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Doing it for the cookie

Bloodmobile on campus making a difference



Jared Zystro, 33, an Arcata resident is donating blood to the Northern California Community Blood Bank. | Louis Ramirez



The bloodmobile opening its doors to anyone who wants to donate blood on campus. | Louis Ramirez

Campus

by Javier Rojas

For more than a decade Rio Aaron has poked needles, drawn blood, and given hundreds of cookies to donors in Humboldt County.

Aaron is a phlebotomist—someone who draws blood—and she has worked for the Northern California Community Blood Bank since 2001. She helps drive one of the many Bloodmobile trucks that take donations throughout Humboldt County.

Humboldt State is one of the most popular locations for the Bloodmobile and has consistently brought in old and new donors.

“Our blood bank has one of the highest numbers of return donors in the nation,” Aaron said. “Humboldt County has been very supportive and generous about giving blood.”

The bloodmobile averages about 10 to 12 donors per location but can draw very high numbers for certain visits.

“It all varies from location to location ... when we go and visit local high schools we’ve had situations where we’ve drawn 100 people,” Aaron said.

John Gullum, director of donor resources for the Northern California Community Blood Bank said having new people donate is always a good sign because chances are they might have a new donor for life.

“We don’t do much advertising so we make it important for people to see the Bloodmobile a lot around campus or the community,” Gullum said. “Every donation can save up to three lives and knowing that, we do everything to get people donating.”

A large amount of blood is still needed even though the blood bank

has drawn strong numbers of donors. The most common blood type is O positive which is found in about 37 percent of people. One of the rarest is O negative which is found in only 6 percent. It is the only blood type that can be received by anyone.

“We need all blood types all the time it doesn’t matter, everyday it could be a little different,” Aaron said. “AB negative and O negative is what we’re desperately looking for and it’s also one of the rarest blood types.”

Less than 5 percent of Americans have AB negative and 2 percent have B negative. Certain ethnic groups have a higher concentration of some blood types. Hispanics have a large number of O blood cells and Asians have a higher number of B blood cells.

Jared Zystro 33, who is a regular donor at the Bloodmobile says he never gets tired of giving blood because of the possible lives he is saving.

“I donate all the time so I’m used to all of it. There aren’t many things that are as meaningful as this,” Zystro said. “It’s a rewarding feeling especially when you can get a cookie at the end of the day.”

As for Aaron, she gets rewarded in a different way at her job every single day.

“This is the thing that has drawn me to this job and has kept me here all these years. I love the fact that I’m making a difference and I’m helping someone give a gift,” Aaron said. “It makes my day when someone tells me ‘Gosh I didn’t feel anything’ or ‘That’s the best time I had donating blood.’ That’s why I do this job.”

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New student fee proposed

Optional two dollars to fund CSSA

Campus

by Tabitha Soden

Students all across the California State University system may soon be met by a new fee, but they can opt-out of it— unless they are at Humboldt State.

The California State Student Association has proposed the Student Involvement and Representation Fee, a \$2 per-semester fee students can choose to pay. This fee would add to the 65 cents per semester already in place.

CSSA is an organization that lobbies in Sacramento and Washington DC. on behalf of CSU students. It consists of student representatives appointed by the Associated Students president of each respective school.

AS President Forust Ercole said the fee is a good idea, but there are still some problems.

“From what I’ve heard from administration, we don’t have the software on our computers to be able to opt-out,” Ercole said.

HSU uses PeopleSoft, software also used by other CSUs,

but Ercole said most campuses already have the program in place that would allow students to opt-out. He said that adding opt-out capabilities to HSU’s system would require extra time and money.

“I really do support [the fee] but it needs to be tweaked and guided a little more,” Ercole said.

Each school’s student government decides every year to be a CSSA member. If the school’s AS chooses to be a member, it pays a fee to CSSA which equates to about 65 cents per each student enrolled. That money comes out of student fees.

The new fee would add an additional \$2 to each semester’s total tuition costs. Miles Nevin, the executive director of CSSA, said the new fee will help to stabilize their budget.

“We feel it is a more appropriate source of funding because students choose to pay the fee instead of someone else making that decision for them, which is what is happening

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WORD ON THE STREET:



In your experience, has Humboldt County lived up to its reputation as a hub for Marijuana and hippies?



Montaria Tumbaga-Pierce, freshman, zoology

“I don’t think people would fully understand Humboldt unless they came here. There are a lot of people around here with similar goals. You know how they say, ‘Birds of the same feather flock together’.”

Austin Maguire, sophomore, marine biology

“The stereotype that has been placed on Humboldt State is true to some degree, but it overshadows a lot of the more dynamic characters at the school. I’m from Michigan, so most people back home don’t even know what Humboldt is.”



Jacky Montalvo, sophomore, psychology

“I feel like there are going to be drugs at every school, but if people came here to study - then they’re going to study. I’ve just learned to not care about what people say about the school I’m going to. Who cares if I don’t go to an Ivy League or a UC, it’s college — at least I’m going.”

Christian Lesko, junior, music

“What I’ve noticed about Humboldt County is that people’s ability to experience and appreciate things are heightened not by the weed, but by the fact that they can take the time to appreciate things more.”



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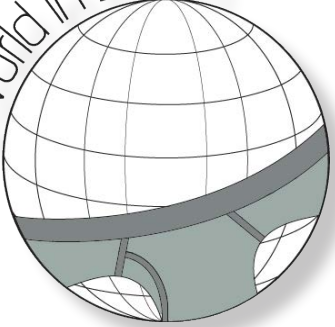
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World in Briefs



Egypt

On Monday an Egyptian court sentenced 529 supporters of the Muslim Brotherhood to death. Only 153 are in custody, 17 were acquitted and the remaining were tried in their absence with the opportunity for a retrial if they turn themselves in. The court trial lasted two days, and has raised many concerns from the global community.

Turkey

The government of Turkey led by Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan has banned the use of Twitter after the website was accused of spreading illegal content. The prime minister was quoted as saying, “I am obliged to take measures in the face of any attack threatening my country’s security, even if the world stands up against us.”

Venezuela

Thirty-two people have been killed since protests against current President Nicolas Maduro began nearly five weeks ago. Sergeant Miguel Parra and five months pregnant Adriana Urquiola are two of the latest deaths caused by the continued violence. Congresswoman Maria Machado who supports the governmental opposition was removed from her position after she discussed the turmoil with Organization of American States in Panama.

Sri Lanka

A video of the Sri Lanka military beating and torturing female soldiers was leaked by the anti-government website Sri Lanka Guardian. The Sri Lankan government admitted to the events in the video and said they would punish the instructors who committed the acts. The country is already under investigation for the abuse of rebels from the Tamil ethnic minority.

Uganda

The U.S. military is sending additional aircraft and troops to Africa to help in defeating Joseph Kony, the leader of the Lord’s Resistance Army. CV-22 Osprey aircraft along with personnel will be sent to join the 100 troops deployed there since 2011. Kony has been accused of war crimes including killing thousands of people, abducting children and forcing them to become sex slaves or soldiers.

Compiled and written by Israel LeFrak

Source Al Jazeera

CSU gets new Vice Chancellor

On March 12, California State University Chancellor Timothy P. White announced that Steve Relyea has been appointed as executive vice chancellor and chief financial officer of the CSU. The appointment was the culmination of an extensive national search and is pending confirmation by the Board of Trustees at their next meeting in late March.


“I am delighted that Steve is joining the CSU,” Chancellor White said in a press release. “He is a visionary and innovative leader, with decades of skills and experiences that will strategically strengthen the CSU to meet the needs of California going forward.”

According to the press release, job duties for Relyea will include reporting directly to the chancellor and serving on his executive leadership team, serving as treasurer to the Board of Trustees, oversight of the division of Business and Finance and various leadership roles regarding the business and financial op-


erations of the CSU.

Relyea is a graduate of UC Irvine, holding a bachelor’s degree in social science, as well as an MBA from the same school. He began his career at UC Irvine in 1975, and held various titles at the school including associate dean of administration and planning, as well as assistant vice chancellor of administrative & business services. He transferred to UC San Diego in 1986 where he serves as the vice chancellor of business affairs.

NEWS BRIEFS



Compiled by Karl Holappa



UPD BYTES

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March 11

06:16

Burglary alarm, just employees starting their shift. In Humboldt County, there's an alarm if you get to work too early.

16:43

Report of subject causing a disturbance in the first-floor computer lab. I know, Moodle is terrible.

16:53

Officer contacted subject who was parked in the UPD lot. Parking is scarce, and you weren't using this space officer.

March 17

23:11

Custodian states he believes someone remained in the library after hours. Anybody hanging out in a library at 11:00 p.m. on St. Patrick's Day needs to be reported.

March 18

23:40

Report of suspicious subjects loitering behind a dumpster. Enrolled students conducting research projects on racoons for class project. And the reason why I hang out at the bars is to do my sociology research project.

March 22

23:53

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Gear up for the real world

Preparation can make job hunting less painful

Campus

by Nicole Willared

With May coming up, students are getting ready to graduate HSU. It can be a scary endeavor finding out if their education will actually pay off.

Katerina Snew is a 24-year-old sociology major at HSU and will graduate in May. Snew, like many other students on campus, admitted she is not as proactive about looking for a job as she could be.

"I don't want to go home. It's an option to go home and get a restaurant job. But, I really want to be a teacher in the juvenile hall system. Right now, I'm not sure where to look," Snew said.

Preparing to join the workforce takes time and effort beyond getting the degree. The HSU Career Center can help students decide what kind of job they want, where to find a job, how to write a good-looking resume and how to gather references.

Loren Collins, a counselor in the Career Center at HSU, sees what students go through around graduation time.

"It's not uncommon to get a student two weeks before graduation coming in saying they have no idea what job they want to look for, or they never made a resume," Collins said.

Collins said the odds of employment are better for someone with a bachelor's degree compared to someone without one. A student's chance of finding a job increases with preparation.

"You are competing with people who don't know how to interview, make a resume, or don't know how to job search," Collins said. "If someone gives themselves enough time, then we can target the jobs they are really interested in as opposed to finding the job they need just to survive."

People starting their own business can also get exposure from online platforms. Snew uses an online networking account on LinkedIn and said it can be a worthy resource in helping her connect with employers.

"[The purpose of] LinkedIn is to have people look at your profile and decide if you are a good candidate for a job," Snew said. "I haven't reached out to employers yet but I plan to use it when I'm done with school."

Josh Nelson has a couple of semesters left at HSU but already managed to land jobs by promoting his work on popular social networking sites.

"I've been on LinkedIn for a couple of years," Nelson said. "I actually got a job by using Facebook. I posted some of my graphic design art

and a friend saw my work and hired me."

Tyler Brown is a 29-year-old environmental science major. He does not think LinkedIn is a suitable outlet for finding federal jobs. Brown said all the the jobs he wants he can find through official government websites.

"I consider LinkedIn to be more for professional types as opposed to a resource for finding bureaucratic work," Brown said.

However, Collins thinks LinkedIn can provide something for everybody.

"If a student wants to pursue a career outside Humboldt County, then LinkedIn becomes a really important part of the job hunt," Collins said. "Even in Humboldt, LinkedIn is growing very rapidly. I find new local professionals on LinkedIn every week."

Nathan Freney a 22-year-old student majoring in economics is getting ready to graduate in May.

Freney is currently employed on campus crunching numbers and performing market research for the Humboldt Economic Index. The index puts out a monthly publication that tracks down economic activity in Humboldt County like sales figures for retail companies, occupancy rates for hotels and unemployment rates.

"I think people can get a job if they want one. [But] it's not easy," Freney said. "[Recent college graduates] have the highest unemployment rate in the country, which makes sense, because they have no experience."

Freney said he got a job offer last semester.

"I told my dad the job pays \$45,000 a year and my dad said, 'that's not enough,'" Freney said. "My dad wants me to come out of college financially stable."

Freney turned down the \$45,000 a year job in Humboldt County and instead is going to Seattle for something more important to him than a job.

"My girlfriend is moving up there, I'm gonna chase her until I catch her," Freney said.

Even though the fear of entering the job market post-graduation may be looming over seniors, Collins said it is the unique skills students bring with them, along with the effort they put forth, that will make the difference in them being successful.

"The numbers are getting better for college grads. A lot of employers are looking for a new perspective and information [that] the universities are giving their students," Collins said. "The right kind of preparation and planning can make things like the economy irrelevant when trying to find a job."

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Q & A with a graduating senior

Ninamarie Jeffrey shares her experience with finding a job after working with HSU's Career Center



Ninamarie Jeffrey's interest in the German language began at home in Hawaii. | Manuel Orbegozo

Campus
by Nicole Willared

Q: When did you first go to the Career Center?

A: My freshman year. I went to the Career Center for a drop in appointment just so someone could look over my resume.

I left with a resume covered in red markings and instructions to scratch that one and just use a template they had available.

Q: Do you know what you want to do with your degree as far as a specific job?

A: No I don't. That's one of the many areas of career counseling I've sought at the Career Center.

The good news is the possibilities are pretty much limitless as far as what I can do with my degree.

Q: How did you feel about looking for a job before going to the Career Center?

A: Very intimidated, but looking back retrospectively also overly confident. I was totally naive of the process beyond turning in an application. Not only was my original resume likely the reason I never got any call backs. I didn't know anything about networking or the cover letter expectation before visiting the Career Center.

Q: What did you go to the Career Center for? What did you get or learn from your time in with the Career Center?

A: I've gone in for many things including resume formatting, cover letter help, interview prep and practice and job search help. The center has a nice little library with books students can rent out.

Q: How did you feel after you went to the Career Center? More optimistic? More confident?

A: Yes, both. Every time I felt like I was more prepared, more informed and with more of a leg up in the competition for getting opportunities. Since visiting them I have now successfully landed more than six jobs on campus and received a scholarship to live abroad in my time at HSU.

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Provost Snyder's retirement

New leadership at HSU soon to come

Provost Robert Snyder could not be contacted for a photograph.

Campus

by Estee S. Trevizo

While some Humboldt State students and faculty wonder who the next Provost will be, there are many who still know nothing about current Provost Robert Snyder or even what he does.

Marine biology major Kindall Murie has never even heard of Snyder's title as a "provost."

"It would be nice to know who he is or at least some kind of background information so that we know who's handling the importance of our academics," Murie said.

Although many people did not wish to speak about Robert Snyder or his eventual retirement at the end of the semester, there were a few who gave their thoughts on what he's done for the university.

His Constituents

President Rollin Richmond announced Snyder's retirement through an email sent to the HSU community.

"He has been a champion of efforts to help more students to be successful at HSU, and to diversify our student body, faculty and staff," Richmond said in his email. "In everything, he has demonstrated a deep commitment to HSU's mission and its students."

Starting as an instructor for the philosophy department, Snyder has worked at HSU for more than 27 years.

As the vice president of academic affairs since 2007, Snyder has handled the academic side of HSU. This line of work consists of oversight of the academic affairs of the individual colleges, the faculty, the library, Information Technology Services and the curriculum.

Noah Zerbe, the University's Senate chair explains how this position is a big one.

"He's had to deal with a lot of challenging circumstances," Zerbe said. "Aside from handling all the academic side of HSU, Snyder has helped guide the campus through WASC reaccreditation, budget challenges and many more difficult transitions that have affected our campus."

WASC is the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, and is our regional accrediting organization. This accreditation is important to maintain in order to have financial aid available to students.

Ken Ayoob, the dean of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences spoke of his positive experience working with Provost Snyder.

"He gave me the opportunity to be the interim dean," Ayoob said. "I found him not afraid to make decisions."

Finding a New Provost

With Richmond's retirement at the end of the academic semester, HSU needs to find new candidates capable of filling the president's position as well as the provost's.

The process consists of the new president finding a committee to hire an interim provost for about six months, until a permanent one can be found. This process of finding a interim is in place so the new president can have enough time to consult with the campus community before naming the next provost.

Cindy Moyer, who sits on the Integrated Curriculum Committee Chair for the University Senate gives her opinion on how choosing a new provost will affect the student body.

"For your day-to-day life, it's probably not going to be extremely obvious," Moyer said. "Presumably at some point we will have a new provost who will have unique opinions and thoughts on various subjects about how the university runs and some of them may very well be different from the ones we have now and we'll just have to see."

Zerbe explained what some of the faculty would like to see in the next provost someone who has a commitment to shared governance, a good communicator and someone who is committed to the idea of inclusive student success.

Finding Diversity in Administration

While much of the students and faculty declined to comment on the provost, some of the faculty on campus pointed out the lack of diversity throughout our campus not only through the student programs, but throughout the higher staff in office.

"There's a recognition that we need to diversify both the faculty and administration," Zerbe said.

Marlon Sherman, professor and chair of the Native American studies department expressed his opinion of the provost.

"They have been cutting our budgets, and reducing our personnel," Sherman said. "They aren't supporting us."

As for now, it is too early to tell who and what the exact process will be made to recruit a new provost for the next academic year. Until then, most are left to wonder. Sherman voices what he would like to see most in the new provost.

"The ability to listen to students as much as they listen to administration," Sherman said. "And willingness to see students as humans as much as they see data."

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For more on this topic read the editorial on page 15



“Yeah I would. I think it’s important for students to be represented.”

Ben Skillman, 21, senior music major

“I would pay it. It’s \$2 and better representation.

Julianna Salinas, 19, sophomore psychology major



Optional \$2 student fee

Continued from page 1

now,” Nevin said.
CSSA has two main goals said Nevin.
“One is ensuring students are involved and represented but on the other hand it ensures students have a rich out-of-class experience,” Nevin said.
CSSA hosts Capitol Hill Day in D.C. and the California Higher Education Student Summit in Sacramento every year. During these events, students have the opportunity to directly lobby their representatives on issues regarding higher education.
Meredith Turner, the director of government relations for CSSA said, “Travel is expensive so we do it on a limited scale now. So [the fee] would allow CSSA to potentially send more students, that we pay for, to have an equal opportunity to come and be a part of the legislative process.”

CSSA also ensures that students are represented at Board of Trustee meetings and at meetings with the chancellor.
AS has passed a resolution addressing the fee. Depending on how many students pay the optional fee, CSSA’s budget could increase significantly. If that is the case, the resolution requests that the 65 cent per student fee collected in the 2014-15 school year be returned.
On Jan. 26 the CSSA Board of Directors voted 18 to 5 to increase the fee. However, approval of this new fee still has to go through the Board of Trustees. If approved it will not go into effect until Fall 2015.
“The opt-out system is unclear at this time, but Humboldt does have a reputation to go against CSSA,” Ercole said.

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“It would be useful to pay. You need student opinions and voices to be heard.”

Daniel Gomez, 18, freshman zoology major

“It depends on who would represent Humboldt. Do we get to choose them? How much of a say do we get? If it means better representation I would pay.”
Denise Truong, 21, senior environmental studies major



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*Local sponsor donates permanent
outfield fence for HSU softball field*



The new permanent softball fence donated by Miller Farms. | Patrick Evans

Softball

by Justin Bell

additional reporting by John Ferrara

Last season the Humboldt State softball team hit an NCAA record 114 home runs, the next best team in the conference hit 38.

The dominating performance was led by HSU's single-season home run record holder Chrissy Stalf who finished the season with 28 homers.

However, other coaches in the California Collegiate Athletic Association said the disparity in performance was a result of HSU's short collapsible fence.

"A home run is a home run," Stalf said. "It doesn't matter about the fence."

As a result, officials from the NCAA said if HSU wanted to host the CCAA championships or NCAA West Region Championships again, a permanent fence must be built.

CCAA Director of Communications Rebecca Bennett said the issue was brought up during a meeting last year.

"There was some concern by the CCAA coaches in regards to the height and distance of the Humboldt State softball fence," Bennett said. "But there was no action taken regarding this at the CCAA level because Humboldt State rectified the situation by building a permanent fence for their field following the 2013 season."

HSU Athletic Director Dan Collen looked to corporate sponsors for help when it came to building a permanent outfield fence.

Miller Farms, a local nursery, landscaping and construction business located in McKinleyville, in November contributed the \$7,500 worth of materials needed to build the fence.

Associate Athletic Director of External Affairs Tom Trepia said Miller Farms is an in-kind partner. That means in exchange for advertising in Lumberjack Arena and Redwood Bowl, the company occasionally donates goods and services rather than money.

"It's more of a partnership overtime so they are a continual corporate partner," Trepia said. "They also contributed fencing for the bullpens."

"We're really fortunate to have great corporate sponsors and community members," Collen said. "They allow us to make necessary and beneficial improvements to our sports programs and facilities."

The HSU athletic department has numerous corporate sponsors that make donations to different sports programs.

Ross Miller is the vice president of Miller Farms. He handles the sponsorship of HSU and the donations made on the company's behalf.

"When Dan called in November we said yes," Miller

er said. "We were more than happy to donate the materials for the new fence."

Construction on the fence began in February and took four days to complete.

"Miller Farms really stepped up when we needed them," Collen said. "Ross and the people at Miller Farms didn't have to, but did because they're a good business and partner to HSU."

HSU designated hitter Hannah Williams said she is glad that the new permanent fence was built because it makes home games easier for her and the rest of the team.

"We use to set up and break down the temporary fence for each game," Williams said. "With the new fence the field looks complete."

Although the new fence is farther from home plate than its predecessor, the Jacks still lead the conference with 54 home runs this season.

Stalf was hired as an assistant coach for the 2014 season. The home run champ is finished playing collegiate ball and now she lets the performance of her players do the talking.

"Teams said we should have our fence farther back," Stalf said. "We moved it back and we're still hitting home runs."

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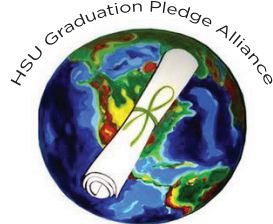
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The AS Fee funds student programming and services at HSU that is not normally offered as part of the educational experience at HSU. A bill signed by the governor will increase the minimum wage by 25% to \$10 by 2016. The Associated Students will need to increase their fee by 16% over a two-year period to cover the increased cost in wages and to continue to support our programs.

What will the Student Fee Increase be?

	FALL	SPRING	TOTAL
CURRENT (2013-14)	\$51.00	\$50.00	\$101.00
2014-15	\$57.00	\$56.00	\$113.00
2015-16 and beyond	\$59.00	\$58.00	\$117.00

When does the fee take effect?

The fee increase would not take effect until Fall 2014 and would not be fully implemented until Fall 2015.

Where can I receive more information about the proposed AS Fee increase?

The Associated Students has information on the proposed AS fee increase at its website: www.humboldt.edu/associatedstudents

Who can I talk to if I have more questions about the proposed fee increase?

Stop by the Associated Students Office located underneath the HSU Bookstore in the University Center South Lounge or call (707) 826-4221. The Associated Students Office is open Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

A majority approval is required.

YES — A yes vote indicates you are in favor of the proposed fee increase.

No — A no vote indicates you are not in favor of the proposed fee increase.

Statements in Support of the Associated Students Fee Increase.

1. The current AS fee of \$101 is the 7th lowest AS fee in the California State University (CSU) system. If approved the fee would still be \$25 lower than the average AS fee of \$142.
2. Financial aid to cover the cost of the increase fee is available as part of the student's financial aid package. The Financial Aid Office would determine how your financial aid package would be adjusted based on this change.
3. The Associated Students Budget, supported by the AS fee, is approved by the AS Council. The decision on how the fee is spent will continue to be made by students.
4. The AS Fee increase will cover the costs associated with the mandatory increase in minimum wage and will allow the Associated Students to continue employing the same number of students at an hourly wage of \$10 by 2016. The Associated Students fee supports employment opportunities for approximately 220 students.
5. The AS Fee supports a wide variety of programs and activities that affects students in many ways. Examples include: Sports Clubs, Drop in Recreation, Diversity Program Grants, CCAT, the MultiCultural Center, AS Presents, Youth Educational Services (YES) and the Marching Lumberjacks. The AS Fee Proposal will ensure that the services and programs of the Associated Students are maintained. Students gain valuable cultural, environmental, social justice and leadership experience from interactions with AS programs.
6. The current Associated Students fee of \$101 has not been increased since 2005. When adjusted for inflation, the current fee only has 84% of the purchasing power of when it was approved. Also, the University discontinued the summer semester in 2008 and the Associated Students no longer collects a fee from summer enrollment.

Statements against the Associated Students Fee Increase.

1. Students who do not involve themselves in AS Programs may benefit less from the proposed AS fee increase.
2. The increase in fees will increase the cost of attendance to attend HSU. Increasing the cost of attendance decreases the affordability of higher education and may increase student loan debt.
3. In the past three years HSU tuition and student fees have already increased by \$1,385.
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SCRAP the rest

Recycling materials into art

Campus

by Katelyn Roudebush

When the Arcata Community Recycling Center closed in late 2011, Humboldt resident Tibora Girczyc-Blum got together with a group friends and together they decided that Humboldt needed a creative recycling center in its place.

“All the pieces after that started falling into place and it just happened,” Girczyc-Blum said. “We’re now a nonprofit that’s part of the nonprofit national umbrella of SCRAP Portland.”

SCRAP Portland first opened its doors as a single nonprofit but the original store inspired communities across the nation to develop their own SCRAP nonprofits. There are now five SCRAP nonprofits opened throughout the country, in Washington DC., Texas, Louisiana, Missouri and California.

SCRAP Arcata opened its doors in 2012 with Girczyc-Blum as its director. Since then it has been a major part of the Humboldt community. The business operates sort of like a Goodwill store. People donate recycled materials for others to buy and make into art or jewelry. They bring the completed pieces back to the store to be sold.

The Arcata branch is made up mainly of volunteers. Jessie English-Johnson originally volunteered with the organization. Now she is employed full-time as SCRAP Arcata’s volunteer

coordinator.

“I was really inspired to be involved [with SCRAP] so I first started volunteering and then I was lucky enough to be the first SCRAP paid employee,” English-Johnson said.

In the six months since English-Johnson was hired, SCRAP has expanded its amount of volunteers and has been able to hire a few other employees.

“We’ve been really growing at a rapid rate, which is awesome,” English-Johnson said. “We’re still always looking for volunteers.”

One of SCRAP’s volunteers, HSU sophomore Sophie Zinda, first became involved with SCRAP in 2011 in Portland. Zinda needed volunteer hours to graduate, and she chose to spend her time working with the organization.

“I walked into the store and it was everything [about it],” Zinda said. “I just wanted to hang out every day in there.”

Zinda continued to volunteer at SCRAP Portland until 2012, when she graduated high school. She moved to Arcata to attend Humboldt State and after settling into her college lifestyle, Zinda began volunteering at the local SCRAP organization.

She quickly felt at home in the new organization. When she first started volunteering in September 2013, SCRAP Arcata was barely getting started. It was much smaller than the SCRAP Portland. However, Zinda said she believes in Girczyc-Blum.

“Tibora [Girczyc-Blum] is super creative,” Zinda said.



Tibora Girczyc-Blum founded SCRAP Arcata in 2012. | Manuel Orbeagozo

“She takes what SCRAP Portland does and puts a Humboldt spin on it.”

Girczyc-Blum also noticed potential in the young volunteer and after a couple months seeing her volunteer at SCRAP Arcata she asked Zinda to be a part of the advisory board.

“They didn’t have anyone from Humboldt State and she [Girczyc-Blum] said that she wanted that perspective,” Zinda said. “Plus I was from Portland so I had knowledge of that too.”

SCRAP Arcata is about to celebrate its second birthday and in honor of the celebration the organization started a new project called “Thin.” A donation of thousands of jewelry-sized gift boxes to the organization inspired Girczyc-Blum to create a birthday-present-themed project.

“We opened it up so anyone can come by and pick up a box and then we’re asking them to decorate the boxes and bring them back for Arts for Arcata in April,” Girczyc-Blum said. “It doesn’t have to be elaborate, it could be a stick figure.”

SCRAP will be displaying the completed boxes at Arts! Arcata on April 11th.

Anyone interested in volunteering for SCRAP Arcata can contact the organization at volunteer@scraphumboldt.org

Katelyn Roudebush may be contacted at thejack@humboldt.edu



Many of the donated items are used for decoration. | Manuel Orbeagozo

HSU student recovers from traumatic injury

Campus

by John Ferrara

As she lain bedridden from the sweltering red burns that crawled up her right leg, Caroline Nash was most devastated by the news that she could not return to school for spring semester.

“I made a lot of progress leaving home and leaving everything I’m used to,” Nash said. “That was the hardest thing for me to get over.”

Three weeks into her first winter break as an Humboldt State student, the outgoing 21 year old was excited to take her new college friend to a house party in her hometown of Long Beach, Calif.

At the party, Nash and her friends conversed around a fire pit to stay warm. Nash’s long black party dress drifted into the fire and before she could react it was burning.

“I heard a girl say ‘she’s on fire!’ but I didn’t think someone was actually on fire,” Nash said.

Everyone at the party immediately noticed and rushed to help extinguish the blaze.

“They told me to drop and roll but all these people came over to help me so there was no room to go to the floor so they ripped my dress off,” Nash said. “I stood up and I was naked.”

Because of the style of her dress, Nash was not wearing any undergarments.

Nash’s friend Alex Martinez recalls trying to put out the dress fire.

“I tried sliding one hand under the dress and the other through the outside where the flame was visible but she started to spin,” Martinez said. “The flame traveled up and around and by the time she had spun around twice her dress was off.”

Martinez gave Nash his jacket to

cover her exposed body and carried her to the nearest hose.

“He took me behind the garage and this guy was following me and hitting my ankles ... my socks were still on fire,” Nash said.

Although the smoldering socks caused deep second and third degree burns on her ankles, Nash recalls feeling no pain and said she didn’t know the severity of her injuries until she looked at her seared leg.

“I thought ‘why is everyone freaking out so much?’ Then I looked at my leg and it was three times as big and blistered from my ankle to my butt,” Nash said. “I thought ‘oh fuck I should go to the hospital,’ then the shock wore off and it started to hurt.”

She was driven to the nearest emergency room where doctors originally diagnosed her with second degree burns and continually questioned her sobriety.

“They were asking me if I was under the influence of anything, I wasn’t,” Nash said. “I think people assumed someone my age would be under the influence if they’re at a party.”

In the rush to get her to the hospital and treat her injuries, Nash didn’t get to contact her family and tell them what had happened.

“It was getting very late and she hadn’t gotten home and I was getting worried,” Elizabeth Nash, Caroline’s mother, said. “To be honest I was getting angry.”

When she came home the next morning, Caroline explained what had happened.

“I got over my anger quickly and she explained what was going on,” Elizabeth Nash said. “My sister who is a pediatric nurse showed me how to change dressings and we did that for a couple of days. It was kind of gross.”

Elizabeth Nash describes her

first impression of the injury.

“It looked like barbecued meat,” she said.

When Caroline Nash visited her doctor two days later, he diagnosed her with deep second and third degree burns and said the injury required a skin graft.

The surgery was a success and the plastic surgeon was able to use skin from Nash’s lower back.

“The skin graft took but I didn’t know that when they do a skin graft they staple it to you,” Caroline Nash said. “When they took the cast off I was like ‘why are there staples in my leg?!’”

While her body was healing, she spent the next few weeks in misery. The surgery prevented her from returning to school and the recovery process began to take a mental and physical toll on her body.

“I couldn’t walk and trying to take a shower was exhausting,” Nash said. “I would try to make plans to go shopping or something and after my shower I would be like ‘just kidding I’m going to take a five-hour nap.’”

Because she was unable to leave her home or spend time with friends, severe boredom set in.

“I was going crazy,” she said. “That was the hardest thing for me to get over, missing all my friends and getting text messages and pictures of everyone having fun at school was a bummer.”

When she visits home, the former water polo player usually works as a swim instructor for children. Her injuries prevented her from working because she could not go in the water until her leg was healed.

Nash was recently able to swim again and said her quality of life is much better now that she is active.

“Now that I have stuff to do I’m not crazy for constant companionship,” she said. “Everyone’s been very supportive,” Nash said.



Caroline Nash enjoying her first semester at Humboldt State. | Provided by Caroline Nash

“Friends from HSU made an effort to see me over winter and spring break.”

Former crew teammate Rachel Whitaker was disappointed to hear Nash wouldn’t be back for spring semester.

“I was pretty surprised, I know she can get a little crazy but that was an extraordinary event,” Whitaker said. “We shared the same sense of humor we make each other laugh.”

Although the burns will leave a permanent scar on her leg and caused her emotional distress, Nash said she is thankful that she had insurance.

“Without insurance it would have cost us around \$50,000 to \$60,000,” Nash said.

As her wounds heal, her life is slowly returning to normal and Nash said she will be able to return to school next fall.

For now the once independent woman will have to cope with liv-

ing at home and being the baby of the family for a few more months. After such a traumatic injury, perhaps being babied can be the best medicine.

Elizabeth Nash is a professor at Long Beach City College and recently attended an on-campus seminar about student trauma. The presentation gave her insight on how to help her daughter cope with post-traumatic stress.

“I think she was dealing with similar symptoms,” Elizabeth Nash said. “Something happened and all of the sudden the dam broke and there were a few tears shed and a long discussion ensued. It’s an interesting process ... I’m sure she will always remember this.”

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Can't see Humboldt for the weed

Does Humboldt County live up to its reputation?

Campus

by Tina Sampay

Students who decide to attend Humboldt State get to tell their friends and family about the area's legendary natural beauty, the redwoods, beaches and the rivers. In return, they get to answer endless questions about Humboldt's legendary reputation for marijuana. It seems the stereotype is if you are an HSU student, you are a stoner.

Third-year psychology major Taniqua Nelson said she wishes Humboldt State would be recognized for its accomplishments and the strength of the institution, rather than just its association with marijuana.

"We're noted by "National Geographic." Our geography program is really great and so is our science program," Nelson said. "When I heard Jimmy Kimmel discrediting the Marijuana Research Program at Humboldt State by focusing on non-important aspects about Humboldt County, I was happy we made it that far, but I was disappointed that we are still noted as being just a 'weed school.'"

Most people are only vaguely aware of Humboldt County — they have heard a reference or two about how it is a part of the "Emerald Triangle," a region in Northern California encompassing Mendocino and Humboldt counties. It is home of the world famous giant redwoods but the area is infamous for the climate and resources that lend themselves to the cultivation of marijuana.

HSU junior and communication major Emmy Searles said when she told her family she had decided to attend Humboldt State they teased her about going to live in an area famous for its production of narcotics.

"Humboldt State is not only notable for weed, our Rape Crisis Team has been recognized by a branch at the Department of Justice for having great model program for the support of rape victim's & raising awareness," Searles said. "Although the isolation is a limitation in this town, I still appreciate the campus for its environmental awareness."

Paul Geck, a history teacher at HSU expressed his thoughts on the school's cliched reputation.

"I have been here for 10 years and I feel

there are things to note about HSU other than weed, such as the redwood forest and the natural sciences programs," Geck said. "When I first got here I thought this place was kind of funny."

Geck noted that Humboldt is not the only part of the country to be heavily associated with marijuana, it just gets the most attention. He points to Gainesville, Fla. as a college town similar to Arcata, where the attitudes concerning marijuana are more relaxed.

With no prior exposure to a place like Humboldt County, many students, especially those from inner city areas can only identify HSU as one of 23 California State Universities, or associate it with the area's reputation for marijuana.

Angela Middlebrook who is a psychology major in her third year at HSU said that prior to coming to Humboldt she knew only that it was in "the middle of nowhere."

"Humboldt was the farthest distance from L.A. without going out of state. It is a quiet and peaceful place to focus on school," Middlebrook said. "People are like, 'You go to the weed school.' I guess [I do]. It's just school to me."

Third year psychology major Lona Tu stated that before moving, her only information about Humboldt (besides it's reputation for weed) was that it was a very beautiful area full of nature.

"Initially I was a botany major and I was swooned by the letter sent to me about the landscape of Humboldt," Tu said. "The redwoods, marshes and the beaches. I also loved their logo."

Tu said she initially didn't understand why there were so many jokes about the school she had chosen to attend.

"I was sheltered as a kid so I did not know what weed was. To me, college itself is associated with partying and drugs so why did it matter what school I went to?" Tu asked. "I knew that wasn't something that I was into. Back home they still tease like, 'You been smoking that weed?' No, no, I tell them, not me."

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ARCATA AFTER HOURS

Column
by Thurston Nichals

**Editor's note: Arcata After Hours is an attempt by a student journalist to capture the image of life in college after the classes end and the books are closed. This column is a series of stream-of-consciousness observations of a given night in our little town. The author has adopted a pseudonym to help capture the authenticity of the scenes described and preserve anonymity.*

Sunday Morning, 1:22 AM
I got turned away from Everett's because it is closing soon. So I make my way to Sidelines, colloquially known as "Slime-lines" in certain corners of town. The skinny guy in the SECURITY shirt examines my driver's license and pauses when he sees the picture. I'm 15 in the photo but I look 12. He might think it's a fake but I bet he's just laughing at my dorky haircut. The perks of being a bouncer.

"Have a good time," he says. How could I not? I can feel the bass shaking me from the other side of this fine establishment and everything is so loud I'm already having trouble thinking. The crowd is so thick I have to dodge through gaps in the human mass to get anywhere. Forget trying to order a drink, the bar is jammed.

It's Saturday. The last free night of spring break and the town, emptied and refilled again is celebrating it's freedom before the books must be reopened.

"Slimelines" is one of the few places in town people get a little glamorous. There's nowhere else to dress up and dress down at once. Put on your heels and drink. Play classy.

"I don't know you but this guy over here said he'd buy you a shot."

A guy in a baseball hat is leaning on the pinball machine, talking to a girl who is lost in her phone. Her outfit must have been chosen carefully — leopard print top and tight black jeans with colorful heels, matching highlights in her makeup.

She already has a beer and rejects his offer. I look away and when I turn back he has disappeared.

The best part of the evening is yet to come. When the bars close you get to see the real show.

Outside, the transients are talking, playing instruments, hoping to get some change from the drunks. The drunks, stumbling and holding each other up for support. The bouncers assuming their tough-guy face when someone approaches with his or her ID in hand. The cops walking the street in pairs, eyeing potential trouble makers.

A girl in stiletto heels is leaning on a no-parking sign. After swaying for a few minutes she decides she'll have better luck on the curb. She bends to sit down and almost makes it until her grace departs and she falls on her ass.

The guys, all dressed different but the same, vie for women's attention as they exit.

"Hey where do I know you from?"

"Were you over at Big Pete's today?"

The guys all have jeans and different color button-up shirts. Five o'clock shadow, and they wear Adidas, or DC's or Chucks. Baseball caps, the brims stiff and flat as the day they were made.

The bouncers have started their nightly calls, town criers without the bells, and their only news is that the party is ending, the bars are closed.

"There's an outside world beyond the bars? I don't know what to do now."

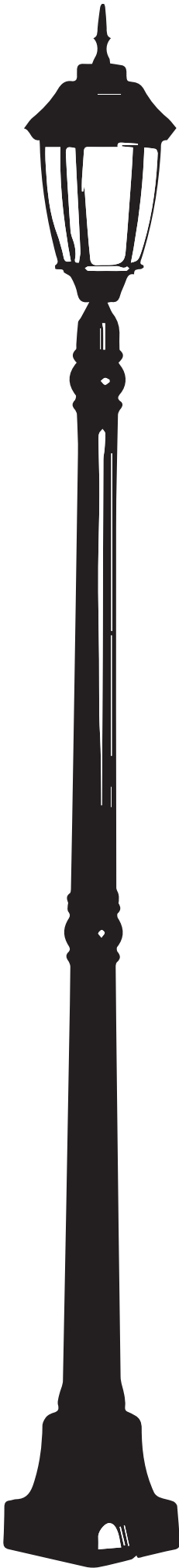
Men seem to come out of the bar and announce themselves to the world, throwing the door open, shouting, affirming their existence and reminding everyone they are alive.

The girls seem more interested in getting where they're going. They don't want to stand in the cold and listen to drunks and transients. But maybe their outfit plays into that. They are dressed more for the event than the chilly weather.

The party always ends up in the streets, literally. Crowds are standing in the road trying to figure out their next move. Some just hang out on the curb and talk until the conversation dies or the police tell them to move along.

"Let's go get a taco or something."

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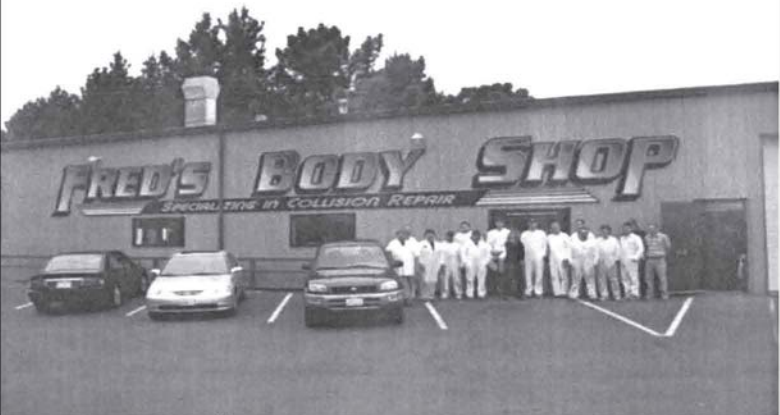
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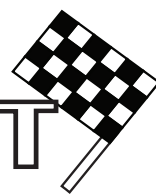
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THE CHECKPOINT



Getting in the game

Column

by Keren Interiano

You've been hiding for some time, waiting for the perfect shot. You spot one of your buddies about to be gunned down. You take aim at the foe and pull the trigger, watching him fall to the ground before his body disappears and another point pops up on your screen.

"I've got your back," you say into your headset. Instead of gratitude you are met with astonishment.

"You're a girl? Really?" "Whoa! An actual girl," or worse, "You shouldn't be playing video games."

In geek culture, females who play videogames are labeled as "gamer girls." There are many versions of this stereotype ranging from "ugly" to "hot," "under-skilled" to "professional," and "annoying" to "cool." One common theme that any "gamer girl" stereotype has is they are hard to find. Are female gamers really that rare? Or is the gaming community just oblivious to their existence?

According to a 2013 study done by the Entertainment Software Association, 58 percent of Americans play video games and the average U.S. household owns at least one dedicated game console, PC, or smartphone. The study also found that in gamer demographics, 55 percent are male and 45 percent are female.

Jessica Dominguez, an environmental research engineering major at Humboldt State, is an avid gamer and has been playing since she was very young. She said she started playing because her father and sister are also gamers. Her interest in books helped her enjoy the sto-

rylines and character development of video games.

Dominguez believes female gamers have always been present in the gaming community but only now are they are opening up to the public about their interest in gaming.

"I think the world is becoming more accepting and also opening up to the idea. People are encouraged to say 'Oh I play video games,'" Dominguez said.

For video games, the typical marketing group seems to be men and over time society has labeled video games are by men for men. Though that paradigm seems to be changing.

Andres Alcocer, an anthropology major at HSU, agrees that society has branded video games as only for males and thinks it comes down to the idea of male dominance.

"I feel males want to dominate everything and so they say '[females] can't play video games, that's our thing' and that is not true," Alcocer said.

Since this gender-specific idea is seen as the norm, female gamers are sometimes

put down and their interest in gaming is considered an oddity. But some get a different reception.

Carman Lam, a student at University of British Columbia was a co-founder of an eSports Club at the university. eSports stands for electronic sports, a term for video game competitions, usually aimed at professionals.

"I'm known as 'the face of UBC eSports,'" Lam said.

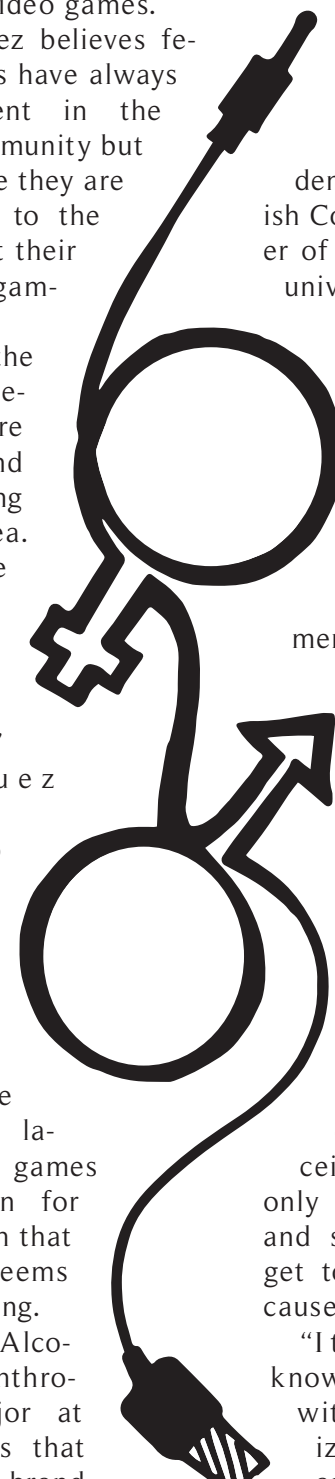
She has received numerous compliments on her event organization and work in the club. However she thinks her gender only played a small part of that.

"I think as long as I did a good job in managing the club and team, people were glad to have a capable person, female or male," Lam said. She did however also receive praise for being the only female in her position and said people wanted to get to know her better because of that.

"I think when people got to know me more and worked with me more, they realized I was quite bossy and not feminine at all. I took my position very seriously," Lam said.

As each generation passes, video game companies become more aware of the female demographic. As a result, games are no longer exclusively targeted toward males and the question isn't "What would males like?" but "What would gamers like?"

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EDITORIAL

Transparency

Why so secret?

Reporting on a school administrator retiring should be a simple news story for a college newspaper. Faculty members retire and new people are hired. It should be easy; interview the soon-to-be retired faculty member, a few of his or her colleagues and some students. But the retirement of the Humboldt State Provost Robert Snyder has revealed the opposite.

Humboldt State prides itself on allowing its students close relationships with their teachers. We are a small university with smaller classes that allow those close ties to develop. But the divide between administration and students is ever-growing.

Years back The Lumberjack created “Where’s Rollin?” as a joke about Rollin Richmond, president of HSU, being an elusive figure on campus. A cartoon of Richmond is hidden somewhere in the paper and the first person to find him and email us wins a gift card to Arcata Scoop. Over time this parody has become known in the campus community as an accurate depiction of students’ relationship with the administration.

Sure, they don’t grade us and they are not present in our classrooms. But they do decide where money is distributed throughout the school, what programs and classes are cut, what new teachers to bring in, tuition costs and the list continues.

So why is the administration leaning toward a less and less transparent system?

In this issue’s story on the provost’s retirement, what was supposed to be a routine report, became a sort-of wild goose chase just to get one person to comment.

We phoned the department of administration and Robert Snyder himself several times but never received a call back, not even for a photograph. Then the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences sent us back and forth between people who may know something, but instead responded with silence and others denied comment on the basis of “not knowing enough about the subject.” Not even the Associated Students could give us any information.

Call it what you will, but this lack of information just leads the student body to come up with their own assertions. If it is a touchy subject, then what is really going on? What have they got to hide?

If the students at HSU are excluded from the inner-workings of administration then this entity decides on important aspects of our education without our input. This administration is paid for by our tuition. At the same time they refuse to address students’ concerns about the quality education being provided in favor of interests they refuse to discuss.

If we are supposed to believe that the administrators are acting in our best interest, then why do they insist on doing it in the dark?

Thin Mints, fat problems

Girl Scouts continue to use palm oil in cookies

by Mary Vogel

The Girl Scouts sells about 200 million boxes of cookies every year, according to their website. Almost all of those boxes list palm oil as a main ingredient.

Palm oil harvesting is the leading cause of deforestation in Borneo, Sumatra, Malaysia and Indonesia. The practice is brutally threatening elephant, tiger, rhinoceros and orangutan species. According to the World Wildlife Fund, the Sumatran rhinoceros, tiger and orangutan are listed as critically endangered, and the Asian elephant and Bornean orangutan are listed as endangered.

In 2012, two Michigan girls were awarded the first U.N. Forest Heroes Award in recognition for their work to remove palm oil from Girl Scout cookies. Madison Vorva and Rhiannon Tomtishen began their campaign in 2007, but it wasn’t until 2011 that the Girl Scouts declared it would purchase GreenPalm certificates to support sustainable palm oil harvesting practices. Girl Scouts also stated in a press release that it plans to work with their licensed bakers and the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil to use only certified sustainable palm oil by 2015.

Two consumer groups, Australia’s Palm Oil Investigation and the United States’ Palm Oil Consumers Action have recently called out the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil, which awards GreenPalm certifications, for “greenwashing,” the use of misleading claims to give consumers the impression that their producers are sustainable.

Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil has garnered much criticism because companies that buy GreenPalm certificates are not required to tell consumers exactly where their palm oil comes from.

According to LeAnn Fox from Palm Oil Consumers Action: “If we look at other certification bodies like the organic label or fair trade label, when you buy something that is organic or fairly traded, that’s what it is. No one else has offsets like the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil where brands could say we couldn’t find an organic product so here’s a con-

ventional one and the offset we bought to make it organic.”

This means that Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil has a unique ability to claim to use sustainably harvested palm oil, but in reality uses conventional palm oil and pays offsets that supposedly equalize the harmful effects of conventional palm oil harvesting.

This highlights another problem with claims made by the Girl Scouts: their use of certified sustainable palm oil will be “based on market availability” — a vague statement that allows them to use conventionally-harvested palm oil when they decide it is in their best economic interest. By buying a GreenPalm certification, like Fox mentioned, the Girl Scouts would be able to use palm oil from virtually any source, as long as they pay offset costs.

The Girl Scouts said that palm oil increases the shelf life of their cookies, and is fundamental to maintaining the structure of the cookies that so many Americans have come to love. Vorva, one of the girls pressuring the Girl Scouts to eliminate palm oil from their cookies, suggests writing letters to companies who use palm oil in their products, including the Girl Scouts.

“If you see something with palm oil, instead of saying, ‘I’m going to buy an alternative,’ say, ‘I’m going to write a letter,’” Vorva said.

The Palm Oil Innovation Group is a fast-growing alliance of NGOs and palm oil producers, that claims to have more innovative practices than Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil. The Innovation Group and Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil seem to have the same values, and Palm Oil Consumers Action hopes to encourage Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil to be more serious about real sustainable practices. The World Wildlife Fund, a founding member of Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil, recently joined Palm Oil Consumers Action in hopes to support the growth of both organizations’ responsibility.

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When will there be a Ms. President?

by Tabitha Soden

Women make up only a small percentage of Congress. Out of 535 House and Senate members, only 98 are women.

Some believe that women are less capable to do the job. But in reality the lack of women is due to the persistent idea that a woman’s place is in the home.

Women make up a large part of local government, but are still not a dominant force in the federal government.

Senator Noreen Evans represents California’s North Coast on the state level. Her term is up in November, and she said as of next year there will not be any women representing the area on the state or federal level.

“I think women find it a difficult challenge,” Evans said. “Primarily it is very difficult to balance political and family demands.”

Evans has three children and said, “I’ve had to make my family a large priority, and I’ve given up a lot of opportunities because

of that.” Evans does not regret her decision but thinks that this is a challenge unique to women.

“Historically men have not faced that challenge, but we’re seeing a real cultural shift. And fathers now are making some of the same kinds of choices that women have had to make,” she said. “But that’s a generational shift.”

Attractiveness and age also play a part. Hillary Clinton ran against Barack Obama for the democratic nomination in 2008. She is now criticised for being too old to run in 2016. One article in the Wall Street Journal said if elected she would become the second oldest elected president.

Her ability to do the job is less of a focus than her age. And many claim to speak out over “concerns for her health.”

Stephanie Burkhalter is a professor of political science at Humboldt State. She said that most women choose to defer their political career until after their children are grown. By the time a woman is able to work

her way up the political ladder she is too old to run for a position like president.

Other challenges that still face women running for office are income inequality and the glass ceiling. Money and success are both a big part of any political campaign.

Former Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi recently spoke at a summit on women and poverty. She said that if money was less of a factor in campaigns more women would run.

Despite these challenges, groups are mobilizing to shift women’s roles in the political arena. Political action committees, like EMILY’s List, have made it their mission to get women equally represented in all levels of government.

Women will continue to be underrepresented in politics until there is a complete cultural shift relieving women of full home-life responsibility.

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Mom’s manly man

by Eduardo Barragan

A mama’s boy is one of the least desirable things a man can be. They are typically perceived to be deadbeats, whiny and lazy. Some people consider it to be an unhealthy condition.

I don’t think it’s a condition, but it can cause problems in some cases.

In an interview with CNN, Debra Mandel, Ph.D., author of “Dump that Chump,” addresses questions concerning men who aren’t yet ready to make someone other than mama number one in their lives.

What makes a mama’s boy?

Mandel says that males who are coddled and indulged by their mothers often become mama’s boys. A mother that “smothers” her boy tends to be needy of male attention. She creates a relationship where her son becomes very dependent.

The dependent son then grows up to fear that his mother will fall apart if he so much as moves to a neighboring city. This relation-

ship henceforth becomes co-dependent. The mother and the son are afraid of being independent of each other.

We negatively perceive adults who depend on their parents. Children have to rely on mom but when is it time let go? I would agree that 16-year-olds should not be nursing, but what if a man depends on his mom in his forties? If the relationship between mother and son is healthy, they will look out for each other financially and emotionally.

From what I have seen, mama’s boys negatively affect two aspects of their lives. First, it affects their independent decision-making. Some men will not make any big decisions without the approval of their mother. They become incapable of making decisions on their own. However, if they’re just asking for parental guidance it isn’t necessarily a bad thing.

The second is the creation of romantic relationships and it partially involves the the first aspect. These men will look to date women that are approved by mom. But on


occasion, dating someone that mom doesn’t like will offer an opportunity for them to become independent.

There is nothing inherently wrong about being or knowing a mama’s boy. If you do have concerns for someone, you should try to first make them aware but avoid being confrontational.

In general, all guys will eventually become independent. For some it will take baby steps as they get older, others not so much. If you know a mama’s boy, the best way to approach him would be through empathy and a sense of humor. These qualities tend to be the most effective if you want him to change his behavior. Being angry, demanding, pushy, aggressive or judgmental will probably send him right back into the arms of someone who’s never that way with him, and you know just who that is.

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by Melissa Coleman

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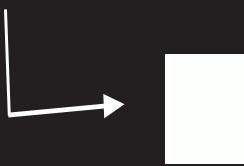
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March 26th - March 30

**Wednesday,
March 26**

CCAT Cinema Night: Cesar Chavez themed
Past and present environmental justice issues will be the focus of this month's cinema night at CCAT. This event will feature a brief history and talk about Cesar Chavez and a showing of "Gasland II" with free popcorn.
7-9 p.m.
Free

**Friday,
March 28**

Humboldt Folklife Society Barn Dance
A spring barn dance with caller Lindsay Battle and the Striped Pig Stringband. Dances will be taught and no partner or experience is needed.
7:30-11 p.m.
\$7 general, \$6 Humboldt Folklife Society members, students and seniors, kids under 12 are free

**Saturday,
March 29**

Opera Workshop
This workshop will explore the lost vocal music of Portugal from medieval to modern times. It will include excerpts of an 18th century opera never heard on the West Coast before.
8 p.m.
\$10 general, \$5 seniors and children, \$3 HSU students

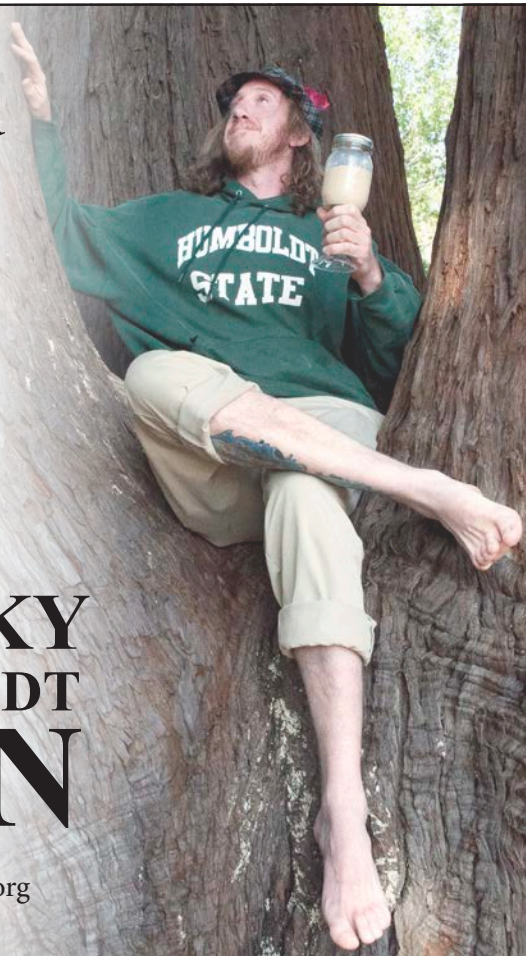
**Sunday,
March 30**

The Humboldt Juggling Society Presents Coventry & Kaluza
Jamie Coventry and Natasha Kaluza are graduates of the Clown Conservatory at the San Francisco Circus Center. They have won Best Comedy/Clown Act in the American Circus Festival two years in a row. Coventry and Kaluza are skilled in knife juggling, extreme acrobatics, extraordinary music and hula-hooping. Audience members are encouraged to dress in costumes and/or funny hats. All proceeds benefit the Humboldt Juggling Festival.
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Free

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