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SPRING PREVIEW TRAGEDY



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Students, survivors and loved ones speak out

Taniqua Nelson was excited to show her friend around Humboldt State when he visited for Spring Preview. On Thursday evening she was waiting to greet him. She watched the buses pull up and sent him a text message, but never got a reply.

She then learned about about a car crash that happened earlier in the evening that involved one of the three tour busses transporting students to HSU.

“When I didn’t see him I went for a walk to clear my head. I was just trying to text him and find out more information about the accident,” Nelson said.

She wouldn’t learn until Friday afternoon that her friend Ismael Jimenez had died in the accident.

“I had a bottle in my hand. I broke it and had to lay down. I called my family but couldn’t talk to anyone,” Nelson said. “I think why it affected me so hard, I felt like I signed him up for death. I helped him and his friend get signed up [for Preview Plus].”

On Thursday evening, news about the crash circulated through text messages and social media sites as quickly as it was gathered. The first established fact was that a Silverado Stages tour bus carrying Preview Plus students collided head-on with a FedEx truck around 5:40 p.m. on

Interstate Highway 5 near Orland, Calif.

Jacqueline Pacheco, 17, a senior at Alliance Judy Ivie Burton Technology Academy High School in Los Angeles was one of the students on the bus involved in the collision.

“I was reaching for my phone and that’s when I heard the brakes. And I think, she [the driver] avoided [another car] and that’s when we all looked up,” Pacheco said. “And that’s when I saw the FedEx truck crash into [the driver’s] side first.”

Pacheco’s first thought was to protect her neck to avoid injury. She braced for the impact by putting her head between her knees and covering her neck with her arms. She was seated near the middle of the bus on the driver’s side.

“The fire began really quickly. I remember seeing black and red then I remember looking down for a while and to the side where people were getting off,” Pacheco said. “I was walking down the aisle, everyone was just running on top of each other trying to escape and it seemed like the smoke was forcing us to inhale it. It was nasty. And that’s when I remember one kid stepped on me, not purposefully, but because he was

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Simone Groves
senior, botany major

“There’s nothing you could ever say to ease the pain of someone who’s had their child’s life taken away from them.”

Michelle Aldrete
junior, environmental resources engineering major

“A few people on the bus were from the same high school that I went to. A lot of those people on the bus were first-generation students.”

Jon Lockwood
senior, botany major

“The fondest memories of those who passed away will live on forever with their loved ones.”

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Lorna Bryant was in the middle of dinner with old high school friends from Los Angeles when her phone rang. After ignoring several calls, she finally picked up to hear the trembling voice of her 23-year-old son.

"He said 'mom did you hear there was an accident?'" Bryant said. "I told him don't joke with me please and he said 'mom, there was an accident and fatalities.'"

On Thursday, a touring bus carrying 44 prospective HSU students, three chaperones and a bus driver, was in a fatal accident at 5:40 in Orland, Calif. leaving 10 dead and 31 injured. The bus was enroute to Humboldt State as part of its Preview Plus Program.

Bryant hung up the phone and began making calls.

She began chaperoning for HSU's Preview Plus program in 1996, a free, two-day program that gives prospective students from low-income and first-generation families an opportunity to visit the HSU campus and participate in all Spring Preview events.

"I hope that in spite of this tragedy this program continues because it is successful," Bryant said. "You know, Humboldt isn't for everyone, but Humboldt is for a lot of people."

Started in 1989 by R.W. Hicks, preview students were transported by a single van due to limited funding. Eventually it expanded into an operation of three buses, two travelling from the Los Angeles area, and one from the Fresno/Bay Area region.

"The bottom line is it's actually quite expensive for parents and students to participate in [Spring Preview]," Hicks said. "The bus was an idea where we can bring up the students and actually have them participate in the preview program without the added financial burden."

Hicks, who worked for 26 years with the program, felt terrible the moment he learned of the tragedy.

"Friday afternoon, I'm on Facebook. Keion Morgan, one of my friends, posted the announcement and that's how I found out," Hicks said. "That was heartbreaking and horrible,

that this happened. People lost their lives, people were injured. It was very hard, very painful."

Morgan, an HSU graduate and admissions counselor at National University, was scheduled to be on the Los Angeles bus that crashed on Thursday, but was unable to leave work.

Just after Bryant got off the phone with her son, she immediately called Morgan whom she worked with during past Preview Plus trips.

"We would usually share duties together, he would always be in the middle I would always be in back," Bryant said. "He in fact was one of my students [when] I chaperoned in 1997."

Morgan confirmed Bryant's fears.

After Bryant pulled up the news on her tablet she stood horrified, her gaze fixed on a photograph of the fiery crash.

"It was then that I heard there were three fatalities that were chaperones," Bryant said. "I thought one might be Veronica and I was afraid to call her ... I was afraid to call her phone."

Veronica Cerpa, a chaperone for this year's Preview Plus Program, was supposed to be on the Los Angeles bus scheduled to leave at 7 a.m. but was switched moments before to the earlier one.

"As a chaperone we assured all of the parents that we would make sure that their children would contact them as soon as we arrived safely," Bryant said.

Cerpa finally texted Bryant at 1 a.m. on Sunday. "Hola, made it to Union Station, we're home," she said. Upon their arrival, Cerpa and the rest of those on board were greeted at Los Angeles Union Station by parents holding balloons with open arms.

"That really touched me that the parents rallied with something to make a more happy occasion of them returning home," Bryant said. "Veronica ended her text last night with 'Humboldt strong,' and my reply was 'Humboldt proud.'"



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HSU students aim to help families of the bus crash victims



The proceeds from Legacy's annual auction were donated to the families of the victims of the bus crash. | Ashley Villavicencio

It was Thursday night when Humboldt State students found out about the accident.

That same night, HSU students said they should do something and decided to take up donations to help the families of those affected.

Juan Samaniego is a current member of Lambda Theta Phi — the same fraternity that Arthur Arzola, one of the victims of the crash, was a part of.

"At that moment when we found out, we didn't know if the school was going to do anything," Samaniego said. "But we knew we wanted to help out."

Lambda Theta Phi teamed up with a few other clubs on campus and came to the conclusion they would table during Spring Preview.

F.R.E.E., M.E.C.H.A., Hermana's Ideas, Lambda Theta Alpha and Lambda Theta Phi all decided to have jars on their tables to take donations for the families of the victims.

The groups knew that many of these students came from the Los Angeles Area and their goal was to help the families that might not have insurance with funeral cost.

"When things like this happens it seems unreal until its someone that's close to you," Samaniego said. "This incident felt more real because a lot of our members, as well as other students at HSU have been through this same Spring Preview program."

Legacy is also a club on campus that has joined in on the effort of helping

the families of the victims. They hosted an annual auction on Saturday and the proceeds will be given to the families of the victims. The event raised \$391.

The president of Legacy, Shemicka Bluit said why they wanted to help.

"Most of the girls in Legacy are also EOP students and that's how most of us met," Bluit said. "Also, Michael Myvett was close to some of the sisters. This is why we felt it was important to help the best way we could."

Ramia Charles is a senior studying communication at HSU and a member of Legacy who knew Myvett during his time at HSU.

"This auction is something we do every year and we were going to use the money for our upcoming formal," Charles said. "When we found out most of the families of the victims don't have insurance, we donated our proceeds to helping them."

The compassion of these clubs represent what makes HSU special. Even in a terrible event like this, there are also people looking to help.

"We wanted to show that Legacy and Humboldt State as a whole are a community," Charles said. "Once a Jack always a Jack. Whether you graduated or not, even if you only visited Humboldt, we wanted to help in any way."

In honor of the victims there will be a moment of silence at 12:30 p.m. in the UC Quad on April 17th, and a candle-light vigil at 5 p.m.

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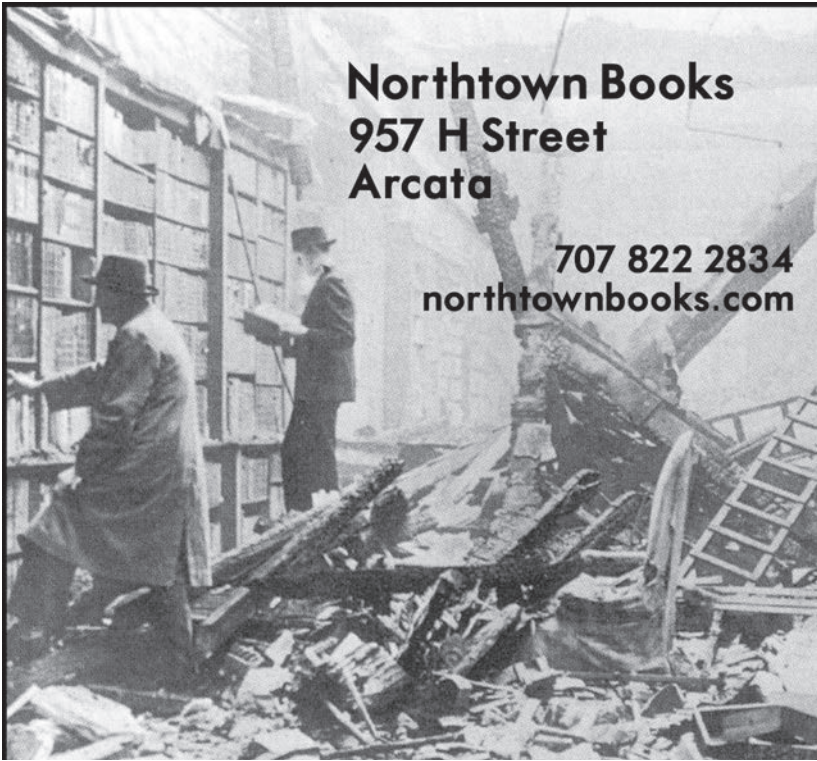
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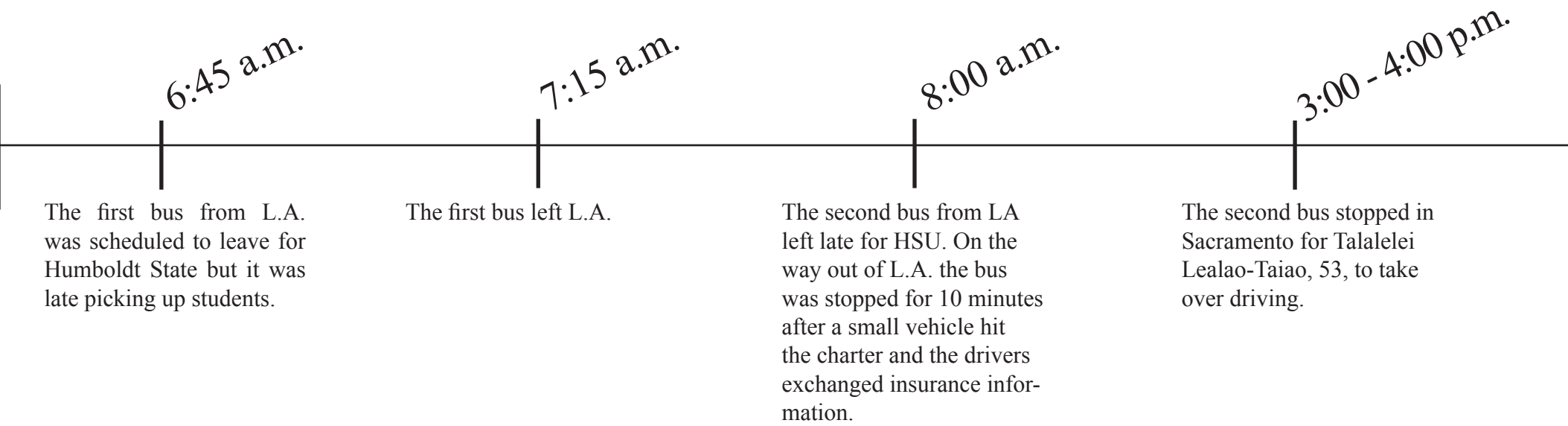
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Still in shock

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trying to get out.”

Pacheco said she doesn’t recall hearing any screams. Miraculously, she managed to get off the bus with only bruises and minor cuts on her hands. She was one of the last students to escape the wreckage.

Sgt. John Packer of the Humboldt State’s University Police Department said they began receiving phone calls at 6:30 p.m. about an accident involving one of the tour busses.

“We didn’t know exactly where that was so it took us about an hour to confirm that 1: there had been a collision 2: that it involved one of our busses and 3: that it was on the Interstate 5 corridor outside Orland,” Packer said. “At that point we activated our Emergency Operations Center in a call-taking capacity.”

The UPD set up phone banks and took in hundreds of phone calls from friends and family of the students trying to find the whereabouts of their loved ones.

The bus involved in the crash was one of two that left from Los Angeles. Another departed from Fresno, carrying students from the Bay Area. The Fresno bus, which traveled up Highway 101, arrived at HSU not long after the crash, around 6 p.m.

Spring Preview host Liann Ang was one of the volunteers waiting to greet the arriving students. She heard about the accident shortly after it happened and was there when faculty informed the students.

“Everyone in the [Spring Preview] program acted like it was nothing and kept calm. They knew, but they didn’t talk to us about it for another hour,” Ang said. “They needed to get services together. They explained the bus got into an accident in Chico and they were providing counseling services.”

The first bus to leave from Los Angeles didn’t arrive until around 9:30 p.m. Their route took them up I-5 to Redding where they took Highway 299 to Humboldt.

Veronica Cerpa, a chaperone on the first bus from L.A., got a text message from the coordinator of the Preview Plus program, Adrienne Colegrove-Raymond around 7 p.m. saying that one of the busses had been involved in an accident. Cerpa made an announcement to the students on her bus.

“I was told there had been a terrible accident. I didn’t want to say anything I didn’t know about. I thought maybe

it’s not as serious,” Cerpa said. “When the students found out, they buckled up and got quiet.”

When the bus arrived at HSU, the faculty greeted them and made another announcement about the crash. They told the newly arrived students that counselors would be available if they needed to talk about the accident.

There was only one question from the crowd.

“What can we do to help?”

California Highway Patrol confirmed that there were nine immediate casualties from the collision. They also said there were at least 30 injured people being treated at hospitals in the area. The cause of the accident was unclear, but investigators found that a FedEx truck had sideswiped a Nissan Altima before colliding head-on with the tour bus.

After speaking to the students, HSU President Rollin Richmond and a few members of the faculty administrative staff started the 200-mile drive to the scene of the accident to speak with injured students and families.

Eva Robles was visiting from the International Studies Learning Center in South Gate, Calif. As a part of the Spring Preview Plus program she was paired with a student, Marisol Serrato, whose twin sister Marisa was on the bus that crashed.

Robles described how Serrato handled the news of the crash from the time she arrived on campus.

“She just laid down in bed. Marisol was slowly losing hope that [Marisa] was alive. The hosts, who are also twins, were devastated,” Robles said. “She was on her phone talking to her family or looking up information on her sister. She was still doing that the next morning when our hosts suggested we go to the beach. I went, but she didn’t want to. By the time we got back she was gone. That was the last we saw of her.”

Serrato left HSU on Friday to reunite with her family. It was later discovered that her sister Marisa was one of the 10 who perished in the accident.

At 10 a.m. Friday morning, Vice President of Student Affairs Peg Blake gave a press conference to brief the public about what they had learned in the 16 hours since the crash happened. She confirmed that one of the victims taken to the hospital was 26-year-old HSU admissions officer Arthur Arzola, who succumbed to his injuries overnight.

“Art had a magical personality, people were drawn to him. He had only been working with us for a year, but he

had been working in the L.A. area public schools for several years. [He] was well-loved and well-respected in the schools that he interacted with,” Blake said. “He was a people person, students were drawn to him. He was bright, talented, articulated, with a heart as big as the world.”

Blake said Friday’s Spring Preview events were scheduled to go ahead as planned, as Arzola would have wanted. Students took guided tours of the university and learned about campus life through the various school clubs tabling in the quad.

Even so, students couldn’t help but feel guilty.

“We felt we didn’t deserve to have fun while other people were suffering, and going to the beach while other students were in the hospital,” Robles said.

By that afternoon, investigators had determined the identities of eight of the 10 casualties. Three were chaperones and five were Spring Preview Plus students. The names of the FedEx driver and the bus driver were not known until Saturday night.

Friday evening, Preview Plus students got an email from Colegrove-Raymond saying that in light of the accident the weekend would be cut short and the students would be driven home after breakfast the following morning.

Reactions to the news were mixed.

Kenneth Sampay, visiting from Crenshaw high school, wished he had been able to see more of HSU.

“Honestly I didn’t want to go home early. My cousin was showing us around. She took me and my friend and took us into the community into Humboldt. I would’ve appreciated staying later,” Sampay said.

Another student, Emily Pinto, of Birmingham Charter high school, said she was glad to go home early.

“I felt happy because it meant I got to see my mom sooner,” Pinto said. “Ever since we found out I’d been having anxiety attacks.”

Spring Preview was created to give students a chance to see what their life in college could be like, an opportunity to experience the campus and meet the students they could be taking classes with.

Even though Friday’s events went ahead as planned, it was impossible to ignore what had happened.

“We tried to have fun by taking a hike through the forest,” Robles said. “But there was really nothing else we could talk about except the crash.”

<p>Michelle Green freshman, communication major</p> <p>“There’s a great community at HSU that is willing to help the victims’ families out in any way that they can.”</p>	<p>Steven Bentley sophomore, communication major</p> <p>“It’s a horrible tragedy that I wish and pray doesn’t happen again.”</p>	<p>Cole Chapman sophomore, art education major</p> <p>“It’s hard to even comprehend why someone would lose their life at such a young age. I give the victims’ families my biggest condolences.”</p>
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A colorful poster for Humboldt Glassblowers. At the top, two orange hands hold a banner that says "Humboldt Glassblowers". Below this, in large yellow letters, is "20% off" followed by "April 18th - 20th" in smaller yellow letters. A note in parentheses says "(normal restrictions apply)". Further down, it says "2nd Annual Raffle in Arcata 4.20" and "Free Entry (w/min. purchase of \$4.20)". At the bottom, it says "Prize every hour on the :20" and lists two locations: "815 9th St Arcata, 822-7420" and "214 E. St Eureka, 288-5511".

A collage-style advertisement for Arcata Pizza & Deli. It features images of a pepperoni pizza, three milkshakes (one white, one chocolate, one brown), a large burger with lettuce and onion, and a tray of french fries. Text overlays include "NOW SERVING MILKSHAKES!", "OPEN LATE" in a red and green neon sign, and the hours: "M. - T. 11 AM-MIDNIGHT", "FRI. & SAT. 11 AM-1 AM", "SUN. 11AM-11PM". The address "1057 H STREET" and phone number "707-822-4650" are also displayed. A small sign for "ARCATA pizza & deli 822-4650" is visible in the background.

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The second bus from LA was hit by a FedEx tractor trailer driven by 32-year-old Tim Evans.


At least one student on the first bus from LA found out about the accident.

Other students on the first bus began to find out about the crash of the second bus while driving in and out of cell reception on Highway 299.


The first bus from LA arrived at HSU.



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The FedEx truck was southbound on the I-5.

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The Nissan and the bus were both headed north in the fast lane.

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The truck crossed the median and side-swiped the sedan, which was forced onto the shoulder. The truck then collided head-on with the tour bus.

4

The bus and the FedEx truck came to rest facing east in the right-hand shoulder of I-5. Both vehicles were engulfed in flames.



Taco Bell employee James Benjamin Cruse described the crash “I heard tires popping. The crash sounded like explosions.”



Brandon Collins

freshman, kinesiology major

“Nothing can bring back the lives of those who passed away.”

Payton Kirwan

junior, zoology major

“I don’t know how to put words toward my feelings about the accident. I think the school could create a memorial for the victims of the crash.”

Sergio Fitch

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“It’s a very tragic loss for HSU and especially for the Latino community.”

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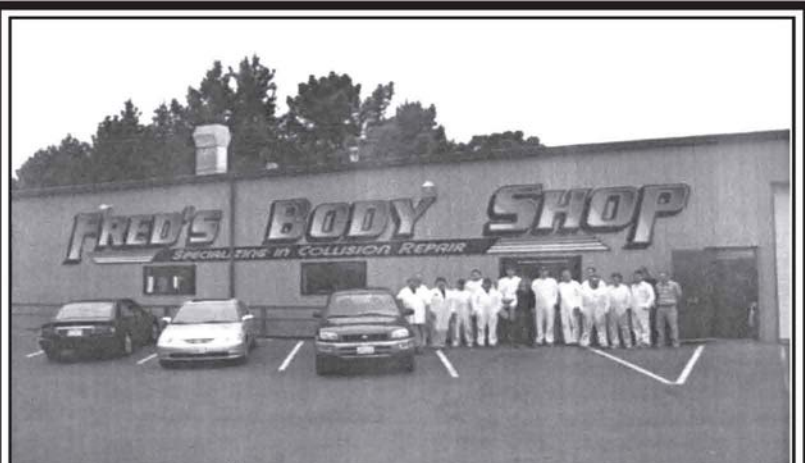
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Admitted Dorsey High students cope with the loss of childhood friend



From left to right: Selena Santiago, Stephanie Negrete, Lourdes Farias and Fancisco Benitez with Jennifer Bonilla. | Photo provided by Stephanie Negrete

Dorsey High School seniors Ariana Osorio and Stephanie Negrete were nearing Humboldt State for Spring Preview on Thursday around 6 p.m. when a student across the aisle on their bus received a panicked phone call from a family friend.

A second bus, carrying low-income high school students from the Los Angeles area that left about an hour after theirs, collided with a FedEx truck on the I-5 North in Orland, Calif. Osorio and Negrete's close friend and schoolmate Jennifer Bonilla was onboard and her condition was unknown.

"I thought 'oh no she's on that bus,'" Osorio said.

Bonilla was seated by the window in the fourth row.

When students approached the chaperones about the call, they were told it was only a minor accident.

But as passengers reached for their smart phones, they were confronted with horrific photos of billowing flames and the mangled steel.

"We saw the explosions all over Facebook and Twitter, it was too much," Osorio said. "She was sitting in the front so we were freaking out."

As news spread, families of students on both busses desperately dialed their loved ones.

"Ever since the crash my family and friends were calling me," Negrete said.

Her father Vicente Negrete works day and night inside a kitchen and did not hear the news until the next morning.

"I was working all day when it happened," Vicente Negrete said. "I didn't find out about it until the next day when I picked up a paper and saw it on the front page. [Seeing that] was traumatizing."

Negrete immediately picked up the phone and called Stephanie but she didn't answer.

"I imagined the worst. I was full of desperation," he said.

After a few more tries, his daughter picked up.

"I was really happy. One appreciates life more when something like this happens," Negrete said.

The remaining bus from Los Angeles and a second bus from the Bay Area arrived at HSU Thursday night, where the students were briefed on the tragedy by HSU president Rollin Richmond.

When Bonilla was reported to be one of the missing passengers, Osorio and Negrete distanced themselves from the other students to grieve and privately hold out hope for their lost

friend.

"We wanted to be alone so we could cry and pray that she was still alive," Osorio said.

Negrete and Bonilla had shared a sisterly bond since elementary school and Osorio joined their group when they all attended Audubon Middle School in Los Angeles.

The college-bound trio remained friends through high school and planned to continue their education together at HSU.

But what should have been a memorable precursor on their journey to adulthood now seemed meaningless.

"Humboldt was beautiful, but it was very hard being there without her," Negrete said. "When I was walking through the forest all I thought was 'Jenny would love this.'"

On Friday night, Bonilla remained missing but Melvin Harris, who sat next to her on the bus, was reported to be alive and recovering from injuries.

In an interview with CBS Los Angeles, Harris described his treacherous escape from the burning bus.

"When it hit, I couldn't hear anything for a few seconds, I looked up and saw I was bleeding," Harris said. "We broke the windows because that was the only way out."

Harris said that he called for Bonilla to follow him out of the bus, but was unsure if she could hear him.

She did not escape and was eventually identified as one of the 10 victims of the crash.

"She was so kind and sweet," Osorio said. "She was really hoping to go to Humboldt, I just can't believe it."

Due to the traumatic circumstances, students were loaded back on to another set of busses and sent home early on Saturday morning.

"When I found out they were taking us home early, I was happy to be with my family and friends," Negrete said.

However, Osorio said she felt torn between grieving and experiencing the type of trip Bonilla had envisioned.

"I wanted to go home but then again I wanted to keep adventuring," she said.

Negrete said she is still considering attending University of California Santa Cruz. However, despite the trauma the soon-to-be high school graduates lived through, all three students said they would still like to attend HSU next Fall.

"I still want to go. The accident is heartbreaking, but I still love Humboldt," Osorio said. "And I'm going to work my ass off in honor of Jenny."

Humanitarian lives on through others



Arthur Arzola during his first year as an HSU admissions counselor. | Photo from HSU website

Arthur Arzola led by example. Born in Los Angeles, the 26-year-old was the first in his family to go to college. He dedicated his young life to the advancement of Latino youths through education. Arzola worked as an admissions counselor at Humboldt State and reached out to first-generation and low-income students in the greater Los Angeles Area. “He would talk about his experiences and how much fun I would be having,” said Segerstrom High School student Yomyra Mora. “He also never failed to mention how friendly everyone was. Basically, he was the one who sealed the deal for my attendance at HSU.” The recently married humanitarian is survived by his wife Krystal Arzola who he attended church with every Sunday. In honor of his commitment to students, HSU created the Arthur Arzola Memorial Scholarship which will be awarded to first-generation and low-income students attending the university from the L.A. area. Arzola placed great importance on receiving a college education and was one month away from earning his master’s degree from the University of La Verne. He was also an active member and past president of his fraternity Lambda Theta Phi and worked with his fraternity brothers and his fellow students to create strong leader-

ship and support programs. Although Arzola focused his recruitment efforts on young Latino males, he still affected the lives of many different people, like prospective HSU student Kenneth Sampay. “When I met Arthur, I didn’t have a consent form and he gave me one. He was trying to help everyone,” Sampay said. Despite working for HSU for only a year and a half, he made an immediate impact through hard work and a positive attitude. HSU recently admitted the largest number of Latino students in the school’s history for the fall 2014 semester. “He always had a smile on his face. Always very positive with a sense of humor,” Mora said. “His positivity was radiant and no matter how you were feeling, after having a conversation with him you’d feel good about life and future college career.” Assistant Director of Admissions Romi Hitchcock-Tinseth described Arzola as powerful, influential and gentle and often referred to him as an honorary graduate of HSU. “His passion and his commitment will absolutely live on because it was right here,” Hitchcock-Tinseth said as she pointed to her heart. “It’s going to motivate me everyday to make Arthur proud. Arthur saw the best in people, and he believed in them.”

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The meaning of love

Couple shared love with each other and those around them



Michael Myvett and Mattison Haywood at the HSU quad. | Photo provided by family

Michael Myvett and Mattison Haywood's relationship was the definition of love. A look at the photos of them together will show you passion, trust, companionship, joy, laughter and love.

Myvett proposed to Haywood last Christmas in front of the Louvre Museum in Paris.

Brandan McCullen, a close friend of Myvett during his time at Humboldt State said the two were perfect together.

"They literally made each other better. They completely complemented each other and pushed each other to focus on their goals," McCullen said. "What made them a great couple is they made everyone realize that fairy tales do come true. They showed everyone that knew them what true love was and that it exists."

Myvett and Haywood met each other in 2006 and after the first year of their relationship Myvett knew he wanted to marry Haywood.

"Mattison drew as if angels guided her hands. [Myvett] wasn't as graceful but he appreciated art as much as she did. They were both avid readers, loved do-it-yourself projects and they enjoyed cooking together," McCullen said.

Trinice Hayes Sampson is a cousin of Myvett's mother and spoke on behalf of Myvett's mother and grandmother. She expressed how he was passionate about helping disadvantaged youth recognize the fact that they could go to college and make changes in their life.

"The story of his life is just so powerful. He was passionate about helping kids get to college," Sampson said.

Despite growing up in South Central Los Angeles, he was able

to avoid involvement in negative situations thanks to his mother and grandmother Tamiko and Debra Loyd.

"Michael saw a lot of stuff, looking at people coming from dysfunctional families, he knew he was blessed," Sampson said. "He was blessed because he had a support system compared to most youth around him. Through this, he was able to rise above the environment and make something of himself."

Myvett attended HSU in 2003, graduated with his first degree in psychology in 2007 and got a second degree in studio art in 2009. He was planning on coming back to HSU to get his master's degree.

He enjoyed HSU because it was a change in environment for him. He took the Spring Preview trip his senior year of high school and he fell in love with the area and people. After he graduated he then became a chaperone for Spring Preview trips.

"He really stepped into the lives of people to make sure they were included and was always helping people," Sampson said. "He was passionate about helping people."

Jon Marshall was one of Myvett's best friends in Humboldt and also his roommate for five years. Marshall said Myvett was very charming and that had a lot to do with the reason Haywood fell for him.

"His motivation to do well in life was fueled by the love that he had for his grandmother. He loved her very much and did everything to make her happy," Marshall said. "Then later on it was Mattison who drove him, they were so compatible because they shared the same interest."

Haywood is originally from

Chino, Calif. and graduated from Bishop Amat High School. She attended HSU in 2006, then transferred to Concordia University in Irvine, Calif. She graduated there in 2010 with a degree in biology with an emphasis in medicine and had aspirations of becoming a doctor.

Patrice Williams was a good friend of Haywood's during their time at HSU and she described Haywood as a wonderful and fun-loving person.

"You would always see a beautiful smile on her face," Williams said. "She loved dancing, going roller skating, and had a strong love for God."

Williams is a HSU alumni who was also on the Spring Preview trip but was on the other bus that arrived at HSU safely.

"I met Mattison in 2006, it was her freshman year, and my senior year and we were both on the same dance team at HSU. She was a loving and caring person, she was my 'twin' and my dearest friend," Williams said. "She would do anything she could to make you feel loved. She was a true woman of God."

DaVonna Foy is a HSU graduate who knew both Haywood and Myvett during their time at HSU.

"Their love was bred out of a organic friendship," Foy said. "I remember when Mattison left HSU, Michael used to always speak so highly of her. She drew a picture for him before she left, he took really good care of it, he hung it on his wall and everything."

She described how he called her one day and said he wanted to marry Mattison and asked if she would be willing to come with him to see the ring.

"He was very careful in how he did everything. He really went out his way to make everything special for her," Foy said. "Down to asking her parents for her hand in marriage, and saving for over a year to take her to Paris."

As family and friends grieve the loss of these two, their time here on Earth was a shining example of what love can be.

"Their love is an inspiration to us all because it's what we all strive to have," McCullen said. "Meeting them was truly a blessing and an honor."

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EDITORIAL

Reporting on tragedy

The Lumberjack’s experience

On Thursday, a bus crash on Interstate 5 in Orland, Calif. took the lives of five students, three chaperones and two drivers involved. The bus was one of three travelling to Humboldt State for the Spring Preview Plus program.

The accident came as a shock to everyone, even those who didn’t know anyone on the bus personally.

When we heard about the accident, we wanted to speak to those involved in an attempt to make sense of it all.

We sent two reporters and a photographer to the Preview Plus Banquet on Friday to meet the visiting students. Our reporters were to ask the students how they felt about being in Humboldt State in light of the accident.

“I think talking is healing without re-living it,” said Lorna Bryant, a former Preview Plus chaperone. “I’m sure some of them want to have their voice heard, you know, their perspective of everything that happened.”

Our reporters and photographer identified themselves as writers for school paper and made their intentions known at the door. They were let in without question, asked to sign in and enjoy the free food.

Sitting down at a table of Spring Preview students, our reporters asked them how they were feeling and if any of them wanted to talk about what happened. A student agreed.

Before any questions could be asked, Patty O’Rourke-Andrews, associate director of housing, ushered our reporters out with the excuse that The Lumberjack could not be there. She said that it was a sensitive time and that these students were minors who we had no right to interview and who shouldn’t be pestered by reporters.

Within minutes, Associate Vice President for Marketing and Communications Frank Whitlatch was on the phone with

our Editor-in-Chief, falsely accusing our reporters of “falsifying their identities and sneaking into a private event.” Ms. O’Rourke-Andrews had Dean of Students Randi Darnall Burke back up her claims. University Police Department was contacted.

We do not hold her concern for the students in question nor her distrust of the media unfounded.

No one should be harassed and everyone is owed their privacy, especially in a time of mourning. But it is our job to state what happened.

We were those fresh-faced students in that room not that long ago. We use the same social media and speak the same language. We don’t use Twitter to get people to follow our news, we use it to share our lives with each other, tell the same stupid jokes and take selfies — just like they do.

Many of the students we have reached out and spoken to regardless of administrative hurdles confirm that a contingent of them were told that “the media wasn’t supposed to ask [us] questions because we’re minors.”

A member of the press is allowed to speak with a minor as long as the minor gives consent. We simply wanted to give students the opportunity to talk about what happened. If they did not want to talk, we did not pressure them.

When we contacted students through social media platforms it was immediately obvious that we were not the big bad media that had been scrambling to get a story. They spoke to us because they saw that we were like them, shocked at the news of the accident. We weren’t trying to get web traffic or cover the latest tragedy because it’s our job. We did it because these students could have been our classmates and we wanted to know who they were and tell their stories.

“I didn’t know [the victims], but I know

I really appreciate all the attention so far, as I feel they deserve,” said Dixie Blumen-shine a student of Clovis High School.

We wanted to give people an opportunity to deal with what happened by talking about it.

“Thank you for taking the time to do this. You were able to empathize and still be professional. I appreciate that,” said Yomayra Mora, a 17 year-old student at Segerstrom High School.

It is our job as reporters to keep people informed. After the accident the Internet was flooded with coverage from publications all over California, but those at HSU needed coverage specific to them. Sifting through information from 10 to 20 different articles takes time. We were able to use our online website and social media outlets to get necessary information out to Spring Preview hosts and student ambassadors.

“So many of them heard through The Lumberjack actually,” said Marissa Mourer, HOP Director and coordinator for Spring Preview Plus.

As Humboldt State student journalists we have a unique connection to those affected by this tragedy. We could have had and still might have classes with them someday. If anyone is able to connect with them, listen to what they have to say and to really hear their perspective and grief, it’s us — their peers.

When you shut us down, you are not only taking away our voices, but you are taking away the victims’ voices and anyone else who needed to talk about it. We are not in the business of hounding grieving students and we are not in the business of exploiting minors. We are journalists, following the rules we were taught in this school, merely asking potential classmates if they have anything to say.

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

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In the “Inside hall and arts” story, Riley Matsumoto did not say the hallway reminds her of Spongebob Squarepants, that was another student who wasn’t quoted.



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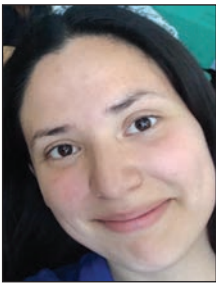
In memoriam

Thursday, April 17 | General support funds

On campus, a remembrance event is scheduled for 12:30 p.m., this Thursday, April 17, on the UC Quad. We will gather as a campus community and an HSU family to honor those who were affected, and to show our care for their friends and families. Later in the day, there will be a candlelight vigil on the UC Quad. The gathering will begin around 5 p.m.

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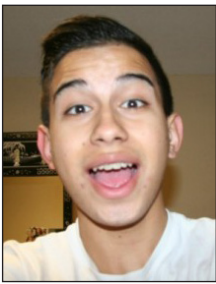
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Arthur Arzola, 26, was an HSU recruiter. He has two support funds that can be found at GoFundMe.



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Live on air

KFRH now on FM

Campus

by Ian Bradley

Radio Free Humboldt will be going live on the FM airwaves at 5 p.m., April 18. The station KFRH, which had previously only been online, will now broadcast on 105.1 and will reach listeners in Arcata, Eureka and parts of Trinidad.

The transition was headed by 21-year-old Alex Fest, a Humboldt State psychology major and broadcast minor.

"I've always been fascinated with the idea of not just being on the air but owning a station," Fest said. "What better way to learn than to take it to the next step."

That next step was applying for a low powered FM broadcast license. Because HSU already has a full-power radio station broadcasting from campus, KHSU, the school was ineligible for another transmitter. In 2010 the FCC passed the Local Community Radio Act which opened the doors for schools like HSU to have low-powered broadcasters as well as full-powered ones.

"I was following it in secret, researching LPFM transmitters on my own when the LCRA passed," Fest said. "I presented the idea to the student managers and Cliff

[Berkowitz]. They thought it was a good idea so we went forward with it."

Berkowitz, the faculty advisor for the KFRH program, said the transition will force a new level of responsibility on KFRH students, as they will now be subject to FCC rules and regulations regarding appropriate content during broadcast hours.

"The students will have to sign a responsibility waiver, and we'll add an FCC standards test they will have to pass before they can broadcast," Berkowitz said. "We have a pretty responsible student body. They take it seriously."

Fest was put in charge of the application process and oversaw the preparation and installation of the transmitter equipment. He had to hire an engineer to perform a feasibility study, determine where to put the transmitter and file the request with the FCC.



Alex Fest and other KFRH DJs table in the UC Quad to promote their new FM tower. | Manuel Orbeagozo

The first step was finding the document that validated KFRH as a university radio station.

"The LPFM app was quite an ordeal," Fest said. "I had to find an old-ass statute from 1913. It was in an almost 1,500 page tome of everything the state legislature did that year. I had to find the one page that established 'Humboldt Normal School.'"

It was decided that the antennae would go on top of the Theater Arts building. It was installed

on Thursday, April 10.

Kenneth Ayoob, dean of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences said he had considered putting KFRH on the air years ago but that it was too impractical. He said the change can only benefit the radio broadcast program, and that he has absolute faith in the students.

"It's been a quantum leap in the education the students get, going from online to broadcast," Ayoob said. "They're students but

they're learning to be professionals."

Fest, who is graduating next spring, said he plans to stay involved in radio, but won't reveal much more than that.

"I'd like to find a city to live in and build my dream radio station," Fest said. "I don't know where yet. Somewhere that needs me."

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The Arcata Fire Department responded to an emergency over an electrical shortage in the Theater Arts building. | Louis Ramirez

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Revamped Bias Education Initiative

New plan is put in play

Campus

by Javier Rojas

Students or staff who have felt disrespected or harassed now have a new voice here on campus.

The Bias Education Initiative is relaunching at Humboldt State this semester. The initiative is based out of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion and its plan is to support those who have experienced or witnessed any act of bias.

A bias incident may be anything — physical, spoken or written acts of abuse, violence or harassment. An incident can occur whether the act is intentional or unintentional and is directed toward an individual or group.

The initiative was first brought to HSU in fall 2011 and it became the first California State University to have a bias response team. While new CSU-wide policies shut down the program for a year this also led to the program centering more on education.

Bias education coordinator and sociology professor Jennifer Eichstedt said the new initiative will push to inform students and faculty of bias education while still supporting those students who have faced bias incidents and hate crimes.

"Our plan is to educate students and staff on bias events that might occur in or outside the classroom," Eichstedt said. "When people ask 'how do we act in bias situations and what do we do?' we want people to know this is a welcoming and safe campus that will support you."

One other difference from the old initiative is the bias response team which used to consist of seven to eight people is now two.

"With two people it's easier to monitor incidents then it was back then with a team," Eichstedt said. "We want to keep things confidential with reports and protect the identity of those being targeted."

Sheila Rocker Heppe works with the Bias Education Initiative and is also the director of Extended

Education on campus. Heppe has worked with the program since its inception and is working toward informing more people about it.

"We are working more and more on educating the language of bias education," Heppe said. "I don't think we can move on in education if we have certain barriers in the classroom. We need to make sure we help have more dialogue on this so people know where to go and what to do."

The Bias Education Initiative also teamed up with the student-led program Check It, which helps bring awareness to sexual violence and stalking on campus. They have collaborated by having upcoming education bias awareness workshops and a bystander training program.

Another faculty member who is helping with the initiative is Y.E.S. House Coordinator Lorena Boswell who was also with the program since its launch. Boswell sees the new launch as a way to jumpstart the program and spread its message on campus.

"We're at the beginning [of] how to get the word out to make this a powerful source for the staff and community at HSU," Boswell said. "My biggest goal is to see that everyone is aware of the program and everyone knows to communicate when they see or experience bias."

Boswell said educating staff and students on campus will help break through silence about bias incidents that might occur but never get reported.

"We want everyone to feel empowered to speak up when they experience or see bias incidents," Boswell said. "We want people to know there is a place to go and, if we can do it, then we can change the climate of this school."

If you have witnessed or experienced bias you are encouraged to contact the Bias Education email at biaseducation@humboldt.edu, call by phone at (707) 826-BIAS, or stop by the Siemens Hall 209.

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Passing the political baton

Rank voting planned for AS elections

Campus

by Nicole Willared

Associated Students elections are coming up April 22-24 with a new voting process that attempts to give students a better voice.

Rebecca Mclachlan, a 22-year-old wildlife major, said she does not know how to vote in the upcoming AS elections.

"Nobody told me how. I don't know how to vote. I don't know what's going on," Mclachlan said.

Elijah Poppers, AS student elections commissioner, said the new method will help students with the voting process.

"This time, each ballot is personalized because of rank-choice voting," Poppers said. "Students will not need to log on to MyHumboldt to cast their vote. This year, all students will receive a personal email sent to their inbox. Students can vote from there."

Rank-choice voting is a method for students to place three votes at once in order of preference by choosing presidential candidates based on first choice, second choice and third choice.

“Rank-choice voting is great because you can feel you’re not wasting your vote,” Poppers said. “In case somebody doesn’t get a majority vote the first time around we don’t have to go to a runoff election because we have the second and third choice votes.”

Evan Needham, a 29-year-old theater major, does not think voters are as informed as they could be about campus issues.

"I pay attention to national and state politics to feel informed," Needham said. "I don't know what campus issues are and I've never had anything given to me."

Rashod Berkeley, a senior majoring in anthropology, is one of the candidates running for president. He said that more students would be involved in campus politics if they were more connected with the AS council.

"I want to work on communication between council and

students,” Berkley said. “With different outreach methods like more banners, use of KRFH as a resource to inform students on issues and utilize video production.”

Tsolak Kirakosyan, a 22-year-old psychology major, is also running for AS president. Although this is Kirakosyan's first time running for council, he is enthusiastic about improving the way AS communicates with the student body.

"If AS is supposed to be the voice of the student body, it doesn't make sense that so few students know what AS does," Kirakosyan said. "Rather than just posting the AS council meeting minutes on the website, I want a newsletter that would say what was actually discussed. It would be nice to have a blog on the AS website, a conversational approach to the students."

Forst Ercole enjoyed his time as president and recounts the improvements to student life on campus he helped pass.

"We plan to break ground on [remodeling] The Depot at the end of the semester," Ercole said. "Plus, Founders Hall has not had a computer access lab for students. Now, the campus is turning room 128 in Founders Hall into a computer lab and should be ready for student use by fall."

Nonetheless, Ercole is disappointed that expanding campus parking underground would cost millions and said this small campus cannot afford that.

"Parking is an issue that is near and dear to me," Ercole said. "If I could stress something to the next AS, it's to continue to focus on parking, because although we made headway, parking is something we haven't solved."

New AS candidates have their own set of issues they want to address like sexual assault prevention and funding for diversity groups on campus.

Jerry Dinzes, a 35-year-old senior majoring in environmental planning, is currently a non-voting member on the AS council and will be running for

president.

Becoming AS president would be a step up for Dinzes and would allow him to decide what issues are dealt with, as opposed to just bringing the issues to the table for consideration.

"Any student who tells you they are going to fix the parking problem is out of their mind," Dinzes said. "I would like to see issues through, related to sexual assault prevention and fight against having to sign up for financial aid debit cards."

Kirakosyan is a part of the LGBTQ community and president of the queers & allies council. He would like to see more done for student groups.

“My platform is to increase funding and visibility of the diversity programs on campus,” Kirakosyan said. “Programs like the Multicultural Center, the Women’s Resource Center and the Eric Rufus Queer Resource Center are funded by AS and these programs need to be seen and funded.”

Also on the ballot is a proposed \$6 AS fee increase. Associated Students says they will need to increase their fees by 16 percent over the next two years. This comes as a result of California's minimum wage increase. AS will have to subsidize the cost of student wage increase and is looking to a fee referendum as the solution.

While all these issues will be important, there are some students who would just like to see some simpler things done on campus. Amy Lester, 21, had a couple of suggestions.

"I want to see more food options or another coffee shop put on campus. The Depot is too loud and the library is too crowded so I prefer to study at Starbucks in McKinleyville," Lester said. "And I would like to see more organized music shows and student performances in the quad."

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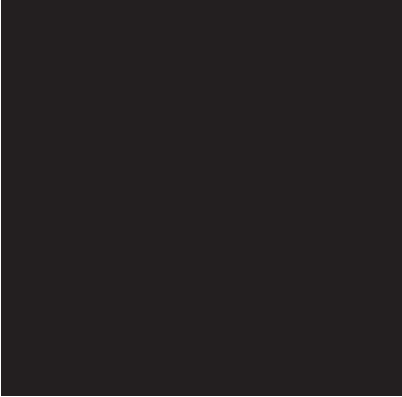
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Nuestra Voz

Nuestra Voz es una sección donde planteamos una pregunta para presentar la opinión de los estudiantes. Debido a los recientes acontecimientos, hemos decidido dejar esta sección en blanco con los nombres de las personas que murieron en el trágico accidente el pasado jueves 10 de abril. En nombre de todo el personal latina/o de esta publicación, simpatizamos con las familias y amigos de las víctimas y los afectados porque alguna vez estuvimos en su posición. Nadie podria haber estado preparado para este acontecimiento. Nosotros también sufrimos con ustedes.

Nuestra Voz is a section where we usually ask a question to students in order to get their opinion. In light of recent events we have decided to leave this section blank with only the names of the people who died in the crash. We acknowledge that our community has lost some of its young voices. As an all Latina/o staff we sympathize with the family and friends of all affected because we were once in their position. None could have been prepared for such an event. As you grieve know that we also grieve with you.



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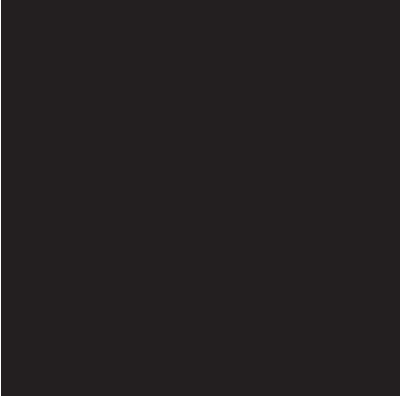
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Rise to excellence

In honor of those we lost

Opinión

por: Shareen McFall

I knew them, is the resounding echo of a bang heard bouncing off the broken pavements, paletero trucks, bus stops and a family's paper-thin walls.

Walls so thin you could hear a cellphone ring in the next room and listen as the muffled voice from a person in a newsroom asks, “May I speak to the survivor.” They don’t know survival is a term that is all too common to us.

In the Southern Calif. that we come from, our education is a ticket to freedom. Yet being a first-generation comes with its struggles. As students boarded the bus at dawn they carried their families’ dreams on their shoulders. I know because I did too at one time.

I may not completely

comprehend a parent’s loss but I do know what it means to get a call from my grandmother telling me to sit while the walls felt like they were spinning and I was told my god-father had been found dead.

He was the one who walked me down the aisle for my quinceanera. I always thought he would be here for my graduation.

I know the feeling of the world moving so fast under your feet you let gravity consume you into the ground as you grieve. The helplessness of being too far away from home and thinking that maybe if I was there it would have been different.

To the families and friends of the students who were just on their way to visit HSU for spring preview all I can say is lo siento.

Lo siento, because I’m sorry for their loss. Lo

siento, because I can feel their hurt. Lo siento, because brown bodies like ours are already confined behind four walls and bars, and we can’t afford to add another to our human gardens. Lo siento, because we really can’t afford to lose our hope.

In our community we know pain as it flickers through the street corner candles tinted with santos and crosses laid like Xs on the ground.

As we spoke over the phone my mother remembered the day too. She said, “four years ago you were doing the same thing, looking for a better future.”

I can remember the awe and excitement I felt as we entered Northern Calif. I could only compare it to images on the big screen and kept wondering when a vampire or werewolf would cross my path.

To the survivors I say rise. From this moment forward it will seem like it will never get easier but you need to keep rising and reaching for what may seem impossible.

I hope to see some of you next year walking to Don’s at 3 in the morning just because you can. I can’t wait for you to experience the effect that four years away from home can have on you. When I go back to South Central and East LA it all seems a little grayer. My perspective of the world is different because I was given the opportunity to leave and see the greater picture. You will know what I mean once you leave.

It may sound selfish now but listen to me when I say that you should come here with an open mind. Humboldt literally grows on you. Commit to a major because you like it, not because your family wants you to be a doctor or lawyer.

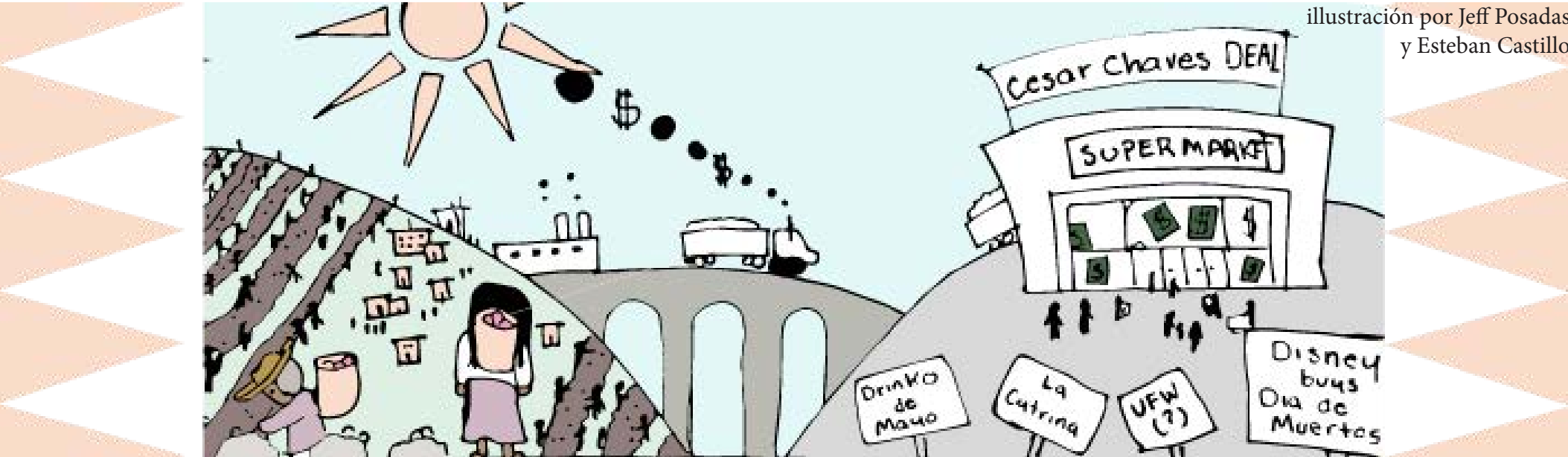
This is your time and it will seem to pass so fast.

If you are awkward like I am and not prone to hang out with the cliques up here, it’s ok, you don’t have to and I don’t either. Find your people or a good book. Personally I like the kids who sit quietly and listen because they are the smartest ones.

There are some events in life we can’t change but you should take ownership of the ones you can.

We are all just looking for a better future.

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No hay respeto al respeto

La comercialización de tradiciones y costumbres pone en riesgo a la cultura

Opinión

por: Manuel J. Orbeagozo

El restaurancito mexicano más cercano a mi casa solía tener exuberantes jaranas cada cinco de mayo. Las bebidas se vendían con descuentos atractivos y los borrachitos sudaban, se desesperaban, y avergonzaban con sus desvaríos. Las parejas, algunas felices en su estado ligero, bailaban al son de Hector Lavoe, unos con destreza, otros con insípida pasión, pero todos bajo las mirada lascivas de un grupo de fieras en busca de parejas pasajeras.

Siempre me pregunté por qué tanto alboroto. ¿Por qué despilfarrar dinero y alcohol se había vuelto popular en aquel día? ¿Que celebraban exactamente esos individuos y por qué?

Nadie, ni siquiera mis amigos más cultos (creía yo), me pudieron dar una elocuente respuesta.

La independendencia de México, dijeron algunos.

Some mexican shit, dijeron otros mientras la chapita de su Corona recién abierta chocaba contra la mayólica. Fue así que comprobé que la ignorancia es el más atrevido de los males.

Tras esa noche dejé de prestarle atención no solo a esa fecha, también a los participantes que poca ayuda les podía brindar. Ahora solo me indigno cuando veo a instituciones o negocios promocionar dichos días festivos sin el respeto debido ni el conocimiento imprescindible y adecuado que merece cualquier festividad latina.

En los últimos tiempos el respeto a las creencias y tradiciones populares parece desvanecerse cada vez que una entidad amenaza con monetizar la fiesta. La venta de estereotipos y conceptos equivocados no es más que un insulto a la cultura, historia y costumbres de las gentes, pueblos, y personajes que viven o vivieron el momento con efervescencia.

Y es que al parecer ni los muertos se salvan del neoliberalismo luciferino.

El año pasado, la compañía Disney intentó privatizar los derechos de la celebracion prehispánica de Día de Muertos.

La fiesta popular, arraigada en el corazón del misticismo mesoamericano, estuvo acechada por una inminente explotación desmesurada que prometía ponerle precio al culto.

El folklore se había vuelto una moda popular. Mentiría al decir que no siento un poco de nauseas al ver tantas “Catrinas” juntas en esa fecha.

La gente que conoce el simbolismo de la Catrina diría que no es más que una sátira en contra del mal burgués mexicano, ese que tanto daño hizo durante el porfiriato. Dirían que la fiesta no se basa en asimilar al muerto, y si que recordar al difunto es motivo único de celebración.

Si alguno pretende pagar tributo a los muertos

maquillándose la cara como una Catrina, le recomiendo que primero vaya a Pomuch a ver como los vivos lavan y decoran los huesos de sus seres queridos con tanto amor, respeto y devoción.

La desconsideración que se tiene a muchas de nuestras tradiciones en este país no es nada nuevo.

Un par de semanas atrás me topé con un pequeño poster promocionando la apertura del comedor estudiantil “J” el 31 de mayo, en honor a Cesar Chávez por su día.

Me pregunté si esta no era más que una estrategia de negocios para no dejar ganar en días feriados.

Si bien el 31 de mayo conmemora al líder sindicalista, como dijo Arturo Rodriguez en su presentacion del lunes, el no estaria tan complacido con ello. Y es que su obra no hubiera sido posible sin el gran esfuerzo de las personas que lucharon por los derechos de las gentes sencillas, víctimas del trabajo no valorado.

No me pareció digno utilizar la imagen del hombre abnegado que fue Chávez, ya que dicha estrategia de marketing en sí no refleja los valores que representó. Al no honrar al trabajador, tampoco se honraba su memoria. Y justamente Chávez dijo que la lucha no es siempre con los frutos, si no más bien con el trabajador.

Días en que se celebran los logros y tradiciones latinoamericanas puede ser para alguien ajeno a ellas un simple motivo para tomar en exceso, generar ganancias o no asistir a la escuela.

Es importante conocer la historia detrás de cada costumbre y tradición que deseemos practicar y no caer en estereotipos de espíritu mercantilista, así como es necesario mostrar el debido respeto hacia una cultura o ideología. Es lo correcto y lo justo.

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Justicia para la tierra, la gente y la comunidad

Como la polución puede ser opresión

Artículo de fondo

por: Adrian Barbuzza

Marissa López, estudiante de primer año, creció cerca a una autopista y a una fábrica que contaminaba el aire con humos tóxicos. No podía respirar.

El año pasado López asistió al preestreno de primavera (Spring Preview) de la Universidad Estatal Humboldt (HSU) y se dió cuenta que era más fácil respirar en el norte que en el sur de California.

En su primer año en HSU, López estudia estudios críticos de raza, género y sexualidad (CRGS). Ella recuerda su primer reconocimiento del daño al medio ambiente y cómo le afectaba a la gente de color y gente de comunidades humildes. Su ciudad natal, El Sereno, es un poblado en el este de Los Angeles con una gran población latina de bajos recursos.

El reconocimiento nació en el segundo año de la preparatoria, en lo cual fue evidente a López

López reconoció el daño al medio ambiente cuando cursaba su segundo año de secundaria en la escuela Woodrow Wilson y se percató que vivía de en un desierto de comida.

Un desierto de comida no es un lugar escaso de comida, al contrario significa que hay demasiada comida que no es saludable, mientras la comunidad no tiene acceso a comida saludable y orgánica.

Estudiantes y maestros se aliaron para cultivar un jardín comunal en la escuela y promover una vida saludable y conectada con la tierra. La escuela tuvo que discontinuar el jardín porque la tierra estaba llena de tóxicos. Como el jardín, la escuela cortó el agua de unas fuentes porque la tubería estaba vieja.

“La escuela siempre nos daban una excusa. Con el jardín fueron los químicos tóxicos que estaban en la tierra. Con las fuentes de agua, que las tubería estaban viejas. Pero sabíamos que no iban arreglar el problema pronto,” dijo López.

El poder y privilegio

son llaves a la educación, sistema político, y al estatus económico.

“Frecuentemente gente de bajo recursos no tienen el mismo nivel de educación ni contactos en el gobierno. Esto lo hace más difícil para organizar,” dijo Kathleen Lee, profesora de ciencias políticas en HSU.

Lee explica que las industrias que contaminan el medio ambiente utilizan

“Cuando creces cerca una autopista, una población pesadamente popularidad, y grande compañías que tiran humos tóxicos en el aire es la razón que es tan difícil respirar día a día,” dijo Marissa Lopez.

el argumento del pollo antes del huevo para sus justificar sus acciones. Una excusas es que la gente que vive en áreas contaminadas de por sí ya carecen de buena salud.

“No ves plantas de polución en los suburbios de gente burguesa. Ves esas plantas de polución en comunidades de baja recursos,” dijo Lee.

“Mi padre me recogió de la escuela y me dijo que me tapara la nariz y la boca hasta que llegáramos a el hospital,” dijo Daniela Martinez, estudiante de HSU.

Martínez estaba en la guardería cuando la fábrica de Chevron en Richmond explotó por primera vez. La fábrica de Chevron en Richmond ha explotado tres veces. Richmond, como El Sereno, es un area de

de Chevron dejar que la planta se explotará que hacer los arreglos apropiados.

Es difícil obtener Justicia en estos desastres que afectan la tierra, el aire, el agua, y las comunidades.

“Sí hay comunidades que previenen la polución pero estas compañías solamente se mudan a otra área para contaminarla,” dijo Lee.

López piensa que es necesario educar a la gente para desarrollar un cambio social.

“La gente de la comunidad no debe ser dependientes de los grandes mercados o las grandes compañías, pero por nuestras comunidades propias,” dijo López.

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Summary of spanish articles

Justice for the earth, the people and the community

Feature

by: Adrian Barbuzza

Marrisa Lopez a first year student at HSU become aware of environmental racism in her second year of high school. Living in a food desert, an area with limited access to healthy food, Lopez felt compelled to act by the economic and social inequality. A student teacher alliance built a garden on campus to promote green living but was removed due to toxic chemicals in the soil.

HSU political science professor Kathleen Lee explains how polluting industries justify establishing business in low income neighborhoods. The industries response to environmental damage affecting human populations is that those people are in poor health anyways.

Second year HSU student Daniela Martinez experienced first hand how companies allow

contamination of the environment because of cost efficiency. Martinez grew and went to school near the Chevron factory in Richmond which has been allowed to explode because it was cheaper to explode then fix. Community empowerment through education and promoting green living Lopez feels can bring about the social change to remedy these injustices to the environment, people, and communities.

No respect

Opinion

by: Manuel J. Orbegozo

I remember almost every cinco de mayo since I moved to the U.S. ten years ago.

It’s always been a memorable day, but not exactly for the right reasons.

I would get embarrassed every time I saw people who didn’t seem to know exactly why they celebrated.

To me it was like these groups of people, I would categorize as buffoons, used it as an excuse to drink heavily.

When it got to celebrating Día de Muertos, I would

often get angry when the streets got clogged up with women, children, and men wearing La Catrina make-up, as a proof that this tradition had been marketized.

When Cesar Chavez day happened this year, I wondered whether the HSU J diner was actually paying honor to Chavez’s work when they decided to open their cafeteria on the day or if it was just a marketing strategy to avoid losing money on a holiday.

I began to wonder whether people cared about our traditions, our holidays, ergo our people.

Latinoamérica en las noticias



Desde el 12 de febrero, las protestas en Venezuela han dejado un total de 41 personas muertas 9 de ellas eran miembros de la Guardia Nacional y más de 2000 personas han sido detenidas. Además el gobierno de Venezuela está investigando a 97 miembros de las fuerzas armadas por supuestas torturas y maltratos contra las personas que fueron detenidas. **Venezuela, Caracas**



Un autobús turístico en Veracruz deja más de 33 muertos después que el vehículo se incendió al estrellarse con un camión que estaba estacionado. **México**



Los Yasunidos recolectaron más de 755.000 firmas para proteger el parque nacional Yasuni, en Ecuador. Este parque nacional es muy importante para la gente de Ecuador ya que es uno de los lugares más ricos en biodiversidad del mundo, y también es uno de lugares más utilizados por el gobierno ecuatoriano ya que esa tierra es rica en petróleo. **Quito, Ecuador**



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El presidente de la Unión de Campesinos se hace presente en HSU

Feature

por: Manuel J. Orbegozo



Rodriguez en el teatro Van Duzer

Arturo S. Rodriguez, el sucesor de Cesar Chávez, visitó el campus el lunes por la tarde para inaugurar la semana de Justicia en el Medio Ambiente.

El president de la Unión de Campesinos se reunió con alumnos en salon Kate Buchanan previo a su presentación en el teatro Van Duzer.

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Rodriguez habló sobre la historia del sindicato, enfocándose en los derechos de los trabajadores que muy a menudo son menospreciados.

“Cesar no estaría muy contento con un día en su nombre,” dijo Rodriguez. “El quería que reconozcan también a todos los trabajadores que lo apoyaron en la causa.”

Rodriguez se refirió a la tragedia del jueves pasado, en el cual fallecieron 10 personas, cinco de

ellas estudiantes de secundaria.

“Como ellos, yo también fui el mayor de mis hermanos y el primero en ir a la universidad,” dijo Rodriguez.

Despues de su presentación, Rodriguez se reunió con los estudiantes en el centro multicultural para conversar con ellos y responder algunas preguntas.

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Mi cocina, mi sazón



Sweet Avocado Ice Cream

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- 1 Cup white sugar
- 1 Cup whipping cream, whipped
- 4 Eggs
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- 1 (14 ounce) Can sweetened condensed milk
- 3 Cups whole milk, divided

1. Place the avocado, lime juice, and sugar into a food processor. Cover, and puree until smooth; set aside. Beat whipping cream in a large glass or metal mixing bowl until medium peaks form. Lift your beater or whisk straight up: the tip of the peak formed by the whipped cream should curl over slightly.

2. Beat the eggs lightly in a saucepan, stir in the evaporated milk, condensed milk, and 1 cup whole milk. Heat over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until simmering. Continue simmering until very hot, 5 to 7 minutes. Remove from heat and cool slightly. Stir in the avocado mixture and the remaining 2 cups milk. Use a rubber spatula or wire whisk to fold 1/3 of the whipped cream into the avocado mixture. Gently run the spatula through the center of the bowl, then around the sides of the bowl, repeating until fully incorporated. Add the remaining whipped cream, folding just until incorporated. Cover and refrigerate until cold.

3. Pour the chilled mixture into an ice cream maker and freeze according to manufacturer's directions until it reaches "soft-serve" consistency. Transfer ice cream to a one or two quart lidded plastic container; cover surface with plastic wrap and seal. For best results, ice cream should ripen in the freezer for at least 1 hour or overnight.

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Jacks win Tournament of Champions

Softball

by Javier Rojas

After six long seasons, the Humboldt State softball team can once again call themselves winners of the Tournament of Champions.

HSU made sure they wouldn't make it seven losing seasons as sophomore Liz Perez threw a five-hit shutout propelling them to a 4-0 win over Sonoma State.

The Jacks were the last team standing after they won six of seven games at the tournament in Turlock, Calif. The annual tournament has been around for 13 years and HSU has performed well, winning the event a conference best five times.

The championship game was a meeting of two of the better teams in the California Collegiate Athletic Association. Sonoma State entered Sunday's matchup as the winners of 14 straight games.

Coach Shelli Sarchett said that the team's mindset entering the tournament was to get back on top of the standings.

"We knew that we had to play these teams hard and come out strong," Sarchett said. "We had to get back at the top and we have to prove that we do belong there."

Sarchett said the pivotal moment in the tournament was a loss to Western Oregon on Friday.

"We had lost our intensity and after the game we talked and said 'we can't have this if we're gonna win this tournament,'" Sarchett said.

One of the stars from the series was junior Hannah Williams, who went 8 for 21 at the plate. Williams said the tournament win was a team effort that showed the team deserved to be highly ranked.

"There were other ranked teams there and we competed



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— Shelli Sarchett
Head Softball Coach

right there with them," Williams said.

"Winning this tournament was huge for us moving forward and even with one loss in the tournament we proved a lot."

Junior Dani Randall also contributed to the tournament championship by hitting a three-run home run that gave the Jacks a lead they never relinquished.

Randall said that winning the Tournament of Champions for the first time in six years was a special moment that boosted the team's confidence.

"It's always a good feeling when everyone does their part and es-

pecially when the team has a chance to take the tournament," Randall said.

As the Jacks move forward and return to conference play, Sarchett said they will use the tournament win as a reminder that they can compete with anyone going into the tail end of the season.

"It feels good, we went in there with a goal and came out on top," Sarchett said. "Going forward, it means our confidence level is hitting at the right time and we need this if we want to go far this season."

The Jacks' next game is Friday at 1 p.m. against the UC San Diego Tritons.

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Wednesday April 16
Sci Fi Night ft. Planet of Storms
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Saturday April 26
Random Acts Of Comedy
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Doors at 6 p.m. All ages |Free| w/
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This week at Arcata
Theater Lounge

You’re nobody till somebody loves you?

That can’t be right

by Natalya Estrada

Since the age of five I’ve listened to Dean Martin. The voice, the sound and the simplicity about love molded me into the woman I am today, however there’s one song of his that I absolutely hate. I hate this song because it made me feel incomplete.

“You’re Nobody Till Somebody Loves You.”

Wait ... does that mean I’m nobody? I’m guessing Dino here isn’t referring to family and friends; no he was referring to romance. And to that I say, I am somebody. My relationship status will not define me.

I think of this and directly relate it to conversations with various men and women I’ve met at Humboldt State.

They say things like, “you don’t understand, I can’t fall asleep alone,” and “I feel so alone all the time.” Or the inevitable, “if they reject me it’s because I’m not good enough.”

Not good enough? Good enough for what? Society tells us that if you’re not in a relationship then you’re basically weird, useless, unlovable and unattractive. Forget the fact that you’re getting a college education, or that you’re employed. No, none of those things matter because they didn’t respond to your text, IM or Facebook post.

But you are looking for the one. Kind of like Romeo and Juliet, you want that kind of love. Well if I remember correctly, some girl rejects Romeo before he met



Juliet and then they both spiral into a disturbing, obsessive relationship that ends in bloodshed and suicide.

I’m here to tell you that being alone is good for you. Not just for your mentality, but for your physical being. You learn things about yourself in those rare moments of solitude.

Certainly being in a relationship, a healthy relationship, is also good for you. Where do you draw the line between having a partner and being engulfed by them?

Two years ago I was at a party with a bunch of friends from my Spanish class. I saw my friend David, whom I met freshman year at HSU. Though I hadn’t seen him in a few months, Facebook told me he was in a committed relationship. Im-

mediately I asked, “Hey where’s your girlfriend?”

He looked surprised. “She’s at home, why do you ask?”

I had no idea why I felt the need to ask about his relationship. Perhaps it was just a conversation starter or perhaps I felt compelled to ask him about something my mother would regard as “his other half.” I didn’t answer.

“Why does everyone ask me that?” he asked and then through some hesitation explained why he was at a party without his girlfriend.

He was at the party because he wanted to be. He wasn’t chained to this relationship and no one should be. Just because David had a girlfriend, it didn’t make him a different person. It didn’t mean he was excluded from hanging out with friends.

The problem is people treat relationships like they are binding. You start to blend your life into another’s and suddenly you wonder where your own personality went. You can be an individual, and you certainly can go to parties, events and even the movies alone. Not because you’re pathetic, not because you’ve been rejected but because you, yourself and not anyone else have the power to make your own decisions.

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8 annoying things about working in a coffee shop

Brought to you by a disgruntled barista

by Contessa Ricci

1) *Throwing money*

I am not a stripper. When being rung up, don’t throw your money.

2) *Rude people*

You might be paying \$5 for a coffee drink but keep perspective: if you bought a \$5 meal at a restaurant, you wouldn’t be picky or entitled about it. And if you are picky and entitled, coming here is pointless because we will never make anything

good enough for you. Or maybe if you want it “just right,” you should ask politely, understand it’s a nicety when we go out of our way to do something special for you , and maybe you should leave more than a 10 cent tip you cheap bastard.

3) *“Can I get a rinse?”*

No, because 80 percent of the time it’s a mocha you bought two days ago with extra chocolate, whole milk, and extra whipped cream, finished it in two minutes, and left it in your car without rinsing your triple-your-daily-sugar-intake drink from your travel mug. Do I look like your mother? No, I get minimum wage to deal with you. Rinse your own mug.

4) *“Can you steam honey into it?”*

No! Again, I am not your mother. It is right there, right in front of you, next to the half-n-half and the sugar. You can do it yourself.

5) *“What cakes do you have?”*

Specific to my coffee shop but applicable anywhere selling pastries, desserts, etc. Everything is labeled. READ. If you have a specific question, I will gladly answer it, but I won’t read you everything we have because you don’t want to move your eyeballs.

6) *“Give me a blended mocha with nonfat milk. Oh and make sure there’s no whipped cream.”*

Really? Because whole milk and whipped cream are what’s going to cause weight-gain here. We use a

powder full of chemicals and sugar (but still deemed safe for consumption by the FDA!). Plus all the refined sugar in the chocolate or other sweetener. Worried about gaining weight? Really? Then don’t buy a blended drink!

7) *The health food trends*

Most health food trends are just that — trends. Investing all the funds into obtaining enough stock for our customers is expensive enough, but then to continuously stock for every trend that comes around is just bad business. If it’s still popular then it might be available at our business in a couple years, but until then buy your own milk made with newborn baby tears and lion hearts, put it into your own coffee and stop preaching to me, a counter worker at the bottom of the power chain, about how we should carry your magical elixir.

8) *We are your verbal punching bags*

True, we are your day-time bartenders with fewer tips and you will inevitably tell us about your new diet or your kids.

But when you’re in a bad mood and blow up for waiting five minutes for your drink during a rush and you’re already late, you can STFU. One, don’t make a pit stop when you’re late. Two, I really, truly and genuinely cannot tell you how much I don’t care. We’re working as quickly and efficiently as we can, so if you’re waiting it’s because there are 20 drinks before yours. You don’t get special treatment because you’re cranky. Calm your roll, or make your own coffee.

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Wednesday April 16- Saturday April 19

Humboldt Film Festival

The longest student-run film festival will host its 47th annual event where they will screen films from all around the world. Each night is themed, the first night will feature animation and experimental films, the second night documentary films, the third night narrative films and the last night is reserved for the Best of the Fest awards.

When	Doors open at 6:30
Where	Van Duzer Theatre
Price	\$3 students/\$8 general admission

Wednesday April 16- Tuesday April 22

Godwit Days Spring Migration Bird Festival

Field trips, lectures and workshops will be hosted throughout the week to celebrate the marbled godwit and the spring migration of various bird species. Registration is required for some events and prices vary. Visit the Godwit Days website for more information.

When	Various events all day
Where	Arcata Community Center
Price	prices vary

Friday April 18

KRFH Launch Party

KRFH, Humboldt State’s student-run radio station, will be hosting a launch party to celebrate their move to 105.1 FM. Come check out live music as the station goes on the air at 5 p.m.

When	5:00 pm
Where	T’s Cafe
Price	Free

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