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Tragic loss for geography department

by Lisette Saldana

Last Thursday Humboldt State geography professor Suzanne Seemann was struck by a vehicle while out for a jog with her running partners Jessie Hunt and Terri Vroman-Little.

Hunt and Vroman-Little were taken to St. Joseph Hospital to be treated for their injuries but Seemann was killed on impact.

The joggers were headed northbound on Myrtle Avenue, just south of Ole Hansen Road.

Eureka police found the car abandoned several miles away on California and Del Norte streets in Eureka.

The police were able to trace the vehicle to Jason A. Warren. He is now in custody but until more evidence is gathered, no formal charges or arrests will be made. Warren is also a suspect in a hit-and-run murder that occurred in Hoopa.

The recent tragedy has shaken not only the local community but the campus community as well as the running community.

Stephen Cunha, geography department chair, is saddened by the loss of a valuable faculty member and colleague. He said Seemann was a brilliant and industrious member of the geography department.

Cunha said she was an active teacher who participated in field trips and taught rigorous courses that pushed students to do their best. Seemann joined the faculty in 2011.

"She was a rising tide that raised all boats," Cunha said. "Students and faculty alike."

Geography student Brianna Pacillo learned about Seemann's death while on her way back to HSU from a geography field trip. She was saddened and confused by the news.

Pacillo referred to Seemann as "Superwoman" because of her career dedication. Seemann started her day at 3 a.m. in order to grade class quizzes due at midnight the previous night. All papers and classwork were returned to students the following class.

For Pacillo, Seemann was a passionate teacher who went out of her way to make sure students understood the material but was also available for questions outside normal Monday-Friday business hours.

"She cared about her students; it wasn't just a job," Pacillo said. "You don't get a Suzanne every day."

Last semester Pacillo audited Seemann's course on severe weather systems which led her to select the expansion of tornado alley as her senior project. For Pacillo, Seemann was a mentor and valuable resource for the project, as Seemann did research on weather systems and forecasting.

Brianna Pacillo (left) Suzanne Seemann (center) and Ryland Karolovich (right) at the Spring 2012 geography picnic and awards ceremony. | Stephen F. Cunha

Though Pacillo feels that the project will be difficult without Seemann's support, she is motivated to complete the project in her honor.

President of the Six Rivers Running Club Gary Timek was both shocked and saddened when he heard the news of Seemann's passing. He described Seemann as a focused athlete dedicated to her family.

"She was a very positive person," Timek said.

The Six Rivers Running Club plans to host a memorial walk in honor of Seemann; the date is to be determined. The group also set up accounts for all three women at Umpqua Bank in Arcata.

A memorial service for Seemann will be held this Saturday, Oct. 6 at 10:30 a.m. at Freshwater Elementary School.

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Simpler registration encourages voters

by Melissa Coleman

What if your vote did not count? Every election year, there are Humboldt State students who cannot vote because they do not know they need to re-register or are not registered at all.

But with the ability to register to vote online and on campus, the process is as simple as it can get.

"With voting being easy to accomplish, it's important that students get registered," Milton Boyd, a former HSU zoology professor and elections precinct inspector, said.

Boyd often sees students who bring vote-by-mail ballots from their home district and want to turn them in locally on election day.

"That can't be done," Boyd said. "There's this look of disappointment [when] they say, 'You mean my vote won't count?'"

Students can avoid election day mishaps by registering or re-registering to vote. One new option is to register online. California implemented online voter registration on Sept. 19 and is now one of 10 states to do so.

"Students are so accustomed to doing things online," Boyd said. "I think it's great."

Bailey Moore, a Spanish and international studies senior at HSU, registered to vote three years ago.

Moore said she would have been more likely to register if an online option had been available.

"You don't have to go to the post office. It's right here, right now," she said.

According to a study this year by the Public Policy Institute of California, 54 percent of eligible Californians under age 25 are registered to vote. In comparison, 86 percent of those over age 65 are registered.

While there are no statistics yet, online registration could increase the turnout of young voters.

California State Student Association representative Jesse Hoskins said as of last Friday, 88 HSU students have registered to vote online through Associated Students at RocktheVote.com.

"Online voter registration will make it a lot better for students," Hoskins said. "It widens how many people can vote."

Hoskins, a political science junior, leads the voter registration drive at HSU.

"Liberty has been very confined to certain groups in history. I want to see everyone represented," Hoskins said.

He also thinks this election is especially important for students in California because of Proposition 30. If passed it would increase income and sales tax to fund education. If the proposition fails, the California State University system will face a $250 million budget cut.

"If Prop 30 passes, it will allow us not to get cut," Hoskins said. "At this time, it's the best we have going for us."

Students can also register to vote on campus. Associated Students tables in The J dining hall and on the quad twice a week.

On Oct. 18, A.S. will give away pizza in the UC Center South Lounge from noon-2 p.m. and register students. California Faculty Association members also register students to vote weekdays during the noon hour on the quad.

Between online and on-campus registration, Hoskins said that AS's goal is to register 800 students — about 10 percent of the student body — this year.

"I'm hoping to get over 1,000, though," Hoskins said. "I think 1,500 is the record."

The registration deadline in California both online and on paper is Oct. 22. Moore said that to her, registering to vote is important.

"If you don't vote, you're just watching," she said. "A lot of people complain when they haven't even contributed."

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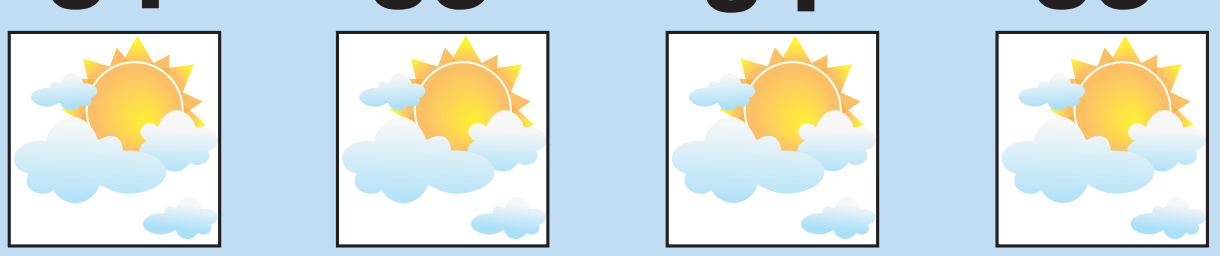
WEEKEND WEATHER



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YOU SHOULD KNOW

@ HSU
Before you graduate, all seniors are required to take the General Writing Proficiency Exam. The exam consists of two forty-five-minute essays which cover one personal experience response and one analytical question response. The Learning Center offers a workshop to prepare you for the GWPE on Oct. 10 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.. Call the HSU Learning Center to sign up at 707-826-4266 or drop by the Learning Center at the HSU Lower Library.

@CSU
On Sept. 19 the California State University Board of Trustees voted to raise tuition fees by $150 a semester if Proposition 30 does not pass. If the proposition does pass the CSU Board also voted to get rid of the 9.1 percent tuition increase which went into effect for the fall 2012 semester. If Proposition 30 fails $250 million will be cut from the CSU's budget starting January 2013 and tuition costs will continue to rise.

@State
Gov. Jerry Brown passed multiple bills this past week that directly affect higher education institutions in California. AB 970 will require the California State University Board of Trustees to consult student associations at both the UC and CSU level six months before future fee increases are implemented. SB 1052/1053 — These two bills will not only create the California Digital Open Source Library but also offer 50 core textbooks for lower-division courses for free online distribution to UC students, CSU students and California Community College students.

@State
The pepper spray incident that took place at UC Davis on Nov. 18, 2011 resulted in a $1 million legal settlement on Sept. 26. Individual students who were sprayed by police at the Occupy protest will receive $30,000 each and a written apology from Linda Katehi, the university chancellor. $100,000 of the $1 million settlement will be set aside for any student who can prove they were also sprayed at the protest, along with $250,000 presented to the American Civil Liberties Union who negotiated the settlement on the students' behalf. In addition to the settlement and written apology UC Davis must assist any student whose grades suffered as a result of being sprayed — this may include paying for them to retake classes.

Compiled by Alexa Malmgren
Sources: San Francisco Chronicle, The Daily Californian, The Atlantic

UPD BYTES

THURSDAY, SEPT. 27

12:41 p.m. - Under the L.K. Wood bridge, people may or may not have been selling drugs. UPD rolled in to bust the suspected drug dealers — *but they were nowhere to be found.*

THURSDAY, SEPT. 27

5:18 p.m. - Someone's bike was stolen at the Jolly Giant Commons. *Hope he was wearing some Heelys.*

THURSDAY, SEPT. 27

6:27 p.m. - On campus someone was cited for underage drinking. *In other news, the grass is green and the sun is shining.*

FRIDAY, SEPT. 28

10:59 a.m. – A Redwood Hall resident was cited for possession of marijuana. *Breaking news!*

SATURDAY, SEPT. 29

8:28 p.m. - UPD found marijuana in the Hill gazebo. *They asked around but no students seemed to want to claim it.*

SATURDAY, SEPT. 29 @ 11:35 P.M.

Another patrol of the Hill gazebo yielded results for UPD. *This time they cited a male resident with possession of weed.*

Compiled by Matthew Chonis

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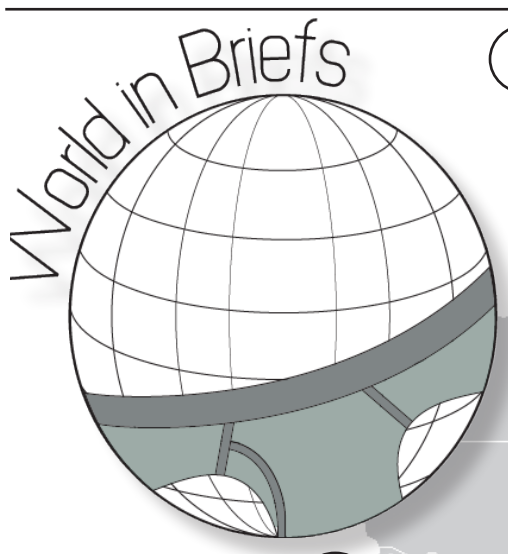
World in Briefs



1 Japan
On Monday evening a commercial vessel collided with a passenger ferry boat just off Hong Kong's Lamma Island. Over 100 hundred passengers were propelled into the sea. The government said 101 people were rescued and more than 50 were taken to the hospital for injuries, and the death toll is now at 36. The damaged ferry made its way to a local pier on Lamma Island. The commercial vessel sank vertically into the ocean, witnesses described the sinking ship as being like the Titanic.

2 Canada
Omar Khadr, the 26-year-old son of an alleged Al-Qaeda financier, was the last Western detainee in Guantanamo Bay. Guantanamo transferred Khadr to Millhaven maximum security prison in Bath, Ontario by U.S. officials on Saturday. Khadr pleaded guilty to the murder of a U.S. soldier in 2010 and under a plea deal became eligible to return to Canada last October. Khadr will be held in Millhaven and await his parole agreement.

3 Afghanistan
On Monday a suicide bomber in Khost, Afghanistan killed 20 people and left about 60 wounded. The attack was claimed by the Taliban and aimed at U.S. soldiers stationed in the city. Witnesses said the attacker waited to detonate until U.S. troops left their vehicles. Victims killed included three American NATO troops, a local interpreter and six Afghan police officers. The attack follows a disputed gunbattle that occurred Saturday in which two Americans and three Afghan soldiers were killed.

4 Egypt
Egyptian doctors began to strike this week in protest of poor pay and bad working conditions. About 540 — 70 percent of Egypt's health services — government hospitals are participating and the doctors have stopped work. Intensive-care units and emergency care will still be provided. The doctors want a pay increase, a 15 percent increase to the health care budget and more in-hospital protection against the increased number of attacks that have occurred since security broke during the uprising against Hosni Mubarak in 2011.

5 Russia
Mark Zuckerberg met with Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev in Moscow on Monday. Entering a country such as Russia is a big move for Facebook. It will test the social network's ability to balance the importance of countries commercially but that are known for heavily regulating media and in some case practice extreme censorship. Facebook played an important role in dissent amongst Russians last winter and is viewed as powerful tool for both the people and politics. Zuckerberg and Medvedev met for 20 minutes and discussed copyright rules and high-tech business including the development of a research center.

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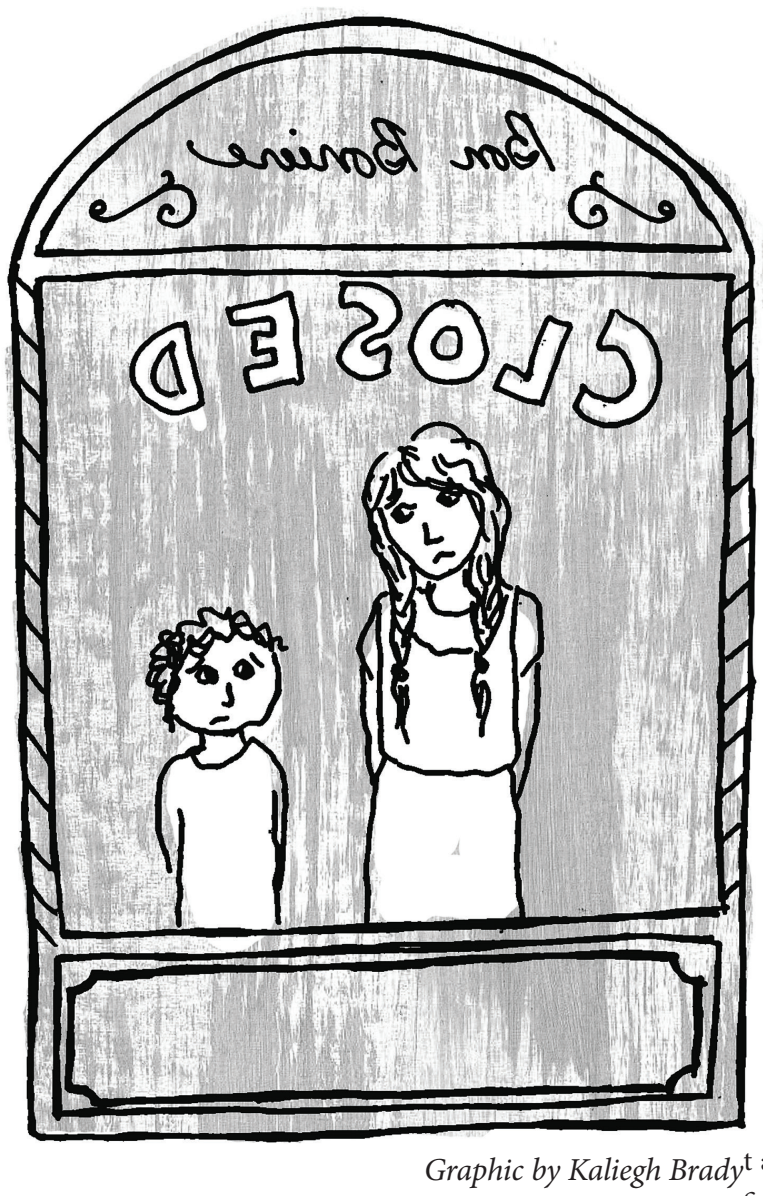
Corrections

The Sept. 19 article "Unit cap decreases for fall 2013" mentions that it takes 138 units for Environmental Resource Engineering majors to graduate. The correct number of units is 130.
Kaliegh Brady was not credited for the Sept. 26 Weekly Comic which is now titled "Pastiche."
The Sept. 26 article "Women's ultimate prepares for another toss at nationals" mistakenly defined a hagfish as a type of eel.
The Sept. 26 "What Now?" column referred to Nicolette Amann as the English department chair. The English department chair is actually Mary Ann Creadon.
The Sept. 26 article "English department revamps remedial courses" had multiple errors. We apologize for reporting incorrect information. To see the corrections please read the submission from Nicolette Amann on page 14.
The Sept. 26 staff box has two name errors. Our business manager is Garrett Purchio and our advertising designer is Molly Delandsheer.
The top front-page photo of the Sept. 26 issue was incorrectly captioned. The photo is of Patrick's Point not Trinidad Head.
Catherine Wong, the writer for the Sept. 26 article "Humboldt State hosts first Biodiversity Conference," should have been listed as a guest writer.

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

Bon voyage to Bon Boniere

by Kira JoyAnne Keleher



Graphic by Kaliegh Brady

Bon Boniere closed their Arcata location and not because of competition with frozen yogurt or other ice cream parlors.

"It is about more life," Kellen Moore, one of the four owners of Bon Boniere said.

"We spent 75 to 80 hours [per] week devoted to work [at the shop]," Moore is one of the three owners who are pursuing advanced degrees.

Moore is reaching for a degree in health information management, which connects the healthcare and digital worlds.

"To complete college is on my bucket-list," Moore said.

Though the owners wish to dedicate more energy to their educations and family, they still want their Eureka shop on F Street to thrive.

Moore bought the business with her longtime friend Deborah Hamilton, who is also pursuing a degree in health information management.

The pair met in a church in Southern California about 30 years ago.

Hamilton's son Matthew and Matthew's wife Dellora are the other two owners of Bon Boniere.

Matthew Hamilton, a Humboldt State alumnus with a bachelor's degree in business, now wishes to pursue a registered nursing license.

Over the years, community members and friends suggested that Moore and the Hamiltons turn the locally-owned business into a franchise, but the four owners never said yes.

"Its not about being [a] rockstar company," Moore said. "The success lies within small business."

Moore said small business owners are more involved and take care of the business because they have the option to provide quality control.

Since they bought the business more than nine years ago, their mission has been to provide a good product to the community.

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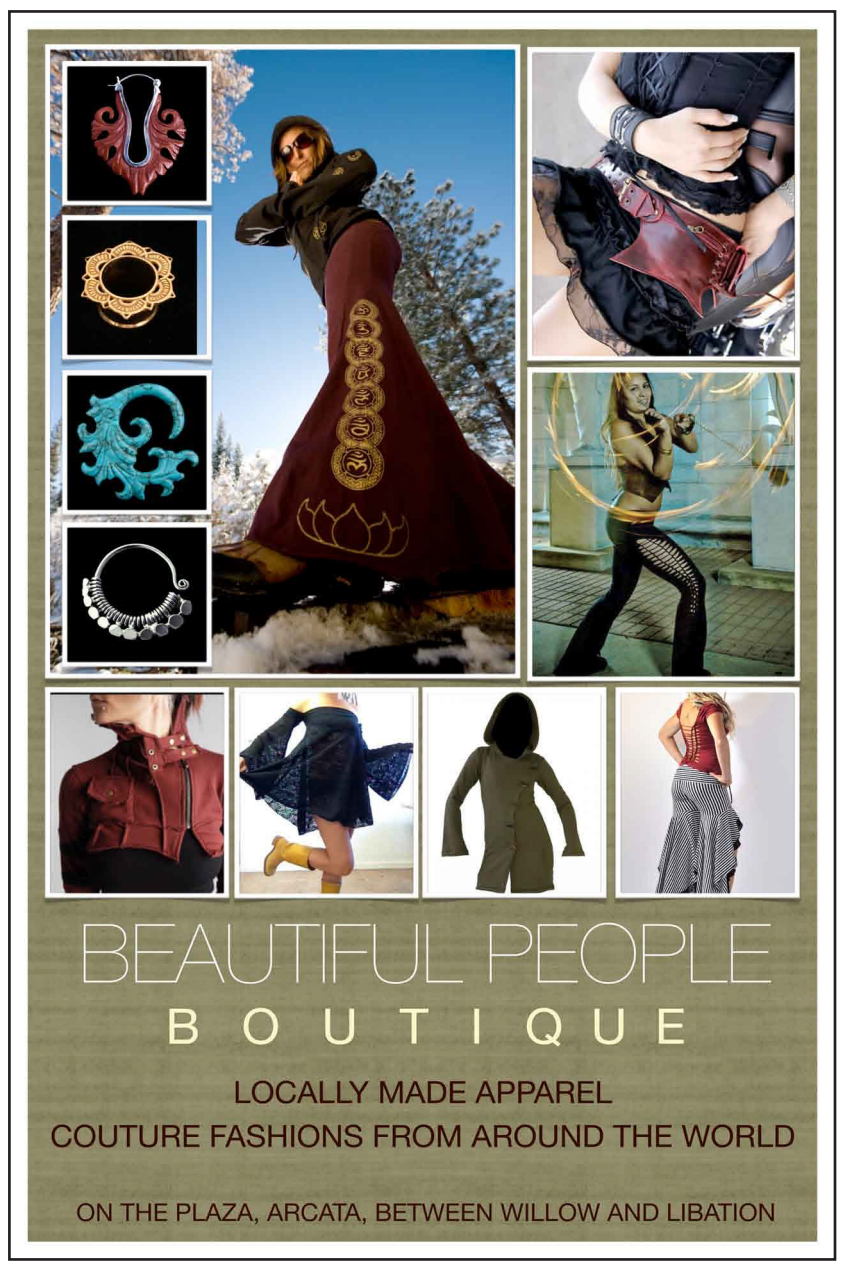

Unit cap cuts credit for clubs

Evan Gibbs (HSU) and Gianpaul Ferioli (SCIC) ride through a tight corner at the Fast Mustache Airport Criterium in McKinleyville Calif on Feb. 19. | Joe Zaizar

by Katherine Elena Leonard

When it comes time at the end of the day, exercising just might not be an option. For most people who play on sports teams, the end of their day is spent with their team.

Starting spring semester, no more units will be offered for club sports and the teams will be taken off of the class registration options online.

Students who play club sports earn two units when they sign up. From archery and climbing to snowboarding and logging, there are nearly 20 different club sports offered on the Humboldt State campus.

Senior English major Nick Sapunor is on two soccer teams, the Mad River softball team and is the vice president of HSU's baseball team. He also has a baseball podcast, The Fantasy Peach, that he broadcasts with his roommates.

"I'm obsessed with baseball," Sapunor said. "With the unit cap in place, yeah it's harder for people to sign up for baseball if it's taken out of the catalog, but it allows people to come play without the units, so they won't have to use their financial aid to play."

Baseball president and former Steelheads player Jason Whiting is also a senior this year.

"The unit cap is insignificant to me because I maxed out my credits anyways," Whiting said. "The units are a convenience though, because I put more work into this than my classes," Whiting said.

Director of Recreational Sports Jan Henry said the unit drop from club sports is because HSU over-enrolls and gives too many units to students. Even though the funding given to club sports by Associated Students and Instructional Related Activities will still be kept, Henry is afraid the change might impact the club sports program.

"I'm afraid students won't take the clubs more seriously if they aren't offered units," Henry said. "They are so deserving of the two units because players put in more time with their teams than they would in four-unit classes."

Two units or no units are the options given at the beginning of this semester for students in the program. The half unit for intramural sports had been dropped last spring semester.

"Club sports are an easy target to start the unit cap cutbacks because these units aren't as necessary," Henry said.

Henry said men's and women's rugby is the most popular. Climbing, cycling and ultimate Frisbee went to nationals last year.

Another concern for Henry is how she will publicize the club sports now that they will not be listed online. Now students can add a club sport through the club sports website or in the student affairs department.

"I'll need to have more posters, fliers, tabling, chalking and more general work with recruiting," Henry said, "but I don't think teams will fizzle."

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99 problems but a bin ain't one

Humboldt State simplifies recycling for students

by Ryan Nakano

If you want to make a difference on campus or in your community it could take you less than one minute.

The choice begins with the empty glass bottle, leftover banana peel and plastic fork. It ends in the trash can, recycling bin and compost container.

The Cascadia Consulting Group, a private firm dedicated to sustainability, confirmed Humboldt State's need for a better recycling system. Last year the firm conducted a solid waste study and hand sorted 14 waste samples from the Jolly Giant commons and University Center at HSU.

Researchers found HSU disposes of 687 tons of waste a year, but 477 tons of the disposed waste could be recycled or composted.

Calrecycle, California's Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, awarded HSU a $76,265 grant last spring to increase the amount of recycling bins and signs on campus.

Gov. Jerry Brown signed the grant into the state budget in August.

Recycling might sound simple but Chelsea Nielsen, a 22-year-old HSU recreation administration major, said some people still do not care.

"When somebody messes up and contaminates the recycling bin with non-recyclables, other people [are confused] about where to put their trash," Nielsen said.

Now with available funds, the HSU waste management department plans to add between 14 and 16 new recycling bins to the campus in November.

Morgan King, the sustainability and waste coordinator at HSU, expects the installment of recycling bins and signs to phase in over a two-year period.

King said because every recycling bin is accompanied by a trash can there is a subsequent need to replace the current trash cans on campus as well. With the grant only good for new recycling bins, Humboldt Waste Management will need the full two years for additional funding.

> ***"People need to understand what it means to recycle. Trash does not simply disappear, it gets sent to landfills and incinerators to be burnt," — Chelsea Nielsen, recreation administration major***

King said he understands how confusing recycling can be, especially due to labeling.

"When the recycling bin is labeled 'beverages' how is anyone supposed to know that a coffee cup from the depot is not recyclable," King said. "Our goal is to standardize both recycling and trash bins so they are clearly labeled and convenient for everyone."

New recycling and trash bins will be placed in high-traffic areas around campus and old bins will be pushed out to less populated spaces.

In addition to new bins, King plans to further educate students about recycling at HSU, especially those new to the school.

"Most people that come to HSU are not from Humboldt," King said. "In parts of Southern California recycling goes to the trash and is sorted out at facilities. But we don't do that here."

As the education director for the Humboldt State Waste Reduction Resource and Awareness Program, Nielsen also believes education is the key to successful recycling.

"People need to understand what it means to recycle," Nielsen said. "Trash does not simply disappear, it gets sent to landfills and incinerators to be burnt."

Eddie Aguilar, the Depot dining manager, noticed changes in recycling on campus already taking place.

Aguilar said the push for more recyclable and compostable products on campus forced HSU Dining Services to consider green alternatives. Now the majority of products in the depot are either compostable or recyclable with the exception of cutlery.

He also noticed that students now take the time to consider which bin to throw their trash into.

"I see students stop and decide what to do with their trash," Aguilar said. "I think the new labels on the trash and recycling bins makes it easier for them, and people seem more aware about how to recycle in general."

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Illustration by Madison Rueda

Do you think recycle and compost signs on campus are confusing?

Ryan Woempner

music, junior

"Honestly I'm not entirely sure what goes in a landfill and what goes in recycle."

Chris Parreira

music, junior

"I think they work, if you take the time to look at it. It's the fact that people don't take the time to look at [the signs]."

Candice Gill

biology

"In a way [the signs] are kind of confusing."

Billy Wright

communications, junior

"Yes. One [sign] says looks like food but what do you do if you have leftovers in your box."

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Campus Weekly

"What Next for AB32? California's Efforts to Implement the Global Warming Solutions Act"
Thursday, Oct. 4
5:30 pm-7 p.m.
BSS

HSU's Sustainable Futures Speaker Series presents Andrea Tuttle, former Director of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and current consultant in forest and climate policy. Andrea Tuttle has attended the past five Conference of the Parties of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, and will again be an Observer at this year's COP in Doha, Qatar. She especially tracks the mechanism known as REDD+ (REDD plus) aimed at reducing emissions from loss of tropical forests.

The Humboldt Circus Presents Illum-a-lot-i
Friday, Oct. 5
7:45 p.m.
HSU Studio Theater
$3-$7 sliding scale

With things that glow, blink and some that disappear, this glow black light show will make your mouth drop and your mind expand! Bring glow toys if you have them for after the show. Half of the proceeds support the Humboldt Juggling Society.

Native American Community Reception
Monday, Oct. 8
6-8 p.m.
Kate Buchanan Room

As part of Indigenous Peoples Week, please join HSU's American Indian community for an evening of cultural sharing. Make new friends and meet American Indian faculty and staff. Refreshments provided. This reception is open to all who identify with and/or support the Native American community.

Native Pathways Speaker Series
Tuesday, Oct. 9
5:30-7 p.m.
BSS

The Native Pathways Speakers presents Marilyn Vann, who will speak on the Cherokee Freedmen. Marilyn is President of the Descendants of Freedmen of the Five Civilized Tribes Association, a non-profit that educates the public on the history, culture, and political rights of the African Indian peoples of the five nations (formerly known as the Five Civilized Tribes) whose ancestors were enrolled as "freedmen" tribal members by the U.S. government Dawes Commission approximately 100 years ago. She is also president of the African Indians Foundation, a 501c3 Corporation. She is lead plaintiff in a Federal lawsuit against the U.S. government department of interior, Vann et Al Versus Norton, which deals with the enforcement of the 1866 treaty rights of the Cherokee Indian Freedmen Peoples in accordance with the Cherokee Nation constitution.
The Native Pathways Speaker Series is a student run initiative sponsored by Many Tribal Nations, the Department of Native American Studies, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion and Associated Students.

Source: Humboldt Events

Local companies give support to HSU logging sports

by Kevin Forestieri

The loggers perform at the Jacks versus Dixie State home game on Saturday, Sept. 22. | Qinjin Yang

Local logging companies take the initiative to support the logging sports club at Humboldt State. They contribute supplies to the club and give them a place to practice. To these companies, supporting the club is important to help the local community and promote the natural sciences at HSU.

The logging sports team is an HSU club that competes with other schools in logging competitions. The sports include burling, where two people balance on a log in the water and try to stay on as the log begins to roll. The sport also includes double bucking, where two people take either side of a long saw and carve through a log as fast as they can. Students sign up for the one-unit course forestry 170 to join the logging sports team.

"Loggers would compete in these events in traditional logging camps," Kenneth Fulgham, the chair of the forestry department, said.

Rick Shurtz, the president of the logging sports club, said the team practices for the events year round.

Every Saturday, the team leaves campus at 8:30 a.m. and travels to Freshwater Forest to practice.

"People can practice whatever event they want to work on," Shurtz said.

The local logging community in Humboldt County provides the location for the logging sports team to practice.

The Humboldt Redwood Company owns the Freshwater Forest property. Through an agreement between the company and HSU, the club is allowed to practice there every week. However the relationship between HSU and the logging community works beyond just a place to practice.

Gary Rynearson, the forest policy manager at Green Diamond Resource Company, said Green Diamond provides supplies for the logging sports club. They also contributed the hard hats and suspenders the team wears at HSU football games.

Employees at companies like Green Diamond also contribute tools for the club to use. "I've personally given the club two axes and one saw," Rynearson said.

Rynearson said it is important for companies like Green Diamond to support the HSU logging club and the forestry department.

"Natural resources are an important part of Humboldt," Rynearson said.

The connection between Humboldt logging companies and HSU goes deeper.

Rynearson said most of the people working in Green Diamond logging, including himself, are from the HSU forestry program. When Rynearson attended HSU, he was a member of the logging sports team for three years.

"This is our college," Rynearson said. "And it's important for the alumni and the local community to support the natural sciences at HSU."

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The Laramie Project: Matthew Shepard's story told at Eureka High

The cast of "The Laramie Project" at rehearsal in the Eureka High School auditorium. | Nathan Emmons

The Laramie Project

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by Cora Vay

Tied to a fence, beaten, bound and covered in blood except for the tear marks on his face, Matthew Shepard was beaten to death in Laramie, Wyo. because he was gay.

"The Laramie Project," presented by the Eureka High School theater group, is a play written by Moisés Kaufman the Tectonic Theater Project. The play follows testimonies of those connected to Shepard, a 21-year-old student at the University of Wyoming killed in 1998 because of his sexual orientation.

"I wanted to do the play the first time I read it 10 years ago," Nathan Emmons, EHS theater director, said. "This is an important piece of history — like Emmett Till and James E. Byrd Jr. [beaten and dragged behind a truck by white supremacists in 1998] — this needs to be kept in our consciousness."

Shepard's murder sparked nationwide debate on the absence of laws protecting gay people from hate crimes.

The Matthew Shepard Act, passed in 2009, extends existing federal hate-crime laws to crimes motivated by gender identity or sexual orientation.

Yet, more than a decade later, issues of tolerance are still present in Humboldt County.

Emmons said the Westboro Baptist Church, the church that picketed Shepard's funeral and is known for their anti-gay agendas, flagged EHS for possible homophobic protests.

"Susan Burke [from the Matthew Shepard Foundation] said she saw EHS on the picket schedule," Emmons said. "We'll have to wait and see if they show up. If they do, [supporters in the community] said they would miss work to support us."

Supreet Bhullar, an EHS sophomore, posted fliers in Eureka's Fairway Market promoting the play.

"I heard a lot of bad things after I posted them," Bhullar said. "Things like '[Shepard] deserved it' or 'I'm not going to watch the gay play' — I had to replace one because someone tore it down."

Shepard, beaten into a coma by his killers Aaron McKinney, 21, and Russell Henderson, 19, was discovered 18 hours later, barely breathing, shoeless and hung on a fence.

The hospital reported Shepard's injuries — hypothermia, fractured head from repeated bashing, swelling and bleeding in the brain and cuts on his head, face and neck.

Shepard never woke from his coma and died six days after he was found.

A month after Shepard's death, playwrights Moisés Kaufman and members of the Tectonic Theater Project interviewed people of Laramie — documenting the aftermath of a small town that became the center of hate crime debates.

"The Laramie Project" was born.

Stripped of props, actors on stage recite accounts from Shepard's father, friends, classmates, college advisor, Laramie residents and his killers.

"This is different from anything we've ever done," Leila Jordan, EHS senior, said. "['The Laramie Project'] carries a real message — so shocking and so recent."

"The Laramie Project" is retold nation wide and Shepard's story inspired countless movies, books and songs.

In the play, Harry Wood, a gay 52-year-old Laramie resident, recalls the sight of hundreds of people marching behind a banner of Shepard:

"I started to cry. Tears were streaming down my face. And I thought, 'Thank you God that I got to see this in my lifetime.' And my second thought was, 'Thank you. Matthew.'"

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Humboldt Circus creates glow show

by Bryn Robertson

Out with fire spinning and in with black lights.

New fire show regulations on Humboldt Circus' on-campus fire shows forced the performers to put their disappointments aside and think creatively. On Oct. 5 and 6, with glow-in-the-dark paint and new, nonflammable tricks, the show goes on.

The Illum-A-Lot-I Glow Show is a benefit for the annual Humboldt Juggling Festival, an event with international prestige in the middle of March.

"People come from Canada to the Juggling Festival," Johnston said.

Last fall Arcata Fire Marshal Wendy Collins led the Humboldt Circus fire shows to an end by requiring every fire performer to be licensed — a qualification costing from $100 to $200 each. New requirements also include state-run fire safety training and at least five references from pyrotechnic professionals.

Andrew Sackman, circus member and chemistry major, said the new requirements came without reason, and are a lot to ask of college students.

Shalyn Eppler juggles during the Arcata Farmers Market on Saturday, Sept. 22, 2012. | Bryn Robertson

> *"Limitation breeds creativity," — Holly Johnston, Humboldt Circus member*

"We never did anything wrong. We followed all the rules to the T," Sackman said. "There's no reason why [fire shows] should be banned."

Mikey Manguerra, a longtime circus member, said he felt misunderstood by the new requirements.

"Glow shows are trippy and awesome, but they're not fire shows," Manguerra said. "Safety is one of our priorities, so we can continue to grow and learn."

Their disappointments behind them, the circus prepares for two nights of black light magic in the Theater Arts building.

Holly Johnston, an environmental science major and clown, said she is excited for the upcoming shows.

"We've done black light shows in the past that have been really fun," Johnston said. "Limitation breeds creativity."

A week before the show, members of the Humboldt circus gathered at a fellow clown's home to locate everything with phosphorescent qualities — items which would glow — and work through the logistics of a public, for-profit performance. Bowling pins and paper maché rocks coated with light sensitive paint piled up on the sofa. A gnome puppet, poised and ready, sat on the floor below.

Holly Johnston poses with bowling pins coated with light sensitive paint which she will use in the Illum-A-Lot-I Glow Show. | Bryn Robertson

The Humboldt Circus plans to bring black light equipment to the festival in March in case the Arcata Fire Department's new standards on usage still apply.

Shalyn Eppler, a clown and juggler, said she is happy with the circus' flexibility and courteousness.

"I really like that we are seeing this [new system of regulations] as an opportunity to try something new," she said. "I'd still like to spin fire on my own time."

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Bacon in Blue Lake

Blue Lake Casino's Sapphire Palace

Oct. 6: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
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by N. Hunter Cresswell

Bacon flavored vodka, bacon brownies and chocolate covered bacon are among bacon-themed foods to be offered at the first Bacon Festival at the Blue Lake Casino.

Blue Lake Casino supervisor Tanya Fechner said the concept behind the event was to give local vendors and restaurants a chance to share recipes.

For $15 patrons of all ages can access vendors and restaurants which will serve free samples of bacon-themed foods. Larger portions of the treats will be sold at the booths.

Participants might also win prizes and awards for contests such as best pig costume or best pig impression. There will also be giveaways and prizes, Fechner said.

Miko Ross, owner of Calhoun's Original Southside Barbeque Sauce, will serve pulled-pork bacon sandwiches at the festival.

Ross, a bacon enthusiast, said many local chefs often discuss various methods of preparing bacon. Ross' take on bacon vodka was that since vodka is made from potatoes — bacon and potatoes go together — maybe the bacon vodka will be good.

A restaurant competition with a $2,500 prize will be held on Saturday for the best professional recipe.

Amateur chefs can also can enter their recipes in the Sunday competition for a chance to win a $2,000 first place prize, a $400 second place prize and a $100 third place prize.

Patricia Cushing, owner of Patty Cakes Unlimited, will serve bacon-infused desserts such as candied and caramelized bacon, white and dark chocolate-covered bacon and bacon brownies.

Cushing said she is skeptical of the bacon-flavored vodka.

"Lord only knows," Cushing said. "Bacon and vodka might go together."

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by Olivia Drake
DJ MOD

Album Review: "Babel" by Mumford & Sons

Release Date: Sept. 25

When I mention Mumford & Sons, the most common response I receive is, "Oh, the banjo guys?"

I can only giggle to myself when I know those individuals don't have any idea of the magical delight that is Mumford & Sons (or, I suppose, "The Banjo Guys"). There is so much more to the experience of listening to such a band, and it is indeed an experience. Beyond the banjo is a group of four men — multi-instrumentalists Marcus Mumford, Ben Lovett, Winston Marshall and Ted Dwane — who call forth listeners' personal emotions.

"Babel," released on Sept. 25, has already grown its roots into my heart, firmly planted next to the band's first album, "Sigh No More."

Mumford & Sons have not lost their touch in the release of "Babel" that they first established in "Sigh No More," which is their impeccable talent in storytelling. However, "Babel" is a greater step forward in the development of the band's voice.

The tone and pacing throughout "Babel" wind from slow and heartfelt to quicker jogs, as though embarking on a journey following the glimpse of a new hope. It might sound whimsical and cheesy, but the sound of a Mumford & Sons tune embeds these feelings right off the bat.

The excitement of tearing into a new album is 50 percent love of the music and 50 percent curiosity for what could possibly be new. Babel is a perfect match for this criteria; the familiarity established from their past work fits firmly with the new stories they have to tell.

There is much more emotional depth here than prior; the personal messages in the twelve tracks in "Babel" hit closer to home. In songs such as "I Will Wait" and "Lovers' Eyes," any listener could identify with the feeling of needing guidance and security when support is much needed — which inherently is much more often than one may initially think.

The album pays tribute to any and all of the trials and tribulations in our hearts. The sound quality is so clear that you feel as though they are performing just for you — like they know exactly what you've been through and are assuring that you never walk your roads alone. These messages are so important in life, and they are messages that we often forget when we have places to be and deadlines to meet. Knowing this, "Babel" is a sweet break from reality for our desires to come rushing back to us, as if they'd been waiting the whole time.

To sum up all of this enlightened hippie nonsense, "Babel" is absolutely worth every penny. If you are in need for inspiration to find something new that could genuinely lead to finding something new within yourself, let Mumford & Sons (yes, the banjo guys) guide you.

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What Sleep Now?

by Katherine Monroe

Students struggle to balance classes, work and a healthy sleep cycle. Some may have a hard time falling asleep. Others have a difficult time staying asleep and some have a hard time waking up in the morning or staying awake in class.

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Falling Asleep

There are three parts of the brain responsible for sleep. The first section helps us fall asleep, the second helps us stay asleep and the third tells us when to wake up.

James Dupree, Ph.D. and Humboldt State psychology professor, said the best place to sleep is somewhere cool, quiet and dark. Avoid sleeping with a busy mind, anything that can cause heightened emotions and falling asleep while studying.

Dupree recommends making notes or to-do lists before going to bed to calm the mind and to use the bed strictly for sleep or sex. Studying elsewhere will help your mind connect the bed with sleep instead of associating studying with sleep.

Kit Oberg, a forestry junior, readies herself for bed by drinking tea, stretching and yoga. She always has some sort of white noise on to help her sleep.

Staying Asleep

Staying asleep is essential to the sleep cycle. When we stay asleep we dream and let our subconscious work itself out. Without it you may feel drowsy, grumpy and sluggish. This is why seven to nine hours of sleep is recommended by both Dupree and Liz Welton, post-graduate resident of the Counseling and Psychological Services.

Sleep medication should only be taken if it is prescribed by your doctor, Dupree said. Sleep medication side effects include sleep walking, dangerous driving and weird behavior. Sleep aids can be beneficial to those who have experienced traumatic events recently as a way to realign their sleep cycle, but it is not a good idea to stay on them, Dupree said.

If you find yourself running out of ways to get some sleep, the Counseling and Psychological Services can help you develop good sleep hygiene and regular sleep time rituals.

Melatonin and chamomile tea can be helpful to both fall asleep and stay asleep, Welton said. While alcohol can also help you fall asleep, it can also be disruptive and cause you to wake up after only a few hours.

Waking Up

A regular sleep pattern will help you feel refreshed when you wake up. Other things that can help you wake up are coffee, apples and exercise. The part of the brain responsible for waking up is associated with light. The morning light will help you wake up in the morning, Dupree said.

"There is no way to bank [sleep]," Dupree said.

You can catch up on sleep by sleeping in or for longer than eight or nine hours, but in about two or three sleep sessions your body will be all caught up.

With 4 a.m. shifts at Target, the seven hours of sleep Kit Oberg, forestry junior, gets a night are precious. When the holidays begin she goes to bed at 7 p.m. so she can be at work at midnight.

She wakes up at 3 a.m. for work during the week and at 11 p.m. when the holidays start.

"I can't have coffee because I'm allergic to caffeine, so I always have an apple to give me a boost of energy," Oberg said.

Oberg does do all-nighters during the holidays and around finals week, but she catches up on her missed sleep during the weekends when she sleeps the whole day away.

Welton of CAPS advises students who have to do all-nighters to get it done and out of the way and then find time to relax and regain the sleep you lost.

"Giving yourself a break is hugely important," Welton said.

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From the vault:
An era of activism against the Vietnam War

by Cora Vay

Editor's Note: Each week this semester, The Lumberjack will provide content from its past as Humboldt State nears its centennial.

This week's article was originally printed on Oct. 22, 1969 in the third issue of volume XLV of The Lumberjack.

In unison with the nation's unrest and activism over the Vietnam War, 1969 painted Humboldt State with rebellious protests and reforms.

The first act of rebellion came on Jan. 15, 1969 when the California State College system threatened professors with suspension and denial of tenure over peaceful protests. HSU professors threatened to strike in support with San Francisco State.

Unrest started to build on May 7, 1969 when HSU's student body president and editors on The Lumberjack took a stance with 23 other colleges. In a letter sent to President Lyndon B. Johnson, students declared they will not join the military as long as the war in Vietnam lasts.

Signed by 10,000 draft-eligible students, the letter read:

"Left without a third alternative, we will act according to our conscience. Along with thousands of our fellow students, we campus leaders can not participate in a war which we believe to be immoral and unjust."

In the article pictured, 600 residents of Humboldt County marched from the HSU library to the Arcata Plaza in support of the Vietnam Moratorium on Oct. 15, 1969 — a nationwide protest against the United States' involvement in the Vietnam War.

In the rain and led by a police car, the crowd marched over the 14th Street bridge onto G Street.

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changed, Shaff said. But, he added, "that's if everyone agrees."

Shaff said Cal-State at Fullerton now operates under a system of liberalized alcohol control on the campus and in the dorms. He said they have operated under the system for a year and, according to their report, have had little trouble. He also said Wisconsin State University has a liberalized alcohol policy, but the legal age in Wisconsin is 18 making it a "bad example."

Shaff plans to attend a five-day resident halls council meeting in Washington state later this month. He said he should be able to gather some information at this meeting. He may have enough information after the meeting to submit his report before the end of the quarter, he said.

Liberal Policy

In a study by Donald R. Buckner of Northern Illinois University the effects of liberalized regulations at that school were reported. According to Buckner, after liberalization:

1. Five times as many people drank in the dorms as before, but there was no significant difference in the frequency or the amount of drinking.
2. Study conditions were not adversely affected.
3. The heavy drinker in college under either system was usually a heavy drinker in high school.
4. Students under systems of strict study hours usually spent more time "cramming" than those under the liberalized systems.
5. Freshmen under the liberalized system generally did better on the average than those on the more conservative systems.
6. Alcoholic beverage consumption was apparently not a general factor in underachievement for the first semester under either regulatory system.
7. Student reaction was generally better to the overall system of resident hall regulation after the liberalization.
8. Students were less likely to think of the hall staff as primarily disciplinarians and tended to be better able to relate with staff members.

Approximately 600 people were drawn to the Arcata Plaza for an ecumenical service including folksongs and addresses by local clergy.

Hundreds Join Together In Solemn Candlelight March

By Lincoln Kilian
LJ Staff Writer

A ten-block line of flickering candles wound through Eureka's streets last Wednesday night, as Humboldt County's Moratorium Day observances drew to a close.

Six hundred peace demonstrators assembled at the Eureka Courthouse at 7:30, for the start of the half-mile procession to the First Presbyterian Church. Led by marchers from the sponsoring Humboldt Peace Center, the crowd streamed across Fourth Street, two and three abreast.

A slow, steady tolling from the bells of St. Bernard's Church provided a mournful backdrop to the procession as it turned up H Street. Most of the quiet marchers were young, but a sampling of older citizens had also turned out for the event. A damp chill remained in the air after the day-long rains.

Curious residents stood on their lawns and peered out of windows as the march flowed by. A handful of elderly legionnaires emerged from the Eureka American Legion post – one holding a candle – and shook hands with several demonstrators. The few policemen in sight directed traffic at intersections.

Leaders reached the church, at 14th and I, at 8 o'clock. The number of marchers had swelled to at least 800 by that time, and for the next half-hour they filed in – filling every available pew, the balcony, the choir seats, and much of the space around the altar. Double doors opening to the sanctuary from the church recreation-center were opened, and over a hundred folding chairs were quickly filled there.

A folk-rock trio began to sing as the marchers were still entering. The audience rose, and began a rhythmical clapping and stomping which shook the building, and continued unabated for ten minutes.

Six local clergymen then conducted a half-hour service of hymns, prayers,

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Resident Advisors Assume New Role

Resident Advisors in HSC dorms are dead, at least on paper. They have been replaced by Living Group Advisors, at least on paper.

There are 24 LGA's at present. Of these, only two were RA's last year. The LGA's are under the immediate supervision of one of five Proctors who are former RA's. Structurally, much that existed last year remains. But, there have been changes.

According to Ray Gipson, proctor of Redwood Hall, these changes are largely shifts in emphasis.

Both the RA and the LGA function on three distinct, but intertwined levels, Gipson said.

First, both are employees of the housing office. This gives them the responsibility of the building, locking doors, and enforcing federal, state, and college regulations. The enforcer.

Second, both – at least officially – are the pseudo-head of the group. As RA emphasized the first function, Gipson said. The RA was the cop down the hall who told people to keep the noise down, unlocked doors, stopped water fights, broke up poker games and ran girls out of boy's rooms.

Some of this has not changed. The LGA still unlocks doors. He still may step in to stop distraction. And he may still stop gambling. But, often he may advise what consequences may result from an action rather than overtly stopping it.

Gipson said students have the chance "to make mistakes, but also a good chance to prove they know when they have gone too far."

The RA was also an information officer, but his training was that of the seasoned student rather than the trained advisor. The LGA is also a seasoned student, but he is also trained to direct the student to

At least three stores were closed in honor of the Vietnam moratorium; one sign read:

"We believe it to be our patriotic duty to close our place of business in recognition of the nationwide Moratorium. Vietnam must end now!"

Back on campus, nine students and eight professors gave speeches on Vietnam relating to their specific discipline.

Daniel Brant, a zoology professor, spoke about the ecology of Vietnam.

Efforts from the Oct. 15, 1969 moratorium proved to be ineffective. By Nov. 12, 1969, the nation was still in Vietnam — another moratorium was planned.

Events in the second moratorium on Nov. 13 and 14 included canvassing the community, teach-ins from guest speakers, boycotting Friday classes and boycotting merchants to slow the economy.

Local protests persisted at HSU until the end of the Vietnam War in 1975. Mike Stockstill, a reporter for The Lumberjack, wrote:

"Where it goes from here is the question that rests on the minds of all concerned: will there be a degeneration into violence or will the cause remain peaceful? Only time will reveal the answer."

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Sports

Jacks Roundup

by Alexa Malmgren

Football

The Lumberjacks' undefeated record was tainted on Sept. 29 by Central Washington, who beat the Jacks 31-3. The Wildcats, who are undefeated in their conference play, improved their record to 4-0 in league as the Jacks fell to 3-1.

Central Washington is now in first place for the Great Northwest Athletic Conference standings with their one game lead over the Jacks.

The Wildcats scored early in the first quarter when quarterback Ryan Robertson completed a 10-yard pass to fullback Ridge Nielsen. On their next possession, Sean Davis scored Central Washington's first field goal of the season to bring the score at the end of the first quarter to 10-0.

After a scoreless second quarter, the Lumberjack's Matt Bruder completed a 43-yard field goal early in the third period to give the Lumberjacks their only points of the game. The Wildcats fought back, scoring two more touchdowns in the third and another touchdown in the fourth, bringing the final score to 31-3.

The Lumberjacks will now face Western Oregon on Oct. 6 in the Redwood Bowl. The Wolves are 2-2 in conference play with wins over both Azusa Pacific and Simon Fraser. Be sure to wear pink with your green and gold for Breast Cancer Awareness Day.

Women's soccer

The last two conference games for the Lumberjacks have resulted in losses, bringing their overall record to 1-5.

On Sept. 28 Humboldt State faced off against No. 20-ranked Sonoma State. Early in the first half, the Seawolves scored their first goal of the game off a corner kick from Sonoma State's Sarah Studer which allowed JJ McFarlin to find the back of the net. Later in the half Studer received her second assist when she passed the ball to Cara Curtin who made the Seawolves' final goal of the game.

The Jacks had a total of nine shots on goal compared to the Seawolves' 17, and walked away from the field on Friday hoping their first road game against Cal State Stanislaus would fare differently.

However Sunday's game also resulted in a loss for the Lumberjacks. HSU traveled to Turlock, Calif. for a rematch against the Warriors who beat them previously, 2-1 on Sept. 21. Unable to withstand the Warriors' offensive attack the Jacks fell 4-0. The Jacks only had two shots on goal compared to CSUS's 17.

Volleyball

The women's volleyball team added two more losses to their conference record this past weekend as they hit the road to compete against Cal State Monterey Bay and Cal State East Bay.

After facing CSUMB on Sept. 28 the Jacks' record fell to 0-6. Despite winning the first set 25-21 the Lumberjacks were unable to win another against the Otters who claimed their first conference win over HSU.

On Sept. 29 HSU traveled to Hayward, Calif. to compete against Cal State East Bay where they lost all three sets to the Pioneers, bringing their conference record to 0-7 and their overall to 2-12.

On Oct. 4 the Jacks will compete against Cal State Dominguez Hills at 7 p.m. in the Lumberjack Arena.

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Cross-country takes strides towards regionals

by Lorrie Reyes

Bridget Berg runs during the Stanford Invitational. | Dan Pambianco

The last time senior cross-country runner Bridget Berg ran at the Stanford Invitational she passed out from heat exhaustion.

Last weekend, two years after her initial run and in her first race of the 2012 season, the Humboldt State botany major finished first for HSU and 17th overall in the 6K event.

"I just want to run a good race," Berg said before the meet. "I want us to feel proud of ourselves [and] in our results."

Berg's results helped HSU finish 13th overall out of 29 schools.

The Stanford Invitational included schools from both NCAA Division I and Division II schools including conference heavyweights, Chico State.

Chico State's cross-country men are ranked third in the nation and their women are ranked sixth.

"If you can stay close to [Chico State] you will probably qualify for the national championships," head coach Scott Pesch said.

Prior to the Stanford Invitational, Berg has not raced this season. She is more prone to injury since she has a low bone density for her age and continues to battle a stress reaction in her right foot.

Berg and Pesch use various training methods to reduce her chances of injury. She keeps her mileage low and cross-trains by biking, using the elliptical and swimming.

"This is normal for Bridget," Pesch said. "We want her to shine during the second half of the season.

The short season worked well for Berg last year when she earned All-American honors.

The women's cross-country team added 13 new runners to their roster this season.

Despite junior Katie Sanger's fall during a run this semester, the team continues to persevere.

Sanger transferred from Palomar College, a community college in San Marcos, and finished second overall at HSU's only home meet on Sept. 8.

Sanger will most likely be out for the remainder of the season after receiving multiple stitches for her injury.

"We have a very good women's team but they haven't been recognized," Pesch said. "I feel [they] are being overlooked."

The men's team is ranked 16th nationally by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

Senior Austin Huff led the way during the Stanford Invitational for the men's side.

He finished 49th overall out of 265 runners but was disappointed with his finishing time.

"It was strategy issues on my part," Huff said. "I underestimated how hard I'd have to run to to get to the front of the pack."

Huff will try to regain his speed by running this weekend at the Crystal Spring Invitational.

This will be HSU's last training meet before the California Collegiate Athletic Association Championships and NCAA Division II Regional Championships.

Both the CCAA Championships and NCAA Regional Championships lead to the team's ultimate goal of making it to nationals as a team.

In Berg's final season at HSU, she hopes that she can make it back to nationals with the rest of the team.

"Everyone is working hard to make it to nationals," Berg said. "To have the team there would be phenomenal."

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Rugby members battle alumni

Freshman Victoria-Mayne Ah-you retains possession of the rugby ball as she takes a tackle from alumna Christine Gorshe-Olsen during the women's rugby alumni match on Sept. 29 at Manilla Park in Arcata, Calif. | Kristina Naderi

by Kristina Naderi

More than a hundred players and spectators were at the pitch last Saturday as the Humboldt men's and women's rugby teams held their annual alumni matches on Sept. 29 at Manila Park in Arcata. Both school teams lost to their respective alumni counterparts. The preseason match has annually been held on the last weekend of September to celebrate alumni players and to help give new players preseason experience.

As of now, there will be no other home games for either teams until the start of the rugby season in spring of 2013. However, you can catch the women's team play a sample scrimmage during halftime on Oct. 6 at this week's football game.

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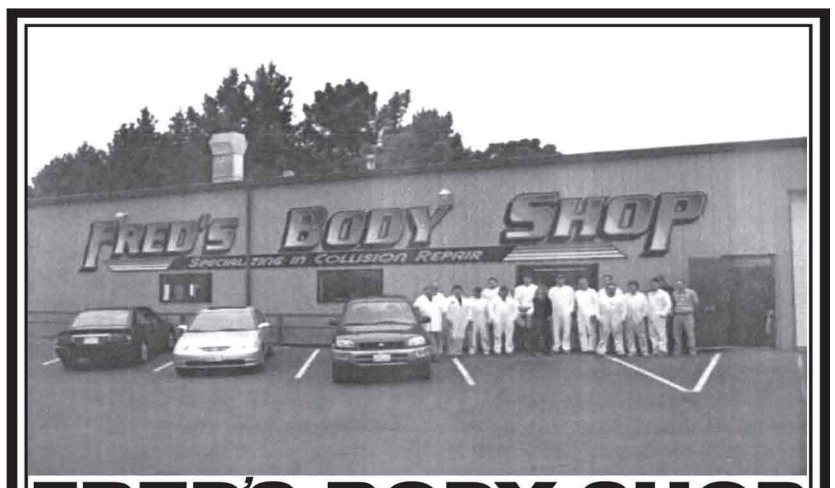

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HSU basketball player benefits community through bocce ball

by Tabitha Soden

Humboldt State women's basketball team member Lexxi Price has been involved with Humboldt County Special Olympics for almost a year and now uses that experience to benefit the community.

Price is a senior recreation administration major and first got involved with the Special Olympics after she entered the East Gym where people with disabilities were playing basketball. She is one of several students working to host a bocce ball tournament for local high school students with disabilities. Students in conjunction with the Humboldt County Special Olympics and the City of Arcata will hold the tri-city tournament in Larson Park on Oct. 19 for students in Eureka, Arcata and McKinleyville.

Bocce ball comes from Italy and is played in teams of two. Each side gets four balls and must throw those balls as close to a smaller ball, the jack, as possible. Rules have been set by the Special Olympics and competitors will be trained according to those rules.

This free event will happen because of a class project put together by students in the recreation 220 course. In the class, called Leisure Programming, students choose from several projects that will serve the community.

Kevan Beall, also a senior recreation administration major, said he chose this project because it will be the first time it has been done at HSU.

"It's a new option so we had to start from scratch as opposed to the other projects," Beall said.

Beall also worked with the Special Olympics when he lived in Colorado. Along with several members of his competitive snowboarding team, he volunteered for the Special Olympics where people with disabilities were competing in the same types of events that he did.

The students working on the bocce tournament are split into three groups. Rebecca Ward is in the competing group. She visits the kids at participating high schools to train them for the tournament. She said the goal is to go to each school twice and then have one training day in Larson Park where the event will be held.

"You get to see them grow socially, build confidence and learn sportsmanship," Price said when speaking of her previous experiences.

At the event there will be multiple games of bocce ball each lasting approximately half an hour. Several courts will be set up so spectators can get involved as well. A barbecue for competitors and spectators will accompany the event.

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(back row left to right) Matt Froines, Trey Albrecht, Kevan Beall, Ryan Dorough (front row left to right) Luke Walker, Arielle Rensink, Katie Borne and Lexxi Price will organize a bocce ball tournament with the help of the Humboldt County Special Olympics and the City of Arcata on Oct. 19 at Larson Park in Arcata. | Alexa Malmgren

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

by Adrian Barbuzza

Above the women's soccer team's white socks, a black band with white font reads, "Family." Carly Kolpin, one of the three team captains and a forward on the women's soccer team, said the Humboldt State soccer program is one big family.

"Anything that [soccer teams and coaches] would do together is what I would do on my free time," Kolpin said.

Kolpin is a liberal arts major with an emphasis in childhood development. Being the oldest of three siblings, caretaking comes naturally to Kolpin. While attending South Eugene High School Kolpin participated in a child development course. The two-semester class gave her field experience at local preschools.

"I still remember my second and third grade teachers and they were really beneficial to me," Kolpin said.

Her elementary teachers' impact influenced Kolpin to design similar teaching styles for the benefit of future generations.

Jennie Paugh, Kolpin's teammate and roommate, describes her as hard-working and a positive role model.

"Carly is really patient in explaining things on and off the field, which makes her a great teacher and will help her in the future as an elementary teacher," Paugh said.

From Eugene, Ore. Kolpin's parents, Van and Julie Kolpin, attend home games to support the team from the sidelines.

"I grew up playing basketball, football and all the other sports, but now I watch more soccer than anything else," Van Kolpin said.

Julie Kolpin remembers Carly Kolpin's earliest childhood games: the small fields with cones for goal boxes and mothers lined up between the cones, calling to their children, "come on, kick it this way."

"It would just be like a herd of girls running around the ball," Julie Kolpin said.

On Sept. 16 Carly Kolpin assisted a goal by Maddie Null that secured the team's first win of the season.

"Soccer has taught her more than how to be a player, it has taught her how to be a part of the team and a leader," Julie Kolpin said.

Humboldt State's Carly Kolpin moves past Megan Baum of Cal Poly Pomona during the Sept. 14 game. | Sebastian Hedberg.

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Cycling team gears up

by Dennis Lara-Mejia

Louis Pitschke and Steve Pearl compete in the B Slalom Final at Sky Tavern hosted by UNR on Sept. 28. | Paul Summers

This weekend the Humboldt State Cycling Club traveled to Sky Tavern, Nev. to compete in the second race of the Western Collegiate Cycling Conference season. University of Nevada, Reno hosted the competition at the Sky Tavern ski area, north of Lake Tahoe.

Louis Pitschke, a senior recreation administration major, took first place in the men's category B dual slalom race. A slalom race is a head-to-head downhill race against another competitor. In addition to his slalom race, Pitschke placed second in the men's category B downhill race.

Pitschke's slalom race started near the summit of Mount Rose at an elevation of 8,000 feet.

"[Going downhill] I crashed three times, smacked my finger on a rock and got some bruises," Pitschke said. "I'm still kinda sore."

Dylan Wright, one of Pitschke's teammates, described the rocky and dusty terrain in Nevada as cat litter.

In order to adjust himself to the terrain, Pitschke lugged his bike 3,000 feet to the top of Rubicon Peak near South Lake Tahoe. Despite feeling fatigued after his climb he still placed during both the races he competed in.

Rather than having specific racing events that he is interested in, Pitschke picks cycling events based on the course's layout and its terrain. Around Humboldt County, Pitschke trains for mountain bike races on Paradise Royale's 14-mile bike trail located 20 miles west of Redway.

"I like smooth flowy trails more than the technical stuff [such as] really rocky-bouldery trails," Pitschke said.

Pitschke will not race in the cycling team's home race in Whiskeytown this coming weekend, but two of his fellow club members are preparing for it.

Steve Pearl, an environmental resource and engineering junior, raced in last weekend's WCCC event in Nevada. He took first place in the men's category A short-track race and second in the men's category A cross-country race. Pearl also came in second behind Pitschke in the men's category B dual slalom race.

Pearl said that one of the most important things to remember during a cross-country race is to keep well-hydrated. For his cross-country race, Pearl felt that he had relaxed and paced himself, even though he had a headache from being outside all day. The only thing Pearl said he needs to worry about in preparation for Whiskeytown is getting his homework done.

Ashley Hansen, a graduate student in psychology, was not able to race last weekend because she was overwhelmed with schoolwork.

"You bring your books and you bring your articles, but then you find you don't get enough done," Hansen said.

Hansen hopes to participate in as many events as she can this upcoming weekend. One of her favorite events is cross-country.

"It's pretty rewarding to do cross-country events because you feel exhausted at the end and know you really worked hard for how well you did." Hansen said

Hansen rides 60 miles from her house in Arcata to Patrick's Point in preparation for the women's cross-country event in Whiskeytown. She also looks to her last race at the Parkfield Classic to see where she can improve.

"It's important to be accurate and careful. I got too frantic and went too fast around a hillside and fell," Hansen said. "I could've done a lot better had I not gotten into that crash."

Locally there is nothing comparable to the rocky terrain present at Whiskeytown. Most of the locations where the cycling club goes to compete have somewhat similar terrains.

"We have cool, damp soil that's very pleasant to ride on. Our home race is going to be very different," Hansen said.

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Justin Graves races in his qualifying run at Sky Tavern hosted by UNR on Sept. 28, 2012. | Photograph provided by Humboldt State Cycling

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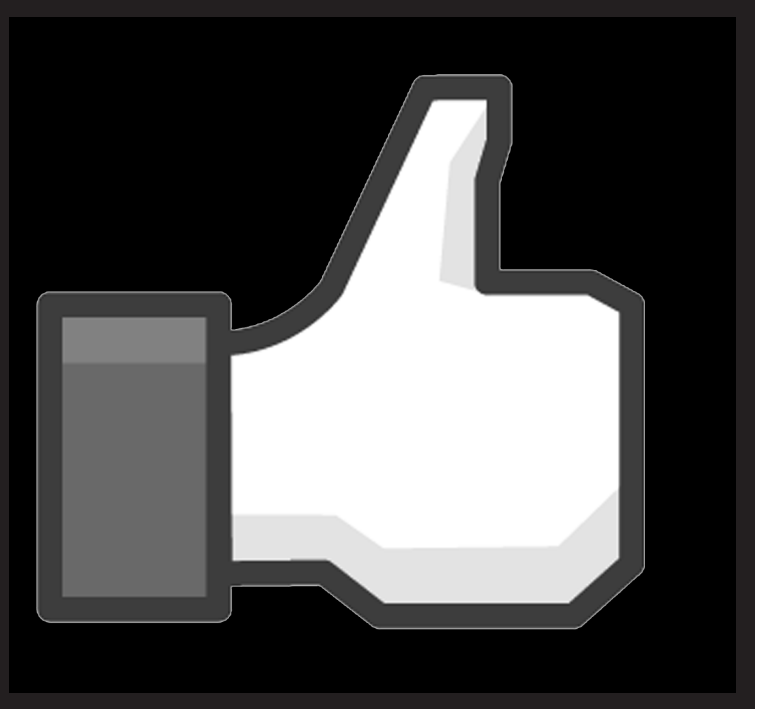

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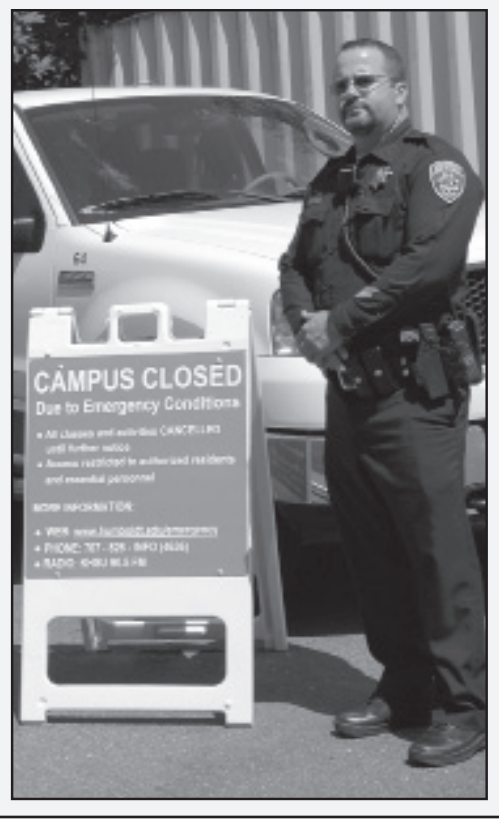

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

As a democratic nation we have fought for the right to voice our opinions and to have our government listen without judgment.

Choosing to not vote almost disregards all of the men and women who have fought to allow us to check a box on the ballot that we take for granted.

Students often tend to dismiss voting because they believe that their vote will not count.

This thought process is incorrect. Our vote is where our power stems from. If we want to be heard and change the system, then we have to start by using our vote at the polls.

As mentioned in "Simpler registration encourages voters" on the front page, 54 percent of eligible Californians under the age of 25 are registered to vote. Compare that to the 86 percent of Californians over 65 who are registered, and you have a serious disconnect.

All votes matter regardless of age. But in this election our generation in particular will be affected by the future policies at stake.

If Proposition 30 is passed, an increase in income and sales taxes will fund public education and allow the state to not further cut the CSU's budget. As the CSU system declines, it is vital that we — as students — stand up to vote yes on Prop 30 to save our education.

Some Californian students believe their vote will not have an impact because California is not a swing state.

Although it is unlikely that California's electoral votes will swing Republican, it is still important to vote and show your support to a party, to have your values expressed.

If you are a Republican voter in California, casting your vote in opposition to the state's chosen candidate serves to make a powerful statement of your ideals. And if you are Democrat, the national party needs to know how many supporters it has nationwide — even if it seems a certain candidate will win.

If you vote for a different party, it is even more vital that you are counted among their numbers.

Since voter registration is now easier than ever before, there is no excuse to remain unregistered.

We encourage students to consider the importance of their thoughts, opinions and futures. If you register to vote you ensure that your voice is heard.

Your vote, your voice

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- Register to vote online by Oct. 22 at http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_vr.htm

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Letter to the Editor: Free Speech Lawsuit

Dear Editor,

Thank you for covering my free speech lawsuit in your Sept. 12 issue — which I won — against the City of Arcata for its Aggressive Panhandling Ordinance. The Superior Court agreed with me that the City of Arcata was wrong to conclude that the simple act of holding up a sign can qualify as aggressive.

I think it's important for people to consider that if you believe in the protection of free speech and in defending our Bill of Rights, then you need to be willing to defend the rights of people you don't agree with or find annoying. Or, in the case of the ACLU defending the Nazis' right to march in the predominantly Jewish town of Skokie, Ill., even people you find repulsive.

As Voltaire believed, "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."

Both my lawsuit and Janelle Egger's lawsuit against Humboldt County for its ordinance restricting protests on courthouse property are being supported in part by the Humboldt Civil Liberties Defense Fund, of which I am a member.

I was pleased with the ruling in our favor by the Superior Court of California on Sept. 21. The judicial branch has corrected the overreach of this legislation by a city council when the court found it to be an infringement on the constitutional rights of free speech.

I along with the other members of the HCLDF intend to stay vigil in our ongoing defense of the Constitution of The United States. If you wish to support our efforts, please go to HCLDF.org

Sincerely,
Richard Salzman
Arcata, Calif.

Adapting HSU to the changing demand

by Alex Hlavna

Like many seniors, the reality of life after college has grown in my mind. This new obsession with finding a career has been a distraction from school work and provided an opportunity to ask hard questions about my education. Why was I not thinking about my career when I first entered college? Has my chosen major given me the skills needed to be an attractive and productive candidate in the workforce?

For many students in the humanities, California's system of higher education has failed them in these vital areas, and it needs to be changed.

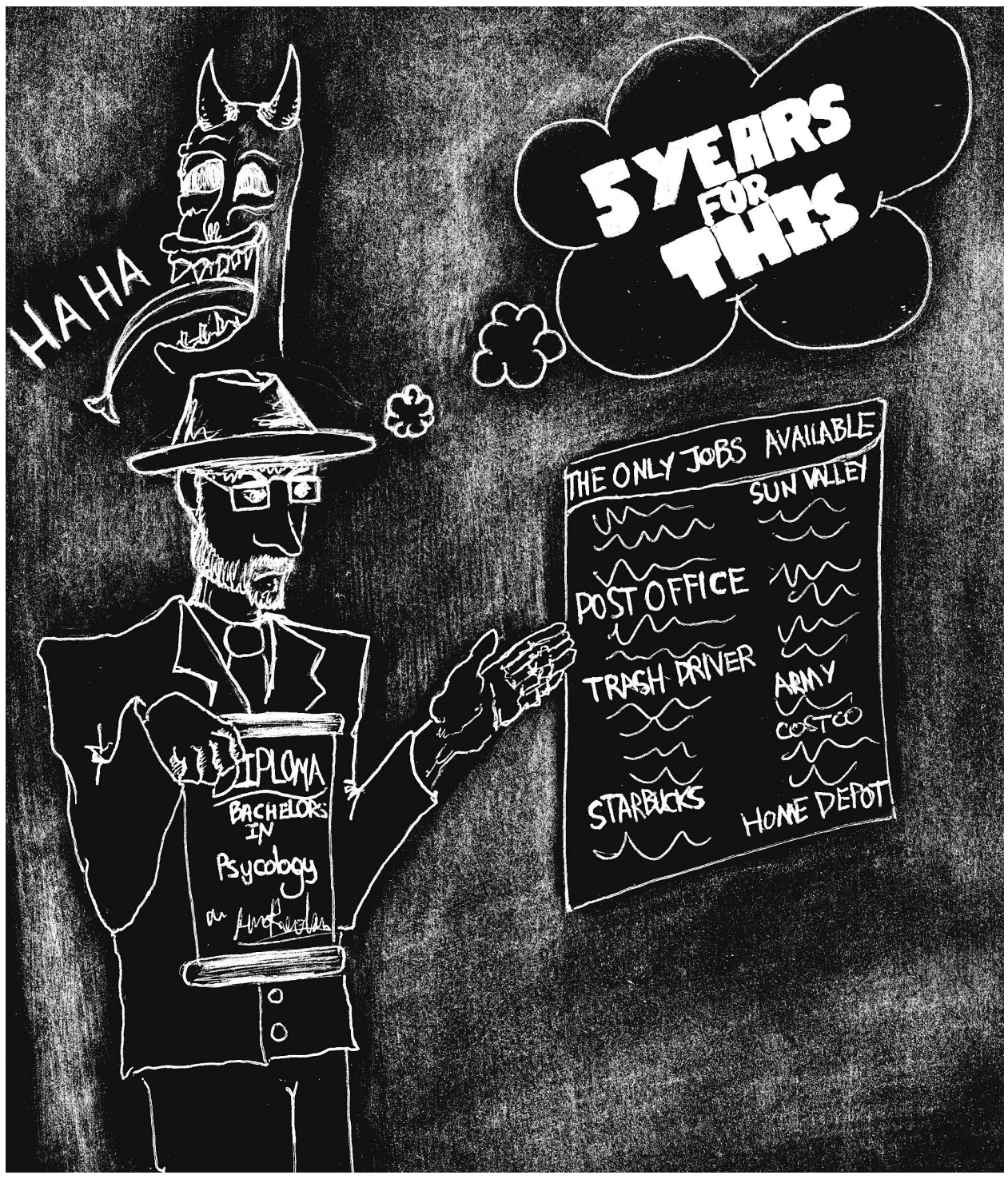
A general liberal arts education is essential to empowering citizens who will preserve and strengthen the democratic system. As a person reared in a deeply religious environment, my own general education was the final unchaining from dogma and irrational belief; I'll forever be an advocate of a higher education firmly grounded in the liberal arts.

From my observation, however, specialized degrees in these areas primarily teach students how to conduct research, understand and use arcane jargon and write superfluous reports.

While these skills are important for those becoming researchers or teachers, this is not adequate for the large number of individuals directly entering the workforce after college. By junior and senior year in the humanities, students are largely performing the same tasks they have been doing since freshman year: rewording countless pages of other's work and generating what is, simply, intellectual counterfeit. It prepares them for the hyper-specialized nature of academia, but fails to cultivate skills demanded in the real world.

Additionally, the system is effectively producing a generation of debt slaves who learned to cut corners, meet deadlines and choose opinions that win the approval of superiors. Colleges increasingly appear to be degree mills which verify the student as an obedient and cooperative worker. Many are forced to mortgage their future away with crushing debt, and upon throwing their tasseled cap into the air do not possess the creativity and imagination needed to be successful and productive in the 21st century global economy.

Retooling this system will be a colossal undertaking. However, simple steps could be taken right here at Humboldt State to produce more foresighted individuals. Encouraging students to follow a passion is one thing, but making zero effort to baptize them in economic reality is unscrupulous. Incoming freshman should be required to take a course that teaches basic personal finance, looks at trends in the global economy and gives them an idea of what careers and earning potential they can expect from different majors.



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The Alumni Association needs to aggressively target students at all levels and allow them to network and take a serious look at the outcomes of graduates.

Currently, the Alumni Association only caters to graduates. To be more effective, they will need to offer a better, more comprehensive service in the face of free products, such as LinkedIn.

Colleges need a system that fosters robust intellectual interests and helps students meet changing economic demands. This will require an honest commitment to helping students make good academic choices. Leveling with freshman on day one about debt, majors and the actual skills they will gain, along with offering a strong support network, will produce happier, more successful graduates.

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Letter to the Editor: Article corrections

Dear Editor:

The English department would like to offer the following clarifications in response to Isak Brayfindley's article titled "English department revamps remedial courses" published in the Sept. 26 edition of The Lumberjack:

1. English 215 (currently called 280, but to be renamed English 215 in the fall) is a new course focusing on information literacy and researched writing and is totally separate from the stretch proposal. English 280 is open to any student including students currently enrolled in a composition course. Students seeking instruction in and support for researched writing are encouraged to enroll in English 280 in spring 2013 or English 215 in fall 2013.

2. While English 104 is faster paced and more rigorous like an honors course, there is no honors program at HSU. Starting in fall 2013, all students will use a tool called Directed Self Placement to choose either English 104 or English 102 & 103 to meet their Area A Written Communication GE requirement. In spring 2013, students looking for a more accelerated composition course can enroll in one of the three pilot sections of English 104 (look for the note in the English 100 listings). Beginning in fall 2013, students can choose to take either English 104 (one semester) or English 102 & 103 (two semesters). English 100 will no longer exist (see next).

3. In fall of 2013, the new courses (English 102 & 103 and English 104) will replace English 100, English 100A, English 60, and English 40. There are no prerequisites for these new courses as students will use Directed Self Placement to choose either English 102 & 103 or English 104.

Comprehensive information regarding the new courses and the Directed Self Placement tool will be available for students, academic advisors, and recruiters in November. Please contact the English department with any questions or comments.

-Nicolette Amann
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Ocean Night ft. Beneath the Waves Film Festival
Doors at 6:30 p.m. | $3 | All Ages

Saturday Oct. 6
Sci Fi Night ft. Night of the Living Dead (1968)
6 p.m. - 10 p.m. | Free | All Ages

Sunday Oct. 7
Giant 49ers Football
Doors at 1:15 p.m. | Free | All Ages

Sunday Oct. 7
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
Doors at 5:30 p.m. | $5 | Rated PG

Monday Oct. 8
Giant Screen Monday Night Football
Doors at 5:15 p.m. | Free | All Ages

Wednesday Oct. 10
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Weekly Events

Thursday, Oct. 2

Shpongle 8 p.m. Arcata Community Center $35/$30 adv.	Rufus Wainwright 8 p.m. Van Duzer Theatre $45/$22 HSU students	The Laramie Project 7:30-10 p.m. Eureka High School Auditorium $6

Friday, Oct. 2

Ocean Night Film Screening 7 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge $3	Eureka Symphony 8 p.m. Arkley Center for the Performing Arts $27	Shells, Stones, Bugs, Birds and Bones 7-8 p.m. Humboldt Bay Wildlife Refuge FREE

Saturday, Oct. 3

BaconFest 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Blue Lake Casino $15	Hoptoberfest Noon-6 p.m. Perigot Park, Blue Lake $25/$20 adv.	Harvest of Creativity 10:15 a.m. D Street Neighborhood Center, Arcata FREE

Sunday, Oct. 4

14th Annual Brewer's Cup 8:30 a.m. Pump Station #4 Course on the Mad River $40/$35 adv.	Redwood Coast Belly Dance Festival Noon Old Creamery Building FREE	Pet CPR and First Aid 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Red Cross Building, Eureka $70

Monday, Oct. 5

The Hackensaw Boys 9 p.m. Humboldt Brews $15	Auditions for The Secret Garden 4 p.m. Mateel Community Center FREE	Arcata Marsh Jogging Interpretive Tour 4:30 p.m. Klopp Lake parking lot FREE

Tuesday, Oct. 6

Steve Kimock 10 p.m. Humboldt Brews $30	(hed) PE 9 p.m. Nocturum $9	North Coast Networkers Noon-1:30 p.m. Rita's Mexican Grill, Eureka FREE

Wednesday, Oct. 7

Big Gigantic 7 p.m. Blue Lake Casino $20/$17.50 adv.	Eureka Mindfulness Group 7:15 p.m. First Christian Church, Eureka $3/$6 free will donation	North Coast Water Garden Club 7 p.m. Wharfinger Building, Eureka FREE

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Where's Rollin?

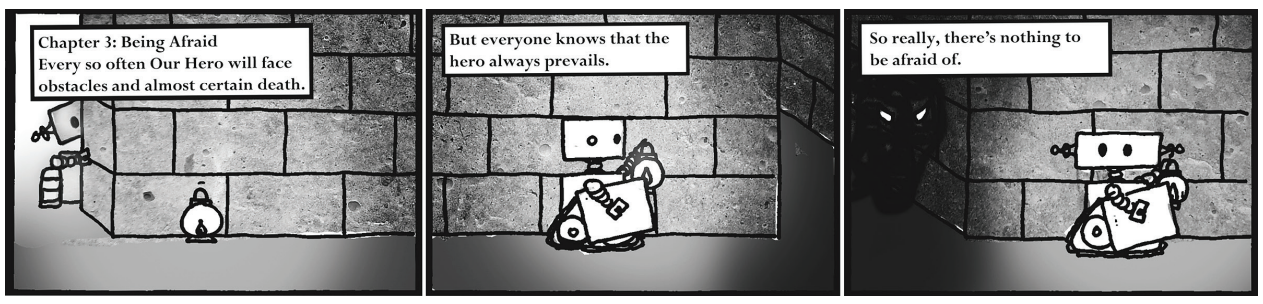
It's hard enough to find HSU President Rollin Richmond in real life ... but can you find him in *The Lumberjack*?

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

Winner will be picked on a lottery system and announced along with the prize in next week's edition.

Last Week's Winner: Jerry Swanson
You won a $5 gift certificate to Arcata Scoop. We ask that you pick up your prize in our office, located in Gist Hall 227.

Pastiche by Kaliegh Brady



HUMBOLDTJUMBOLDT by Melissa Coleman

Rearrange the letters to form a word. Set aside the double underlined letters on the line below. Rearrange those letters when all words are solved to find this week's answer! Plurals allowed, no proper nouns though final answer may be a proper noun. *Answers in the next issue.*

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ANSWERS TO LAST ISSUE'S PUZZLE: NIECE, PLANK, RALLY, SEGUE, WRECK
FINAL ANSWER: PEACE

Lumberjack Fact Check

Win a $5 gift certificate to Arcata Scoop!

If you read all the stories in this week's issue, you will know the answers to the following trivia questions. Submit your answers to thejack@humboldt.edu with the subject "ATTN: Fact Check." A winner will be picked on a lottery system and announced along with the prize in next week's edition.

1. How many hours of sleep is recommended per night?
2. What is the third place prize for the best professional bacon recipe?
3. How many students does Associated Students want to register to vote?
4. How long ago did Kellen Moore and Deborah Hamilton meet?
5. What is the benefit for the annual Humboldt Juggling Festival called?

Last week's winner: Gary Lester
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Weekly Sudoku *Difficulty:* medium

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Spotlight

Top: El Pulpo Mecanico at Burning Man. | Sly Vegas Bottom: Duane Flatmo, Steve Gellman and Jerry Kunkel. | Duane Flatmo

El Pulpo Mecanico returns

Local artist Duane Flatmo brings his kinetic creation back to Arcata

by Marie F. Estrada

Editor's Note: While Flatmo was unable to talk via telephone, he corresponded through email to answer The Lumberjack's questions.

This weekend Duane Flatmo, the local artist who painted many of the murals in Eureka and Arcata — and who we can all thank for the Pacific Outfitters mural and Lost Coast Brewery art — will premiere El Pulpo Mecanico.

The kinetic sculpture was showcased at Burning Man in 2011 and 2012.

Flatmo designed and created El Pulpo. He worked on the mechanical octopus for years and built multiple sculptures before he turned his idea into a larger work for the Kinetic Sculpture Race in Arcata.

"The actual model for El Pulpo Mecanico was built in La Penita De Jaltemba, Mexico," Flatmo said. "I collected junk scrap metal parts and found objects along the back streets near our place. Then came up with this model which I showed at a local gallery in the town."

The town showing caught the eye of Flatmo's friend, Steve Gellman, who figured out how to make the flame effects, Flatmo said.

Arts Alive!

Saturday, Oct. 6
Eureka at the foot of C street
6 - 9 p.m.

No hydraulics or computers power El Pulpo. Another friend, Jerry Kunkel, designed the mechanical octopus's electrical systems.

Flatmo said the sculpture is built primarily out of recycled and used junk found at Arcata Scrap and Salvage.

The sculpture took four months to complete and cost around $14,000 to build, Flatmo said.

The group built the final creation in Arcata in 2011 and took it to Burning Man, but it did not have a show in the city where it was born.

This weekend will be its home debut.

"When we built this sculpture, we barely got it done in time to pack it up and drive it on trailers to Burning Man," Flatmo said. "It was too big for us to assemble it in our shop so we first put it together out on the [beach]. We always wanted to fire it in our hometown — so this is it."

Marie F. Estrada may be contacted at thejack@humboldt.edu

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