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Humboldt State recycling bins sit outside a residence hall on campus.

Derek Lactaoen
Staff writer

Humboldt State University is bringing sexy back to reducing, reusing and recycling. It is bringing plastics, compost bins, reusable containers and coffee mugs to join in a national competition, all in the name of the three 'R's.

For the next four weeks, Humboldt State will continue to compete in RecycleMania, a 10-week-long recycling competition that takes place across the nation between all types of universities and colleges.

The Campus Recycling Program is the driving force behind Humboldt State's participation in this event. The Recycling Program has three sections: recycling, composting and the Reusable Office Supply Exchange (ROSE).

Aydee Virgen, education coordinator for the Recycling Program, said, "Students can help by doing their part and setting an example about recycling and composting being sexy."

The competition is divided into five categories: Grand Champion, Per Capita Classic, Waste Minimization, Gorilla Prize, and Targeted Materials which is then split between paper, corrugated cardboard, bottles and cans, and food service organics. Humboldt State competes in all categories.

"Students can help by doing their part and setting an example about recycling and composting being sexy."

Aydee Virgen
education coordinator for the Campus Recycling Program

Being sexy for the Recycling Program means reducing the amount of consumption, reusing everything possible and recycling.

"Recycling is good, but it still takes a lot of energy," Virgen said. She also said the amount of resources it takes to transport recyclables to their final locations is staggering.

Plastics can travel 6,700 miles to Hong Kong before being completely recycled. Paper often goes to Oregon or Kentucky.

Luke Armbruster, compost director for the Recycling Program, said that paper is the biggest product that people are throwing away or recycling but that can easily return to the earth.

He said that office paper, newspaper, paper cups and paper plates are just a few of the paper products that people can tear up and compost. Composting paper products is just one effective way that Humboldt State's campus population can participate in RecycleMania.

RecycleMania is currently in week 6 of the competition. Week four's results this year put Humboldt State in second place for the Waste Minimization category in California with 15.67 pounds of trash per person each week. This category emphasizes reusing and source reduction over recycling.

However, in the Per Capita Classic as of week four, Humboldt State stands in 10th place while California State University Chico is in seventh and Stanford University has the lead.

For each student, Humboldt

State is recycling 3.99 pounds of waste while Chico recycles 5.34 pounds. Stanford recycled over five times the weight that Humboldt State recycled with a whopping 21.69 pounds of waste recycled per person.

"We definitely could be doing better," Virgen said. "It seems

like people are just lazy. As an educated student body, it's our responsibility to do our part. We're privileged to be educated, and we have no excuse except laziness."

That feeling echoed

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Campus Recycling Program's tips



Use reusable coffee mugs, beverage and food storage containers.

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Arcata citizens draft ordinance to ban
military recruiters from contacting minors

Isaura Linares
News editor

In early February, a group of local parents, teachers, students and counter-recruiting activists drew up plans for an ordinance that would restrict the access of military recruiters to minors.

The ordinance, called the Arcata Youth Protection Act, has been reviewed by city attorney Nancy Diamond. This week proponents will start collecting the 1,500 valid signatures needed for the ordinance to qualify for the November 2008 general election. The signatures are due by the middle of May.

Carl Stancil oversaw the writing of the ordinance. Stancil, an active member of Veterans for Peace, a national organization that seeks to put an end to war, knows from personal experience that protecting minors from military recruitment is a necessary and urgent issue.

In 1964, during the Vietnam War, Stancil, 22 at the time, received a letter from the Selective Service mandating him to report to the local recruiting center. Stancil knew he had no choice in the matter and decided to join the Navy. He figured it was the safest route to take. "I didn't have a clue, when I enlisted," Stancil said.

Ashley Samuels, an Arcata

High School senior, said that she feels both angry and confused when recruiters talk to her and her peers because military recruiters sensationalize the armed forces. Samuels emphasized that recruiters do not mention the consequences that follow enlistment.

Recruiters use peer pressure to get students to make a commitment to something they might still have questions about, Samuels said.

Samuels thinks that people under the age of 18 are not mature enough to make long-term decisions about their

**"I am outraged by what recruiters
are telling young people."**

Carl Stancil
member of Veterans for Peace

future. Young people are still thinking in the short term. "We are not equipped to think about consequences," she said.

Stancil said of his time in Vietnam, "I thought I was doing the right thing, I didn't have a clue about the killing that was involved. I didn't get a sense of the suffering."

Stancil was deployed to

Vietnam in January of 1967. Onboard a naval destroyer, he worked with a carrier group. There he served for six months and never set foot on Vietnamese soil. After the death of his long-time partner 30 years later, and his subsequent retirement, the scale of Stancil's involvement in the war resurfaced. This began when he went back to Vietnam in 1996.

He joined the Vietnam Friendship Village Project, an organization dedicated to making reconciliations between veterans and survivors of biological warfare in Vietnam.

Today, Stancil works for the GI Rights Hotline, a counseling service for people who are dealing with military issues. He helps people understand their rights under military law.

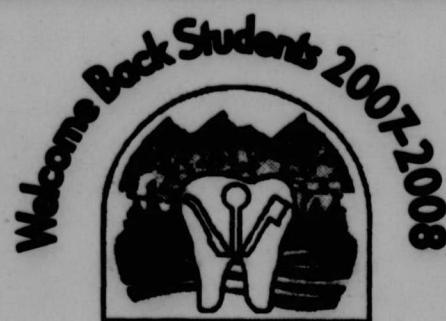
"I am outraged by what recruiters are telling young people," Stancil said. And he hears it all the time on the hotline; callers tell him about all the broken promises that recruiters have made them. In the end, he has to tell them the simple fact that the recruiters lied. "And now they're stuck in the military," Stancil said.

Annie Rosen, an Arcata community member who advocates for local youth, participated in reviewing the language of the ordinance. Her input was instrumental in ensuring that the ordinance accurately conveyed that its goal is to protect Arcata's young people.

From her experience as an educator, Rosen has witnessed recruiters unfairly using technology, such as interactive video games, to lure young people into enlisting in the military.

"The military, because they have so many resources, can, when they identify somebody that is potentially a recruit, [invest] money in that student every day," Rosen said. "They can offer them tutoring to get them through school, they can do all

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kinds of things that no college or vocational school can do. In that way the military begins to look like, for a lot of young people, their only option."

While this ordinance doesn't address the lack of options for young people, it starts a conversation, between families and communities, about searching for those options, Rosen said. Proponents of the ordinance hope to spark dialogue about whether or not someone who can't vote or sign a legal contract without parental consent can be pressured into committing the rest of their lives to a single purpose.

"18 is a fine age to begin asking young people whether or not they want to serve their country in this way, because believe it or not you serve your country when you are a welder and you serve your country when you are a baker," Rosen said. "And you serve your country as well when you are a teacher or a nurse," she said.

Cathy Pauley works as a public affairs specialist for the U.S. Army's Sacramento Recruiting Battalion. Pauley said the military is just another option for young adults. "The military shouldn't be treated any different than other career choices. There are some adults who aren't ready to reach decisions like this, but then there are also juniors and seniors in high school who are ready to make these kinds of decisions,"

she said.

"We want to offer juniors and seniors ample access to the same information that we offer adults or some college students, so that they can make informed choices about their future," Pauley said. "It's not any different for colleges and universities approaching juniors and seniors in high school to recruit for their schools."

Dave Meserve, who spearheaded the Arcata Youth Protection Act, echoes Rosen's concerns about recruiters. "They

are basically coming here to take our youth to fight their war," he said. Meserve maintains that the ordinance is separate from anti-war efforts in that it only seeks to protect youth from being baited into making a decision that has unimaginable consequences.

Stancil said, "It's really important that young people, and their parents and their counselors and their peers, understand what they're getting into before they stand in that line."

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Academic Senate submits concerns to Richmond

Bill of particulars lists faculty complaints

Karla Rivas
 Staff writer

The Bill of Particulars, created by the Academic Senate to address faculty concerns, is not specific to any particular faculty complaint. The bill was passed at the last Senate meeting, and the president has until May 11 to sit down and talk with faculty about its content.

President Rollin Richmond sat down to discuss the disputes surrounding the Bill of Particulars, the lack of communication with the University Budget Committee (UBC), the mishandling of money in athletics, the mistreatment of faculty and the contempt for student voices.

The original draft of the Bill of Particulars submitted to the Executive Committee was deemed too accusatory and therefore was modified before the last senate meeting.

"I found the Bill of Particulars a little hard in the sense that I think this is a hard time for the university," Richmond said. "The fact that we've been struggling in the years that I've been here with budget reductions from the state...I think the campus as a whole needs to, as much as possible, work together to solve these problems."

Psychology professor Lou Ann Wieand said she feels the president is not working together with the campus to solve the budget crisis.

Wieand was general faculty president from 2003 - 2006, during which she observed and interacted with the president. She was also appointed on the University Budget Committee (UBC) last spring. Now that she is no longer holding these positions, she can comment from a retrospective position.

In September 2006, Wieand helped draft a petition signed by several full professors and read it to the Senate.

"We reiterated our expectations that the president would collaborate and work with us in a collegial manner," she said. "We expected that he would not always agree with us, but that he would explain when his decisions

differed from us."

Wieand, among others, hoped that decisions would be negotiable and that there would be open dialogue and communication about matters that were considered important. She said that there had been many instances when the president made decisions with no explanation or negotiation.

The UBC consists of leaders from academics, student affairs, administrative affairs, and university advancement. Their plan was to come up with a proposal to handle the budget crisis in March 2007. They met every week for at least two hours. They generated different strategies, such as asking other campuses how they prioritized, until they came up with the proposal that was sent to the president.

Wieand said that the president never visited the Committee prior to or after he made his budget decision in early April of the same year. "He announced his decision online to us hours before the press got it," she said.

The president cut from academic affairs \$300,000 more than the Committee recommended.

Richmond disagrees with Wieand and said that she did have the opportunity to interact with him. "I sent [UBC] a response in writing talking about the recommendations that they made, and the recommendations I accepted and that I didn't accept, and I gave them my rationale," Richmond said.

Richmond said that the budgeting system in the California State University system and in the state of California is very complicated. "California, in many ways, does not run a very effective budgeting system overall for the state as a whole," he said. "It's not easy to understand."

Richmond added, "I think often times we presume the worst when you don't have intimate knowledge of budget issues. We've tried very hard to make the budget open and available. We've probably done a much better job in the last few years than it was

Timeline of Events

Sept 11, 2007

In response to Paul Mann's statement that a vocal minority spoke for his happy faculty, Martin Flashman started his own anonymous faculty blog on Moodle.

Results: 79 out of 114 responses wanted a vote of no confidence.

October 18-22

Senate ignores Flashman's results and conducts their own informational survey.

Results: Out of 205 Responses, 75 percent wanted the Senate to do something.

December

Chemistry Professor, Robert Zoellner, proposes a resolution to the Senate. Resolution passes. The ad hoc committee is appointed and charged with a task to distill the 205 comments into a Bill of Particulars.

Feb. 19

Bill of Particulars submitted to the Executive Committee for approval.

February

Tom Jones, professor of European Cultural History, sends a letter of complaint on behalf of the president's mistreatment of outstanding professor of 2005, Stone Brusca. The complaint does not make it on the Bill.

-Bill was not created to address any specific faculty complaints.

February

Anonymous email sent to Chancellor at Long Beach of the unmodified version of the Bill of Particulars. Chancellor calls Zoellner and yells at him for creating something that is diverting attention from more important issues.

Feb. 26

Senate meets to discuss modified version of the Bill of Particulars. The Bill Passes. President required to respond at the next Senate meeting, Tuesday March 11th.

Feb. 27

Professor of Physics, Richard Stepp comes forward and expresses his concerns about former Track coach, David Wells, who went on record for his suspicion of financial improprieties in athletics. (Wells' contract was not renewed and sued the university for harassment. In 2006, CSU settles for the lump sum of \$140,000 and three additional years of employment pay at \$30,000 each.)

February

Professor of Psychology, Lou Ann Wieand, expressed her miscommunication with President Rollin Richmond as the president of the University Budget Committee (UBC).

-The president cuts \$300,000 more than recommended by the UBC.

-The president emails his response in the middle of the night, hours before the press got it.

possible before."

In another incident that upset Wieand and other faculty members, students set up a see RICHMOND, page 8

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throughout the organizers of RecycleMania on Humboldt State's campus. Sustainability Coordinator TallChief "TC" Comet said that among many other factors, laziness prevents the school from doing as well as it could in the competition.

He said that significant amounts of recyclables are going into the trash, especially in the residence halls.

"Residence halls are the worst recycling location on campus even though they have some of the most available outside containers" Comet said.

He attributes a lot of that waste to freshmen that may have come from cities with single-stream recycling programs, meaning that all recyclables went into one bin and then a separate source did the sorting.

Another area that needs improvement in order to help in the competition and beyond lies within campus buildings. Comet said that 32 percent of the trash collected from classrooms and hallways is recyclable.

And Armbruster said that compared to more mainstream recycling practices, composting goes largely unnoticed by participants.

"I almost feel like the compost program has gone to an underground audience for the radicals," he said.

Comet said, whether because of ignorance or laziness or a combination of other things, people across campus could be doing more to help in the competition, but also to do an environmentally responsible act.

Virgen said that many are unaware of their recycling habits. People on campus often let the responsibility of using less and recycling slip their minds because of the already presumed environmentally conscious area that they live in.

On the positive side, Virgen points toward the 650 pounds of compost sitting behind Redwood Bowl and the 13,000 pounds of trash that ROSE diverted last semester, saving students \$12,737 in school supplies.

In the end, RecycleMania points to something that lasts

much longer than 10 weeks and that is much larger than a competition.

"We live in a rich society where we can afford to throw things away, but our future generations can't afford it," Virgen said. "We're in the here and now, but we don't think about our future."

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meeting with Chancellor Reed in Long Beach, after hearing that venues like the Kate Buchanan Room and the Van Duzer Theatre were going to be turned into classrooms.

Wieand said the students weren't notified prior to going home for winter break that they had made an impact upon the decision making process.

The president was advised that it would be helpful for him to write a letter to the students, to explain that due to how upset they were the plans had been put on hold.

"I never saw any kind of explanation for that, and in fact I think they went home for winter break thinking they were going to have these real large classes in places that just weren't appropriate," Wieand said.

Issues surrounding higher enrollment and classrooms not fit to accommodate large numbers "is a real issue," Richmond said.

"One of the things that will happen is that the student to faculty ratio will increase. It has been relatively low at Humboldt State. It went from 16 students per professor a few years ago to about 21 students or so now," Richmond said.

Richmond said that he values student voices. "I do pay attention to student voices and I value their judgment, but I also recognize that I also have very broad responsibilities that go beyond the immediate needs of students."

Richmond listens to student voices, but that doesn't mean he always agrees with them. "I think most students are relatively young,"

he said. "Many young students are also very mature...In the five years that I've been here, students in many governance positions I would consider to be very mature, well-educated, thoughtful people-but occasionally we get students who have not yet achieved maturity, and I think it's my responsibility to make decisions for the university as a whole and what's in the best interest not only for the current students but also the students who are going to be here in the future."

In regards to fee increases students voted against, Richmond still thinks that Humboldt provides a very high level of educational quality for a relatively low fee. "This is still a good bargain for students and their families here," he said.

Wieand said, in all fairness to the president, all these incidents happened last year. "I have no idea what's currently happening with faculty leaders and communication with the president."

In regards to the Bill of Particulars, Wieand thinks that it seems like it's taking a long time to make a decision.

"But on the other hand, we're a campus that likes to do things according to consensus and that likes to give everyone an active voice. I have to give it to the Senate, if they think that this is the best way to start communicating with him again, then great," she said.

Richmond responded to the specific faculty complaints brought to his attention. He said individuals who have had struggles over their lives often

tend to focus on what they think are the problems of others, rather than focusing on how they can fix their own problems. "Whether that's true of the people you've spoken to, I don't know," he said.

Regarding physics professor Richard Stepp and former track coach David Wells, Richmond said that when he received complaints about the improprieties in athletics, he met with the concerned group. He said the accusations are not true. "I don't know what the motivation of these individuals were in bringing them up, but they weren't accurate."

"A [CSU] auditor was here and spent about two weeks on campus looking at all the concerns and complaints," said Richmond. "While we had some specific recommendations about how we can improve processes, he found no example of anything illegal."

Responding to complaints of his disrespect for professor Stone Brusca, Richmond said that he honestly doesn't remember exactly what he was quoted saying to the North Coast Journal about Brusca.

"One of the things that some faculty have been concerned about is the fact that I have said over and over again and I will continue to say over and over again: I don't think you can be a good teacher unless you are a good scholar," he said.

"If you're not up-to-date and actively and passionately engaged in the subject you're teaching, despite the fact that you may be a good presenter, you are not going to get across to students the current issues of the discipline."

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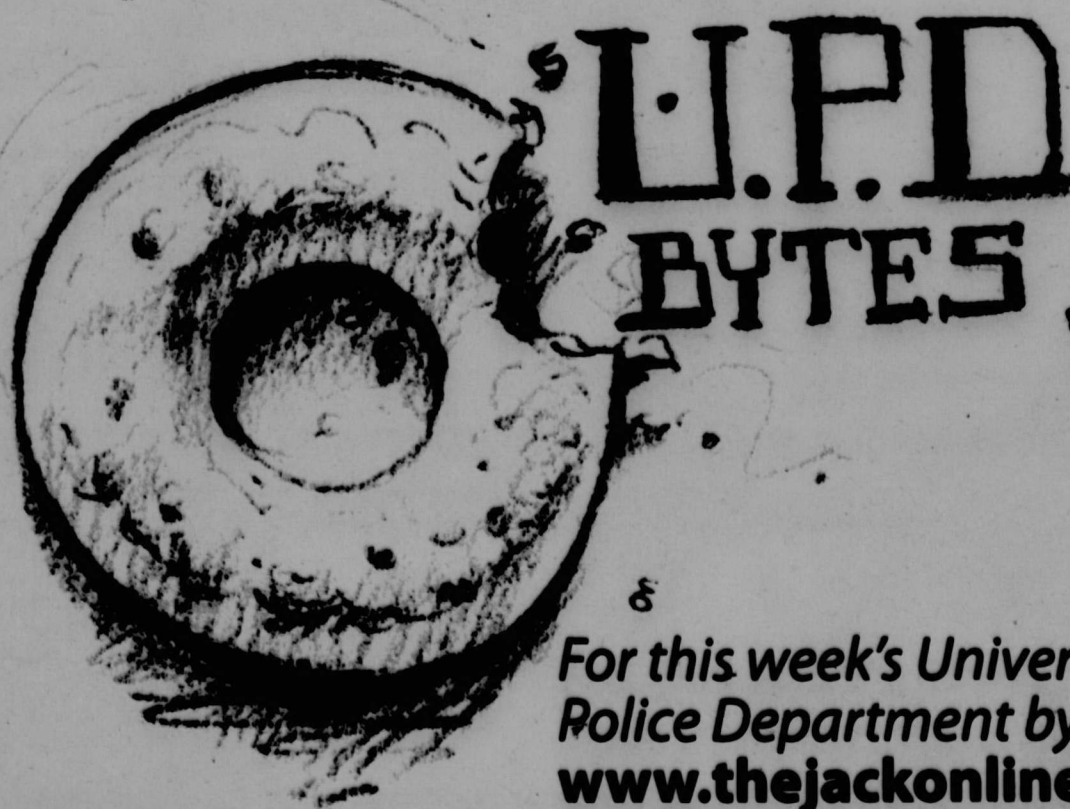
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Editorial

The reality of racism

A week and a half ago in downtown Arcata, two women of color were threatened and racially harassed. The Lumberjack staff feels this type of behavior is barbaric and disgraceful. What gives the people who did this, or anyone else, the right to harass someone? What's even worse is that these people felt justified in threatening someone on the basis of race or gender. It is people like this who deter social and cultural improvement.

President Richmond sent out an e-mail regarding this event, and as good as his intentions were, he painted a false picture. He titled the e-mail, "our caring and thoughtful community." His facts were generally correct, in that Humboldt State does not condone active racism and that it is important to consider our roles in other people's lives. However, the picture he painted is that this type of behavior doesn't happen here.

Does anybody remember the situation in Hiller Park when two children had racial slurs yelled at them in September 2007? This is just one example of active racism, though passive racism happens all the time on and off campus.

As a society, we do need to, as Richmond put it in his e-mail, "value our differences," but also learn from them. We have several events every year on this campus, such as the Women of Color Conference, the Campus Dialogue on Race and the Social Justice Summit (March 6-8) to stimulate deconstruction of all the -isms we have internalized. These conferences would not be as direly needed if this were a campus where everyone made the experiences of others, "positive and welcoming."

Yes, it is deeply upsetting when a blatantly racist incident like this one occurs. So let's not pretend that racism does not exist, especially that it doesn't happen here. It takes other forms that most people don't want to acknowledge or talk about. There are several things we can do every day to prevent future instances. Watch for our own behaviors, validate and trust the experience of others, go to these conferences, and at these conferences, as well as in between them, listen and try to learn something.

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Innaccuracies in "no confidence" story

Tom Jones
Letter to the editor

Contrary to the Lumberjack's article, "Vote of no confidence takes another first step" (2/20/08), regarding my 'complaint' I did NOT "request the ad hoc committee to 'develop formal agreements to resolve the issues in the approved Bill of Particulars to the benefit of those concerned parties.'"

Developing those agreements was the task assigned by the Dec. 4 resolutions to the Academic Senate to undertake upon approval of the Bill of Particulars. In fact, ever since Dec. 4, I have been 100 percent opposed to the idea of developing such agreements at this late date. My 'complaint' was instead over the president's abuse of Professor Brusca, and my 'request' (published in my Feb. 13 Forum piece) was that it be included in the Bill of Particulars.

That complaint is further misrepresented as my having said, "The primary reason for my lack of confidence in President Rollin Richmond is the indifference to fine teaching, the contempt for students and faculty." But as is clear from its syntax, this is an incomplete sentence that makes no sense as it stands and that stops short of identifying the actual reason, as the rest of the sentence makes perfectly clear: "...and

arrogance of power displayed in the particulars of Richmond's unconscionable treatment of former physics professor Stone Brusca, Outstanding Professor for 2005."

And between these two misleading quotations is a third that reads, "...Jones is asking that the Senate require that Richmond 'call a public convocation for the purpose of presenting a detailed, itemized apology' for his actions to the community, faculty, and students." But the direct quote from my written request contained in this passage breaks off at the word 'apology,' and what follows it misidentifies the subject of that apology: namely, the president's abusive treatment of Professor Brusca to the detailing of which the complaint had devoted some 390 words.

These quotations not only leave me advocating measures to which I am entirely opposed, but completely obscure the fact that both my complaint and request were specifically and exclusively about the president's abuse of Professor Brusca, whose name appears nowhere in the article.

Tom Jones is a professor of European Cultural History at Humboldt State University

Editor's Note

Due to space constraints, we did not have room in the Forum section for all submissions this week.

More guest columns for this week's issue can be found on our Web site at www.thejackonline.org

Get your AS in gear

Steven Dimon
Guest columnist

It's an exciting time in electoral politics. People's voice, the blood of the electoral vein, is pulsating to the tune of change. Many Americans maintain an "anyone but Bush attitude," hopefully drawing more voters out to ensure that sentiment. Elections, after all, are meant to solve debates, not create them. The race alone for the Democratic Party nomination is a heated one for the record books.

Student government here at HSU does not have two parties, but rather celebrates anyone running for student office. Which brings us to our topic: Associated Students Government Elections are upon us! So how about it? Don't you want to look back and say "I used to be a student representative" and worked in my university with the bigwigs on behalf of my peers.

Beginning March 10th, you can prepare to become the next: AS President, Student Affairs V.P., Administrative V.P., or Legislative V.P., or one of the multiple Representatives for each College: Arts, Humanities and Social

Sciences, Natural Resources and Sciences, Professional Studies, All University/ Interdisciplinary, Residence Hall Association, and Graduate Studies. There's revolution in the air, and it is starting here.

Don't you want to look back and say "I used to be a student representative" and worked in my university with the bigwigs on behalf of my peers.

Last year's voter turnout for the on-campus election was higher than it had been for years. Let's demonstrate our commitment to this university, and to those who may say the student voice is irrational and in the moment at best, by having a great election with more voter turnout than

ever. There's a certain type of competition desired here, and that is healthy competition due to heavy interest- RUN FOR OFFICE.

By the way, Associated Students Government (AS) is responsible for allocating \$750,000 that comes directly from student fees (\$100 per student, per year). Shouldn't you be one of the people who speaks up for that next proposed program to be cut?

For more information, and to pick up paperwork detailing the election and more, come to the AS Office* in the UC South Lounge and ask anyone there. (*Next to Clubs Office and Center Activities where they sell licorice). Email questions to kll31@humboldt.edu. Join us on Myspace and Facebook too!

Steven Dimon is the public relations coordinator for Humboldt State University Associated Students

Access to quad should be more regulated

Crystal Muzik
Guest columnist

Even before I approach the Quad, I hear a distinct voice coming from the speakers and think to myself, "Again? When is this guy ever going to stop?" Just as the Humboldt fog and rain puts a damper on my mood at this time of year, so does listening to Jason Robo ramble on about conspiracy theories on 9/11. Or if I'm lucky enough, maybe today I get to learn about how the university is stealing my information. I see the Quad as a public area and of course everyone is entitled to their own opinion. So, I figured,

hey, why not see when and how I can obtain a spot to do my own thing on the Quad? Today I feel like preaching to the choir about buying local. Turns out the Quad is booked full for Spring 2007 semester. As of right now, there is NO LIMIT to how many times a person or group may obtain that prized little square piece of speaking platform. Perhaps, as a strong suggestion, and for the sake of everyone else who walks by the Quad, please inform Humboldt State [about the need] to set a limit on how

many times someone can speak/present themselves. Perhaps, by a slim chance, it is a nice, clear, sunny day. I would rather be enjoying my lunch on the Quad listening to some uplifting music to divert me from reality, versus being bombarded by a one-sided gloomy viewpoint.

Crystal Muzik is a natural resource planning and interpretation junior at Humboldt State University

"Indoctrinate..." retort

Jason Robo
Guest columnist

Thank you Jenn Ferreira for strengthening my argument that there is such a thing as an eco-fascist, as yourself. Paradoxically you think that the Lumberjack would have better integrity by limiting others freedom of speech!?

A simple Google video search would provide CNN's Lou Dobbs coverage of the North American Union, not my ignorantly perceived "paranoid ramblings." The NAU is actually a product of the Council on Foreign Relations, check the CFR website for the document "Building a North American Community." CFR publishes Foreign Affairs which it boasts is "the preeminent journal covering international affairs and U.S. foreign policy." So Foreign Affairs presents a perception of reality that preempts the basis for which U.S. Foreign policy is built.

The attention of 43 congress members has been breached and they have formed a resolution against the NAU which states our nation has "participated in the formation of the Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP) on March 23, 2005, representing a trilateral agreement between the United States, Canada and Mexico designed, among other things, to facilitate common regulatory schemes between these countries."

If you insist I'm a delusional then I'm apparently in good company like Ron Paul, one of the presidential candidates that discusses the NAU and has been edited out by the media despite a massive underground campaign.

Today, our military is merging with Canada's in the "Civil Assistance Plan," which didn't go through congress. There is a NAFTA superhighway being built using eminent domain, an endeavor that contracts the massive toll booth conglomerate Cintra, represented by Rudy Giuliani's law firm Bracewell & Giuliani and referred to now as TTC-35. The Security and Prosperity Partnership is real and won't manifest in one abrupt phase but is a series of steps which consequently erase our country's sovereignty. To learn more about the NAU and its role in creating the first planetary government, watch Alex Jones Endgame online

for free. I would challenge Jenn Ferreira and any others willing to challenge the knowledge I have acquired at a public forum.

You can watch the Focus the Nation town hall under archived meetings online at cityofarcata.org, under the category 'city events.' Here you can witness the town hall meeting Q&A moderator and radio show host Mark Sommer try to cut me off at a public forum and attempt to physically restrain me. Nobody has a right to put their hands on anyone, let alone prevent an opinion from being expressed, not in a free country. Sommer's actions weren't too surprising, as he tried to set guidelines against critiquing the context of climate change or reading from paper and changing public comment time from 3 minutes to 2 unannounced after Iraq War-veteran Kenny Engels had the answer to his question about the unconstitutional Federal Reserve (for more watch "From Freedom to Fascism") derailed by Mr. Sommer.

As for Jenn's concerns with CFLs, I didn't propose using more incandescents but Light Emitting Diodes, which use virtually no electricity. I never suggested exploiting cheap labor and weak environmental protections overseas. By the way, you called Climate Change a conspiracy, not me. I am merely addressing the broader implications of environmental degradation, not focusing on carbon dioxide which plants breathe. Look up "The Missing Secrets of Nikola Tesla" online to see what happens to people who provide solutions to the staggering self-serving corrupt nature in which society functions, intended to benefit a select few.

I saw no refutation concerning Prescott Bush's role in starting the American Birth Control League, Planned Parenthood's predecessor, as treasurer. He is President Bush's grandfather, a war criminal under the Trading with the Enemy Act for business with Nazi Germany leading to the liquidation of the Union Banking Corporation and other companies he was in charge of. Prescott has established

the Bush family fortune as a result of bankrolling Nazi Germany. The ABL imposed forced sterilization laws in this country, the very essence of eugenics, a quack science of building a super-race. As quoted in the San Francisco Chronicle article "Eugenics and the Nazis: The California Connection" the 1924 "Mein Kampf" by Adolf Hitler "quoted American eugenic ideology and openly displayed a thorough knowledge of American eugenics. 'There is today one state,' wrote Hitler, 'in which at least weak beginnings toward a better conception (of immigration) are noticeable. Of course, it is not our model German Republic, but the United States.'"

If you'd like to learn more about fascism being imposed under the guise of green, look up "Behind the Green Curtain" on Google Video. Most of the environmental movement, like our "Environmental Protection Agency," have been hijacked by special interests and their financial holding are stocks in oil companies and other corporate entities. We are in the midst of fighting wars in the Middle East based on the notion that it preserves our freedom as it degrades before our eyes, don't be so naive to think that our solutions to the narrow minded definition of climate change don't hold the same dangers on our nation's sovereignty or you as an individual. Unless you prefer the government to make all of your decisions for you, remote control your thermostat, impose a carbon tax on you and blame you for the increasingly intense amount of pollution by fascists lobbying for corporations to government, entities with more rights than living and breathing people, then I suppose you should heed my words as a warning of what is to come unless we as a people unite against the very real threats to our future.

Jason Robo is the legislative vice president of Humboldt State University Associated Students and the president of HSU NORML

Who will pay for this trespass?

Joshua Commander
Guest writer

Let us embark, you and I
On a windward journey, as the crow flies.
We will transcend the confines of human existence
And descend to the heart of nature's resistance.
At night's first submission to the children of light
We will shed our shackles, and at once take flight.
Our indefatigable solar friend, after a
brief rendezvous with her lunar counterpart and an
ensuing night-time ripening of the womb, once again
gives birth to the innumerable shafts of light, that,
when combined, we call day. A select few of these
beams of luminescence successfully breach trailing
draperies of an intricate ivy pattern, and in reaching
their destination, find themselves amongst a residing
adorned with intermittent redwood paneling, ceilings
of indeterminate height, flawless decor, and a
background melody reminiscent of the "Sounds of
Nature." In the midst of this peaceful refuge, a
beatific mother attentively watches over her young
twins romping around and tumbling over one another in
play, across her chambers. Since times of an
unattainable yore, her entire lineage has dwelled in
this very same haven, unaltered and without a
cessation of ownership for thousands of years. Here,
and only here, is home-abruptly, serenity
instantaneously manifests itself into a mechanical
shriek, simultaneously spawning a bullet that finds
its home in the mother's flank. She is immediately
immobilized, her only thought is of her children-which
is at once cut short by a subsequent bullet to the
head. The children, now orphans, flee into the
unknown. The hunter approaches his kill...

The babies escape, yet you see in their eyes,
Four mirrored reflections of how each of them dies.
Upon losing their mother they lost all assistance
In acquiring the tools that we call "persistence."
Try as they must, they succumb to their plight
And slowly diminish 'til they're part of the night.

...The aforementioned gunshot reports extensively
reverberate throughout the surrounding wild lands. A
nearby pair of Bald Eagles, talons locked in mid-air
(a precursor to promissory procreation)-suddenly
startled by the blasts, scatter before the deed is
done-a family that could have been... A congregation of
Aleutian Cackling Geese, recently arriving to a
neighboring marshland (an important feeding ground and
resting place on their migratory journey), on hearing
the explosions instinctively flee from the cacophony,
and resultantly are deprived of much needed sustenance
and repose... A few hours have passed since the hunter
field dressed his prize and (using the horse he left
secured at an adjacent creek) hauled it away, leaving
behind the consequential entrails and sundry organs. A
mother red fox with her pups in tow, encountering this
fortunate feast, unknowingly ingests a myriad of lead
particles (a carcinogenic) from the initial lead
bullet that fragmented into 400 pieces upon piercing
the doe. The mother fox may survive this poisoning,
but her pups almost certainly will not... Following the
hunter's trail, we soon find a black bear draw near a
favorite blackberry bush, but is instantly deterred by
its new alien scent; saturated with the hunter's
urine... About a half-mile further in the direction of

the hunter, a precocious raccoon comes across a
half-eaten candy bar, carelessly discarded by the
hunter. Taking advantage of the occasion, the raccoon
quickly consumes this exotic treat and begins choking
on the wrapper... At a more expedient pace, we transcend
the remainder of the trail that leads to the hunter,
his horse, and his trailing prize-about ¼ of a mile
lie ahead of them on their trek back to his truck.
However, they are not unobserved: a cougar, desperate
from nutritional deprivation and attracted by the
scent of the dead deer, peers down from an adjoining
cliff and finds an unimpeded view of the obsequious
horse, steadily making his way back towards
civilization. The cougar ruminates, weighing his
options; his primary prey (deer) has become less
plentiful in the area, many driven towards urban
habitation by the chase of hunters within their
natural homestead. The cougar, not wanting to pass up
this fleeting opportunity, though still pondering,
quietly stalks the pursuit of the horse; step by
meditative step coming closer to urban civilization
and the all-too-likely possible conflict with
humans-and unlike the hunter, he will pay for this
"trespass."

If your heart is still with you, perhaps you now cry
Or, at the very least, you may ask yourself why
We, as humans, enact the permittance
Of pursuing to destroy all other subsistence.
Nature provides only beauty, yet we only blight
Her wondrous creation, unable to fight.

Raising minimum wage hurts workers

Jerilyn Gashi
Guest columnist

On Valentine's Day, I telephoned Ramone's Bakery for a cake. I was looking for something comparable to one a friend had brought: smallish, but it cost only about \$6. Yet the prices quoted were higher: \$7.95 for a four-inch, about \$16 for six, and over \$20 for eight. I took the smallest one, and when I picked it up, asked if they had raised prices for Valentine's Day. "No," she explained, "because minimum wage went up."

Ah, yes. For the new year, the great state of California raised the minimum wage from an already higher-than-the-national \$7.50 per hour, to \$8.00. Why? Supporters, such as Democratic presidential nomination candidate Barack Obama, claim that the minimum wage still does not keep up with the "cost of living," and must be raised periodically to reflect rising costs in rent, food, and so so forth. The underlying assumption to this idea is that the minimum-wage-earning stratum of society is static. The reality is that minimum-wage workers are constantly moving up and moving out. Many are high school or college students. Most are supplementing a second source of income: if not their allowances, then their husbands' wages or financial aid. High school kids living at home don't need to earn the cost of living, because they aren't paying rent and food.

No one earns minimum wage for long. Generally, people who stay at a job for a few months will get raises based on seniority and merit, or promoted. Many quit go

to college or get a salaried job. The idea that minimum-wage workers spend their lives in low-level jobs and face the prospect of never getting ahead, much less retiring, is not only wrong, it is ridiculous.

Of course, some earning minimum wage really do fit the pathetic image the politicians paint. For the most part, these folks too will soon leave the minimum-wage strata, as they prove themselves competent and are promoted or educated and find something better. Those who really do need other help deserve to get it, as long as they are asking for "a hand up and not a handout." Does raising the minimum wage help?

Time for some basic economics. When minimum wage as \$7.50, a cake cost about \$6. Now, the minimum wage is \$8.00, a rise of \$0.50. The cost of a cake is about \$16. The cost of a smaller cake is about \$8. So the buyer is paying more and getting less. The cost rose \$1.50, three times the amount of the raise in minimum wage. To put it another way: Before, a cake was worth a little less than an hour's work. Now, a smaller cake is worth well over an hour's work.

Lest you be tempted to blame greed or corporations, rest assured, the fault is not Ramone's, nor any business's. Say it takes three people to produce a cake: the baker, the decorator, and the girl who works the counter. Each of them now must be paid fifty cents more per hour, and say it takes them an hour to make and sell a cake. That's three

people, each earning fifty cents more than he or she used to, so the cost of producing the cake has gone up three times \$0.50, or \$1.50, which is the amount the price of the cake went up. Marvelous how that arithmetic works out. The price of all goods and services must necessarily rise, so the local businesses we all love to support in Humboldt County can stay afloat. You may have noticed the price of gas, because the guy working the counter at night has to be paid more now, too. You'll probably notice a lot more price increases, if you haven't already.

How does this help the poor? If the cost of goods increases threefold of the increase in the minimum wage every time that action is taken, soon the discrepancy between the minimum wage and the cost of living will really be worth talking about. It's not necessary. Minimum-wage earners don't need to earn the cost of living, because for the most part it doesn't cost them the average local "cost of living" to live. Their dollar doesn't go as far when the minimum wage is increased. Stop raising the minimum wage and do something to really help people: create a market-driven economy, in which the law of supply (of qualified workers) vs. demand (for competent help) will dictate wages.

Jerilyn Gashi is a student at Humboldt State University

Governance by intimidation

Tom Jones
Guest columnist

All those who attended the Feb. 26 meeting of the Academic Senate must have been appalled at what they learned about the administrative style of the current CSU-HSU administration.

As anyone who has followed the no-confidence issue knows, the Senate created an ad hoc committee to draft a Bill of Particulars of faculty complaints about the president, to be drawn from the 370 comments recorded on the ballots of the October poll. The committee completed its work and submitted its draft to the Senate Executive Committee, which forwarded it to the Senate for the Feb. 26 meeting.

The bill consisted of a list of complaints accompanied by corresponding recommended solutions, as was the committee's charge. The eleven complaints consisted of nicely distilled generalizations, the accuracy and propriety of which were easily documented by the comments on the ballots. While the document may not have been as strongly worded as I might have preferred, nevertheless it offered a well-considered summary of faculty complaints and presented them quite firmly while remaining respectful of the man responsible for the complaints. The committee, in other words, did its job; and more than that, it did it well.

Nevertheless, as the Senate began its discussion of the Bill of Particulars, the chairman of the ad hoc committee reported on a phone call he had received from Chancellor Reed after submitting the draft to the Executive Committee. The chairman reported that the chancellor had admonished him personally for the impropriety of the committee's document, and did so at considerable volume and length and with language that he preferred not to repeat on the

Senate floor.

One might have thought that the provost would have recognized such behavior on the chancellor's part as a flagrant assault upon faculty privilege and a gross intrusion into the deliberative procedures of the university, that he would have apologized to the committee chairman in the name of the university and gone straight to the president with a request that he insist upon an accounting from the chancellor. That would have shown the faculty an HSU administration that cared about and was willing to stand up for the integrity of the university and its faculty.

Instead, the provost launched into his own high-volume, emotionally-charged assault, chastising the committee for its choice of words, the tone of its complaints, the impracticality of its recommendations and offensive nature of the document, warning that it would offend the president rather than lay foundations for negotiations.

The committee chairman protested that the language of the bill was not the committee's, but that of the faculty. Nevertheless, the provost's explosion had its effect and much of the discussion focused on the question of avoiding offense to the president. This is not the first time the provost has resorted to emotional ranting to persuade the Senate to do his will. Those who witnessed his attempt to throw out the results of the October faculty poll at the Nov. 6 meeting will remember a similar performance. And there, too, it was not without effect.

It is unfortunate, that the one voice that addressed the circumstance that allows this kind of administrative influence on the Senate, was dismissed as inappropriate

and disrespectful. One might have hoped that Senator Robo's pointing to the conflict of interest inherent in the provost's participating in Senate debate over the details of a document intended to voice faculty complaints to the president, would have been welcomed by the Senate as a long-overdue objection to the intimidating role that administrative presence often plays at academic senate meetings.

Among many past incidents that might be cited, the most memorable was President Richmond's Nov. 9, 2004, response to Senator Kornreich's oral summary of the Educational Policies Committee's negative assessment of the Proposed Strategic Plan. Witnesses to the event describe the president as turning beet red and exploding before the full Senate into an out-of-control tirade that targeted Professor Kornreich personally and was of such transparent embarrassment to the Senate that it later approved minutes of the meeting that passed over the incident in silence, while subsequent requests for copies of the transcript of the taped meeting were denied.

One must ask of this Chancellor, this President and this Provost: Are theirs the behaviors of administrators who easily lose control? Or are they the calculated actions of desperate leaders, who, when frustrated in their ambitions, resort to governance by intimidation? Whichever the answer, they are hardly the men we should want governing California's universities.

Tom Jones is a professor of European cultural history at Humboldt State University

Settin' the record straight

If the players seemed jittery during the opening minutes of last Thursday's big game, they were merely a reflection of the raucous crowd that filled the East Gym.

The 'Jacks managed to keep their cool when it mattered most, however, as they held off Cal State San Bernardino 65-61 to hurdle over their last major obstacle of the regular season. Humboldt State sealed the California Collegiate Athletic Association

championship the following night with a 71-51 victory over Cal Poly Pomona, finishing the year 20-7 and an impressive 15-5 in conference play.

The seniors proved to be an essential part of the weekend success, and none loomed larger than shooting guard Will Sheufelt, who made perhaps the biggest shot of the season when he sank a 3-pointer from the top of the key with 31 seconds left to put the 'Jacks ahead for good against rival San Bernardino. "I was open, and I just took the shot,"

Matt Drange
Staff Writer

Anytime you get open against a team like that you take it," Sheufelt said after the game. "And yeah, after last year's game [in which San Bernardino ended the Lumberjacks season] it definitely felt good to be able to put those guys away," he said with a smile.

The 'Jacks were a bit shaky throughout the game, but thanks to the seniors that stepped up and led the way, they were able to earn their second straight regular season conference championship and make it into the post-season tournament with a No. 1 seeding.

Nothing came easy against the Coyotes, who pulled ahead with a long three to silence the crowd with a minute and a half remaining on the clock. But then came the defining moment of the 2008 season, as Sheufelt scored the Lumberjacks' final five points when he punctuated the win with two free throws after San Bernardino failed to get off a shot on their final possession.

The players who made the most noise for the better part of the last few months fittingly came up big. Seniors Devin Peal (29 points through both games), Grayson Moyer (24 points), Cy Vandermeer (23 points to go with 26 rebounds),

and of course Sheufelt (32 points) making key contributions down the stretch.

Vandermeer really appeared to make the most of his last regular season weekend at home, as he played a lot of minutes for someone coming off a knee injury. He damaged his ligament a few weeks before the season finale. "We're excited, every game is big now," he said after Thursday's game. When asked about his own mentality for the post-season, he said, "I'm feeling confident to be back, it's great, but that's just how it's gonna be at this point in the year—when it matters most."

The team also got a taste of more of a playoff atmosphere, in which every game is treated as a must-win. In reference to the post-season tournament, freshman point guard Ernie Spada said, "Every game for us now is huge—we need to win the conference championship."

Humboldt State is now looking to capture the CCAA tournament in order to win the only automatic berth awarded for the national tournament and March Madness, which figures to take just one team from the CCAA for the Lumberjacks. It's either win or go home from this point on.

Got something to say about this article? Comment at:
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No. 22, Grayson Moyer, "The Golden Child," fights off a block and puts up a shot.

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Basketball says goodbye to skillful leader

Tatiana Cummings
Staff writer

Some say that what goes up, must go down. In the case of 6-foot-4 senior forward Devin Peal, that has not been the case. Peal continues to rise.

Peal played his final regular season game Friday night against the Cal Poly Pomona Broncos.

He helped lead the Humboldt State men's basketball team to their second straight California Collegiate Athletic Association Championship, defeating the Broncos 79-71.

The Lumberjacks now share the championship title with the Cal State San Bernardino Coyotes, after tying for first place in the regular season standings.

"His leadership skills and sense of humor" is what freshman guard James Givens will miss most about Peal as a teammate.

22-year-old Peal of Richmond, Calif., was born on May 9, 1985. Peal attended both Richmond and John F. Kennedy High School.

After graduating from high school in 2003, Peal went on to play one year of basketball at Portland State University before transferring to Humboldt State in 2004.

In 2007, Peal received his degree in journalism with an emphasis in broadcasting.

Michael Booker, former summer league basketball coach for Peal, said, "He was a tremendous player for a varsity player in the 9th grade; his level of tenacity was high. He was extremely strong for a 9th grader, and he was strong underneath the basket."

Peal has been a valuable asset to the men's basketball team for three years now, averaging in double figures each year.

"He always wants the ball during crunch time; he is an all-around player," said senior guard Grayson Moyer. "He is a weapon and it's hard for the other teams to match up with him," he said.

Peal ended his final season as a Lumberjack averaging 27 minutes, 18.7 points and 6.5 rebounds per game.

"I knew then that he would be successful," said Booker referencing how far he knew Peal would

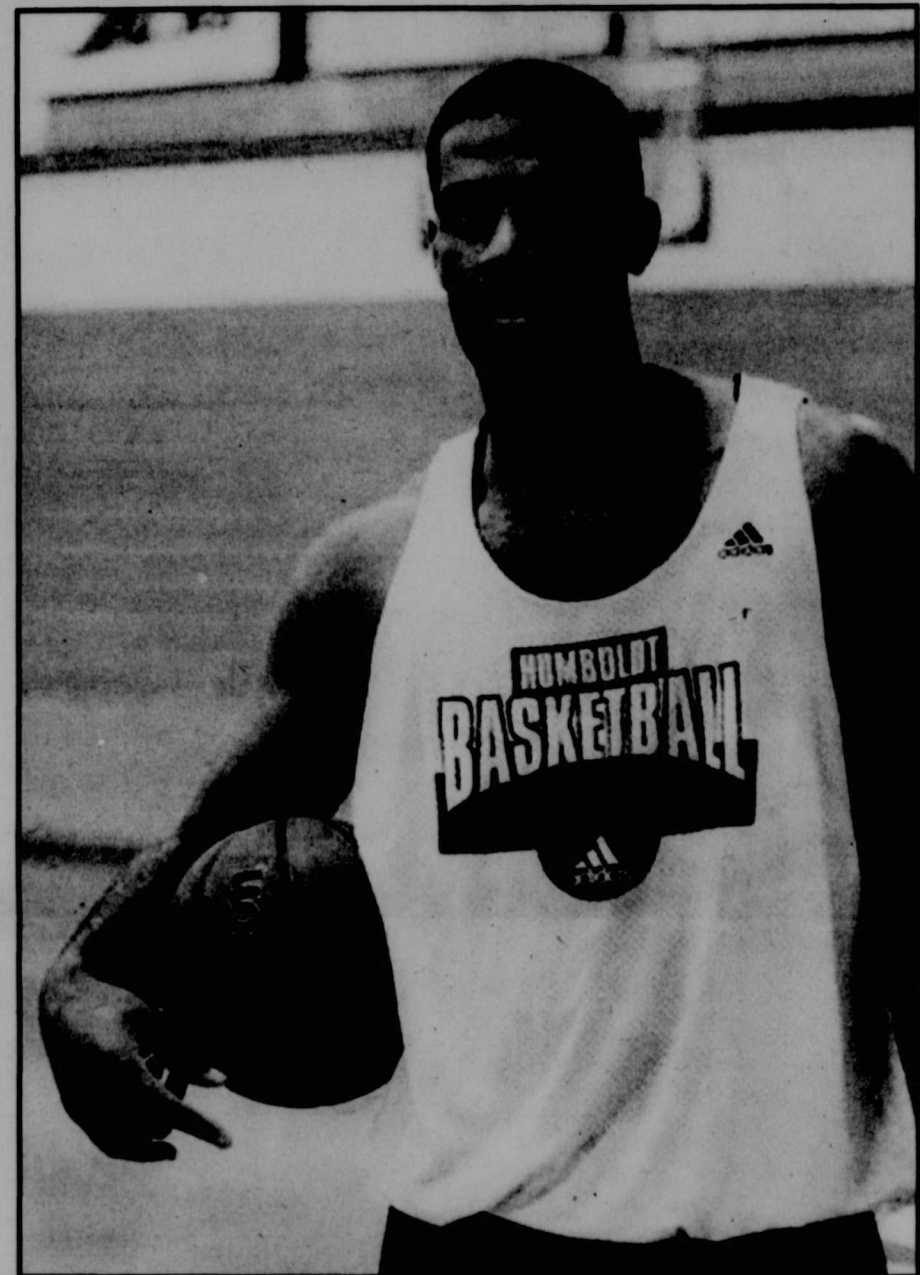


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Devin Peal, a current senior and current journalism graduate, practices in the East Gym for an upcoming game. Peal has been playing since before high school and is now playing as a forward for the Lumberjacks.

go. "He knew what he wanted, on the court and inside the classroom."

During Peal's career as a Lumberjack he had two season-high game performances.

The first was on Dec. 16, 2006, when he scored 31 points in a 111-86 victory over the CSU Monterey Bay Otters; it happened once again on Jan. 12, 2008, when he scored 32 points in a 86-60 victory over the Otters.

Being a part of a team that had, at 26-4, the best winning percentage in the history of Humboldt State basketball, finishing No. 4 in the nation, and hosting the West Region Tournament have been Peal's most memorable moments of his career as a Lumberjack.

Peal said that he will miss the team, the different personalities, and getting something different every day.

When Peal is not playing basketball, he said he gets his fair share of the XBOX and sleep.

After finishing up this season Peal plans to do all of the above, and more, overseas. Peal also wants to go back to school and get a master's in sports business management, in hopes of becoming a general manager.

"Take basketball seriously. Don't wait until your last year to win a championship. Your time is now, don't take anything for granted," Peal said to the teammates that he will leave behind.

"Thanks to everyone, for being behind me since day one and making me feel like one of their own," Peal said. "Shout out to the Marching Lumberjacks for their support here and at the away games, they have enhanced my basketball experience; I'll miss them."

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Last home game for two women's basketball players

Rory Smith
Staff writer

Flowers and hugs from members of their families greeted seniors Kayla Henry and Jessica Haayer during the announcements of starting lineups on Friday night.

It was their last regular season game for Humboldt State, and possibly their last game in the East Gym in front of a home crowd.

When asked about the end of her final season at Humboldt State, Henry said, "It was great even for a year, I wish I could be here for longer, but we're not finished yet, I wanna win a championship".

The 'Jacks closed out their regular season on a high note, winning the last two home games. On Thursday night, the 'Jacks upset Cal State San Bernardino 65-64 with stellar defense on San

Bernardino's last possession.

In another close game, Humboldt State carried the energy over to another victory against Cal Poly Pomona on Friday night.

When asked about the two tight games this weekend, Coach Joddie Gleason said, "It started day one; every game is close."

Humboldt State led Pomona by as many as 14 in the second half on Friday, but a late 10-2 run by the Broncos cut the lead to 2 with just under a minute left to play.

Henry grabbed a key offensive rebound late in the second half and Humboldt moved the ball, not allowing the Broncos to foul.

Pomona finally fouled junior

guard Jennifer Enos with only eight seconds left and she made two key free throws to put the 'Jacks up by 4 points.

They went on to win 55-51.

Haayer is very confident about how the team is playing and said, "Our offense is really jelling right now."

On Thursday, junior Katie Franci and sophomores Paige Peterson and Brittney Taylor tied to lead Humboldt State in scoring with 13 points.

Rachel Johnson and Vanessa Wilt of San Bernardino tied with 18 to lead all scorers.

Taylor led the 'Jacks again on Friday night with 11 points and added seven rebounds.

On three consecutive possessions, she sprinted out ahead of everyone on the fast break for easy lay-ups making two of three and drawing the foul on one occasion.

It is not often that you see a team's tallest player leading the fast break, but Coach Gleason said she likes to try this because it is hard for the other team's center to get back on defense that quick.

Humboldt State closed out the season winning six of its final seven games, and finished in fifth place in the California Collegiate

Athletic Association.

Sonoma State hosted Humboldt State in the first round of the playoffs on Tuesday night.

Humboldt State was 1-1 in the regular season against Sonoma State.

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Lunch on wheels

Humboldt County sees an increase in lunch trucks

Chris Hoff
Staff Writer



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Sushi Agogo, a local mobile food truck, offers veggie lovers vegetarian sushi.

Kalindi Rogers and Erin Slaterly opened up their sushi cart business, Agogo, because for them making sushi is fun. They are the newest of a group of mobile vendors who operate throughout the city of Arcata, Calif.

Lunch trucks aren't new to Humboldt County, but recently their numbers have been growing. The operation of a mobile business has advantages that some individuals in the city are concerned about. But there are also disadvantages to lacking a structure to operate from.

Esteban Gonzalez worked three jobs to start his first lunch truck in 1997.

"Instead of the truck supporting me, I support the truck," Gonzalez said. He devotes long hours to his business. He works from 6:30 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. six days a week, and spends six hours on Sundays cleaning. He understands the public has concerns, and a clean truck eases them.

The hours don't keep him from

loving his job. He loves Arcata, and the people who come from as far as Blue Lake. "I want to do it until I die," he said.

Rogers said that a love of sushi inspired her to open her business.

For Rogers, the advantages of a mobile business are many. She said less ongoing expense of operating a business is one of the biggest. Mobility allows for it to be taken to festivals, like Humboldt State Sustainable Living, Arts and Music Festival. Also, if her lease were to end the business could move to another location.

Rogers advises others thinking about a mobile business to do a lot of research. It is important to understand the disadvantages. Getting the business ready in the morning means stocking food from a commercial kitchen, and lots of cleaning. Rogers uses a trailer towed by a second vehicle. The trailer must be attached and detached from the vehicle. Gonzalez uses a truck that doesn't require as much work,

but if the engine

blows it can be costly both in lost business and towing charges.

The vegetarian sushi cart is a place that Rogers wants everyone to feel comfortable. Like Gonzalez, she understands people may be unsure about getting food from a trailer. She has an advantage in that she bought a concession trailer. The large windows make the food preparation surfaces visible.

Arcata Director of Community Development Larry Oetker is concerned about the health and safety of these mobile lunch trucks. The key issues for the city are access to bathrooms and parking. New regulations covering these issues could begin in August. Among the changes would be a requirement for the vendors to provide access to a restroom.

Gonzalez plans to rent a portable toilet to meet the requirements. However, any plans for a structure that would be in a permanent location would have to be reviewed by the city. This is something Oetker wants

to be clear every business has to operate by, when adding

anything from a new sign to a new building. For Gonzalez, the solution is easy, but other sites could create problems, some of which Oetker isn't sure how to resolve. He suggested that on a site-by-site basis, some sites may be exempt from certain parts of the new regulations.

Oetker said there are concerns about an unfair advantage for mobile businesses. These concerns apply to the operators of the business and the landowners. He questioned the advantage of having a business like Live From New York, if they can save money by cooking pizza in the parking lot. Oetker is also concerned about property owners who would choose not to increase the value of their land. Property owners who get income from mobile vendors may not make structural improvements.

He views many of the lunch trucks as permanent structures. He pointed out the differences be-

tween these operations and traditional vendors that would move from

site to site throughout the day.

A more developed downtown is better for the appearance of the city, not to mention that a lack of investments

by property owners and business owners translates into lower income for the city. That is money that the city needs to provide services to the community, Oetker said.

Renata Maculans, known in the community as Renata, or the crepe lady, started her business as a mobile vendor.

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"I want to do it until I die."

Esteban Gonzalez
lunch truck owner



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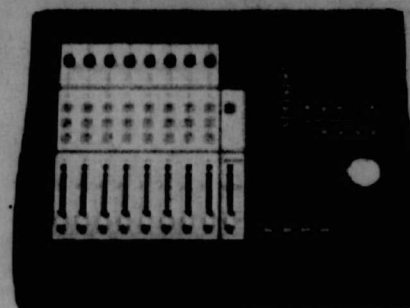
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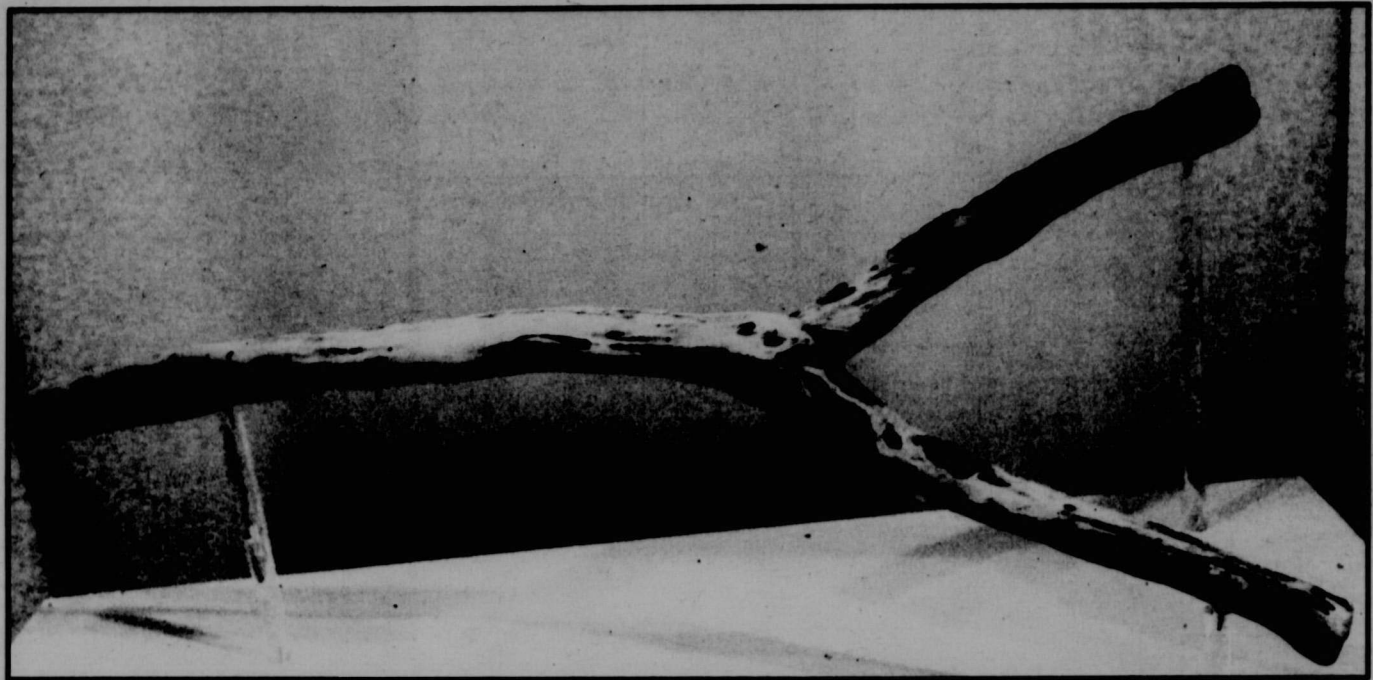


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Humboldt State alumnus Mark Allen Soderstrom's display of the Divining Rod is part of his exhibit "How Does One Weigh a Soul," at the Reese Bullen Gallery on campus.

Art of the centuries

Exhibit looks at mythical meanings and social interpretations

Zack Roddy
Staff Writer

On Thursday, Feb. 21, artist Mark Allen Soderstrom presented his newest exhibit, Parallax, during its opening reception in the Reese Bullen Gallery. Soderstrom, a Humboldt State University alumnus, later earned his Master of Fine Arts from Mills College and currently owns Southstream Arts Services in Arcata, Calif., where he now lives.

His newest venture, Parallax, explores many different themes from ancient mythology and religious beliefs, to more modern ones, such as the uses of prescription medications, all while adding satire and beauty to each piece in different individualistic ways. Soderstrom uses a variety of different mediums including canvas work, leather, steel, prescription bottles, and a double-pronged syringe in order to present each of his finished products.

Parallax has been a work in progress for a very long time. Soderstrom spent nearly a decade working on this exhibit. "I started this body of work about six years ago," Soderstrom said. Recalling his original inspiration behind Parallax, Soderstrom said, "I was always interested in how people come to compare different stories and myths. The belt was the first piece I made, based on the mythological story."

Some of the pieces presented problems for Soderstrom. One particular piece, entitled "The Divining

Rod," which looks like an ordinary piece of beach wood, proved to be one of Soderstrom's biggest challenges. "A lot of these pieces have been difficult to make," Soderstrom said. "Finding the wood was the hardest. I contacted someone in England and finally got information on the type of wood that was used in that age. I took many trips hiking through the coast searching for the wood. I tried really hard to contain the

functionality of the piece and the story through the branches' design."

Reaction to Soderstrom's work so far has been positive. Nick Hemphill, a sophomore English and art major, liked the piece titled 'Pharmacopoeia.' "I really like this piece. I'm intrigued by the idea of the different medications and how openly they're used in our world," he said.

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Women's Resource Center celebrates grand reopening

Ashleigh Nieman
Staff Writer

Looking for a little empowerment? Look no further. The grand reopening of the Rosa Parks Resource Center took place Feb. 22 at the Women's Resource Center. The Rosa Parks Resource Center has been updated and renewed, featuring new resources. Books, magazines, media and other forms of information can be found there with a focus on the topic of women and heritage.

At the same time the Rosa Parks Resource Center was reopened, the Women's Resource Center hosted an open house. Ana Barba, a junior ethnic studies major, is a staff member at the Women's Resource Center. "It's a chance for the people to meet and greet the staff and see what we're all about," Barba said.

The Women's Resource Center offers a variety of activities throughout the semester. These include fashion shows, art shows, workshops, discussions, lectures, and more. They meet every other Thursday night at 5 p.m. in House 55 on campus. Also offering volunteer and employment opportunities, the center gives grants to students working for social justice in the community in the amounts of \$50, \$100, and \$200.

The Rosa Parks Resource Center along with the Women's Resource Center are located in what is also known as the MultiCultural Center at Humboldt State University. The MultiCultural Center supports a number of affiliates besides the two resource centers, including the Queer Student Union, the Black Student Union, and a number of sororities and fraternities.

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"Being able to start mobile was an essential part of why my business was a success," Renata said. She operated from a truck for five years. The process was a stepping stone to the business that she has now, Renata's Creperie in Arcata. She was able to build up a customer base with low upfront costs.

Renata is very supportive of vendors. She talked about how the margin for profit is small for everyone in the food industry. The costs of not having a building are off set by what she calls, "a whole lot of

other things you have to deal with."

A mobile vendor doesn't have the overhead of a store front, but they still need a commercial kitchen. Many vendors in Arcata use the same commercial kitchen, paying an hourly rent.

Moving out of the truck enabled Renata's business to grow. That meant hiring more people, expanding the menu and being able to serve more customers. It isn't just a lack of tables; it is a lack of space that restrains a mobile business.

"You're running a restaurant in a small space," she said about

the challenge of operating out of a truck.

A common trait of people who take on the challenge of a mobile business is a love of what they do. Both Rogers and Gonzalez talk about their business with excitement. Renata said she had some of the best times of her life running a food truck. They also value quality in their product, and they want to provide the best product possible. Rogers said, for instance, that she remains reluctant to try sushi through retail locations. "I want it to taste fresh," she said.

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Jerry Jones is the office manager of the MultiCultural Center. Jones described the reopening as packed with people standing in the foyer and sitting on the stairs. "It went fantastic, we had people in who had never been here before," Jones said.

A resource for social justice and empowerment put out by the Women's Resource Center is The Matrix. Issued twice a semester, it serves as a forum for the center and includes poetry, stories, news, art and politics. The Matrix has been recognized by The Nation, a social and political publication in the United States, as one of the top 10 college publications. The university provides a one-unit class where students can work on this publication, but everyone is encouraged to con-

tribute their works of writing.

All the funding for the Women's Resource center comes from grants from the Associated Students. They fund clubs, activities, and cultural education. There are guidelines in place, but funding can cover a range of costs. Smaller things like publicity and food can be covered, but also travel costs and fees for a guest speaker or performer.

The ribbon for the new and improved center was cut by author and activist Elizabeth "Betita" Martinez. She promoted her newest book, "500 Years of Chicano Women's History." Martinez was the keynote speaker at an event hosted by the Women's Resource Center on Feb. 21 in the Native Forum of the

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BSS building.

Martinez's new book joins a string of five other books which include "500 Years of Chicano History in Pictures," "De Colores Means All of Us: Latina Views for a Multi-Colored Century," "Letters from Mississippi," and "The Youngest Revolution: A Personal Report on Cuba." For a time, she was the books and art editor of the acclaimed magazine *The Nation*. Martinez co-founded and directs the Institute for Multi-Racial Jus-

tice in San Francisco and was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2005.

Past events supported by the Women's Resource Center include the spring 2006 walkout. The walkout was for survivors of sexualized violence and featured student speakers.

Sophomore Humboldt State student Rhonwen Jennings frequents the Women's Resource Center to utilize their books and magazines. "It's inspirational," Jennings said. "They have great stuff there, it shows just how empowered a woman can be."

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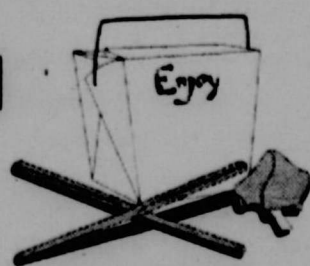
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Growth and renewal rise from tragedy

Sally Klefer
Staff Writer

Resource center opens in memory of professor

Eric Rofes, an activist of progressive social justice issues and professor of education at Humboldt State University, passed away in June of 2006. His effect at Humboldt State is still being felt.

On Saturday, March 8, a new resource center will be dedicated in his memory. It will happen during the 2008 Social Justice Summit at Humboldt State, an evolution of his North Coast Education Summit. The center will be an umbrella group for the Queer Student Union, The Family, and will be connected to Queer Humboldt.

Nora Wynne was a colleague, friend and student of Rofes. She is in the graduate program in education at Humboldt State. She worked with him in activism. "He was totally effective at everything he did. He was a visionary that had his feet solid on the ground," Wynne said. "He believed fiercely in the democratic process and was a firm believer in coalition building. He was busy all the time, publishing papers, going to conferences. He was a prolific writer and was

always writing."

Rofes was the foremost author in education and Queer Liberation, writing 12 books, and was one of the first teachers to come out as homosexual when he lived in Massachusetts. He started the queer studies minor at Humboldt State and was an advocate in the departments of women's studies, ethnic studies, leadership studies, the community, and environment.

"He was a model of a teacher," Wynne said. "He practiced what he preached. He was super driven. He wanted you to do your best and believed in the best you could do. He was just amazing. He left a humongous hole here. It will be hard to fill that void without him."

Porscha Cobbs, a junior at Humboldt State studying social work, said the new resource center will be in the spirit of Eric Rofes because it is about coming out of your comfort zone to organize and make something happen.

"It is a space for students to talk about issues that are important to them when there is no other place

to express that," Cobbs said. "It is a space for students to access resources that are harder to get on campus. A place to find out what's going in our community, a support system for students."

Patrick Malloy is a religious studies major and queer studies minor senior. He wrote the grant for the new Eric Rofes center and said it is modeled after the Women's Resource Center. He said the

center will be a place to get access to information, books, and community information. The center will host events and inform people of social events like Humboldt Pride, National Coming Out Day, and the Day of Silence.

The Eric Rofes center will celebrate its grand opening with a barbeque and ribbon cutting on Saturday, March 8, at 4 p.m. in the parking lot of the

MultiCultural Center. Some of Rofes' colleagues and friends will be in attendance. Among them will be poet and hip hop artist Tim 'M West, who will give an opening address for the event.

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Nora Wynne
graduate student

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ART

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'Pharmacopoeia' is Soderstrom's commentary on prescription medications, and includes many different prescription bottles. Senior Ruth Miller, an art history major and president of the Humboldt Art History Society, said, "I just read about 'The Divining Rod.' I was really happy at its acknowledgment, the exhibition as a whole, and the different superstitions presented.

I think it's a really great balance between humor and fine art."

With such supportive reac-

tions to his work, Mark Allen Soderstrom can only hope to expect more great things in the future, but right now, he's just thinking about today. "I'm trying to get this seen," Soderstrom said.

Parallax boasts a wide variety of thought provoking art made up of many different mediums that will appeal to many different tastes. This will hopefully give the idealistic Soderstrom the boost of his career, catapulting him into stardom. Parallax will continue its run at Humboldt State Uni-

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Ruth Miller
senior art history major

versity at the Reese Bullen Gallery located in the Art B building from Feb. 22- March 25, 2008.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY:

"Peace, in the sense of the absence of war, is of little value to someone who is dying of hunger or cold. It will not remove the pain of torture inflicted on a prisoner of conscience. It does not comfort those who have lost their loved ones in floods caused by senseless deforestation in a neighboring country. Peace can only last where human rights are respected, where the people are fed, and where individuals and nations are free."

- HH the Dalai Lama

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COMMUNITY

Wednesday, March 5th

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Stamps House

"Wallflower Wednesday"
• 5 PM

Klamath River
Interpretive Center

Whale Watching •
10 AM • Free

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Roller rink

Adults only skate
night • 6:30 PM
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their parents

Thursday, March 6th

Six Rivers
Brewery



Soldiers of Shangri-La
9 PM

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Traveling Circuits
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Arcata Playhouse

Willy Wonka Jr. • 7:30
PM • \$8 general, \$5
students and seniors

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on American Indian
Education

Friday, March 7th

Humboldt
Roller rink

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dren, \$4.00 age 9-17,
adults \$5.00, includ-
ing skate rental

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California Confer-
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Indian Education

Arcata Playhouse

Willy Wonka Jr. • 7:30 PM
\$8 general, \$5 students
and seniors

Saturday, March 8th

Humboldt Brews

Public field trip
through the Arcata
Marsh and Wildlife
Sanctuary
8:30 AM • Free

Fortuna
Monday Club

Scotia Ragtime
Band • 8 PM
\$8.00 general, \$6.00
students and seniors

Arcata Playhouse

Willy Wonka Jr. • 7:30
PM • \$8 general, \$5
students and seniors

Klamath River
Interpretive Center

Whale Watching
2 PM • Free

Humboldt Brews

Free CPR classes • on
the hour starting
at 7 AM

Humboldt Brews

Public Property
(Reggae)

Stamps House

Stamps Property Res-
toration • 9:30 AM

Interpretive
Center

Friends of the Arcata
Marsh training
session • 9 AM
Tour of the Arcata
Marsh • 2 PM • Free

Humboldt Brews

California Confer-
ence on American
Indian Education

Northwest
Center

David Smith-Ferri book-
signing • 7 PM

Sunday, March 9th

Six Rivers
Brewery

Moonshine • 8 PM

Fortuna
Monday Club

Public field trip to
Humboldt Bay
National Wildlife Refuge
9 AM • Free

Humboldt Brews

Huckleberry Flint
(Old Timey
Bluegrass)

Stamps House

Stamps Property
Tour • 2 PM

Northwest
Center for the Arts

Vermillion Lies • 7:30
PM • \$12 (\$10
for WCA members,
seniors and students)

Judy's
House

Francis Moore Lappé
6:30 PM • \$5-\$25

Monday, March 10th

Six Rivers
Brewery

Live Karaoke • 7 PM

Humboldt Brews

The Hackensaw Boys
(NewGrass)

Stamps House

Open Mic • 7 PM

Tuesday, March 11th

Six Rivers
Brewery

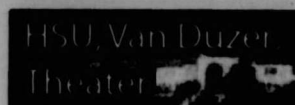
Sunny Brae Jazz
Quartet • 8 PM

Humboldt Brews

In The Mix
(Local DJ's)

CALENDAR CAMPUS

Wednesday, March 5th



Bellydance Superstars
8 PM • general \$35,
child/senior \$33,
HSU \$25



**College of Natural
Resources and Sciences
Social • 5 PM**

Thursday, March 6th

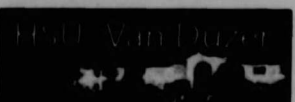


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"In the Blink of an Eye"
7 PM

Friday, March 7th

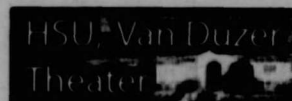


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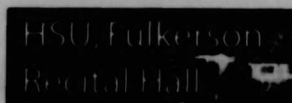


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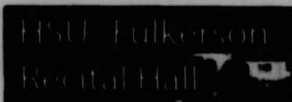
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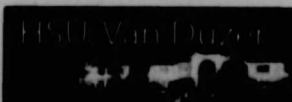
Greg Brown • 8PM
general \$35.00,
child/senior \$33.00,
HSU \$25.00



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GAMELAN X • 8 PM • \$8
general, \$3 seniors and
students, HSU Free

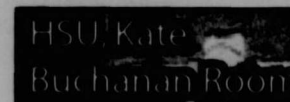


"Follow me Home"
7 PM • \$5 general,
HSU free



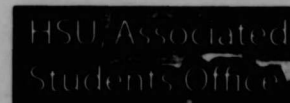
Denise Uyehara • 9 PM
\$5 general, HSU free

Sunday, March 9th

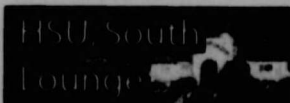


ChUSMA • 1 PM • \$5
general, HSU free

Monday, March 10th



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NORML meeting
7 PM

Tuesday, March 11th



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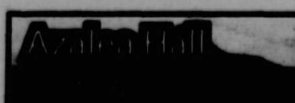
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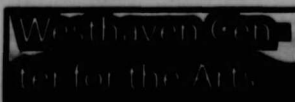
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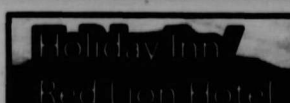
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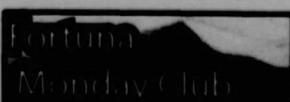
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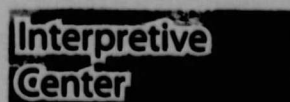
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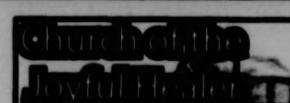
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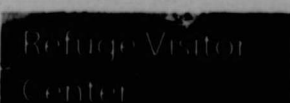
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