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## Senate bill to help students fulfill degree dreams

Connection between community colleges and CSUs to improve

EDUCATION  
by Israel LeFrak

Transferring schools can be a confusing process that can discourage students rather than encourage them to continue their higher education. On Oct. 10, Gov. Jerry Brown signed Senate Bill 440 into law, which will go into effect Jan. 1, 2014. The bill will help streamline the transfer process for students from California community colleges to California State Universities.

According to a projection by the Public Policy Institute of California, California faces a possible shortage of nearly 1 million college graduates by 2025. The state has decided to address this problem, recognizing that the best way to meet the needs of tomorrow is to promote education today.

California State Senator Alex Padilla (D) authored the bill to help students complete their degrees earlier and cut out some of the complications that

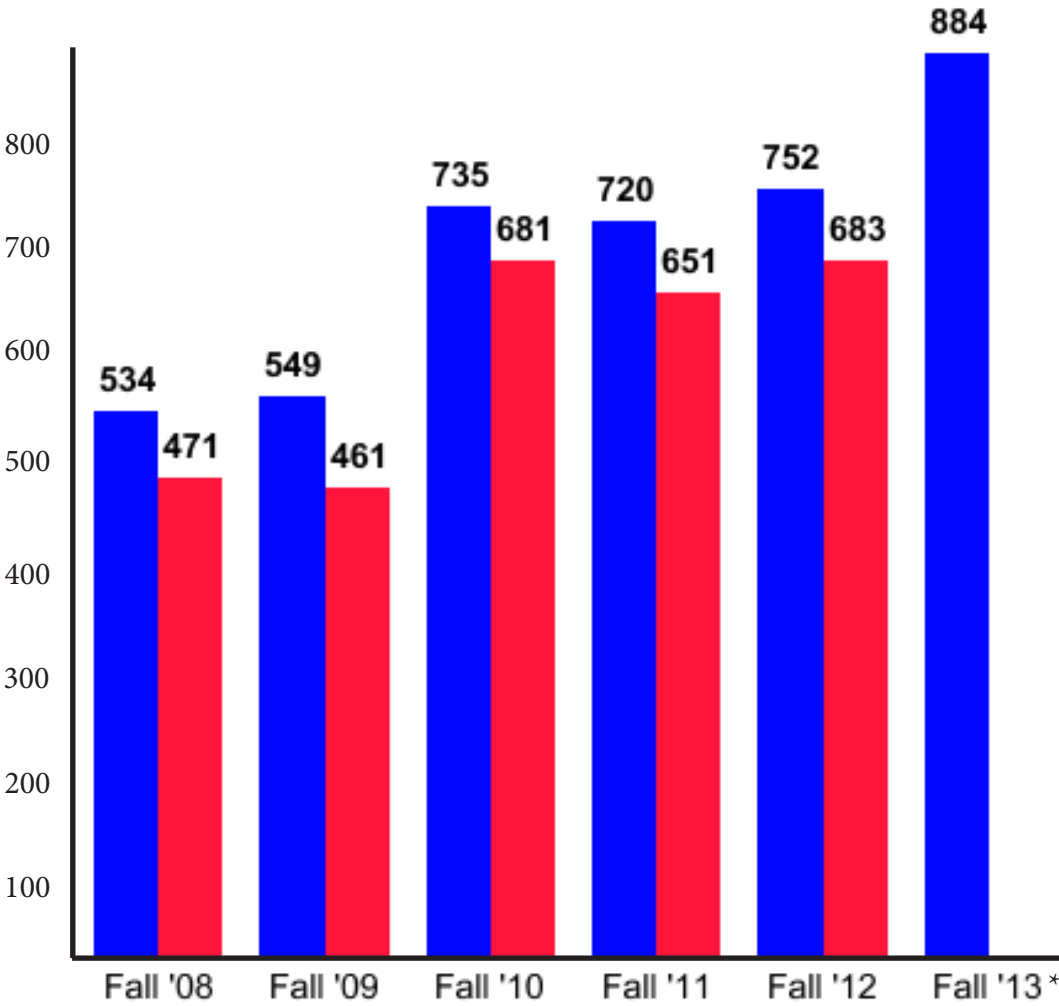
can derail them from reaching their goals. According to Padilla, 73 percent of college students are in community colleges, but only 25 percent of those students who want to transfer actually complete the process.

A big hindrance to students transferring is course and major requirements varying depending on the schools. With a uniform guideline, any credits earned in a community college toward a degree will be counted. Students who complete the transfer requirements will be given priority transfer with a junior status.

The bill also requires community colleges to provide courses in 25 of the most popular majors, with transferable associate degrees also available in those majors. Students will be guaranteed admissions into their specific field of study at a CSU.

Sheila Hall, director of counseling and admissions at College of the

*See CSU Changes on page 4*



Number of community college transfers by year

### Legend

-  Total number of transfers in hundreds
-  Number of transfers categorized as upperclassmen in hundreds

\*Number of transfers categorized as upperclassmen unavailable for fall 2013 semester  
All information gathered from calstate.edu

Graphic by Lindsay Yamada

## Does Mr. Humboldt wear short shorts?

HSU student competes in pageant for charity



Evan Von Werlthof displaying his best features. | Ashley Villavicencio

CAMPUS & COMMUNITY  
by Ian Bradley

Local forces are searching through redwood trees and clouds of questionable fog for the man who personifies Humboldt County. Evan Von Werlthof thinks he might be that man. He hopes to win the title “Mr. Humboldt” in the county’s first male

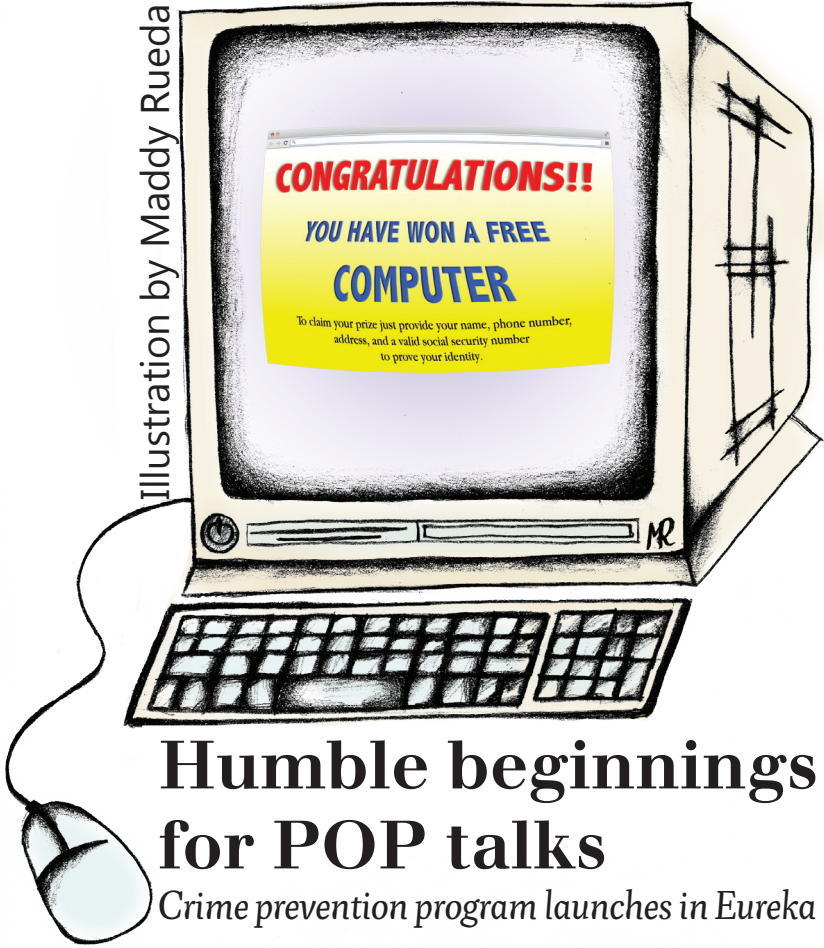
beauty pageant.

Blondies, Savage Henry and the Arcata Theatre Lounge will come together to host the Mr. Humboldt Beauty Pageant on Nov. 16. Von Werlthof will be one of 15 men competing to represent males all over the county.

“I’d like to make Humboldt County

proud,” Von Werlthof said. “I think I can win because I’m a nice guy. I’m hardworking and I was raised to be modest. Humboldt County is a very friendly place, very tolerant and it’s come to define me as a man. It’s where I came into my adulthood.”

*See Mr. Humboldt on page 7*



## Humble beginnings for POP talks

Crime prevention program launches in Eureka

COMMUNITY  
by Tabitha Soden

The Problem-oriented Policing team in Eureka are the folks behind neighborhood watch, car seat safety and many other crime-prevention programs in the area. Eureka police officer Suzie Owsley kicked off their new program, called POP Talks.

The first POP Talk was hosted by the Humboldt Senior Resource Center on Nov. 6. The goal was to teach seniors how to protect themselves from telemarketing scams. However, only two people showed up.

“Well, four if you count me and

Michael,” Owsley said.

Michael Blackwell is the program’s manager for the HSRC and was in charge of the advertising for the talk. He said that Owsley approached them to schedule the talk. He said that the center has hosted talks like this before, but this is their first time coordinating with POP.


Blackwell said he hears about many incidents of seniors getting scammed via phone call.

“The turnout was disappointing. I felt more people in the community

*See POP Talks on page 4*


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Information gathered from the National Weather Service.

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# EPA emergency cleanup

## Samoa pulp mill site a threat to Humboldt Bay

Millions of gallons of dangerous liquids are stored at the Samoa pulp mill, according to a Times-Standard article by Thadeus Greenson that ran on Nov. 11.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency took over the Samoa pulp mill Sept. 30, after an EPA employee inspected the site in August. The employee found more than 4 million gallons of pulp liquors, hazardous liquids used in the wood pulp-making process, improperly stored in containers that were leaking.

The urgency of the cleanup was highlighted when an earthquake

caused new leaks on Oct 11. Humboldt Bay’s oyster industry could be damaged if any of the liquid leaks into the water.

The EPA and the Humboldt Bay Harbor Recreation and Conservation District worked to create a plan for the removal and transfer of the liquids to a treatment plant. The EPA and U.S. Coast Guard are building ship docks and pump systems on the Samoa peninsula to transport the liquid safely.

Compiled and written by Patrick Evans

# Arcata businesses lax about checking IDs for alcohol sales

## The University Police works with the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control

The Humboldt State University Police Department caught four Arcata businesses in a “minor decoy” sting Saturday, Nov. 2.

Arcata Liquors, Chevron at Valley West Boulevard, Gas 4 Less at Spear Avenue & Alliance Road and Libation Wine Bar all fell for the sting.

The UPD conducted the sting in cooperation with agents from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control and a 19-year-old decoy, according to HSU Marketing and Information.

A minor decoy must be under 20 years old and appear underage

according to Rule 141 of the California Code of Regulations. A decoy must present valid identification if an employee checks, and answer truthfully when asked their age.

While under police supervision, the teen tried to buy alcohol at 16 businesses in Arcata; including markets, restaurants, grocery stores, liquor stores, bars and gas stations said Police Chief Lynne Soderberg of the UPD.

“Where we swept is within our mile radius,” Soderberg said. “We work where we think students are affected.”

The citations against businesses

will be handled by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, she said. The employees who sold alcohol receive personal citations and must go to court.

Businesses cited for selling to minors face fines and suspension or loss of liquor license from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. Individuals convicted of selling alcohol to a minor face a fine of \$250 dollars and 24 to 32 hours of community service.

# The festival of lights comes to HSU

## MCC observes holiday devoted to Hindu goddess

Humboldt State’s MultiCultural Center is celebrating the Hindu holiday Diwali Prakash, or the festival of lights on Friday.

This will be the first year HSU observes Diwali, a five-day celebration in India which honors the Hindu goddess of wealth Lakshmi, according to a press release from the MCC.

Diwali Prakash is named after the small oil lamps, called diya, lit by the devout to invite Lakshmi into their homes. In India the holiday is a time for house cleaning, gift giving, decorative light displays,

and fireworks, according to the Society for the Confluence of Festivals in India.

The MCC will hold its Diwali celebration from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday in the Native American Forum, BSS 162. Events include Henna tattoo painting, food sampling from Bollywood Indian Cuisine and dancing by Ya Habibi Dance Company.

## November 2

09:25

A “transient-type” person cleaned himself up in the bathroom in the Behavioral & Social Sciences Building and left a mess. The person loitered in the lobby area until he was given a restriction from campus.

*Somehow I get the feeling that the kind of person who leaves a mess in the men’s room is probably not the same type of person who cares about being banned from the grounds. Probably because the shirtless dude wasn’t really there. That sort of thing never happens in Arcata.*

19:13

Two students were smoking marijuana in the sauna at the Jolly Giant Commons.

*That’s ... that’s not what hot-boxing means.*

# UPD BYTES

17:18

A projector was left on in an unoccupied room in Siemens Hall.

*This could’ve been an unmitigated terror if left unresolved.*

## November 8

13:50

People were playing disc golf without a permit.

*You need a permit for disc golf? Where do you even go to get a disc golf permit?*

02:51

Someone was riding on the hood of a silver VW in the G-11 parking lot.

*What could possibly go wrong here?*

06:53

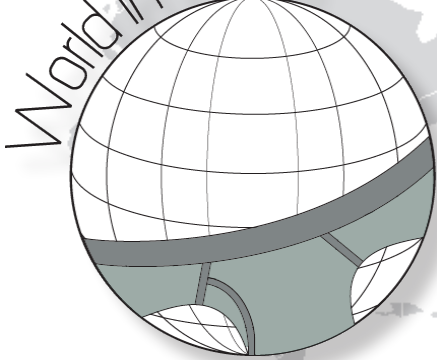
Someone near Cypress Hall was found stumbling and falling into bushes. He was in possession of narcotics.

*Much to nobody’s surprise. Kiddies, if you’re going to peddle drugs, it’s probably best to look as normal as possible.*



Compiled and written by Eli Rohl

## World in Briefs



## Iran

Nuclear talks between Iran and six world powers to curtail Tehran’s nuclear program ended Saturday without an agreement. The negotiations lasted three days and Western leaders — including U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry — say an agreement is within reach. The leaders plan to meet again on Nov. 20 to continue negotiations.

Compiled and written by Kevin Forestieri

## Philippines

Typhoon Haiyan tore through the central Philippines on Friday, killing at least 1,774 people, destroying buildings and triggering landslides. Most of the deaths were likely caused by a surge of sea water filled with debris similar to a tsunami. The United Nations estimates 660,000 people are displaced, and many have no access to food or medicine.

## Bulgaria

Thousands of Bulgarian students protested in the streets of Sofia, Bulgaria, on Sunday calling for the government to resign. The protesters criticized the current socialist-led government for alleged corrupt ties with business groups. Bulgaria is one of the poorest countries in Europe and has a history of political instability.

## Nigeria

Amnesty International spoke out against oil and gas company Royal Dutch Shell PLC on Thursday, accusing the company of misreporting the size and cause of oil spills in Nigeria. Amnesty said Shell is trying to avoid compensation costs and damage to its reputation by hiding the devastation of its oil spills. Shell is Nigeria’s biggest oil producer.

## Saudi Arabia

A clash between Saudi police and foreign workers in the lower income district of Riyadh. Saudi Arabia, on Saturday left two dead and 68 injured. The conflict came after a week of crackdowns over visas, and thousands of people have been detained. A seven-month amnesty expired Nov. 4, forcing hundreds of thousands of foreign workers to leave.

Sources: Associated Press, Reuters, Al Jazeera, New York Times

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# NEWS

## Marijuana and you at HSU

### Possible campus drug policy post-legalization

CAMPUS & NATIONAL

by Josh Suiso

Contributing writer

Washington and Colorado's statewide marijuana legalization last November has many people wondering how it will affect state-run colleges. In "legal" states marijuana is still banned on college campuses, but views on marijuana are shifting according to view polls, and how legalization would affect California schools like HSU remains uncertain.

Dr. Joshua Meisel, Humboldt State professor and co-director of the Humboldt Institute for Interdisciplinary Marijuana Research, said he is unaware of any current

plans set in place for the campus if California legalized marijuana.

Meisel predicts that HSU could follow in the footsteps of schools in other states where it is legal. But what works in Colorado might not work in California.

According to HSU's current drug and alcohol policy, students and faculty members with medical marijuana cards are required to leave campus for marijuana consumption.

Meisel said he could see a kind of "buffer zone" policy like there is currently with cigarettes, where a smoker would have to be a certain distance from a classroom or restaurant.

Non-marijuana smokers have

their own opinions on the issue.

Saryna Collette, a 22-year-old anthropology major, smokes cigarettes but not marijuana, and feels that students who do smoke marijuana should have the right to smoke on campus in some capacity.

"I already feel like people sneak joints between classes, behind classes, in the smoking areas all the time, so I don't really care," Collette said.

She said all second-hand smoke is toxic, but if these buffer zones are good enough for cigarettes they are good enough for marijuana.

When asked if she expects the campus to change if marijuana became legalized, she said she doesn't think much would change at all.

"Weed up here is kind of like having a cup of tea or coffee for some people. It's just not a big deal," Collette said.

How would legalization affect someone who already smokes

"Weed up here is kind of like having a cup of tea or coffee for some people it's just not a big deal."

— Saryna Collette, 22, anthropology major

marijuana? A 21-year-old biology major, who wishes to remain anonymous, said he has never smoked on campus.

"It would be nice to be able to smoke if I'm with my friends at The Depot and I don't want to get drunk with them," he chuckled. "Sometimes I just don't want all the extra carbs."

He said that an area like a cigarette smoking area for marijuana smokers "seems like a natural progression." Smoke would be contained and non-smokers would not be bothered.

"It's just like cigs," he said "if you don't like it, stay away from it — simple."

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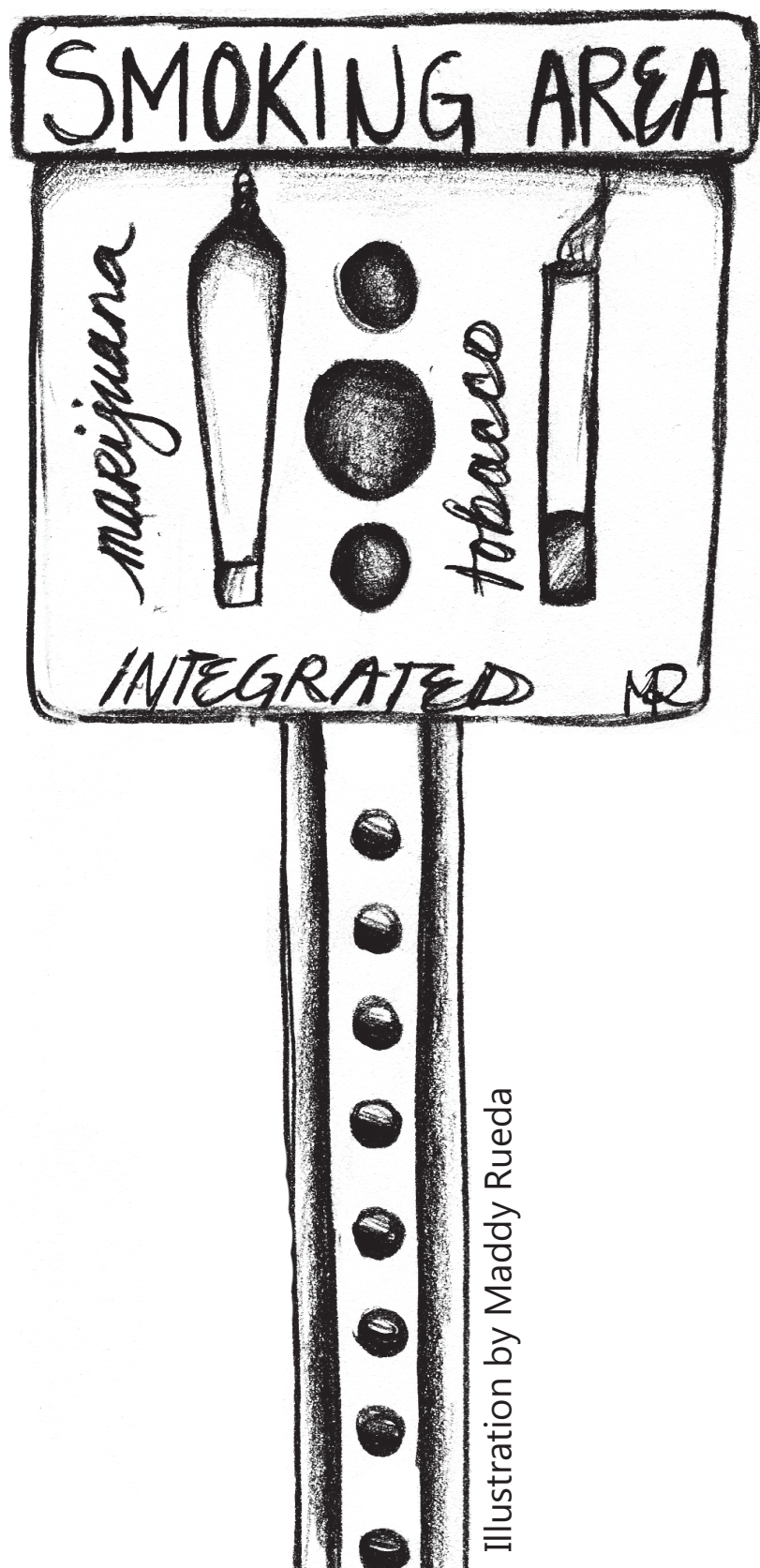


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# Easing the transfer process to CSU schools

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Redwoods, thinks the bill will do nothing but good for college students.

“Our goal is to help out the students who fall through the cracks,” Hall said. “Long gone are the days for students to kind of figure it out.”

CR currently offers transfer degrees in psychology, math, studio arts and early childhood development. In fall 2014 they will add five more: administration of justice, history, English, political science and business. CR hopes to steadily expand the number of degrees it offers in the future.

When CR puts together the schedule for an upcoming semester, they look at which classes are more in-demand, faculty availability and fill rates of

classes. General education classes will have higher priority to make it onto the curriculum, which may come at the cost of some less-popular classes and programs.

Hall is also a coordinator for the first-year experience program. The program provides extra support for new students so they have a clear idea of what needs to be done on their path through college. Hall mentioned that the program offers a huge advantage because when students know exactly what they need to do, they can cut out some of the unnecessary classes that take up extra money and time.

Starting fall 2015, all new students to CR will be required to participate in an orientation, take a math and English exam to determine their proficiencies, and develop an education plan with a counselor. Some of these used to

be optional, but CR will make it mandatory.

Since SB 440 has only recently passed, HSU transfer counselors were unable to comment on what the impact might be on the CSU system. They have not had time to analyze the legislation of the bill.

Hall said the best thing a student can do is to stay in communication with counselors and administration throughout the entire process.

“Students say one thing, we [counselors] hear one thing, and what may have been true for one student is different for another,” Hall said. “We want to help students get through the process so they can be successful.”

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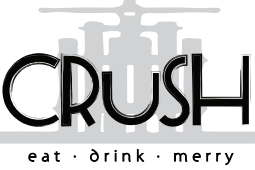
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# Curbing crime with police talks

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could have benefited from the information shared” Blackwell said.

“I heard one the other day and I would have thought it was real myself,” he said. “It was well-done and was dealing with coupons in the mail that would help with groceries. Another one was about giving away a free medical alert bracelet.”

Owsley said the POP unit of the Eureka Police Department gets calls weekly from seniors receiving fraudulent phone calls. Owsley said getting an exact number of how many people this affects is difficult.

“Not all of them report the calls. They won’t tell anyone because they are embarrassed and afraid of losing their independence,” Owsley said.

The next POP Talk will be held at the HSRC on Dec. 4. It will feature the new Chief of Police Andrew Mills. Owsley said they hope it will be a bigger draw at the next talk.

Mills said he does not yet know what he will cover

in the next talk but did emphasize the importance of POP.

“My thought process is to build a capacity to analyze data and to use that data to drive police and community actions together,” he said.

He cited an article by John E. Eck and William Spelman where crime is explained as a triangle. The three sides of the triangle are victims, suspects and location.

“It’s only a crime when all three sides meet,” Mills said. “The goal is to eliminate one of the three sides.”

Mills said that some of the biggest problems in Eureka that the program will address are homelessness, the burgeoning gang problem and methamphetamine in the community. He said that the underlying causes of these problems need to be found.

“We have to try to find the cancer and cut it out,” he said.

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# FEATURES

## Twelve months of Humboldt artistry

HSU alumna creates calendar featuring local artists



Monica Topping proudly displaying the calendar she helped produce. | Sebastian Hedberg

### COMMUNITY

by Keren Interiano

A U.S. Census statistic said there are more artists per capita in Humboldt County than any other county in California.

Local writer, photographer and Humboldt State alumna Monica Topping has created a 2014 calendar called “small town: BIG ART” in recognition of the diversity in Humboldt art. The calendar features local artists, many of whom are Humboldt State alumni.

“Of all the things Humboldt is known for, I feel like art should be one of the first things that pop into people’s minds,” Topping said.

The calendar features photo essays of 12 local artists, each representing a different artistic medium. Topping’s calendar was funded by donations made to her Kickstarter campaign and local business sponsorships.

The campaign began on Feb. 15 with a goal of \$3,000 within 30 days. In just 16 days, the campaign met the quota and reached 128 percent by the deadline.

One of the troubles Topping encountered while making the calendar was deciding whom to feature.

“I had to use my best judgment and think about which artists in each media would best represent ‘small town: BIG ART’ as an ongoing project,” Topping

said.

Linda Wise, a self-proclaimed “junk” artist, is featured in the calendar as a repurposer artist. Wise feels honored to be selected among the other 11 artists in the calendar. Wise went back to school at HSU in her 30s and found it difficult since she was more mature than most students.

“I knew graduation then didn’t mean knowing everything there was to know in the subjects I studied,” Wise said. “But it gave me the basis to understand what questions are important to ask and how to answer those questions.”

She received a Bachelor of Science in fisheries and a master’s degree in waste water utilization and currently works at recology — which was where she took up junk art.

“It was their [recology]. I really got firsthand experience in seeing the problems we have dealing with waste in our society. It takes creativity to sort those problems out,” Wise said.

Christina Anastasia, another HSU alumna is featured as a jeweler in “small town: BIG ART.” She majored in studio art and minored in art history and dance.

“I am an artist through and through,” Anastasia said. “From painting, jewelry design and fabrication, to preparing a meal, I live and breathe art.”

From an early age, Anastasia was

drawn to art. She created her first piece of jewelry for a stuffed animal named Miss Kitty, when she was 5 years old. Anastasia thanks her teacher at the time for sparking her interest in jewelry-making.

“[My teacher] poured a bucket of beads on a table and I was transfixed by their color, texture and beauty,” Anastasia said.

After Anastasia told her mother of her experience with beads, her mother shared with her a box of beads and according to Anastasia she has been hooked since.

In 2008 she chose to take her passion for adornment to the next level and created Christina Anastasia and got her business license.

In December during “Arts Arcata,” Topping, along with some of the featured artists will be in the lobby of the Jacoby’s Storehouse selling calendars and autographing them.

Topping already has a 2015 calendar idea in her head.

“People were requesting it at the 2014 calendar release and art show at the beginning of October,” Topping said. There’s no denying that the pool of local artists to draw from is deep, so I’m sure I won’t have any problems finding 12 artists to feature.”

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## Turning Arcata on its head

Local breakdancers battle for cash prize

### COMMUNITY

by Lorrie Reyes

Dozens of entranced spectators watched uplocks, six-step footwork and poses as funky breakbeats blared out of the speakers at DTA on Friday.

The audience stood on couches to get a glimpse of the breakdancers. They witnessed DTA’s first ever cash prize breakdancing battle. Although the four b-boys who entered the competition were from the same breaking crew — The Humboldt Rockers — DTA owner Ethan Eldredge thought the battle was a success.

“The battle turned out really good,” Eldredge said after the battle. “A lot of people came out.”

Matthew “Dirty Mattress” Guerrero pocketed the \$500 cash prize, donated by The Sun and Moon Foundation, after getting the crowd behind him in a sudden-death final round.

Guerrero up-rocked his way into the final round against his fellow crew member, David “Cheez” Brown.

Both b-boys started breaking around the same time, about six years ago, but Guerrero said Brown taught him the fundamentals of breakdancing.

Brown was not too worried about losing to his fellow Humboldt Rocker. He was just happy to have some battle practice.

“Any battle practice is good practice,” Brown said.

Both Guerrero and Brown grew up in Humboldt County — a place not usually associated or known for its hip-hop

scene.

But that has not stopped The Humboldt Rockers from representing one of the oldest elements in hip-hop: break dancing. Break dancing is a form of street dancing that is usually associated with the four elements of hip-hop, the other three being graffiti, djing and emceeing.

Both Guerrero and Brown wish there was a bigger hip-hop scene in Humboldt.

“The hip-hop scene lacks [in Humboldt],” Guerrero said. “I wish there were jams every month, not just with breaking, but with graffiti too.”

The Humboldt Rockers have been holding down since 2004 when Rex Atienza founded the crew. The Humboldt Rockers teach breakdancing classes to local kids on Wednesdays at Redwood World Dance Studio in Arcata.

Brown said that although the scene is small, when popular break dancers do make their way up Highway 101, they get more training and attention than they would have in a more populated area.

Despite what some of The Humboldt Rockers think about Humboldt’s smaller breakdancing scene, Eldredge disagrees.

“There’s a bigger scene than people realize,” Eldredge said. “The artists out here are doing big things. The Humboldt Rockers are holding the b-boy scene down in Humboldt. They’re keeping it together.”

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David “Cheez” Brown and Matthew “Dirty Mattress” Guerrero pose after taking second and first place, respectively, in DTA breakdancing competition on Friday, Nov. 8. | Provided by Brown

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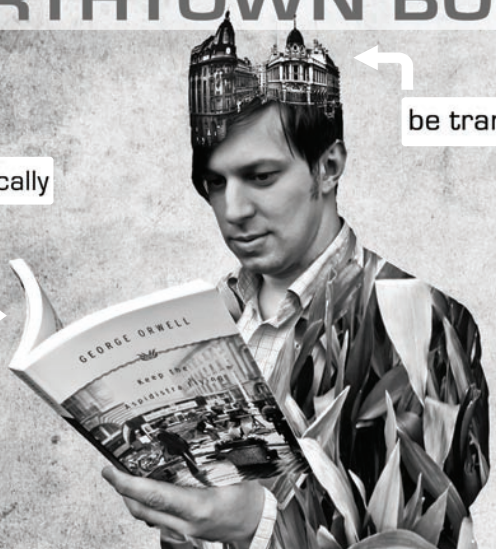
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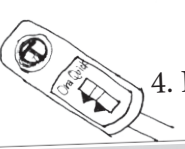
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I felt proud of myself for doing what gay men before my existence had to do in order to have sex decades ago, before technology and casual sex between gay men were so intertwined.

This was cruising — a term gay men use that means searching for a sexual partner in a public space. Through the use of signals and specific looks, men communicate their interest for each other. It wasn't something well and regarded it as a training ground of sorts. I became skilled at attracting men without having to say a single word.

Like a mother, Chuck set up appointments for us to get tested for sexually transmitted infections. We walked to the Men's Health Clinic in Hollywood from his place in Koreatown. I learned to get tested regularly and often — especially since I was having sex with multiple partners. I went once a month for a check-up and every

the best way to get over someone was by getting underneath someone else. So I decided to live by those words for the rest of the summer.

Chuck and I chose to meet face-to-face for the first time at Pershing Square in Los Angeles. The plan was to stroll around Gallery Row and people watch while the monthly Art Walk happened.

On my way downtown, there was a guy sitting across from me on the train rubbing his crotch. We locked eyes and that sealed the deal. I got off at the next station with him and gave the guy a blowjob.

After I finished, I called Chuck to tell him what I had accomplished. Up until then, I relied heavily on my phone to find someone to have casual sex with.

either of my parents could teach me.

I felt that I was experiencing the same sort of satisfaction that a man feels when he reels in a fish for the first time. I initiated sex with only my eyes and that made me feel powerful.

Chuck and I spent the rest of the night drinking and galavanting until 4 a.m. We took a train to his house and collapsed on his bed when we got there.

Since we were both unemployed, I returned to his house the next day to hang out. We looked for guys nearby on hookup sites. I would return every couple of days to see which one of us could land the hottest guy.

Chuck and I often took trips downtown to meet guys. We repeated this until I got better at cruising. I remember the area

three months to get tested for HIV. It was my civil service to the gay community.

Chuck taught me about gay history and the different words gay men identified with over the centuries. I learned to embrace my body and use it to my advantage and to care for it even though I had little money.

I learned how to be a gay man from another gay man. I feel that the time spent with Chuck helped me explore my sexuality to its limits. I wish that I had a mentor like Chuck earlier in my life. I'm sure it would have caused me to come out sooner and feel closer to the gay community.

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MUSIC REVIEW

by Jack Castle

“ARTPOP” is Lady Gaga’s third album release. Gaga produced the album with “Born This Way” co-producer DJ White Shadow, DJ Zedd and French house producer Madeon.

Gaga intended this album to be played from beginning to end, according to Billboard. Gaga switches in and out of the various sub-genres of hip-hop and electronic music as if they were the costumes she is known for wearing on stage.

“Aura,” the first song on the album, throws in reverberated Middle-Eastern strings infused with electronic elements. “Aura” is about an enigmatic pop star who wears a “burqa for fashion/ It’s not a statement, as much as just a move of passion.” Gaga’s trademark repeated syllables “aura-ra-ra” intertwine with empowering assertions of control that lyrics like, “I’m not a wandering slave, I am a woman of choice/

my veil is protection for the gorgeousness of my face” convey.

“Jewels N’ Drugs,” is heavily influenced by gangsta hip-hop. The track features rappers T.I., Too \$hort and Twista. The fast-paced rapping by Too \$hort and Twista is juxtaposed with Gaga’s soft hook “Don’t want your jewels I want your drugs.”

“MANICURE” continues the techno influence of the album and gets you out of your seat with its catchy lyrics. By the second chorus you will find yourself singing along. A second listen of this song reveals a double meaning to the word “MANICURE” — it sounds like Gaga is saying “man cure.”

“Do What U Want,” featuring R. Kelly, is the second single off the album. The song begins with a beat reminiscent of French electro-house — think “Let There be Light” by Justice. The gritty beat persists until the chorus is reached where both Gaga and R. Kelly start singing. Gaga and R. Kelly’s vocals are what give this song a longer shelf life than most mainstream pop music. You

will be listening to this song for months to come.

The title track “ARTPOP” brings color to the album. Gaga sings, “The melody you choose can rescue you/ I try to sell myself but I am really laughing, because I love the music not the bling,” depicts Gaga’s stance on music and the artistry.

“Applause” is all about Gaga and her love and relationship with fame. “I live for the applause, play the cheer and scream for me/ give me that thing I love, I’ll turn the lights on.” This track gives step by step directions on what to do and it is hard not to put your hands up to the song.

Gaga pushes the limit on this explicit album and fans of Gaga will love it. If you are not a fan of Gaga but a fan of electronic music and hip-hop, definitely check out “ARTPOP.”

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# Mr. Short shorts isn't shy

## Bares thighs for county-wide all-male beauty pageant

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The pageant will be held at the Arcata Theatre Lounge. All proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to three local charities — the Women's Crisis Center, the Humboldt Literacy Project and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Von Werlhof took part in a beauty pageant in high school and took second place. He said he chose to participate in the Mr. Humboldt Pageant because it was for a good cause.

"I couldn't think of a talent so I just sang 'I will Survive,' because it was funny," Von Werlhof said. "It was horrible, that's why I lost the contest."

Each contestant for the Mr. Humboldt pageant adopts a moniker. Von Werlhof will be competing under the name "Mr. Short Shorts" for the tiny athletic shorts he often wears when he works out at the Student Recreation Center.

The name has become a running joke among Von Werlhof's friends. His fiancée Hope Austin explained that he started wearing them last year when he began playing rugby.

"They're part of the rugby lifestyle," Von Werlhof said. "They're comfortable so I just started wearing them everywhere. I'd get recognized for them around campus. They're always a conversation starter."

The pageant is modeled after the Miss America contest and will start with a question and answer round. Von Werlhof said this is the most concerning part for him.

"We've been running mock interviews to help him prepare," Austin said.

Von Werlhof said it is daunting because he has to be able to talk about himself and have well thought out opinions.

Von Werlhof said that he is not concerned about the swimsuit portion. He said he will be wearing what he stresses is not a speedo, but rather "speedo short shorts," which are his usual swimwear.

"I'll take the trash out in those," Von Werlhof said. "I don't mind wearing them on stage. It's funny and it's for a good cause."

He said they are less skimpy than

the style the brand is known for, closer to briefs than tighty whities.

The Mr. Humboldt Pageant was the brainchild of Johanna Nagan and Emily Hodelmann.

"This is Humboldt, there are all kinds of different men up here," Hodelmann said. "It's not L.A. People aren't so image-conscious."

Nagan's brother had participated in a similar contest in Healdsburg, Sonoma County. When Hodelmann profiled Nagan for a "Humboldt Bachelorette" article for Savage Henry the two came up with the idea of creating a Mr. Humboldt pageant.

"There are a lot of different aspects of the community coming together for the show," Nagan said. "There's different kinds of guys. It's a chance to show what makes Humboldt County great."

Nagan and Hodelmann have not yet decided on the first place prize, but the winner will be awarded a crown and scepter crafted by local artisans. Nagan said they might also give the winner a chalice.

"We thought it would be something that [the winner] could take around to the bars and maybe get some free drinks with," Nagan said.

Von Werlhof said in his experience Humboldt is an eclectic community and trying to find someone who personifies its different aspects will be difficult. He said he is ready to compete for the title though.

He won't reveal everything he has planned for the competition, but Von Werlhof said he might take a lesson from Hulk Hogan and tear off his shirt. As for the talent portion, he is keeping silent other than to say that he will not be singing again.

"I'm going to involve Hope, but I don't want to give it away," Von Werlhof said. "It's family-oriented, hopefully it will help set me apart."

Win or lose, Von Werlhof said he plans on enjoying himself.

"I'm excited. I might not be Mr. Humboldt, but someone [on stage] will be," Von Werlhof said.

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Evan Von Werlhof posing in the Redwood Bowl. | Ashley Villavicencio

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# Soccer bids farewell

## Four seniors play last game with HSU

SOCCKER  
by Chelsea LaRue

Four men’s soccer players walked on to the center of the College Creek Field before the start of a match on Sunday, Nov. 3 to be honored by their teammates, coaches and families. It was the last time they would play for Humboldt State soccer.

Zach Hammond, Peter Darquea, Ryan Ades and Dan Mariani all entered HSU together as freshmen and are now departing together as seniors. These players are no strangers to adversity and due to a canceled season they practiced tirelessly for a year without playing a single game. With another year of eligibility under their belt, they all returned for one more season with their team.

Hammond, captain and forward, finishes his season with the most goals scored in the conference with 14 goals in 17 matches and was selected to the All-California Collegiate Athletic Association first team.

“I achieved my goals of being the leading scorer in conference,” Hammond said. “But I would have given that up in a heartbeat to win more

games.”

Darquea, also a team captain and center back, played a crucial defensive role for the Jacks his entire career at HSU. He is content with the season but recognizes that there is room for improvement.

“This season we played the best we have ever played,” Darquea said. “It would have been nice to win a few more games but overall I thought it was a good season. The team is headed in the right direction.”

Mariani, midfielder, also thought the season went well for the program as a whole.

“Obviously we would have liked to have had more wins, but playing under a new coach with a new system and after sitting out a year — it’s hard to be anything but pleased with how this year went,” Mariani said.

Ades started in goal this season for the Jacks and said everyone was motivated to improve themselves.

“It was a growing process,” he said “I feel we came out this season with something to prove after not playing in such a long time.”

Ades believes that as a team HSU improved this season and is excited

to see the results next season.

Ades plans to graduate in the spring and take a year off to apply for a graduate degree in physical therapy.

Hammond, Darquea and Mariani are all graduating this December. Hammond and Darquea will graduate with business management degrees and both hope to play professional soccer.

Darquea aspires to be a collegiate coach. Mariani plans on going to nursing school in the Bay Area to become a registered nurse and work in a cardiac rehabilitation facility.

Austin Swartz, midfielder, will return next season to improve on the team’s overall record of 6-11-1 in 2013. Swartz said the seniors had a great influence on the team this season.

“They all brought a great amount



Left to right: Zach Hammond, Dan Mariani, Peter Darquea, Ryan Ades. | Evan Wisheropp

of experience to the team. They showed a great deal of loyalty and commitment to the program despite many of the obstacles our team was faced with,” Swartz said. “Losing them will be tough to replace athletically, but they are some of my best friends and special in the sense that we were college teammates.”

For these four seniors, leaving

their team feels like leaving their family.

“I will miss playing but I will miss all the relationships I have made through soccer,” Darquea said. “The team was sort of like my family up here and I will miss them a lot.”

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# Brothers beat up competition en route to victory in fierce fighting tournament

## So You Wanna Fight returns to Humboldt

COMMUNITY  
by Israel LeFrak

The tension and energy was palpable. Lights shone on a boxing ring in the middle of a dark, crowded room where more than 1,000 spectators gathered on Saturday night at the Cher-Ae Heights Casino in Trinidad for the sold out So You Wanna Fight competition.

This event featured 27 fights showcasing all types of brawlers, ages ranging from 18 to 46.

Mixed Martial Arts is a hybrid, full-

contact sport that incorporates any and all styles of fighting into the ring. Some of the more common disciplines include Jiu-jitsu, Tae Kwon Do, boxing and karate.

The rules of the tournament were different than normal MMA rules. Each fight has one three-minute round, with a 30 second countdown when the fighters are on the ground. Once the 30 seconds expire, the fighters must stand up and then continue to fight. This eliminates most of the wrestling and ground attacks.

The rule changes affect some of the fighters’ strategies. A big part of MMA fight-

ing is submissions. With the time limit there might not be enough time to choke someone into submission. With only one round instead of the standard three, fighters felt like it was all or nothing.

The crowd supported the local fighters and cheered when they won a match.

Eric “Two Feathers” Holzhauer, 40, was a regional and state Greco-Roman wrestling champion in high school. Holzhauer is also from the Yurok tribe and believes there is a strong connection between Native Americans and MMA fighting.

“We come from an ancient society of warriors and gladiators,” Holzhauer said. “It’s the most physical contact sport in the world and is such an adrenaline rush I can’t even hear the spectators when I’m in the ring.”

The most impressive fighters of the night were the Cosce brothers from the Willow Creek/Hoopla area who dominated their respective weight classes.

Louis Cosce, 18, has been wrestling for 12 years and wants to make MMA fighting his livelihood.



Jeremy “Superkid” Ashley striking Byron Cruz as he tries to defend on the ground. | Sebastian Hedberg

“My strategy is offense always,” Cosce said. “The first rule of defense is offense to keep pressure on the other fighter.”

Cosce had the toughest road to victory, winning three fights that night. His relentless energy and indomitable spirit proved to be the difference between him and his competition. He remained humble outside of the ring and let his fighting do the talking. He hopes to make it to the UFC but thinks he needs to train another year.

Every time one of the Cosce brothers won a match the crowd erupted into a deafening roar. Both of the brothers felt like it was a dream come true to fight alongside each other. The slightly older brother Ori-

on “Galaxy” Cosce, 19, has been wrestling and training most of his life.

“We’ve always talked about making it as champions on the same card and it’s always nice to see each other do well,” Orion Cosce said. “Look for the Cosce brothers in the future.”

He also wants to be a champion in UFC and trains at least two to four hours every day.

“I live to be a winner, losers don’t get glorified,” Orion Cosce said. “I love to fucking win, it’s awesome.”

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Nick Illanes left and Pomo Saulque left staring each other down before the referee starts the fight. | Sebastian Hedberg

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# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL  
by Aron Gonzales

Like leaves falling from the trees, fall sports are coming to an end. Football season is nearly over and basketball will soon take center stage of Humboldt State athletics with many of its stars in the spotlight.

Kelly Kime is a standout women's basketball player starting the season off scoring 29 points in her first three games. Head Coach Joddie Gleason believes Kime is the ideal role model.

"Kelly is the type of person you hope your own kids will grow up to emulate," Gleason said.

Being a good college basketball player requires constant work. Gleason sees how much work Kime puts in to make herself the best athlete she can be.

"Kelly is a quality person on and off the court," Gleason said. "She is a hard worker who puts in work all year-round to get better."

Kime is a Humboldt County native and attended Eureka High School where she played basketball all four years. She is now a business major and starting guard for the HSU women's basketball team.

"I chose HSU because it is local. I decided to come here mainly after growing up and going to the

Kelly is the type of person you hope your own kids will grow up to emulate.

—Joddie Gleason, women's basketball head coach.

HSU basketball camps. It was a dream come true to be able to play for them," Kime said.

Kime is not the only local player on the women's basketball team. Jain Tuey is a center from Fortuna, Ashlynn Cox is a forward from Arcata, Nikki Powell is a forward from Eureka and Amanda Kunst is a forward from McKinleyville.

"It is weird to play on the same team with people who you competed against in high school," Kime said. "But we all get along and play well together."

Danielle Gaumer, junior guard for the women's basketball team, played with Kime and believes that she pushes herself to be the best and leads by example.

"Kelly is dedicated and she al-

ways seems to do everything right," Gaumer said.

This is Kime's final season of eligibility and she knows what she has to do to make this season her best.

"I have been around for five years, so I know the system," Kime said. "I have to be more of a leader and must show the younger players how the team plays."

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HSU basketball guard, Kelly Kime. | Jasmin Servin



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# Jacks Roundup

by Eduardo Barragan

### FOOTBALL

The Jacks lost 17-38 to Simon Fraser University on Saturday.

SFU scored in both the first and second quarters leading the Jacks 24-0. HSU found some momentum and scored 17 points in the second half in an attempt to end their losing streak.

Humboldt State's Matt Bruder kicked a 38-yard field goal early in the third quarter to start the half. Quarterback Casey Mintz threw a 13-yard touchdown pass, to wide receiver Chase Krivashei, to give the Jacks hope to catch up 24-10 at the end of the quarter.

Running back Darius Kash Johnson then rushed in for another touchdown building momentum and a comeback for the Jacks at 24-10 with 6 minutes and 8 seconds left in the game.

Immediately after the Jacks scored 17 points, SFU's Tore Corrado returned a 99-yard kickoff return and left the Jacks' deflated in the fourth quarter at 31-17. SFU then drove the ball into the end zone one last time to win 38-17.

HSU holds a 0-10 overall record and a 0-9 record in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference. The team has one last chance to end its losing streak at home this Saturday starting at 1 p.m. against Western Oregon University.

### CROSS-COUNTRY

The Lady Jacks earned seventh place among 23 teams competing at the NCAA Division II West Region Championships on Friday. HSU's men also finished seventh on Saturday.

Redshirt sophomore Kori Gilley led the HSU

pack, placing 24th overall with a time of 22 minutes and 51 seconds in the 6K race. Gilley also earned her place to be one of 25 runners to receive All-West Region honors.

Senior Devon Kelsey was 14 seconds behind Gilley placing 38th with 23:05, sophomore Imogene Carson placed 57th with 23:31, sophomore Caroline Kaufman earned 65th with 23:55, and sophomore Nayeli Santamaria placed 76th with 23:55.

In the men's competition, senior Tyler Cleveland ran his final cross-country race for HSU. Cleveland clocked a time of 32:53 on the 10K course placing 31st overall. Senior Joe Ostini was five seconds behind finishing in 33rd place and sophomore Jantzen Oshier finished in 49th place with 33:26. Sophomore Ben Tarango timed at 33:30 and Benjamin Stern earned 56th with 33:35.

The cross-country NCAA Division II National Championships will be held in Spokane, Wash. on Saturday, Nov. 23.

### VOLLEYBALL

HSU lost 3-1 against the California State University, San Bernardino Coyotes on Saturday.

The Coyotes won the first two sets at 25-19 and 25-20.

As the first set began, both teams were scoring closely and met at a tie with 9 points each. The Coyotes broke the tie with three HSU attack errors and a service error. Then CSUB extended its lead with a kill by Alexandra Torline. HSU struggled to catch up and lost 25-19.

Halfway through the second set, the Jacks were behind just one point, 12-11. But the Coyotes scored the next three points. They sustained the four-point lead until they won the set 25-20.

In the third set, the Jacks held a lead between seven and five points. The set was determined to be HSU's and ended with a 25-17 tally.

In the fourth and final set the Coyotes and Jacks were tied with six points each. The Coyotes racked in six points in a row to break into a 12-6 lead. HSU could not find respite and lost the set at 25-13.

The Jacks are back at home for their final two games. They play Sonoma State University on Thursday and San Francisco State University on Saturday, Nov. 16 at Lumberjack Arena.

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Jacks won 90-86 over Academy of Art at the PacWest/CCAA Challenge on Saturday.

Brandon Pomrehn helped push the Jacks' comeback from their loss last week scoring 24 points and Will Taylor contributed 19 points.

The first half was a struggle for HSU as they trailed behind the Urban Knights at 49-38. For the first 15 minutes both teams were neck and neck but HSU's defense was broken. The Urban Knights held up to a 13-point lead the rest of the half.

The Jacks were kept at bay for most of the second half trailing anywhere between six points and 13 points behind. HSU found an opportunity to catch up as the Urban Knights missed shots and tied the game 78-78 with 3:32 left.

The Jacks picked up a 3-point lead after Allan Guei was fouled during a layup and scored his free throw.

For the next two minutes, both teams were plagued with missed shots, rebounds, fouls and turnovers as they scrambled toward the last whistle. The Jacks held their lead and finished the game with two scored free throws by Guei, 90-86.

The Jacks are home next week playing Pacific Union College on Saturday, Nov. 19.

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Humboldt State women's basketball was victorious on Saturday against the Western Washington University Vikings, 77-68.

The Jacks lead the first half by as many as 8 points until 1:40 was left on the clock when WWU tied the match at 30 points each. Twenty seconds later, HSU's Kersey Wilcox finished the half scoring two free throws gaining a 2-point lead.

Two minutes into the second half, the Jacks lost their lead but stayed close to WWU. The Vikings led the half for the next 13 minutes and the Jacks' Wilcox made two layups reclaiming the match at 60-57. With three minutes left in the second half, both teams were fighting to win but kept tying the game, leading into overtime at 64-64.

In overtime, the Vikings were only able to find the basket twice and the Jacks took the advantage with Danielle Gaumer's 3-point shot. Then Wilcox and Megan Shields racked in layups for HSU leaving the score at 73-68.

Out of desperation the Vikings fouled Kelly Kime which led to her scoring two free throws extending the lead 75-68 with 32 seconds left on the clock. Wilcox took the final two points of the game, making it 77-68, after being fouled with just seven seconds left in the game.

HSU will take part in the CCAA/PacWest Challenge with Academy of Art next Saturday, Nov. 17 in San Francisco.

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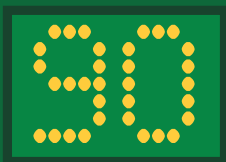
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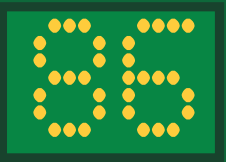
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# Eureka! Gold-medal athlete develops at local high school

## Track runner Alexis Robinson breaks records in 200 and 400 meter events

COMMUNITY  
by John Ferrara

Last year, Eureka High School student Alexis Robinson was overlooked as universities sifted the globe for the best junior athletes. That was before the 17-year-old established himself as one of the fastest junior athletes in the nation.

In June, Robinson ran the 400-meter dash in 46.55 seconds at the California Interscholastic Federation Championship Finals. His was the second best time in California and eighth best in the U.S.

Then came the phone calls.

“Florida, Florida State, Miami, Alabama, Georgia, UCLA, Oregon, Oregon State, Arizona, Arizona State, Texas, Texas A&M, Texas Tech., North Carolina, South Carolina,” Robinson said before stopping himself short. “I dropped my phone for a couple of weeks.”

The 6-foot-3 inch tall, 210 pound runner is all muscle and his calm demeanor is occasionally broken by a large, uncontrollable grin.

Robinson was the only high school athlete invited to run in the U.S. Pan American Junior Track & Field Championships in Medellin, Colombia, last August. There, he won a gold medal in the 4x400 meter relay, which qualifies him for the next Olympic trials.

Robinson holds Humboldt County’s fastest times for the 200-meter dash as well as the 400 and placed first in 19 of 27 meets last season.

Seventy-three-year-old Keith Weidkamp held Eureka High’s 400 and 200 records for nearly 55 years.

“We ran on a dirt track in oddball

shoes,” Weidkamp said. “I had some pretty good skills at the time.”

Weidkamp had not been informed his records were broken, but was particularly impressed with Robinson’s 400 time.

“Wow ... that is incredible,” Weidkamp said.

The retired college professor continued breaking records at Humboldt State until he tore his achilles tendon in 1960, ending his career.

Although Robinson’s track times are the highlight of his resume, the multi-talented athlete is also attracting interest for his football performance. As starting quarterback for the Loggers this season, the senior scored 24 touchdowns and his team enters the playoffs with an 8-2 record.

Last year, Robinson did not get the the starting nod and the team suffered through a 3-6 season. The new Head Football Coach Jason White said Robinson’s performance this season was a complete turnaround.

“He’s a Division I talent,” White said.

White would not comment on the previous coach’s decision not to give Robinson the starting role. However, he chuckled enthusiastically when asked if the quarterback selection made him look good in his first year as the Loggers’ head coach.

“We’re gonna have a good football season and then get ready to break the national record in track,” Robinson said.

Although some track coaches would disapprove of their star athletes playing a rough contact sport, Head Coach Catri-

na Bindel said she also played multiple sports in high school and supports his decision.

“He should enjoy his experience as a senior, who knows what his football accomplishments could be,” Bindel said.

His father Bob Robinson was also a talented athlete and the first basketball player to receive an athletic scholarship at HSU.

“The will to work has always been there because of who I am and who I was raised by,” Alexis Robinson said.

Bob Robinson is a single father of three and still manages to attend almost all of Alexis’ competitions.

“My job is to provide them with knowledge, food, shelter and love and I don’t need anyone to help me do that,” Bob Robinson said. “That’s how we roll, we’ve been crew-thick together for a long time.”

Bob Robinson is originally from St. Louis, Mo., but moved to Humboldt to continue his education. The 41-year-old horse trainer said he stayed because it is a good place to raise kids.

Alexis admires his father and said he raised him to be humble but never satisfied with his achievements.

“With my skin tone, most kids don’t have a father in their life, they have their mother,” Alexis Robinson said. “I was blessed to have my father because he made me a man and I appreciate more of what I’ve got. “

Robinson said he will likely commit to a university by February.

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Alexis Robinson preparing for the competition at the U.S. Pan American Junior Track and Field championships in Medellin Colombia. | Provided by Bob Robinson



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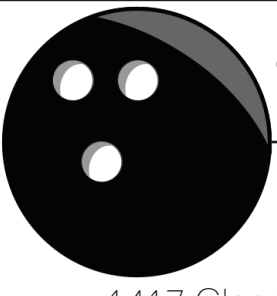
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## EDITORIAL

## Smoothing out the transition for transfer students

Finally, the concerns of college students are being answered.

On Oct. 10, Jerry Brown signed Senate Bill 440, a piece of legislation that will give community college students in California a guaranteed degree to transfer into a university in the CSU system.

Drawn up as an adaptation of the previous SB 1440 bill approved on April 29, 2010, the new bill will “require community colleges to create an associate degree for transfer in every major and area of emphasis offered by that college for any approved transfer model curriculum, as prescribed, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program.”

So far 25 transfer degrees have been approved, a good start to streamline and push students through the CSU system, wasting little time on unnecessary classes.

Instead of suffering through a complex system of transferable and non-transfer-

able units from one community college to the next, students are guaranteed admission into a program or major that directly syncs with their associate degree.

One major change between SB 1440 and SB 440 is the addition of an admissions redirection process for students who are unable to transfer into the university of their choice. This process will undoubtedly help to alleviate the added burden of finding another university under the CSU system that will accept a student with a given transfer model curriculum-aligned degree.

Although this bill directly addresses students in community college in California the effects will hopefully be felt here at Humboldt State.

Among all transfer juniors at HSU, around 70 percent are expected to graduate.

After transfer students with a curricu-

lum-aligned degree secure admission into HSU, the hope is that they will increase this percentage as a result of this new bill’s push for student graduation.

It is still too difficult to determine the bill’s effect on the transfer process overall, but there’s no denying this bill has been a long time coming.

But as great as this bill is for transferring community college students, there are still some discrepancies we should keep a lookout for as this bill rolls out.

In an article by edsources.org, Lizette Navarette, a legislative advocate for the Community College League of California argued “Areas of emphasis will be difficult to align to the pathways and clear parameters created by SB 1440.”

According to the article, community colleges are expected to implement four areas of emphasis by 2016. The problem lies in the broad, over-encompassing na-

ture of these emphasises that makes creating a curriculum-aligned degree increasingly difficult for each individual campus.

In addition, the vague introduction of an “admissions redirection process” to the bill makes it hard to predict how community college students will be allocated to certain CSUs.

If a student is unable to transfer into his or her desired four-year university within the CSU system because the particular major he or she signed up for is impacted, are they bounced from one university to the other?

The last thing we want to do is put more pressure on our faculty and students, especially in a system set in place to relieve tensions of transferring from community college to a four-year university.

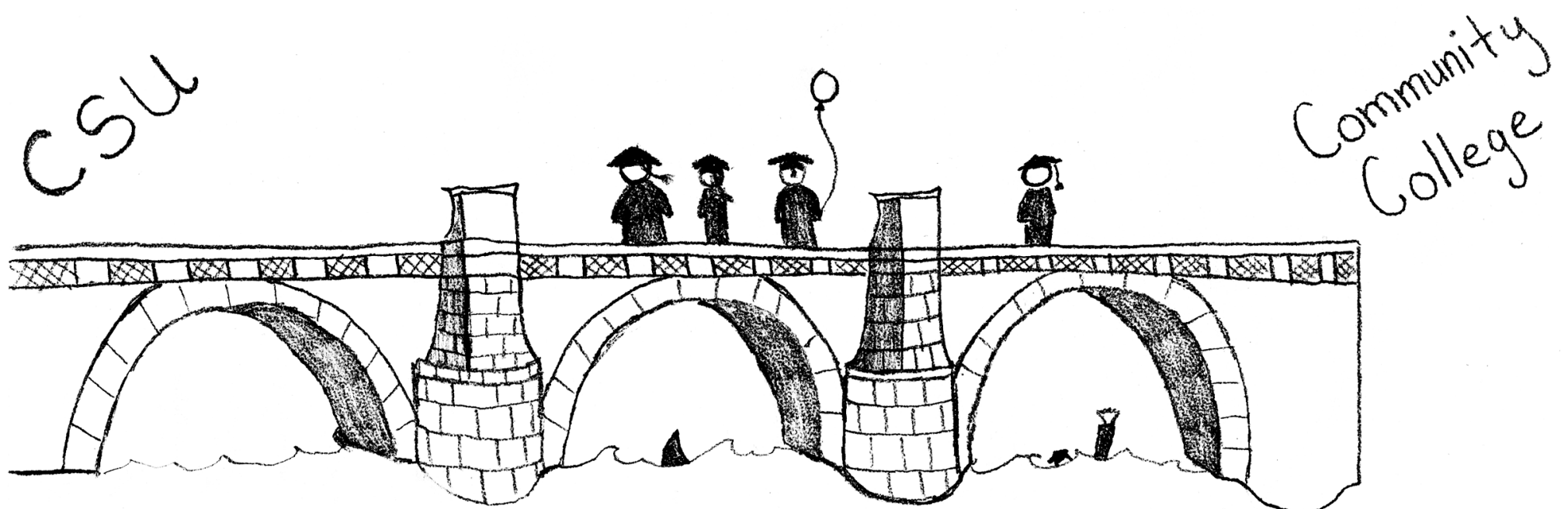


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## NSA irks US citizens; world

## Agency’s continued debacle should lead to cut in funding

by Dane Cluff

Hero or traitor? Patriot or spy? Whistleblower or criminal?

The polarizing debate that is the Edward Snowden saga has left the American public questioning the cognitive dissonance they’re experiencing between some of the United States’ most deeply rooted values (hello privacy) and the National Security Agency’s overarching surveillance programs.

Strong emotions lead to heavily loaded words as is the case any time our beliefs and values are questioned. Right or wrong, this rudimentary public discourse only serves to draw lines and divide one another.

Look no further than a poll published by the Pew Research Center in June showing 64 percent of Democrats supporting the NSA tracking millions of Americans’ phone records as a means to investigate terrorism. When George W. Bush was president in 2006 the figure was 37 percent. Republicans show a similar flip-flop with 75 percent approving in 2006, but only 52 percent doing so today.

These ideological shifts would serve as a great case study for our current political landscape, examining how an issue that affects all citizens’ sovereignty can be scaled down to party politics.

People constructing issues within their preconceived notions of the world is not a surprise, but they halt the dialogue that takes place between the hero and traitor labels; the space that desperately needs our attention.

In this space we understand that the technology surrounding us is changing mankind’s course every day and it’s our responsibility to question the direction it’s taking society. Are our innovations and powers benefiting U.S. citizens? The country as a whole? The world?

Reactions at home and abroad suggest that the NSA’s widespread surveillance does not.

The largest rally against mass surveillance in American history took place on Oct. 27 in Washington, D.C. where thousands marched from Union Station to the Capitol, calling for an end to NSA spying on U.S. citizens.

Snowden asked GAP National Security & Human Rights Director Jesselyn Radack to relay his sentiments to the crowd.

“We are witnessing an American moment, in which ordinary people — from high schools to high office — stand up to oppose a dangerous trend in government,” Radack read in a statement provided by Snowden.

The government justifies the NSA’s practices by pointing

to its success. One of Washington’s favorite talking points amid the initial exposures of NSA spying was that the agency thwarted 54 terrorist attacks.

It turns out that this claim is exaggerated in its verbiage, and misleading in its figure. The NSA did not “thwart” 54 terrorist attacks, and out of the 54 cases only 13 had a connection directly to the United States.

A chart declassified by the NSA states that their agency “has contributed to the [U.S. government’s] understanding of terrorism activities and, in many cases, has enabled the disruption of potential terrorist events at home and abroad.”

That is in no way saying the agency thwarted 54 terrorist

“The American people are getting left with the inaccurate impression of the effectiveness of NSA programs.”

— Sen. Patrick Leahy

attacks, although the claim has been repeated over and over. An online investigative publication named ProPublica found six different instances where state representatives quoted the facetious figure and pointed out ABC News, CNN and the New York Times as news media who perpetuated the myth.

Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) has read the classified list of all 54 terrorist attacks and believes the American people are being duped.

“We’ve heard over and over again the assertion that 54 terrorist plots were thwarted,” Leahy said. “That’s plainly

wrong, but we still get it in letters to members of Congress, we get it in statements. These weren’t all plots and they weren’t all thwarted. The American people are getting left with the inaccurate impression of the effectiveness of NSA programs.”

The agency’s behavior can be likened to a cheating spouse, keeping their actions in the dark and implementing harm reduction when a clue to their dastardly deeds are shined upon.

America’s reputation has been tarnished. Techniques employed by the NSA have been scrutinized by various world leaders despite 41 of the 54 alleged “thwarted terrorist attacks” occurring outside of the United States.

Philip Mudd of The New America Foundation gave PBS an interview on Oct. 25, pointing out how diplomatic problems caused by the NSA leaks have built up over the past couple of months.

“The issue here though really is not just these revelations in isolation,” Mudd said. “It is this cascade through the summer and into the fall about spying on Americans, spying on citizens in Europe, spying on foreign leaders.”

NSA spying on Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff and German Chancellor Angela Merkel has led the two country’s U.N. delegations to start negotiations with diplomats from 19 other countries. The representatives hope to curb NSA surveillance by drafting a General Resolution promoting the right of privacy on the Internet, according to Foreign Policy magazine.

It seems that foreign countries are doing more to rein in the NSA than U.S. citizens.

We must remember our responsibility to examine technology’s capabilities and its implications for ourselves, our country and our world. We’re facing questions mankind has never seen before and are increasingly losing control of what our world is going to look like.

The NSA is too big and too far-reaching, with hardly any accountability. Snowden revealed the NSA’s secret budget to be \$10.8 billion. Billions of dollars that could be used on education, infrastructure or anything else that would better serve America than another cog in the military-industrial complex.

If government is a necessary evil, then the NSA is the devil’s pet project. Slash its funding.

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# Undesirable Living

## Humboldt State’s Campus Apartments and their lack of charm

by *Shawna O'Donnell*

An acceptance letter from Humboldt State implies an exciting adventure in the future. But before taking the leap from the comfort of their parent’s homes, students have to ask themselves: “Do I want to live on or off campus?”

Two years ago, my 21-year-old twin sister and I decided we wanted to live on campus. Naturally, the College Creek Apartments were the most appealing in regards to aesthetics, but we were not too keen on the idea of sharing a suite with four other students. After browsing HSU’s housing and dining website, we decided to live in Campus Apartments — we had no idea what we were in for.

The website describes the apartments as follows: “Each apartment has two rooms with private entrances that share an adjoining kitchen. Rooms house either one or two residents and have private bathrooms. The rooms are furnished with a bed, desk, chair and dresser for each resident and a shared closet.” Sounds pretty nice, right?

Come move-in day, my sister and I were completely disappointed to discover that the facilities did not meet our expectations. The “apartment” was the size of an average bedroom and the “private” entrance was a large sliding glass door which was also the only window in the apartment, perfect for peeping toms. Already leaving the nest a tad bit late, my sister and I felt as if we were being mocked by the name tags that were taped onto the upper left corner of the glass door.” My name, “Shawna” in the shape of a blue rocket, and my sister’s name, “Lauren,” in the shape of a yellow star. I hadn’t had a name tag since elementary school. Funny, the university’s housing website forgot to mention that the bed was a bunk bed. I wanted a bunk bed when I was six. Do you get where I’m going with this?

Let’s not forget the 1970s wall heater that gave off an amount of warmth equivalent to a lit match, the broken toilet seat and the army of ants that constantly marched around the doorway that lead to

the “bathroom-closet” (the “closet” was a six-drawer dresser placed on the left wall of the bathroom and a horizontal pole to hang clothes). We felt like we were at summer camp and the feeling remained until the end of the semester.

Jeff Bertotti, HSU alumnus and former campus apartment resident, shared his thoughts on the less-than-desirable living conditions.

“It’s just a big tease to be looking out your window and just look at how comfy everyone is over at College Creek,”

Bertotti said. “I would say the worst part was the sliding glass door; you couldn’t get any privacy and people could just look in your room.”

Come move out day, my sister and I were completely satisfied knowing that we would live off campus and concluded that the apartment’s minimal living space, lack of privacy, and outdated appliances were reason enough for HSU to tear down the complex and start fresh.

With one last lock of our sliding glass door, we walked away and beamed at

the thought of an actual apartment or house with windows, closets, doors and most importantly — no name tags.

If the university aims to provide students with safe and comfortable housing, the Campus Apartments should either be demolished or renovated; there’s always room for home improvement.

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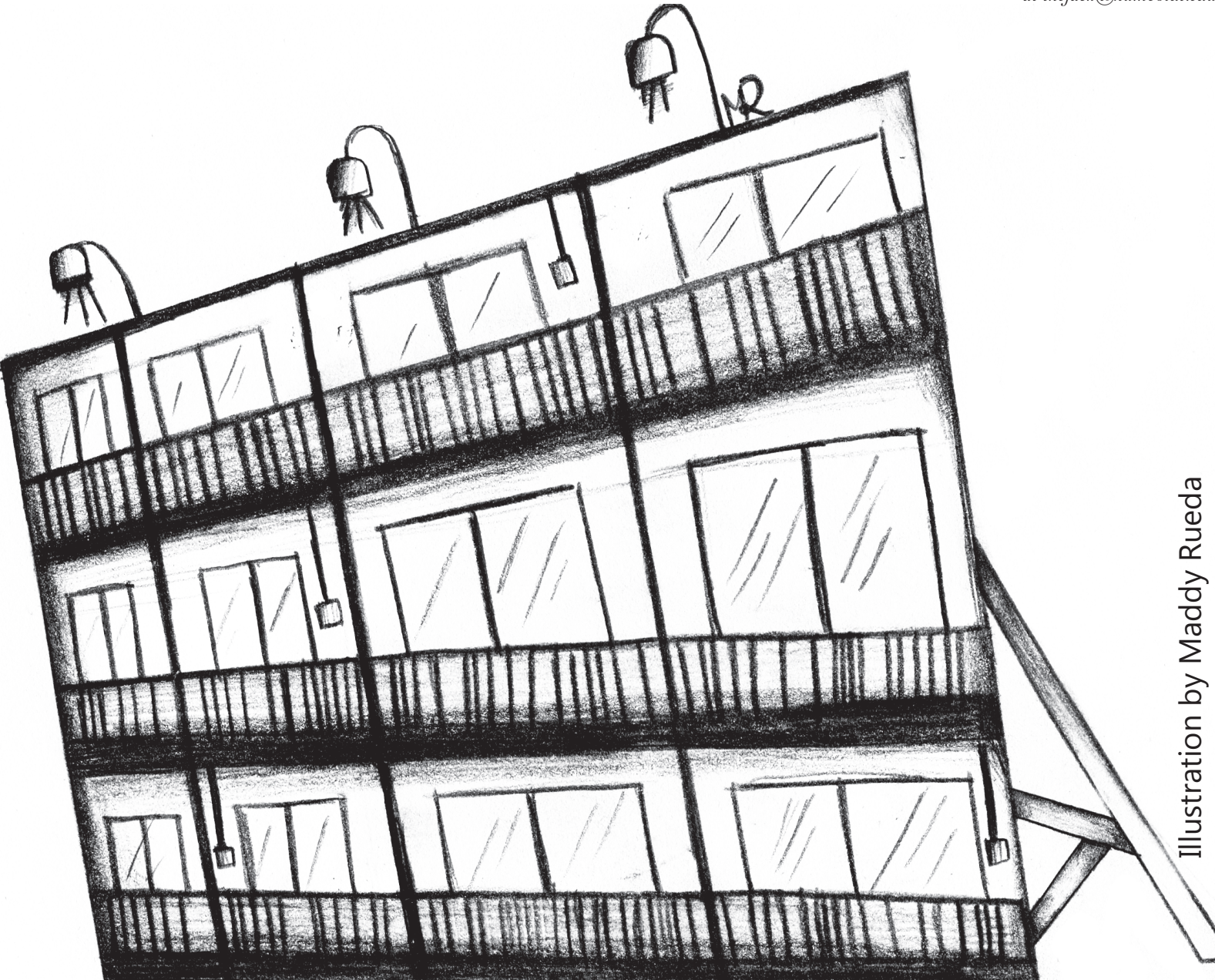


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# Pushing pills for progress

## Focusing on the faults of Alleradd

by *Ryan Nakano*

On Nov. 6th, The Lumberjack received an email for a new over-the-counter drug. Immediately I thought, spam. But with a subject title that read “New Over the Counter Study Enhancer Sweeps College Campuses in U.S. — Students Looking for a Safe Edge Use Alleradd,” I couldn’t help but open the email.

Here’s how the email begins: “Dear News, There’s a new trend that’s sweeping college campuses across America and this trend is one that all students should know about. Alleradd, a new over-the-counter product to help students

focus is a healthy, quick-acting alternative to study drugs with no harmful side effects ...

Students can enjoy their weekends and still be able to concentrate on their studies without relying on caffeine and prescription study drugs. Alleradd is finally providing students with an elevated mental state and competitive advantage in a healthy form.”

Alleradd? Really? Subtle. The email came directly from Tasha Mayberry, the company’s director of public relations, of course.

I realize this article is exactly what the company hoped for, free publicity. In fact, I

considered not running this article, but there is something here — at least enough of something to lead me to overlook the possibility of indirectly promoting a drug not approved by the FDA.

Before even getting to the specifics of the drug or its intended use, I found myself bothered by the company’s marketing strategy. Emailing the newspaper of a university to push drugs to college students is in itself problematic.

Before the 1980s, pharmaceutical companies marketed directly to physicians - a relationship that, for the most part, benefitted the average consumer. The relationship gave the consumer an expert in the field of medicine to give sound advice and prescription toward certain drugs. Since then, these companies have found a way to bypass the “middleman,” in this case the doctor, through the process of direct-to-consumer advertising.

In the case of Alleradd, this is likely the first time you have heard about it. If not, it’s quite possible you’ve been to the company’s website, scanned through testimonials, and maybe even read the oversimplified descriptions of its ingredients.

Beyond that, there is not much information on the drug and nobody to educate the general population of its functionality and long-term effects besides the company itself.

The reality is Alleradd has neither been tested nor approved by the FDA as the following statement located at the bottom of the company’s website states “These statements have not been evaluated by the FDA. This product is not intended to diagnose, treat, cure or prevent any disease.”

And if you got caught up on

the name’s similarity to it’s “less-natural” counterpart Adderall, it’s no coincidence. The drug intends to achieve the same effects as Adderall in its ability to heighten one’s focus, mood and mental drive. The difference is that Alleradd needs no prescription since the drug is marketed without the intent of treating, curing, or preventing any kind of disorder like Adderall for Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD).

Which brings me to the most concerning question surrounding the entire premise of the drug.

Does anyone truly need Alleradd? Honestly, no.

Even if all 18 of the ingredients are “safe” and “used in other FDA approved dietary supplements,” since when have we needed a compound of chemicals to enhance our focus?

We’ve become so quick in our society to literally take a “chill pill” to solve our problems that we forget that more often than not, our bodies naturally do what they are supposed to do.

If our society suffers from the inability to focus properly, maybe it’s time we focus on lessening the amount of distractions we surround ourselves with, like Facebook, Pinterest, Spotify, etc.

It’s a sad day when we begin to perpetuate our own procrastination through pills at \$29.95 a bottle. A price that may redefine the privilege of receiving a higher education.

And yet it’s not surprising - the amount of appeal a drug such as Alleradd has for college students so completely caught up in the competitive nature of the university life. From grades and degrees to the highest positions in the job market, it makes me think that somewhere we went wrong.

Even without Alleradd, I think we’ll be alright.

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# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Ignorant health care column

Dear Editor:

Pretty pathetic that The Lumberjack is publishing an opinion about the Affordable Care Act from an author who appears not to understand how health insurance works, or the difference between a premium and a deductible. With monthly premiums of \$157, that's less than \$2,000 a year in expenses. The \$6,350 deductible is the amount you have to spend before the insurer covers the rest. So you only spend that much if you have medical bills in the tens of thousands of dollars. If you hit the deductible, you've already incurred more than twice that in bills, and suddenly your insurance is a great deal, capping your total costs despite much higher bills.

As to the whining about more expensive plans,

does the writer also think it's unfair that some cars cost \$60,000 even though that's more than twice what some people earn in a year? The beauty of the market is that those who have the money to spend on the "premium" insurance plans can do so, and those who don't have the money or the desire to get such a comprehensive plan can find a cheaper plan.

As to the "if Obamacare is so great why isn't Obama on it?" point, other than that it's the kind of logic employed by a 5-year-old, the whole point of the ACA is to help people who don't already have insurance from their employer. Every federal employee — whether at the White House, in Congress, or working along the Klamath — gets insurance as part of their employment. That's

why they aren't on it; it's not part of some preposterous conspiracy.

Health care and health insurance is a tremendously complicated issue, so it's really a shame The Lumberjack has chosen to publish such misinformation from someone so clearly just trying to spread their ideology. Maybe find someone who understands how insurance works rather than find someone who doesn't and whose ignorance both misinforms your readers and embarrasses your newspaper.

-Jose

\*The Lumberjack staff received this letter via email. The author could not be contacted, therefore, no major revisions were made.

Dear Jose:

Thank you for acknowledging that we all have opinions, it is encouraging to know that support for freedom of speech is still very much alive today. I am thankful for your response, however, I fail to see how your "information" is supposed to educate me further. Explaining to me the difference between a premium and a deductible seems redundant since I have done my research. In addition, the dig about how much I will spend on healthcare this coming year is inaccurate since I qualify for healthcare through my employer, something you would have known if you had read my previous column.

You asked me if I thought it was unfair that some cars cost \$60,000 even though that's more than twice what some people earn in a year? Your claim that a free market allows those with the money to spend it and those without the money to buy another car or another form of health insurance is ignorant. My answer to your question is yes; I do think it is unfair. Not only is my opinion that buying a car that is \$60,000 financially irresponsible, especially since the shelf life of a car is what, eleven years? But having a free market means engaging in active choice. How is it active choice that millions of

Americans are being forced to give up their insurance plans because of the rise in premiums? According to Forbes, "Obamacare will increase underlying premiums by 41 percent." It seems to me that the definition of a free market has changed from personal choice to government choice. It also seems to me that forcing millions of people to pay outrageously high premiums is also forcing them to lower their medical coverage to a plan they originally and most likely still feel is not best suited to them.

Lastly, your take on my sarcasm regarding Obama and other members of the elite group surrounding him is inaccurate. Again, had you read my previous column, you would have noticed that both of my fathers are employed by the federal government and thus have federal insurance. Furthermore, I, myself, am covered through this very federal insurance that you refer to. My point is not that Obama should have to enroll in Obamacare; rather that it is unfair that the federal government will continue to subsidize the insurance plans of Congressmen and their staff while millions of Americans are forced to pay without subsidies. According to an article published by CNN, "President Obama recently issued a special rule for Congress and congressional staff to get a special subsidy to

purchase health insurance on the Obamacare Exchange unavailable to every other American at similar income levels." Millions of Americans are facing a large shift in where a substantial amount of their income is going every month. Why should Congress be exempt when the rest of America is feeling the consequences hit their pocket books?

I agree, "health insurance is a tremendously complicated issue." However, your assumptions that I am ignorant, uneducated, and trying to spread my personal ideology are misplaced. My original column is based off fact, personal income information for myself and information from my parents. Where is your information coming from? Please do not assume that because I do not share your opinion that I should not voice mine, after all, this is an opinion column. As for misinforming my readers, I believe that I encouraged them to find their own sources and research the subject on their own. I did not tell them what to believe or to think, I simply expressed my opinion in reaction to what I have experienced.

Thanks,  
Emma Wright

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## CORRECTIONS

In "Policing the Plaza" in the Oct. 30 issue of The Lumberjack, the writer Patrick Evans attributes quotes to Jenna Bader which are not accurate. The story misrepresents what Bader said in an interview with the writer.

Evans also misquoted Natalie Treacy as saying "Say 'I don't consent to being detained, ask for a lawyer.'" The quote is an incorrect distortion of what Treacy said in an interview.

Treacy said when people are confronted by police there are three phrases they should use for their protection; "I'm asserting my right to remain silent and I want to see a lawyer," "I do not consent to a search," and "Am I free to go?"

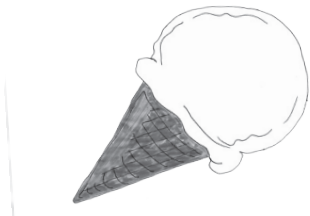
Treacy said people should repeat the phrase "I'm asserting my right to remain silent and I want to see a lawyer," after anything they say to police.

If you would like to know your rights and learn how to effectively protect yourself and the community, feel free to contact Natalie Treacy at natalie.treacy@humboldt.edu

In the Nov. 6 issue of The Lumberjack, in the World In Briefs, Philippines is spelled incorrectly.

"Buy seeds, not ramen," should have stated that Heidi McHugh said students between the ages 17 and 49 who are enrolled in six units or more are often ineligible.

# Puzzles Page



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?"

Last week's winners

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Where's Rollin?  
Naomi Gair

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Where Is This?  
Austin Collister

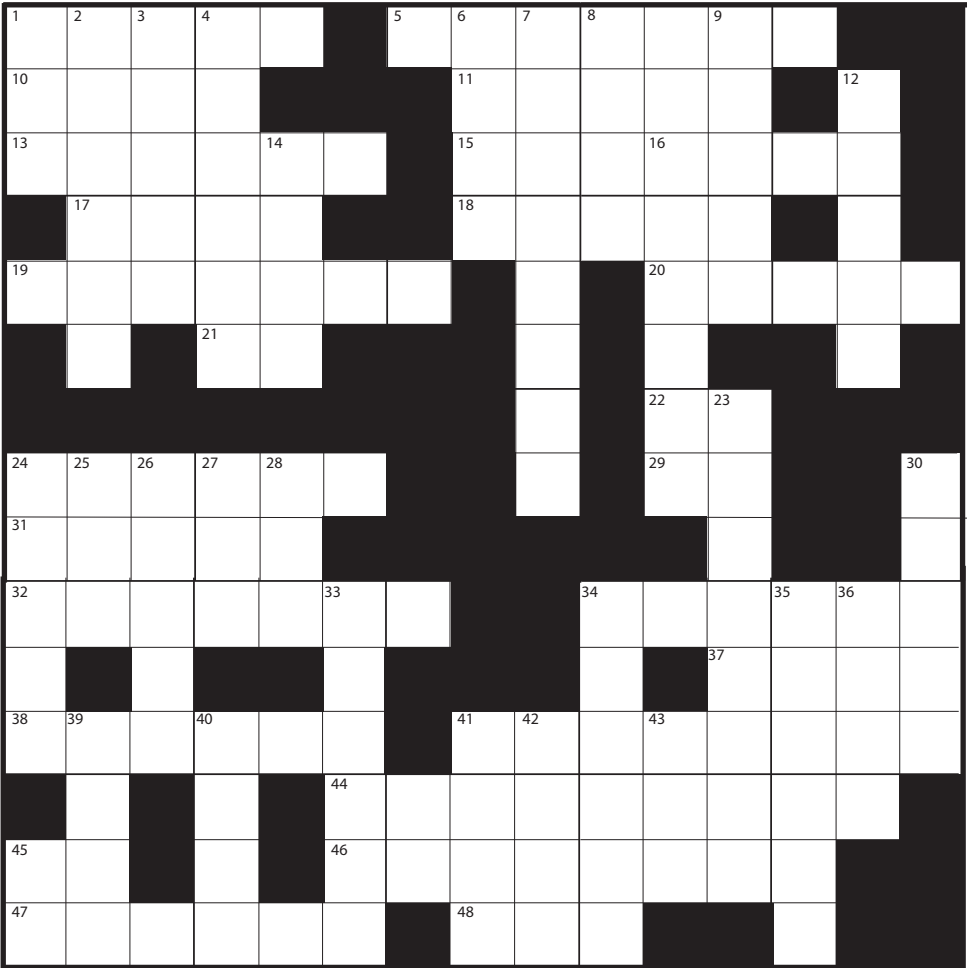
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The Lumberjack Trivia:  
Lauren Lester

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.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- Across:
1. Lived in a peach

5. American epidemic.

10. A small village in Serbia

11. Instant breakfast meal

13. Ear paste

15. Shaping with a hammer

17. Helps drive a mechanism

19. Bearer of Fleece

19. Taking rideshare turns

20. Sacred song

21. Needed to prevent DUIs

22. Unmanned tiny vehicles

24. The Olde Towne Team

29. A collection of 28 states over-
- seas

31. A case of Chlamydia in slang

32. Pocket monster mascot

34. To reach one's lungs, use the \_\_\_\_\_

37. Fish impersonating snakes

38. Needlessly has a bunny

41. One who pretends

44. Out in the backwoods

45. Opposite of No

46. Popeye's girl

47. A Huntsman

48. An essential amino acid for humans
- Down:

1. He was dirty

2. Hagrid's Arachnid

3. Stuck in mud

4. Pooh bear's name

6. Super once every year

7. Plugs go here

8. Public, covered walkways

9. Grecian garb

12. Expected from amateur standard drivers

14. Too dry

16. Baseball officiate

23. Modern trade tool

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**Humboldt Unbound**  
This Humboldt State theatre, film and dance production showcases the life of scientist and adventurer Alexander von Humboldt. The play will implement live music, dance and elaborate, detailed costume to portray the Prussian explorer's achievements.  
Van Duzer Theatre  
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\$10 general, \$8 students and seniors

**Vladimir Feltsman**  
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Van Duzer Theatre  
8 p.m.  
\$45 adult, \$25 children, \$15 HSU students

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Arcata Community Center  
8 p.m.  
\$30

**Humboldt Folklife Society Barn Dance**  
The Striped Pig Stringband will play folk music to dance to. All proceeds will benefit Mad River Alliance.  
Arcata Veterans Hall  
7:30 - 11 p.m.  
\$7

**TEDxYouth@HumboldtBay**  
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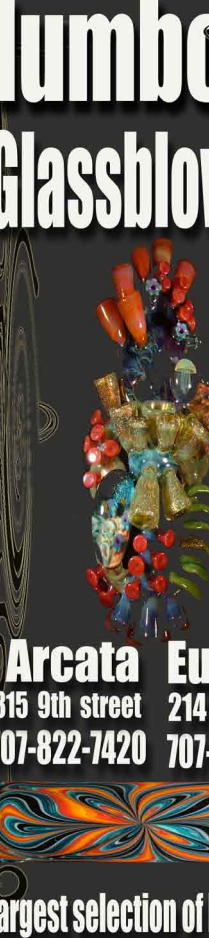

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