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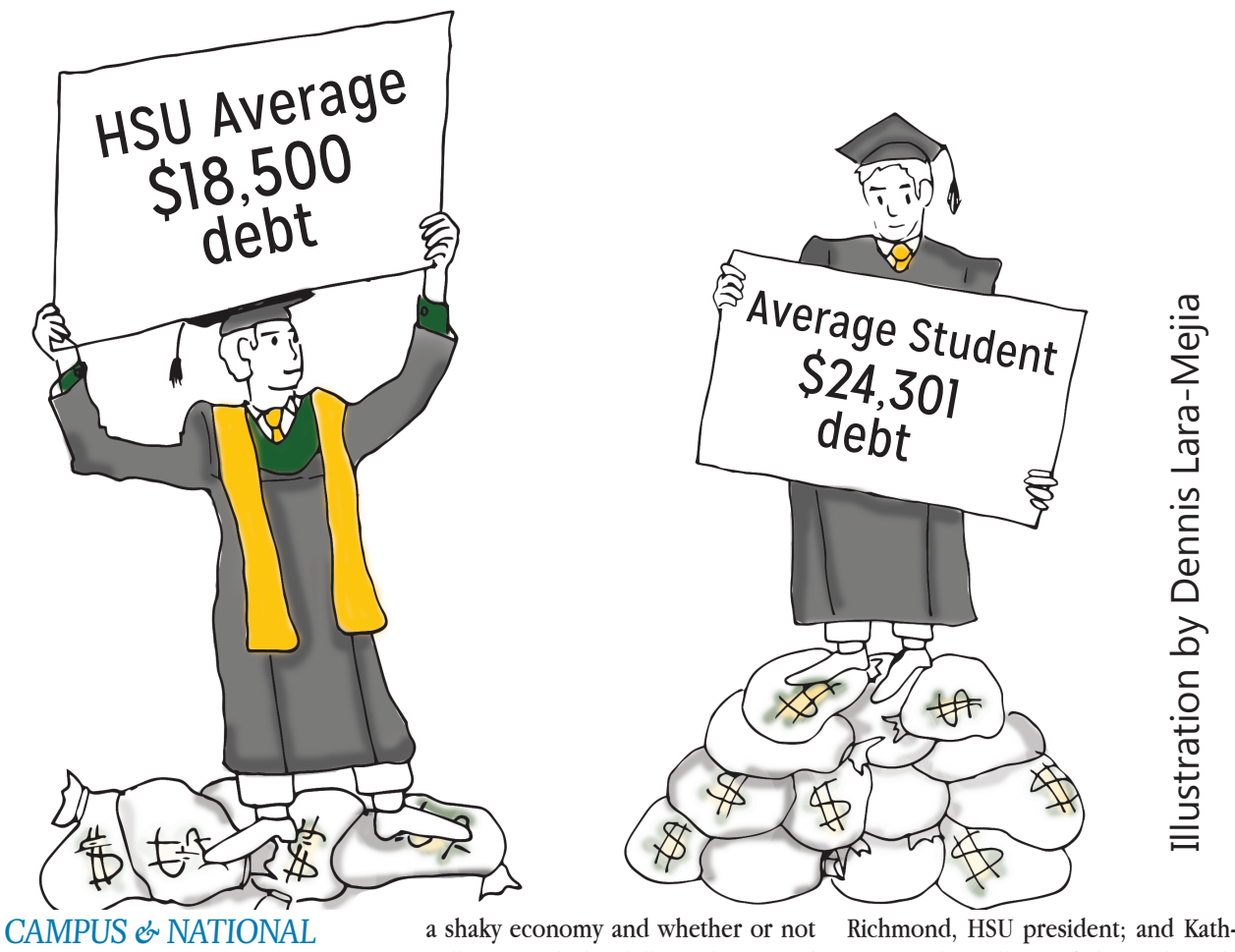
Weighing the benefits of a degree

Panel answers questions about degrees and university education



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CAMPUS & NATIONAL
by Dane Cluff

Editor's note: The Lumberjack attended Humboldt State's panel on student debt on Oct. 17. Below is an abridged question-and-answer session between a student-led panel, higher education leaders and local economic analysts.

Mired in university life is an uncertain future fueled by student loans, a shaky economy and whether or not colleges teach the skills students need to be successful.

Elica Aramesh and Jeffrey Grabinski led the student panel. Speakers included Bryan Plumley, financial advisor at Edward Jones and Humboldt County Workforce Investment board member; Jacqueline Debets, Humboldt County director of economic development; Joy Soll, HSU Career Center development coordinator; Rollin Richmond, HSU president; and Kathryn Smith, College of the Redwoods president.

If a college degree is a signal to employers of a prospective employee's abilities, does encouraging everyone to go to college diminish that signal's values?

Plumley: "When you look at the statistics, the unemployment rate for bachelor's degrees and higher is very

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Power outage in HSU and Arcata

Damage to power pole took most of Tuesday to repair

BREAKING NEWS
by Patrick Evans

A power failure turned out the lights on the Humboldt State campus and one third of all households in Arcata on Tuesday morning. Some students were briefly trapped inside elevators said Lt. William Honsal of the University Police Department.

"We went around campus and helped people stuck in elevators for about 20 minutes," Honsal said.

HSU sociology major Mayra Gonzalez was working at the College Creek Marketplace Tuesday morning when the power went out.

"It was dark," Gonzalez said. "People were panicked."

She said people inside The Marketplace were unable to get out at first because the automatic doors were locked. Gonzalez said the doors were opened quickly and most people left the building. A few students waited around for power to come back so they could buy food.

Honsal said police had to force open the automatic doors at The Marketplace.

The outage lasted only 15 minutes on campus, but cut power to 2,730 Pacific Gas and Electric customers in Arcata, according to PG&E spokesperson Jana Morris.

Morris said the power failed at 7:45 a.m., when a car crashed into a utility pole at the intersection of Fickle Lane and Fickle Hill Road.

According to Morris, power could only be restored to a few hundred customers at a time because both the utility pole and the power equipment at the top of the pole had to be replaced. She said power was expected to be restored to all customers by 6:30 p.m.

The car crash was more than a mile away from his house at the intersection of Bayside Road and Park Avenue, but still caused a line to fall from the power pole above his car.

HSU biology professor Joe Szewczak said his own car was hit by a live, sparking power cable because of the outage though, to his knowledge, was not badly damaged.

"Most of the sparking went into the pavement, it's no big deal," Szewczak said.

The power outage caused no lasting damage to the campus, according to a statement from the HSU News and information office.

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The search continues

Witnesses and person of interest sought in stabbing case

BREAKING NEWS
by Lorrie Reyes & Patrick Evans

The Arcata Police Department is looking for witnesses to the altercation that left two HSU students hospitalized with stab wounds after homecoming.

APD released a photo of a person of interest who might be an eyewitness to the fight and could help identify a possible suspect. Although there were 50 to 100 people at the party on Sept. 29, off Stromberg Avenue, APD said the ongoing investigation has been delayed due to lack of eyewitnesses that have come forward.

"We've been able to identify very few eye witnesses," said Detective Sgt. Todd Dokweiler of APD. "And of those eyewitnesses, very few of them were able to give us any accurate suspect description or information."

Dokweiler said some possible reasons witnesses have not contacted police at first is because they fear retaliation or are afraid of being prosecuted for underage drinking.

"In a community this size, somebody knows who that person is and — for whatever reason — we haven't got a lot of folks coming forward to talk to us about it," Dokweiler said.

According to a press release issued by the City of Arcata, APD detectives believe the person of interest was at the party and may have information essential to the case.

"We feel pretty confident that he has some information that can lead us to a

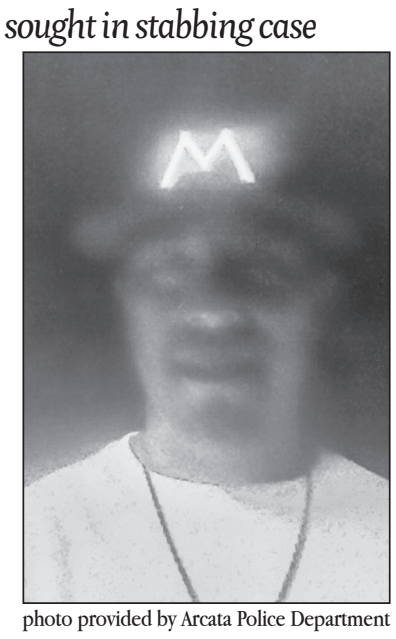

photo provided by Arcata Police Department

suspect," Dokweiler said. "What his level involvement was in this incident, we don't really know at this point."

Without corroborating witnesses, Dokweiler said APD has only heard one side of the fight.

"What we were hoping by putting that picture out is that maybe some people that attended that party would look at it and say 'oh yeah, I did see that guy there and he was here with this person or he was here with that person. I don't know his name, but I know he was with this person that I do know,'" Dokweiler said. "That's the kind of info that can lead us back to a good, workable suspect in all this."

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Students are invited back into the Library after a 10-minute drill took place in the outside patio. | Manuel Orbegozo

Shaken but not stirred

HSU disregards ShakeOut after 4.9 quake

CAMPUS & NATIONAL
by John Ferrara

At 10:17 a.m. on Oct. 17, the Humboldt State campus remained undisturbed while millions of people dropped and took cover for the Great California ShakeOut, a statewide drill created to spread earthquake safety awareness.

Despite living on top of the largest fault system in the continental United States, which produced a magnitude 4.9 quake five days earlier, many HSU students and faculty disregarded the exercise. The minute-long drill started in 2008 and is held annually on the anniversary of the magnitude 7.1 San Francisco quake that killed 63 people.

Dorie Lanni, assistant emergency management coordinator at HSU, was disappointed with the lack of participation this year and said the practice builds muscle memory for reacting properly when the ground starts shaking.

"People don't appreciate the importance of [the drill]," Lanni said.

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WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
54°	59°	65°	66°

Information gathered from the National Weather Service.

Compiled and written by Patrick Evans

Redwood national park reopens to the public

National parks open across the country after government-shutdown ends

Redwood National Park has reopened after the end of the government shutdown, according to a press release from the National Park Service. More than 400 National Parks and monuments around the country have reopened after the 16-day shutdown.

"We are excited to return to the important work of serving our communities, the American people and visitors from around the world," the Park Service said in a press release.

All park trails have reopened, and the Thomas H. Kuchel Visitor Center and the Crescent City Information center are open during regular hours, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Presidential search forum

CSU Chancellor and Trustees coming to HSU

The search for Rollin Richmond's replacement begins Monday, when California State University Chancellor Tim White and several CSU trustees visit Humboldt State for a public forum.

The CSU Trustees' Committee for the Selection of the President, and the HSU Advisory Committee for the Selection of the President will be open to comments and questions from students, faculty and staff from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Van Duzer Theatre, according to Mike Uhlenkamp, director of public affairs for the CSU chancellor's office.

"The purpose of the meeting is to engage constituents and find out what they think is important, and what they need," Uhlenkamp said.

CSU Trustee J. Lawrence Norton will chair the Trustees' Committee for the Selection of the President. Other trustees on the committee are Douglas Faigin, Debra Farar, Hugo Morales, trustee Chair Bob Linscheid and CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White.

The advisory committee, appointed by Norton, includes California State, Monterey Bay president Eduardo Ochoa, HSU staff, faculty, and alumni, members of the Arcata community and a representative from the Karuk Tribe. HSU student Conor Handley is the only student representative on the advisory committee.

While the decision to appoint a new president for HSU will be made by the CSU board of trustees, the advisory committee will conduct interviews with applicants and present a final list of candidates to the board.

BevMo! opens in Eureka

Another liquor store in Eureka

The BevMo! Corporation opened a new liquor store in Eureka on Friday. The 8,100 square-foot store at 1626 Broadway Street is the 145th BevMo! to open in California, Arizona and Washington, BevMo! said in a press release last week. Eureka already has six local liquor stores and Arcata has three.

BevMo! offered $50 gift bags to customers on opening day and drink tastings at local breweries and wineries over the weekend. Humboldt State junior business management major Sarah Loomis visited BevMo! on Saturday.

"They had a lot of [beer and wine] that was affordably priced," Loomis said.

She said the store was small compared to the BevMo! she frequents in Southern California, but she had looked forward to the opening since construction began.

Loomis said the staff at BevMo! were helpful and treated customers well.

"There was a guy who broke a wine bottle on the floor, the staff just said 'that bottle got a lot of distance,'" she said.

The BevMo! corporation has been involved in labor disputes in the recent past, according to Reuters. In 2010 BevMo! eliminated all full-time positions at its stores in California except for full-time store managers.

Hundreds of employees faced the loss of work hours and health benefits. The United Food and Commercial Workers union responded with rallies and a movement to unionize BevMo! employees.

UPD BYTES

Compiled and written by
Kevin Forestieri and Eli Rohl

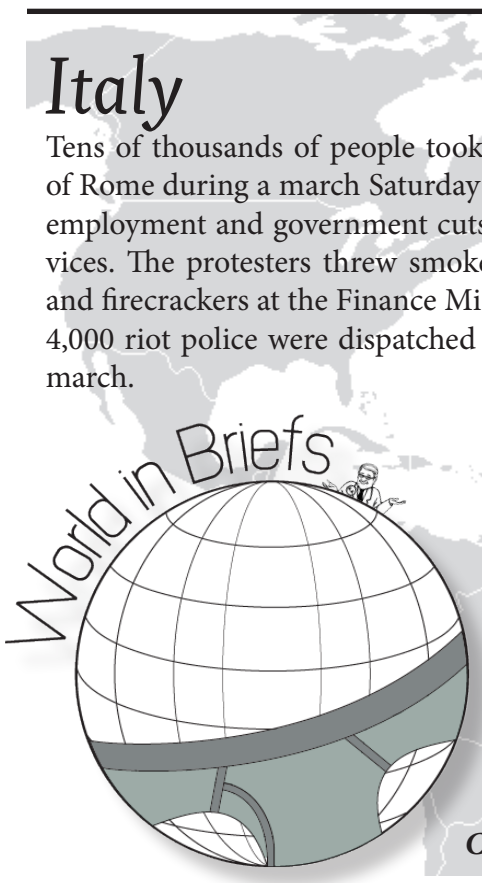
October 15 18:42
Someone at the Behavioral and Social Sciences Building stole a clarinet.
That's what you get for leaving your hippy-dippy liberal arts instrument in the building with the other pretend majors.

October 17 01:28
A male at Fern Hall, who appeared to be intoxicated, was chasing people around and throwing his skateboard.
He was trying to deck someone.

07:49
A police officer warned someone outside the College Creek Apartments who was yelling at himself and people passing by.
The irony was lost on the officer.

October 18 10:34
A student in the Behavioral and Social Sciences Building was being disruptive in a class he was not enrolled in.
He was whisked away to the "Behavioral" part of the building for analysis and treatment.

October 19 13:55
Someone sprayed the camera at the Pedestrian Underpass on L.K. Wood with blue silly string.
Because it was "edgy." Yeah, you disrespect that symbol of the Orwellian state, you rebel, you!



Italy

Tens of thousands of people took to the streets of Rome during a march Saturday to protest unemployment and government cuts to social services. The protesters threw smoke bombs, eggs and firecrackers at the Finance Ministry. At least 4,000 riot police were dispatched to control the march.

Somalia

A suicide bomber killed 16 people and wounded 33 Saturday at a cafe in Baladweyne, Somalia. Al Shabaab, a militant Islamic group associated with al-Qaeda, claims they carried out the attack. Al Shabaab also claims responsibility for the attack on a Nairobi shopping mall on Sept. 21.

Pakistan

The United States resumed military and economic aid to Pakistan and will send $1.6 billion over the coming months. The aid was suspended in 2011 because of tension between the United States and Pakistan over the covert raid that killed Osama bin Laden in Abbottabad, Pakistan.

Australia

A wildfire in New South Wales, Australia has burned along a 190-mile front, destroying more than 200 homes and damaging 120. The Premier of New South Wales declared a 30-day state of emergency Sunday. The wildfire started on Oct. 16 and spread rapidly due to hot, dry weather with high winds.

United States

The U.S. Congress passed a fiscal deal and reopened the U.S. government Thursday, ending the partial government shutdown that lasted 16 days. President Barack Obama also signed legislation that raised the U.S. debt ceiling, preventing sequester cuts to government programs.

China

Heavy smog shut down the Northern Chinese city of Harbin on Monday, forcing the airport to close and schools to suspend classes. The particulate matter in the air was more than three times the level deemed hazardous by the Air Quality Index. The city is home to some 11 million people.

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Friends of the Arcata Marsh give out thousands in grant money

Grants help conduct research on local wetlands

CAMPUS & COMMUNITY
by Aron Gonzales

Teachers and parents tell students that there is money out there for them, they just have to find it. This was the case for Kelsey McDonald, a graduate student at Humboldt State, who received a $761 grant from Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) this year to conduct research in the Arcata Marsh.

FOAM began a program in 2004 to fund grants to HSU students. These grants are given out to HSU graduate and undergraduate students to help support research projects related to the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary. In 2006, students from College of the Redwoods became eligible, but all of the recipients so far have been from HSU.

The program was started using a donation to FOAM from Sylvia Fisher, who lived in Florida. Her will left $10,000 in memory of her deceased son, Marcus, who loved the Arcata Marsh.

"When we received that $10,000, we knew we had to start a grant program," said Sue Leskiw, former president and current treasurer of FOAM.

Arcata marsh grants are on track to help students succeed at Humboldt State. | Aaron Selig

Since the start of the program, FOAM has awarded 11 grants ranging from $175 to $1,275. Some receive money directly from FOAM members.

When the $10,000 dollars was exhausted after 2011, FOAM asked Life Members Calista Sullivan and Richard Sanborn if their yearly $1,000 donation could be used to continue the research grant program.

"For the last two years FOAM has put the Sullivan/Sandburn $1,000 annual donation toward research grants," Leskiw said.

McDonald studies environmental and natural resource sciences major and heard about the grant by word of mouth.

"The grant allows me to purchase the materials I need to complete my master's thesis research on tidal seed dispersal of the invasive salt marsh cordgrass, Spartina densiflora, in Humboldt Bay," McDonald said.

McDonald also gained recognition from the Society of Wetland Scientists, who listed her as one of 2013's top recipients in student research grants worldwide.

When FOAM distributes the grant application materials each year, the organization selects HSU students in fields closely related to the wetlands.

"In September, I email over 60 professors in the departments of biology, oceanography, wildlife and many other related majors," Leskiw said.

Students submit their research plans to FOAM which evaluates them in the order they were received. According to the grant application page, at least $1,000 may be awarded in a calendar year. Grants are awarded based on each project's relevance to wetland ecology, processes, and habitat concerns.

Grants help fund research the Arcata Marsh. | Aaron Selig

FOAM keeps in touch with the grant recipients to measure their progress.

"We keep in contact with our grant recipients. They submit their invoices, and we want to know when they are at a stage to share results of their research," Leskiw said.

Awardees are expected to give a lecture at the Marsh Interpretive Center, as well as provide a copy of their thesis to the FOAM library

While some research projects have benefited the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary directly, the purpose of these grants is to assist wetland research as a whole.

"FOAM does this to help support research in general into local ecosystems, processes and behaviors," Leskiw said.

For more information on applying for a FOAM research grant email info@arcatamarshfriends.org.

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Grant money awarded to support HSU's Child Care Center

Federal funding to support student parents

CAMPUS & COMMUNITY
by Chelsea LaRue

The Humboldt State Children's Center received a $168,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education on Sept. 24. The grant money, funded by the Child Care Access Means Parents in School Program, allows for campus-based child care for low-income families.

Susan Rosen, director of the Children's Center at HSU, said the Children's Center's mission is to provide high-quality, affordable, convenient child care services to student parents.

"When student parents are confident of their children's well-being, it allows them to concentrate on their academic pursuits," Rosen said.

The Children's Center supports student parents by connecting them with other student parents, providing social and educational opportunities, and connecting them with community resources. Acceptance is based on the needs of student parents and fees are based on a sliding scale. Parents must be eligible for Pell Grants through the CCAMPIS program, which are awarded based on financial needs. Rosen said with the new grant, childcare for most parents will be free.

College of the Redwoods received a similar grant of $97,000 to go toward its Child Development Center, which also focuses on campus-based child care for low-income students and families. Both awards can be used for childcare services of all age groups including infants, toddlers and preschoolers, as well as before and after school programs for school-age children.

Wendy Jones, director of the Child Development Center at CR, said the CCAMPIS grant helps to maintain its toddler program and increase openings at the Child Development Center. This allows more students to have access to child care.

"With consistent quality child care and the support of a campus-based program parents are able to confidently attend classes knowing that their children are in a safe environment and also close by," Jones said.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, a total of $9.5 million was awarded to 58 post-secondary institutions to support campus-based child care services and promote the participation of low-income parents in higher education.

HSU was one of 58 schools nationwide to receive this grant and one of two from the California State University system.

Rosen said that the intent of the grant is to increase student parents' access to school. She wrote the grant to fund positions for intern teachers for each classroom. The positions are for newly graduated students, mostly with degrees in child development, to gain experience working in a high-quality children's center. The Children's Center employs 90 to 100 students during the academic year, and 25 to 30 students over the summer.

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Earthquake drill falls flat

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"We all feel a little silly getting under a desk or table when there's not an actual earthquake happening."

According to the California ShakeOut website, the earthquake drill can take place up to two weeks after Oct. 17.

Lori Dengler, HSU geology professor and local tectonic expert, said most earthquake injuries in areas with proper structural engineering occur when people run from the shaking rather than taking cover from falling debris.

"Our natural instinct is flight, especially if we're inside, we want to run out," Dengler said. "It's a really bad thing to do, the further you move while the ground is shaking the more likely you are to intersect with something falling."

Dengler recalls one of the saddest stories she heard from the 1994 Northridge, Calif. earthquake, involving a Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. mother and her baby.

"She did what any young woman would instinctively want to do; she ran to the room where her baby was," Dengler said. "She tripped over some toys, broke her neck on the baby's crib and she died, which was a completely unnecessary death."

According to Dengler, over the last century, about 25 percent of all earthquakes in the contiguous 48 states occurred near Humboldt County, second only to Alaska, which experiences about 57 percent of the nation's seismic activity.

In the event of an earthquake Dengler said the first priority is to take cover and remain there until the shaking subsides. Then slowly evacuate the building and, depending on the intensity, meet at a designated rally point. Anyone caught in a quake while in the forest should take cover against the largest tree trunk nearby and follow similar protocol.

Police Chief Lynne Soderberg of the University Police Department said rally points will consist of small groups designated by building, and in a long-term event, groups will meet at a larger assembly point. There, information will be gathered and faculty and staff will serve as emergency disaster workers.

"Workers are going to make sure we are protecting life, property and the environment in that order," Soderberg said.

Earthquake magnitude can be assessed by the power and duration of the shaking and Dengler said tremors of any intensity which lasts for 2 to 3 minutes is a warning sign for large tsunamis.

However, according to a U.S. geological survey, HSU is located outside the tsunami evacuation zone.

"This is a fine place to be if there's a tsunami. It would take an asteroid to give us problems," Dengler said.

Tsunamis are created by vertical movement of the sea floor, usually by subduction zone earthquakes — earthquakes where one tectonic plate slides beneath the other. The ocean water is displaced and forced upward. A large tidal wave forms and washes inland as gravity levels out the body of water.

Several other factors can trigger tsunamis as well, including underwater or submarine landslides and quakes produced by other types of faults.

The largest tidal waves that hit Humboldt County are generated by the Cascadia Subduction Zone, where the Gorda and Juan De Fuca plates dive beneath the North American plate. This fault has been inactive for 300 years and studies suggest another quake could happen sometime in the next 500 years.

Tsunamis from Japan can also reach the county's coastline. However, Soderberg said the county would have several hours notice.

Emergency alerts like tsunami warnings are sent by text message and posted on the school website.

However, the HSU emergency alerts sent by text message are unreliable because some cell phone providers send the alerts faster than others and people must sign up or "opt-in," to receive them. More than 3,400 campus members are currently registered.

"You are at the mercy of your cell phone provider," Dengler said. "What we find every time is that Verizon works really well, and AT&T hardly works at all."

Josh Callahan, central information technology systems and services director at HSU, said the problem started several years ago.

"As the list got longer, the mobile carriers started to block or slow our traffic down during emergency notification tests because we were sending too many messages at once," Callahan said. "We have been using an online service to send bulk SMS messages since then, paying on a per-text basis, but the error rates have been getting higher on that as well."

HSU is currently reviewing different emergency notification systems, including Blackboard Connect, Rave and Alertus.

The school will decide on a new system this week and Soderberg said there are two front-runners receiving consideration.

"There are different cost bases. One is per student, and the other is per full-time equivalency," Soderberg said. "Per person is more expensive, full-time equivalency is less expensive but doesn't have all the bells and whistles."

Regardless of the decision, both are opt-out systems, which automatically register names using contact information from the school database. Alerts are then sent to inform people that they must "opt-out" if they do not want to receive the updates.

"Opt-out generally has a 90 to 95 percent retention rate. With opt-in, you get maybe 15 to 20 percent," Soderberg said.

According to Dengler's research the most recent large-scale earthquake to hit the Humboldt Bay was a magnitude 6.5 located offshore of Eureka and caused nearly $30 million in damages. And in 2011 a tsunami produced by the magnitude 9.2 Japan earthquake killed a man photographing the tsunami near the mouth of the Klamath River.

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Panel addresses student debt

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Where you see the massive unemployment is high school graduates and even worse, those who didn't finish high school. So there is a lot of supply and demand for people with degrees and advanced degrees."

Debets: "People who have a degree have more confidence. It's about finishing something and knowing what you can do. Your competitiveness in the marketplace is going to come down to the difference between you and your ability to work with other people. How you work with other people, how creative you are in problem solving, how you can form team and trust relationships, even with people you do not like, is going to make you a valuable employee."

Richmond: "The most important investment you can make is in yourself, because you can completely control that investment. There are many non-financial benefits for a university education [such as] social interactions, you are talking to other people, you're learning from them. One of the things we like to think we do here in universities, and I think we do it quite well, is to teach you to think critically, about what you're doing, and the information that is being put in front of you."

What are the biggest factors driving the cost increase?

Plumley: "There's a massive wave of baby boomers that came through the system and when they wanted to go to college, college was inexpensive because there was a huge demand to educate them. Now they're more interested in healthcare and social security benefits, and so the financial priorities, I think, are shifting significantly in that direction."

Smith: "It's not just the cost increase, it's the revenue decrease. We have had tremendous decline in state revenue for public colleges so then we have to compensate with increasing the tuition."

Is it better to go to graduate school or straight into the workforce?

Soll: "It depends. It depends on what you want to do and how focused you are. If you really love education and don't mind being poor for a few more years and know what you want to study, I say go. But if you're unclear or undecided, or not really sure, then I say take some time. Find out what it is that you want to do, get in the workforce and find out what aspect of your realm that you want to focus on. Because you don't want to go and then find out it's not the right thing."

Richmond: "One of the best ways to spend your life is in universities. Universities are wonderful places, go on and get a graduate degree. You'll have an opportunity to experience some wonderful things and be engaged in generating new knowledge yourself, and there's nothing really more exciting than a new discovery. In the long run it'll be a good investment in yourself."

Are universities preparing students for today's marketplace?

Plumley: "It was really easy for me to jump careers because I knew how to critically think, I knew how to solve problems, I knew how to work with people, and that's really what my university experience was about. I think if all you're getting from college is a set of skills you can put on a résumé for an entry-level job, that's probably fine, but it's probably short-sighted."

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FEATURES

Life in a glass house

Exploring the Humboldt State greenhouse

CAMPUS
by Ian Bradley

It took more than 20 years of traveling the globe for Dennis Walker, a retired Humboldt State botany professor, to collect the plant specimens housed in the HSU greenhouse. Walker has been as far as Australia and Namibia to gather samples of the 1,200 species that make the facility the best in the California State University school system.

Bill Weigle, a former student of Walker's, has managed the greenhouse since 1999. Weigle used to manage the greenhouse at Harvard University, but said the collection at HSU was better, so when the opportunity arose he took it.

"It's the most complete collection I know of in the world," Weigle said. "It's very relaxing. If you're feeling stressed, you just take a walk through the dome, listen to the water feature. I love it."

Kate Dondero works as Weigle's assistant manager, a position she has held since 2007. Together they water and fertilize the plants, manage pest infestations and give tours of the facility to elementary and middle school classes. It is a 24-hour job, so they can be found working on weekends and holidays.

"This collection allows people to see, and touch, and really experience these plants," Dondero said. "You can't really learn about this stuff out of a book, it would be like learning to type with a diagram of a keyboard."

The greenhouse has six rooms dedicated to different types of plant life: temperate, tropical, desert, fern, aquatic and sub-tropic. The desert room is filled with red earth, cacti and other dry-climate plants. In the fern room the plants spill over their pots and their leaves fill the space. A frog can be heard croaking from among the reeds in the aquatic room.

The largest is the subtropic dome, where the concrete floor opens onto real soil. The space allows plants to grow unchecked, some towering more than 10 feet high. The humidity and dense plant growth give it the feel of a real jungle, a welcome escape from a chilly Arcata morning. The sound of running water permeates the room, completing the illusion.

Weigle described the various species housed in the dome — strangeria cycads, tank bromeliads, tillandsias, arabica coffee.

"You can eat the nuts right off this coffee tree when they're ripe," Weigle said. "It's a good caffeine buzz."

About half of the windows of the dome are opaque to block out sunlight.

"Around here there's actually enough sunlight to burn the plants," Dondero said. "The dome retains enough heat while protecting them from excessive sunlight."

The facility is equipped with a computer-controlled climate system that monitors each room's climate every 15 seconds. Each has a strictly maintained climate and temperature that is regulated with forced air vents and fog generators.

The HSU greenhouse is unique in that it does not use pesticides, herbicides, or fungicides and uses all-organic fertilizers.

"No 'cides," Weigle said. "No oils and no soaps. They aren't effective and they're harmful."

Using pesticides in a closed environment like a greenhouse would require that the facility be closed for 24 to 72 hours or risk exposure. Pesticides can be harmful to the plants they are supposed to protect. Additionally, the insects they are supposed to target can adapt to the poisons, rendering them ineffective.

"We used to use sugars and molasses," Weigle said, "but we found that that actually ties up the nutrients in the soil and stimulates bacterial growth."

Instead, the greenhouse staff uses what is called compost tea, an organic alternative to pesticides. It is a solution made of forest humus, dairy compost, fish emulsion, humic acid and seaweed extract.

It takes 325 gallons to spray the entire greenhouse, which happens once a week.

"Sometimes people complain about the fish smell that comes off the compost tea, but it's a small price to pay," Weigle said. "We don't even notice it anymore."

The staff uses other natural methods to keep the greenhouse ecosystem in check. For instance, they will incubate aphid wasps to control outbreaks of aphids. The wasps inject their larvae into the aphid, which is then eaten from the inside out until a matured wasp emerges from the aphid's carcass.

"Did you ever see the movie Alien?" Dondero asked. "It's just like that — how the creature bursts out of the guy's chest."

Weigle said that the staff puts in a lot of effort to ensure that the gardening techniques used in the greenhouse are all-natural. He explains that the legal idea of 'organic' is open for broad interpretation, so some products, like sodium nitrate, can be called natural but are actually harmful to the soil.

Both Weigle and Dondero emphasize that a walk through the greenhouse is very refreshing and encourage students to visit.

"Not a lot of people know that we're open," Weigel said. "If you've got a test or something that you're stressing about, just come in here for a few minutes before class. It helps you relax."

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From top to bottom: Bill Weigle is excited and always happy to show anyone interested around the green house. | Being inside the green house transports you to another place, and lets you witness plants you might never be able to see. | Acanthaceae "Nerve Plant" is one of many non-native plants found in the greenhouse. | all photos by Sebastian Hedberg

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World renowned philosopher to visit HSU this Friday

CAMPUS
by A.R. Schemmel

Philosopher Peter Singer. | provided by Center Arts

Minus the togas, the long white beards and the job security, philosophers are still around — if rare — and one of the most influential will speak at Humboldt State this month.

"Peter Singer is one of the most, how do I put it — awesome one of the most influential— ethical philosophers, and he's alive," Becca Zohar, a philosophy major, said, "which is a big deal in philosophy."

Singer is an internationally renowned contemporary ethical philosopher who is the Ira W. De Camp Professor of Bioethics in the University Center for Human Values at Princeton University.

His most well-known work is "Animal Liberation," in which he outlines his views on the ethical treatment of animals.

A very brief and basic philosophy lesson: Singer falls into the Utilitarian camp of philosophers who believe that the consequences of actions are what the action's moral "goodness" should be judged on. The most morally correct action would be one that produces the most happiness for the most people.

Singer argues we should not limit the consideration of our actions to only people, but expand that consideration to all sentient beings. He refers to people who value human interests over those of other sentient beings (eating meat, for example) as "speciesist" — like racist, but between species.

That means humans should take into consideration the interests of animals when making ethical decisions.

Singer's definition of sentient is the main point of contention for people who enjoy eating meat. Opposing arguments, such as those made by Bonnie Steinbock in "Speciesism and the Idea of Equality," assert that animals are different than humans in a morally relevant way. Animals do not have the capacity for moral responsibility, so we, as humans, are not ethically responsible for them — essentially suggesting that people should not feel bad when they eat an animal.

Singer's "Animal Liberation" brought philosophy down to earth and challenged the philosophical community to think about everyday issues, according to Loren Cannon, an associate professor of philosophy at HSU.

"[Singer is] saying if you're going to call yourself a philosopher, it's time we look at some really controversial areas, and that we are philosophical about those," Cannon said.

Philosophy before Singer was largely concerned with abstract, unrelatable topics.

"As a moral philosopher, Singer writes that philosophers need to not just make arguments from high ivory towers that don't pertain to actual life," Cannon said. "What a lot of moral philosophers are talking about [because of Singer] are ideals about how to live and what's morally appropriate."

Although philosophy seems like a bore to some, it is the foundation of all of our ideas and cultures, said David Heise, department chair of philosophy at HSU.

"There are several ways in which philosophy is highly relevant today," Heise said. "One is that philosophy is the history of ideas [philosophies] that literally shape how we think, the values we hold, the kinds of questions we ask and the kinds of solutions to problems we seek. In other words, philosophies form the very structure of our thoughts and values."

Singer will be speaking at the Van Duzer Theatre on Oct. 25. to address the student body on animals, ethics and the environment — issues central to the identity of HSU.

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MEET THE PROFESSORS

compiled byTabitha Soden

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Tim Bean

Wildlife lecturer

Where are you from?
"I grew up in Cambridge, Mass."

What did you do before coming to HSU?
"I was in graduate school at UC Berkeley studying giant kangaroo rats in southern California."

What is your fondest memory as an undergrad?
"Birding in Central Park before a big exam. "

What got you interested in your field?
"Since as long as I can remember, I've always been interested in wildlife."

Do you have any hobbies outside of teaching?
"I like to kayak and go to the movies with my wife."

Brian Tissot

Marine lab director

Where are you from?
"My dad was in the Navy so we moved every two years. This is the 15th place I've lived, but I consider San Diego my hometown because I lived there twice."

What did you do before coming to HSU?
"For the last 15 years I was the director of science at Washington State University at Vancouver."

What is your fondest memory as an undergrad?
"I went to CalPoly [San Luis Obispo] and the great thing was going out into the marine environment. Being out on the ocean when it's quiet and beautiful were special times. It was a great time of my life."

What got you interested in your field?
"Because of moving so much with my dad in the Navy we were always by the ocean. Surfing was my gateway to the ocean and to marine biology."

Do you have any hobbies outside of teaching?
"I don't surf much anymore, but I still love to surf. I love photography and I blog."

From Psychology to Music

Chris Werner finds his niche at HSU

STUDENT PROFILE
by Maya Pszyk

Chris Werner is able to play around 15 different instruments. | Maya Pszyk

College is all about figuring out what you want to spend the rest of your life doing — and for many students, that involves changing your major a couple times until you finally get it right.

That is exactly what seventh-year senior Chris Werner did. He first came to Humboldt State from San Ramon, Calif. intent on studying psychology.

"I started out as a psychology major, then added a double major in theater, then eventually minored in music," Werner said. "By my fourth year, I realized that psychology and theater weren't really doing it for me and I switched to music education."

Music education is the music department's most intense option because it requires 71 units on top of all of the University's GE requirements. While the music education option does require students to know the basics on many various brass, woodwind, percussion and string instruments, Werner has gone beyond that.

In the last five years he has learned how to play roughly 15 different instruments including the bassoon, french horn, clarinet, snare and piano.

"I just really enjoy learning new instruments, that kind of discovery and figuring out the mechanics of it all," Werner said. "I just want to be able to teach people how to do that."

Werner said he would prefer to teach middle school or high school, but is not too particular about what age group he might teach.

Last summer, Werner worked for the Sequoia Chamber Music Workshop — a two-week music workshop for aspiring musicians ages 12 to 20. Daniela Mineva, an HSU piano professor, hired him for the workshop after having him as a student for the past two years.

"I just knew he would be perfect for the job because he is a great example for students," Mineva said.

His main job was teaching a workshop class on music theory for an hour every day, and he also served as a dorm manager. He even jammed with the kids on the bassoon since bassoonists are hard to come by.

"Chris is a very passionate musician," Mineva said. "He's the sweetest guy and you really see that part of him come out when he's working with the kids."

Gilbert Cline is a music professor at HSU who taught Werner in three of his classes, including music history. He said that Werner has a great attitude and is always looking to learn something new.

"He's been picking up brass instruments with the Marching Lumberjacks and that's a great way to experience and learn something new. He's also playing french horn with the symphonic band and a bunch of other groups," Cline said. "That's a sign of someone who is capable, which is very rare."

Paul Cummings, HSU symphonic band director, said that a student like Werner is hard to come by. He described him not only as passionate and self-motivated, but also noted that he's on a fast track for musical development.

"Things that take students two or three years to learn, Chris picks up in two semesters," Cummings said. "It's really quite impressive and it's something you don't see all too often."

All of Werner's hard work landed him in the Mad River emergency room on Oct. 14 with severe pain in his left hand. Werner was diagnosed with cellulitis and needed to have an anabatic I.V.

"Right now, I can't really play and I don't know when I will be able to yet," Werner said. "All I can do is take a break and hope it improves."

Even though Werner is currently hurt, he said spending the extra time and money on a new major was worth it to find something he was passionate about.

"[Music education] interests me and I'm constantly challenged, which is important to me," Werner said. "It sucks that it took this long and cost so much, but [it's] definitely worth it."

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GLUTEN-FREE DOUGHNUTS

Gluten free chocolate buttermilk doughnuts. | Esteban Castillo

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FOR THE DOUGHNUT

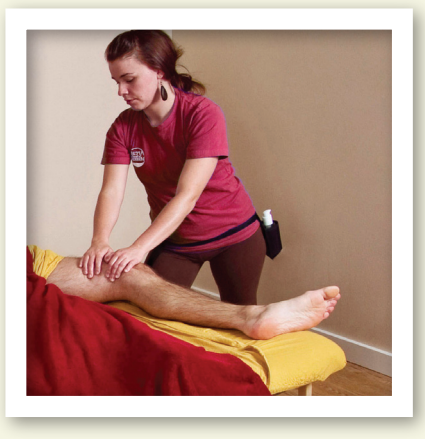
1/2 cup oat flour*
1/2 cup sweet rice flour*
1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1/3 cup pure cane sugar
3 tablespoons almond meal*
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 large eggs
1/2 cup + 2 tablespoons of buttermilk
2 tablespoons of oil
1/4 cup unsweetened applesauce
1 tablespoon of vanilla extract

FOR THE CHOCOLATE PEANUT BUTTER TOPPING

1/2 cup dark chocolate chips
1 1/2 tablespoon creamy peanut butter

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 350 and grease your doughnut pan.
2.Combine the oat flour, sweet rice flour, cane sugar, almond meal, baking powder, salt, and cocoa powder in a large bowl, mixing well. In another bowl, whisk the eggs together. Then whisk in the buttermilk, applesauce, oil and vanilla extract.
3. Pour the wet mixture into the dry ingredients and stir with a large wooden spoon until just combined, being careful not to overmix (stop when you no longer see dry flour).
4. Spoon the batter into the doughnut molds, filling to just below the top of each mold, 1/8- to ¼-inch from the top.
5. Bake for 18 to 22 minutes. A toothpick inserted in the center should come out clean. Let cool in the pan for 5 minutes.
6. Slide a thin spatula around the edges of the doughnuts to loosen them out. Then place on a cooling rack and allow to cool fully before topping.
7. Make the topping by combining the chocolate and the peanut butter in a microwave-safe bowl and cooking it for 30 seconds.
8. Stir it then let it go for another 30 seconds until the chocolate has melted.
9. Dip the cooled doughnuts into the glaze, sprinkle with sea salt and let it set.



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SPORTS

Lady Jacks basketball team gears up for new season

Team looks to rebound from last season's record

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEW

by Karl Holappa

The Humboldt State women's basketball team is in a rebuilding process for their upcoming season.

The team looks to move on from a disappointing 2012-2013 season, in which they went 10-18 overall and 6-16 in their conference.

Coach Joddie Gleason returns to coach her 10th season with the Lady Jacks. In a preseason press conference, Gleason said the team is eager to start regular practices heading into a new season.

"We feel like we've brought in a combination of some really strong transfers who can play right away and some young freshmen that are going to need to learn the ropes and be able to provide some depth," Gleason said.

Gleason explained that one of the challenges the team faces is the development of new leaders within the roster.

"It's hard to know right now who's going to step up and produce when the lights are on and it's game time," Gleason said. "They are all very smart players, their basketball IQ is something I think that puts them above some of other players in our conference."

Kelly Kime and Elle Anderson, two returning starters, are optimistic about this season.

"It's a new team, a new dynamic, a new everything," Kime said.

The team's chemistry is their main focus going into this season. Kime said the team also focuses on the integration of freshmen and transfer players into the mix. She said the new players are adjusting well and quickly.

"We have a lot of newbies, so for them to understand our program — to understand how important this period is, is crucial," Kime said. "I think they did a very good job working out and getting in shape so we are ready for day one."

The team is working to develop a new offense for this season that will cater towards a more distributed scoring pattern.

"I think we're going to have more people scoring 10 points a game rather than one person scoring 30," Anderson said.

The Lady Jacks have exhibition matches against the University of California, Davis and Santa Clara University. They will also play against Division II powerhouse Western Washington University in the West Region Challenge Tournament.

"We felt as coaches that we didn't do a good job of preparing our team last year by not getting enough of these exhibition games in," Gleason said. "That was something that was huge for us [this season]."

Anderson believes the experience that comes with playing these challenging teams at the beginning of the season is extremely valuable for the Lady Jacks' development.

"We have nothing to lose, we're the Division II program coming into their school," Anderson said about the upcoming game against UC Davis. "We're just going to go out and play hard."

Both Anderson and Kime think that the underlying key to success is forgetting the disappointment of last season's record and starting fresh.

"We're excited," Anderson said. "We're going to be something to be reckoned with."

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The women's basketball team is working hard for the upcoming season. | Ashley Villavicencio

Jacks men's basketball 2013-14 season preview

Team hopes to regain glory of previous seasons

The men's basketball team, practicing for their upcoming season. | Ashley Villavicencio

MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEW

by Karl Holappa

The Humboldt State University men's basketball team looks to start this season with a clean slate.

Steve Kinder — returning for his fourth year as head coach — looks to turn the team around after last year's disappointing season. The Jacks went 11-15 in their 2012-2013 season, with a conference record of 7-15.

"It's definitely a building year," Kinder said. "We're in a teaching mode with this crew."

With only two returning starters and few others with starting experience at HSU, Kinder said the team has to work hard to acclimate the freshmen and transfer players. Two transfers, Jordan Mackie and Allen Guei, came from Division I schools.

Jacks senior guard Chris Pender is optimistic that the new and returning players will assimilate well this upcoming season.

"We have a really good freshman core and our transfer players are going to have no problems adjusting to our style of play because they are big-time players," Pender said. "The team's clicking a lot faster, I think we are getting the hang of it."

Brett McConnell, senior forward, said that he feels like the team averted from their traditional style of functioning and fast breaks last season. McConnell said that getting back to basics brought success in previous seasons and is now the team's goal.

Kinder said that due to the rebuilding nature of the team this season, freshmen will be getting plenty of play time in order to help them develop.

> "We're replacing some holes, but at the same time those holes didn't produce a championship last year."
>
> *— Steve Kinder, men's basketball head coach*

"We're replacing some holes, but at the same time those holes didn't produce a championship last year," Kinder said. "[With] the injection of new players — primarily freshmen — we feel like we're building for the future this season."

With five local players on the team this year, Kinder said that the team is actively recruiting within the region. Kinder said he feels the local talent will bring more fans to the arena on a game-to-game basis.

Jacks junior guard, Ethan Dillard said that the freshmen players are doing a good job getting up to speed and embracing the culture of the team.

"I think we have a lot better team chemistry than we did in previous years," Dillard said.

The team travels to play the University of California, Berkeley on Oct. 31. After that game they will embark on a five-day road trip to play St. John's University in Queens, N.Y. on Nov. 4.

"It's going to expose our weaknesses right away, those two programs, and we will be able to come back home and work on those things before conference starts so we feel like we're going to be tested early," Kinder said.

Kinder said that the two Division I games are valuable in that they help motivate the players and also aid with recruitment.

"We don't get to play in venues like that very often, so when we do we make the most of it," Pender said. "They are going to be tough games and they will test us but I think playing these games early is only going to benefit us in the long run."

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11/8/13 vs. Seattle Pacific University @ Fresno, Calif.
11/9/13 vs. Western Washington University @ Fresno, Calif.
11/16/13 @Academy of Art
11/17/13 @ Dominican University of California

Men's

10/31/13 @ University of California
11/4/13 @ St. John's
11/8/13 vs. Dominican University @ San Rafael, Calif.
11/9/13 vs. Academy of Art @ San Rafael, Calif.
11/19/13 vs. Pacific Union College- Lumberjack Arena 7:30 p.m.
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For the love of the game

Athletic trainers — the hands behind every season

Shannon Childs working on an athelete in the athletic training room. | Ashley Villavicencio

CAMPUS
by Diover Duario

Deep between the monolithic institutions of sports medicine lies a peculiar breed of practitioners who operate behind the scenes of a magical season or a breathtaking post-injury comeback.

Shannon Childs, the head athletic trainer at Humboldt State since 2002, says the role of athletic trainers extends beyond a clinical evaluation.

"I say we're 70 percent athletic trainer, 30 percent psychologist," Childs said. "A lot of times I've got to be that voice of reason and say 'look, I'm more concerned about your ability to run and play catch with your kids when you're 35 or 40 years old than I am in you playing this game on Saturday.'"

No scalpel, no MRI, no fancy labcoat; like some surreal, hybrid vocation from a fantasy role-playing game, they balance medicine, healing, mediation and aspects of psychology to a practice that vaguely resembles a massage.

"The most important medical equipment we have are our hands," Childs said. "Every muscle in the body we know how to test, there are ways to manipulate the body to find out where the problem is."

Athletic trainers are rarely in the limelight of the medical profession yet serve as highly-trusted medical consultants, rehabilitative experts and a direct line to the appropriate specialists for any injury.

Aaron Sinnott, a first-year graduate student, works with the men's basketball and soccer teams at HSU. He said that one of the most rewarding parts of a strenuous and often overlooked profession is the bond between a trainer and athlete.

"I'm that person that they feel they can trust and communicate to about something that they don't typically talk to a whole lot of other people about," Sinnott said. "We have a very good rapport with the athletes because they know that I'm looking out for them and their well-being."

Despite the complexity and massive responsibility that comes with being athletic trainers, Sinnott feels that people are dismissive of their value to the medical profession.

They are not brain surgeons yet the modern medical landscape has touted athletic trainers — 70 percent of whom have at least a master's degree — as the first line of defense for athletes regarding brain injuries and particularly concussions.

Second-year graduate student, Haley Mulvihill works closely with the women's soccer and basketball teams at HSU. She said the relationship between athletic trainers and the athletes allows her to recognize injury symptoms even when athletes attempt to hide them.

"I see my athletes every single day, so I can tell when they're not themselves or when they're acting differently or when something's bothering them," Mulvihill said. "My job is to watch everything that they do and if they're doing one little thing differently, I'm going to notice it."

The medical insight of athletic trainers reaches beyond the sidelines. It is important to realize that their unique approach to evaluation and treatment is indispensable. They are not detached from the patient; instead, in almost every case, the goal is mutual.

"When the teams win, I rejoice. And when the teams lose, we're broken just like the athletes are because I'm one of their biggest fans," Childs said. "These are experiences those athletes are going to take with them for the rest of their lives, so if I can be a little part of that something they remember, it's perfect."

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Athletes committed to make a difference in the community

SAAC works to bring change

CAMPUS
by Israel LeFrak

With pink tie-dye shirts, a table of baked goods and smiling faces, the Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) are working the Jacks football and volleyball games to spread awareness of breast cancer this month.

This on-campus group's main goal is to be the voice for student athletes on potential NCAA policies, as well as doing volunteer work to strengthen the community.

The NCAA mandates that every school with a sports department also have a SAAC program. That way it is ensured that there will be student representation on the guidelines that will directly affect them.

A major policy voted on this year is the amount of units an athlete is required to take per year. During each semester it can be difficult for some athletes to do well in a class because they dedicate a huge portion of their time to their sport.

The NCAA is proposing to disallow student athletes from making up units during summer session or raising the unit requirement expected per semester.

SAAC Committee member Erin Guidarelli disagrees with the proposed policy change.

"No one was fond of the nine units and no summer school because summer school saves a lot of people," Guidarelli said. "We voted yes on the ones that had summer school available, because that's the safety net that all athletes love to have."

Wildlife major and track athlete David Tange has been part of SAAC for two years and feels they can have a significant influence on the policies that are passed for the NCAA and HSU.

"From what I've just heard, there has never been a bill passed by the NCAA if the majority of SAAC has rejected it," Tange said. "So we do have quite a large voice of what gets updated or mandated."

There are at least two athletes on the committee from each NCAA sport, which gives them a chance to meet and create bonds across the entire athletic department.

Besides dealing with policy, the group puts a huge emphasis on volunteer and community work. SAAC holds multiple fundraisers such as the Athlete's Ball and Penny Wars. All of its proceeds go to the Make-A-Wish foundation. They also do volunteer work with Socks for Soldiers, clothing drives for Betty Chinn's Blue Angels, participate in Read Across America and canned food drives.

Stephanie Lane, assistant athletic director and senior woman administrator at HSU, became the SAAC advisor in 2011. When she first took over, attendance was low and at her first meeting only eight students showed when she expected about 22. There was low involvement, low enthusiasm and hardly any goals for the group. She wanted change — and by her second year, participation in SAAC saw a large turnaround.

"Being a student athlete, you have the ability to be a leader," Lane said. "Not every person on SAAC is the leader of their team, so I think it really gives those who really want to have some additional leadership opportunities an outlet for them to do that."

Guidarelli, majoring in pre-physical therapy, previously played softball for HSU. Guidarelli is a fifth-year student, and is no longer eligible to play sports for HSU, but still continues her involvement with SAAC. She loves doing volunteer work with SAAC, and previously worked with the Providence Center for Medically Fragile Children in Portland.

Danielle Gaumer, Ethan Dillard, Erin Guidarelli and Kaytee Krivulka at the SAAC booth. | Jasmin Servin

Guidarelli said the most rewarding part of working with SAAC is the volunteer work.

"Just seeing the different people who you've helped, they seem very gracious," Guidarelli said. "I really like that, and I just love community service in general so it's just nice to be able to do that through SAAC."

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Jacks Roundup

by Eduardo Barragan

Football:

The Jacks only have four games left in the season. They stand at 0-7 overall and 0-6 in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference. Humboldt State lost 21-13 to Azusa Pacific University again on Saturday.

The first quarter was tied 0-0, but Azusa Pacific scored the first points of the game when Preston Van Hofwegen caught a 12-yard pass from quarterback Dasmen Stewart. This gave APU a 7-0 lead with 2 minutes and 22 seconds remaining in the second quarter.

The Jacks retaliated by driving the ball 72 yards and having Aaron Dhuyvetter take a 9-yard pass from Kyle Morris into the endzone, tying the score.

Early in the third quarter, the Jacks took their only lead of the game when Matt Bruder kicked a 21-yard field goal leaving the score at 7-10. With two minutes left in the quarter, the Cougars then drove their way to a touchdown pass, gaining the lead, 14-10.

Bruder kicked a 46-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter to help close the gap, 14-13. But six minutes later, Azusa Pacific caught another touchdown and the Jacks could not find their way to the end zone for the rest of the game leaving the final score 21-13.

The Jacks travel to St. George, Utah, to play the Dixie State University Red Storm on Saturday Oct. 26. Kickoff is scheduled for 6 p.m. in DSU's Hansen Stadium.

Volleyball:

The Chico State University Wildcats' offense struck down the Jacks with a 3-1 victory. Chico State opened with a 25-18 win in the first set, before taking the two sets out of the intermission by 25-20 and 25-14 totals. The loss gave HSU a record at 9-9 overall and 4-7 in the CCAA.

HSU offense produced 15 kills from outside hitter Ashley Owen along with Kaitlyn Dunaway, who earned 12 kills. Dunaway also added eight digs, two assists and a block. Alex Hasentab contributed eight kills, two solo blocks and a block assist. Symone Hayden had six kills, 16 digs and one assist. Samantha Seibert handed out 37 assists to go with two kills, three digs, an ace and a block assist.

Defensively, Kelci Renshaw recorded 20 digs, two assists and two aces. Colleen Noonan finished with 10 digs and Erin Mitchell had two and Courtney Debrunner finished with three kills, two digs and a block.

In the first set, Chico State ran off four points in a row late in the game take the lead at 21-15. HSU received a pair of kills that tied the contest at 21-21. HSU lost their composure and gave the win to the Wildcats, 18-25.

The second set was a stalemate at 24-24 before Dunaway took the match with two kills for the 26-24 final.

The Wildcats took a set lead by scoring the third set's final five points on the way to the 25-20 total.

Chico State opened a 10-5 early lead in the fourth game and extended it to 15-6. The Wildcats held on the lead into a win at 25-14.

The Lady Jacks have a three-match week ahead of them starting on Wednesday, Oct. 23 at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. They move on to play at California State University, Dominguez Hills Friday, before finishing the trip at California State University, Los Angeles on Saturday, with all matches beginning at 7 p.m.

Men's Soccer:

The Wildcats quarantined the Jacks' offense while finding the net once in each half taking a 2-0 win.

HSU falls to a 6-7-1 record overall and 4-7-1 record in the California Collegiate Athletic Association North.

Chico State outshot HSU 16-1 in the match and gathering 11 of those shots within the first 45 minutes. Octavio Guzman put the Wildcats on the board at 18:00 minutes, kicking from within 15 yards of the net.

The Jacks' lone shot of the match came from Ryan Connor's head that went too high with 32:57 remaining the clock.

Wildcats' Jake Ward posted a second score with just under 16 minutes left in the match giving them the 2-0 final.

HSU will continue on the road next Friday with a 3 p.m. match at Sonoma State.

Women's Soccer:

Chico State University slipped through Humboldt State's defense twice winning the match 2-0.

The Wildcats outshot the Jacks 11-2 in the first 45 minutes and 12-1 in the second period.

Seven of those shots were saved by HSU goalie Kelly Lukas.

The Jacks had one shot on goal from Savannah Havranek, but was saved by Chico State's keeper Brianna Furner at the 17th minute of the match.

One minute after HSU's shot attempt, Chico State's Lindsey Dias got a header for the game's first score.

Lady Jack Colette Behen took a shot with 18 seconds left in the first half but saw it go over the goal.

The game stayed at 1-0 until 73:29 when Courtlynn Cerrito booted in Chico State's second goal winning the match.

HSU travels to Sonoma State on Friday, to play at 12:30 p.m.

Cross-country:

The California Collegiate Athletic Association Cross Country Championships will begin Saturday. Hosted by Chico State in Hooker Oak Park, the event begins with the women's 6K at 9 a.m., followed by the men's 8K at 10 a.m. The awards ceremony is scheduled for 11 a.m.

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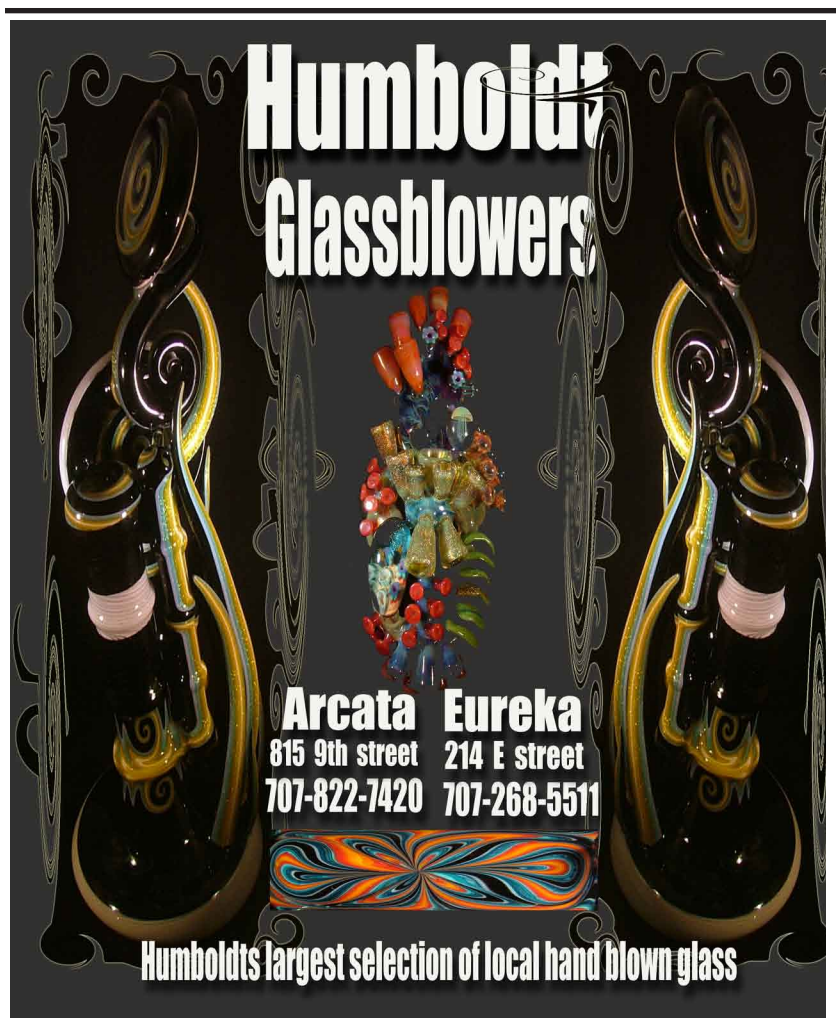

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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FOOTBALL
by Eduardo Barragan

Chris Campbell leads the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) punting average at 41.1 yards per punt. Although kicking a ball is something nearly every person has tried at least once, athletes consider it a skill.

"Some people don't consider kickers athletes, but really it's an art," said Rob Smith, Humboldt State football head coach.

Campbell, a junior from Granite Bay, Calif., is majoring in business marketing at HSU. He played football and lacrosse for all four years of his high school career and joined the Jacks as placekicker in 2011.

When Campbell joined, the team was filled with senior student athletes so it was rare for a freshman to be a starter. The coaches refer to Campbell as a "true freshman" since he has been a starter for the team as a freshman and continues to play every season.

"He takes his craft seriously," Smith said. "He's improved his consistency and now has a big-time leg."

Unlike other positions on the team, Campbell was not recruited by HSU Athletics. He was a "walk-on" player and had to prove his abilities to the team.

"I was honored to have my first college start," Campbell said. "It was an accomplishment that I achieved after all my hard work. I've been kicking since I was in seventh grade and that's when I really mastered it."

After becoming a starting athlete his junior year he received his first scholarship as a kicker for HSU.

Campbell's longest punt of the season zoomed 63 yards across the field when the Jacks played against Simon Fraser University in September at the Redwood Bowl. The ability to kick more than 60 yards is an impressive feat for a student athlete, but the value of a kicker depends on something else.

Special Teams Coordinator James Cravelle said that all a football team asks for in a kicker is consistency.

"Chris is a high-caliber punter," Cravelle said. "He's shown consistency in four of the six games we've had."

When the Jacks' offense cannot get any touchdowns, they leave it to Campbell's kick to see some numbers light up the scoreboard.

HSU long snapper Nathan Merrill agrees that Campbell plays an important role for the Jacks.

"He's definitely a team player and he realizes how important his job is," Merrill said. "Plus, he loves punting."

In golf, every single hole is different and you have to decide on your approach. Campbell compares his kicking in football to golf, saying that the mental aspect is similar for both sports.

"Usually, I have 60 or 70 yards to work with and I need to figure out where I want to put the ball," Campbell said. "I take that and imagine that every punt is the same one every time. I like to relate it to golf because you only have that one shot to make it the best shot."

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How is a field like a writing desk?

Athletes can be nerds too

COMMUNITY
by Tabitha Soden

Take another look at the student athlete running by. He doesn't just spend all his free time at the gym. When not studying for a midterm or on the way to the next track meet, he sits with friends at a table strewn with snacks and cards playing Magic: The Gathering.

Magic is a trading card game created in 1993 by Richard Garfield that has a cult following with players from all over the world. In a game of Magic, two or more players are engaged in a battle as characters called "planeswalkers."

Planeswalkers must have a minimum of 60 cards in their standard deck. Each player starts the game with 20 "life points" and loses when they are reduced to zero.

Players lose life when they are dealt "damage" after being attacked with summoned creatures or when spells or other cards cause them to lose life directly.

While some people play the game competitively, cross-country team runner Mike Railton plays for fun in his spare time. Railton, a junior political science major, became a planeswalker in February.

"Magic is a nice hobby for me," Railton said. "The strategy aspect of Magic is boundless, while distance running takes a serious amount of physical training."

Railton said that running can be stressful and Magic is something he plays to relieve stress and have fun.

Some athletes play at home in their spare time, but there is a shop in Arcata where players like to gather.

Nugames is a shop that caters to Magic players and is owned by Laura Montagna and her children. Montagna says about 30 percent of her clientele are students.

She started playing Magic with her family and that became the focus of the shop six years ago.

"It's a good game for your brain — just like some people like crossword puzzles," Montagna said.

An informal poll at the shop showed that more than half of the players considered themselves athletes. Nugames assistant manager, Will Hofweber rock climbs when he is not at the shop playing. Montagna says it's a balance between the body and the brain.

Max Bell is a junior geography major and cross-country team member and has been playing Magic since February along with Railton. Bell said he has been playing similar games throughout his life and feels that Magic offers a nice change of pace from running.

"A lot about running is mental, but Magic is a different vessel for stimulating the mind," Bell said.

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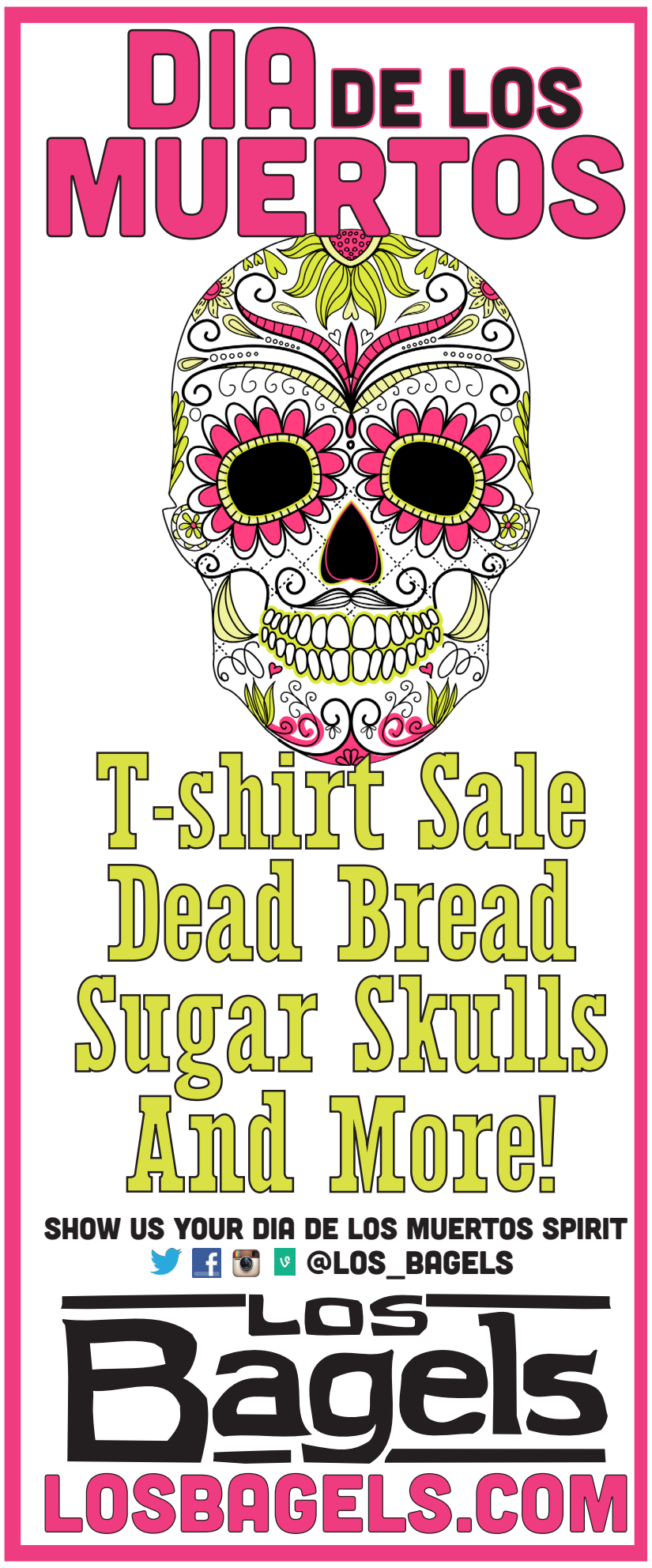

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Sink or swim: how to survive student debt

If there was one thing to take away from the Humboldt State student-led debt panel last Thursday, it would be the inevitable burden of student debt.

By the time you graduate from HSU, there's a good chance you will owe around $18,500 in student loans if you're on financial aid. For those who suffer from the additional stress of paying back student debt, you are not alone, the problem is system-wide.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau estimated student loan debt in the United States to top one trillion dollars on July 27, 2013. Fortunately, California sits at the bottom of the student loan spectrum, with only 51 percent public and private non-profit college student graduates hung up on student debt as opposed to the national average of 66 percent.

Still, student debt weighs heavily on more than half our student population and it's an issue that needs to be addressed.

At HSU, students can apply for two different kinds of federal student loan programs: the William D. Ford Federal Direct Student Loan and the Federal Perkins Loan. The direct student loans allow for a six-month grace period before repayment must be made with interest rates of 3 to 5 percent. The Federal Perkins Loan in contrast allows for a nine-month grace period with a fixed interest rate of 5 percent.

Of course, the loans are much more complicated than that and differ depending on the student's financial situation recorded by his or her FAFSA application, but the function of loans are simple in nature.

Still, there are several programs to help alleviate student debt for recent graduates that many are unaware of.

An Atlantic news article titled "Our Student Loan System Is Broken and These New Statistics Prove It" states "... fewer than a million students are currently enrolled in Income-Based Repayment (IBR) or its newer, even more generous cousin, Pay as You Earn. Both programs limit monthly payments based on earnings. They would help millions of additional borrowers ... if only those borrowers knew about or used them."

These programs are only a few clicks away, and they could mean the difference between sinking or swimming in the inevitable student debt many of us will be confronted with after we graduate.

With a little research students can take their financial future into their own hands. Although recent complaints show student loan programs may be too convoluted for students to understand.

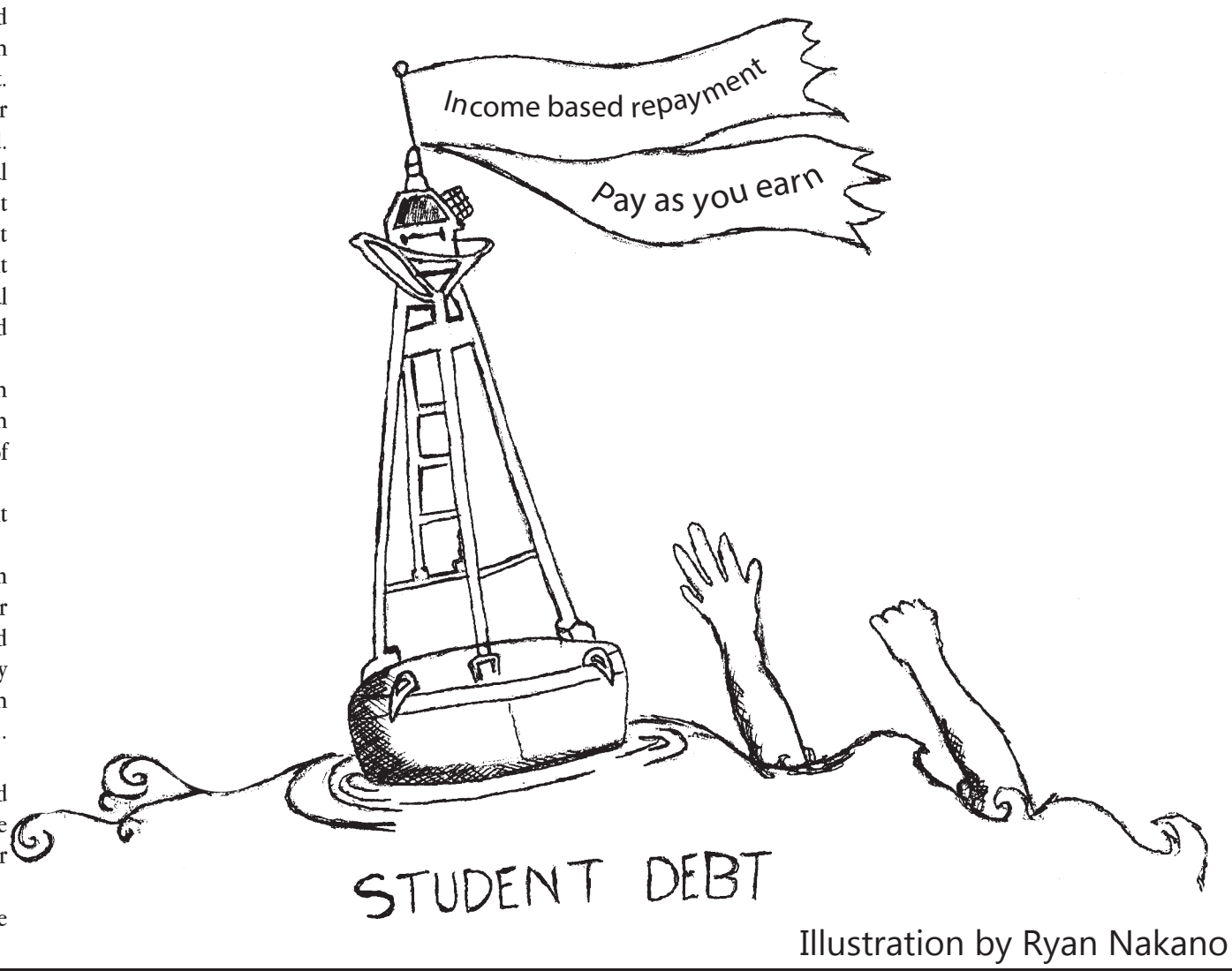
According to the 2013 Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Student Loan Ombudsman annual report the "... report analyzes and discusses complaints submitted by consumers from Oct. 1, 2012, through Sept. 30, 2013. During this period the Bureau received approximately 3,800 private student loan complaints."

Most of these complaints came from consumers who felt their payments were improperly allocated resulting in penalty fines.

The university needs to recognize the complications of the student loan programs offered on campus as well as any additional options available.

In order for students to make informed decisions on how to deal with their student debt, these programs need to be introduced at the start of freshman year before students get caught up in the wrong program.

The burden of student debt is inevitable, but how we deal with it might make all the difference.



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Now I know my A,B,C's...D's and F's.

The letter grading system and higher education

by Shawna O'Donnell

"I really want to get an A on the test." "I just want a B and I'll be happy." "C's get degrees." "I got a D, well at least it was only the first test."

While in college, it's common to hear these statements on a regular basis but it's not often that you hear "I learned something cool in class today" or "I feel like I'm becoming so educated on the subject."

College students (and their parents in some cases) spend hefty amounts of money for higher education. Attending a university such as Humboldt State should be about the learning experience and the knowledge that one can obtain. But for all the cash we spend on our education, we tend to focus too much or almost entirely on grades. The letter grading system distracts students and prevents them from being able to truly absorb the material that they are learning; at least this has been the case for me.

Throughout my academic career, grades have managed to stress me out beyond measure, make me cry, turn me into a nervous wreck, cause me to be foolishly happy and undeniably proud. I may not remember everything I learned in school two years ago, but I definitely remember the grades I got. In the game of A, B, C, D and F, the genuine process of learning remains benched.

In order for students to make their time and money worthwhile in academia, the letter grading system should be eliminated.

HSU student Amy Gonzalez described some of her concerns with the existence of letter grades through email.

"I will spend many hours memorizing terms and ideas for an exam in an effort to receive a successful grade," Gonzalez said, "but the memorization becomes repetitious, and once a test is done I sometimes feel that I haven't really learned much at all."

I agree, studying does have a way of forcing a student to work at a quickened pace which often causes learning to become more of a race than a process.

Insidehighered.com, an online source for news, opinion and jobs for all of higher education, discusses Stanford Law School's decision to drop letter grades and replace them with "honors," "pass," "restricted credit" and "no credit." The broader categories, as opposed to the cut-and-dry system of letter grading, could serve to ease anxiety, relieve pressure, and refocus students' and professors' energy on learning. Smart move, counsel.

On the contrary, an argument on www.debate.org, presented students who are in favor of the system. They believe letter grades are a quick measurement of one's skill and knowledge and should not be abolished. Sure, that's all fine and dandy, but what happens when you are trying to graduate with honors and get a D in one of your courses because you are working every night of the week to pay for your education? Not so gung-ho now, are ya?

While researching the topic of grades, I came across "Students Care Far Too Much About Grades", an opinion piece that was published in The New York Times in 1994. Written by a Stanford undergrad, the article touches base on the student body's narrow focus on grades and their tendency to forget that a university, such as Stanford, should be about learning and knowledge. Sound familiar?

It's been a long time since 1994, 19 years to be exact, and we still continue to place grades on a pedestal. Won't we ever learn? Oh, wait, you gotta get that A first.

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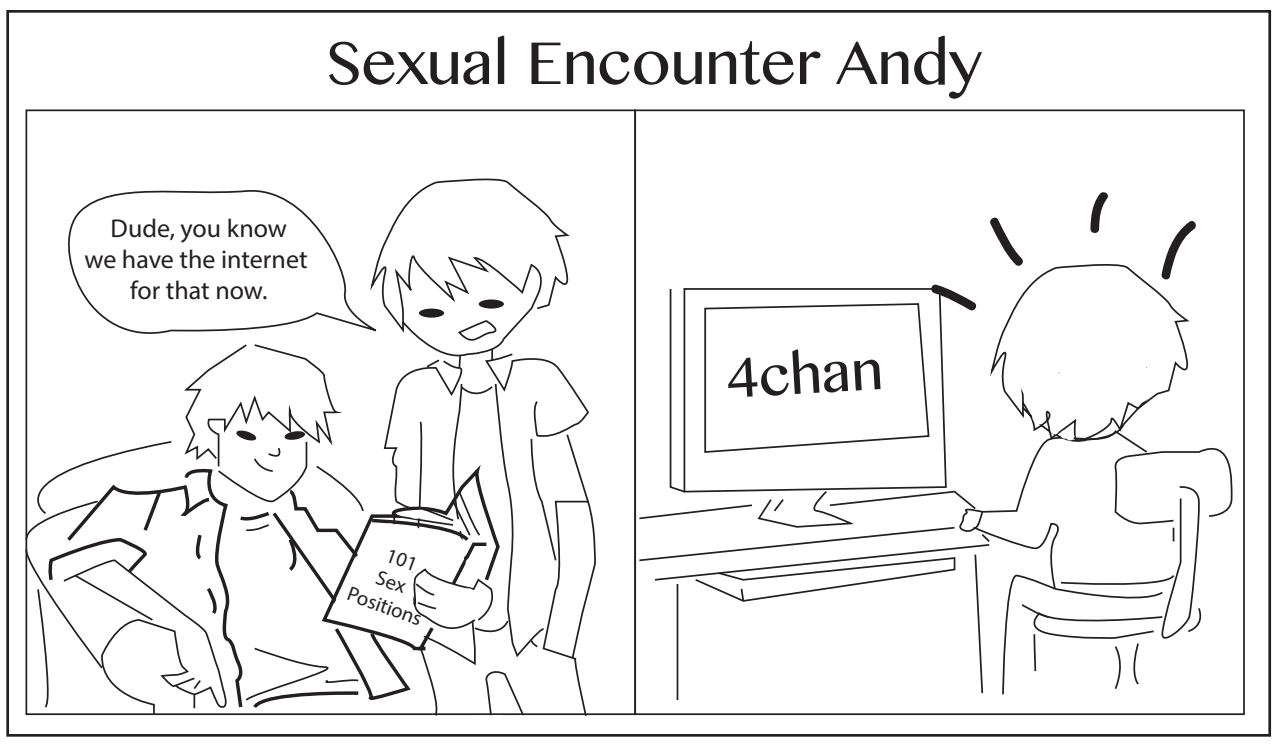

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear editor,

Last week I posted the following comment on The Lumberjack website in response to the article entitled "HSU student Vance Hutchison injured."

"I found myself deeply distressed while reading the front page article "HSU student Vance Hutchinson injured." Although it is disheartening to hear that one of our students faced such harm, that fact is not why I felt the need to write this letter. At the beginning of the article Patrick Evans refers to Alliance Road as 'Alliance Street.' Needless to say, there is no Alliance Street in Arcata. The naming of Alliance Road can be verified easily by a quick search on Google Maps or even taking a short walk across town to look at a street sign.

Historically, Alliance Road has served as a main artery in town. It may be worthwhile for The Lumberjack to do a piece on the history of the street."

This week I expected to see the error mentioned under the "Corrections", but was again disappointed. Perhaps you can place the correction in next week's issue.

Thank you,
Liz Silver

When old fashioned meet and mingle turned into: read my profile

Online dating: what's your opinion?

by Emma Wright

If you were ever discouraged in your old-fashioned "meet and mingle" dating life, search no further than online dating. Thirteen-year-olds can do it, predators can do it and you can too.

Although similar in many ways to online dating websites, Tinder, a new dating phone app is unique in its ability to provide access to companionship 24 hours a day. As long as you are 13 years or older you can download Tinder by using Facebook. Just like any online dating site, you make a profile, put up your pictures (the good ones, obviously) and then you're off and running to find that "perfect someone".

Perhaps I am the odd one, but this app makes me even more frightened of online dating than anything I have heard or seen before. I am constantly reading in the news about profiles that are made up, people hacking into others accounts and stealing their information, predators searching for a new target and people lying about their gender or sexual preference.

An ABC news article by Brian Kuebler discusses a 32-year-old who believed to be murdered "by a man she had previously met on an online dating website." A man assaulted a woman whom he had met online in St. Louis according to a Channel 4 news story. It is bad enough when adults engage in this activity and it goes wrong, but now to encourage minors to do it too — can it get any worse?

When I was 13, my mom and dad told me I was too young to date. Growing up, it was always understood that courting was better than dating, and how can a 13-year-old really date anyway? Still, I had my school boyfriend. We ate lunch together, walked to class together, even sent each other Valentine grams that year. Today, many people seem to be enjoying the opportunity of virtual dating through new dating sites and dating apps.

But online dating is still risky and dangerous.

OKCupid is another online dating site, or rather a "tasteful" way to get what you're looking for in a partner without meeting them face to face. It is one of the only free dating sites around right now and people seem to be thrilled with their ability to find a mate on this site. You create a profile, the same as all the others, and it groups you with people you have similar interests or hobbies with. How honest are the profiles that people make? There is no way to identify if you're lying or if you created a fake profile. People do it all the time.

Kijera Gardner, sophomore at Humboldt State said "online dating is dangerous, dating someone face to face is safer because it is harder to lie about the obvious things." When I asked her what she meant by "obvious" she said, "If I am online and I tell you that I am a caucasian female, you have no way to know, I could be lying. But if I am on a date with you, you can see if I really am a caucasian female."

I cannot agree more. Something as simple as stating your gender seems like a valid way to know if the person you're dating is lying or not. Despite this simple self-expression, people online lie about their gender all the time, why not lie about something more serious?

My mother used to tell me "don't put your real information online for the world to see." Well, I'm not and neither is anyone else in the world.

Online dating is self-advertising, the profile you create is how you sell yourself to someone else. Anyone you want to be, anything you want to have done, you can create online. You can have your cake and eat it too literally while you're online dating. The question remains, how feasible is online dating if the reality you're living in is the fantasy of your profile?

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Lumberjack Word on the Street

Samantha Salgado, senior, social work

"I do not have that much gumption to find someone online, but I heard it works for some people."

Raechel Miller, senior, studio art

"When I started, at first, I got the typical creepers and sexist pigs. But there were always a few that were nice, and that is how I met my boyfriend of two years.

How do you feel about online dating?

Robert Tello, sophomore, business

"I do not know, it seems sketchy. Now with that show Catfish I do not trust online dating and I never will."

Lars Erickson, senior, geography

"I feel it is a shift of how people are connected through the Internet. Online dating is no longer a cliche, we already have Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and everyone is so busy. Why not advertise ourselves online?"

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In "HSU student Vance Hutchison injured," in the Oct. 9 issue of The Lumberjack, Alliance Road is incorrectly referred to as "Alliance Street."

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Puzzles Page

Where is this?

The following photo was taken somewhere on the Humboldt State campus. Do you know where? Email your answer to thejack@humboldt.edu with the subject "ATTN: Where is this?"
Last week's photo was taken in on the east wall of Gist Hall.

Last week's winners

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Where's Rollin?
Gary Lester

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Where is this?
Ashlyn Rhodes

Where's Rollin?

It is hard enough to find Humboldt State President Rollin Richmond in real life ... but can you find him in The Lumberjack?

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

Trivia Questions

1. What does the HSU greenhouse use as an organic alternative to pesticides, herbicides, and fungicides?

2. What is considered to be the 'first line of defense' against brain injuries in contact sports?

3. How long did the power outage last on the HSU campus?

Weekly Sudoku

Difficulty: hard

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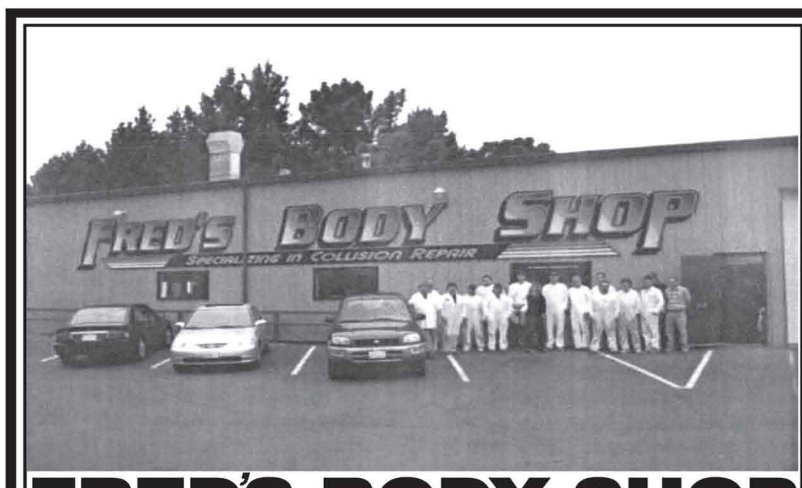

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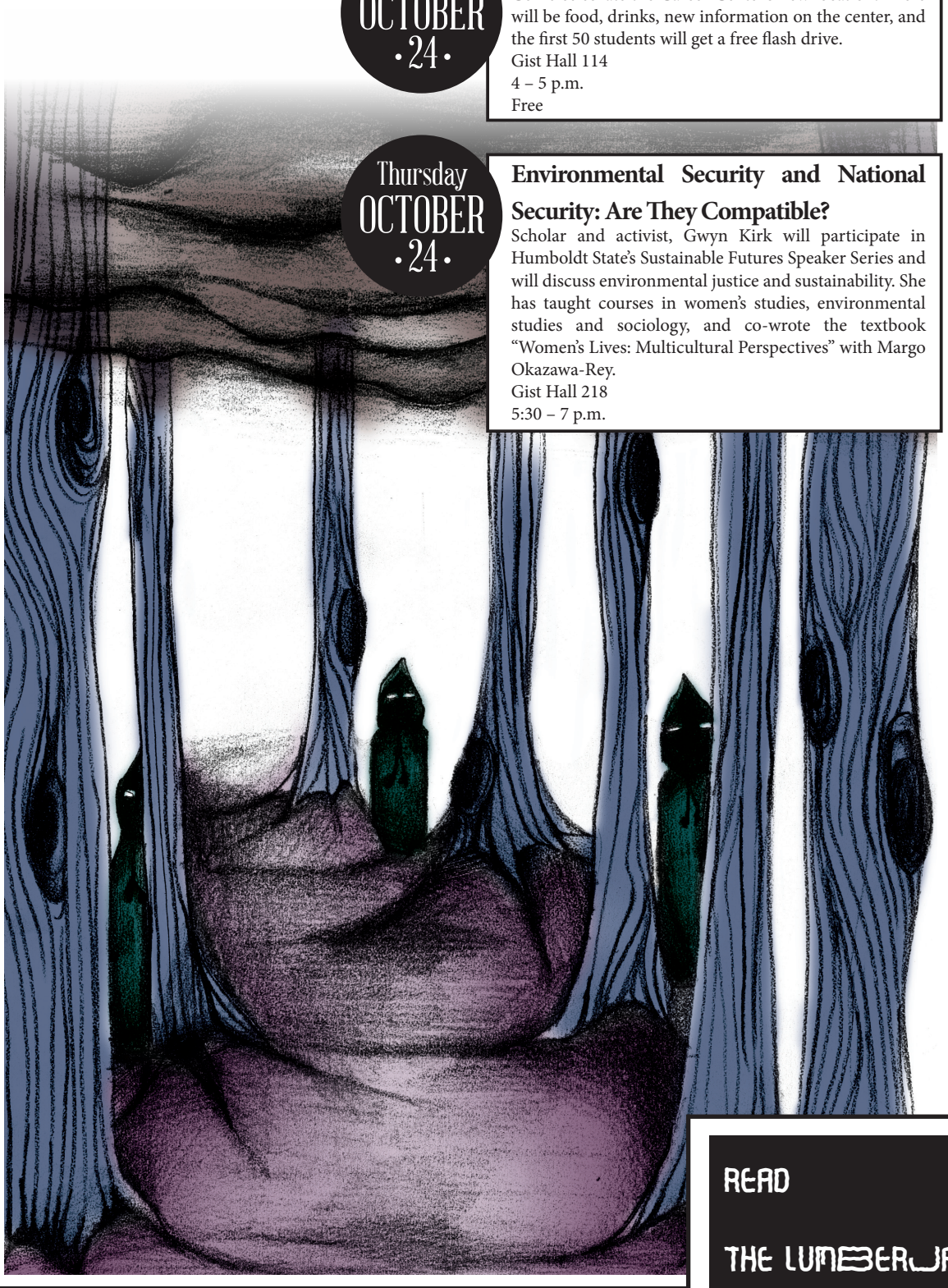

Thursday OCTOBER 24

Career Center Open House

Come celebrate the Career Center's new location. There will be food, drinks, new information on the center, and the first 50 students will get a free flash drive.
Gist Hall 114
4 – 5 p.m.
Free

Thursday OCTOBER 24

Environmental Security and National Security: Are They Compatible?

Scholar and activist, Gwyn Kirk will participate in Humboldt State's Sustainable Futures Speaker Series and will discuss environmental justice and sustainability. She has taught courses in women's studies, environmental studies and sociology, and co-wrote the textbook "Women's Lives: Multicultural Perspectives" with Margo Okazawa-Rey.
Gist Hall 218
5:30 – 7 p.m.

Friday OCTOBER 25

Redwood Zombie Run

Sign up to be a zombie — or try making it to the safety zone without being infected. The run will start at the HSU Softball Field. There will be various challenges throughout the game. Survivors will receive a free t-shirt. Tickets available at Y.E.S. House and UC Quad.
HSU Softball Field
Registration at 4:30 p.m., race at 5:15 – 7:15 p.m.
$5 pre-sale; $7 at the event (students and teachers only)

Saturday OCTOBER 26

Rocky Horror Picture Show

The Humboldt Film Festival presents a live showing of the Rocky Horror Picture Show.
Kate Buchanan Room
8 p.m. – midnight
$10, $8 with costume

Sunday OCTOBER 27

The Haunted Kinetic Lab of Horrors

You must be 13 or older to experience the annual Halloween tradition. Proceeds will go to the Kinetic Sculpture Lab and help host sculpture racing in the Kinetic Grand Championship.
Eighth and N Streets, Arcata
7 p.m. – midnight
$10

Monday OCTOBER 17

Presidential Search Open Forum

Due to President Rollin Richmond's announcement of retirement, the California State University Chancellor's Office will conduct a search for a new president. An open forum will be held for the community and campus to ask questions and express concerns with the search committee.
Van Duzer Theatre
10 a.m. – noon
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