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HSU student robbed in Sunset Hall dorm

Campus residents speak out about break-in



Composite drawings of the three suspects believed to be involved in the strong arm robbery Friday. | Courtesy of Humboldt State University Marketing and Communications Office.

by Kaci Poor and Brandon Widder

University officers continue to search for three suspects who reportedly broke into the third-floor dorm room of a Humboldt State University student living in Sunset Hall Friday evening. The men bound the victim’s arms and legs before stealing a number of items from the room and fleeing the scene, reported university officials.

Although officers conducted a search of the area, they were unable to locate the suspects who were last seen on foot near the area of LK Wood Boulevard and Plaza Avenue.

The victim did report being physically assaulted, but did not see any weapons and declined medical attention, a university release said.

“From what I understand he [the victim] is back in classes today,” said Peg Blake, HSU’s vice president of Student Affairs. “He was not too badly roughed up, but undoubtedly scared to death.”

“My friend got messed up — really messed up. We live in a good community and good school, stuff like this shouldn’t happen here.”
-Mike Porter, 19

The University Police Department plans to amp up patrols around campus residence halls over the next week and urges students to remain on alert.

Although Shannon Hacker, a Sunset Hall resident, is concerned that something like a robbery could happen, the 18-year-old freshman said she does not feel any less safe in her dorm.

“It’s still crazy that people can get in the [dorm rooms] that easily,” Hacker said.

Although Hacker was at dinner when the robbery occurred, she and her friend — 18-year-old Lily Burns — returned to Sunset Hall to find several cop cars and multiple police officers questioning residents.

Mike Porter, a 19-year-old freshman and friend of the victim, said he is concerned over the victim’s injuries and overall campus security. He said he believes the dorms are secured as much as they can be, but people can still enter and leave them rather easily with or without a resident key card due to the constant flow of people coming in and out of the buildings everyday.

“My friend got messed up — really messed up. We live in a good community and good school, stuff like this shouldn’t happen here,” Porter said. “I think UPD is really trying to get on top of it.”

Lynn Soderberg, interim-chief

FACTBOX

The suspects are described as:

Suspect No.1: Black male adult, 18-20 years old, 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighing 155 pounds, black hair, brown eyes.

Suspect No. 2: Black male adult, 18-20 years old, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighing 155 pounds, black neck-length dreadlocks, brown eyes.

Suspect No. 3: Hispanic male adult, 18-20 years old, 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighing 165 pounds, black hair, brown eyes.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact University Police at 826-5555.

of police for UPD, said the investigation is well underway and that UPD is following up on all potential leads.

Soderberg said the suspects did not enter Sunset Hall through any sort of malfunction of campus property, but was unable to comment further.

In 2010, Housing and Dining staff members conducted a full review of security and access procedures after 29-year-old Martin S. Alvarado broke into

residential halls and assaulted multiple residents and Housing Staff members, including a female student living in Sunset Hall. Alvarado, who was arrested outside of the Jolly Giant Commons by UPD and Arcata police officers, was charged with sexual assault, false imprisonment, assault with a deadly weapon, public intoxication, assault and battery.

Soderberg said students should report suspicious activity to UPD, restrain from propping doors open and exercise caution. It remains unclear whether the suspects’ are HSU students, but UPD is looking into the matter, taking into account the suspects’ ages and possible acquaintances.

Blake agreed that students should stay alert and keep their doors closed.

“I remember when I was 18, I thought I was invincible,” said the Student Affairs vice president who was hired by HSU last year. “I never would have thought twice about propping a door open or letting someone I didn’t know in. Unfortunately we are just very trusting creatures.”

Associated Students President Bryan Kelly said he was alarmed to hear about the break-in.

“It seems that we may need to look at better ways of securing our residential housing units and find ways to have more safety patrol people on supervision inside housing,” Kelly said.

Associated Students is committed to working with UPD and university administration to increase the security around campus residential halls, he said. Kelly stressed, however, that students should not feel unsafe on campus.

“I want to see about [not only] finding more security options, but also exploring ways to make students feel more comfortable and not worry about their safety,” Kelly said.

“By no means is HSU an unsafe campus. In comparison to other California State University campuses we do a fabulous job. But there is always room for improvement.”

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A UPD police officer parks outside of Sunset Hall Saturday afternoon. Officers interviewed students in the dorm about Friday’s robbery. | Kaci Poor

Students save watts with residential hall energy competition

by David Percival

Humboldt State University students living on campus will probably think twice before leaving that bathroom light on too long.

Nov. 11 signaled the end of a week-long energy competition between the Sunset and Redwood dorms. The event aimed to spread awareness of wasteful energy consumption and prepare students for next year's national energy competition, the Campus Conservation Nationals.

Brietta Linney, an intern with HSU's Green Campus program, recognizes why many students probably don't think much of their energy usage.

"I think a lot of people are unaware of the 'phantom load' of their appliances," said Linney, an environmental policy major who helped organize the competition. "A phantom load is the amount of energy a device consumes when it is off, but still plugged in."

By recording the daily energy use readings from meters on each building and comparing them to the average energy use for one month, Linney and others could determine which dorm was ultimately the most sustainable. The Redwood Hall won November's energy competition.

Alaisha Johnson, a child development major and Redwood dorm resident, said, "We didn't turn on the heater, we made sure the bathroom light was off, and we tried to utilize natural light. Energy conservation is important and it saves a lot of money."

Leo Bell, a Housing Energy Management intern at HSU, knows that the competition did not come together without a few challenges along the way.

"Spreading more awareness [about energy conservation] is a never-ending struggle mainly because you don't truly know what is being instilled in residents and what isn't," Bell said. "Hopefully with more planning and more student involvement we will be able to make it even better in the spring."

Next February, HSU will join dozens of other ecologically-minded colleges across the country by participating in the Campus Conservation Nationals. Last year, HSU won the national water savings part of the competition with a 15.4 percent water reduction.

"CCN is a national energy competition where participating colleges and universities will compete to achieve the greatest possible energy and water reductions in residence halls," Linney said. "[In order to get attention] we will have promotional events such as a movie night and tabling in the J. Last year we had a

kickoff BBQ on the lawn below Cypress and will probably do the same thing this spring."

For Johnson, energy conservation just comes down to common sense.

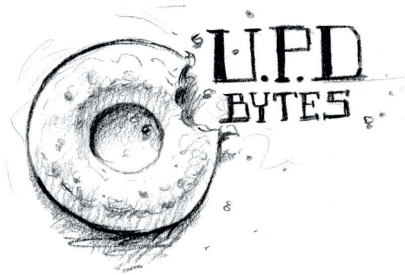
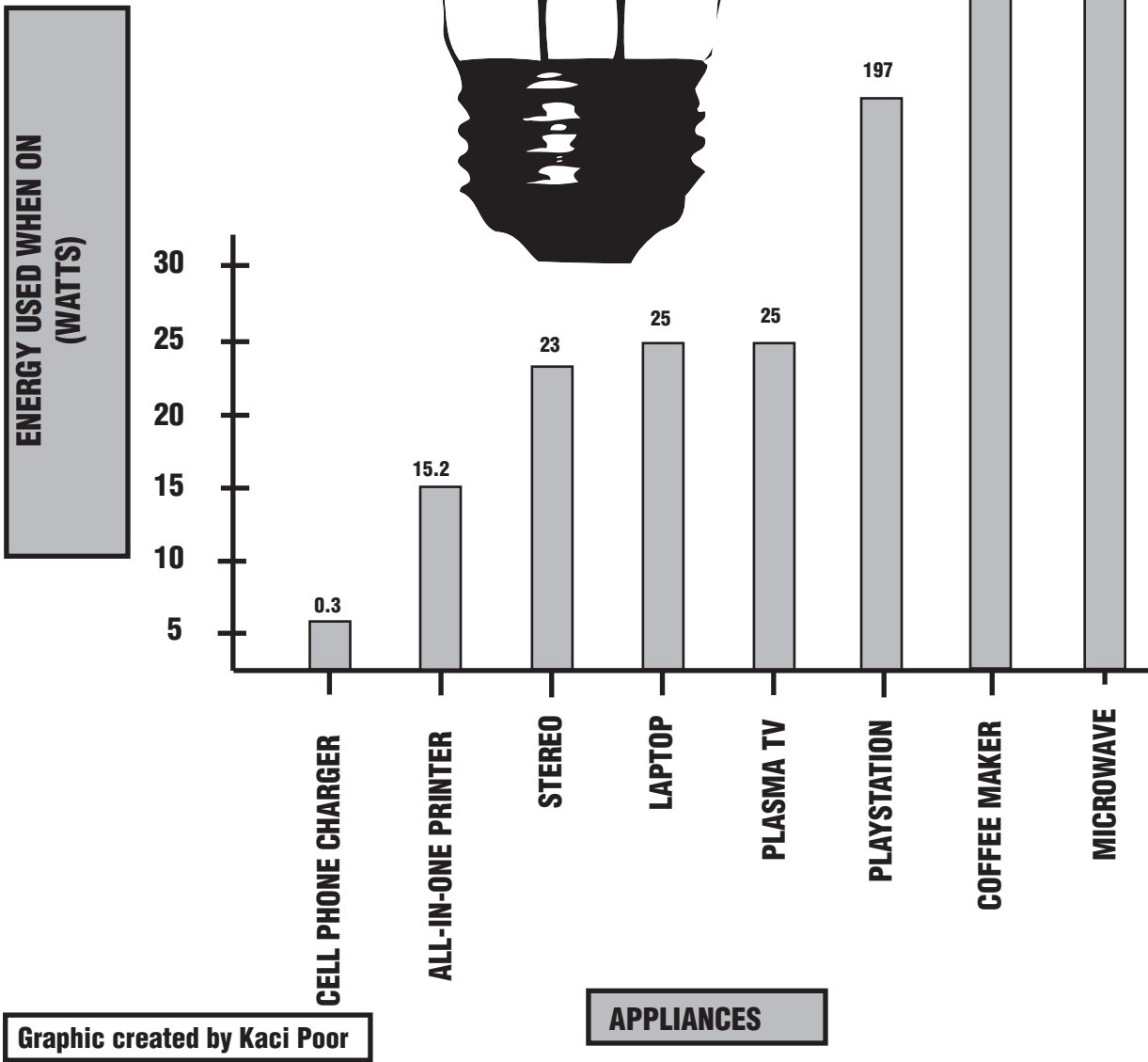
"People just turn on lights by impulse sometimes," said Johnson. "If you don't need the light, don't turn it on."

GET INVOLVED

The Campus Conservation Nationals begin Feb 6, 2012. For more information or to become involved visit the event website: <http://www.competetoreduce.org/>

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How much energy do you use?



Thursday, December 1

3:02 p.m. Police were called about a person who appeared to be intoxicated and trampling the landscaping on L.K. Wood Boulevard and Harpst Street. After investigating, the officers reported the accusation was unfounded. Apparently someone was trampling the landscaping completely sober.

3:57 p.m. The petty theft was reported when a parking pass was stolen... from the University Police Department. That is one brave petty thief.

Friday, December 2

10 a.m. Officers issued warnings after a disturbance at the parking booth off Harpst Street. No one wants to pay for parking but causing a scene will get you nowhere.

10:11 a.m. A bicycle was reported stolen from the J. Police took a report as the thief rode away on a bike that was simultaneously the object of the crime and the getaway vehicle.

3:58 p.m. Police asked occupiers on the quad to remove tarps and equipment attached to the fire hydrant. #OccupyTheFireHydrant

11:40 p.m. University Police helped Arcata PD break up a loud party on L.K. Wood Boulevard. This led party-goers to ask the age-old question: "Dude, why the cops always gotta kill our buzz, bro?"

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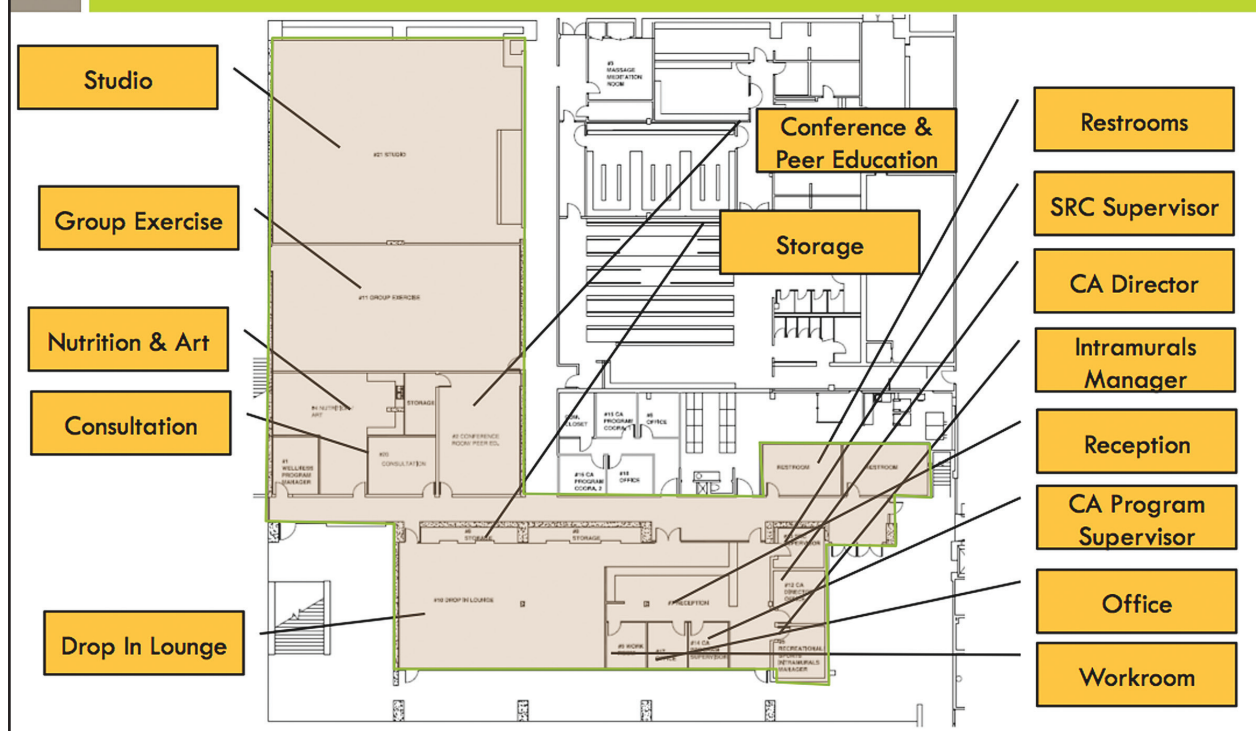
Corrections

In "Men's rugby overcomes suspension," on page 5 of the Nov. 30 issue of *The Lumberjack* written by Marimar White-Espin, Adisson McGill-Telmosse of the men's rugby team was stated as being a geography major. He is in fact a biology major. Adisson McGill-Telmosse is also the current rugby team's captain, not Colin Bourgeois as stated in the caption underneath the photo of the rugby team.

The solutions to the previous week's "Humboldt Jumboldt" were incorrect in the Nov. 23 issue of *The Lumberjack*.

HSU asks University Center for \$1.3 million to expand Student Recreation Center

West Gym 1st Floor, Phase 1



Graphic provided by HSU Facilities, Planning and Design

by Kaci Poor

Flash forward to fall 2012. You walk into the bottom floor of the Forbes Complex across from the Kinesiology building. A receptionist greets you as you head to an afternoon yoga class. On your way you spot a friend taking part in a cooking and nutrition class. You both agree to meet up in the drop-in lounge down the hall later to play Wii. After shooting virtual hoops with your friend on the Wii, you decide you want to play basketball for real. At the reception counter you register for an intramural league, but not before making an appointment with an on-staff masseuse for later in the week.

Humboldt State University administrators want to expand the Student Recreation Center into the Forbes Complex, creating an integrated health, wellness and fitness center that looks a lot like the scene above. They are looking to the University Center — a non-profit auxiliary that operates off your student fees — to pay for it.

On Thursday, the University Center Board of Directors will vote on whether to approve a request for \$1.3 million to expand the Student Recreation Center into the bottom floors of the Forbes

Complex, the building that now sits vacant across from the current Student Recreation Center. Both advisory boards to the UC Board of Directors — the Programs and

Facilities Board of Directors and the Board of Directors Finance Committee — approved the request in concept earlier in the week. “What we are asking is that the UC let us move down the path toward construction of this center,” said Traci Ferdolage, director of HSU Facilities, Planning and Design, who Ferdolage will present the proposed expansion to the UC Board of Directors at 5 p.m. Thursday.

Ferdolage said. “When you look at this, it’s a no-brainer. Based on the location of the facilities around it, the question becomes, ‘Why aren’t we doing this?’”

That answer is simple for Associated Students President Bryan Kelly, who sits on the Programs and Facilities board of directors.

“My issue is, ‘Where is the money coming from?’” said Kelly, who voted against the request Friday in

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—Traci Ferdolage, HSU Facilities, Planning and Design director

“It will be like a community center for students,” she said.

Ferdolage said the expansion of the Student Recreation Center will provide a central location for services like intramurals, recreational sport clubs, health education programming and center activities that are currently spread across the campus. The Forbes Complex is a perfect place to house these services

a 2-2 vote. “Student fee money is going to pay for the West Gym, a state-funded building. This feels rushed. Students should have more input and feedback in the process. This isn’t something that has to be approved right now.”

During Friday’s meeting, Kelly said he was not prepared to approve such a large request without first consulting students.

“I learned about the full cost of this project less than a day ago,” Kelly said during Friday’s meeting. “I can’t represent students in less than a day.”

Peg Blake, HSU Student Affairs vice president and member of the Programs and Facilities board of directors, agreed it was unfortunate that the tight timeline left out student opinion.

“In an ideal world, we would have started with student discus-

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“This feels rushed. Students should have more input and feedback in the process.”

—Bryan Kelly, HSU Associated Student president

because it has been vacant since the Kinesiology building opened next door in 2008, she said.

“Right now [the Forbes Complex] is sitting empty,”

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Gym Expansion: Board of Directors vote Thursday

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sion,” said Blake, who has been involved with the design of student recreation centers at two big universities. “Typically, these have been student-driven projects that the students had to decide through a campus-wide vote.”

Blake said that despite the lack of communication, she is in favor of the expansion.

“This is not ideal in terms of student’s leading the go-forward, and us not asking to make sure students are really comfortable that this meets their needs. However, I am very excited about the project otherwise,” Blake said. “I have seen SRCs transform student life and retention rates.”

Macy Stewart, an anthropology major and chair of the Programs and Facilities board of directors, broke Friday’s tie by voting in favor of the proposal. Acknowledging Kelly and Blake’s concerns, Stewart said, “Right now we are just recom-



| Graphic provided by HSU Facilities, Planning and Design

tributed to the decision to fund the renovations of Room 201 in the Forbes Complex. The survey also sparked the beginnings of the discussion about turning the entire

wellness center.”

Nakamura said the UC can afford the \$1.3 million for the renovation.

“The UC has various reserve funds that have been growing over the years,” Nakamura said. “The reason we have these reserve funds, and the reason we have been putting money aside, is for projects like this.”

When Follett took over operation of the bookstore over the summer, the UC recieved \$800,000 from the sale of inventory like textbooks and sweatshirts.

“That [money] certainly won’t hurt our ability to move forward with that request,” Nakamura said.

While Bryan Kelly said he understands the UC may have the ability to pay for the expansion, he does not think that means they automatically should. However, that is not because he does not like the idea of an integrated health, wellness and fitness center.

“I support the potential of the project,” Kelly said. “But at other schools they hold referendums. They ask students for their opinion. The point of these boards is to be a representative democracy. That’s not what this is.”

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“I have seen SRCs transform student life and retention rates.”
–Peg Blake, HSU Student Affairs vice president

mending the concept to the UC Board of Directors. We can get into the nitty gritty details at that meeting.”

An affirmative vote by the UC board of directors Thursday would not be without precedent. Last spring, the board approved \$150,000 to pay for HSU Facilities Planning and Development’s renovation of Room 201 in the West Gym of the Forbes Complex. The room, now rknown as the Student Recreation Center West, will open spring 2012 and come complete with a bouldering wall, cardio facility and weight-lifting facility. (See Susan Aksu’s “Rec Center Gets Beefed Up” online at www.thelumberjack.org.)

Dave Nakamura, the UC executive director, explained that the results of a student survey conducted by Student Affairs last spring con-

Forbes Complex into an integrated health, wellness and fitness center.

“What we found in that survey was that the current student recreation center is impacted and not meeting the needs of students,” Nakamura said.

According to the results of the survey, which was emailed to students and had more than 1,000 respondents, a significant percentage of students experienced problems in the weight room, stretching area and cardio areas because of overcrowding.

“When the Kinesiology building was opened in 2008, it left the Forbes Complex empty,” Nakamura said. “After I knew that no other entity was interested in moving into that area — that’s when I and other administration officials started considering it as a possible location for this expanded student health and

Arcata’s recycling education ends

Guest Writer

by Cheyenne Cockrell

News of sabotage and scandal have plagued the Arcata Community Recycling Center since the company announced in October that they would be suing Humboldt County Waste Management and closing their doors.

Although the center helped keep Humboldt County green for 41 years, pressing legal matters — regarding contracts with the county — have been overshadowing the center’s business for weeks.

The recycling center’s Dobkin Education Center will be closing along with the processing plant. At the center, children of all ages can take an in-depth tour to learn the importance of recycling and some of the keys to sustainability. However, the teaching resource — full of interactive displays, educational posters videos, and a window into the world of recycling — will disappear once the center is shut down in January.

The Dobkin Education Center, named in memory of Bette Dobkin, the late recycling center chairperson and Humboldt State University faculty member, opened in 2007 as the centerpiece for the large blue building in Samoa. The property was custom-built from recycled material for the Arcata Recycling Center four years ago and features an array of machinery from one heavy-duty baler to a pair of powerful sorting machines. What may be most im-

pressive about the building though, is that it itself is recycled.

The Arcata Community Recycling Center Samoa Processing Facility boasts a Silver level certification for their Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. In order to qualify for even the lowest certification, companies must follow a strict set of environmentally-friendly rules and regulations.

Manager of Marketing and Education, Allison Poklemba, said the company is proud of its all-around green attitude.

“In the warehouse, there’s over 300 skylights so we don’t need to use as much electricity for lighting,” Poklemba said. “There’s a pretty advanced water system here and all the steel garters are made from recycled steel so a lot has been put into the idea”.

Schools from all over the county schedule field trips each year to the Arcata Community Recycling Center to learn about solid waste, natural resources, composting and recycling.

Education Director Patti Johnson spends her day guiding groups of students through the Education Center.

“We show a DVD to the school children that shows what’s going on behind the scenes with the machinery,” Johnson said. “Then we suit them up and we invite them to come out to take a closer look so they can hear and smell [the recycling center at work]. [Then] we come back in

and have all of these activities.”

The center offers 12 different themed lessons and activities for the roughly 5,000 kindergarten through eighth-graders that visit throughout the year. Students can participate in programs ranging from “The Art of Paper-making” to “Seeing the Sea.” All include an up-close and personal look at the recycling center’s inner workings. First they observe where the truckloads of recycling are weighed and then the piles they are dumped into. The students are then taken right into the heart of the buzzing, humming, pungent-smelling machinery that makes up the processing facility. From there they can follow the same path that all of their bottles, cans and boxes take after trash day.

Johnson said, “it’s a real fun experience for the kids, plus they’re learning so much at the same time.”

In a statement released to the Humboldt Waste Management Authority Board of Directors earlier this year, Mark Loughmiller, Arcata Recycling Center’s Executive Director, expressed his thoughts about a Humboldt without the Arcata Community Recycling Center.

“In ACRC’s opinion our community is poorer without what [we have] built,” Loughmiller wrote. “The organization has done the heavy lifting for our communities.”

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Arcata Talks About Trashy Bash



Students clamber up the statue of President McKinley in the Arcata Plaza on Halloween. | Kristan Kornis

City Council works to find ways to avoid Halloween repeat

by Eli Rohl

Arcata Police Chief Tom Chapman sat down at the city council table Wednesday morning and hunched over a keyboard before looking to one of his lieutenants. “Should we start with the videos?”

The lieutenant gave Chapman a nod. “Alright, there’s some coarse language in this one, so if you’re sensitive to that sort of thing...” Chapman trailed off as he clicked on the first movie, shot by a Halloween reveler celebrating on the Arcata Plaza. In the video, a young man is seen teabagging the statue of President McKinley — the predominant focal point of activity on the Plaza during holidays.

A few more videos played during the 8 a.m. Arcata City Council meeting served to show how many people packed themselves into the Plaza on Oct. 31.

Then came the photos from the morning after.

Doby Class, Arcata’s Public Works director, said, “I was disgusted to see what was left for us to clean up. It was horrible.”

The photos showed trash, graffiti, and other signs of vandalism that blanketed the Plaza from end to end the morning after Halloween. The statue of McKinley was spray painted, the grass was trampled, litter was in the gutters and broken glass was in the streets.

The revelry on Halloween night came at a steep price — more than \$30,000 had to be invested into cleaning up the Plaza alone.

“This was the worst destruction yet,” Chapman said. He explained that at this point, it is no longer feasible to try and control the crowd of revelers that gather at the Plaza every year, or even to try and stem the tide of people that try to scale the McKinley statue.

“We just don’t have the officers. If I had everyone out there

— sergeants, lieutenants, and myself included — it still wouldn’t be enough. We still have to be other places on Halloween,” Chapman told the council.

Peg Blake, HSU Student Affairs vice president, tried to put things into perspective.

“Let’s figure out, as a community, how we want to celebrate these holidays,” Blake urged.

“It’s not just an HSU and city problem,” Blake said. “Only three of the 17 arrests made that night were HSU students. There were a lot of other people there.”

Blake added that area high schools and College of the Redwoods students add to the number of people at the Plaza during holiday bashes.

Councilman Mark Wheatley said that celebrating Halloween on the

Jennifer Koopman, executive director for Arcata Main Street, said that the problem with organizing such events are the logistics.

“If there’s bad weather, a lot of stuff can’t be done. If you want to get a tent to cover the entire Plaza and take the weather out of it, you’re talking spending upwards of \$100,000,” she said. “Then you have to think about how much time it takes to plan an event like this. We start hardcore planning for the Oyster Festival in February, and the festival itself isn’t even until June.”

Mayor Susan Ornelas said that a committee would be formed to try and decide what to do with the Plaza in the future, but that New Year’s Eve was quickly approaching. Councilman Shane Brinton liked the idea of a committee in the long term.

“But in the more immediate future I feel we should start thinking of something involving more barricades and fencing,” he said.

Benjamin Bowles, who graduated from HSU in 2009 with an English degree, said it is not just during the holidays that the Plaza trans-

forms into a party scene.

“It happens every night on a smaller scale,” he said. “The Plaza is the place to go to drink, it’s just the culture of the Plaza.”

Another Arcata resident added that it is “not just the bars, it’s a location that people know. You can either put a fence up, spread fertilizer and turn the sprinklers on, or you can find a way to live with it.”

Chapman said that the people who get arrested on the Plaza are likely to wind up paying the city back for damages in the form of manual labor.

“I’ve been working with the DA to make sure that those arrested get sentenced to community service in the city of Arcata,” he said.

Class agreed.

“What we saw this year is unacceptable,” Class said. “We can’t have a \$30,000 cleanup every time there’s a party.”

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—Doby Class, Arcata Public Works director

Plaza has become a safety concern.

“It really is a public safety issue,” he said. “Two people were killed in Chico this year on Halloween, and the police can’t find the guy who did it because he was wearing a mask.”

Chapman agreed.

“With a mix of young people and alcohol, numbers, lawlessness, and give them a sense of anonymity with Halloween masks, it’s just a recipe for this kind of situation,” he said.

One public commenter said they did not find the Plaza unsafe on Halloween and suggested that the council members embrace the festivities and arrange a ‘Decorate McKinley’ contest.

Other ideas from the community included city-wide scavenger hunts to try and disperse the crowd, music events away from the Plaza, Safe & Sober events at local high schools, events at the Arcata Community Center, and even a potential Arcata Main Street event on the Plaza during larger holidays.

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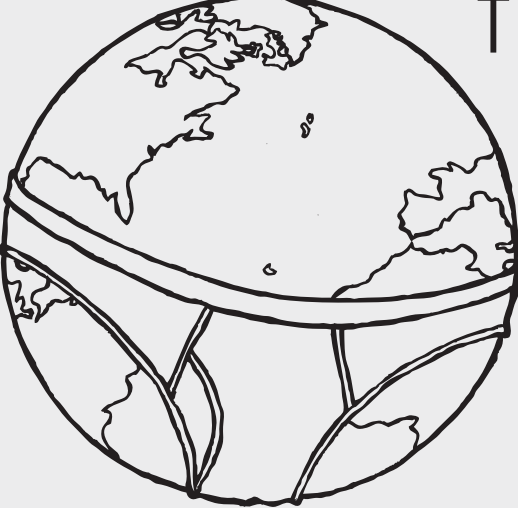
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The World In Briefs

Great Britain

Wikileaks founder to seek final appeal in UK courts

Judges ruled Monday that Julian Assange — founder of the whistle-blowing WikiLeaks website — is free to appeal directly to Britain’s Supreme Court in regards to the sexual assault allegations brought against him by two Swedish women more than a year ago. If the Supreme Court denies the 40-year-old Australian’s request, he will be extradited to Stockholm, Sweden’s capital, within days of the decision. Assange argues the actions against him are strictly politically motivated and continues to deny any misconduct on his behalf.

Russia

Protesters arrested in anti-Putin rally

Police have arrested more than 100 Russian opposition supporters in Moscow following a string of protests against alleged fraud and voting irregularities in Sunday’s parliamentary elections, according to police officials. Vladimir Putin’s United Russia party won the election with just under 50 percent of the vote, spurring a wave of citizen discontent and furthering opposition against the country’s former acting president. Monday’s protest — consisting several thousand people — was Moscow’s largest protest in recent years and defied a country-wide ban on unapproved rallies. About 250 protesters are being detained and may be held for up to 15 days.

Germany

Potentially destructive World War II bombs defused.

German bomb squads successfully defused two dangerous World War II bombs in the western city of Koblenz on Sunday, purging the city of a 4,000 pound “air mine” and a smaller high-density explosive bomb dropped by Allied warplanes during the final days of the war. Dropping water levels exposed the bombs, which were hidden beneath the lapping water of the Rhine River

Afghanistan

Bomb blasts target Shiites

Bomb blasts aimed at Shiites struck the northern city of Mazar-i-Sharif, the southern city of Kandahar and the capital city, Kabul on Tuesday, Dec. 6. Responsibility was claimed by the Sunni extremist group, Lashkar-e-Jhangvi, from Pakistan. Each bombing occurred around noon as Shiites in the three cities marched in processions to honor the martyrdom of Imam Hussein, the holiest of Shiite holidays. The deadliest attack was in Kabul’s crowded Murad Khani neighborhood where a suicide bomber infiltrated a procession.

Peru


Protest leaders unhappy with mining investment

The Peruvian president, Ollanta Humala, imposed a state of emergency Monday to put an end to the violent protests against a \$4.8 billion highlands gold mine. The president said that a negotiation has already been reached. President Humala said the emergency declaration was made to put an end to road and school closures. The protesters reject the decree and fear the that the gold-and-silver mine will taint their water supply. They also worry about potential plans to drain or displace four lakes, and create four reservoirs.


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CalTrans' \$30 million project up for debate



Entering the safety corridor on the CA 101 southbound from Arcata to Eureka. | Samantha B. Seglin

by Suan Aksu Movsesian

CalTrans' request for financial support from the Humboldt County Association of Governments for a \$30 million road improvement project was approved on Thursday with an 8-2 vote during the association's meeting.

Humboldt County agreed to pay for \$16 million of the project CalTrans proposed in 2007 to widen the shoulder, add an interchange and half signal to Airport Road and Indianola Road off of the highway 101 safety corridor.

If given the green light by the Coastal Commission, CalTrans will be making changes to Airport Road and Indianola Road off of the U.S. Highway 101 safety corridor between Eureka and Arcata.

The association of governments was given three options to review and accept from: to install a half signal at Airport Road with a full interchange on Indianola,

to install a half signal at Airport Road with a half interchange on Indianola, or the last option to leave the 101 as is.

When CalTrans first proposed the new options they expected to use funding from the State Highway Operation and Protection Plan, but were not able to use the funds for the safety corridor. Doby Class, the City of Arcata Public Works director, said that every two years the State Transportation Improvement Fund allots a certain amount of money for new construction projects — funds which city officials from Humboldt County had proposed for citywide repairs.

John Schafer, a resident of Arcata, said there are other road repair priorities throughout Humboldt County that need attention.

"We're spending too much money on things we don't want," Schafer said.

Schafer, was among others,

*"We're spending too much money on things we don't want."
—John Schafer, Arcata resident*

who spoke against the motion and expressed concerns about the impact the two proposed options will have on the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists traveling on the 101. The plan had originally proposed to widen the shoulder of the safety corridor to 8 feet, but now the plan proposes to widen the shoulder to 10 feet. Those concerned with widening the shoulder an additional 2 feet feel that this step will take away from the multipurpose use of the current trail. Widening the road also raised the concern of increasing the speed of the safety corridor from 50 to 65 mph. This could endanger bicyclists and pedestri-

ans Schafer said.

Emily Sinkhorn, a member of the advisory board for Green Wheels, a local non-profit which works to improve sustainable transportation, said the two options improve the road for only one mode of transportation. "This doesn't improve safety. People who don't drive need safe access as well," Sinkhorn said.

Charles Fielder, District 1 CalTrans director, said the widening of the lanes on the safety corridor will not affect the safety of those on the Humboldt Bay Trail because of speed. "We will maintain a 50 mph speed limit and maintain it as an expressway,"

Fielder said.

Ralph Martinelli, CalTrans' Chief of Traffic Safety said, "the speed will be determined based on what would be safe. There is discretion in changing the speed. By law, highways need to be surveyed every 10 years to determine the safety of the speed level."

Environmental concerns were also addressed. CalTrans is required to provide an Environmental Impact Report that complies with Coastal Commission standards, however a finalized report has not been submitted since their original proposal in 2007.

"I have been requesting to see an EIR since the project was first brought up and no one has seen a finalized EIR," Class said. "CalTrans won't allow us to see the EIR until they are permitted by the Coastal Commission to go forward with the project."

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Sports

Jacks Roundup

Jacks lose, drop to No. 8

by Luke Ramseth

Both men's and women's basketball lost this week in their first CCAA road trip. They will try to regain momentum this week with home games against Western Oregon and Sonoma State. The men's team fell two spots to No. 8 in the nation, in a ranking given by the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

Men's basketball: Jacks 74 CSU Monterey Bay 59

Sophomore guard Austin Bryan transferred to HSU from Dominican University in San Rafael this semester.

It didn't take him long to prove his worth Friday night.

Bryan scored 26 points on five of six three-point attempts in the Jacks opening CCAA win.

"What's great about playing for HSU is that I fit in as just another weapon," Bryan said in a press release. "We're so deep, on any given night someone can go off for a big scoring night."

Senior guard Brandon Sperling also had 19 points.

Jacks 82 CSU East Bay 88

Say goodbye to that No. 6 national ranking.

The Jacks took on a surprisingly tough East Bay team Saturday—who they hadn't lost to since the 1997-98 season—and took it on the chin.

The Jacks struggled with 19 turnovers and 62 percent shooting from the free throw line. HSU has also been affected by injury to centers Greg Leslie, Tavin Turley, and spark plug senior guard DJ. Broome.

Sperling led HSU with 24 points. Senior forward Kyle Baxter and senior guard Scott Clark both scored 14.

HSU comes home this week for a single game at home. They play Sonoma State Saturday in Lumberjack Arena at 4 p.m. They are now 5-1 overall, 1-1 in the CCAA.

Women's Basketball: Jacks 60 CSU Monterey Bay 67

HSU was behind by as much as 13 points in the first half. They came back to take the lead in the second half, but still lost.

Coach Joddie Gleason said Monterey Bay was especially physical, which threw HSU off its game.

The game's physicality didn't affect senior forward Bree Halsey, who grabbed 17 rebounds. That tied her career-high.

Senior forward Whitney Howard scored 13 points.

Jacks 66 CSU East Bay 44

HSU bounced back from the previous night's loss, but it took them much of the first half to get going.

After a halftime pep-talk from Gleason, the Jacks came out flying. At one point, they went on a 14-point run which put them ahead 61-37.

HSU shot 52.4 percent from the field. Junior guard Lisa Petty had 16 points and 8 rebounds. Junior guard Patrice Saindon had five steals.

HSU is 5-1, 2-1 in the CCAA. They play Western Oregon in non-league action this Saturday at 2 p.m. in Lumberjack Arena.

Recruiting: HSU women's basketball signed three players and one will join the team next semester. Sydney Emory, a 5'8" guard from Greenacres, Wash., averaged 10.6 points for her high school team.

Tiana Maxwell is a 5'9" guard from Fresno. She averaged 18 points, eight rebounds and three blocks per game.

Meghan Ringer is a sophomore transfer from Southern Utah University. She adds size, at 6'1", and will join the team immediately this spring.

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On football and being a father: Defensive back tries to balance life with dreams of turning pro

by Luke Ramseth

Senior cornerback Jordan McGowan is mid-interview with The Lumberjack when his phone goes off.

It's his agent. His football agent. They talk about organizing a pro day at Sacramento State, for NFL scouts and others to take a look at McGowan and other regional pro hopefuls. They talk about finishing up a highlight reel of McGowan's career at Humboldt State to post on YouTube.

Yes, McGowan has had that kind of season on the football field. He had 53 tackles and two interceptions while covering some of the Great Northwest Athletic Conference's best receivers. More importantly, his team went 9-1 and won the overall GNAC title.

"The athletic ability and talent on this team is probably the best Humboldt State has ever seen," said McGowan, who himself has run a 4.4 second 40-yard-dash. That speed is a big reason he's getting looks at the professional level.

One major obstacle if McGowan is to make it as a professional, though, has nothing to do with his football statistics or 40 speed.

He has a two-year-old son, JaShawn Jordan McGowan, a cute, red-haired, blue eyed toddler. McGowan doesn't look at his son as much of a difficulty, though, because it hasn't always been this good for the Political Science major who is wrapping up his senior thesis on the Occupy Wall Street movement.

"I had an identity crisis when I was younger," McGowan said. "I'm half black and half white. I always felt like an outsider."

McGowan recounts, without much trouble, how his mother was a drug addict, leaving his father to raise him in San Francisco and Santa Rosa. His dad had gone through trying times too. He was recruited to be in the Black Panther Party after returning from Vietnam, largely because he had written down his frustrations about the war.

"My dad was kind of an activist," McGowan said. He explains how some of his father's political leanings have rubbed off on him, leading him to examine the Occupy protest movement for his senior thesis. McGowan also made the GNAC all-academic team with his 3.25 GPA. "My dad had me learn about my history. He had me reading about Malcolm X, Martin Luther King, Jr. [when I was young]."

After a tough upbringing, things got tougher. Five weeks after McGowan graduated high school in Santa Rosa, he found out his girlfriend was pregnant. But he took it in stride. He chose to stay close to home and play football at Santa Rosa Junior College, a perennial junior college power. It wasn't a hard decision, to be close to his baby son.

McGowan had a solid individual career at Santa Rosa, but his sophomore year the team went 5-5, and didn't get a bowl game. It hurt his

overall chances of playing big-time Division I football. McGowan said there were bigger Division I schools that looked at him, but HSU just ended up offering the whole package.

"God just has it planned," McGowan said. "[Defensive coordinator Shay] McClure called me and he sold the program well. It reminded me of my junior college program."

McGowan talked himself up a little to solidify his spot on the team.

"To play [cornerback] you have to be a little arrogant or cocky about your play," he said. McGowan explained to McClure that with him, the Jacks wouldn't have given up as many touchdowns the previous season — a season HSU lost four games by seven points or less.

"And I had heard, if you got to a small school, you can be that superstar," McGowan said.

Of course, there was also the fact that HSU is still relatively close to Santa Rosa — and relatively close to his son JaShawn.

Despite the nearly five-hour drive,

McGowan made sure his son made it to every one of his home games at

Redwood Bowl this season. He drove to Santa Rosa and back on Thursdays and brought JaShawn back by Saturday night.

He calculated he drove about 13,000 miles this semester.

Other than the driving and football, McGowan had school to worry about this semester. But he said he has a special talent that helps him get by—something he also picked up when he was younger, living with his dad. McGowan said he's good at listening to a lecture, and internalizing it. It helps the time-crunched player not spend as much time studying for tests.

"Fortunately I was really blessed by God. I can listen to a lecture and understand, without picking up a book," he said. "If my dad let me stay home from school [sick] I would have to watch the History Channel."

"There's also starting stuff early, and a lot of late nights and early mornings. A lot."

McGowan wasn't planning on pursuing football after this past season.

But a Facebook message from Allan Cunnanan—now his agent—after his last game was enough to keep his dreams alive. Cunnanan told McGowan he'd had a great career at Humboldt, and that he would like to represent him. Cunnanan helps with planning, and pays certain expenses. If McGowan gets a contract or paycheck from the NFL or other professional football league, Cunnanan will get a portion.

McGowan is not the only HSU player who wants to play professionally. He said his close friend, running back Lyndon Rowells, will have a good chance at playing at the next level. McGowan said he encouraged star quarterback Mike Proulx to give it a shot, too. Defensive back and punt returner Diamond Weaver has already committed to play professionally in Europe, with the Besel Gladiators in Switzerland.

McGowan and Rowells' friendship, especially, may help both of them



Jordan McGowan poses with his son JaShawn, 2, after beating Dixie State in the HSU homecoming game on Oct. 1, 2011. | Angela Tsai

make it. "We want to see each other succeed," McGowan said. "We have all been trying to get into a pro day together."

Said Rowells, "This team is like a family." Rowells said he has been contacted by two NFL teams thus far.

McGowan is also realistic. He's not banking on a million-dollar paycheck anytime soon. He plans to work in a gym and coach high school football in Santa Rosa as he continues to train and work toward his dream this next spring. But it's clear, JaShawn comes first.

After all, he's a dad.

"That's my motivation—make his life better than I had it," McGowan reflects. "I would give up football, everything, if it meant taking care of him."

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LOCKOUT OVER: NBA fans rejoice

NBA players agree on 66 game schedule to start Christmas day

by'Alohi Bikle

While still recovering from the turkey-induced coma brought on by Thanksgiving, basketball fans got the news they were waiting for.

After a five-month long battle between the NBA and its players, both sides came to a tentative agreement on Nov. 26. Basketball is back in business.

Five games are set for the league's opening day on Christmas: Boston at New York, Miami at Dallas, Chicago at Los Angeles, Orlando at Oklahoma City and the Clippers at Golden State.

"I was looking through my Twitter posts and read one that said 'LOCKOUT OVER'. I went straight to ESPN.com to see if the news was true," Kenny Holt said.

The sophomore communications major said he now has something to look forward to next semester.

The 2011 NBA lockout is the fourth in the history of the league.

Revenue sharing between owners and players, and the structure

and length of player contracts were the two main issues that surrounded this year's lockout.

NBA Commissioner David Stern said in an interview prior to the lockout that "cost cuts have to be made." Referring to player's

[Bryant] seem like the most valuable things on this earth."

During the lockout, teams were not able to trade, sign or contact players. Players were also not allowed to access NBA team facilities, trainers or staff members.

Because of the uncertainty the lockout brought to many players, some decided to travel overseas to play ball.

Deron Williams of the New Jersey Nets, was the first to leave the United States, signing a \$5 million contract with the Turkish

league team, Besiktas. Last week he announced that he would not sign an extension with the Nets during the season.

It is still unclear as to what exactly both sides agreed to. The tentative agreement needs to be ratified by both the players and owners.

Holt said he is just glad the lockout is over.

"I'm sure basketball fans all over can agree that a Christmas Day opener is the best present ever," Holt said.

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"I'm sure basketball fans all over can agree that a Christmas Day opener is the best present ever."
-KENNY HOLT

salaries, Stern said the players should start saving their money, alluding to a possible strike.

Representatives of the league claimed that the NBA as a whole was losing \$300 million a season.

Players and their representatives countered that claim, stating that the NBA was not losing that much money and argued that they are not overpaid because they are used as marketing tools for the league.

Kristalyn DeCosta, a freshman majoring in theater, film and dance said, "the NBA makes guys like LeBron [James] and Kobe

This week:

NBA Lockout: Owners v. players — who asked for more?



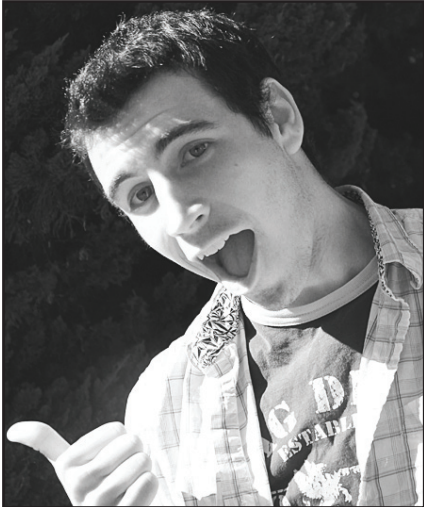
James Richardson
Senior, Social Science Education

"I think it could go both ways. Both sides asked for too much but they had their reasons for doing so. In the end, the fans are the ones who lost the most."



Ninamarie Jeffrey
Junior, Political Science

"I feel that the players [and owners] get paid too much already. If there weren't professional athletes, we could use all that money for something else."



Carsten Charlesworth
Sophomore, Zoology

"I'm not sure. I would say the owners, only because the players are just trying to do their job. You can't blame the players for walking out."



Erika Lugo
Senior, Political Science

"Both sides had their reasons when it came to asking for more money. I don't really know who asked for more though."



Chelsea Ludwick
Sophomore, EMP

"I feel maybe the owners wanted too much. The players are the ones working and wearing out their bodies. The owners just collect the money."



Ronnie Bowden
Sophomore, Undeclared

"I think the owners did. Playing basketball [is] a player's job. The money from that is how they put food on the table. [The owners] shouldn't take it away from them."



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Local resident Jason Collom catches some air sporting a Scooby-Doo costume at the 2010 Eureka Rail Jam on Nov. 6, 2010. | Brandon Widder

Fourth annual Rail Jam slides into Eureka

Pacific Outfitters tops last year with 40,000 pounds of shaved ice

by Marimar White-Espin

Four years ago, Pacific Outfitters owner, Aaron Ostrom, sat in a bar and decided to bring snow to Humboldt. He created Rail Jam Eureka.

Now in its fourth year, the bi-annual event allows sports enthusiasts and anyone who loves snow to test their snowboarding and skiing skills on a 12-foot drop-down rail covered in snow.

Located in Eureka’s Pacific Outfitters parking lot, Rail Jam will be held Saturday, Dec. 10 from noon to 4 p.m. The event is free of charge and the rail is open to anyone who brings their own gear and helmet.

The rail and snow is open to the public from noon to 2 p.m., followed by the rail jam skills competition from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Prizes are rewarded to the first, second and third place finishers in the competition. Spectators also have a chance to win select merchandise in side competitions including a best snow angel contest.

“If you’re just coming out to

watch there’s a chance you could walk away with some sweet gear,” Ostrom said.

The large community of snow sport enthusiasts located in Arcata and Eureka rarely see piles of snow in their backyard.

“There’s so many people that drive to Ashland and Tahoe [for the snow]. We figured we’d bring the snow to them,” Ostrom said.

Pacific Outfitters purchases about 40,000 pounds of shaved ice from Pacific Choice Seafood Inc. in Eureka and members of Humboldt State University’s snowboarding club, the Snowjacks, volunteer to cover the store’s parking lot with the fluffy white stuff.

Becca Ward, co-president of the Snowjacks, said the event was fun when she went last year.

“We set up a booth for the Snowjacks and everyone was dancing up on the table and hay bales,” she said.

Local vendors, including Los Bagels and Big Louis Pizza, will be at the event as well as a disc jockey stage hosted by Skull Candy. Ostrom expects there will be pro-

fessional snowboarders accompanied by their sponsors to sign autographs and interact with community members.

Adam Forbis, an HSU anthropology major and past Rail Jam participant, is excited for the event.

“There’s a DJ pumping music,

it’s like a big party,” said Forbis. This year he is excited for the possibility of a pro snowboarder coming to judge the competition portion of Rail Jam.

Ostrom expects a big turnout.

“1,000 to 1,500 kids show up every year,” he said.

If you’re looking to win some prizes and escape to the snow, but avoid more than four hours of driving, then Rail Jam is an event you won’t want to miss.

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The Rail Jam event featured amateur and pro snowboarders riding on 24,000 lbs of shaved ice dumped in the parking lot of Pro Sport Center in Eureka. | Brandon Widder

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AM Jazz Band
Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU
Thursday
8p.m.
Free for HSU students/
\$7-general

AM Jazz Band performs famous Pail Desmond tune for Dave Brubeck, "Take Five." Plus tunes by Count Basie, Art Blakey and Milt Jackson. Produced by the HSU music Department and Directed by Dan Aldag.

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Gist Hall Theater
Thursday, Friday, Saturday
7:30p.m.
\$8/\$10

HSU department of Theater, Film and Dance presents this holiday human comedy by Eugene Stickland. This comedy, about a troubled contemporary family and their crazy Christmas together, will make audience members laugh-out-loud.

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HSU's Studio Theater
Thursday, Friday, Saturday
7:30p.m.
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Northcoast Preparatory Academy's Young Actors' Guild presents a musical adaptation of Homer's classic, The Odyssey. The performance is adapted and directed by Gretha Omev Stenger. Scenic backdrops, inspired by Japanese Noh Theatre, and Broadway style musical numbers are sure to catch the audiences attention.

Humboldt Symphony
Fulkerson Recital Hall
Friday
8p.m.
\$7

Humboldt Symphony performs Gershwin's "An American in Paris," and Beethoven's Egmont Overture. Produced by the HSU music department and directed by Paul Cummings.

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Van Duzer Theater
Monday-Friday 3p.m./
Saturday 2p.m.
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Trillium Dance Studios presents this holiday ballet with two performances. This years production is choreographed by artistic director Erin Fernandez McKeever and inspired by Clement C. Moore's classic poem with narrator Kevin Sharkey. The cast of 200 dancers, ages ranging from four years old to adults, come together to tell a Christmas story of adventure and magic.

HSU Jazz Orchestra
The Depot
Saturday
8p.m.
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HSU Campus
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HSU students turn up the heat on a campus food revolution

Humboldt Food Collective plans for food truck next semester

by Colleen Chalmers

Eating is a political act for the Humboldt Food Collective. As members of the cooperative serve leek and potato soup to begin the meal at their fundraising gala last week, they hope to start a food revolution right here on campus. Their goal: open up a food truck owned and operated by their collective next fall.

The Humboldt Food Collective has a vision to provide fresh, local, environmentally sustainable and ethically produced food at affordable student prices. The collective strives to educate students about nutrition and food systems, and create business through inclusive, democratic cooperation.

On Thursday, the collective held their gala and fundraising dinner for those in the community to eat local food and learn about the collective's goals.

The event featured three students from Evergreen State College in Olympia, Wash. who were invited to Humboldt State University to share with the Humboldt Food Collective how they were successful in creating their own cooperative café at Evergreen State College. The student's cooperative, called The Flaming Eggplant, has been a functioning and popular food collective café on their campus for four years.

Alicia Powell, a senior majoring in anthropology and a vegan, worked as the head chef during the gala dinner. She said she tries to eat healthy, whole, organic foods as much as possible.

"When I transferred to HSU from San Francisco City College, I was quickly dismayed by the lack of healthy food choices on campus," Powell said. "So it was a revelation to find a group of active students working together to help change our current food structure. The food collective is a community of people who share similar values about issues concerning food, and every voice is equal."

Powell said working with local farms is a major goal of the food collective. In addition to cooking the food served at the gala dinner, she handles most of the food planning for the group. Powell said she works on menus, and focuses on outreach to local farms to build

business relationships in the community for when they open the food truck.

Teri Grunthaner, who graduated with a degree in cooperative economics, now coordinates the Humboldt Food Collective.

"I became involved because it brings together two important components of our society: food and socio-economic systems," Grunthaner said. "Food fuels our lives and intimately connects us with the greater ecological systems we depend on."

Grunthaner said the food collective truck will be a cooperative business. "This will put more intention into making the framework socially and environmentally responsible, and holistic as possible," Grunthaner said. "We want to organize around the sustainability, security, justice and joy of food production, distribution and consumption," she said.

The collective began a year and a half ago when a group of students got involved with an organization called the Cooperative Food for a Food Empowerment Directive. The directive assists student food collectives in learning from one another. That is how the Humboldt Food Collective met and planned with other collective members from Evergreen State College.

"There they learned of the food movement sweeping the states, of students starting and operating cooperative food enterprises on college campuses," Grunthaner said. "It felt obvious that HSU would support the cause and greatly benefit from such an endeavor."

Making the vision of the food



[Above] Volunteers at Humboldt Student Food Collective's Gala Dinner serve food to the attendees. [Below] Humboldt Student Food Collective's Eric Recchia dishes up a plate of food at the Thursday night Gala Dinner . | Jeremy Smith-Danford

truck a reality will require support not only from students and the community, but also from the university.

"We have gotten mixed signals from administration and staff, but mostly because what we are trying to do falls into uncharted territory for this institution," Grunthaner said. "Change and experimentation is a risk and makes people nervous, so we've tried to communicate our best intentions in working with and not against the institution."

"Based upon the university's published vision statement declar-

ing that it will be 'renowned for social and environmental responsibility and action,' we believe we will be abiding the actualization of this vision and deserve the support from those helping guide the university's development," Grunthaner said.

Eventually, the Humboldt Food Collective hopes to open a cooperative café like The Flaming Eggplant at Evergreen State College. But the first step is making the cooperative food truck a reality.

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WHY STUDENTS ARE JUMPING ON BOARD WITH THE HUMBOLDT FOOD COLLECTIVE

Nancy Vargas believes you are what you eat.

Vargas, a junior HSU student majoring in social work, said she became involved in the move to create a food collective to fulfill a political activism assignment for Dan Faulk's introduction to political science course. Vargas fell in love with the community of people dedicated to food and became a part of the cooperative.

Phoebe Sager, a senior majoring in industrial technology, said she became involved because

food is a unifying theme.

"Everybody eats, and it can become something empowering," Sager said. "We want to be involved in food, we want to love our food."

Eric Recchia, a senior majoring in economics, said that food is a center point for issues around sustainability and a part of our culture as human beings.

"The food truck will be a chance for students to take back control of food systems on campus and it will empower students to make change."

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BIG in New York



HSU graduate becomes the new director of N.Y. Aquarium

by Marimar White-Espin

Above Trinidad's vast Pacific coastline sits Memorial Lighthouse, walking distance from Humboldt State University's Marine Lab. Look to the left, atop the bluff and you'll see offshore rocks with weathered faces from the icy winds and crushing waves. This is Jon Forrest Dohlin's fondest memory of living in Humboldt County, a place he calls home.

Dohlin is the vice president of the Wildlife Conservation Society and the director of the New York Aquarium. Dohlin graduated from HSU in 1992 with a bachelor's degree in biology. As an undergraduate student, Dohlin had no idea where his education would take him.

Flipping through the glossy pages of a National Geographic magazine, Dohlin came across an article about the expansion of the Redwood National Forest. Upon seeing pictures of the large redwood trees married with the Pacific Ocean, Dohlin knew he wanted to attend HSU.

"It's the only place I applied to," he said,

Dohlin moved to Arcata at the age of 17.

"I grew up in L.A. feeling like a misfit," he said. "I had this romantic idea that I wanted to be in the outdoors and live in a rural environment away from the big cities."

Dohlin was originally drawn to HSU's wildlife conservation management program but turned to biology — a better fit for his full-time work schedule.

During his 11-year stay in Arcata, Dohlin put himself through school working in bars and nightclubs including Mojo's — a nightclub that hosted bands like X, The Blasters and the Jerry Garcia Band.

"In the early '80s Humboldt was a pretty happening music scene," Dohlin said.

Not only was Dohlin involved in the music scene, he was an origi-

nal player for HSU's ultimate frisbee team, The Buds.

Dohlin continued to go to school but worried about how he would make a career in the field of biology.

"When I was getting a degree in biology I asked myself, 'Does this fascinate me?'" Dohlin said. "I couldn't see myself as a scientist or working in a lab. I didn't have a plan."

After Dohlin graduated from HSU, he pursued a master's degree in architecture focusing on sustainable and green building at Parson School for Design in New York. In 1997 Dohlin brought his love of biology into architecture when he began working as a designer for the Wildlife

Conservation Society.

"You learn the value of how things work and it allows you to think much more deeply," Dohlin said. Dohlin worked on the Bronx Zoo's Congo Gorilla Forest and was involved in designing tiger, jellyfish and coral exhibits.

In 2008, Dohlin was named the director of the New York Aquarium where he is currently working on a new shark exhibit.

Even though Dohlin lives 3,000 miles away he said, "I'm still Humboldt State University's biggest booster."

Living in the east coast, Dohlin is surrounded by alumni from Yale, Princeton and Columbia. But Dohlin feels the education he received at HSU contests with degrees from Ivy League Universities.

"My education was as good as theirs," Dohlin said.

Dohlin credits his educational experience at HSU to the personal attention he received from his professors as well as their commitment to their students.

"The professors [at HSU] were really amazingly influential. I knew my professors and my professors knew me."

Professors including Dr. Tim Lawlor, Dr. Richard Meyers, Dr. Dave Kitchen, Dr. Sue Lee and Merle Friel greatly influenced Dohlin during his educational stay at HSU.

"They changed me from a romantic approach [to biology] to a more discipline approach," Dohlin said.

Dr. Sue Lee worked in HSU's department of biology until she retired in 1996. She remembers teaching many students with the same romantic notions towards the sciences.

"Believe me, I've had many students like that," Lee said. "Students come to Humboldt because they know how exceptional the science and natural resource planning programs are. It's wonderful to hear what students have accomplished. I'm very proud of him and I'm very gratified he mentioned me."

Dohlin's three children are well aware of HSU from listening to their dad rave about what the school and area has to offer. But for Dohlin, there is a dark side to Humboldt and it is not the constant overcast sky.

"The saddest thing about living in Humboldt," he said, "is you see people come and go."

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[Top] A rendering of the New York Aquarium's future shark exhibit, one of the many renovation projects HSU alumnus and NY Aquarium Director John Dohlin is a part of. [Directly above] Under the direction of Dohlin, the newly renovated Conservation Hall includes three aquatic exhibits. Pictured above is a clown fish swimming through anemones in the Coral Reefs of Fiji exhibit. Each exhibit represents a wild habitat the Wildlife Conservation Society is actively engaged in saving. | Photos provided courtesy of Julie Larsen Maher © WCS

Timber!

Forestry Club sells Christmas trees to raise money

by Marie F. Estrada

While most Humboldt State University students were on their way home for Thanksgiving break, 12 Forestry Club members drove more than 250 miles to cut down Noble fir trees at the Cottage Grove Nursery and Seed Orchard in Oregon.

Each year the Forestry Club sells Christmas trees that they cut or buy depending on the semester to raise funds for club activities and field trips.

This semester — equipped with handsaws, chainsaws and protective gear — the group cut down roughly 250 Noble and Fraser fir trees in about four hours on Nov. 19 and loaded them into two U-Haul and two pick-up trucks.

“Everyone did it with a smile,” said senior forestry major Sam Tenneson, vice president of the Forestry Club. “It wasn’t work, everyone had a good time.”

Paul Sokoloski, a sophomore Forestry major, said, the whole cut was fun and easy. “We thought we’d have to go into the mountains and snow for the trees,” he said, “but it was just way easier.”

Prior to cutting down the trees,



Senior Forestry major Karl Franci loads freshly cut noble firs into a U-Haul on Nov. 19, 2011. | Whitney Schimke

the forestry students took a tour of the Cottage Grove nursery, owned by Plum Creek Timber Company. The group learned about the shipping and packaging process and where each tree ultimately goes. Approximately 13 million trees grow out of the nursery each year, including species like Redwood and Douglas fir.

The Noble and Fraser Fir sec-

tion of the nursery were set to be burned and cleared so the company could plant Douglas fir trees. The company offered the Noble and Fraser fir trees to the Forestry Club for free if they agreed to clear away the trees. By helping Plum Creek and clearing the land, the forestry students saved the timber company both time and money.

“It was a ‘we help them, they

help us’ situation,” Tenneson said.

As club vice president, Tenneson was responsible for organizing and arranging all of the paperwork for the fall semester Christmas tree sale.

“This year we needed to have a permit to bring Christmas trees from Oregon to California, and insurance to meet Plum Creek standards,” Tenneson said. Getting

commitment from group members to sell the trees was another difficult task. The club tries to have anywhere from one to three people stationed each night at the sale.

Last year the club was unable to sell trees because they were snowed out of the location for tree pick-up, Tenneson said.

The cancellation of the tree sale was not detrimental to the club financially, but was disappointing.

“We had everything ready, but we just couldn’t get through the snow,” Tenneson said. “To order trees from a tree farm you have to do it about a year in advance,” he said. “So when it came down to it, there just wasn’t enough time to buy them.”

This year the group went the weekend after the big storms hit Oregon. “It was cold and windy, but beautiful,” Tenneson said.

Toward the end of the cut, it started to rain Sokoloski said, “but we were already soaking wet ‘cause of all the dew and frost on the trees.”

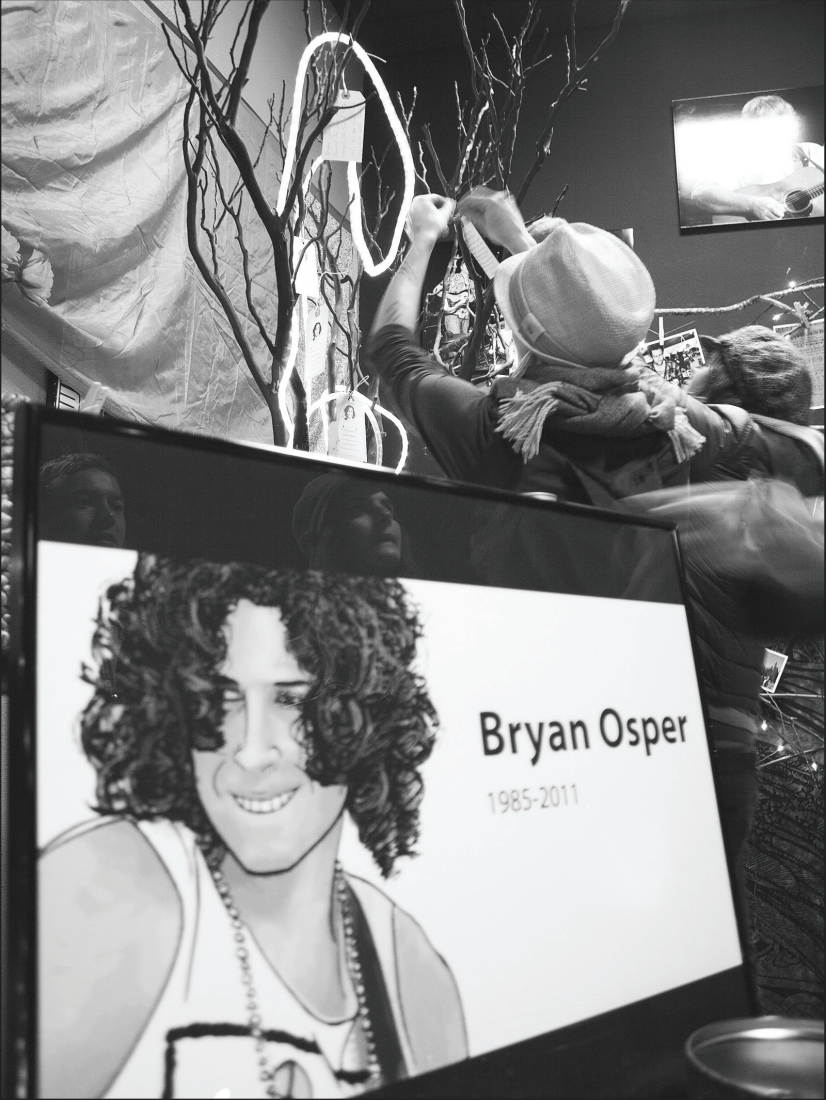
Club Treasurer Janna Loeppky said the Christmas tree sale started on Nov. 27.

“As of Friday the Christmas tree sale has made \$3,000,” she said. In fall 2009 the club’s total sales reached \$3,418.25.

Tenneson said the trees, which run anywhere from 3 to 15 feet tall, cost \$10 per foot.

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Remembering Bryan



[Above] Community members were encouraged to tie notes to Bryan’s Tree of Life. A friend wrote “Bryan, you are loved and cared about so much with in our community, the music you make will always be with us and every time your notes touch our ears, we’ll smile and remember how beautiful you were/are.” [Right] Friends of Bryan Osper built an altar of photographs and instruments in his memory that was displayed in Humboldt Brews during the life celebration. | Samantha B. Seglin

1985-2011

by Scottie Lee Meyers

Hundreds of people gathered Monday at Humboldt Brews to celebrate the life of Bryan Osper who was killed in a car accident near Bakersfield last week. He was 26.

Mourners shared photos, stories and songs to honor the life of their friend. A San Diego na-

tive, Osper attended HSU as a freshmen in 2003 and was deeply rooted in the local music scene. Osper was the guitarist and lead vocalist for the popular local bluegrass band The Bucky Walters. He also played in a variety of world music outfits, including samba and calypso.

During the open mic segment of the event, a young girl in a blue-and-white checkered dress stepped on stage with her mandolin and lowered the micro-

phone. Softly and deliberately she said Osper was her music teacher and that they wrote a song together. “I’m going to play my part of the song,” she said. Eugene Novotney, director of HSU’s Calypso band, took the stage after the young girl’s performance. “If you’re wondering if [Osper’s] spirit is going to live on, how about that right there?” Novotney said.

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HSU graduates come full circle in Music Academy

Former Jacks share their passion for music with aspiring young students



Nick Notthoff, seen here playing the basoon in his high school band, has been taking saxophone and basoon lessons with Aaron Lopez for the last five years at the Humboldt Music Academy and says he loves it. As Notthoff now finishes school at Arcata High, Lopez says, “I consider Nick as one of my successes.” | Laurie Notthoff

by Katherine E. Leonard

Many musicians at Humboldt State University started playing when they were children. Now, several music majors teach children right here on campus. The Humboldt Music Academy offers both private and group lessons to children ages 3-18 and also to some adults, every Saturday. Located in Music Building A on campus, the academy shows the musical progression of both students and professors alike.

It has been a growing trend that many former HSU music students graduate and end up working for the academy. Director Kit Morrison says that, “many HSU students teach for the Music Academy either while they are students or afterwards. In the past, we’ve had many students who would also teach. We currently have a lot of former students teaching.”

Former student Lorenza Simmons, who graduated with a bachelor’s degree in music in 2007 with an emphasis in music education, has been teaching music to children since she was seventeen and has continued for the last ten years.

Upon graduating, Morrison had asked Simmons to teach piano and voice at the academy, and so she started teaching different groups from ages 4-12. “Kids have a beautiful way of expressing themselves and have a great way of exercising their expression and spirits,” Simmons said. In her piano lessons, Simmons emphasizes rhythm and uses fun games and elements so her students can remember words with their fingers, hands and minds.

In both her piano and voice lessons, she stresses the importance of stretching. Simmons said that teaching kids how to use their energy in a positive

way goes along with breathing techniques. This is a concept that she had learned while attending HSU alongside her good friend Jenny Quigley, who now works for the Humboldt Music Academy.

“Teaching music to children gives me the utmost confidence. It makes me feel good to help them learn an instrument and explore music.”
— Aaron Lopez, HSU alumni and saxophone instructor

Quigley graduated in 2007 with a bachelor’s in music and with an emphasis on local performance and has lived in Humboldt all her life. Quigley said that she was also asked by Morrison to teach private voice lessons at the academy. “It was like a natural progression to work for the academy,” Quigley said. She has been working for the Humboldt Music Academy on-and-off for about six years.

Since the academy is sponsored jointly by the HSU Music Department and the HSU Office of Extended Education, Quigley has the privilege of working with 1-2 year-olds in the Partners in Autistic Learning Program. She is able to use music as a tool to teach a variety of techniques to her students, especially during transitional phases throughout the day where the kids change activities or environments. In singing songs together, Quigley provides the opportunity for social interactions and a chance to develop individual skills like vocalization.

Quigley notices that even at a young age, several kids have skills with rhythm. “When we march with instruments, they’re able to develop gross motor functions and they’re partici-

pating in the movement of the song,” Quigley said. Fine motor functions can be used in songs like “Itsy Bitsy Spider” when they use sign language to depict the experiences of the spider. Her students participate musically and physically through every song, making it more fun for them.

Another former student that graduated in 2007 with Simmons and Quigley is Aaron Lopez, who now teaches private bassoon and saxophone lessons at the academy. Originally from the Los Angeles area, Lopez said that HSU provided him with lots of experience with the two instruments, and he was ultimately referred to the academy by his saxophone teacher, Virginia Ryder.

Lopez has also noticed a trend in former music students working at the academy. “I think that the trend comes from people with good musicianship and competency, and who are on the education track with music,” Lopez said. Lopez began teaching at the academy while he was still a sophomore. “Overall, if you’re a student and you’re good at the type of music, you’ll be asked to work at the academy,” Lopez said.

“Kids have a beautiful way of expressing themselves and have a great way of exercising their expression and spirits.”
— Lorenza Simmons, HSU grad and piano and voice instructor

The former students find joy in teaching music to children. “It’s very rewarding for me to work with kids,” said Simmons, “I love working with kids and sharing music.”

Quigley said, “I love to see their faces light up when we sing together.” Lopez said that, “Teaching music to children gives me the utmost confidence. It makes me feel good to help them learn an instrument and explore music.”

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Opinion

Residence hall attack tests peace of mind

Editorial

A reported attack of physical assault and theft now puts forth the challenge of reviewing and maintaining security at Humboldt State University.

Three men reportedly broke into a Sunset Hall dorm and proceeded to bind the arms and legs of the student before stealing items from the room. A physical assault was reported, but at the request of the victim, no medical attention was administered.

This outrageous attack tests the vigilance of the campus community, and our sense of well be-

ing.

It is not only up to Housing Staff and university officers to ensure our safety, but the student body, regardless of whether one is a resident or not. It is all too easy to hold the door open for a stranger and allow them access to a secure community. The best way to advocate safety in a community is to remain aware of the surroundings and report any questionable activity.

Proper security measures are taken and enforced to maintain an environment free from dan-

ger, however not all procedures are perfect. A shocking event last year proved that stronger security measures were necessary.

An incident in 2010 resulted in a review of HSU housing security after a non-student gained access to residence halls and assaulted a number of residents and Housing staff members. The suspect was arrested and slapped with multiple charges including Sexual Assault and Assault With a Deadly Weapon.

The most recent attack is a reminder that although we live in

serenity here at HSU, we must always be alert.

The suspects from Friday's incident were reportedly seen near LK Wood Boulevard and Plaza Avenue following the robbery.

It is imperative that students, faculty and all members of the surrounding community remain observant and do not hesitate to contact the proper authorities in the event of suspicious activity.

Along with 123 other schools, HSU was named a Best Western College by the Princeton Review as well as one of 81 "Colleges

with a Conscience" for its integration of community work and academia. With more credentials to its name, is HSU not a campus worth protecting? Although the campus community is comprised of a large number of people from diverse backgrounds, cultures, and beliefs, we must unite as one to protect ourselves. We are entitled to absolute safety and peace of mind and those that wish to violate it are not welcome at HSU.

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Mentors are the future

Guest Column

by Jenean McGee

In a world with so much diversity one of the things everyone has in common is that we were all children once. However, not everyone has had the same childhood experiences. Some may have had to grow up fast and deal with "adult things," while others may have had the time that allowed them to be "children."

But regardless of a person's background, their experiences — from their family, the community that they grew up in and the environment they were subjected to — have made them the people they are today.

A child is usually put into situations that are, for the most part, totally out of their control. Children have so much potential, and the opportunities that lie ahead of them are virtually endless. Sadly not every child is able to see their potential because they have never been given the chance to.

"Nationwide, only 69 percent of students earn their high school diplomas"
—Alliance for Excellent Education

In order for them to reach that full potential, some children need guidance through a mentor, or someone they can look up to, so that they can be able to seize as many opportunities as possible.

It is important that all children are given a chance to succeed in their education. If we can now make the effort to provide guidance to the youth, we can prevent future mishaps in their life. In a statement released by Alliance for Excellent Education, it was said that, "Every year, more than 1 million students — that's 7,000 every school day—do not graduate from high school on time. Nationwide, only 69 percent of students earn their high school diplomas."

Why do only 69 percent of our nation's student's graduate high school? Personally, I know if my parents had not believed in me and let me know my options in life were not limited, I don't know if I would have the same drive as I do to succeed.

For some people, graduating high school is expected and for others it is a strenuous climb. Fixing the high school

graduation issue early on in a child's educational pathway could be life altering. Not every child has parents or family members to give them that motivation to succeed, however, with help from the community through mentoring programs, help can be provided to those that require additional attention.

Khalid Karim, Michelle O'Reilly, and Vikram Yadav, authors of "Secondary school transition: does mentoring help 'at-risk' children?" wrote that, "Mentoring as an intervention is known to impact on the behaviour of children and inclusion of families, and can help ameliorate the impact of adverse life circumstances. Mentoring programmes can have a significant impact on problem and high-risk behaviour."

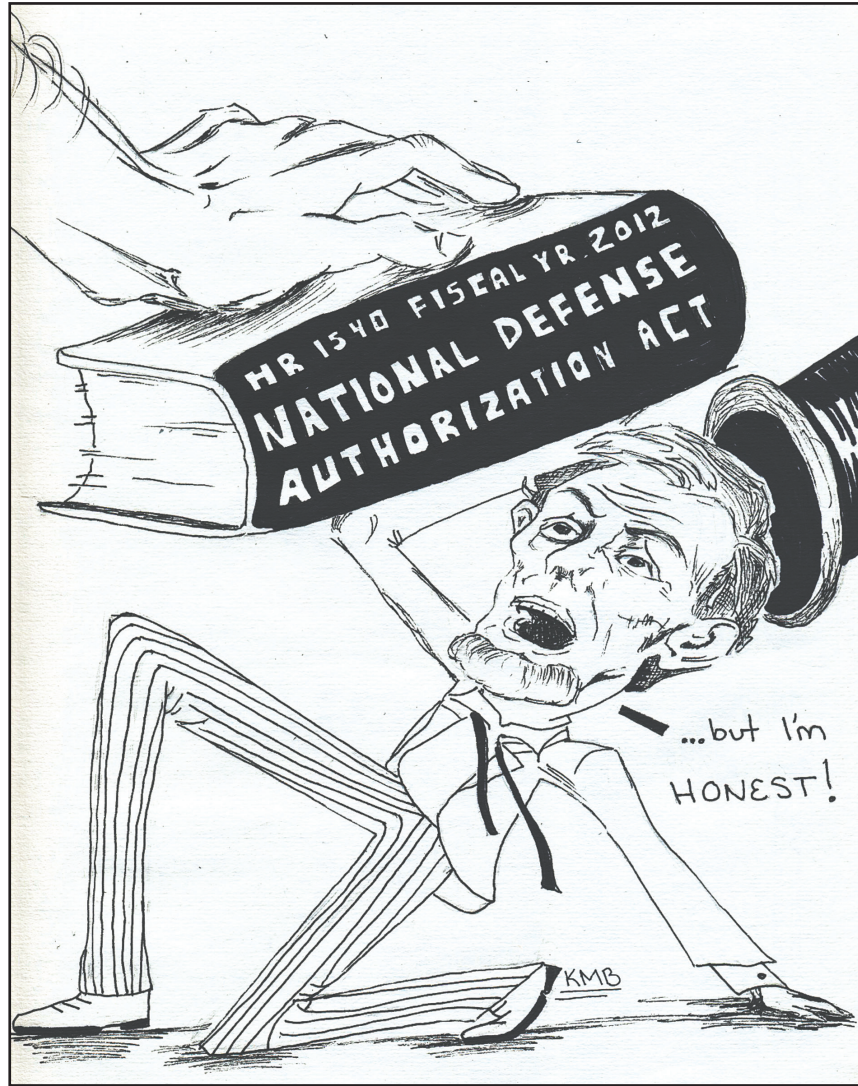
There are various organizations that strive to help children. The mission of The Boys and Girls Club of America is, "to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens." Through mentoring, the group has helped direct children on a good educational path, as well as achieved a high success rate with the children and graduating high school.

Some may argue and say that it is not the community's job to make sure that all the children succeed in school, and that that responsibility lies with parents and teachers. The community is not obligated to mentor children or make sure that every child is succeeding, but these children in the community are the future. Problems like homelessness and drug issues could change in the future based on the steps we take today.

It is important to establish a strong educational base in a child's life. Children will be more likely to succeed with a higher chance of graduating high school. With the help of mentors, children could be less likely to end up homeless and on drugs.

Mentoring does take time, patience and dedication. With recent budget cuts, class sizes are getting larger and school counselors are getting let go. It is getting a lot harder for teachers to give each student the individual attention they need.

It is now time to make a difference in the lives of all our youths. Children are the future, and through mentoring we can help develop a strong structure for them. Simply talking to and taking time to fill their minds with positive energy could make the difference of a lifetime.



Cartoon provided by Kate Beyer

Battlefield: Earth

Guest Column

by Josh Aden



You may be a terror suspect.

Well not yet, but if the National Defense Authorization Act is signed by President Obama, anyone in the world — including U.S. citizens — could

be detained indefinitely in military prisons.

Imagine Guantanamo for Americans.

Both houses of congress passed the bill as a normal yearly spending bill that authorizes funding for the defense department. That means the entire military budget for 2012 is approved in this bill. It's a fairly run-of-the-mill budget legislation aside from two provisions, 1031/32, that were stuck in by Sens. John McCain (R-Ariz.) and Carl Levin (D-Mich.).

Section 1031 allows the detention of terrorism suspects "until the end of hostilities," whenever that may be. Anyone suspected of having connections to al-Qaeda would automatically be given over to military prisons according to Section 1032.

It effectively suspends the Writ of Habeas Corpus, which says anyone jailed has a right to a court appearance and to know the criminal charges against them. It says our government can't hold people without charge for as long as they want.

That whole "justice" part of our justice system would be effectively dismantled if the act is signed.

"Section 1031 is problematic because it authorizes the indefinite detention of American citizens without due process. In this democracy, due process is a fundamental right, and it protects us from being locked up by the government without charge," Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Cal.) wrote in an e-mail.

As scary as it is, the declaration of the entire planet as a battleground is only the latest step toward a police state.

It seems the news has some new video evidence of police brutality on a daily basis. Social media outlets are abuzz with anger over pepper-sprays, beatings and late night raids of Occupy camps.

Maybe we shouldn't be so surprised. The days of lovable 'ol Barney Fife serving the citizens of Mayberry with an unloaded pistol and one bullet in his pocket are long gone. They have been replaced with an armor-clad paramilitary force.

Old military hardware is finding its way into police armories all over the country. Most standard patrol cars today are equipped with an assault rifle and shotgun. Every city has a S.W.A.T. team, some even have tanks in the arsenal.

The National Defense Authorization Act further militarizes our nation. We will cease to be a population of citizens and become suspects instead. It sews suspicion and turns us against our neighbors.

Hey, it's all in the name of safety though, right?

These measures aren't meant to protect the welfare of the people, they are to protect the status quo. Anger abounds and the powerful go to great lengths to squelch the masses when they demand change.

Where will the line be drawn? Will the U.S. see more brutal suppression of protesters a la Syria or Libya?

United Nations Special Rapporteur on human rights, Frank LaRue has criticized the Obama administration for not doing more to protect the human rights of Occupy demonstrators from city governments and police departments.

President Obama vowed to veto the bill because of the 1031 and 1032 clauses that passed through congress. It was a sly political move by Senators McCain and Levin to insert the provisions into a military spending bill. It makes a presidential veto a politically risky move.

Now, Obama faces a choice: do the right thing and protect the rights of U.S. citizens, or do the politically expedient thing and sign the bill.

Based on his record thus far, I think a veto seems far-fetched.

Tell your Senators how you feel:

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2. How often by law must highways be surveyed?
3. How many Christmas trees did forestry students cut down?
4. Who was the first NBA player to play overseas following the lockout?
5. Which residence hall won last month’s energy competition?

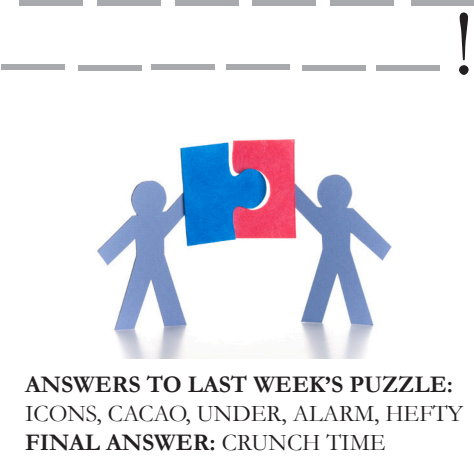
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by Melissa Coleman

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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*?

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Spotlight

What’s new, Flatmo?



by Yawen Xu

Duane Flatmo’s art is like Humboldt’s fog. It is inescapable and unmistakably a part of the local landscape. His art is on the beer you drink and the walls of buildings you walk past. And that fire-breathing dragon at the kinetic sculpture race — that’s his creation too.

Flatmo unveiled his newest art — the 22nd Redwood Coast Jazz Festival poster — on Saturday at the Gazebo in Old Town Eureka. The poster stood alone on an easel, concealed in holiday wrapping paper — the drama building as it waited to be ripped open.

Before the unveiling, Flatmo mingled with the crowd in his blue jeans, a baseball cap and dark sunglasses. If Lynn McKenna, a board member for the jazz festival, did not introduce him, the public might have never known he was the celebrated mural artist, painter and sculptor who has turned Humboldt County into his canvas over the years.

The poster depicts five raccoons playing instruments amongst redwood trees and a vibrant city skyline.

“How darling! How cute they are!” Stephanie Head said after she saw the poster. “I

hate raccoons, but I like them now. I like his art very much. Sometimes it’s not realist, it’s more cartoon. But he makes people smile with his art.”

Flatmo said, he chose raccoons as the characters in his poster because the fat and fuzzy creatures have been lurking around his house. “We got a lot of raccoons in my backyard,” Flatmo said. “They always eat my cherries.”

To make the poster, Flatmo took photos of raccoons and then made sketches on paper one by one. Then he started looking at images of instruments on the Internet. Then he painted the instruments and raccoons together and scanned them to a computer. In the end, he used Photoshop to finish the layout and coloring of the poster.

August Garcia, 8, came with his little brother Ocean and his mother Elizabeth. Garcia said he likes Flatmo’s painting. “It’s funny!”

After the ceremony, Tuba Christmas played holiday songs while kids chased each other around the gazebo.

The Redwood Coast Jazz Festival will be held March 22 to March 25, 2012. Tickets for all three days and individual days are available for purchase Dec. 3 through Jan. 31 and vary in price.

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For more information please visit the website at redwoodjazz.org or call 707-445-3378.

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The poster consist of cartoon racoons play instruments, made by Humboldt artist Duane Flatmo for the 22nd Redwood Coast Jazz Festival. | Poster courtesy of Redwood Coast Jazz Festival



Duane Flatmo (left) and Lynn McKenna, one of the board members for the jazz festival, unveiled the wrapping paper at the Gazebo, Old Town Eureka on last Saturday noon. | Yawen Xu

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