

Kayla Williams said the hardest thing about the season being over is losing the amazing chemistry and family bond created through her team. She plans to stay active by participating in intramural basketball and competing with herself through rock climbing, running and swimming.

“My goal is to just keep the competition alive,” Kayla Williams said.

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### Jacks Roundup

by **‘Alohi Bikle**  
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While many of us were on spring break, Humboldt State athletes, both National Collegiate Athletic Association sanctioned and competition club, had minimal down time as they were busy training and competing.

Men’s basketball finished their season with a loss against Chico in the first round of the NCAA Division II West Region Championships. Senior forward Randy Hunter was selected to the National Association of Basketball Coaches All-West District first team for the second year in a row.

On the club level, HSU Cycling made a name for themselves last weekend during races in Berkeley. Multiple riders are in their first year of collegiate competition and finishing in high places. (Read more about Cycling on page 9)

#### In Brief

Men’s Basketball: (3/9) HSU 68 Chico State 75

Both CCAA teams met up for their fourth match-up of the season. No. 5 seed Chico State prevailed over the Jacks who entered the tournament within the No. 4 spot. Hunter finished with 16 points. Senior guard Brandon Sperling came just behind with 15. Softball: (3/10) HSU 2, 1 Cal State Monterey Bay 9, 9

(3/11) HSU 0, 11 Cal State Monterey Bay 8, 12 (3/13) HSU 0, 2 UC San Diego 11, 5

(3/14) HSU 0, 1 UC San Diego 8, 9

The Jacks lost their home field advantage against UCSD due to the rain that was forecasted over spring break. The team traveled down south where UCSD swept the four game series. They head south this weekend to meet up with Cal State San Bernardino.

Track & Field: The team traveled to Eugene, Ore. to compete against a tough bunch in the Oregon preview. HSU runner Austin Huff finished sixth out of 28 runners and first out of all the NCAA Division II athletes in the 3,000 meter race. They head to Chico this weekend to compete in the Wildcat Invitational.

Rowing: (3/10) Sacramento State Invitational

The Jacks finished in the top three in all races competed in, during their first regatta of the season. They were one of nine teams and competed against NCAA Division I schools. The Jacks came in third for the Varsity Eight race with a time of 7:03.9, faster than their time last year. The Novice Eight crew came in second as did Varsity Four, Varsity Four B. They host their own regatta this weekend in Eureka.

Cycling: (3/17) Crockett Road Race

Each lap in this race is 10 miles and consists of a steep climb just before the finish line. Steven Pearl got third place in the Men’s B road race, while team rider Nate Abel finished in fourth. Abel earned enough points in the Crockett race to upgrade to the Men’s A category. In the Women’s B, Haley Umayam finished fifth. In the Men’s D race, Alvin Garlejo and Joe Zaizar came in second and 14th, respectively. (3/18) Berkeley Streets Critterium

Criterion races are high speed round-the-block races, that leave no room for mishaps. HSU rider Ryan Spaulding squashed all that when he received a flat during the Men’s A race, made a quick wheel change and finished in seventh, Zaizar got 11th. Umayam finished second in the Women’s B, while Stephen Allen came in ninth in the Men’s C race after coming back from a crash related injury received last week at Stanford.

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# Bike or bust: HSU cycling club to host a triple race event



Senior Haley Umayam riding in the Berkeley Criterium on Sunday, March 18. | Joe Zaizar

by **Shelby Meyers**  
*Staff Writer*

On March 24 and 25 the Humboldt State Cycling Club will host, for the second time, a Road Race Competition. First-time racer and freshmen marine biology major Marissa Marcroft tries to clear her head before a race.

“You’re vulnerable,” she said. “It can be nerve-wracking.”

As members of the Western Collegiate Cycling Conference, club president Justin Graves expects competitors from schools like Stanford and UC Berkeley.

“There’s about 20 racers from HSU. Hopefully we’ll see around 200 racers,” Graves said.

Graves, a third-year business administration major, has been the club’s president for two years. The club had not competed in races for several years before what Graves referred to as a successful mountain bike race in the fall of 2010. “After that we decided we wanted to try road races,” Graves said.

Plans for this spring’s road race began four months ago. Over the course of two days,

three races will take place: Road Race, Criterium and a Team Time Trial. The Team Time Trial and Road Race will be in Loleta and the Criterium Race will be at HSU.

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*It’s the same feeling as when you get to the top of a mountain. It kinda kills you but the fact that you were able to endure is like, ‘Oh my God!’”*  
— *Traci Kroll, senior geography major*

Team Time Trial starts at 9 a.m. on Saturday. Racers will travel about seven miles northeast and return to the finish line in a southeast direction. Three members from each team compete against each other, other teams and work together to finish with the fastest time.

The technique most racers use is called drafting. “It’s kind of like Nascar,” Graves said.

Three racers form a single-

file line and block the wind. This means that the racer in the front blocks wind for the racer second in line, and the racer second in line blocks wind for the third racer. A rotation occurs every 20-30 seconds so that each team member gets a break and shifts into the third position, where there is the least amount of wind resistance.

Senior geography major Traci Kroll races for the Women’s A Team and will compete in all three events. “[When racing] it’s the same feeling as when you get to the top of a mountain. It kinda kills you but the fact that you were able to endure is like, ‘Oh my God!’” Kroll said.

Kroll explained that even though there will be two races in one day, there is plenty of time between the two to recuperate.

The Road Race starts at 1 p.m. on Saturday in Loleta. Graves said it’s roughly a 7-mile loop and the top racers will probably do about 10 laps. Several weeks ago the cycling club scoped out the course. Marcroft said it seemed decent with hills and flat zones.

On Sunday, the Criterium Race begins at 7 a.m. The course travels through the HSU campus with the start/finish line at the top of B Street. Racers will travel through a loop that goes behind the HSU Library down to L.K Wood and back to B Street.

Anyone can watch any of the three races from the sidelines. Graves, Kroll and Marcroft encourage it. “It’ll be fun to watch. Hopefully there won’t be too many crashes,” Kroll said.

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# Mind, body and Hula Hoop: The Healing Circle



**by Kira J. Keleher**  
*Staff Writer*

Hanakekua-Kekaulike Joao meditates with a hula hoop. “It builds a positive communication through the disc,” Joao said.

The junior recreation administration major with an emphasis in child development, started The Healing Circle with Hannah Haerr last semester.

Joao and Haerr met in Hawaii at a hooping convention

last year and both realized that using the hula hoop is a spiritually enlightening action.

Although many people at Humboldt State were already familiar with the art form that is hooping, Joao and Haerr wanted to bring all those people together and The Healing Circle was the way to do that.

Not only does The Healing Circle bring spiritual meditation, but it is also psychologically improving.

“I have been through sexual, physical and emotional abuse, and I found hooping uplifting,” Joao said. She said she has gained self-esteem, self-awareness and power through hooping.

“I couldn’t access that internal deity, I would not allow myself to be important,” Joao said.

When Joao hoops, she has the time to focus on what is on her

mind and work through it.

Joao, who is from the island of Moloka’i, recently went back and introduced the hooping

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meditation to her community.

“To be able to bring back something I started at home and receive great support from my family is very rewarding,” she said.

This summer Joao along with other hoopers are going to travel across the United States and introduce hooping to other communities. Joao also plans on receiving her hooping license so she can become an official instructor.

Joao said The Healing Circle is a safe place to be yourself and is a non-judgemental community.


“The main thing I want people to be when they come to The Healing Circle, is open-minded,” she said.

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Photos provided by Natalie Vaughan

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Wildlife Major, Corrie McFarland, has been playing soccer her whole life and is currently on an HSU intramural team. | Samantha B. Seglin

**by Keeren Payano**  
*Staff Writer*

*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](mailto:thejack@humboldt.edu), subject: ATTN:AOW.*

“I have considered joining the soccer team at HSU but I think it will take from me too much time,” said Corrie McFarland, a second year wildlife major at Humboldt State.

Corrie McFarland went to Lassen High School in Susanville, Calif, which is five hours east of HSU. She played soccer in high school for the Lassen Grizzlies, and was coached by Steven Datema.

“Corrie was my best defender in the team,” said Datema. He said, that if she continues playing she can go far and be a really good player. “I believe she can accomplish all her goals.”

“He [Datema] was my favorite coach,” Corrie McFarland said. She said Datema taught her all she knows about soccer.

Corrie McFarland said leaving home wasn’t too hard because she has an older brother studying at HSU.

“My parents were pretty excited about me coming to college. We have a good relationship,” she said.

“I love soccer, I love playing it,” Corrie McFarland said. She plays on three different teams: Sunday Service, Confetti Warriors and Mac and Cheese.

“We are not terrible, we are good,” she said. Last year her team won four different league championships.

“Corrie may be a small player but she plays with passion and heart,” said Kristen Andersen, who also plays with Corrie McFarland. She said that Corrie McFarland’s skills on the field are impressive and she never ceases to amaze her and the team.

Corrie McFarland plays with her brother Jeffry McFarland on

Confetti Warriors and Mac Cheese.

“I think it would be fun to compete against him,” she said. “He is pretty fast but I think I could take him.”

“My relationship with my sister is good, we always have a good time when we hang out,” Jeffry McFarland said. He said they both are wildlife majors, both like soccer and are outdoorsy, active people.

“When it comes down to it I definitely love my sister,” Jeffry McFarland said.

Jeffry McFarland said his sister is a great and dependable soccer player. He said that people can put her in almost any position and be able to rely on her.

“She plays great defense even when she is left defending,” he said. “I would definitely like to play against her. She is a great opponent and I can’t wait for the opportunity to beat her in a game of soccer but truthfully I prefer her on my side.”

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## Campus Weekly

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**Amphibian and Reptile Day**  
**Saturday, March 24**  
**HSU Natural History Museum**  
**10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**  
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More than 40 species of living amphibians and reptiles from the local area and around the world will be on display. There will be short talks, classes, crafts and other hands-on activities hosted by the HSU herpetology class, California Reptorium, and the Humboldt County Herpetological Society in partnership with the HSU Natural History Museum.

**Bingo Night with the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence**  
**Sunday, March 25**  
**Founders Hall**  
**Green and Gold Room**  
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**Disaster Preparedness Seminar**  
**Monday, March 26**  
**Goodwin Forum, NHE 102**  
**2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**  
**FREE**

HSU students, faculty, staff and all Californians must prepare themselves for the next big earthquake or disaster. Jan Marnell of UPD Emergency Management will lead group discussions about disaster preparedness, building evacuations, active shooter, sheltering in place, earthquakes and other emergencies that could affect us on campus and the North Coast. Participants will also be guided through various online resources and will learn how to determine hazards in the areas they live and play.

**Open Mic Night and Show ‘n Tell**  
**Tuesday, March 27**  
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**Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas**  
**Wednesday, March 28**  
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Film screening of “Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas.”

**Pow Wow and Big Time: A Spiritual Journey**  
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**Behavioral and Social Sciences Building, Room 508**  
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# The Creekview cat tale



| Courtesy of the Creekview cat Facebook page

by **Ryan Nakano**  
*Staff Writer*

Her cries can be heard outside Creekview Residence Hall at Humboldt State. Hidden underneath cars and staircases, she sits and waits – ready to stalk students on their way to class or back to their respective dorm rooms.

Some students call her “Smokey,” to others she goes by “Pholonius,” but to most she is known as the Creekview cat.

Nobody seems to know where exactly she is from or how old she is. But one thing is for certain: she has found her way into the hearts of many HSU students. The Creekview cat even has its own Facebook page with a total of 371 friends and 55 photos.

On the door handle of HSU freshman Kimberlie Hansen’s

Creekview apartment hangs a satchel filled with cat nip. Hansen said this is one reason why the cat keeps coming back to Creekview dorms. “She knows the students living in creekview will feed her, so she makes her rounds.”

“*She spends the night with college kids every night. She’s like the Van Wilder of Humboldt.*”  
— **Kimberlie Hansen, HSU student**

In addition to the meal, students offer a place to stay. “She spends the night with college kids every night,” Hansen said. “She’s like the Van Wilder of Humboldt.” Don’t be fooled by her cute in-

nocent appearance the Creekview cat is known to be intrusive.

“She’ll follow me up to my dorm, and as soon as I open up the door she just runs in. Sometimes you can’t help it,” HSU sophomore Amber Long said.

Regardless, Long said she loves the cat and even bought a bowl for her to eat out of.

Long’s roommates however, do not share the same kind of affection towards the cat — calling it “evil” because of its constant crying.

But is it even the same cat? Elisabeth De Jong, a 22-year-old HSU environmental science major, said the Creekview cat is just one of multiple twins.

“A month ago, I saw two of them and they both looked alike,” De Jong said.

Several students, including 19-year-old freshman Emily Wood, said there are three black cats in total.

“One is hefty, has a big head and is the friendliest. One is cross-eyed. The other has a white chest and is very skittish,” Wood said.

Wood said it is nice to have a pet like the Creekview cat at college and believes that HSU should consider a more lenient pet policy on campus.

The current pet policy at HSU prohibits any warm blooded, feathered or poisonous pets at all times. The policy allows students living on campus to own fish, reptiles and amphibians within a 10 gallon aquarium or container.

Wood, who had to leave her cat at home, was surprised to find HSU’s pet policy to be so exclusive. “Being able to have a pet like the Creekview cat would help students have an instant friend on campus and would make for a more comfortable transition to college.”

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## Language immersion at Humboldt State

by **Natalia Estrada**  
*Staff Writer*

Hacking, gagging and mispronouncing the simplest syllables are common occurrences when it comes to learning a new language. Perhaps the only reassurance is that most of the other students in class are making the same weird noises while trying to say foreign words.

Becoming immersed within a language is a common practice of some language profes-

“*If I were to translate every word I say to English then my students wouldn’t be learning, they’d always be waiting for me to say everything in English.*”  
— **Russell Carlos Gaskell, Spanish professor**

sors at Humboldt State. French and Francophone studies professor, Dr.Valerie J. Budig-Markin strives to make her classroom as interactive as possible.

“We build a world in French, with a growing vocabulary and rules by which to communicate, and the language blossoms with their confidence level, as much as possible without translation from English,” Budig-Markin said.

Budig-Markin said learning about French culture through current events and inviting French-speaking visitors to class is an important compo-

nent to student success.

Professor Russell Carlos Gaskell’s Spanish class is slightly different. Any English spoken in his class is not done by him. Gaskell, like much of the World Languages and Cultures Department at HSU, practices total immersion within a language. Subtitles are not an option in this class and according to Gaskell it worries a lot of students who are completely new to Spanish dialogue.

HSU Spanish major, Valerie Gizinski, was unable to take beginner-level Spanish due to a schedule conflict and jumped right into the second level class. She was worried about her language skills when she first started.

“It’s harder than I thought it was going to be,” Gizinski said. “[Gaskell] was very welcoming. I asked to join the class and he said ‘bienvenidos!’”

Gaskell uses a style of teaching that is separated into main focuses. One method he uses is called the natural approach. This approach helps people develop their own language skills while also mimicking the process of learning their own native language, which is the language they were born speaking. “When babies learn to talk they start by listening. Then they utter words, then more words. Then they point to things and then their language develops more. That’s how I run my class,” Gaskell said.

Both Gaskell and Budig-Markin have extensive experience living in different countries. Gaskell learned Spanish in Spain and has spent time in several South American and Latin American countries.

Last year Gaskell traveled



Spanish professor Carlos Gaskell in his office on Monday. | Jeremy Smith-Danford

to France to learn French. Learning the new language frustrated him almost to the point of tears. “For two weeks I kept thinking, ‘what is she saying?’”

Budig-Markin visited and studied in several French regions including Senegal, Morocco, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Martinique, Gueloupe, Guyane (French Guiana) and the South American coast.

According to the American Council of Teaching Foreign Languages, learning a second language has a positive effect on intellectual growth and increases job opportunities.

Whether you choose to learn Spanish, French, German, Chinese or any other language at HSU, it is important to remember that practice makes perfect. Rolling the R’s and writing Chinese characters is only part of learning a language.

“If I were to translate every word I say to English then my students wouldn’t be learning,” Gaskell said, “they’d always be waiting for me to say everything in English.”

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# A look at Humboldt State’s research opportunities

by Luis Lemus  
Staff Writer

Cercopithecus Mona monkeys, originally from West Africa, were introduced in Grenada via the slave trades around the 18th century.

Led by anthropology professor Mary Glenn, Ph.D, the Humboldt Center for Evolutionary Anthropology, is Humboldt State’s evolving multi-discipline laboratory.

The laboratory conducts research on forensic anthropology, primate morphology and is expanding into evolutionary medicine.

A current project of the lab consists of a team of undergraduates that filter through hours of jungle noise to filter out what is called the “boom sound,” the purpose of which is still unknown to science,

of the Mona monkey.

Kena Worsham, senior anthropology major, is part of the group of students that look for the boom sound. She said she enjoys her job through hours of recording. “People buy CDs of jungle noises to help them go to sleep, we work with this all the time, which makes our jobs really fun,” said Worsham.

Professor Mary Glenn is happy the research center is expanding and collaborating with international universities. “We collaborate with world wide web of scientist from different universities, such as the Max Planck Institute in Germany.”

May Patiño, a recent HSU graduate, is now the lab’s coordinator.

“This lab offers rare research experience among HSU’s undergraduates, which helps them get into graduate school and succeed in their future careers,” Patiño said.

Every summer the students

have the opportunity to travel to Costa Rica to do field research. At the research facilities, they work with the likes of students from Ivy League schools like Harvard and Yale.

Other students, such as recently graduated Amy Remer works on digitizing Mona monkey skulls using a MicroScribe. This tool is linked to a computer and helps compare the similarities between adult female and young male skulls.

This summer, lab members will be holding a fundraiser to raise money for better lab equipment and hopefully enough to buy a mobile forensic unit.

“Nobody knows what the boom sound is, and that’s what we are trying to figure out,” Worsham said.

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A skull is held in place in the anthropology lab at Humboldt State, to be used by the micro-scribe, which gives digital 3-dimensional data of physical objects. | Jeremy Smith-Danford

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## Miranda’s Rescue wildlife sanctuary sets a new trend in Humboldt animal rescue

by Grayson Sandy  
Staff Writer

Miranda’s Rescue in Fortuna is a wildlife sanctuary that sets itself apart from the conventions of society. This enormous property houses hundreds of animals, and has a no-euthanasia policy.

Most animal shelters have to deal with overpopulation and other issues related to an excess of abandoned and stray animals. Euthanasia is a controversial means of dealing with the problem of overpopulation in animal shelters. Without this option, many animal care centers would not be able to sustain the large numbers of animals in their care.

Miranda’s Rescue is focused on creating an environment in which no animal is turned away, and all are cared for equally.

The rescue is a refuge for all animals, including wild ones. With hundreds of admissions every year, the 36-acre property is fitted with many forms of accommoda-

tion, including a bird aviary, horse and other farm animal stalls, and separate living areas for cats and dogs.

Junior Stephanie Giles, a journalism major recently started volunteering at the rescue.

“They don’t believe in putting any animals down,” she said. “They are very passionate about animals and want to give all animals a chance.”

Shannon Miranda is the owner and president of Miranda’s rescue. He started the organization after an accident left him with no work and in dire need of something to do.

“I was born and raised on a dairy [farm], and have always had a passion for animals,” he said.

More than 1,200 animals a year are adopted from Miranda’s Rescue. However the animals are not simply taken care of, they are often rehabilitated by Miranda himself. To Miranda, euthanasia is a way out of dealing with animals that deserve to live.

“If there’s something I can save, I will look at the costs

later,” he said. “I never reward a survivor with death.”

Dean Paris is a co-partner and CFO of Miranda’s Rescue. He said people should think long and hard before deciding to breed a pet. “70 percent of the puppies or kittens that are born into our world will end up lost, abandoned, at a shelter or on death row,” he said. “Don’t add to that statistic by breeding your pets.”

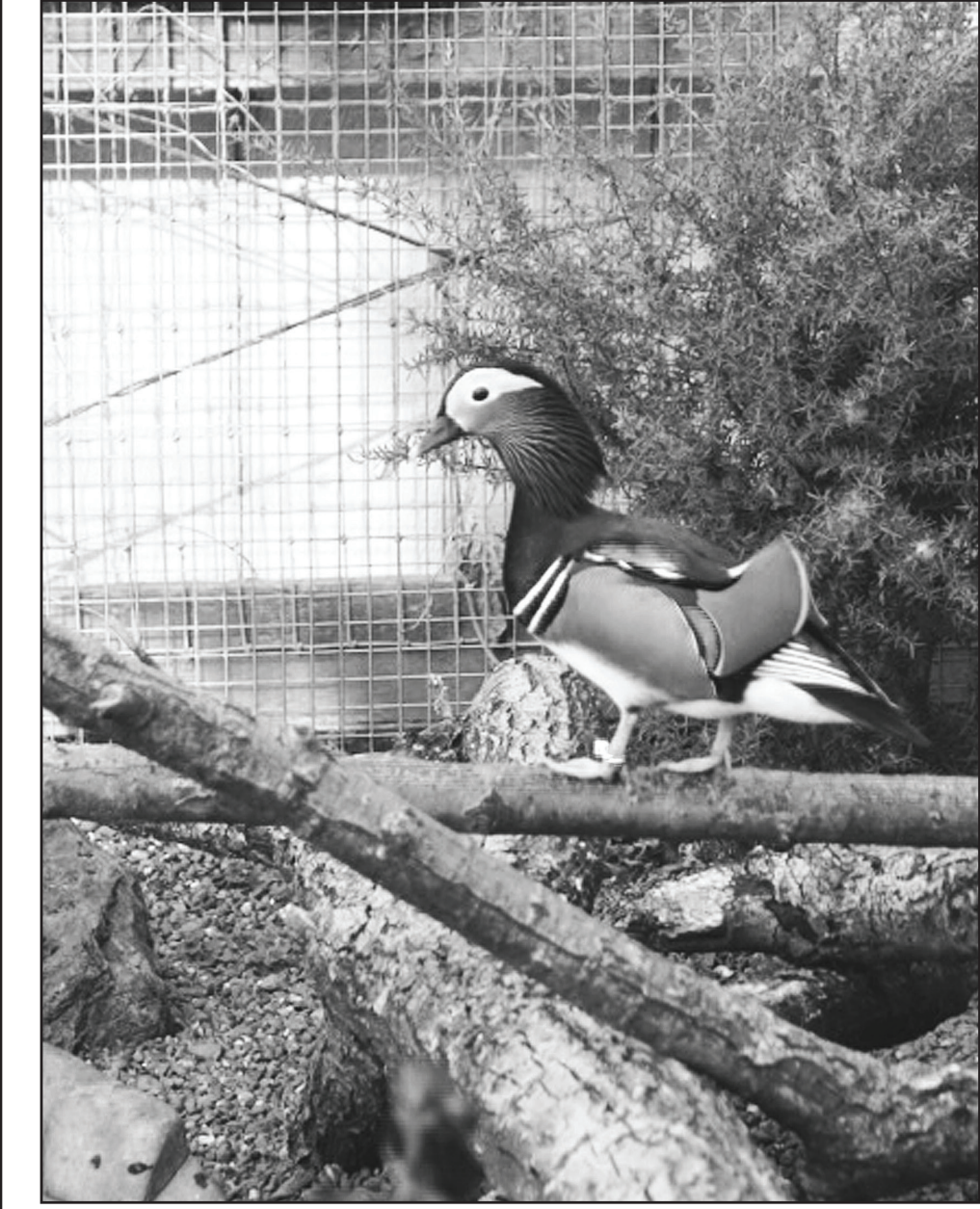
While optimistic about his center’s ability to save all animals, Miranda admits there are circumstances that warrant euthanasia.

“If there are animals with medical conditions too severe to treat or aggressive tendencies beyond rehabilitation, we sometimes have no other choice,” Miranda said.

Miranda’s message to the public is simple.

“If everyone just spayed or neutered one cat or one dog,” he said, “it would severely reduce the overpopulation problem.”

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# How much for your coffee buzz?

Text by Emily Hamann, Graphic by Kaci Poor

Everyone has a different opinion on where to get the best coffee in Arcata, but what about affordability? Ramone’s Bakery and Café inside Wildberries Marketplace takes the prize, selling a medium coffee for only \$1.97.

If it is espresso you are after, a double-shot latte at Cafe Mokka runs for just \$2.80. Plus, customers can enjoy their beverages while relaxing in a private hot tub or sauna.

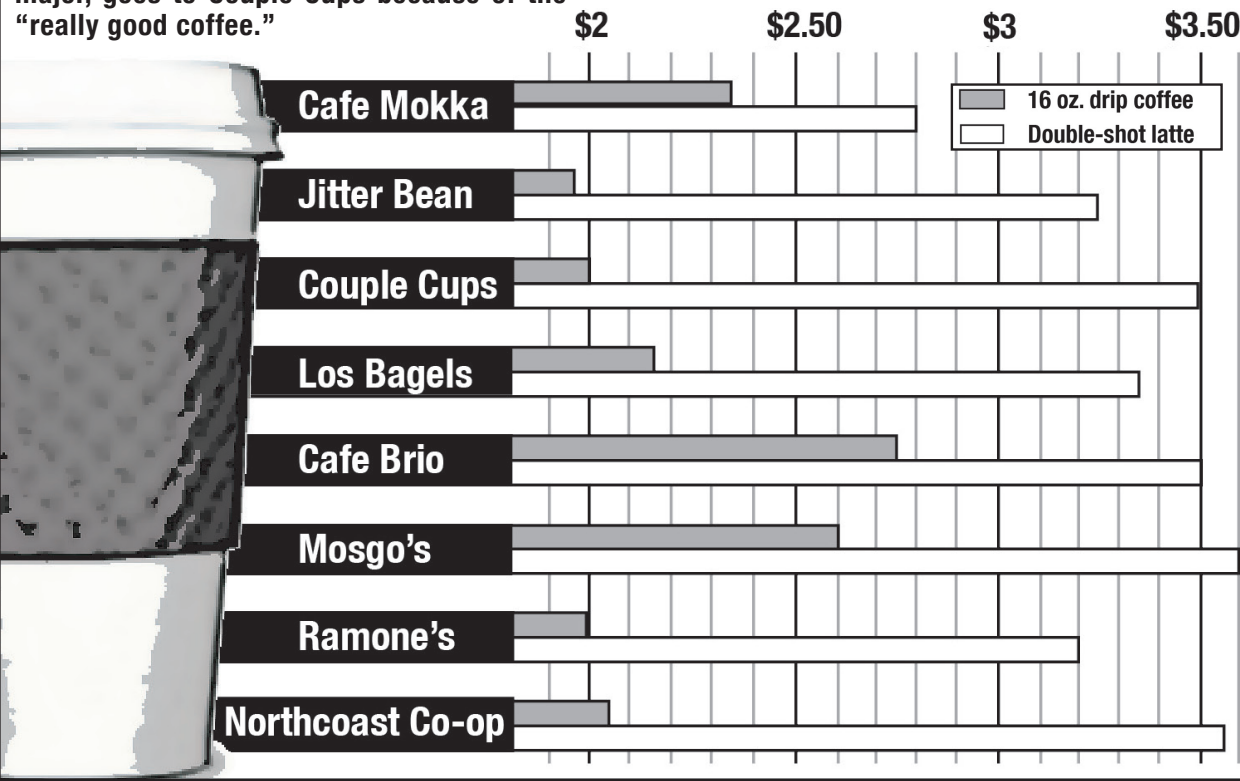
Those looking for a caffeine fix do not always have to leave campus, however. Sophomore Samuel Artaiz, a wildlife major, gets coffee at Muddy Waters in the Depot, because it’s only \$1.25 for a refill. Price is not everything though. Mary Roberts, botany major, goes to Couple Cups because of the “really good coffee.”



Mary Roberts  
Senior, Botany  
“I like Couple Cups because they have really good coffee.”



Samuel Artaiz  
Sophomore, Wildlife  
“I don’t normally go off campus. [I go to] Muddy Waters because it’s only \$1.25 for a refill.”



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# THE GREEN SCENE

*by Brietta Linney*



Henry David Thoreau once said, "I believe that water is the only drink for a wise man." He was alluding to alcoholism, but a man will need to be wise enough to protect his right to a glass of safe drinking water.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Clean Water Act. Although the Act gave millions of Americans the right to drink, swim and fish in our waterways — all branches of government have taken stabs at it in attempt to weaken its power.

In 2011, Congress began the most egregious attacks on the act in history. Numerous bills presented before the House of Representatives had anti-environmental "riders" and extraneous amendments that would effectively chip away current environmental regulations. The most detrimental, the Clean Water Cooperative Federalism Act of 2011, is a bill that would dismantle key aspects of the pivotal piece of legislation — including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's power to enforce the law when states fail to protect waterways.

When the Clean Water

Act was signed, the Cuyahoga River was so polluted it literally caught fire, Lake Erie had algae blooms forty miles long and the Hudson River Fishery was dead. Big polluters want to regain the ability to use our nation's water as their toxic dump-sites. Rather than protecting the common good, Congress members are likely to be motivated by the corporate polluter's monetary incentives that support their short-term goal of re-election. But is 40 years long enough for the public to forget how damaged our waters once were?

The nation's waterways belong to the citizens through the Public Trust Doctrine, and we need to vocalize the importance of clean water. This year, the Waterkeeper Alliance launched a campaign to celebrate, activate and advocate for the Clean Water Act during the 40th anniversary of this landmark legislation.

**Here is how you can be involved:**

Green Campus Program will host numerous events during the month of March to honor the Clean Water Act's anniversary. Join us in The Quad from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. on March 22 for World Water Day Festival. Spend the afternoon learning through informative and interactive activities about water. Numerous organizations will be at the event including Humboldt Baykeeper, Surfrider Foundation, the Northcoast Environmental Center and Campus Center for Appropriate Technology.

Later that evening, Green Campus will facili-

tate a speaker panel with local water experts. The panel will be held at 6 p.m. in Science B room 133. Four speakers will talk about various global, national and local water issues. Beth Werner from Humboldt Baykeeper will speak about the Clean Water Act. Jennifer Savage will join us to discuss the newly proposed marine protected areas off our coast. Andrew Stubblefield, the professor of watershed and water quality in the forestry department will speak. A representative from Blue Lake Rancheria will offer a tribal perspective. The four speakers lined up will ensure a fun and informative evening for staff, students and faculty.

Throughout the month of March, Green Campus is holding a water-themed photo contest. There is only one requirement: there must be some form of water in the photo. I understand we live in Humboldt County and sunny beaches are rare. So that means, ice, snow and sleet are acceptable forms of water to include in your picture. Winners will receive a prize and Green Campus will display the top ten photos in our library display. Submit photos to the Green Campus email: greencampusu@gmail.com

If you would like to know more about the Water Awareness Festival, Speaker Panel or photo contest, please visit the website at [www.hsugreen-campus.com](http://www.hsugreen-campus.com).

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# Humboldt Circus is on fire

by **Scottie Lee Meyers**  
*Features Editor*

Mia Moore fell into a burning ring of fire. The flames engulfed her waist and then went higher. Suddenly the blaze surrounded her neck. And yet a smile remained on her face. Onlookers just watched; she did not need to be rescued.

More than 100 people sat on the steps outside the Reese Bullen Gallery to watch Moore and other members of the Humboldt Circus perform a fire show in the art quad Monday night. The show promoted “So Many Colors,” the upcoming

Humboldt Circus show in Gist Hall from March 29 through 31.

A fiery Hula Hoop orbited around Moore’s waist — and just about every other body part — as she danced to the 14-piece Samba Da Alegria. “I’m afraid of fire, it scares me,” said Moore, a 21-year-old zoology major. “You can really smell the fire and breathe it in.” Moore has performed with the circus for almost two years, but Monday marked the first time she was burned.

The fire show brings a unique culture to Humboldt State, and that appeals to Izzy Knori. “Humboldt’s so different, it’s refreshing,” said Knori, a junior high school student from San Diego visiting HSU for a campus tour. “There’s just a different vibe here,” she said as circus performers hopped over an ignited jump rope.

A barefoot and mohawked Jesse Jonathon beat his drum and orchestrated the samba music’s tempo with a whistle. Jonathon graduated from HSU several years ago as a music major. He has played many fire shows, but nothing extinguishes his passion to play. “Music and movement together are just so hot.”

*Photos by Samantha B. Seglin*

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## Midnight munchies at La Barca

by **Shelby Meyers**  
*Staff Writer*

Customers chanted the lyrics to Joan Jet’s “I love Rock n’ Roll” and began to dance as they waited outside of Taqueria La Barca Saturday night. Pleased with the sounds of happy customers, truck manager Victor Mendez smiled and turned up the volume.

Late night taco truck Taqueria La Barca is the choice for many in search of a midnight meal. The truck is located in the ally behind Everett’s Club. Taqueria La Barca owner Norma Garcia rents the ally space from the bar.

Garcia started her small franchise in 2006 when she

opened the late-night taco truck. “The first night was so hard because I didn’t cook enough, [I] sold out, and had to close,” Garcia said.

It took a week for Garcia to find the right amount of food she would need for each night. Business grew and Garcia opened Taqueria La Barca the restaurant, located off Giuntoli Lane in Arcata. Every morning at 6 a.m., Garcia cooks food for the restaurant and the trucks.

Garcia wanted to manage the restaurant and hired Mendez to manage the Arcata taco truck. Mendez greets all his customers with a smile stretched across his face. Mendez has worked at the taco truck for two years and has developed friendships with customers. “I know all the customers, and almost all

the names,” Garcia jokes with Mendez that he won’t return to Mexico because he is loved and so popular with customers in Arcata.

Drunken customers are common. Mendez said some customers will be so drunk they try to order items that are not on the menu. “I say ‘I don’t have that’ but they keep asking and asking,” Mendez said.

One benefit of friendly drunk customers: tips. “Drunk [people] give more, \$20, \$30. The most was \$40 [from one person],” Mendez said.

Mendez has seen many fights. Most of the time Mendez will not get involved and watches from the truck window but one time he did not have a choice.

A couple of drunken customers grabbed Mendez’s tips from his truck. “My tips!” said Mendez and jumped out of the truck for a foot chase with the thieves. He caught the young men and snatched back his tips.

The taco truck has no set hours and is open late evenings until there are no more customers. The latest Mendez has kept the truck open is 4 a.m.

Garcia said that Mendez has become popular and customers recognize his face around town. Mendez enjoys interactions with customers and says there are even VIPs. “They’ll come to the back door and order to avoid the line,” he said.

Customers love La Barca and Mendez. Psychology major at Humboldt State Matt Thibeau said, “I fucking love that taco truck and Victor is awesome.”



Photo illustration by Scottie Lee Meyers

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## How did you spend spring break?



**Samuel Shalhoub**  
Senior, music major  
“From Wednesday to Saturday, I went to Reno as part of the Intercollegiate Concert Band.”



**Luis Castellon**  
Junior, cellular molecular biology major  
“I hung out with friends here, stayed up here, went to the beach.”



**Jay Payton**  
Senior, political science major  
“I went to San Diego , then went to Mexico from there.”



**Haylee McBride**  
Freshman, business major  
“Went home, went camping with my parents and spent time with friends back home.”



**Alex Nordquist**  
Junior, psychology major  
“Stayed in Arcata because of my part-time job. I did go hike Fern Canyon, which was nice.”



**Kellie Eldridge**  
Senior, botany and ecology double major  
“Hung out at home and relaxed in McKinleyville with my mom, who drove up from the Bay Area.”





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# Parents’ empty nest

by Kereen Payano  
Staff Writer

When teenagers move on to college it represents a significant step towards adulthood. But it also represents an emotional separation between them and their parents.

When students move away from home, it is often referred to as the “empty nest.” Many parents talk enthusiastically about the changes, but at the end of the day, they know the house is empty.

Marylyn Paik-Nicely is the director of the Humboldt State Multicultural Center. Paik-Nicely has three children, two boys and a girl. It was hard for her when they left for college.

“I cried,” Paik-Nicely said. People told her that she would love it when her

Cheryl Blatt-Lewis is a marriage and family therapist in Arcata and Eureka. Blatt-Lewis said that sadness, depression, loneliness and grief are common responses for parents when their children leave home.

“It is normal to experience these symptoms when a child leaves the nest,” Blatt-Lewis said. She said the transition to an empty nest is especially difficult for single parents and parents without a career.

Blatt-Lewis recommends parents focus on reconnecting with one’s spouse, family and friends. She also suggests focusing on one’s career, volunteering, traveling and new activities.

hopes her younger son will use if necessary.

“I try not to worry too much,” she said. “In our imagination, our kids need us and we think that they want to come back home, but that is what we think.”

Ryan said with her second child, everything was different because he is more independent.

“I worry more than him,” she said.

For Ryan, it was not too hard to be in contact with her daughter. Ryan said that she has a good communication with the oldest of her three children. “She was the first one to go to college. We both cried,” she said.

She said the experience of children leaving for college can be a big transition for both parents and child. She thinks that



children left home. “When they left, I was really lonely. I’m so close to my children,” Paik-Nicely said. No longer cooking for four people took some adjusting.

Paik-Nicely said working at HSU is beneficial because she works with students who have a good relationship with her. “When those students leave HSU, I feel sad,” she said.

She said she knows that they have to move on with their lives.

the single best advice would be to communicate on a regular basis.

Blatt-Lewis said that when her son went to college on the East Coast three years ago, she was sad and said it will be a more difficult transition when her youngest leaves in a few years. However, she looks forward to developing new activities and interests.

Kim Ryan, a stay-at-home mom, said that the university has many resources that she

the single best advice would be to communicate on a regular basis.

Ryan said that parents should try to find the balance of keeping in touch, with both the needs of themselves and their children in consideration.

“We are still working this out with our youngest whose in his first year away at university.”

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## Humboldt History

by Scottie Lee Meyers  
Features Editor

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

Humboldt State administrators gave Occupy Humboldt an eviction notice Friday. University police cleared the movement from the quad, where it had been staked out since October. Occupiers can still hold assemblies but can no longer spend the night on campus.

Campus has seen larger and more contentious movements throughout its history. Former HSU professor William Tanner chronicled student activism in his book, A View from the Hill, excerpted below:

The late ‘60s and early ‘70s

saw increasing campus activism and polarization. World and national incidents during the Johnson and Nixon years triggered student and faculty activism far more visible than at any time during the college’s history. Student government and campus organizations grew restive.

From 1968 to 1969, Humboldt State was conflict-ridden to the point where some feared the campus would be destroyed. In response to faculty/student strikes and rowdiness, Governor Ronald Reagan threatened “expulsion of students or the dismissal of teachers who interfered with the educational process.” Chancellor Glenn Dumke threatened to take over California State Colleges newspapers because of the use of four-letter words and nude photographs.

A Smith River retreat in 1970 brought together administrators, students, and members of the community to “avoid the combat zone atmosphere on many

of the nation’s campuses.” All this preceded the Cambodian Incursion in May of 1970 and the resultant outburst of turmoil.

At Humboldt, the Student Legislative Council met in special session on May 6, 1970 in the Sequoia Theatre Plaza. A crowd of more than 1,100 observed the 13-1 SLC vote “to demonstrate the students’ commitment against all war and all violence.” Suggestions included flying the American flag upside down until the war ended.

On May 11, nearly 3,000 students, faculty, and administrators gathered again on the Sequoia Quad. Students voted for a voluntary, peaceful, one-week strike. President Siemens called for abolition of the draft system and condemned the Cambodian Incursion.

Gov. Reagan responded to the Cambodian protests and strike threats around the state by closing all California State Colleges and University of California campuses, including Humboldt.

At the other end of the ideological spectrum, the Two Per Cent Club and the John Birch Society had organized counter counter demonstrations and combated communism on campus. A 1971 letter to the editor, however, expressed one alumnus’ disgusted reaction to all the turmoil on campus:

Just Old Fashioned  
When I was a student, I was quiet,  
I didn't protest and didn't riot.  
I wasn't unwashed, I wasn't obscene;  
I made no demands on Prexy or Dean.  
I sat in no sit-ins, I heckled no speaker;  
I'm forced to admit, with some hesitation;  
All I got out of school was an education.



Students vote to strike in response to the Cambodian incursion May, 1970. | From A View from the Hill: A History of Humboldt State University

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# Opinion

## EDITORIAL

The IT security breach that affected 5,700 Humboldt State students was unfortunate and alarming. Although a letter sent to each student by the Information Security Office assured them that their personal information was not at risk, the ease with which the data was mis-handled is unsettling.

It brings questions such as how easy is it to access our information? How easy is it to misplace it? It is fortunate that the party on the receiving end contacted the school immediately, but what if that was not the case and the information remained idle as an unnoticed attachment? What if the information had landed in the hands of an untrustworthy individual?

There is no doubt that HSU's Security Office has already thought of all these queries and fears, and have built their initial defenses around these ideas. The IT Service's page is full of policies and tips but this recent incident proves that more work is needed to ensure that items like social security numbers and personal financial information are not shared with strangers.

All students should follow the Security Office's advice and secure credit reports and monitor their personal information. It is never too early or late to protect yourself against identity theft or technical errors.



# Google: YOU ARE BEING TRACKED

## Search giant rewrites privacy policy, explains gathering private information

by Jessica Renae Buxbaum  
*Opinion Columnist*

Google changed their privacy settings on March 1.

The company is now set to collect user data in order to better the Internet experience. Google Mail is an important part of Humboldt State. What does this mean for students? Will Google be watching us?

Under the tab labeled "Privacy" on the Policies and Principles page, Google stated that researchers will be collecting your information. They will be collecting the personal information you give them when signing up for a Google account (i.e. name, email address, telephone number). They also will be col-

lecting the information Google receives from the use of Google's sources such as search engines or mail accounts. When you visit a website that interacts with their ads or content, Google added that the company "may collect device specific information." This includes hardware model, operating system version, device identifiers and mobile network information. Google may also collect your location information. For instance, if you are using Google while on your mobile device, Google may take the GPS signals sent from your mobile to collect and process information about your actual location. All of this information is found in the fine print of the Policy and Principles page of Google Mail.

Google insists that research-

ers are collecting this information to improve, maintain and protect Google and protect users. But how is it protecting us

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*It is Google overstepping the privacy boundary. The line should be drawn again.*”

when Google takes our personal information and sells it to advertising corporations? It is our information that is being collected and used, but we risk it being

abused. It is Google overstepping the privacy boundary. The line should be drawn again.

"Big Brother is watching" is how everyone feels, as the information age comes with spying, stalking corporate giants feeding us personalized ads. One online poll by news source, The Telegraph, revealed that with Google's new privacy change, 64 percent of users will change their online behavior. There is an opt-out policy provided by Google on the Ads Preferences Page. With one click you can opt out of receiving what Google calls relevant ads for you. However, according to PC Magazine's "How to Opt Out of Google's New Privacy Policy (Sort Of)" article by Jill Duffy, it is explained that Google's provided voluntary option is still a misinterpreted solution. Google still takes the data you create, stores it away but promises not to use it.

As a student who uses a Google-run webmail center, I felt compelled and curious to know how Humboldt State is handling the new privacy policy. I was informed by the University Spokesman, Paul Mann, that the CSU Chancellor's Office is con-

ducting a thorough evaluation of the privacy changes. Mann explained that currently the CSU's tentative finding, pending the completion of the evaluation, is that HSU webmail will not be affected. He further explained that HSU webmail services are provided via an independent contract with Google called "Google Apps for Education," a product separate from personal Gmail accounts, where privacy and ownership of content is protected.

Although this information is slightly soothing, I find that in this age of huge, almost world-dominating corporations like Google, I still ponder how safe my personal information is as it floats around the web. With Google roaming larger, even sneakily tracking people on their iPhones, how safe am I? How safe are we on the Internet these days? Do you trust surfing the web? Do you trust companies saying it is for your benefit that they take your information? I don't think I do. I would like my privacy rights back, please.

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# Affirmative action under fire

by Melissa Yang  
*Opinion Columnist*

I felt like I was punched in the gut when I read that Abigail Fisher was suing the University of Texas because of racial discrimination. She implied that she was denied admission based on her race, in order to make room for less qualified minority students. While discrimination of any kind is unacceptable, to assume that a person's skin color somehow makes them less qualified is an insult.

I am the daughter of immigrants and grew up in a racially diverse background among working class Americans. Given that English was my parents' second language and the hardship of working several jobs to maintain a living in a big city, I was grateful that I made it into Humboldt State. I am sure that my race played a part in that, because I got in through the Equal Opportunity Program after being rejected by the regular admission process.

I did the hard work of keeping myself in college by using multiple resources like the Learning Center and being persistent in getting my Bachelor's degree by taking general education classes at the local community college during the summers. I am confident that my own college professors gave me a passing grade because I work for it, instead of my race.

The humiliation I felt when I had to spend the summers from elementary to the end of middle school taking English as a second language later turned on into positive energy and helped me improve my chances of getting into a college. I also joined my older sister's book club that the school's librarian and a few English teachers started.

It is true that students could get in based on their race, but by no means do they get a free pass when they are in college. In fact, University of California and California State University

systems are more likely to discriminate against ethnic minorities unintentionally by putting emphasis on extracurricular activities and Advanced Placement credits (where ethnic minority high schools tends to lack in resources). The CSUs accomplish diversity by creating the Equal Opportunity Program, which admits students from disadvantaged backgrounds including those with parents with low annual income and under-representation.

In 1995, then Gov. Pete Wilson voted with the UC Board of Regents majority to ban affirmative action for ethnic minorities and gender in admission, hiring and contracting. Californians later reaffirmed that by voting for Proposition 209, thus ending all affirmative actions in government employment and public school. Affirmative action will always be debated, but there is no need to bring prejudice into the dialogue.

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**Little Shop of Horrors**  
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 7 p.m.  
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Friday  
**03/23**

**Yoga**  
 United Methodist Church of the Joyful Healer  
 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
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**The Twentieth Century**  
 McKinleyville High School  
 7 p.m.  
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**22nd Annual Redwood Coast Jazz Festival**  
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 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
 FREE

**Melody Walker**  
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 8 p.m.  
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Saturday  
**03/24**

**Humboldt Grange #501 Breakfast**  
 Humboldt Grange  
 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
 \$5/\$3 kids

**Lost in the Trees**  
 Arcata Playhouse  
 8 p.m.  
 \$12

**Humboldt Roller Derby**  
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 5 p.m.  
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**Q-Factor**  
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 9 p.m.  
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Sunday  
**03/25**

**Humboldt Youth Soccer League Competitive Tryouts**  
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**Swing Dance**  
 Willow Creek VFW Hall  
 6 p.m.  
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**Vegan Chili Cook-off and Potluck**  
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 1 p.m.  
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**Cheryl Wheeler**  
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 8 p.m.  
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Monday  
**03/26**

**Quiz Night**  
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 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
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**Humboldt Bay Bicycle Association**  
 Carmela's Arcata  
 6 p.m.  
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**Frank Fairfield**  
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**Dancehall Mondayz**  
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 9 p.m.  
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Tuesday  
**03/27**

**May Pearsall Vintage Clothing Exhibit**  
 Clarke Historical Museum  
 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
 \$5 and includes museum membership

**Sunny Brae Jazz**  
 Six Rivers Brewery  
 7 p.m.  
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**AEDC Spotlight on Success**  
 Arcata Theatre Lounge  
 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
 FREE

**Humboldt Village Talks**  
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 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
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Wednesday  
**03/28**

**Ba-Dum-Chh Comedy Night**  
 Cher-ae Heights Casino  
 8:30 p.m.  
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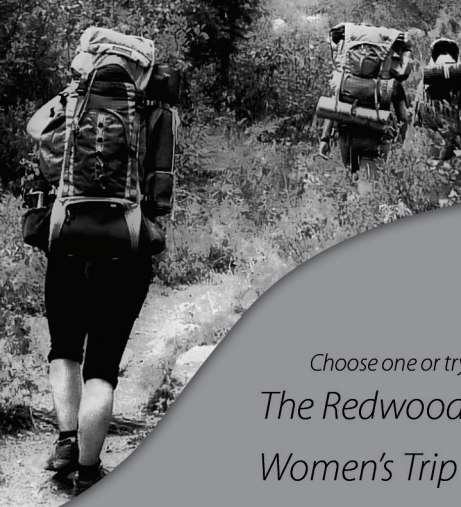
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It’s hard enough to find HSU President Rollin Richmond in real life ... but can you find him in *The Lumberjack*?

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:

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Lumberjack Fact Check

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- 1. TRUE OR FALSE: This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Clean Water Act.
- 2. Journalists Gareth Montgomery-Johnson and Nicholas Davies-Jones were detained for entering which Middle Eastern country?
- 3. Which Arcata coffee shop serves the cheapest 16-ounce cup of drip coffee?
- 4. At what time do Trinidad’s crab fishermen typically start work on the docks?
- 5. Which three soccer teams does Athlete of the Week Corrie McFarland play on?

Last week’s winner: Kimberly Maravilla

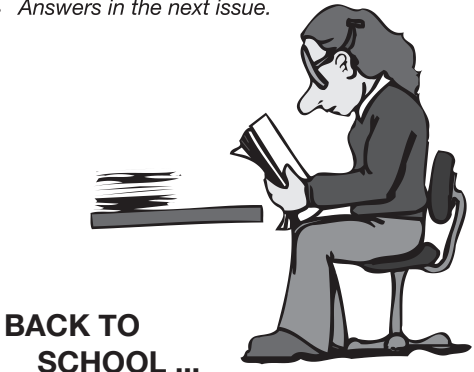
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HUMBOLDT JUMBOLDT

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.*

AERCB \_ \_ = \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
ZTLUK \_ \_ = \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
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BRAZE \_ \_ \_ \_ = \_ \_ \_ \_  
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ANSWERS TO LAST ISSUE’S PUZZLE: NINTH, SUSHI, NIECE, UPSET  
FINAL ANSWER: SUNSHINE

Weekly Sudoku Difficulty: INSANE

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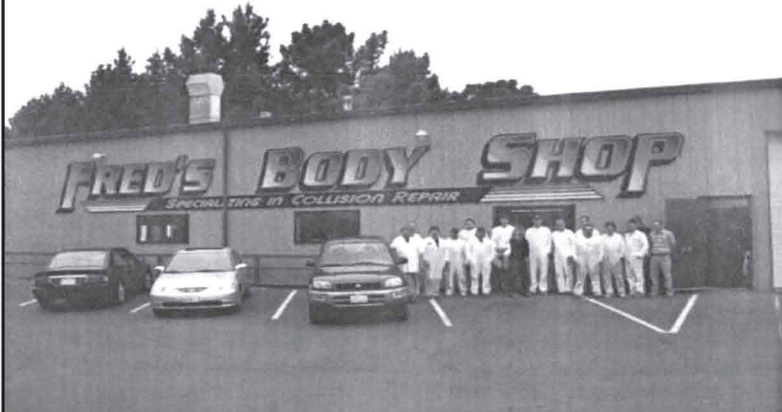


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# Spotlight

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Natural Resource Planning (EMP), HSU



The Proper Seastar  
Talisa Rodriguez  
Geography, HSU



Spring Seaside Stoll  
Cate Be  
Ecological Restoration, 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](mailto:thelumberjack@humboldt.edu)

To make things easy on our Photo Editor we ask that the photos have a resolution set at 300dpi and be no longer than eight inches on any side. Don't forget to include your name, age and major!

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