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Long-awaited program elimination decision made

By Melissa Coleman

Nursing students can put their protest signs away. Their program is now officially safe.

On Tuesday, HSU President Rollin Richmond announced his and Provost Robert Snyder's decision to keep the nursing program. They chose to suspend computer science, computer information systems and the MA in film. The entire theater arts department is under review.

The savings totals about \$600,000, less than half of the \$1.3 million goal. Instead of eliminating more programs now in order to reach the total, Snyder will wait until next year's budget is finalized and the theater program review finishes.

At Tuesday's Academic Senate meeting, Snyder addressed his timeline for potential further elimination. "I need to step back... until August or September," he said.

Richmond sent out a campus-wide email addressing the elimination decision, specifically nursing. "It should come to no surprise that the decision about the nursing program was the most vexing," Richmond wrote. "Nursing is one of the most expensive programs we have both per-student and overall, but California also has a pressing need for new nurses."

Nursing major and legislative vice president of Associated Students, Beth Weissbart ran the Save the HSU Nursing Program campaign. "I'm very, very happy," she said.

However, the continuation of nursing has conditions. Richmond wrote in his email that the number of students admitted to the program will decrease from 60 to 40.

The program also has to create a plan in order to solve its organizational problems.

Weissbart, sees the conditions as compromises. "It's unfortunate, but considering what could've happened, it's better than nothing," she said.

Snyder wasn't as nice to other programs. He suspended both computer science and computer information systems, even though computer science chair Mark Rizzardi agreed to merge the two. Both programs will be closed to all students who are not currently enrolled.

Computer science professor Sharon Tuttle is disappointed about the news, but hopes that the programs can make a future proposal. "I hope that means we have a shot next year," Tuttle said.

Snyder also suspended the MA in film and put the entire theater arts department under review.

Department chair Bernadette Cheyene didn't see this as a surprise. "[Snyder] spoke with us very frankly. He does have a point." She said that department members will meet before the end of the semester to discuss solutions for the ongoing under-enrollment problem.

Theater arts major Steven Robert King said that compared to Modesto Junior College, HSU only offers the bare minimum in acting. "If they cut more classes, people aren't going to have all the basics," he said. "They might as well get rid of the program, not half-ass it."

Until Snyder knows next year's final budget and the status of theater arts, his decision is final.

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From the April 21 issue:

- The second Rashawnda Kelly-Brown listed in the Word On The Street was actually named Chloe Hawkins. She is a freshman psychology and studio art student.
- Iban Rodriguez' name was misspelled in our corrections last week. Yes, we see the irony.
- 'Decriminalize' was missing an 'a' in our editorial.
- In Travis Turner's story "Gold School Puts Dance Back in Arcata," we printed a paragraph twice. This was an atrocious mistake, and we apologize.

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Associated Students 2010 Election Results Are In!

Run-off Election Scheduled for Next Week

By T.C. Vidosh

Last Friday, the results for the 2010 Associated Students election were announced at the University Center, not to a crowded room of beaming candidates and fervent supporters, but to a handful of AS Elections Commissioners and one Lumberjack reporter.

Neither of the top candidates who ran for President or Student Affairs Vice President received a majority vote (50% plus one vote). As a result, Associated Students will hold a run-off election this week on April 28 and 29.

The presidential candidates are Victor Reuther and Iban Rodriguez. The candidates for vice president are Kristy Eden and Aaron Guerrero.

Despite the absence of other students at the University Center last Friday, members of AS believe the results were worth noting.

AS elections commissioner Rina Ferrario said the turnout was much higher this year than in previous elections. "This year, 1,045 people voted in the election," said Ferrario. "I think the turnout was probably higher because of the different candidates."

Last year, AS President Brandon Chapin ran without any competition, and fewer than 300 students voted in the election. There are more than 7,700 students enrolled at HSU. This means that only 13 percent of students (1,045) voted in the election this year.

In the run-off, students will also vote for two open positions in the College of Professional Studies.

Only one person, Cortland Johnson, ran for this position, which requires three students. Associated Students will rely on voters to write in their choices for the position.

The run-off elections will take place on the AS Web site: <http://www.humboldt.edu/~hsuas/>.

Junior John Kimsey did not vote in the elections this year. "The elections did not seem relevant," said Kimsey. "AS doesn't seem to

AS 2010-2011 Election Results- Winners:

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All University Representative: Sidonie Harper-McPike (64)

At Large Representative: Rachel Brownell (645)

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2010 Ballot Initiatives

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NO: ✓	517	59.8 %

2. Should smoking areas be improved and enforced?

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NO:	280	40.2 %

Student Health Center Fee: \$45 increase to fund Counseling and Psychological Services

YES: ✓	431	50.2 %
NO:	427	49.8 %

Instructionally Related Activity Fee: A 2% increase in the Instructionally Related Activities Fee

YES:	227	29.4 %
NO: ✓	546	70.6 %

University-wide Materials, Services and Facilities Fee \$72 per semester for part-time students and \$144 per semester for full-time to fund extra curricular classroom and educational support

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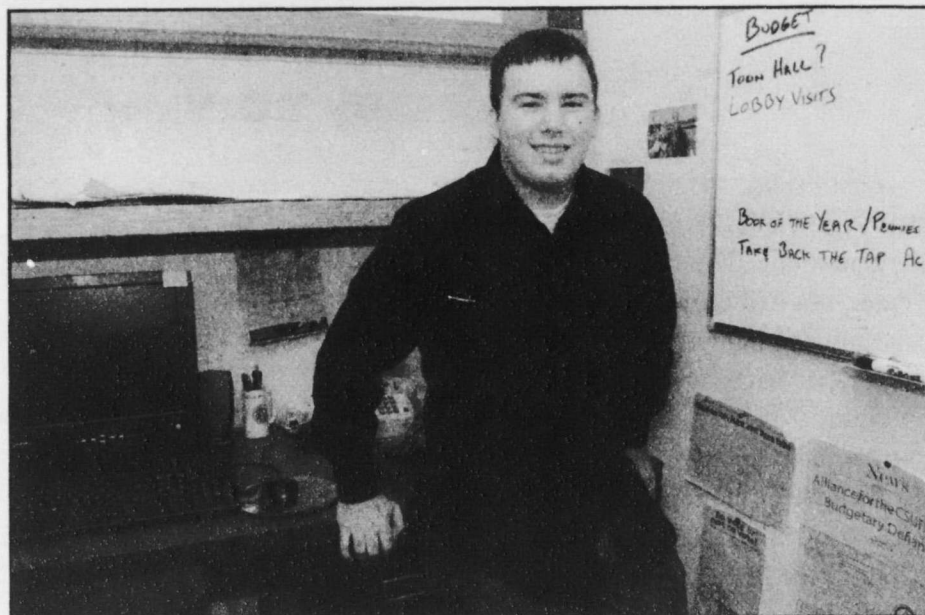
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Out With The Old, In With The New

A.S. President Moves On

By Carly Matson



Brandon Chapin has ended his term of AS President. | Allyson Riggs

What happens in Humboldt does not stay in Humboldt. Political science major Brandon Chapin realized this when students elected him president of Associated Students.

"I never realized how interconnected everything is," Chapin said. "Not only the departments within our school, but within the CSU system. If something happens in San Diego, it will affect Humboldt somehow."

Too often students believe they are unable to make changes when it comes to improving higher education. But, Associated Students and its members are here to prove otherwise.

In May 2009, Chapin became the student body's spokesperson. This May he graduates and passes on his position to another student.

Chapin first heard about Associated Students in his freshman year political science class.

"Someone was making an announcement about A.S. elections," said Chapin. "I've always been interested in politics, so I decided to check it out."

He was the California State Student Association's representative and a committee representative on the Academic Senate.

As Associated Students president, Chapin took on the responsibilities and tasks of previous presidents. He allocated fees to campus clubs and organizations and kept students informed on matters that affected them. He talked with University President Rollin Richmond and Vice President of Student Affairs Steve Butler about budgets and programs.

However, Chapin did not go about it the usual way. He met biweekly with Richmond and Butler and said the process was never combative. Butler said, unlike some past presidents who created adversarial relationships, Chapin aimed positively toward win-win situations. Chapin wanted to be viewed as a leader who would listen and make compromises that benefited all sides.

As organizer of "Meet the Decision Makers," Chapin gave students the opportunity to ask questions and express concerns

about higher education to the president, the vice president of student affairs, the chief of police and the California State Student Association president and executive director.

Last spring, he helped move summer classes from HSU to extended education. As a result, students no longer pay Associated Students and Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) fees that accompany university classes.

Chapin gives credit to the four years he took to become an Eagle Scout. As he moved up in the rankings to senior patrol leader and to junior scoutmaster, he became more in control. He said these positions increased his confidence as a leader and communicator. For effective communication, he says to stay levelheaded and to think before reacting.

With a decrease in funds, programs and students for the 2010-11 school year, Chapin had no room for error when creating a budget plan. University clubs and organizations agreed to his proposal in five minutes. There were no arguments.

Butler said, "He's interpersonal and verbally well spoken. He pushed for students to vote and be involved in all aspects of school governance."

English major Louis Ropiak proves Chapin must have done something right. Ropiak said he hears more about Associated Students' involvement with budget cuts and program elimination than he ever did back in 2005.

Despite his accomplishments, Chapin said not everything went smoothly.

He did not have enough time to

carry out all the tasks he assigned himself. His plan to expand the use of the C-card to off campus businesses never happened. But, his biggest disappointment was failing to make students see and hear about Associated Students every day.

Butler pointed out the same problem. He said Chapin was overcommitted with tasks and time, but at the same time, he was more involved collegiately on the local and state level.

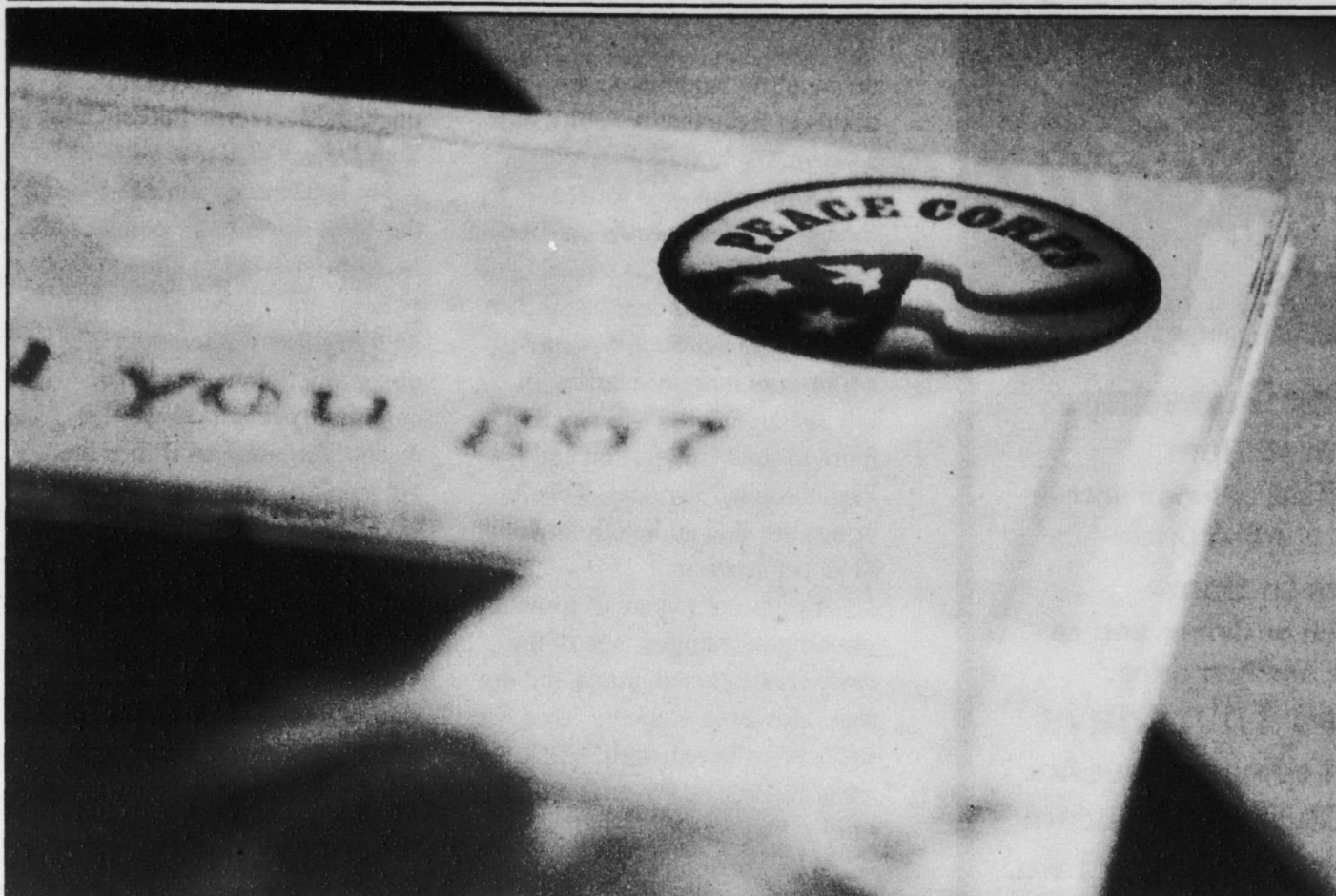
Chapin learned HSU cannot rely on its administration to get jobs done. Everyone throughout the system must work together.

Chapin has no intention of letting the importance of higher education go out the door with his presidency. For the next two years, he will attend CSU Sacramento to complete his master's degree in public policy administration. He wants to work in college-level politics, administrations or legislation.

For his farewell, Chapin encourages students to participate in the decision-making process of their education. Associated Students committee positions in parking, enrollment, student affairs and all other departments are rarely more than 80 percent full. Filling those positions means more voices and a greater chance of change for students.

"Vote," Chapin said. "Make higher education a voting issue, and tell everyone you know to do the same."

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More Peace Corps Servicemen are coming out of HSU than any other middle sized universities. | Elizabeth Sorrell

Peace Corps Comes to Campus

By Molly Lovelady

Even though HSU no longer has a Peace Corps office on campus, regional recruiter Jennifer Clowers said she hasn't seen a decrease in student volunteers on campus.

There are currently 23 HSU alumni in the Peace Corps. HSU ranked 15 out of mid-size universities in the country for producing Peace Corps volunteers. HSU has been on the Peace Corps "Top College" list for five years in a row, said Clowers.

Clowers said a volunteer normally serves for 27 months, the first three months are reserved for training. "I loved my Peace Corps experience, that's probably why I'm working there now," she said. "It's the most rewarding thing I've ever done, and the most challenging."

Most student loans are deferrable during Peace Corps service, said Clowers. She said they recommend applicants check directly with their student loan providers to make sure. Volunteers with Perkins loans may be eligible for partial cancellation benefit. "I believe it is 15 percent per year of service," she said.

Peace Corps Public Affairs Specialist Nathan Hale Sargent said there is no longer a Peace Corps office on campus because of changes in the budget. "We're

certainly sad to lose connection on campus, but hopefully that shouldn't impact recruits," he said.

Clowers said that the relationships you make in Peace Corps last forever.

One of Clowers' most memorable experiences came when she was living in a remote village in Guinea, Africa.

She lived in a hut with no running water, no electricity and no cell phone. Clowers communicated with her family and friends by writing letters.

One of her main projects was working with a women's garden cooperative. The women wanted to grow produce to sell in the surrounding 10 districts.

She recalls asking a lot of questions to make sure that the project would be feasible and profitable for the women. She also remembers teaching them agroforestry techniques such as composting and mulching.

Clowers said one day she was transplanting onions with the president of the cooperative when the woman stopped working for a moment and looked at her and said, "None of this would have happened had you not been here."

Clowers recalls that she said that she hadn't done anything, and that this was the cooperative's project. However, the president

said, "No, you believed in us, none of this would have happened without you."

"For me, this moment encapsulates what it means to be a Peace Corps Volunteer," said Clowers.

The Peace Corps costs the average tax payer \$1.40 per year, said Clowers. It will be Peace Corps 50th anniversary in 2011 and it is always looking for more volunteers.

McGill University alumni Karen Schlatter and HSU alumni Joel Correia just returned to Eureka after finishing the Peace Corps in December 2008 and doing a fund raising bicycle trip in South America for 6 months. Schlatter said there were hard times when she thought she didn't fit in at all. "You've just got to believe in yourself and the experience is worth it," she said.

For Correia, one of the hardest things was saying goodbye to his host family. He said they stayed up and cried together the night before he left to go back home.

Coming back to the United States was just as difficult as going away, said Schlatter.

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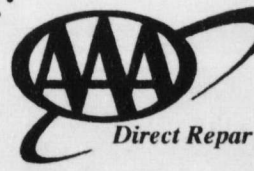
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do anything, and there are so many things at stake that we don't have a say in."

Of the proposals for fee increases in last week's election, only the initiative to increase the mandatory student health fee passed. The initiative passed by a four-vote margin. Starting in fall 2010, students will pay \$45 more to fund Counseling and Psychological Services. This brings the student health fee to \$192 per semester.

A proposal to ban all forms of smoking on campus, one of the more controversial issues, did not pass. However, students voted for stronger enforcement of smoking areas and the improvement of smoke-free zones.

With no mention of increased fines or supervision, what this

means for smokers remains unclear. University Police Chief Tom Dewey said that UPD has yet to receive any direction from the administration or collaborative insights from AS to change current policy.

"Right now, the intent of university policy is to have community members gently discourage smokers if they are not smoking in the right areas," said Dewey. "What I think the poll does, rather than creating new policy, is reflect that people might not be comfortable with that."

Those who are interested should remember to vote in the upcoming run-off elections this Wednesday and Thursday.

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Run-off Elections for April 28 and 29:

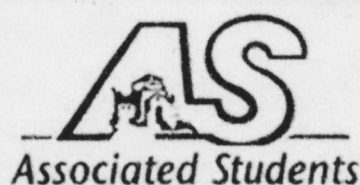
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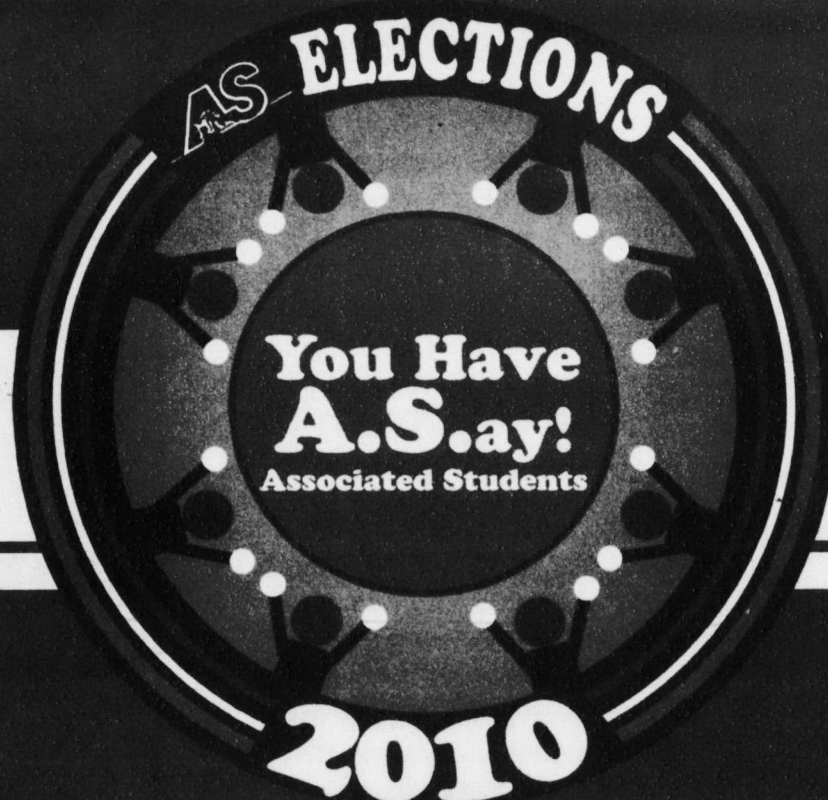
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You Snooze, You Lose

By Carly Matson

You can spot people around campus every day that do not attend HSU. Some are dirty with unkempt beards and more baggage than a Boeing 737, while others are low-key and quiet; but do you know why they are?

Some are here to use the library and its resources. Others want a warm place to sleep.

Nutmeg*, Falstaff Du'Mara* and Tom B.* are homeless men who say they never sleep on campus, and they discourage others who want to.

Tom B. said, "If we camped here all the time, people would be less receptive to us using the library."

Since the HSU library has a repository of U.S. Government documents, by federal law, it must be open to the entire community.

Circulation supervisor John F. Taloff said it has been a long time since someone has tried to stay there purposely. "Sometimes, there are problems with folks who just come here and watch movies," he said. "But we'll check their ID,

"If people don't attend HSU but use our facilities to educate and better themselves, I'm all for it."

- Dennice Stone, psychology major -

and if they're not students, we just tell them to leave."

Still, others come to campus with the intention of camping out and sleeping. This violates HSU's Code of Rules and Regulations. It states: no person, including students, staff and faculty, can purposely set up an area on campus to live and sleep without permission from the university president.

The University Police Department refers to these people as campers. Lt. Lynne Soderberg of UPD said the normal procedure is to warn the campers and advise them to pick up their belongings.

Officers cannot force any visitor off campus unless they interfere with student learning, the faculty's ability to teach or the

safety of everyone. Officers will issue citations under California Penal Code 626.6. to campers who receive multiple warnings and continue to return.

The camper receives a ticket for disturbing the peace of the university and cannot be on school property for seven days. If the camper returns before the week ends, he or she is guilty of a misdemeanor, which can result in a fine and jail time.

Soderberg could not give an instance of an aggressive or violent camper, but said it is rare to arrest people for their first or second offense.

With the poorly lit areas around campus, psychology major Dennice Stone feels uneasy about homeless people camping out, but also sees a need for their access to HSU's resources. "If people don't attend HSU but use our facilities to educate and better themselves, I'm all for it," said Stone. "But, if they use our facilities as a place to get high and hide, that's just disrespectful and unsafe."

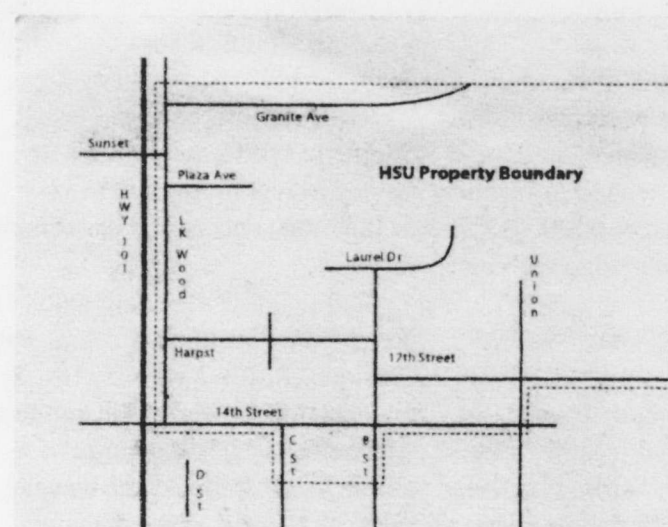
UPD conducted a study of this misdemeanor over the last four years.

"It was less than ten people per year who were issued citations for camping," said Soderberg. "Whether or not they received fines was up to the court if they were found guilty of the violation."

Records show UPD hands more tickets at the library than any other location on school grounds.

What about students who fall asleep on couches while doing homework?

Soderberg said they are not violating the regulation since their intent is not to stay in the building.



The HSU boundary extends about 1 mile into the Arcata Community Forest. Campus property includes the Natural History Museum located at 13th and G streets in Arcata, and the University Annex located at 14th and B streets in Arcata (and surrounding property). Humboldt State has a number of satellite facilities around the county including the First Street Gallery (Eureka), the Telonicher Marine Lab (Trinidad), and the Clam Beach Lagoons.

If you have any questions about the HSU properties or boundaries call 707.826.5555

Courtesy of UPD

Safety Tips for Night:

- The buddy system.
- Keep a mini-flashlight in backpack/purse for the poorly lit areas around campus and Arcata.
- Carry pepper spray. You can get miniature ones that attach to a key chain.
- The Arming Women Against Rape and Endangerment's Web site do NOT suggest rape whistles or personal alarms. Screaming is effective because it is easier to sense danger. The use of noisemakers may not be taken seriously.
- If you have a cell phone, make sure you charge it before going out for the night. You may need to call 911 or talk to someone on the phone. Make them aware you are walking alone.

But UPD has found homeless students camping on campus. "With the effort of our department, Associated Students and housing, we try to assist these students in finding a place to live," said Soderberg.

Every year HSU students have a hard time securing housing. Associated director of housing Patty O'Rourke-Andrews said she does not know the average number of homeless students their department helps every year.

"This is a difficult question to answer," she said. "Many of our students go directly to our 'Off Campus' Web site to look for housing."

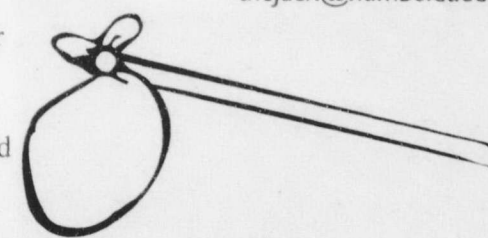
She added that to live on campus, a homeless student would have to take the normal steps of completing a license and making

an initial payment and deposit. Otherwise, housing sends the student to its off-campus housing Web site, which provides students with the resources necessary to secure a place to live.

Overall, Soderberg and Taloff said campers are more often cooperative than not.

And to all those wanting to find a place to sleep, Du'Mara sends the warning, "This is a school campus, not a fucking squat spot."

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* For privacy purposes, Nutmeg and Falstaff Du'Mara did not want to disclose their real names. Tom B. chose to give only his first name and last initial.

Delta Airlines

The One that Got Away

By Karina Gonzalez and Matt Drange

Investigative Reporting Team

An e-mail is all it took to get the money off the runway.

On Feb. 27, 2009, Vice President of Administrative Affairs Burt Nordstrom sent an e-mail warning that HSU needed to fulfill its commitment to spend \$51,613 that was left from a pledge the year before.

Thirty-two days later, \$949.23 remained.

In 2008, more than 80 local businesses organized to lure Delta Airlines - the largest airline on the planet in terms of passenger traffic - to the Arcata-Eureka Airport.

The businesses, that formed the Humboldt County Initiative, generated \$500,000 for a travel bank account. The account worked like a debit card for travel aboard Delta Airlines.

In the past five years, spending on admissions travel alone has nearly tripled:

2005-06 - \$36,397
2006-07 - \$62,442
2007-08 - \$65,734
2008-09 - \$92,744
2009 - present - \$75,211

Of the \$500,000, HSU pledged \$75,000, all public money from the general fund.

HSU scrambled at the last minute to spend the public's money, travel to more than 100 destinations and see its investment fail.

Carol Terry, associate vice president of business services, said President Rollin Richmond made the decision to pledge the amount. Although Terry is in charge of all business services, she was not asked to consult in the decision process for the amount, and she doesn't question it. "It's a realistic amount for the university," she said. The idea was to establish an air carrier that would go directly to the East Coast and avoid the daily traffic jams at San Francisco International Airport and save money, she said.

On a first-come, first-serve basis, employees raced to get their free airfare.

In 32 days, HSU spent \$50,930.

University Spokesman Paul Mann said the decision to pledge \$75,000 was based on the school's past travel patterns.

The school had a year and a half beginning in January 2008 to use the travel bank "debit card" but waited until the last minute to

use it.

In 14 months only \$23,120 was spent.

HSU had three months to either use, or lose the remainder. "We had a deadline," said Terry. "We needed to use it because we didn't want to waste the state's money."

Terry suspects that a lack of awareness caused the mad dash. Many employees were unaware they could fly with Delta for free and flew on Horizon and United Airlines, said Terry. "I probably should have reminded them more often."

Employees traveled far and wide.

Some countries they visited were the West Indies, the Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) and Germany. The top three domestic destinations were San Diego, Las Vegas and Washington.

To collect information regarding destinations, travel budgets and recruitment budgets, The Lumberjack filed seven California Public Records Request.

Documents show that travel for recruiting is a common theme for HSU employees; the admissions office is one department that stands out.

In a time when funding, staff and programs are dwindling,

money spent on travel for the admissions office is on the rise. In the past five years, spending on admissions travel has almost tripled.

With the documents regarding destinations, The Lumberjack created a database and map to determine how far HSU employees flew with the public funds. The map can be found online at thejackonline.org.

The arrival of Delta Airlines meant competition. Terry said that with Horizon and United Airlines also vying for business, ticket prices would be lower, and the school could save money. "We're always looking for a good deal," she said.

Greg Foster is the director of the Redwood Region Economic Development Commission. He said there was talk for years about providing local businesses with better air service.

But, two months ago, Delta pulled out indefinitely and halted all service.

"It is unfortunate that they are not coming back this summer," said Foster. "I think that local businesses in the area travel a lot, so having Delta would benefit a lot of people."

But Delta did not benefit when the community failed to fulfill its

end of the contract.

The contract agreement between the Humboldt County Initiative and Delta Airlines required that a minimum of 70 percent of seats be filled by flights out of Arcata as well as those from Salt Lake City, Delta's western hub.

Only 68 percent of the seats were filled.

Jacquelyn Hulsey, the Arcata-Eureka Airport manager, considers the economy a major factor.

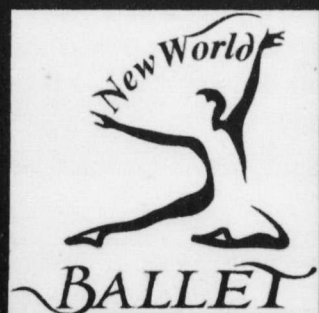
"The economy took a dump, which we had no control over," she said. Hulsey and Delta confirm that talks continue between both parties.

Foster is not as optimistic, but the Redwood Economic Development Commission will continue to track data in hope of bringing Delta back.

Delta Airlines pulled out but flew into the horizon with money that belonged to the community. It is unclear if the company will ever come back to Humboldt County.

Foster said, "I haven't heard anybody say that this project was a waste of time. Delta offered an opportunity, and people took advantage of it."

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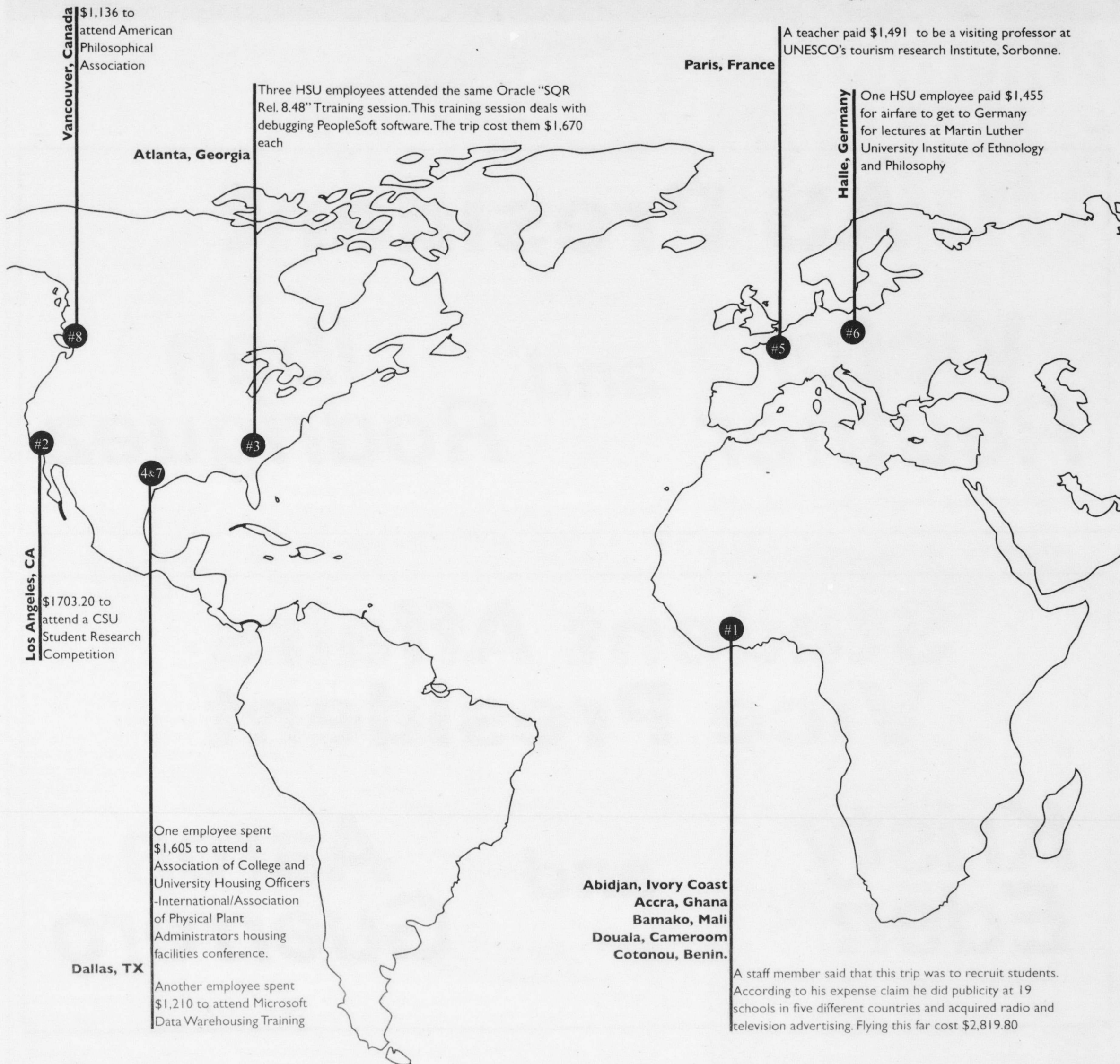
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WHERE IN THE WORLD?

With the help of more than 80 local businesses, the Humboldt County Initiative generated \$500,000 for a travel bank account to lure Delta Airlines. Of that, HSU pledged \$75,000. The investment allowed HSU employees to take more than 100 trips. Below are the 10 most expensive trips mapped out, along with some details.

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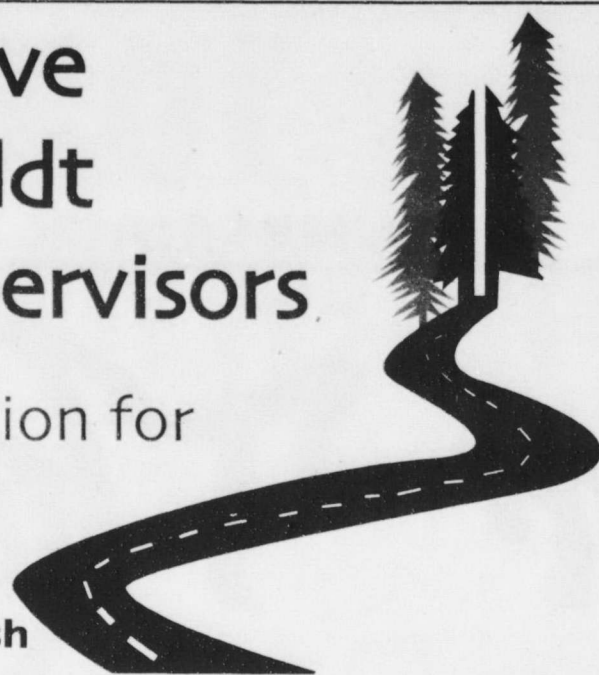
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Save Richardson Grove Coalition vs. Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

Coalition Demands Recognition for Cause from Supervisors

By T.C. Vidosh



The Save Richardson Grove Coalition is fighting an uphill battle. Despite its members collecting over 10,000 emails, comments, signatures and letters opposing the California Department of Transportation's (CalTrans) proposed "Improvement Project" and a comprehensive list of grievances, the coalition has been consistently ignored by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors.

On Tuesday, over 50 members of the coalition decided to take matters into their own hands, storming the Humboldt County Courthouse in Eureka to attend the public opinions session of the supervisors' meeting.

The CalTrans project (detailed in a previous Lumberjack story, "Paving Paradise" by Melissa Coleman) plans to cut down 54 trees and set up a retaining wall along a stretch of Highway 101, on the property of Richardson Grove State Park, so that the largest (STAA) semi trucks can make their way through Humboldt County.

The board has the power to halt the CalTrans proposal, and has never responded to the coalition's requests to be included on the agenda for the supervisors' weekly meetings.

"Unfortunately, it seems the board has funded a really biased propaganda campaign," said Ken Miller, one of the organizers of the coalition.

Although they weren't on the supervisors' agenda, members of the coalition gave the supervisors a veritable piece of mind, citing numerous and sustainable alternatives to the project and arguing against environmental degradation.

The coalition and CalTrans disagree on almost every aspect of the project: that increased traffic will cause climate change, that local business will profit, etc.

The animosity is perhaps too tangible: CalTrans is currently suing the Environmental Protection Information Center

(EPIC) for \$10,000 for a sign that sits along 101 in Benbow that simply says "Save Richardson Grove" on the basis that EPIC doesn't have a permit (even though the sign is on private property).

Members of the coalition were under the impression that each person would have three minutes to speak before the supervisors. However, when over 50 people arrived en masse to support the coalition, Board Chair Cliff Clendenen announced that each speaker would only have one minute to discuss their grievances due to the overwhelming number of speakers.

After a wave of disappointed groans and impassioned calls for a bigger venue and more time, Clendenen reprimanded the audience, stating that he would "clear this room if he had to."

Sydney King, a resident of Piercy, Calif. and member of the coalition said, "I drove almost 80 miles to get here today and this is how they treat us?"

Carlos Quillez, another member of the coalition, was not only enraged at the conduct of Clendenen, but of the entire board as well, citing their failure to engage constituents. "You have failed to deal with us democratically and that's why we had to show up en masse here today," said Quillez. "You threaten to clear the room, saying you have other business to attend to, but this is the business: the people's business."

As a representative of the Intertribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council, Pricilla Hunter was there to raise the concerns and objections of local indigenous tribes, who regard the Grove and its surroundings as a sacred cultural site. Citing support from the National Congress of American Indians, Hunter said, "The Grove holds great cultural and spiritual significance for local tribes."

Daniel Rocky, also of the Wilderness Council, referenced the warnings of Sinkyone spiritual leaders, who have said, "By

destroying redwoods, human beings will destroy themselves." Furthermore, Rocky said that the project should be abandoned because "it benefits only a handful of interests."

In a previous Lumberjack story, Caltrans Project Manager Kim Floyd said that the project, by allowing larger trucks to travel in Humboldt County, will help local businesses stay competitive in the marketplace and that many local business owners support the project.

However, local business owners Loreen Eliason and Patty Watson were both present on Tuesday to express their qualms with and general disgust of the project.

Watson, who is co-owner of the Singing Trees Recovery Center in Piercy, believes that if the project proceeds as planned, her business will shut down, leaving drug addicts without a place to recover. "No one will want to enter treatment if there is all this construction and noise pollution here, 50 feet within us," said Watson. "People come here for the redwoods and tranquility. We employ 10 people and if we have even two bad months, we're done."

Eliason, who owns the Riverwood Inn in Phillipsville, said that visitors come from all over the world, wanting to see redwoods and discover that "unique vision" of Humboldt County. "Richardson Grove is the entrance to the county and it can't be degraded," said Eliason. "I don't want to see another tree cut for another highway project."

During the session on Tuesday, almost every speaker petitioned the supervisors for an opportunity to be included on the agenda in the near future. "Quality of life factors are critical to the community in Humboldt County," said Larry Goldberg, a resident of Eureka. "Issues like these deserve to be debated in public forum."

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Art For Thought

By Caroline Ganzberger

Toy dolls litter the Foyer Gallery. Some are stuffed into cribs and some are stuck in a package that looks like meat packing on the wall. The costumes and masks the toy dolls wear symbolize the dual personalities people have.

The theme of Dorian Daneau's exhibit is "Comfort Food For The Pre-apocalyptic Circle Jerk"

or "Let's Be Friends." The art major's exhibit will run in the Foyer Lounge through the end of the semester.

Another theme incorporated into the artwork is stuffed animals and dolls turned into food. Dolls

appear like packaged meat in plastic wrap.

Daneau put together a mixture of artwork ranging from dolls in cast bronze to photographs. One black-and-white photograph shows a toy doll in a blender. There are also two black-and-white portraits.

One has a female art student wearing a bunny head costume piece and holding a toy doll

that wears the bunny costume and mask. The other portrait is a male art student wearing a Mexican wrestling mask holding a stuffed toy with a wrestling costume. Both students in the portraits attend HSU, and both are colleagues of

Daneau. Daneau spent two years

completing the art on display.

Daneau's draws inspiration from "The Ren & Stimpy Show" cartoon, Wes Anderson films, such as "The Royal Tenenbaums," and

the band Ween.

"I just want it to be funny. I want people to see it and get a kick out of it," said Daneau. "I didn't want to make stuff for rich people. I wanted to make stuff for people like me to be able to own."

He said, "Dolls are meant to be seen as little babies dressed up as animals, babies all wearing masks metaphors for the face we show to the world is different that who we are." Daneau replaced the doll heads with the tops of baby bottles. He said, "How we replace real things with technology is a symbol of consumerism."

Art professor Don Anton said, "The great thing about Dorian is that he constantly discovers ways to put stuff together. He has intuitive ways of working."

Senior studio art and Spanish major Heather Johnston

is in one of Daneau's photographs in the exhibit. Johnston said that Daneau's art can cause an immediate reaction. Daneau's art can make you feel creeped out but wanting more. It is almost nauseating," said Johnston. She said, "[His art] deals with stuff that was loved."

Justin Killstab, a senior sculpture art major, is also in one of the photographs Daneau took. Killstab said, "He's a lot about obscure and obscene things. He makes fun of art and perceives artistic things."

There will be a reception for the exhibit on Thursday, May 6 at 5 p.m. in the Foyer Gallery where everything on exhibit will be for sale. Prices will be discounted and slashed. Daneau suggests bringing \$10 to \$20.

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Photos by Tosh Kondo



HUMBOLDT WELLNESS CENTER

Balance Your Body, Mind and Soul

By Allison Mayoral

You will never have to drop a dollar on yoga lessons again. The Humboldt Wellness Center offers free classes and features elements of physical health, meditation, nutrition and creativity.

The Humboldt Patient Resource Center, a medical cannabis dispensary in downtown Arcata, provides funds for the classes. The director of the resource center, Mariellen Jurkovich donates the profits from the dispensary to the wellness center.

Chelsey Brown, a registered dietitian, does nutrition counseling with patients at the Resource Center but also teaches cooking classes at the Wellness Center.

"[Jurkovich] has a strong belief that every resource be available to our patients," Brown said. The Wellness Center opened up last fall when the location on Valley East Boulevard became available.

"It was a dream of [Jurkovich's] to open up a wellness center," said Brown. It is an alternative for those that cannot afford a gym membership to get regular exercise through the various exercise classes offered said Brown. Every day of the week the Wellness Center offers a variety of three to four classes.

Every Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Jarrett Smith teaches an oil painting class. Smith started teaching the class at the beginning of the year but began painting with oils in 1993. "I let them paint whatever they want to paint," said Smith of the course curriculum. Students provide their own art supplies, and Smith

teaches techniques and guides the students with their projects. He said six to eight people show up every week.

Dale Hudson, a retired teacher, attends the weekly oil painting class. Hudson said he could only draw stick figures when he first started coming. Now, he paints portraits. "I made a portrait of my mom and dad for [my mom's] 90th birthday. It actually looked like her," he laughed. "My dad said I made him look younger."

Brown said the exercise classes tend to be the most popular. Laurie Trieb goes to Wellness Center at least twice a week for either yoga or pilates class. Trieb began in January and has lost 25 pounds from attending the classes and changing her diet. "It's a nice alternative to paying for a gym membership," said Trieb. "You go because you want to." Trieb said she likes the no-strings-attached vibe of the free classes.

Frank Siuta spent the past few months in Arcata visiting his daughter. The 67-year-old Illinois native takes advantage of the free yoga and cooking classes.

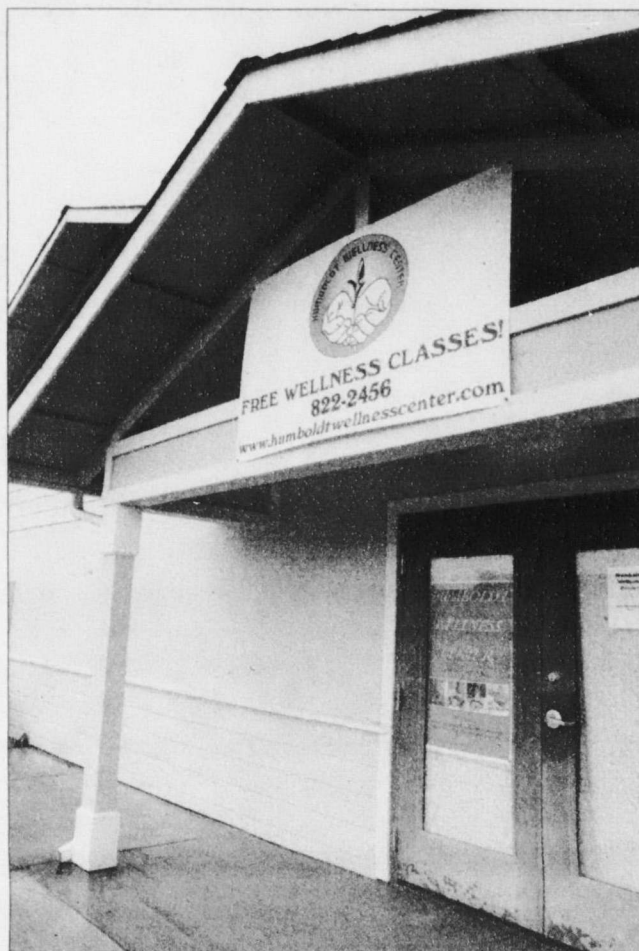
"The center has great resources. It's all free. You can't

go wrong," said Siuta. He attends the Sunday and Monday yoga classes. "I do love my yoga classes," he said.

The Wellness Center offers a variety of yoga classes throughout the week. Different emphases like restoration yoga, mommy-and-baby yoga and laughter yoga are on the Wellness Center's calendar. The Wellness Center offers zumba, an aerobic workout with a Latin dance twist, four times a week. Another class, hula-robics, incorporates a hula hoop with an aerobic workout.

There are also three cooking classes each month. April featured the cooking techniques of braising, how to make a frittata and a class focused on cooking with seasonal ingredients. All the classes offered require RSVPs except for the exercise classes. You can find full schedule along with detailed class descriptions on the Wellness Center's Web site.

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The Humboldt Wellness Center is located on Valley West, behind of Ray's Food Place. | Elizabeth Sorrell

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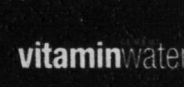
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Gold School Sets New Standard At ATL

By Travis Turner



The DJ's of Gold School set a new standard for music that you can shake your bon bon to. Last Sunday at the Arcata Theatre Lounge music played into the wee hours of the morning as revelers got jiggy with it in a safe and queer friendly environment.

DJ Athena Koumis sat against a wall after her set, worn out by a couple of hours of spinning. She was pleased with the turnout and was already thinking about the next show on May 9. Her one beef is that she wants to get Gold School moved to a better night. On the other hand the ATL wants to see a crowd before they allow the event on Friday or during the Saturday slot.

Nichole Chojnacki, an HSU sociology major said, "The show was fucking bitchin'!"

The screen behind the DJ's flipped between different videos. It was sometimes ludicrous like Richard Simmons, dancing to the oldies, and others more austere with hints of Film Noir.

The lights blazed across the dance floor and stage, whipping participants and adding to the mad scene.



Two women holding each other in a dance kissed while the music played on. Others ground their hips into the firm buttocks of their partners.

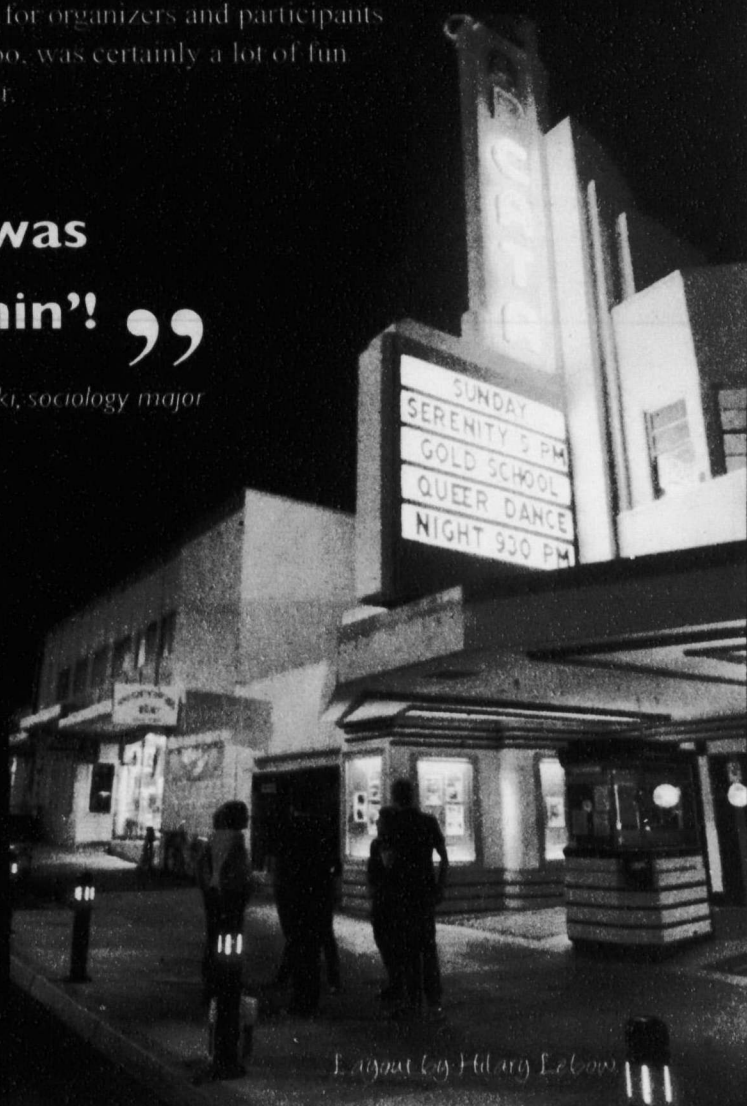
The night can only be described as a success for organizers and participants alike. What some would called cified hullabaloo, was certainly a lot of fun and should be a must attend on anyone's calendar.

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-Nichole Chojnacki, sociology major

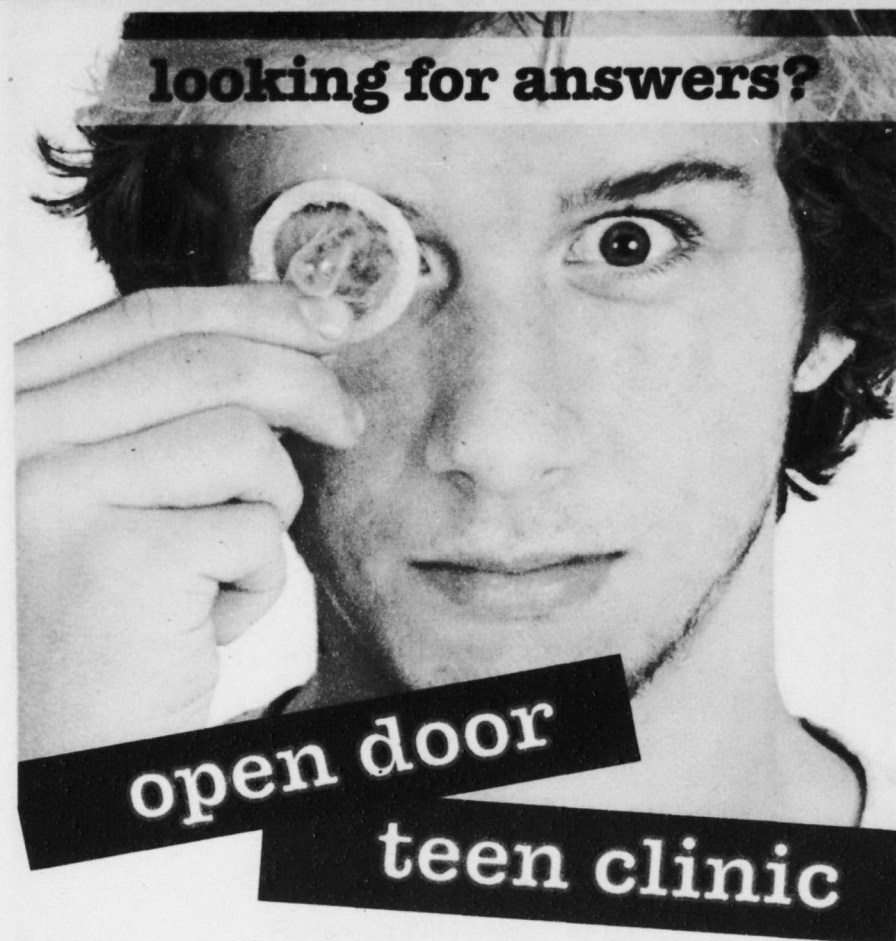
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Trio At The Depot

By Jackie L. Sugihara



The clink of steel drums filled the night air. Inside the Depot there was darkness and the smell of body odor. The 25-member Humboldt Calypso Band performed. The crowd danced. Children of the Sun came next. The Berel Alexander Ensemble closed out the night of the free Earth Day dance last Friday.

Junior psychology major Shanice Gilbert enjoyed the variety of percussion instruments the Calypso band played. Gilbert said, "It gives me a Jamaican feel and reminds me of island music."

Senior studio art major Julian DeMark played with Calypso conductor Howie Kaufman at Arcata High School. DeMark said, "I like the light unique rhythm of calypso music."

Chase LaRue sings and plays guitar and harmonica for Children of the Sun. LaRue and the other band members came up with a new genre for their music: neuroplasticjazz. The sound is a hybrid between funk, rock and reggae music. "To keep it simple, I tell people we play soul," said LaRue. Children of the Sun formed last summer and spent

this year building a solid set.

HSU alumnus Alex Carapanos sang a couple songs on stage with Children of the Sun and a few with Berel Alexander. Carapanos said, "I add a little hip-hop and some rap to their music."

"It is obvious why he is so popular to anyone who has experienced his music."

- Rebecca Heisler -

Berel Alexander headlined the show with his 10-member ensemble. The ensemble played a fusion of folk, soul and rock music. Alexander's soulful lyrics revolve

around relationships and life experiences. Alexander took the stage to an excited crowd.

Alexander made his name around Humboldt County with hip-hop group Subliminal Sabotage. HSU alumna Rebecca Heisler watched his music progress over the years.

Heisler said, "It is obvious why he is so popular to anyone who has experienced his music."

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ACOUSTIC VIBRATIONS AT MOSGO'S

By Molly Lovelady

Twin sisters sing wicked harmonies and play acoustic string instruments. What some may call the typical Humboldt County sound may surprise you with a synth twist.

The Shooktwins shook it up at Mosgo's Friday night. The 25-year-old twin sisters have their own two-person band. Every time they began another song, they slapped on another instrument, untangled their cords from one another and kept rocking.

Full-time musicians since 2006, this is their fifth tour. Laurie Shook said, "Neither one of us used our radio/tv/digital media production college degrees."

Katelyn Shook plays the guitar, mandolin, glockenspiel and slide guitar. Laurie Shook plays the banjo, guitar, djembe, beatbox, looping, ocarina and slide guitar.

They showed an aptitude for using midi foot pedals to add distortion to their acoustic instruments. They used a looping machine to add density to the performance. The looping machine allowed them to record tracks of what they played or sang and saved them in a digital format for playback in a continuous loop.

Katelyn Shook found a microphone made from an old telephone receiver. Laurie Shook said, "We were

experimenting with the megaphone effect in our new recordings and wanted to replicate it. It was \$20 and exactly what she was looking for. It's a Craigslist miracle!"

Arcata is the first stop on their tour, said Katelyn Shook. From here, they will play at Six Rivers Brewery in McKinleyville on Wednesday, April 28.

Laurie Shook said that they are inspired by the simple and happy way they live their lives. "We are very blessed with amazingly supportive family and friends. We also take a lot from nature and, of course, love. Then, we also throw in a song about a chicken in the mix."

Their favorite artists also influence their songs. Laurie Shook said they draw inspiration from artists like the Beatles, Bjork and Josh Ritter, as well as their musically talented friends.

Katelyn Shook said, "It's amazing how much the audience influences a show. We pick up on their



Katelyn and Laurie Shook performing at Mosgo's. | Molly Lovelady

energy so much. When the audience is feeling it and really responding to what we are trying to say, then it all starts to feel just right."

Laurie Shook said, "Sometimes, it all comes out so effortlessly, and I am calm and really listening to myself and enjoying it. There are definitely shows where I am really distracted and not all there."

Arcata musician and audience member Colin Begell said, "I like them. I thought they were pretty creative."

Another audience member, Elaina Erola, said, "They are incredibly original."

The twins favorite song of theirs at the moment is "Time to Swim."

Katelyn Shook said that the Portland rain inspired the song. "Instead of being seasonally depressed, we got seasonally inspired, and I wrote a diddy about the rain covering the city and having to swim to the market with my list of groceries."

Laurie Shook said, "That was a fun song to write. I started jamming on a banjo loop and experimenting with pounding on the banjo head to create a backbone beat, and Katelyn just started singing what was in her head, and I really liked what came out of there. Then, when I was practicing in our basement in Portland, she was in the bathtub listening to me and the sound of water. She got out, came down stairs and started singing opera. It was brilliant."

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Lyrics for "Time to Swim"

It was a good day today, when the rain came pouring down and down and down.
Up to the house, over the roof top, above the trees and down the street.
So I wrote a list and I swam to town
came to the market, and I swam down down down through the doors and up the isles
there's flashing lights, underwater. Red yellow green yellow red.
It's time to swim.
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It was a good day today. When the rain came pouring down down down.
It's time to swim.

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BRIDGE TO SUSTAINABILITY

HSU student plans to transform Bridgeville

By Kjell Dreher

A mysterious organization called the Masah Trust plans to purchase the town of Bridgeville, which is an hour south of Arcata. The Masah Trust wants to turn Bridgeville into a self-sustaining community and education center.

HSU student Lydia Katz, the Trust's director and creator, says the purpose of the organization is to create self-sustaining communities that can be built in rural and urban areas. The communities are built to educate and show the principles of living in harmony with environmental conservation in mind by teaching reliance on others and the environment.

Katz came up with the idea of the Trust at age 12. He started designing it while living in Los Angeles. Katz recognized that the things society holds dear

are being destroyed. Katz said that what we have lost is people depending on each other. We have lost interconnectedness. He wants to reflect on times when people depended on each other more than bank accounts. He said, "These communities will teach ideals of reliance on others and living

"Education should produce joy, not anxiety."

- Lydia Katz -

together with the environment around us by living off the land."

Katz wants to purchase Bridgeville as the location for the Trust. The Trust is ready to move in. Katz said the money will be ready by this time next year at the latest.

The Trust receives most of its money from grants. About \$10

million to \$30 million could be collected from different grants. This depends on which grants the Trust receives, as well as private donations.

Once the the Masah Trust reaches its goal and purchases Bridgeville, the whole town will get demolished, except for one unpurchased block. Then, the whole town will get rebuilt into an eco-friendly town using buildings that leave less of a carbon footprint. Where

the current residents live will be the economic center, complete with grocery store and other businesses. New residences will be built for people who already live there and new housing will be built to accommodate new residents. A boarding school will be built that will teach in the Montessori style for 40 to 60 special needs students.

Katz said, "Education should produce joy not anxiety."

Along with the school, a retreat and a summer camp will be created. Both will teach permaculture programs. Permaculture is living in a natural environment that mimics ecosystems. Societies become self-sufficient through permaculture. The summer camp will teach kids how to live this way in a friendly, immersive way.

Biology major Jacqueline LaPlante said, "We need education on the environment because we are hurting it and don't even know it."

The Masah Trust's plans are in the infant stage. As more people join and more money comes in, the process will move along. When Bridgeville School Principle Mike Mullen had no knowledge of the plans to buy the town. He said, "Plans like those are usually rumors."

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The letter A marks Bridgeville, a town where Lydia Katz hopes to create something new. | Google Maps

Word on the Street

What's your hangover cure?



"Pedialyte. It stops the headache."
-Ray Raney, sophomore business major

"Taco Bell. Those greasy burritos,
there's just something about them."
-Karmn Rivel, junior kinesiology major



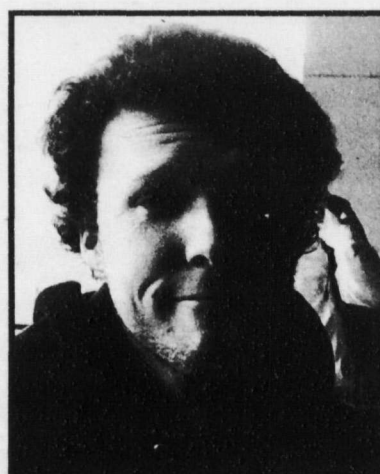
"A nice cup of hot tea and a bowl."
-Josh Foster, freshman music major

"Drink another beer."
-Cat Whitfield, freshman natural
resource major



"Suck on leftover limes."
-John Sanchez, sophomore
communication major

"Two full glasses of water before bed, a
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EDITORIAL

Lots of Dollars But No Sense

Through a fund that was meant to draw Delta Airlines to Humboldt County, HSU paid for airplane rides all over the world to more than 80 of its employees, students, professors and administrators. Some of these plane rides cost more than \$1,500.

The Humboldt County Initiative, a collective of local businesses, decided to set up a fund as incentive to draw Delta Airlines to Humboldt County. The promise of cheaper airfare lured HSU to spend public money on a lost cause.

Although the idea came from local business owners, the university's decision to invest \$75,000 to lure Delta to the Arcata airport was money spent hastily and carelessly at the last minute.

Just to recap: HSU gave \$75,000 of public money to a fund to try to reduce the cost of airfare, when Delta decided to leave, HSU rushed to spend the rest of the money any way it could.

Faculty and staff were not properly notified that the money was available to them for business trips. For months employees made business trips on other airlines that were charged back to the university while the \$70,000 just sat in an account.

Delta left because the promised minimum of 70 percent seat fulfillment requirements only reached 68 percent.

All of the traveling that was funded through the account should have been done by May of 2009. Yet, employees were still traveling through September.

As the article on page eight showed, the comission's efforts were not enough incentive to keep Delta around. Because the airline decided to pull out of Humboldt County, HSU was left with more than \$50,000 on a Delta only "credit card" that would have been wasted if the money was not used up. This money "had" to be used somehow, so the university set some of it's own up with free flights to... wherever. A month later less than \$1,000 remained.

Once all of these trips were booked and paid for, Delta, at the last minute, offered to refund what remained. Less than \$800.

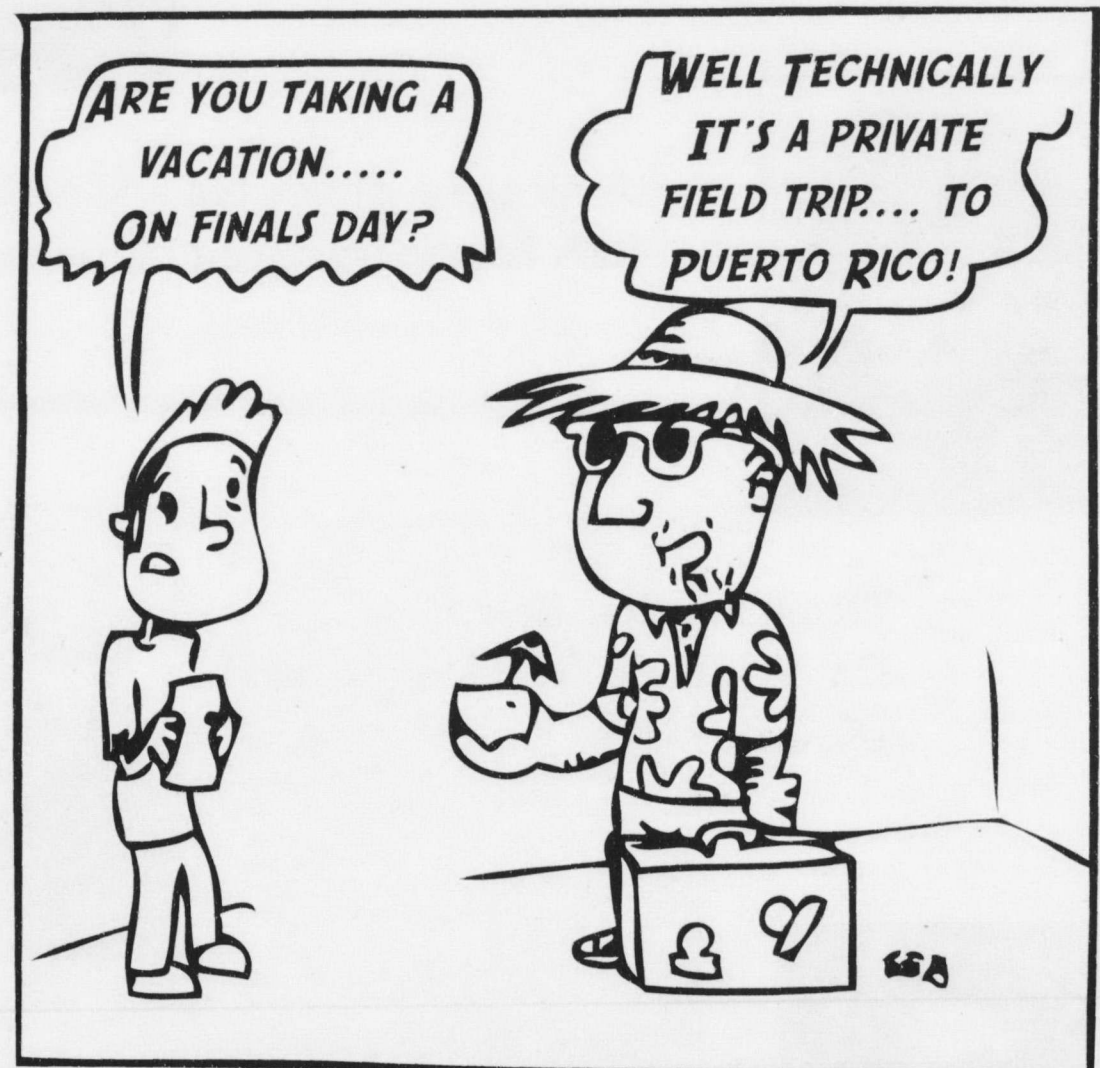
The whole premise is ridiculous. As classes are cut, employees are laid off and the budget continues to shrink, HSU invests money in projects not necessary for the school to operate. This was not an investment for the university, it was a gamble.

We Lost.

Among the trips, one professor flew to five different countries in Africa to "recruit" students. But seriously, would anyone have gone to Africa to recruit students if they weren't getting a free ride over?

At a time when the school is in such financial crisis, why are the administrators choosing to invest money in such risky scenarios? That \$75,000 could have been used to save a class, or keep a custodian employed for another year and a half.

Instead, staff members used it to gallivant around the world while the school debates cutting whole programs from our curriculum.



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THAT'S WHAT HE SAID!



THE GREAT AMERICAN DIVIDE

By Travis Turner

The Grand Canyon has stark walls where the Colorado River cut through it with maniacal force and determination. It is arguably one of the most beautiful landscapes in the United States and the Colorado River, one of the greatest in the West. What took thousands of years to create by a river is becoming more and more apparent in our society, a great divide.

This ideological divide is growing around the country at an alarming rate. The left is moving farther left and the right is moving on a freight train towards the opposite end of the spectrum. Lines are being drawn, people are arming themselves, and the question on most minds is where are we headed? More importantly, does a "we" still exist?

In the movie, "Nine Months," where Robin Williams plays a Kazak doctor his patient asks him if he was in the communist party at home. Williams responds that he was, but it was "no party for me." The only thing worse than a one party system is a two party system.

In the U.S., issues are spread over a wide economic, sociologic, and civil range. Having only two parties limits voting to two ideological paths. With a majority in both the house and senate, as we have today, one party can ram legislation through. With a multiple party system two things happen. The First, is that the two parties do not become as polarized. Congress must work together to create legislation that can be agreed upon by a majority of members. Polarization is harder to achieve because more extreme left of right legislation cannot be passed.

Fulton Oursler, a famous writer and journalist once said, "Many of us crucify ourselves between two thieves - regret for the past and fear of the future." The collective past of the United States and its populace is fraught with an almost vulgar appetite for control, disregard for life, and an almost implausible egotism.

This appetite for power and control, and the fear of different ideas is carried over into our politics. The right is scared of the tree hugging, freebie giving, same-sex marriage, socialist left. The left is fearful of the gun toting, religious, meat eating and corporate greediness of the right.

Both parties spout insane amounts of rhetoric condemning the other side. This war of words has not only incensed the American people but it has inflamed and polarized the media. Bias is rampant throughout the media. News agencies are known for being more conservative or liberal. These media agents seem to act as a mouthpiece for their individual corners of the political spectrum. What was once the watchdog of American politics has fizzled into a boring show of talking heads. People have stopped buying birds because they do not want the newspaper that lines the cage.

The void between our two parties must eventually be filled. Historically this has happened in every great empire that has existed. Some voids shrink after a period of chaos and strife in the host country. After these periods of strife a relative peace can overtake a populace as the two polarized positions come closer together. The common purpose of this reconciliation is life, liberty, and the pursuit of individual happiness. The multitude of differences that we seem to celebrate by judging one another slips away into the void of survival. Insurmountable problems fall to the wayside and we wonder why they were ever a big deal.

Although this period of upheaval is perfect for straightening out humanities' priorities, it obviously creates a burden on the lives of the people living through it.

A second way to avoid the clash that comes from moving apart is to practice the art of compassion. Compassion fills the gaps in any ideology by simply accepting others for what they are. A "do no harm" policy where we all just sort of live and let live. Do I sound a bit hippyish?

Does this solve the problem of taxpayers paying for dead beats who refuse to work? Does this solve nuclear disarmament, global warming, or the trash pile in the middle of the pacific? Sure it does. Compassion solves the whole kit and caboodle if you really think about it. Compassion stops us from using more while others get less. Compassion stops us from building six bedroom houses for a two-person family while others sleep outside. Compassion stops us from buying a new car each year while others walk miles for fresh water.

Fill the void. Don't wait for someone else to go first either.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

KUDOS TO TURNER

To The Editor,

I'm a sophomore wildlife major here at HSU, and I read the Lumberjack every week. You know- over coffee in the depot, in boring lectures, wherever, whenever.

Travis Turner, don't know the guy except from his column, is humorous, witty, rational, profound and an overall great writer. My favorite pieces were the "Tea Party," (April 20) "Forgiveness in Vietnam" (April 7) and "Lapdog Chancellor" (March 3) ones. I always look forward to this part of the paper, but then again, I'm a politics junky. Please keep giving him space.

I have also been very impressed by the covers and photo spreads. Some photos that stick out in my mind are the Haiti issue (Feb. 3), the Sacramento Protest ("March Forth For Education" in the March 10 issue) the Peacock Dance cover girl (Feb. 17) and of course this week's 4/20 issue. Props to the photographers for the striking images they've captured and to the graphic designers for good composition and color schemes.

Just thought you'd appreciate your peers showing you a little love! Good job this year. Keep working hard for us.

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Dear Editor,

GANJA AND GENESIS

On April 21, as I read (Bud in the Mud), "officer peered through binoculars," I wondered if while law enforcement officers are spying on people using cannabis (marijuana) if a violent crime could have been prevented somewhere else?

A sane or moral reason to continue cannabis (marijuana) prohibition, persecution and extermination doesn't exist.

Another reason to RE-legalize cannabis that doesn't get mentioned is because it's Biblically correct since Christ God Our Father, The Ecologist, indicates He created all the seed-bearing plants, saying they are all good, on literally the very first page (Genesis 1:11-12 and 29-30). The only Biblical restriction placed on cannabis is that it is to be accepted with thankfulness (see 1 Timothy 4:1-5).

Truthfully,
Stan White

The Lumberjack

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We also welcome cartoons, spoof articles, and other items.

**All submissions must be received by 4:00 p.m.
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**THE MOST HILARIOUS NARC OF ALL TIME**

Editor,

It was a Saturday night, I was walking to my friends residence on LK Wood after a punk show. While passing the sculpture building I had a whiskey induced impulse to smack a trashcan lid with my skateboard.

I did, and it was glorious, no trash to clean up and no damage.

I continued by drunken pilgrimage back home and was confronted at the bottom of the steps leading to the library. He was about five foot seven, with a bald head on a red BMX bike, wearing an NHS (grow shop) hoodie. He was trash talking us, saying "did you just vandalize campus property? I saw you a vandalize campus property, you vandalized campus property! You want to go to jail?"

My obvious response of "no" wasn't enough. He took his right hand and pansy slapped me in the chest. I started to walk up the stairs realizing that this dude was just gonna keep following us, and as I increased my pace, he increased his.

He kept yelling things like, "It's all on the camera's bro" and, "Go back to where you came from." And I did, I took my ass all the way back to Blue Lake and slept in the bed I've slept in my whole life. In the house I was raised in. I'm so local, the first thing I ate after breastmilk was Los Bagels. I just thought I'd get this one out there, it was pretty funny that this dude was so empowered by his late night security shift, he felt that it was okay to assault me.

Was this guy really employed by UPD? I really hope not, as i have much respect for of Officer Dickerson and Officer Packer, who was my 6th grade dare educator. Yes I will go back to where i came from, and I'll swim in my backyard river, and I'll bathe in the springtime sun.

Who the fuck was that guy?

Jeffery Kieser
Junior art major

GALLEGOS TAKES ON BIG OIL

To the Editor,

I'd like to thank District Attorney Paul Gallegos for pursuing the illegal activities of the Big Oil & Tire Company and working to protect our community's drinking water resources.

Big Oil is a petroleum company that operates and maintains dozens of underground storage tanks between McKinleyville and Fortuna. Leaks from these fuel tanks have the potential to contaminate groundwater and to pollute our priceless aquatic habitats, including Humboldt Bay. Mr. Gallegos' enforcement action took Big Oil to task for failing to properly operate and maintain its tanks. The result is a settlement requiring the company to perform secondary containment testing, repair failing systems and take various other measures to ensure that petroleum leaks do not occur.

The settlement also commanded a hefty fine, \$1.1 million, with offsets allowed for increased tank safety improvements. Mr. Gallegos deserves praise for taking this proactive and preventive approach to protecting our water resources.

Gallegos' enforcement action should assure that Big Oil's tanks will not contaminate our water resources, while also deterring others from skirting environmental and public health laws. We who believe in responsible stewardship of the environment find it refreshing to see our District Attorney committed to those goals.

Pete Nichols, Westhaven

GUEST COLUMN**HEMP AND MARIJUANA
NOT INTERCHANGEABLE TERMS**

On April 21, 2010, The Lumberjack ran an article with the headline: "Hemp Vs. Alcohol. What is S.A.F.E.R.?" The article itself is about the safety of recreational use of marijuana versus alcohol and never uses the word hemp.

But this type of headline is exactly how hemp perpetually gets a bad rep. Hemp is not marijuana. Although they are both part of the genus Cannabis, industrial hemp doesn't get you high. Its THC levels (the stuff in marijuana that gets you high) are low, and it contains high levels of an antipsychoactive cannabinoid called CBD. The CBD actually impedes a marijuana high. According to Dr. Dave West, who studies plant breeding at the University of Minnesota and has pioneered discussions on the differences between hemp and marijuana, "Hemp, it turns out, is not only not marijuana, [but] it could be called 'antimarijuana.'"

Yet, it is still illegal to grow hemp in the U.S., and the DEA spends millions pulling it out of our soils where it has grown naturally for years.

It's too bad because hemp is really useful and ecologically smart.

According to www.sustainablehemp.net, "Hemp requires little to no pesticides, replenishes soil with nutrients and nitrogen, controls erosion of the topsoil, and produces lots of oxygen, considering how fast it grows." Hemp can be used to produce clothing, paper, health foods, oil, rope, fuels, biodegradable "plastic," and much, much more.

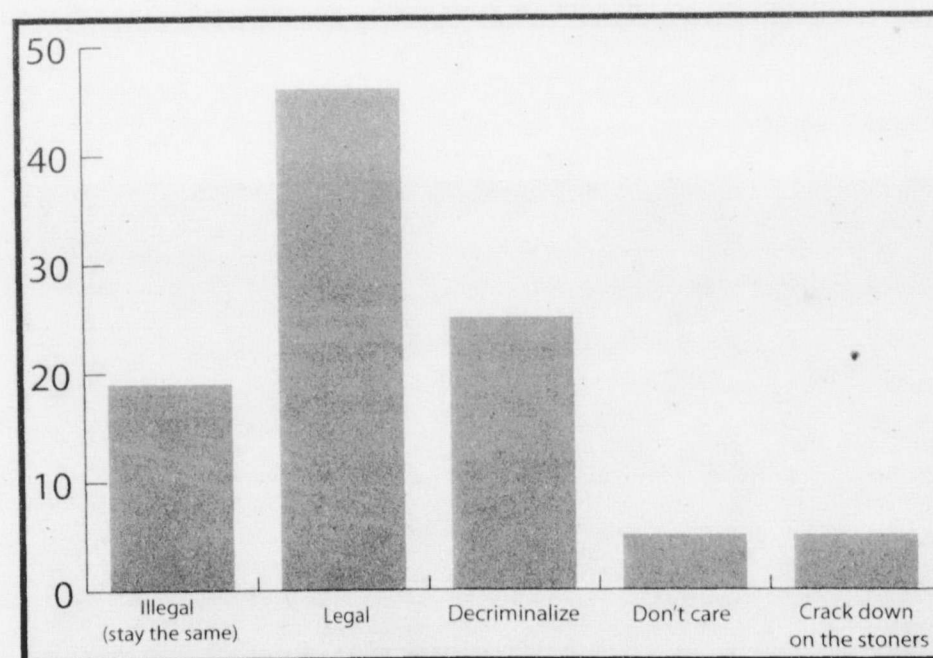
Why then is hemp illegal to grow in the United States? Ask your government officials.

Camila Andres
Journalism senior

Editor's Note: Camila Andres is an advertising representative for The Lumberjack.

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How should pot be
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Cover Story

Cycling Team Spins For The Win

By Hil Lebow

Ninety miles. Eighty-degree heat. Four and a half hours on a bike. By the time Luke Ramseth, team captain of the HSU cycling team, finished his race on Sunday, his face was encrusted with a white, salty film of dried sweat.

"We're not used to training in that kind of heat," said HSU Cycling Coach Vicky Sama compared to the moist Humboldt county climate.



Photo Courtesy of Vicky Sama

Because of his performance over the weekend, Ramseth is the overall men's individual conference champion this season and will head to nationals. Ramseth traveled on a narrow, winding course with steep inclines to finish in 13th place in the Men's A road race in Hollister, Calif. He has earned the most points in Division II conference races.

The 14 members of the HSU cycling team also became Division II champions at the Western Collegiate Cycling Conference this past weekend. Cyclists earn points in various categories during the season and the points are tallied for the team's overall standing.

For the first time in years, four women raced on the HSU team. "That's the most in HSU cycling history," laughed junior Hayley Umayam, a double major in international studies and French. There were no women on the team this past fall.

However, there were some unforeseen bumps in the road for the women on the team.

When teammate Kaydeen Rath's bicycle chain stretched and snapped, Umayam donated

her bike so her teammate could race. When Umayam told Coach Sama that she gave her bike away for the race, Sama quickly shoved the seat down on her own bike so Umayam could have a bike to ride as well.

They scrambled to the starting line, Sama carrying a wrench in hand, but the race had already started. Umayam had to catch up.

"[Sama] turns to me and goes 'Okay, don't crash my bike,'" said Umayam. "It was such an adrenaline rush. I had never taken a hill on this bike, hit a corner on this bike, or braked with this bike."

Umayam was shaking the whole time on the first loop. Thirty miles later she came in first place.

"A lot of people think of it as an individual sport, but it is amazing how much you work together with the women around you," said Leandra Lopez, a junior natural resources planning and interpretation major.

Lopez, who raced for the first time this weekend, said she would have not performed

See CYCLING, page 23

Taking It All In Strides HSU Track Coach Says Goodbye after Six Years

By Kim Carroll

She built a program from the ground up. She produced nine All-American athletes. She did the work of four coaches. For six years, HSU Head Track and Field Coach Sandra Moran helped the track-and-field program evolve into a force to be reckoned with. But, after this season, Moran's contract ends.

Sophomore middle distance runner Mike Radenbaugh said, "Coach Moran has dedicated herself to this program while producing many outstanding track athletes."

Senior heptathlon runner Helena Silva could not agree more. "It is horrible to see such a great coach leaving the HSU program," she said. "It will be truly so hard for someone to replace her."

Many of her athletes and coworkers agree that Moran's dedication to the track and field program is unquestionable. Her coaching success lines the walls of her office in the form of All-American plaques. Why stop now?

HSU Assistant Athletic Director Dan Pambianco said, "Sandra Moran has been notified that her contract will not be renewed. She continues as head track and field coach this spring, however." But, when asked about the non-renewal, no statement was released.

Moran came to Humboldt after several years of coaching and competing in Division I competition. In her collegiate career, Moran was a standout athlete for the University of Wisconsin from 1991-1996. Moran then spent two years as assistant coach at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville. There, she helped develop national qualifiers in the steeplechase. Thanks to Moran, the steeplechase is one of HSU's strongest events.

Moran made her way to the West Coast to coach at Portland State University. In Portland, Moran guided several athletes to personal records and NCAA national qualifiers.

Moran said, "The best part of coaching is seeing athletes get personal records and honors like All-American." She said, "I just really love the whole coaching aspect in general."

When Moran came to HSU in July 2004, there were no field events.

Radenbaugh said, "Sandy has built this program from the ground up."

Moran is in charge of all the throwers, all the runners and the cross country squad.

She said, "I have really done the job of four coaches with the help of only a graduate assistant."



Sandra Moran | Photo Courtesy of HSU Athletic Department

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Crossing The Finish Line

By Blyth Colbert Jr.

The last meet in Redwood Bowl this year was the Cal-Oregon Border meet on Saturday. HSU teamed with CSU Chico to compete against Oregon Tech and Southern Oregon.

The Jacks looked like a family, helped each other with stretches and motivated each other for the upcoming races and events. In the women's 100-meter, Corie Schattauer placed third with a time of 12.96. Brittainy Chown came in

fourth with a time of 12.98.

In the women's 200-meter dash, Shattauer came in fifth place with a time of 26.94, and Olivia Juarez placed first and clocked in at 26.00.

Track and Field Head Coach Sandy Moran said, "For our athletes, it was great to compete at home in front of family and friends." She said, "Everyone seems to enjoy this four-team format."

In the 400-meter dash, Juarez also came in first. She clocked in at 59.09. Juarez achieved seasonal bests in both races. Megan Rolland came in first in both the 800-meter and the 5,000-meter run.

Rolland will go to Nationals for the steeple chase. After her 800-meter race, she said, "It's good to come in first even though this is this is not really my competition."

Brittainy Chown came in first in the women's long jump, and Heather Snyder placed first in the women's shot-put and discuss throw. Nick LaPlant won the men's 3,000-meter steeple chase.

In the end, the Jacks and the CSU Chico Wildcats combined to score 473.5 and beat Southern



Corie Schattauer
Elizabeth Sorrell



Tyler Simmonds.
Elizabeth Sorrell

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As if managing two teams and doing the work that should be spread out among multiple coaches is not enough, the university does not consider Moran a full-time staff member.

"It's been tough with the lack of staff, especially the fundraising. I just can't do it all," said Moran. "I'm honestly just a little burnt out."

Despite the lack of time, she managed to provide nine athletes with All-American titles. Moran believes there are more to come with championships right around the corner.

"Megan Rolland is the one I believe is going to take me to 10," said Moran pointing to the wall of All-American plaques. Rolland, a senior middle distance runner, ranks third in the nation.

Radenbaugh said, "Sandy has taught me to push myself to the limit and then come back the next day ready to go. Her workouts always kick me in the butt, but after

a good night of sleep, I want to do it again."

Moran and the team are gearing up for the California Collegiate Athletic Association track and field championships in La Jolla, which take place May 6 through May 8. At the end of the season, Moran plans to move back to her home in Wisconsin, where she will live with her brother and take some quality relaxation time.

She said, "My family is so excited to have me home. It's been eight years and I'm ready to go back."

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Oregon and Oregon Tech by almost 200 points. This was the last track meet in Redwood Bowl for many seniors. Senior Melissa Morillo explained that the everyone is like family and said she will miss the team.

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as well in her first race without the support of her teammates. In the beginning of the 30-mile Women's C category race, Lopez fell off of her bike. She continued on, passed the other cyclists and finished in second place right behind Umayam.

"That was phenomenal for her," said Umayam.

Lopez and Umayam have the off-season to reflect on their strong finishes along with the other members of the team. Ramseth doesn't. He will be in Madison, Wisc. for the Collegiate Cycling Championships in less than a month.

"I'm kind of excited," said Ramseth. "I've never flown anywhere for a bike race."

"He's going to be HSU's only representative at nationals," said Sama. "I expect that he'll probably finish on the podium."

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Black Dresses & BLACK EYES:

Women play rugby in dresses

By Elizabeth Sorrell

A hard tackle around your midsection and you wonder if your dress will be ripped.

Last Thursday in Manilla, some of the HSU women's rugby club squared off against local high school students in a friendly rugby game. The catch? One team wore dresses.

Joe Farnsworth's daughter, Cassie, was one of the players in a dress. He said, "It is a great way to end the season." This is the third year the club tried to put on the match. The prom game started as a fund raising endeavor a couple of years ago to raise money for Fortuna High School's Prom. Hence the title of "Prom Game." Last year, the game was canceled because of a lack of healthy players on each side.

"[My daughter] has been looking forward to playing in it for two years now," said Farnsworth. His daughter's dress of choice



Mia Wapner drives down the field during the game | Travis Turner

was a thigh-length seafoam green dress.

Loni Carrera, a sophomore at HSU, acted as coach for the non-dress side. It was also her first prom game.

Carrera said it would be easier to tackle the opposing team, saying that the dresses would get in the

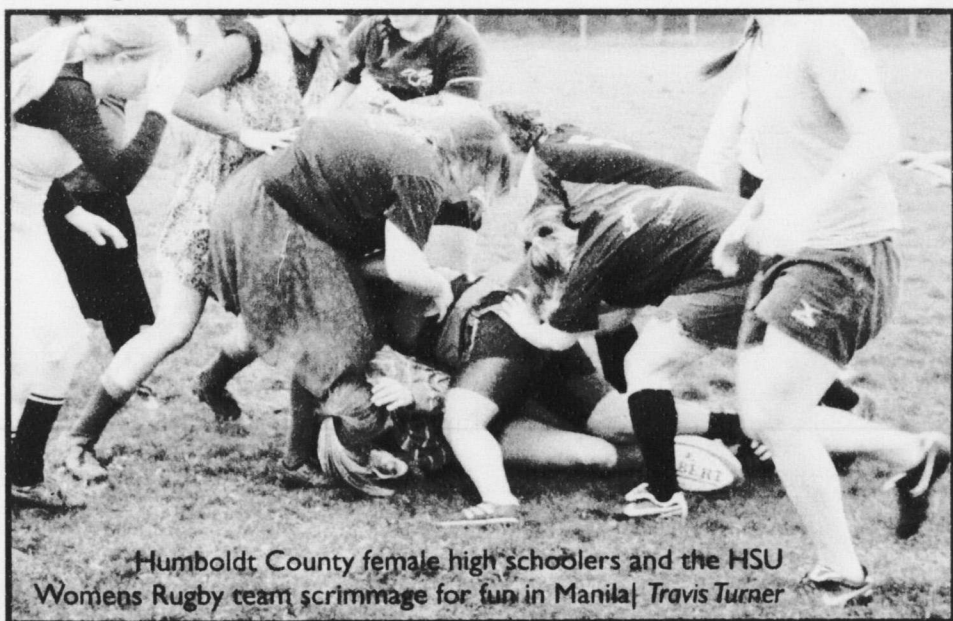
way of running.

Asked if she would ever play in a dress, Carrera said she would only play in a dress if it was a short dress. "Short so I could run faster."

The teams did not keep score during the match. At first the teams were split between college and high school, with two college women going to the other side to make equal teams. But later, the teams were completely mixed. The game went on despite wind, an overcast sky and cold weather.

Justine Rosecrans had a friend help unzip the back of her dress. "It is uncomfortable. I can barely move my arms," she said. "But, it makes me want to play harder."

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Humboldt County female high schoolers and the HSU Womens Rugby team scrimmage for fun in Manilla | Travis Turner

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L 7:18 -1.2'	L 19:05 1.9'	L 8:03 -1.4'	L 19:05 1.9'	L 8:48 -1.3'	L 20:32 2.6'	L 9:32 -1.1'	L 21:17 2.9'	L 10:18 -0.7'	L 22:06 3.2'	L 11:06 -0.3'	L 23:02 3.3'	L 11:57 0.2'	

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Multicultural Poetry Reading
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Economic Fuel Awards Ceremony
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Kate Buchanan Room
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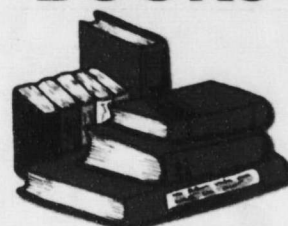
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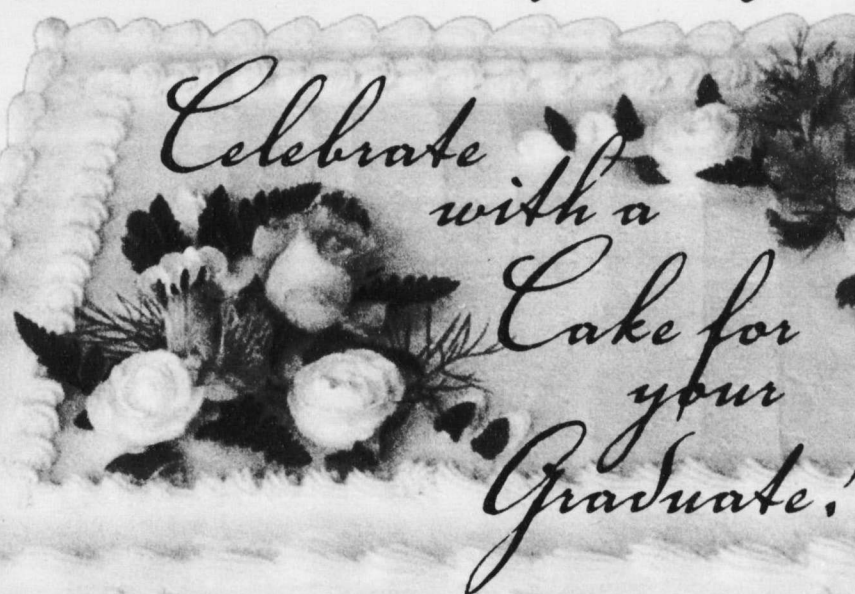


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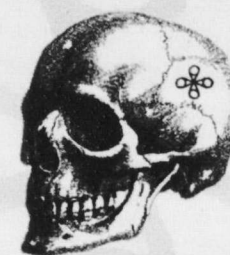
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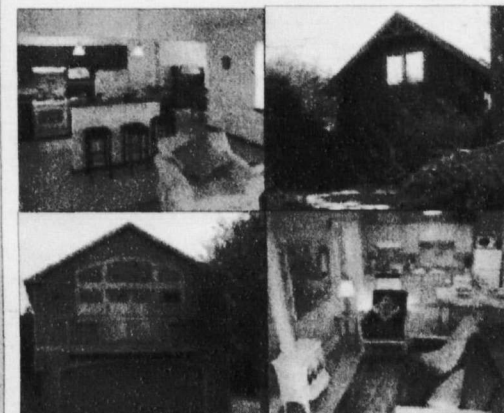
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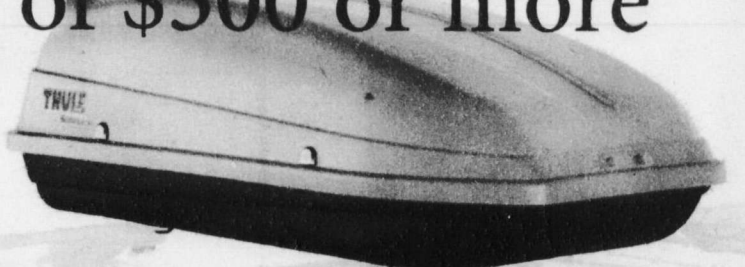
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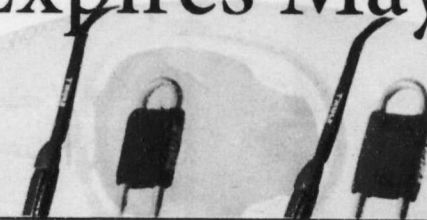


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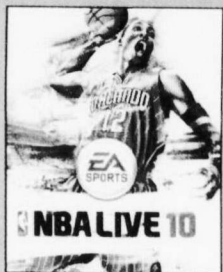
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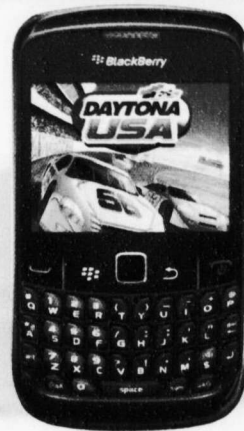
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