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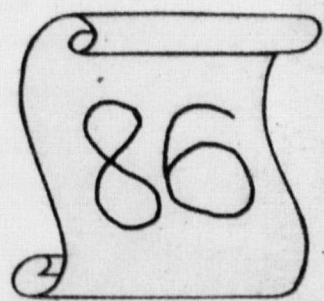
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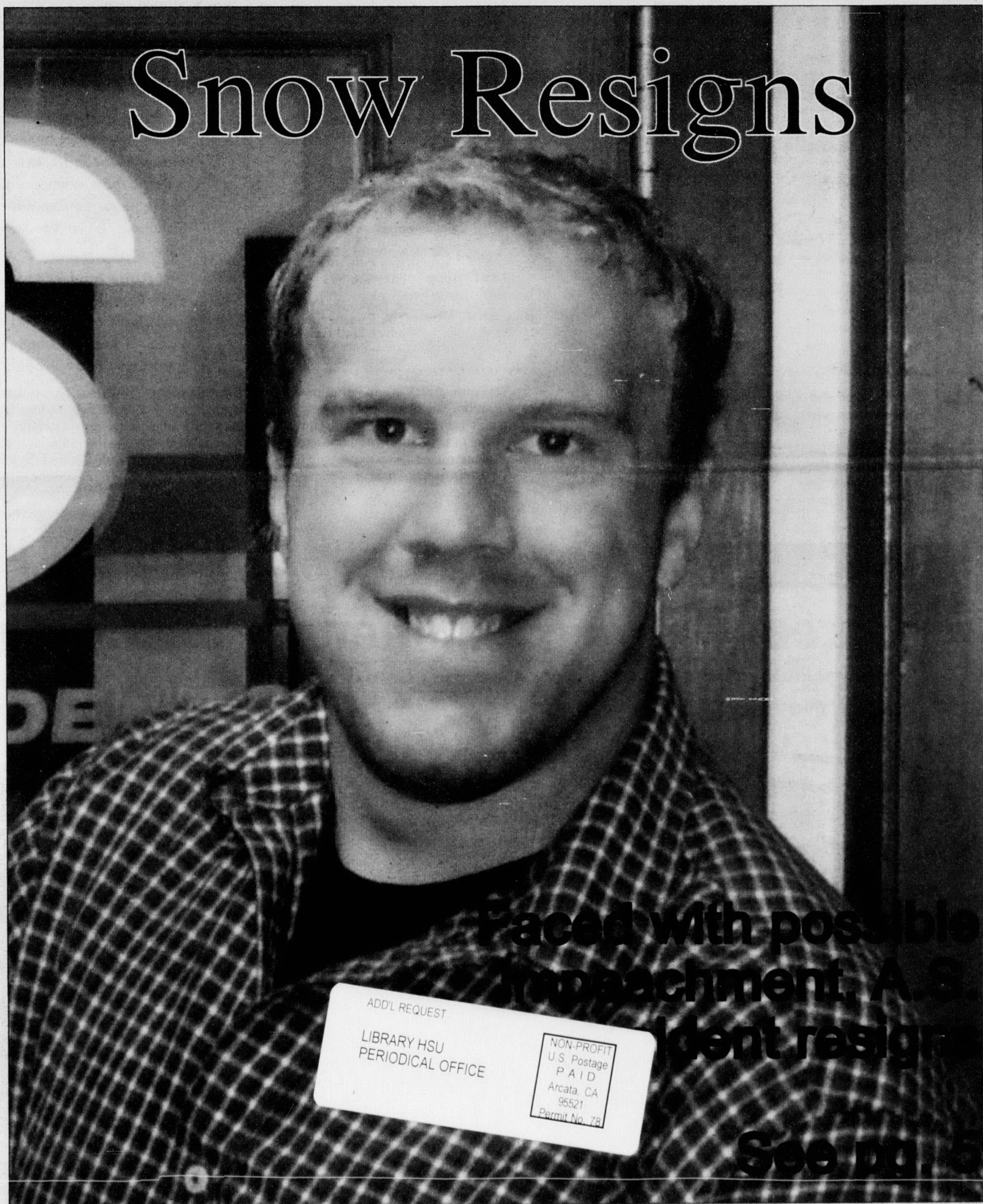
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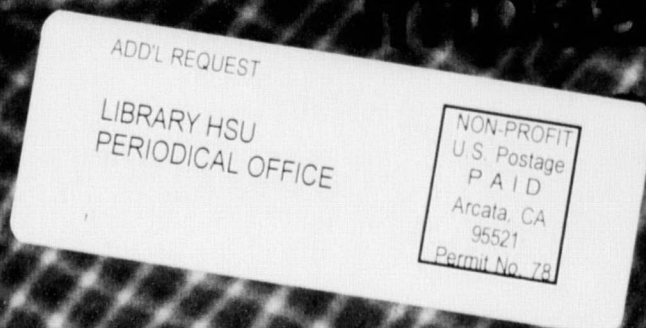
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Class size grows due to budget cuts

\$1.2 million in cuts will increase class size and decrease the ammount of sections offered

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Jennifer Muha, a transfer student from Cal Poly Pomona, came to HSU for small class sizes and more opportunities for hands-on experience. She also likes the fact that her pre-calculus teacher, Lourdes Triana, knows her name. Next semester this may not be possible because Triana will have to memorize 70, rather than 49, names per class.

The administration will cut \$1.2 million from the academic department next semester, causing fewer course units for faculty, fewer sections of courses offered for students, and larger class sizes next semester.

Richard Vrem, provost and vice president of academic affairs at HSU, said the current budget for academic affairs is not the same as it was last spring. There is a \$425,000 difference between the budget last spring and the budget for this coming fiscal year. Academic affairs overspent its budget last spring by \$750,000. "We could be anywhere from \$1.5 million to \$2 million short of what we need," Vrem said.

"Yes we will see some classes larger but the majority of classes will stay the same size. We're looking at maybe 30 classes that will increase in size," Vrem said. "We're doing some last minute changes to bring the budget into balance with what our costs are."

"We're looking at one geography class that may run 300 students or more and that may be held in the Kate Buchanan room," Vrem said.

Vrem said that HSU already has some classes at 150 students but wants to keep HSU's small class sizes. "I think it's important that we maintain the Humboldt experience. We pride ourselves in quality instruction and lots of faculty, student interaction," Vrem said.

"I don't know of any classes that are going from 30 students to 150," Vrem said. "That's not happening."

Muha thinks that larger class sizes will be detrimental to the university. "We are already an under-budgeted campus, if they are taking more money from us it will make school harder for everyone," Muha said.

"Cutting more money from academics is not the solution and will not make enrollment any higher," Muha said.

Muha is concerned about being in large classes. "A large class would drag everyone down and with everyone asking

questions the class would drag on in a class of 70 or more," Muha said. "I think it will only reduce student understanding and preparedness."

Leandra Lopez, a freshman Forestry major, came to HSU this semester from southern California. She chose Humboldt State because of the small class sizes and close community. Now she is a student in Triana's pre-calculus class of 49 students.

"I feel it's one the limits of losing teacher-student interaction," Lopez said. "I want to have personal interaction with my teachers. I want to raise my hand and be seen. I'd rather be a person than a number," Lopez said.

Lourdes Triana, a professor in the math department at HSU, has a pre-calculus class of 49 students this semester, one of the largest classes she has ever taught. Triana said that there are usually 10-12 sections of pre-calculus available, but next semester there are only five sections scheduled.

Pre-calculus is a pre-requisite class that all students majoring in one of the sciences have to take. Next semester these classes will go up to 70 students or more per class.

Another math class that will increase in size is Math 115, a general education class, which will climb to 155 students in four sections.

"The students are getting shafted the most and the next level that's getting screwed the most is the faculty," Triana said.

Triana is concerned about having classes of more than 70 students next semester. "You could teach a class that large but it would be like watching a movie," Triana said. "With 70 students I won't be able to learn all their names; they'll just be a blur to me."

Triana has been teaching at HSU since 1994 and is so dedicated to helping her students that she often tutors them in her home when they cannot come to her office. "I tell students 'you can come to my office or go to the math lab' but there's no way I can give them all individual attention in class," Triana said.

The deficit in the budget is a concern to Triana. "They tell you they just don't have any money but they do have the money. This is an educational institution and the money should go to education first," Triana said.

Triana said that the money spent on the gateways and kiosks around campus should have gone to the academics budget. "They tell you the money is awarded in pockets and can only be used for certain things, but when your children are hungry you don't tell them we can't buy food because that money is for re-tiling the bathroom," Triana said.

"A tower looks good but then you see tuition rise. What's the cost?" Triana said.

Professors' salaries are also a concern to Triana. "They have to rethink their priorities. Some lecturers at HSU make about \$30,000 a year," Triana said. "There are teachers here with Ph.D.s and a lot of research and they barely make \$50,000 a year. They could make a lot more money somewhere else," Triana said.

According to the California Faculty Association, Chancellor Charles B. Reed makes \$362,500 per year and the governor of California only makes \$175,000 per year. CSU presidents have been given a 13.7 percent raise to their annual salaries, plus their car allowances increased by \$1,000 per month and their housing allowances increased by \$30,000 per year.

This money could go to adding 262 more class sections and help 10,000 students get the classes they need to graduate according to a report distributed to faculty by the California Faculty Association.

Triana said that these increased salaries are a large expenditure. "With President Richmond's salary, if he gave up his \$30,000 housing allowance it could help many students get the classes they need at HSU," Triana said.

Full-time student enrolment is the factor that will increase funding for HSU, said Vrem. "We're going to be starting a campaign to encourage students to take a full course load of units in the spring," Vrem said. "If every student took one more unit we would meet our enrollment target."

"It depends on your academic load and your financial aid status, and it is not practical for all HSU students to take a full course load, but for the majority of HSU students it is," Vrem said.

Out with the trash

HSU dining services no longer composts leftover food

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What appeared to be a transient couple went looking for food in the J a few weeks ago. A group of Creekview residents are confident that the couple did not attend the university.

James Ramsden, a senior in political science, recalls his roommate going to empty his tray at the dish line when he was stopped by the couple. "They asked him for the scraps that were left on his plate," Ramsden said. "He gave them the scraps and then went and bought them

their own tray full of food. It was really cool," Ramsden said.

All of the food that Humboldt State students leave on their plates at the end of every meal at the J is thrown away in a huge garbage container, but this is nothing new.

The term for waste, such as food scraps and partially eaten portions is post-consumer waste, and it is not composted. This food is not composted because it all gets

thrown together in a huge bucket, and there is too much that is not compostable.

The pre-consumer waste, or the leftover fresh food, is either saved and reused for the next meal or it is thrown away. If the portion is large enough, then the dish will be offered a few hours later.

Arnold Waddell, manager of the J, says that the pre-consumer waste cannot be sent to the Food En-

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Colleen Roberts

deavor (the local food bank) because it is too perishable. "Most of it is vegetable matter such as lettuce leaves or tomato slices and things like that," Waddell said. The food bank is in Eureka, and the Endeavor in Arcata.

The Campus Recycling Center used to take care of all the composting work from the J at the CCAT site, but this semester they are not.

"They (the center) are now focusing more on the educational aspect of their program rather than actually doing the work of composting materials," Waddell said.

Kevin Owens, a senior in psychology, is an employee at the J. Owens said that during the last academic year, the leftover food was thrown away, but over the summer, with the help of the center, salad materials were composted, but that was all.

Waddell said that the J and its staff no longer have the resources and materials that they would need to continue composting on their own.

He says that there is a new composting company that just moved into the area, but no contact has been made with them as of yet.

Jose Rodriguez, a senior in French language studies, is a former employee of the J and worked there last year. He said that nothing was ever mentioned to him about a composting program. "We always threw everything in the garbage," Rodriguez said.

Leftover food was not allowed to be taken home at the end of the night unless it was paid for Rodriguez explained. "There were some employees that got really upset over this, because the food was just going to be thrown

away, so why did it matter," he said.

"I would always feel bad when I was throwing out the leftover food," Rodriguez said. "They should give it away, it's fresh."

Owens said that there are always four or five buckets of post-consumer waste at the end of every meal. "If we can't compost, then the students should be more aware and only get what they are going to eat," he said.

"I hope that we can start another composting program," Owens said. "It's worth the little bit of work that it takes."

However, the cafeteria staff is not equipped to handle the leftover food.

"We would be more than happy to continue composting our waste, but the problem is finding someone to help us do it," Waddell said.



Mimi Stalder works at the J in the dishroom. She is taking leftover food from trays and putting it in this bucket to be thrown away.

Colleen Roberts

Tony Snow resigns as AS president

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Right before President Tony Snow offered his resignation to the Associated Students, he said, "I didn't come here for a title, I came here to get a job done."

At approximately 2:05p.m. on Monday, after an impassioned speech about his experiences in student politics, Snow left the public hearing in Goodwin Forum, resigning his title as AS President "back to the students of HSU," and offering to the legislators "if you don't feel like working here to get the job done, come work with me, and we will do something."

Snow's resignation came after accusations that he violated AS policy with an inappropriate line of questioning during an interview with a woman applying for a position in the student government in early May, and was also accused of appointing positions against the consensus of the AS council based on personal biases.

In a letter to the AS, Colleen Roberts, a journalism major and member of The Lumberjack, said Snow "had the audacity and ignorance to demand responses to direct questions concerning my duties as a single mother and child-care decisions I was making for my family." She also mentioned a disagreement between herself and Snow in regards to AS controlling the television broadcasting class, which she opposed.

Roberts said that Snow once yelled at her in public because of her attitude towards him, and that Snow's biases were the reason she wasn't appointed to any position despite having all the qualifications.

AS members Crystal Chaney and Amrit Dhadli filed for Snow's impeachment and Legislative Vice President David Bakues concurred it. Chaney and Dhadli cited lack of attendance at committee meetings, failure to screen candidates for AS positions, and lack of reports to the council as the reasons for their motion to impeach. They said these violations fall under AS Governmental Code Section 8, outlining misuse of execu-

tive power and failure to report to the legislative body.

"I'm tired of this one-on-one bickering," said Snow. "As president I have tough choices to make, and that's the nature of the position."

He said the woman who wrote the letter was upset because she wasn't appointed, and he understands the frustration. His stance was best summed up in a few lines from his speech. "I refuse to stay and fight out of spite for political might," he said. "While class sizes grow and libraries close, we are here fighting with political foes. I will not participate in the continuance of inefficient governments."

While Snow also said in his speech "personal agendas have interfered with the process of improving this university," Bakues attributed the confusion and frustration of the situation to a lack of communication between AS members.

"I had hoped it wouldn't have had to come to this," Bakues said of the brief hearing. "But the arguments of violation were valid, and Tony [Snow] hadn't really made contact with anyone in AS for weeks." He noted that Snow was fighting the accusations and impeachment until a few hours before the meeting, and he was "sad to see him go" in such a fashion.

"I'm glad I don't have to deal with the 'he said-she said' arguments anymore," Snow said, and added that even though he lost the title, "the job never ends." Snow is still involved in campus affairs, and is currently working to create a 24-hour section of the library. His resignation is effective immediately.

About 20 students attended the hearing, and some seemed confused by the process. Students questioned the ambiguity of the charges and some criticized the lack of publicity the impeachment process was receiving. "I feel irresponsible as a student for not being more on top of the politics that go on with AS," Kienan Parr, a junior who attended the meeting, wrote in an e-mail.

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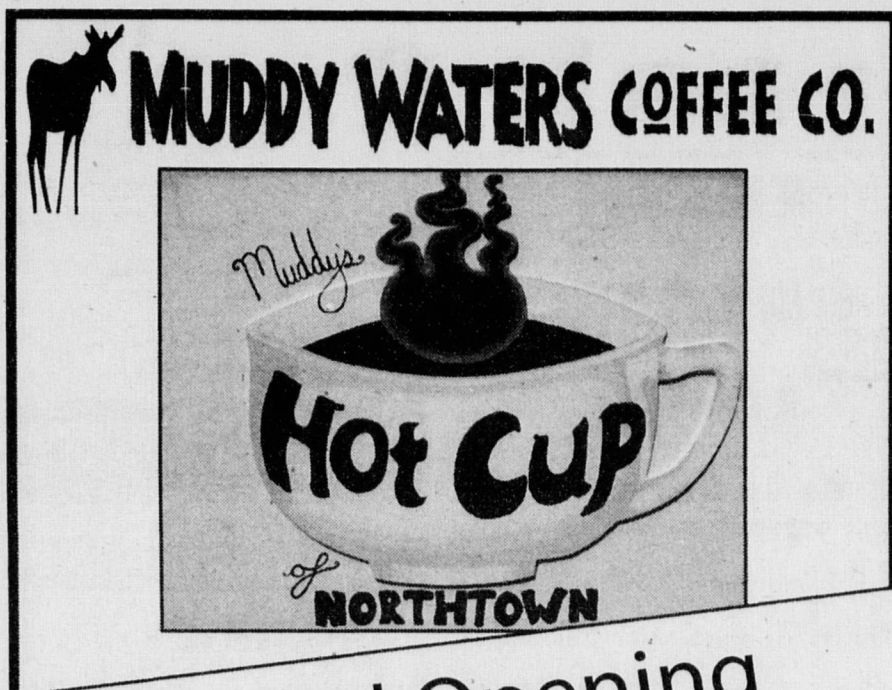
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AS faces racism head on

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While HSU struggles to increase diversity on campus, its student government is stuck debating charges of racism from its own members.

After the Sept. 11 Associated Students council meeting, some members accused the council of racism in their interviewing process. Three weeks later, AS is still divided on the issue.

During the meeting, AS council members were supposed to interview Lladira Baez for the college of arts, humanities and social sciences representative position (which they appointed her to two weeks later). Part way through the interview, council members recommended that Baez instead apply for social justice coordinator, a position that is still in the planning stages. Former AS President Tony Snow (he resigned from office on Monday), along with other AS members, wrote in a letter that Baez, who is Mexican American, was "berated, belittled and bastardized during the process." Snow said that what the council members did was inappropriate.

"I completely disagree with the members of the council that recommended her to a position that didn't even exist," he said.

Crystal Chaney, at the time the AS administrative vice president, and now the president, said the council members made their recommendation based on what they knew about Baez's experience. She said Snow didn't give the council any information on Baez before the meeting.

When people apply for a position in AS, Chaney said, the president usually sets up candidate interviews with the executive council. Based on a candidate's AS experience and involvement in extracurricular activities, the

council decides whether he or she will fit the position. Then, Chaney said, the president advocates that candidate to the general council. Finally, the council votes, with a 2-3 majority required.

While the council interviewed Baez, they questioned her about her multicultural background. Professional Studies Representative Anondah Saide, who is on the council, said they weren't asking about Baez's ethnicity.

"We were asking about her experience with multicultural activities at the Multicultural Center, and her social justice training," Saide said.

Baez said that although it may not have been intentional, the lengthy questioning she experienced was indeed racism.

"I'm not going to sugarcoat it," she said. "They told me I was overqualified [for the humanities and social sciences position]. That was ridiculous and very unprofessional." Baez said her actual qualifications include high school involvement with the Air Force Jr. Reserve Officer Training Corps, Associated Student Body and youth counseling. At HSU, she is president of the Gamma Alpha Omega Sorority.

Chaney said the council's background questions were inappropriate for the interview, but they were questions that should have been answered ahead of time.

At the Sept. 25 AS meeting, the council decided to review Baez's application and appointed her to the representative position she applied for. Baez said she didn't expect to get appointed, but is glad for the chance to deal with racism on campus.

"This is my chance to help students as much as possible," she said. "[Racism] doesn't happen to

just me. I feel like so many people are silenced."

When asked about how AS could be more inclusive of minorities, the Multicultural Center did not want to comment.

Tara Holloway, a college of natural resources and sciences representative, abstained from voting during the Sept. 25 meeting. She said she didn't have enough information on Baez. She also said a lack of information and miscommunication was what led to the accusatory letter of racism in the first place.

"Nobody came and talked to us before they wrote that letter, but they signed it with their [AS] titles," Holloway said. "They were speaking with their titles, which means they were speaking for the organization. [The council] didn't have input."

Following the accusations of racism, both Chaney and Emil Rodriguez, the public relations director coordinator for AS, said they are working on making AS more transparent to its council members and the student body.

Rodriguez said AS will hold a public forum during the beginning of November. Scheduled as part of the Campus Dialogue on Race, AS plans to use the forum to discuss what happened with Baez, as well as unintentional racism in general.

Chaney said that AS is also putting together mediation forums for its council members. She said the council is the voice of the students, and transparency is vital to continuing that voice.

"When you allege things like racism toward an organization, it discredits it," Chaney said. "If our administration doesn't believe we can handle our own problems, they won't listen to us."

PRESIDENT: Snow resigns before impeachment

"The accusations brought against Snow didn't seem extreme," he noted. "But they could have had some validity."

Others addressed issues such as budget cuts and class size increases, but these issues were not discussed in detail because the focus of the meeting was the accusations against the president.

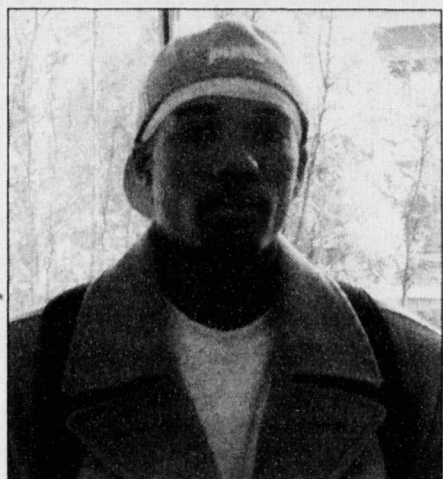
Even members of AS were confused. "None of us knew exactly what was going on until we got to the meeting," Lladira Baez said, the representative for College of arts, humanities and social sciences. She noted the exact charges of impeachment weren't made clear to her until she arrived in Goodwin Forum. She and other members declined to comment further because mediation is still taking place to settle disagreements among the council.

Backues, the main speaker, informed the audience the charges were not going to be discussed because Snow had already resigned, and clear outlines of AS agendas and policies were posted outside its office in the University Center near the south lounge. A specific list of accusations was available to those who attended.

After a question of Snow's replacement went unanswered, no one had anything to say. However, Backues told this reporter shortly after the meeting that Vice President Crystal Chaney will assume the presidency according to AS codes. The meeting ended after about 15 minutes when Snow formally submitted his resignation. One student-council member left the room in tears.

Question of the week

"If the administration asked you to take one more unit to help raise full-time enrollment, would you do it?"



"Sure, I would do whatever I could to help."

Antoine Johnson
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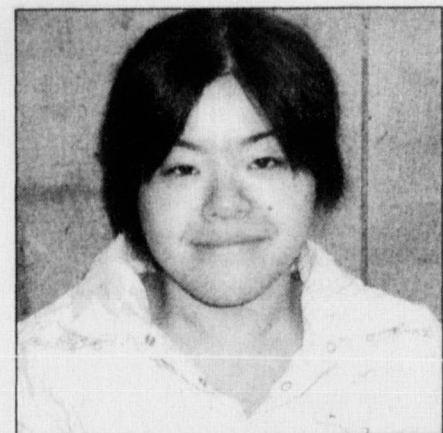
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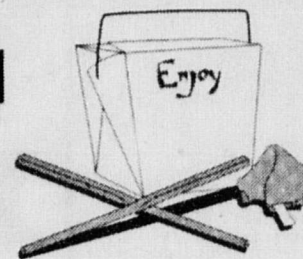
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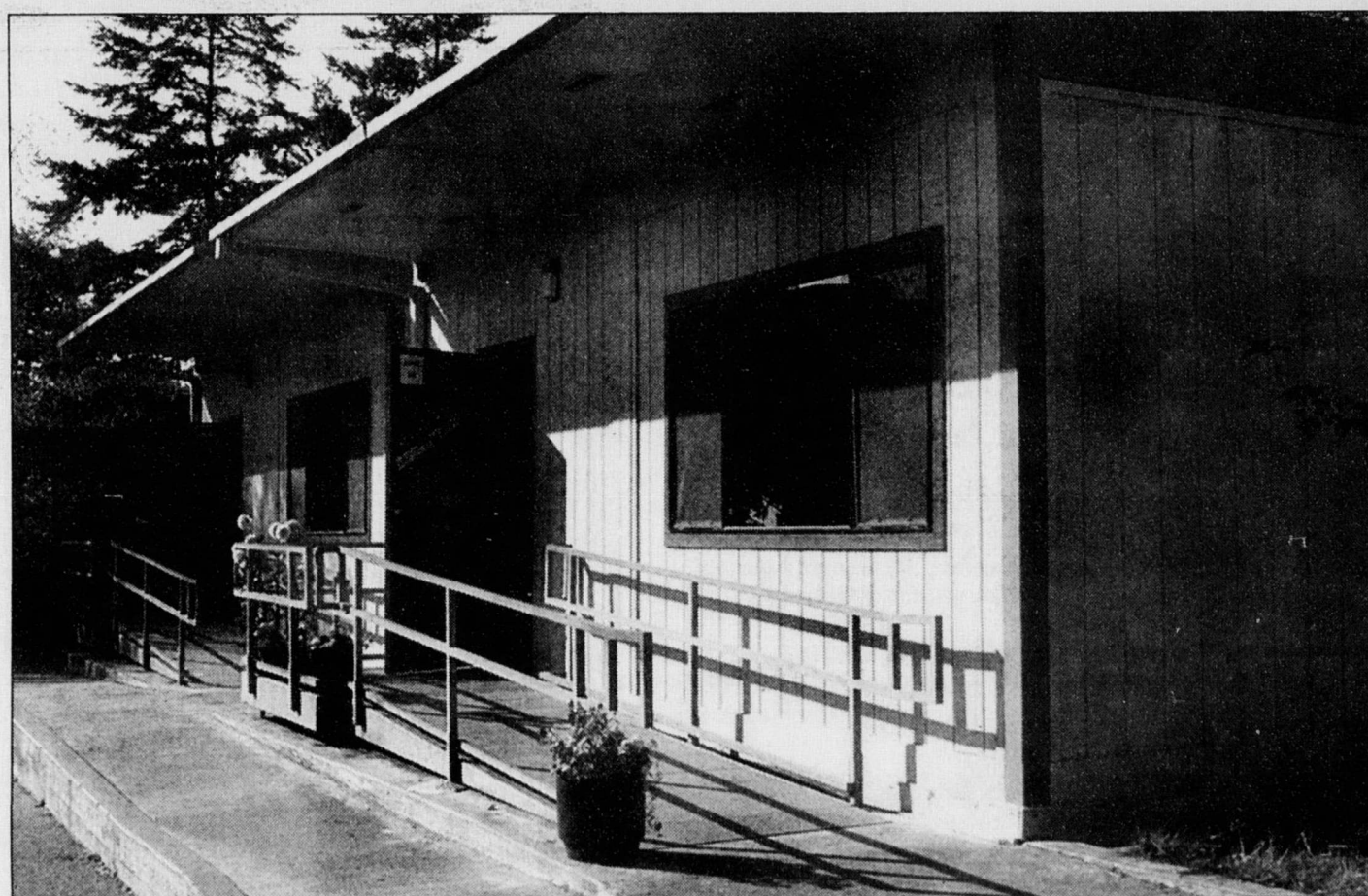
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Why vote on Y? Jacoby Creek Elementary asks for new classrooms in local measure

Measure Y calls for \$2.5 million in bonds to be used to replace the current facilities with new permanent classrooms

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These portables cost Jacoby Creek Elementary \$40,000 a year in leases. Measure Y is looking to replace these temporary classrooms with permanent buildings.

Colleen Roberts

Dahlias dress up an otherwise dreary wall. Noisy air conditioners compete with teachers in today's social studies lesson.

Jacoby Creek is the only campus of a one-school district in Bayside. Its Charter boasts high SAT 9 scores and four California Distinguished School awards. But half of its classrooms are shabby, outdated, portable structures.

Measure Y is a local issue on November's ballot.

If passed, Jacoby Creek School will replace the rented, modular trailers with energy-efficient, permanent classrooms-- at the expense of local homeowners.

Measure Y asks whether Jacoby Creek shall replace the classrooms by issuing \$2.5 million in bonds.

The bonds would be paid for by taxpayers in the school's district at the rate of \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed property value.

"No one wants to be in the portables," Principal and Superintendent Eric Grantz said.

Patty Long, a Kindergarten teacher at the school agreed.

"Every time we'd dance, the floor shook and the CD would skip," she said.

Long lists, poor lighting and the odd shape of the room are issues that plague the buildings and learning environment.

Complaints from additional teachers include noise from air conditioners, which are adjacent to other

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Devora Kaufman
Parent of Jacoby Creek student

classrooms and the lack of covered walkways—problematic in the rainy season.

"If the portables were simply torn down, there would be enough classrooms at the school to accommodate the students who actually live within the district," said Jerry Partain, Bayside resident and opponent to Measure Y.

Since 58 percent of the 420 students at Jacoby Creek come from outside the district, their parents don't have to pay one cent of the debt, Partain said.

He points out that schools around Humboldt County are dealing with declining enrollment, and that this problem could be solved by students attending within their own district.

While Arcata Elementary School Principal Margaret Flenner declined to comment, the school did confirm that Bloomfield and Sunset Elementary Schools recently merged to form Arcata Elementary.

This was due to declining enrollment within the Arcata School District.

"We didn't suddenly drop [in] kids from other schools," argues Catherine Girard, 24-year teacher at Jacoby Creek.

She insists that the school is not trying to grow, but only wants to get out of temporary classrooms.

Likewise, Principal Grantz stresses the fact that there is a problem of inequity at the moment.

Some of the students have classrooms filled with light and amenities such as space, sinks, and cabinets, while others function with the portables, which he describes as "boxes."

These temporary trailers cost the school \$40,000 a year in leases according to a brochure produced by the district.

Even some parents of Jacoby Creek students have reservations about Measure Y.

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Bayside resident

"I don't like bonds. I think they create debt for the future," said Devora Kaufman, a Jacoby Creek parent.

Sara Mitchell, a parent of a kindergartener, said she went to school in a portable and is not opposed to her child attending class in one.

However, she would like to see improvements.

Kira, a fifth-grader at Jacoby Creek, has attended class in both a portable trailer and a permanent classroom.

She says there is not much of a difference, although her permanent classroom had an easel with paints and other art supplies. There isn't space for this in the portable, she said.

As far as the future, Principal Grantz feels the students deserve a 21st Century institution.

For any questions about Jacoby Creek Charter School or Measure Y, contact Superintendent Eric Grantz at (707) 822-4896.

Opponents of the measure can contact Jerry Partain at (707) 822-2626.

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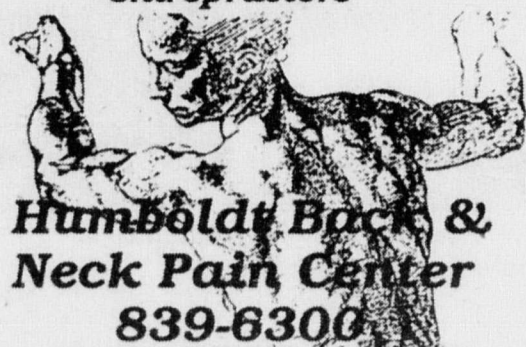
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You've seen them walking the streets of Arcata. Dressed in dark pants, white collared shirts, ties, polished leather shoes, and sporting nametags; they answer each opened door with a smile and the same introduction.

"Hello, we're missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints." That's right, they're Mormons.

Actually, Mormons is a slang term, referring to the Book of Mormon, the keystone of the religion, which this church's practitioners read.

et, which covers rent for an apartment, food, gas and other necessities. They also must meet the requirements to be missionaries.

"There's high standards for us, we have to follow those standards and be worthy of a mission call," Hoy said.

While on a mission they're only allowed to call home twice a year for 30 minutes each time.

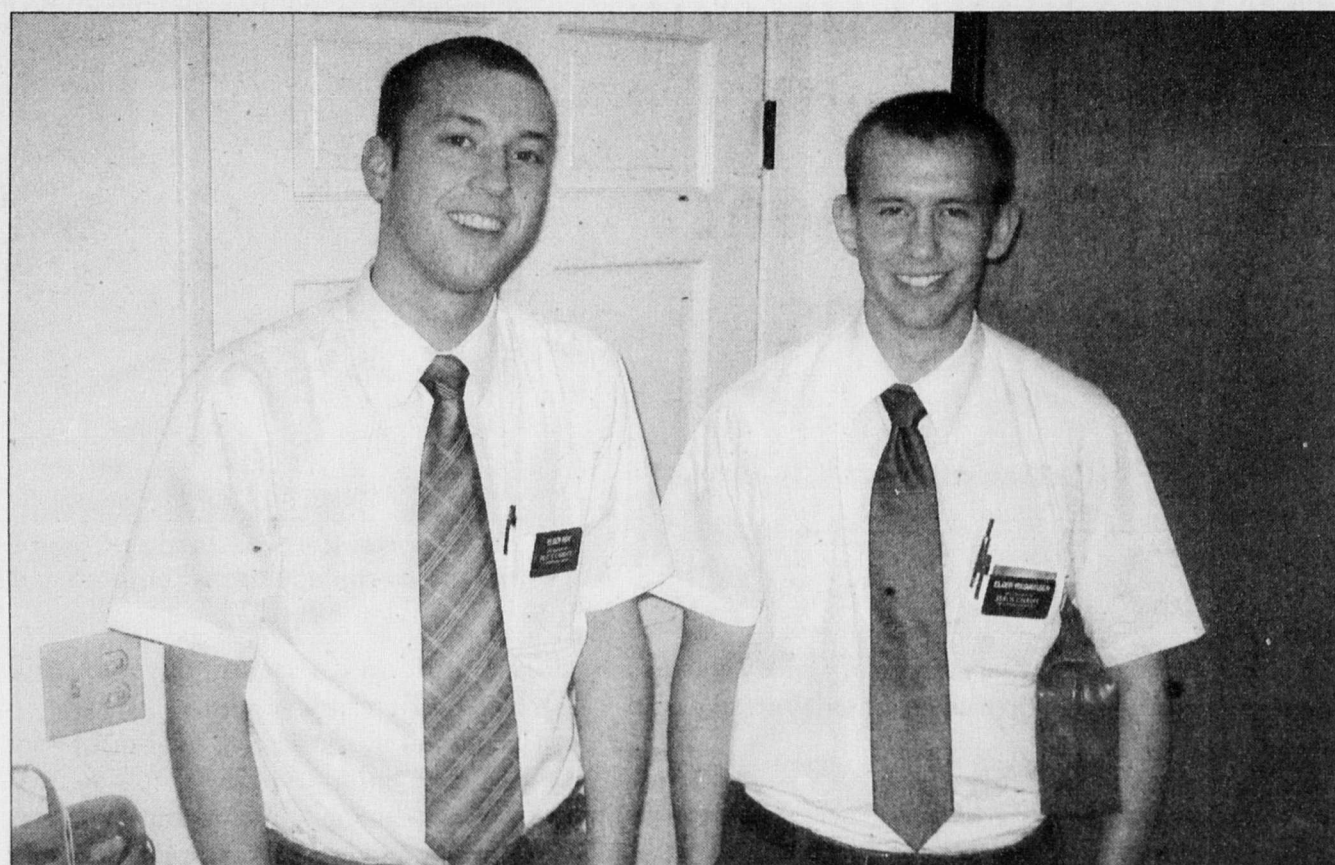
Hoy and Rasmussen call on Mother's Day and Christmas. They can also e-mail their families once a week and write letters by regular mail.

Hoy lives in Gilberts, Ariz., but grew up in Southern California and was excited to come back, but he wasn't expecting Arcata.

When asked how it's been in Humboldt County, Rasmussen responded, "I haven't had anything thrown at me...yet."

Hoy said that in general he's met more polite people than rude, but in Arcata he found the opposite.

Hoy and Rasmussen said that people drive by and yell and swear at them. One man at the plaza



Elders Hoy and Rasmussen are both Mormon missionaries spending part of their mission in Humboldt County.

Torrin Hults

Elder Hoy, 20, and Elder Rasmussen, 19, (while on mission they're referred to as Elder) are two of 12 missionaries in Humboldt County.

Missionaries leave their homes for two years and are sent to different parts of the globe to educate people about their church. Rasmussen thought he would be sent to Brazil, apparently where a lot of missionaries are sent, but instead ended up in Humboldt. Hoy said he knew he would be assigned somewhere in the United States.

"[We] invite others to come into Christ by helping them receive the restored gospel through faith in Jesus Christ, repentance, baptism, receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost and endure to the end," Hoy said.

To go on missionary work, a church member must be at least 19 to 26-years-old.

They pay \$10,000 out of pocket,

"It's hard to live by the rules we have," Hoy said.

Their typical day begins with waking up at 6:30 a.m. for half an hour of exercise, breakfast and a shower. At 8 a.m. they have an hour of personal study when they study scripture, gospel, their missionary manuals and gospel principles.

They then study together for an hour. At 10 a.m. they begin knocking on doors, or "tracting," as they call it.

They visit less active members of the church as well as people who may be interested in the church. After a couple hours they have an hour lunch and later dinner with a member of the local church.

"We usually share a spiritual thought with them, leaving them spiritually fed," Hoy said.

Rasmussen lives in South Jordan, Utah, a community 15 miles from Salt Lake City.

tried to pick a fight.

"A lot of people look at us as a cult, not a church," Hoy said.

William Herbrechtsmeier, a Humboldt State religious studies professor, said people persecuted Mormons since the founding of the religion, but that it's common with any religion.

He said people look at religions that are unfamiliar and label them with words that give them a bad image.

"People use words and they spread their prejudices all over the place," Herbrechtsmeier said.

Hoy plans to study music at the University of Arizona after he finishes his mission in 11 months. Rasmussen said after he finishes in 16 months, he plans to continue to run a consulting business he entrusted with a partner back home and to get married.

Ron Kuhnel ready for a run at Eureka City Council

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Ron Kuhnel is no stranger to the classroom, teaching for the last 30 years. He has mainly taught technology and artificial intelligence courses at schools such as CSU Stanislaus, University of San Francisco, UC Davis and College of the Redwoods. Kuhnel has served for nearly four years as a Planning Commissioner for Eureka, and President of the Eureka Heritage Society for nearly two years.

But now, he is on the other side of the desk and absolutely loving it.

Kuhnel's infatuation with education spurred a return to HSU to complete a Masters in Sociology.

He became a student at HSU through the over 60 program, which gives people over the age of 60 a chance to take classes at

a discounted rate. He began taking classes in Archaeology and Sociology for personal education and life enrichment. To his knowledge, HSU is the only campus that has such a program. "It's a way to reinvent yourself as an older adult," he said. Kuhnel is a man with a deep passion for education, people, the environment and teaching.

Outside of school, Kuhnel is active in local politics. He is running for the Eureka City Council 3rd Ward, and is also looking forward to applying what he has learned in the classroom to the city council. "My education will make me a more effective city council member," he said.

Kuhnel has always loved the great outdoors, and as an active member in the community, has

provided himself with the opportunity to conserve it. His campaign motto is "leadership for change," which he says is something to learn, practice and put to work. "Active leaders make motions and define the agenda," Kuhnel said he encourages everyone, especially students to step up and become those leaders.

Tim McKay, a leader of the environmental world on the North Coast, has always been an inspiration to Kuhnel.

McKay is a pioneer in the fight to conserve the North Coast. He was an active leader with the Northcoast Environmentalist Center and tended to have his hand in every environmental cookie jar.

"My dream is to become another Tim McKay," Kuhnel said.



From the left: Ron Kuhnel, Columbian exchange student Hector Ramirez, wife Melissa, daughter Leslie Lollich.

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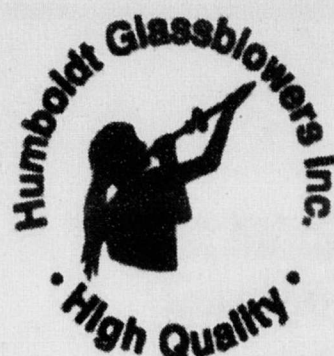
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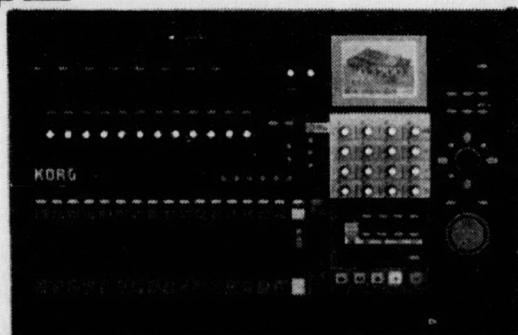
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Is Iran next?

A discussion led by HSU professors examined this burning question and explored the possibility of the U.S. launching an attack

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On the other side of the globe, an ancient civilization has been thriving for thousands of years, a Persian empire with a history and culture as old as humanity itself.

Iran used to be thought of by most Americans only as an exotic, distant land. Since the beginning of the 21st century however, the world has become much smaller.

In recent years, the United States has invaded and bombed Afghanistan and Iraq, which is still heavily occupied by the U.S. military.

Recent developments indicate that the United States intends to do the same in Iran.

Relations between Iran and the United States were discussed in Founders Hall on Sept. 26.

The speakers were Humboldt State's William Herbrechtsmeier, professor in the religious studies department, and Saeed Mortazavi, professor of business administration.

"The U.S. government is portraying Iran as an immediate threat that must be wiped out. This issue derives from the minds of Neo-Cons and Bush, that they can control [foreign policy] with military force," said Herbrechtsmeier.

Iran and the United States have been at a standoff in their negotiations. The United States claims

"If the people of America realize that the people of Iran are not the enemy, and the people of Iran realize Americans are not their enemy, there is room for reconciliation."

Saeed Mortazavi

HSU professor

Iran is attempting to build nuclear weapons, while Iran maintains that their program is peaceful and for energy purposes only.

The U.S. government is demanding Iran abandon the nuclear program.

An August 2006 report from the U.S. House of Representatives Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence claims that Iran poses an imminent threat.

This report says that Iran will attack Western nations if left alone.

In response, a leaked letter from the International Atomic Energy Agency stated that the U.S. report "contains some erroneous, misleading and unsubstantiated information."

According to the U.S. report on Iran, "Iran is currently enriching uranium to weapons grade [levels]." However, the agency report stated that Iran's uranium enrichment levels have reached only 3.6 percent while weapons grade plutonium must be enriched to 90 percent.

This was one of the many discrepancies in the U.S. report that was exposed by the atomic agency's report.

Mortazavi said at the Founder's Hall meeting, "The head of the IAEA says Iranians are very cooperative. This is propaganda to bomb the hell out of Iran." Mortazavi continued, "I think the U.S. wants to bring a regime to that part of the world that is friendly to the U.S."

The well-known news publication "The Nation" posted a story on Sept. 21 stating that the United States is planning a major attack against Iran.

According to the article "The Nation" has learned that the Bush Administration and the Pentagon have issued orders for a major

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HSU professor

'strike group' of ships, including the nuclear aircraft carrier Eisenhower as well as a cruiser, destroyer, frigate, submarine escort and supply ship, to head for the Persian Gulf, just off Iran's Western coast... This powerful armada is scheduled to arrive off the coast of Iran on or around Oct. 21."

The need for this armament is debatable.

"There is no reason for a war with Iran. People can negotiate with these individuals, they are pragmatic enough. My generation is very influenced by the West. This idea that Iran has something against the West is ludicrous," Mortazavi said.

He continued, "The solution is to feed them, give them money and educate their kids. As long as they are poor we'll deal with them for eternity."

Professor Herbrechtsmeier added, "Whenever you fail to deal with people rationally, you empower the radicals."

It seems one of the greatest challenges, and perhaps the solution to the violence, is for the Western world to understand and accept the Muslim world.

Mortazavi said, "If the people of America realize that the people of Iran are not the enemy, and the people of Iran realize Americans are not their enemy, there is room for reconciliation, although the media portrays it otherwise."

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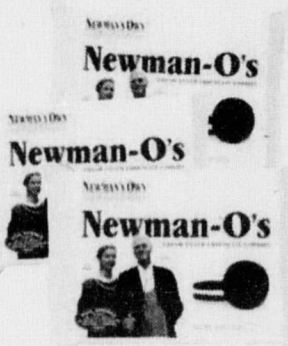
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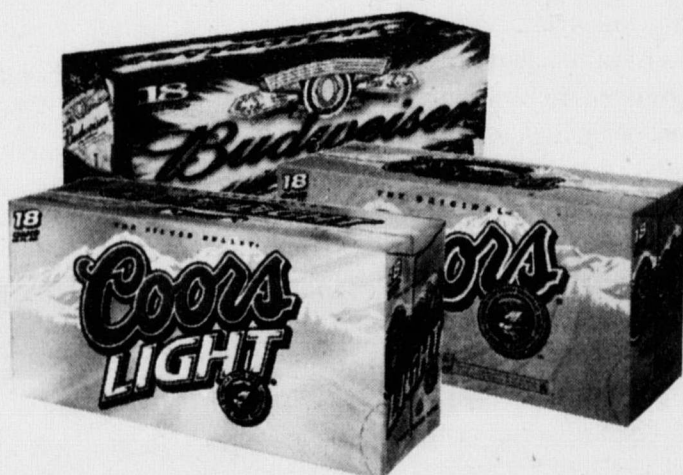
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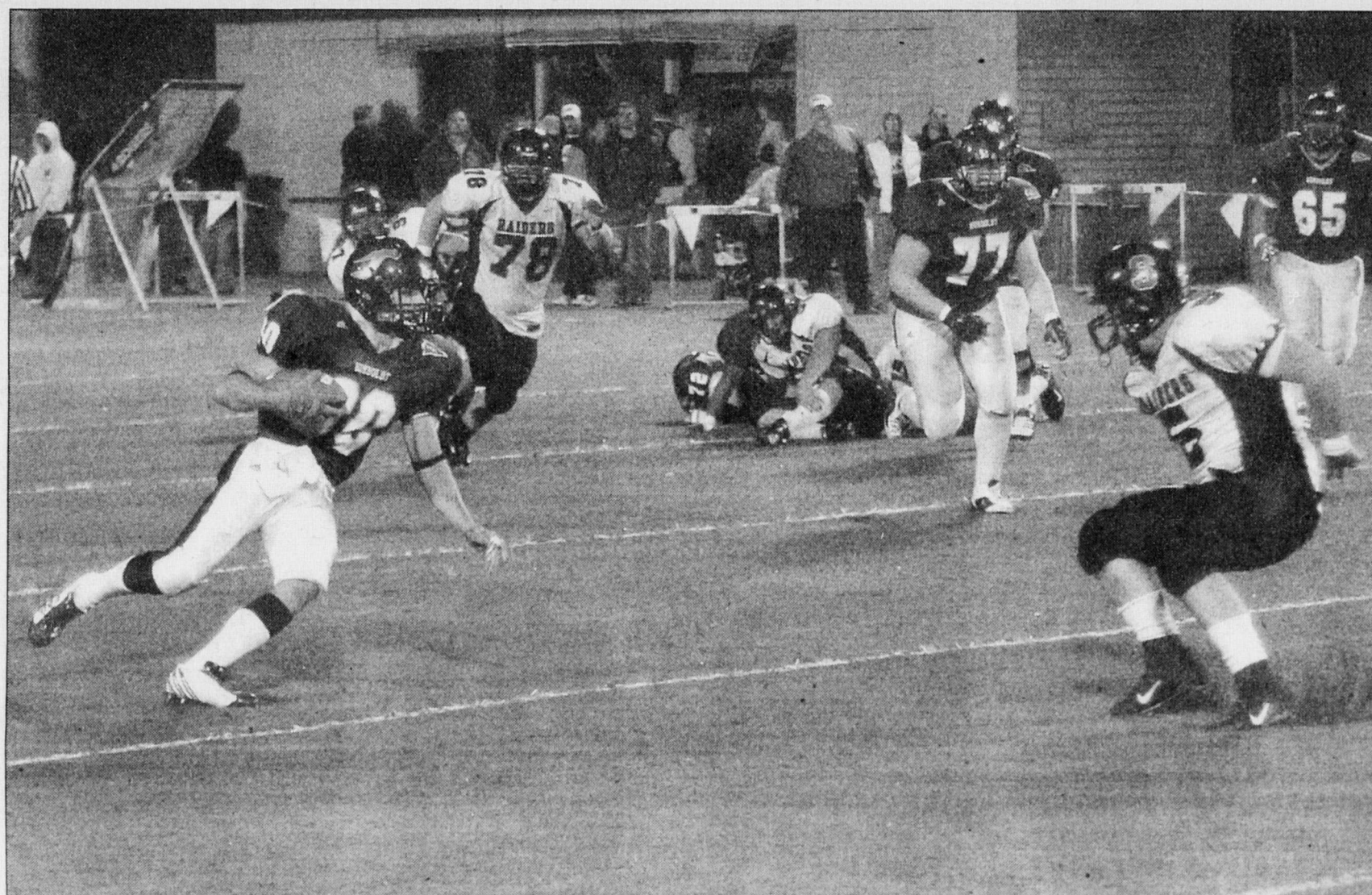
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Raiders get 'jack'ed up

Offense delivers late touchdowns to secure 'Jacks' third win



Eric Hedstrom

Senior wide receiver Joey Stein (left) tries to evade Southern Oregon linebacker Josh Lopez (right). Stein caught 11 passes for 179 yards and two touchdowns in the 'Jacks' 30-13 win, which was their fifth consecutive over the Raiders.

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When a team wins by 17 points, it usually means that the offense and defense made few mistakes and played solidly throughout the game.

For the Humboldt State football team, a little bit of luck gave them a 30-13 win over the Southern Oregon Raiders on Saturday in the homecoming game.

"Winning at home is a major confidence booster," said senior defensive lineman Sean Sherbert. "We just have to keep it going into the next game and the rest of the season."

"We need to have our best game against Western Oregon. We've got to eliminate penalties and we need to play hard from the start."

Todd Eagle
HSU senior defensive end

Sherbert added that the team's preparation for Southern Oregon played a major role in determining the outcome of the game.

"We had a good week of practice," Sherbert said. "We emphasized intensity and it paid off."

That intensity was hard to find at first. After holding the 'Jacks to five plays on HSU's opening drive, Southern Or-

gon scored on a 21-yard touchdown run to take an early 6-0 lead.

Humboldt's offense responded on their next drive with a touchdown of their own. Senior quarterback Blake Moorman led the 'Jacks down the field from their own 22-yard line and finished with a 3-yard pass to senior tight end Chris Ogden to give the 'Jacks a 7-6 lead.

The 'Jacks scored twice in the second quarter to take a 16-6 lead. Southern Oregon scored midway through the second quarter when running back Patrick Preyer scored on a one-yard touchdown run to cut the 'Jacks' lead to 16-13. The Raiders threatened to take the lead at halftime, but Southern Oregon's kicker missed two field goals.

HSU held the Raiders scoreless the rest of the game, although the win wasn't out of Southern Oregon's reach until the fourth quarter.

Leading 23-13, the 'Jacks benefited from a Southern Oregon fumble that was returned to the Raiders' 16-yard line. Three plays later, Moorman found senior wide receiver Joey Stein in the end zone for Stein's second touchdown of the night to secure the 'Jacks third win of the season.

"It was a good win," said sophomore running back Kenny Ruffino. "The defense worked hard and the offense made some big steps."

Several players expressed how important winning this game was, given that four of the 'Jacks' next five games are away from home.

"This win at home was clutch," said junior defensive back Nathan Turner. "We need every win. If we could have a crowd like tonight for every game, it would be great."

Penalties continue to be a problem for Humboldt. The 'Jacks' were flagged 13 times for 124 yards and many of those penalties either eliminated big offensive plays or gave Southern Oregon's offense better field position. Those penalties could be a concern when the 'Jacks travel to Western Oregon on Saturday to face the Wolves.

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HSU senior defensive lineman

"We need to have our best game against Western Oregon," said senior defensive end Todd Eagle, who led the team with four solo tackles against the Raiders. "We've got to eliminate penalties and we need to play hard from the start."

It all comes down to this

Baseball playoffs feature three teams from California

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It's that time of year when legends are born. From Reggie Jackson hitting numerous home runs in the World Series to Don Larson throwing the only no-hitter in the World Series, this is the time of year when players go from average to great.

This year, the Major League Baseball playoffs are no different. There is the Cinderella story, the teams who can't be beaten, and the usual suspects.

In the American League, there is a Cinderella story. The Detroit Tigers, who had only 43 wins in 2003, held the best record in baseball for most of the year. Led by manager Jim Leyland, the Tigers have gone from the basement of the American League to the top in Leyland's first year at the helm.

Then there are the infamous New York Yankees,

who seem to be in the playoffs every year. With an offense that is better than your office fantasy baseball team, they are a favorite to go to the World Series.

The AL Central Champion Minnesota Twins have been the hottest team in baseball in the second half of the season. Led by catcher Joe Mauer and starting pitcher Johan Santana, the Twins can pitch and hit as well as anybody in the playoffs.

The Oakland Athletics got into the playoffs with their usual style. Their first half of the year was inconsistent, and then they caught fire after the All-Star Game. The A's always seem to have the pitching down, but their offense will be the key to going further in the playoffs.

"If the A's split in Minnesota, they will have a

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BASEBALL: Mets and Twins headed for showdown in World Series

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chance," Oakland native and former HSU communications major Alex Jensen said. "The fact of seeing Johan [Santana] twice in one series absolutely scares me."

In the National League, the favorite is the New York Mets. They have been the best team in the NL all season long. They are lead by NL Most Valuable Player candidate Carlos Beltran. Joining him are budding stars David Wright and Jose Reyes, who could make October their coming out party.

The Los Angeles Dodgers clinched the NL Wild Card berth as the team with the best record not to win their division. The Dodgers, who ended the regular season with a victory over the San Francisco Giants, have been playing well for the past month. They lead the NL West for most of September until the San Diego Padres claimed the division title on a head-to-head tiebreaker.

"I think that the Dodgers are going to have to play their best game. There isn't any room for stupid errors when they play the Mets," Dodgers fan and junior child development major Trish Fernandez said.

San Diego has one of the best pitching tandems with Jake Peavy and Chris Young. Peavy, who had a rough first three months of the season, is pitching very well and leading the Padres' charge to a division title.

Then there are the St. Louis Cardinals, who are lucky to be in the playoffs considering the way they have played lately. Health and pitching have plagued St. Louis, which almost blew an eight-and-a-half game lead over the Houston Astros. However, with Albert Pujols, the favorite to win the NL MVP, anything is possible.

And here are the predictions.....

Division Series (Best of five):

New York Yankees vs. Detroit Tigers, Yankees in four

The Skinny: The Tigers have been the story of the year, but the young pitchers for Detroit have not seen a bet-

ter lineup. Detroit's pitchers, who have performed well all year, will experience a new challenge when they step into Yankee Stadium for game one. The Tigers are good, but the atmosphere and the Yankees' lineup will be too much for the young kids from Detroit.

Oakland A's vs. Minnesota Twins, Twins in five

The Skinny: This is a rematch of the 2002 American League Divisional Series, which the Twins won in five games. This series expects to be a lot of the same. The Twins have been streaking the whole second half of the season, but so have the A's. This series will come down to starting pitchers and which team's top-notch closer can get it done.

New York Mets vs. Los Angeles Dodgers, Mets in four

The Skinny: The Dodgers have the pitching, but the Mets have too much offense for Los Angeles to handle. With a mix of young studs and veteran bullpen members who have been to the playoffs, the Mets might make this look easy.

St. Louis Cardinals vs. San Diego Padres, Padres in five

The Skinny: The Padres are the team to beat here. The Cardinals have been inconsistent on the mound to say the least, and the Padres' above-average hitting will not help. Pujols will carry the Cardinals as he usually does, but the Padres' pitching will be the edge in this series.

Championship Series (best of seven):

New York Yankees vs. Minnesota Twins, Twins in six

There is just something about the Twins this year. They are playing the best baseball of any playoff team, and with Santana, they are able to start him as many as three times this series.

New York Mets vs. San Diego Padres, Mets in six

The Mets took the season series against the Padres 5-2, and out-scored them 26-16 in the seven games. The Padres have the upper hand on the pitching, but the Mets have the

best hitters of the two teams. The Mets will win the series, but the Padres will make it interesting.

World Series (best of seven):

Minnesota Twins vs. New York Mets, Twins in seven

The Twins' magic will continue to work for them, as they will bring home the title against the Mets. The Mets will have the fan support at home, but playing in Minnesota is a different obstacle. The Metrodome will be as loud as ever when the Mets come to play. The Twins defense, which has been their foundation over the past five years, will stand out in the World Series.

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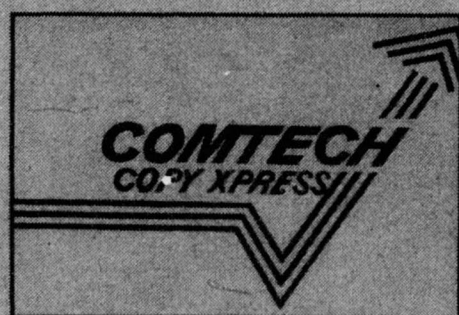


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Proposition to raise cigarette tax, fund health care and protect hospitals from anti-trust laws

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In a rural county like Humboldt, impoverished families with children benefit from increased health care coverage. Proposition 86 offers this, at the cost of \$2.60 more per pack of cigarettes.

The proposition increases the current tax on cigarettes per pack from \$0.87 to \$3.47. Revenue generated through the tax increase would fund a variety of health care programs, including improving children's health coverage, reducing the number of children smokers and reimbursing hospitals for emergency services to the uninsured.

However, opponents argue the proposition not only gives hospitals large sums of money without proper oversight, it also may allow hospitals to collude to reorganize hospitals and fix prices.

Estimates in the proposition state the tax would generate \$2.1 billion in revenue in 2007.

Humboldt County would benefit from the proposition several ways.

Funds would allocate \$371 million to extend the California Healthy Families program, increasing eligibility for families up to 300 percent of the federal poverty line, Maria Robles, spokesperson for the Yes 86 campaign, said. The program includes eye, dental and medical care, the benefits mainly applying to children.

Children under 19-years-old and whose family is eligible to receive Healthy Families coverage, will have top quality insurance, Allan Katz, executive director of the Community Health Alliance, said. "This provides excellent health coverage to children," he said. Families still contribute a small fee, but Katz said no more than \$20, depending on family income.

A family of four with an annual income lower than \$19,350 in 2005 is considered impoverished, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. With this poverty line, 300 percent is \$58,050. Many families in Humboldt are under 300 percent, Laurie Watson-Stone, spokesperson for St. Joseph's Hospital, said.

In addition to broader health care coverage, the overall goal stated by supporters of the proposition focuses on

preventing children from ever starting to smoke.

"The biggest benefit for Humboldt County is that an estimated 700,000 young people will stop or not start smoking because of the price," Katz said. "That's a huge health benefit in itself, since all tobacco-related diseases won't affect them."

Since youth tend to have little or no income, Katz said that the price hike will affect them the most. Children are also the most susceptible group to develop a smoking.

"Ninety percent of all nicotine addiction occurs before [the age of] 18," Robles said. "We want to prevent those life-long customers in our children."

The proposition also allocates \$1.1 million per year to non-profit clinics that service underinsured and uninsured patients, she said. The Open Door Clinic is an example of a local clinic that qualifies for this funding.

With local clinics receiving additional funding, adults benefit from the proposition too. However, the main focus is on children's health care, in which 20 percent of the funds are allocated to, Katz said.

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A. Dominic Efferson

The cold weather and overcast skies didn't stop anyone from surfing the Noll Longboarding Classic last weekend. This soul surfer waits for his perfect set.

Riding the waves

Surfers young and old compete in Noll Classic

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Twelve surfers have competed in every classic since its inception in 1996.

In that group is the founder of the Noll Longboarding Classic, Rhyn Noll. He placed first in the Cruisers category and third in the Super Heat category. Noll has also published three books about skateboarding.

More than 2,000 people gathered in Crescent City, Calif. last weekend to watch, compete and help organize the 11th annual

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Prop Watch '06

Today begins a four-part series on several state propositions that are on the ballot Nov. 7.

Propositions are products of direct democracy, giving people not in a legislative body the power to gather petitions and force a public vote on an amendment or statute. The state legislator can also introduce propositions.

The intention of this series is to better inform students and the community about important issues being addressed statewide that will affect every Californian.

Eleven propositions are on the November ballot. This series will analyze the issues revolving around four of them:

Summaries provided by smartvoter.org:

This week: Proposition 86: Imposes additional \$2.60 per pack excise tax on cigarettes and indirectly increases taxes on other tobacco products. Provides funding for various health programs, children's health coverage, and tobacco-related programs.

Oct. 11: Proposition 87: Establishes \$4 billion program to reduce petroleum consumption through incentives for alternative energy, education and training. Funded by tax on California oil producers.

Oct. 18: Proposition 85: Amends California Constitution prohibiting abortion for unemancipated minor until 48 hours after physician notifies minor's parent/guardian, except in medical emergency or with parental waiver. Mandates reporting requirements. Authorizes monetary damages against physicians for violation.

Oct. 25: Proposition 89: Provides that eligible candidates for state elective office may receive public campaign funding. Increases tax on corporations and financial institutions by .2 percent to fund program. Imposes new campaign contribution/expenditure limits.

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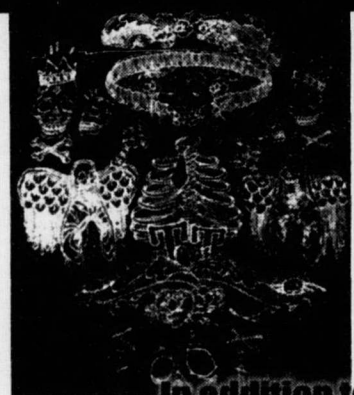
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Celebration of culture

Indigenous Peoples' Week brings struggles to forefront

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A small population with a strong presence at Humboldt State bring their issues to the forefront on campus during Indigenous Peoples' Week.

Lorraine Taggart, administrative support assistant for the Humboldt State department of social work and one of the coordinators of Indigenous Peoples' Week, said the event started around the time when Arcata became a Columbus-free zone and stopped recognizing Christopher Columbus as a heroic figure.

"A lot of history is told by the conqueror," Taggart said. "Columbus is not a hero to us."

Indigenous Peoples' Week, in its 11th year, will be held Oct. 9-13 this year. The event will feature speakers, panels, performances and presentations.

"Perpetuating our culture is why we're here," David Gensaw, HSU Native American studies major and president of the American Indian Alliance, said. "This week is an opportunity to teach the things that aren't being taught."

This year's keynote speaker, Evon Peter is executive director of the Native Movement Organization. Peter is the former chief of the Neetsai Gwich'in Arctic Village of Northeastern Alaska. His nation leads the fight against drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife refuge.

Roberta Cordero of the Chumash people is scheduled to lecture about the historical trauma of indigenous people.

There will also be a video, discussion time and a room dedication in tribute to Native American

activist and scholar, Vine Deloria.

"You're going to hear talks about boarding schools and what they've done to our people," Gensaw said. "Loss of language and culture, we've got the program to teach those issues."

There are more than 500 tribes of indigenous people in the United States alone. There are 179 self-identified Native American students on campus.

In the California State University system, Humboldt State has the highest percentage of Native American students. It is also the only CSU that offers Native American studies as a major. Humboldt County has the largest number of Native Americans in California. Yet, many students know little about tribal people.

"We're in an environment where they're (native people) so close, but we don't know much about them," Diana Meza, Humboldt State student and member of the Latin-based, multicultural sorority Gamma Alpha Omega, said.

Taggart says that Indigenous Peoples' Week will recognize other indigenous people besides those in the United States such as those in Latin American and South America. "Their struggles are our struggles," Taggart said.

Taggart said the Native American studies department, Indian Teacher and Education Personnel Program (ITEPP), Mexa, Gamma Alpha Omega and Acion Zapatista are some of the campus organizations that helped plan the event.

Not only is Indigenous People's Week a celebration of diversity at HSU; it's also an opportunity for students, faculty and staff to demonstrate the reasons for keeping the Native American studies pro-

grams on this campus in tact.

With significant cuts in the HSU budget, Native American Studies, along with many other departments on campus, may be at risk of losing some of its programs. This is especially alarming, given the loss of Native American faculty in the past.

"One of my main focuses is the dilemma within the Native American studies department and where it is now," Gensaw said. "[We're] trying to hold on to the faculty that we have now. We want our faculty and our classes back."

Gensaw said he feels strongly that the university does not value the Native American studies department. "There hasn't been any change to rest easy on. It has always been a battle. This week is an opportunity to show how important the program is."

Taggart said along with the goal of teaching people a respect for native culture and as a people she also hopes people gain respect for Native American studies as a program and curriculum. She said she wants people to know that it is just as rigorous as science or any of the other programs on this campus.

In the struggle to maintain these programs, there is a hope that Native American studies faculty are here to educate Humboldt State students about indigenous cultures in years to come. Gensaw said they are inviting students from the American Indian Academy and the Klamath River Early College of the Redwoods Charter School to the event.

"These young students may not get to see what we see here today," Gensaw said.

Calender of Events for Indigenous Peoples' Week 2006

Monday, Oct. 9:

12-1 p.m. Rally on the Quad
12-2 p.m. "Working Things Out," Roberta Cordero, J.D. (Chumash) - South Lounge
2-4 p.m. Klamath River Issues From A Karuk Perspective, Ron Reed - Goodwin Forum
4-5:30 p.m. Vine Deloria Jr. Video and Discussion "Spirit of Reason" - Goodwin Forum
5:30-7:30 p.m. Vine Deloria Room Dedication - Multicultural Center

Tuesday Oct. 10:

11-12 p.m. Roberta Reyes Cordero J.D. Historical Trauma - Kate Buchanan Room (KBR)

12-3 p.m. Keynote Speaker, Evon Peter - KBR

3:30-4:50 p.m. Evon Peter meeting with Native, Perspectives in Natural Resources - FH 178

6-7 p.m. Klamath Theatre Project Presents: Salmon is Everything - HSU's Studio Theatre

Wednesday Oct. 11:

12-1 p.m. "For Indigenous Eyes Only," Marlon Sherman - KBR
1-2 p.m. Language Panel, Brandon Wilder, Sal Martinez, Laura Harlan - KBR
2-3 p.m. Cultural Appropriation & Intellectual Property Rights

-KBR

3:30-5 p.m. Native Success, Vince Feliz, MSW - KBR

Thursday Oct. 12:

12-2 p.m. Indigenous Leadership For the 21st Century, Marlon Sherman - KBR
2:30-3pm. Discussion of Northern CA Stick Games - KBR
3:30-4:30pm. Stick Games Demo - Events Field
7p.m. Indigenous Peoples of Latin America, M.E.X.A.-FH 111

Friday Oct. 13:

1pm. Aztec Dancers- Quad

NOLL: Surfers, spectators gather to enjoy Classic

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A. Dominic Efferson

McKinleyville resident Allison Phillips breaks the surface of the wave with her fingertips for extra style points. She placed second in heat number 21.

Noll Longboarding Classic.

About 260 were competing surfers. They squeezed into their wetsuits, grabbed their boards and surfed the weekend away despite cold weather and overcast skies.

The classic breaks down into 11 categories and is divided into 42 heats — 34 on Saturday and eight on Sunday.

Once a heat was called from the judges' tower, a large contraption with flags, air horns and colorful banners, the surfers went into the ocean wearing bright shirts over their wetsuits to allow for recognition.

Of the 42 heats, six were for Menahunie's (children 12 and under), and five were for female surfers.

McKinleyville resident Allison Phillips stoked the crowd and judges when she did a headstand on her surfboard.

"It's fun to play in the white-wash," she said after her heat was over. "You can comfortably do headstands and coffins."

A coffin is when a person lays down on their back on the surfboard with their hands across their chest as if dead.

This was Phillips' third time competing in the Noll Longboarding Classic. She placed 5th the first time and 2nd the next time she competed. Phillips placed sixth in the Gals 25 and up category, last weekend.

Phillips' favorite spot to surf is at Camel Rock, near Trinidad.

Rea Watson, also from McKinleyville, surfed in the same heat as Phillips.

"At times the surf was big, but not pretty. Other times the surf was phenomenal."

Randy Bancroft

head announcer of Noll Longboarding Classic

"You have 15 minutes to catch as many waves as you can. The more you catch, the better, because the judges will only count your three best waves," Watson said.

"At times the surf was big, but not pretty," said head announcer for the Noll Longboarding Classic, Randy Bancroft. "Other times the surf was phenomenal."

This was Bancroft's fourth time working the classic and third time as head announcer.

The Noll Longboarding Classic is a non-profit competition.

"We donate any excess funds to a local scholarship," Bancroft said.

"Any funds that exceed the cost of putting on the classic or preparing for next year's [classic] goes into a scholarship that is given to a local high school student that shows interest in studying any subject pertaining to the ocean," he said.

The total cost of putting on the Noll Longboarding Classic is roughly \$20,000, and this year 35 businesses co-sponsored to help foot the bill.

The Entrance fee for the competition is \$40. In addition to surfing, contestants also receive a gift box with surf wax, a couple of T-shirts and stickers.

Attendees of this year's Noll Longboarding Classic traveled from as far south as San Diego, as north as Seattle and as east as Reno. "We even had a few people come from Malibu,"

Bancroft said.

Many of the surfers develop good friendships at the classic, Bancroft said.

"Some of the surfers only see each other once a year, but that's enough," Bancroft said.

"Ki-Ki," which is Hawaiian for "celebrating the children" was the unofficial theme of this year's contest.

"All of the children that compete receive a trophy," Bancroft said. "All of which are handmade locally and completely unique."

Two kids from Arcata won in their categories — Skyler Trout in Menahunies with an Adult and Delia Bense-Kang in Menahunies without an adult.

The theme of the ninth annual Noll Longboarding Classic in 2004 was a dedication to Rell Sunn, a Hawaii native that surfed the last 14 years of her life with breast cancer.

"We try not to draw too much attention to the themes," Bancroft said, "But every year we have one."

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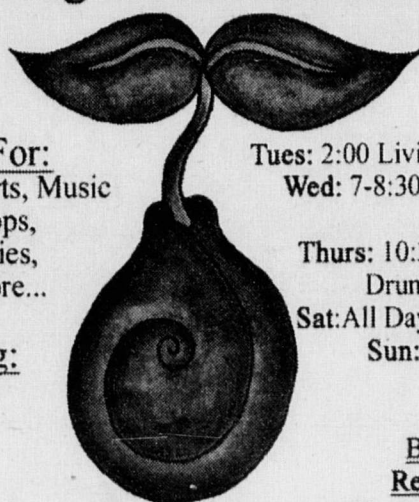
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PROP: Anti-trust issues

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Under the proposition, private hospitals, such as St. Joseph's and Redwood Memorial, receive funding based on the amount of uninsured patients cared for and emergency room visits, Robles said.

More funding toward health care benefits Humboldt County hospitals and uninsured patients.

"Our [emergency room] is very busy," Watson-Stone said. With emergency room physicians overworked in local hospitals, the proposition monetarily compensates them for their hard work, she said.

It's a huge drain providing health care to uninsured, and each year a sizable amount of [hospital funds] goes to emergency services, she said.

Reimbursing hospitals through the proposition generated criticism by opponents.

An objection to the proposition is that money allocated to hospitals, around 40 percent of the projected \$2.1 billion, lacks oversight and accountability, Carla Hass, spokesperson for No On 86 campaign. "This is nothing more than a money grab."

Hospitals receive billions through the proposition, which goes toward their bottom line, with no accountability and there is a "need [for] some serious oversight," she said.

Section nine of the proposition gives hospitals anti-trust protection, another source of discontent from opponents.

"Hospitals wrote to exempt themselves from anti-trust laws," Hass said. "If it passes, hospitals can conspire to set prices and can deny or shut-down certain services."

Supporters argue that the effects of section nine are being distorted by the No campaign.

"There are three to four types of oversight," Robles said. "Hospitals will undergo the most scrutiny."

The Department of Health Services conducts yearly random audits on up to 20 percent of the money dispersed. Also, the department can conduct random field audits at any hospital to see where all the proposition money is going.

Hospitals are required to maintain detailed records on how the funding is used. Finally, a yearly report documenting the use of proposition money is published online by the department.

"This is a very serious issue that needs to be addressed by legislators, not voters."

Carla Hass

spokesperson for No on 86 campaign

The goal of section nine is also to allow greater fluidity for specialists needed in hospitals where they're not readily available.

Section 9 is a narrow provision allowing hospitals in all areas, particularly in rural and underserved areas that are most affected, to share specialists instead of diverting patients to other hospitals in emergencies, Robles said. "The intent is to make sure every single emergency room has an on-call specialist."

Not all health care officials agree with section nine of the proposition.

"If the anti-trust provision goes into effect, hospitals will change their structure," Dr. Ralph Di Libero, president of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, said.

This could lead to the closure of emergency rooms, changing doctors' access and stopping unprofitable services, he said.

Restructuring hospitals "limit[s] where doctors could practice by limiting services at certain hospitals," Dr. Susan Hansen, director of the Association of California Neurologists, said.

Hospitals could get together and decide to use one type of pacemaker, could designate one hospital for a particular service such as prenatal care or could set prices on services. Meanwhile, hospitals could set uniform wages and salaries for hospital employees, such as nurses, she said.

"The [anti-trust] law is there for a reason, [hospitals] wouldn't be asking for the provision unless they plan on doing something with it," Di Libero said.

Another concern of opponents is the provision amends the California Constitution, which cannot be repealed, only strengthened by legislators, Hansen said. "Hospitals say they need more money, they should look at how they're spending."

Despite debate over the proposition, it is recognized that California's health care system needs improvement. It's the means of change that is the center of conflict.

"Eight point six billion dollars extra in California is expended to health care for smoking-related illness," Robles said. "People that smoke have a huge impact on health care costs."

"Health care is a shared responsibility, so it's fair to tax in order to promote a healthier California," she said.

The proposition is not seen as a long-term solution to a long-term problem of fixing California's health care system.

"It's viable and here today," Robles said. The proposition "is a stepping stone, a real solid, responsible stepping stone" where \$16.5 billion is saved on smoking-related expenditures over a ten-year period.

Hass said that health care is a policy issue and rests with the state. "This is a very serious issue that needs to be addressed by legislators, not voters."

Voting Facts for Humboldt County

Compiled from "Report of Registration, May 22, 2006" by California Secretary of State

Eligible Voters: 98, 938

Registered: 79, 036 (79. 88%)

Party Breakdown

Democratic: 32, 625 (41.28%)

Republican: 23,018 (29.12%)

Independent: 1,877 (2.37%)

Green: 4,293 (5.43%)

Libertarian: 710 (0.90%)

Natural Law: 106 (0.13%)

Peace and Freedom: 279 (0.35%)

Other: 224 (0.24%)

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Courtesy of Gil Cline

Enjoy the freedom of original and improvisational compositions of the Midnight Jazz-tet, making a rare one-night performance at Humboldt State's Fulkerson Recital Hall on Oct. 7 at 8 p.m.

"Jazz can be the ultimate challenge to a musician," said Jazz-tet leader and Humboldt State music professor Gil Cline. "It gives you the ultimate sense of permission to improv, especially in a solo." He said it's almost an obligation for the soloist.

The group came together originally in 1994 and is fully comprised of HSU jazz alumni, some of which played with Cline's jazz bands of the '80s and '90s. The ensemble has five horns, three rhythm section players and will bring out the "blues, bop, swing, funk, cool jazz, and Latin beats" that

make up the Midnight Jazz-tet.

"Jazz is like street basketball— it's all about the individual," said Cline. "And like basketball, the object is driving to the hoop to make a play."

Cline, who plays the trumpet, said he has played two-thirds of the show's compositions before, and the rest will be his original songs. In each composition there is a story told, and each soloist can bring his or her own story in as well.

"It's hard to describe my style, because a person speaks their own language which is their music. It's a little bit of everything," he said.

Jazz in North America is different than the jazz in Europe. It seems it's been crystallized in our culture.

"I have played a lot in Europe and clearly jazz is an American art form," said Greg Moore, a 45-year veteran of the trombone, and a member of the group. "In Europe, jazz is not part of their culture, so they seem to have the ability to be more creative. They speak a different musical language."

Cline said some of his influences are Dizzy Gillespie and early Ray Charles, among many others.

"Playing clubs in Oakland, I felt like I had to prove myself," Cline said. "Sometimes I'd be the only white guy in the whole club, and I knew I would have to let my music speak for itself. It just went to prove that if you make music your own, it doesn't matter what your background is."

The freedom of jazz music is apparent,

and can be healing to the soul. Other styles of music require the musician to stick to a strict regiment of chord styles, but with jazz, anything is possible.

"The audience that attends this show will hear compositions with unpredictable elements," Cline said about the soloists and the choices they have. "It's like a high-wire act without a net."

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Legends, alumnus among us

DJ Thanksgiving Brown returns to Arcata with Brand Nubian

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Legendary hip-hoppers Sadat X and Lord Jamar of Brand Nubian, featuring Sadat X's disc jockey and Humboldt State alumnus Thanksgiving Brown, will play the Mazzotti's stage tonight at 9 p.m.

Panacea, another hip-hop group, will open.

Famous for his innovative and original style, Sadat X's talent and longevity is almost unheard of in the world of hip-hop. With a career spanning nearly three decades, his sound only continues to evolve, delivering intelligent social commentary and raw beats that not only make you dance, but also make you think.

Although his career has been extraordinarily successful, Sadat X hasn't lost sight of his urban New York City roots. He has lived in the Bronx and Harlem for much of the past two decades. He is very active in his community, working as an elementary school teacher for disadvantaged youth, and coaching teen basketball programs in Harlem.

Sadat X's DJ, Peter Agoston aka Thanksgiving Brown, graduated from HSU with a journalism degree in 2003, and then moved to New York City to pursue his dream.

"I hooked up with Sadat X doing a photography job. I could've stopped there, but I didn't," Agoston said. "We crossed paths again in New York and I decided to make something happen."

Agoston founded his own record label, Female Fun Records,

which produced Sadat X's last two projects. He has also worked as a freelance writer and photographer for "Rolling Stone," "The Source," "XXL" and other well-known publications.

Agoston's experience in Arcata had a profound effect on who he is today. "The overall open-mindedness in Arcata gave me the confidence to do whatever I want. It showed me that I can get wild and creative and still be successful," he said.

Sadat X's new album, "Black October," released on Female Fun records on Oct. 1. Panacea's new album, "Ink is my Drink," released by Rawkus Records on Oct. 3.

The Metro on the Arcata Plaza is hosting an all-ages, meet-and-greet autograph signing with Brand Nubian at 5 p.m. tonight. Tickets for the show are available in advance at The Metro for \$12, or \$15 at Mazzotti's door.

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Street Drum Corps aim to make a difference

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An hour in a Los Angeles junk yard proved to Bobby and Adam Alt and Frank Zummo that their passion for street performing could pay off.

Rather than continue performing at beaches and schools, the Alts pooled their talent with Zummo in April 2004. They videotaped that first jam session in the junk yard, and sent it off to contacts across the country.

Six Flags Magic Mountain immediately got in touch with the three, who called themselves Street Drum Corps.

"That was where we kind of built the show, by playing a bunch of hours every Saturday and Sunday [at Six Flags Magic Mountain]," Zummo said.

The Corps will return to Six Flags Magic Mountain in Valencia, Calif., this month for their third consecutive year at Fright Fest.

SDC remains focused on street performance as a means of communication and inspiration to youth in order to live productive and healthy lives.

"We are always thinking about

the things that we could do to give back," Bobby said.

The Corps' originality comes from the instruments they use, with the majority consisting of objects they found, made, recycled or pulled from the garbage.

Recently, SDC incorporated an electronic instrument into their show and added a few sound effects. Mostly, though, they use buckets, trash cans, fire extinguishers, pieces of metal bumpers from junked cars, sanders, satellites, and anything else that allows them to express the importance of an environmentally conscious society.

"There are no rules in what we do," Zummo said.

While they still enjoy playing theme parks, the trio has taken their project into full flight. They played the Vans Warped Tour, The Taste of Chaos Tour, Late Night with Conan O'Brien, music channels FUSE and MTV2, and most recently, a U.S. tour with Jewish reggae artist, Matisyahu.

"It was like nothing I have ever seen before. I go to about 40 concerts a year, and this was the most

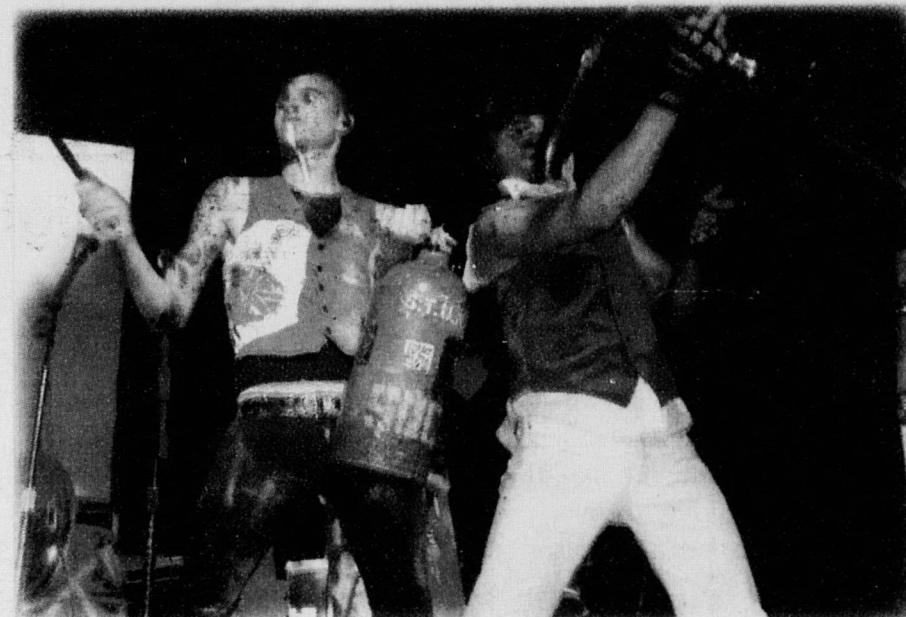
impressive set of percussion I've ever seen," said Jonathan Pirro, an audience member from the Matisyahu and SDC show in Berkeley, Calif., on Sept. 10.

The Corps have built themselves a steady fan base throughout the states, giving a type of contagious energy that pounds the chest, taps the toes and soothes the soul. Though they've been making a name for themselves, the core of their supporters remains rooted in Los Angeles.

"They all have their own individual style," said April Rodriguez, a long time Los Angeles-based supporter. "It's not routine. They always bring something new to the table."

Street Drummer Corps takes pride in the open-floor policy they uphold, imposing no limitations on their creativity. They set their sights on progression, continue to grow, spread awareness and art, and push the limits on what they have already accomplished.

"The next record is going to be a lot more of us trying things that we've never done," Bobby said.



Photos by Renee C. Rivas

Brothers Bobby (left) and Adam Alt of Street Drum Corps opening for Matisyahu at Berkeley High School on Sept. 10.



L-R: Adam Alt, Bobby Alt and Frank Zummo of SDC in their dressing room at Berkeley High School on Sept. 10.

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Learning from Nature

Students look for enlightenment in Sierra Institute field studies



Kearson's high-elevation view of the Eastern Sierra Mountains during a hike with her Sierra Institute program included snow-blanketed peaks and deep blue lakes. Courtesy of Renee Kearson

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Next time Renee Kearson takes a vacation in the mountains, she will see more than beautiful wilderness. She will see the framework of natural systems, interlocking environments and cultures that shape the land.

Students have through Oct. 16 to apply for the winter Sierra Institute field studies program. The participants learn about group dynamics and other cultures while traveling to remote corners of the world. They also earn credits, since the entire trip relies on the alternative

method of experiential learning that teaches lessons throughout the expedition.

Kearson, a liberal studies junior with a concentration in appropriate technologies, spent nine weeks immersed in the California wilderness this summer—and received 12 units of credit.

Now back at Humboldt State, Kearson said it took time to readjust to electricity, doors and toilets.

"I definitely had a culture shock when I came back from the trip," she said.

The group spent time in the Yollie Bollie Mountains east of Willits, the Marble Mountains to the north, the Eastern Sierra Mountains, Sequoia National Park, and the Southern California White Mountains where the trip ended. The class stopped in several towns to restock supplies and pick up new research material for the on-trail assignments.

She said this program aims to get students out of the classroom and into nature's lesson plans, a style of teaching Kearson thinks Humboldt enjoys.

Zoe Dagan agrees. She wanted anything but the traditional city-based study abroad program; she wanted to get involved with the subject matter. Dagan, now a senior environmental science major with an emphasis in tropical ecology, traveled to Belize with the Sierra Institute in 2005. Dagan said Belize had always been on the list of places she wanted to visit, and the extended education program fit her needs. She also earned 12 units of credit.

"You gain a new appreciation, beyond aesthetic pleasure, for the purposes the location serves in the bigger picture," Dagan said.

Both students gained from the experience of working closely with others.

"We spent time studying sustainability, community, group dynamics and ecopsychology (the relationship of nature and human well-being)," Kearson said. She said living in such a small group pushes everyone to open up, as well as confront differences.

"You eat, sleep and shit with these people 24 hours a day for weeks," Dagan said. This sent her away with a new respect for group dynamics.

In Kearson's course, lessons stressed incorporating the local landscape, valuing resources and an agricultural practice known as premaculture. She read and discussed Henry David Thoreau and other nature philosophers while contemplating wilderness firsthand. The group discussed social justice issues tied to land management, and Kearson said studying Native Americans while staying on their land stirred intense emotions that caused her to seriously reflect on the lessons.

Kearson learned "to be aware of the lens our society shapes perception with," she said.

She said one of the most humbling lessons on the trip

"We learned to look at nature in the foreground and not in the background."

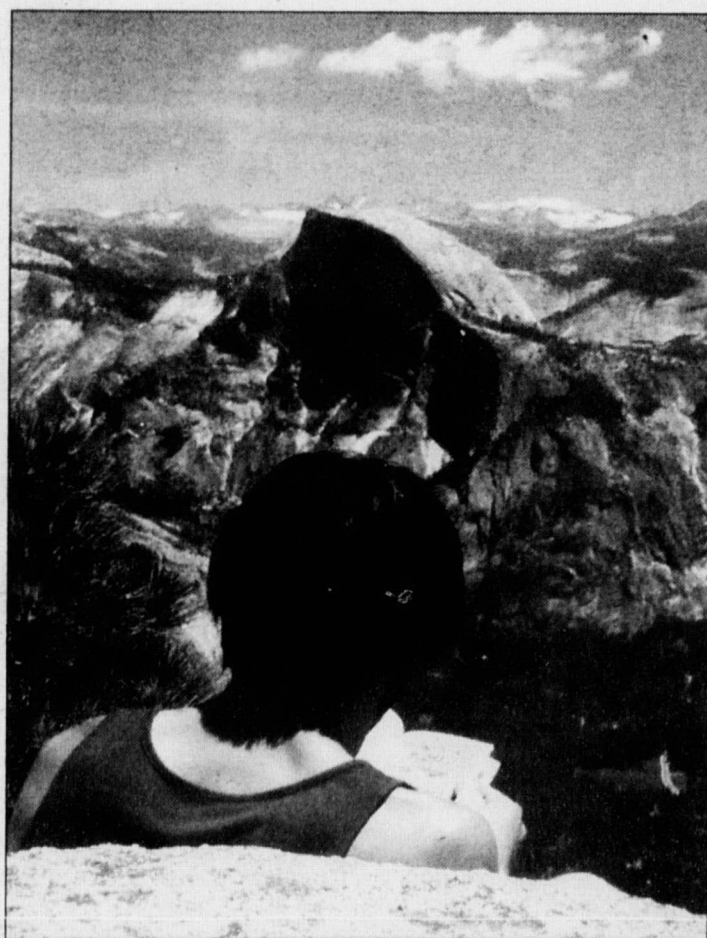
Renee Kearson
liberal studies junior

involved everyone imagining themselves at the perspective of an ant. Kearson said her class studied the animal tracker Tom Brown Jr., who encourages this technique to foster a greater natural understanding.

"The class changed my perspective of reality to be based more on naturalistic theory," Kearson said. "We learned to look at nature in the foreground and not in the background."

Dagan, in contrast to local mountains, explored tropical jungles and enjoyed meals of citrus fruit with fresh-caught fish while studying the environment of Belize and Guatemala.


Sometimes Dagan said tough hiking or unfamiliar culture
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A student studies a text, perched on a ledge looking out on Yosemite National Park's Half Dome monument. Courtesy of Skye Leone

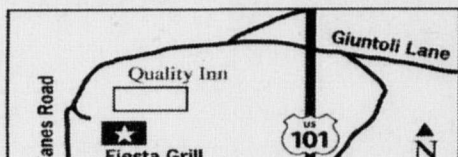
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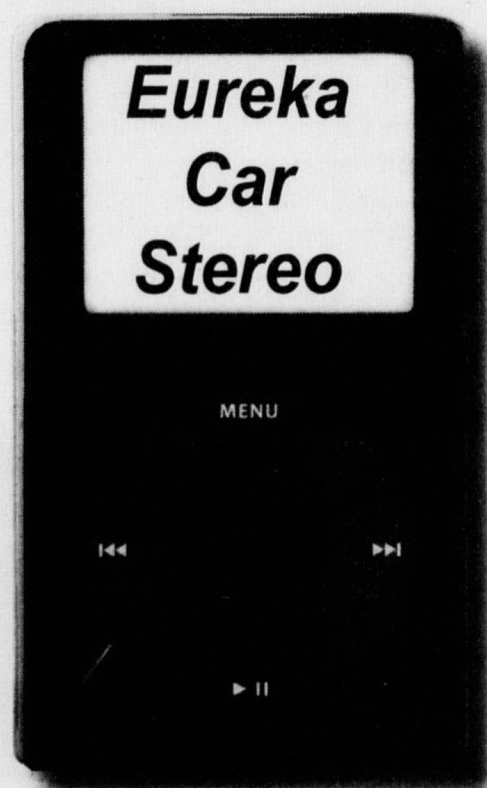


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NSF grant strengthen ties with local tribes

Half-million dollars will give Native American students tools to serve their communities

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Thirty local Native American high school students will soon be able to earn a degree and assume leadership roles in their communities for next to nothing.

The National Science Foundation awarded \$499,943 to the computing sciences, environmental resources engineering and mathematics departments in order to finance 30 scholarships of approximately \$3,700 for the next four years.

"We're giving [these students] almost a full ride for the next four years," said Jacquelyn Bolman, director of the Indian Natural Resources Sciences and Engineering Program (INRSEP) and co-writer of the grant proposal.

Beth Eschenbach, environmental resources engineering professor and principle writer of the grant proposal, said the money would go toward scholarships for Native American first-generation high school students in Humboldt, Del Norte, Trinity and Mendocino counties.

"The three majors [Engineering, Computing Science and Mathematics] have had eight Native American [students] in the last five years," Eschenbach said. "We want to raise it to 30."

In order to do that she and her colleagues, computing sciences Professor Guy-Alain Amoussou and sociology professor Mary Virnoche identify students with academic potential, financial need and low education opportunity.

"Considering that native people inherently possess skills based on living [in North America] forever, Native Americans are the least represented ethnic group in science and engineering," Bolman said.

Although Native Americans represent less than 1 percent of the U.S. population, they either own or are entrusted with 20 percent of North America's natural resources, she said.

"If we didn't understand natural resources, we wouldn't be able to live [here] as long without technology," she said.

Mara Eastman, a Wiyot tribal administrator, said these scholarships would give her people hope.

"An extremely low number [of high school students] go on to college, mostly because of restricted fund access," Eastman said. For the most part a college education isn't expected, which is why the grant is so important.

Amoussou and his colleagues hope receiving the scholarships provided by the grant and participating in the service learning component of the Scientific Leadership Scholars program will let them take the skills they learned in class and apply them to their community.

Tribal casinos are multimillion-dollar enterprises, Amoussou said. The money the casinos generate goes toward community infrastructure development, elderly care and economic diversifica-

tion. But the tribes usually have to hire people from outside of the community to run the enterprises. Recipients of these scholarships will allow employment their own communities once they graduate.

"Who can take care of your house better than you?" Amoussou said. "Native Americans know their communities better than anyone else."

This grant also serves as a step forward in increasing enrollment and diversifying the campus. It also keeps students from dropping out, and will address the lack of minority and women engineers.

"We don't have enough people to fill the engineering work force," Virnoche said. "Women and minorities drop out in larger numbers than men."

As a sociologist, Virnoche studies issues pertaining to the science, technology and engineering work force.

"We're interested in issues of diversity in science, technology, race, class and gender," she said. "The folks at HSU help them stay [here] once they get here by offering curriculum that lets them solve community problems."

Eschenbach said once a student receives the scholarship, they become part of the Scientific

Leadership Program, which includes a retreat and multiple social events and seminars. A one-unit Service Learning Program will let students know about available support services at Humboldt State, and the Career Center will help students get jobs and internships related to their field every summer.

The grant also means something else. Amoussou said getting the first grant means that more will follow.

"We can do it with other minorities," he said, adding that in order to boost enrollment and increase diversity, Humboldt State has to actively seek outside funding. "If we aggressively go after resources, we can ensure our goals are met."

Scholarship money can also help Native American students in the Western United States. Eschenbach said Humboldt State joined an organization called Western Undergraduate Exchange, which gives Western-based out-of-state students the opportunity to attend Humboldt State for approximately \$1,500 greater than the in-state cost of tuition.

"We'll target Native Americans in those states as well," she said.

As a university that is located close to several tribes including the Wiyot, Karuk, Yurok and Hupa tribes, Amoussou said ties should be strengthened between the university and surrounding communities.

"Humboldt should be [their] first choice," he said.

Jacquelyn Bolman
INRSEP Director

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tural practices made for uncomfortable moments.

"Some of the situations felt like jumping off that high rock into the water below; it's about pushing yourself outside of your comfort zone," she said.

Dagan said each day stimulating activities made up the lesson plan. The interactions with other societies on the trip sparked new interests.

Caving was a popular pastime for her in Belize, something she never thought of doing before the trip. Also, she spent a week at an island research facility 30 miles off the coast, snorkeling every day.

"We observed first-hand the coral reefs and marine ecosystems; we were snorkeling and studying on a daily basis," Dagan said.

Dagan has since developed a passion for scientific diving and is pursuing that minor at Humboldt State.

Sierra Institute courses have many different concentrations, but the courses all value one commonality: contact with the subject matter in the field.

Skye Leone is a co-director of the program along with Walker Abel. Leone said the Sierra Institute ran for 30 years at University of California Santa Cruz before moving to Humboldt

State two and a half years ago. Leone said the basic mission is to have students study academics where the subject matter is actually happening. He said interest in the program is slowly growing at HSU, and said it helps that few other academic programs have undergraduates go out in the field for credit.

"If you're going to study ecosystems what better place to study that ecology than in the wild, with all five senses?" Leone asked.

He said this program brings students to study science, humanities and culture in pristine places.

The student's major does not affect acceptance into the Sierra Institute Leone said; students simply must be at least 18-years-old. Still, most of the credit available is upper division.

"If you do the math per semester, unit by unit, it's cheaper [than a semester of tuition and living expenses at Humboldt] to go to Patagonia with Sierra Institute and that's including airfare," Leone said, referring to the program's cost comparison webpage.

Dagan said the experience was a bargain, but it was difficult to pay for a semester of tuition and living expenses before the program began.

The program is offered through the Office of Extended Education,

where Extension Program Coordinator Jennifer Bell said they offer several options in alternative education.

"When you get people physically in that place teaching things and doing things for themselves, real learning takes place," Bell said.

She said by immersing all the senses in nature during the program, the learning that occurs is unique.

"Anyone can look at a redwood in awe, but our students stop and learn how water moves to the top branches," Bell said.

Leone also addressed the advantages students get from the program. "In other lands and cultures they can discover the world and, most importantly, discover the 'self' that has been hidden within," he said.

Kearson said the program was a change in lifestyle for her. The less-structured time left students to focus on self-discovery. "It gives you an opportunity for decompression from society," she said.

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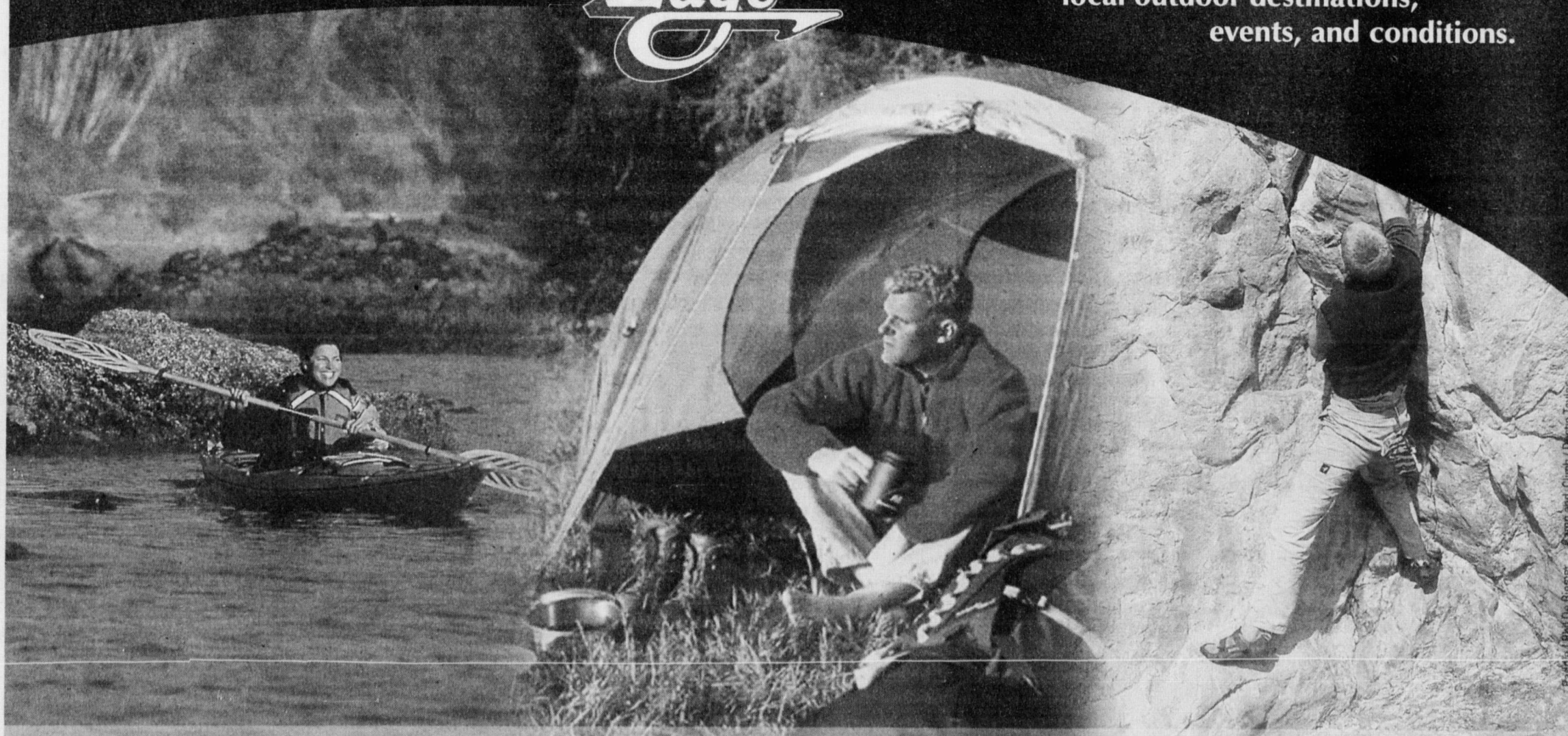
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Lumberjack Editorial

On a campus facing dropping enrollment, class cuts and a budget crunch, we expect more from the Associated Students than disputes over miscommunication.

Accusations of racism during a council meeting are serious. So is the resignation of Tony Snow, the AS president. These issues should be debated and argued in a professional setting and with professional attitudes. Unfortunately, this isn't what's been happening.

A few weeks ago, Tony Snow and three other AS members drafted a letter to the general student population. In it, they accused council members of outright racism during their Sept. 11 meeting.

Originally written for publication in *The Lumberjack*, some of the writers backed out at the last minute, while AS members didn't know about the letter until much later.

In another letter of complaint, a woman who was denied a position on the AS accused Snow of unprofessional and unfair behavior. At one point, she wrote that she "tried evasive verbal maneuvers to dissuade Snow..." from what she thought was unfair questioning.

When applying for a job position, especially one that represents the student body and the university as a whole, finding ways to elude questions is not going to give one a favorable standing, nor will it establish any kind of personal trust. Snow probably took this into account when he made his controversial decision to not appoint her. Both sides deemed the other as acting unjustly, but could not solve the dispute without making it personal.

What was said between these two is only known by them. However, it seems quite likely that this whole issue arose from a conflict of personalities and personal expectations, rather than a dispute of qualifications and following policy. This is a sad commonality of American politics these days.

Both of these letters of reaction are understandable. AS members are human, and they work in a political environment. There are bound to be arguments and hurt feelings.

What's hard to comprehend about this is the lack of civil communication. People are divided on issues based solely on misunderstandings, without working through them.

They might not agree with each other, but they should at least present their views to the other side before making public complaints.

This breakdown in communication needs to be built up quickly. Our student government needs to work together if they are to be taken seriously. If they're busy fighting, there won't be time to address issues that have implications beyond internal political conflicts.

AS's response to racism charges and Snow's resignation

What is going on with AS? Did they discriminate? Is someone getting impeached? All of these questions and many more have been floating around campus recently. Unfortunately, these questions cannot be answered with a simple yes or no.

The claims of racism were brought to AS after an appointee was denied the position she was seeking.

This incident was interpreted as an act of unintentional racism by the appointee and by many others, and while some people on campus may argue to the contrary, it was quite clear how the woman felt about it, which is all that really matters.

Although she was appointed to her desired position in a subsequent meeting, it is obvious how tokenization of an individual can lead to tragedy, and we are aware of how easily this can happen in our society as a whole, and in our own operations as well.

This issue has been a very sensitive one for all members of AS, and has not been one that is easily resolved.

Those of you who are reading this, hoping for a straightforward yes or no answer might be disappointed because we are still resolving this issue. A group mediation session, designed for the Associated Students to come to a

common understanding on this event and others that lead up to it, has already taken place.

There are more sessions planned for the future as well, as many as it takes to resolve the issue. For those who are seeking more concrete answers and/or a chance to discuss this matter and similar ones, AS is hosting an event during the Dialogue on Race, which runs from November 1-9. More information will be announced soon.

The next item making its grind in the rumor mill is the news of an impeachment that was brought forward to an AS member.

Before going any further, let me make it clear that the articles of impeachment that were brought against AS President Tony Snow are only partially related to the previously mentioned appointment.

Some members of both the representative council and the executive council feel as if Snow had violated portions of the AS governmental code, primarily concerning attendance and communication.

To avoid drawing out the process any more than necessary, Tony Snow has decided to resign and spend time pursuing progressive school changes outside of AS.

According to our governmental code, Vice President of Administrative Affairs, Crystal Chaney will take over effective immediately.

We would like to thank the student body for its patience as we work to resolve these issues. Throughout this ordeal, our goals remain the same: to be the voice of the student body and provide programs for the student body to participate in.

Although our attention may have been divided as of late, we are still addressing your concerns, such as making the work that AS does more accessible to the public and implementing new ways to make the administration hear us.

Please assist us in these efforts by visiting us on the Web at www.humboldt.edu/~hsuas/ and adding remarks to our Feedback box.

For those of you who wish to have more detail about the recent happenings within AS, I encourage you to come visit me in AS during my office hours (T and Th 2:00-3:00) or e-mail me at copyrite@gmail.com

Sincerely,
Emil Rodriguez
PR Coordinator
Associated Students

The Lumberjack

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With local and national elections approaching, we at the Lumberjack are encouraging community members to submit columns or letters on

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Voting rights at stake?

One voter's break-down of the race for Secretary of State

Jon Koriagin
Guest Columnist

To careful observers of national and state politics, clearly the most important race in California this election season is the contest for Secretary of State.

Against a backdrop of electoral malfeasance and malfunctioning voting machines, the current appointed (a word that should grate on any progressive's nerves at this point), Secretary of State, Bruce McPherson has squared off against crusading election reformist Debra Bowen.

McPherson, for his part, has proven himself to be a classic king Bush-style crony.

He has shown little or no respect for our electoral process, certifying highly vulnerable and easy-to-hack voting machines by the notorious Diebold Corporation, machines which leading computer scientists (from Princeton, Johns Hopkins, Brennan Center for Justice) have accused of containing the worst security flaws ever discovered.

Yet, McPherson has allowed

these vulnerable machines to be taken home with poll workers in "sleepovers" before the election, even though experts say they can be opened with a motel mini-bar key and reprogrammed in a few minutes.

Diebold central tabulators, designed for counting county-wide votes marked on Scantrons, which acquire their data from precincts via good-old fashioned modem, can be hacked into and tampered with without detection.

Further, the appointed Secretary of State set up a voter registration system that rejected the voter applications of 43 percent of the new registrants in LA County and 26 percent statewide earlier this year.

He established his undemocratic "exact voter ID match" system in collusion with the Bush justice department.

In addition, he told the Bakersfield press that the pilloried Kern County primary election, where more than 500 voters were turned away at the polls, was "fair" and

said no one was disenfranchised.

In stark contrast, his opponent Debra Bowen has been a champion of our democratic right to vote. As chair of the State Senate Elections Committee, she investigated McPherson's exact match system and exposed its flaws.

She has written numerous laws to protect voters, including SB 370, which mandates that the voting machines' paper trail must be used for audits and recounts. Amazingly, McPherson urged the Governor to veto this law.

Community pressure won, and we now have this important protection.

Those citizens in the know would be well advised to spread the word about Bowen, lest their democracy, not just at the national level but also here in California, slip between their fingers

Jon Koriagin
Arcata
Post-Grad Studies
Computer Science

Letters to Editor

Issues with Proposition 85

Dear Editor,

I find it interesting how quickly we, as adults, forget how incredibly hard it is to talk openly with our parents or guardians, especially talking to them about anything that resembles the "taboo" and "deviant" experience of sex.

Some of us grew up in households where communication flowed openly and easily, however, for the majority of us this was not the case.

Nor is it the case for teens today, especially those who suffer from abuse, whether it be emotional, physical, or sexual.

This is where the dangers of voting for proposition 85 come into play. If teenage girls (teen males are exempt from this proposition) are required to notify the same adults that they are unable to talk openly with or those who abuse them, the choice for safe medical attention is extremely limited.

Are we, as concerned parents for the safety of young adults, ready to handle the extreme harms that most certainly will come to fruition if teens are unable to seek out their own reproductive care?

Think back to the scary reality of back-alley abortions and the increased number of suicides that American society experienced

before the right of reproductive freedom was acknowledged by the United States government.

By taking away those rights for teens, are we telling them we do not care what happens to them?

No legislation can force the channels of communication to open among parents, guardians and teens.

This proposition is not just about the same old abortion issue. It is about teen safety and reproductive freedom for all.

Voting no on prop 85 is one step to keep the safety of our young adults, women and men in the forefront of our minds.

This is not a proposition for one group of people in our society, it is a step for ensuring freedom for all individuals regardless of gender or age.

Stephanie Petersen
Senior
Communications

Dear Editor,

It's nice that the Arkleys feel so righteous about donating \$137,000 towards the passage of Proposition 85. They say they are doing it for their children.

How lovely. But what about the many vulnerable girls who don't enjoy the privilege of an understanding family? I guess those children aren't important to the Arkleys.

Proposition 85 looks good on the surface. It mandates that a teenage girl cannot receive an abortion until her parents have been notified.

If Proposition 85 passes, girls from abusive families and girls who have been victims of incest risk being beaten up or worse if their parents are notified.

Prop 85 states that these teens

have the option of getting a judicial bypass.

But how many adults know how to go through the court system in order to obtain a bypass from a judge?

How can we expect vulnerable traumatized teens to do so? No, instead these scared girls may turn to more drastic measures in an attempt to terminate their pregnancy. These girls don't need a judge, they need counseling.

California voters already rejected an almost identical proposition last year. Unbelievably, anti-choice advocates have put forward this new proposition. Please join me in voting no again on Proposition 85.

Sarah O'Leary
Junior
Interdisciplinary Studies

Dear Editor,

Since Election Day is coming up, I think it is necessary to bring up a very important proposition on November's ballot.

Proposition 85 is similar to last November's Prop 73, with one small amendment.

In Proposition 73, abortion was defined as "death of an unborn child, a child conceived, but not yet born," Proposition 85 has excluded this definition.

In my opinion, this proposition should not be passed. It seems to be an attempt by the government to mandate family communication

If family communication is to be protected at all, it must come first, before a crisis occurs.

Many teenagers that do not tell their parents about something as important as an unexpected pregnancy belong to abusive, or potentially abusive families.

If this proposition is really about protecting the teens as it claims to be, it should start with family communication as a whole, not the subject of abortion.

Another thing that strikes me about this proposition is that it is a way of chipping

away at women's rights, and people's rights on the whole.

The California Medical Association opposes Prop 85 because they believe it will have negative effects on teen safety.

Fewer abortions will be performed legally, assuring that "under the table" tactics will ensue.

Proposition 85 is not good for teen safety and chips away at a woman's right to choose. Get out and vote!

DruAnne Watson
Freshman
Undeclared

CALENDAR

4 Wednesday

HSU Club. Latinos Unidos unites different cultures. 6 p.m. Goodwin Forum, Nelson Hall East, HSU.

HSU Club. History Club. 4 p.m. Founders Hall 236, HSU.

Live Music. Brand Nubian, performs "legendary" hip hop. 9 p.m. Mazzotti's, Arcata. \$15. \$12 pre-sale at The Metro. Autograph signing at 5 p.m. at The Metro. Contact 822-1900.

Center Arts. Enjoy rock and bluegrass by social activist Steve Earle and guest. 8 p.m. Van Duzer Theatre. \$25 students, \$35 general. Available at University Ticket Office, The Metro and the Works. Contact 826-3928.

Lecture. Careers and trends in the banking industry. 4:30 - 5:50 p.m. Wildlife Bdg. 258, HSU.

Photo Storytelling. "Violent Photorrhea." 7 p.m. Goodwin Forum, Nelson Hall East, HSU.

5 Thursday

Guantanamo Event. Attend a nationwide teach-in on the detention center at Guantanamo Bay. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Kate Buchanan Room, HSU. Or 5-7 p.m. Science B 135, HSU.

Orientation Meeting. Credential program orientation for single-subject, secondary education teachers. 5-6 p.m. Founders Hall 125, HSU.

Cannabis Film. Sneek preview of documentary, "Dispensing Cannabis: The California Story." 6 p.m. Minor Theatre, Arcata.

Guest Lecture. First U.S. Foreign Officer to resign in protest of Iraq War, John Brady Kiesling, speaks. 7 p.m. Kate Buchanan Room, HSU. Free.

Center Arts. Emmylou Harris performs. 8 p.m. Van Duzer Theatre. \$55 students, \$65 general. Available at University Ticket Office, The Metro and the Works. Contact 826-3928.

6 Friday

Biology Grads Present. Biology students share the impacts of timber harvest discovered through studying amphibians. 3 p.m. Science B 135, HSU.

Campus Concert. AS brings Fall Harvest Festival Day Two, with roots music by Alejandro Escovedo, Cajun music by The Pine Leaf Boys and neo-folk by Brightblack Morning Light. 4-8 p.m. University Quad, HSU.

CCAT Presents. Monthly potluck and music. 7 p.m. Jenkins House 99, HSU. Contact www.humboldt.edu~ccat.

Asian Moon Festival. Celebrate Asian cultures with stories, skits and a slice of moon cake. 7-9 p.m. Kate Buchanan Room, HSU. Contact 826-3364.

AS Film Fest. Watch "Weird Science." 8:30 p.m. Goodwin Forum, NHE, HSU. \$3 donation.

Games. Play Capture the Flag and more. 9 p.m. Quad, HSU.

7 Saturday

Bike Ride. Join the "Discovery Ride" through Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park with no cars. Meet at 8 a.m. for 30-mile ride, or 10 a.m. for 10-mile ride. Take Hwy. 101 N. 8-miles past Orick, exit Newton Drury Scenic Parkway. \$30. Available at Arcata bike stores. Contact 488-2169.

Alumni Jazz Concert. The Midnight Jazz-tet is HSU jazz alumni, led by Professor Cline. The Jazz-tet perform blues, swing, funk and more. 8 p.m. Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU. \$3 students/seniors, \$8 general. Available at University Ticket Office. Contact 826-0685.

Fire Dept. Run. Join Arcata's Fire Dept. at the firehouse and jog to the Arcata Forest. 5 K meets at 10 a.m., 2-mile meets at 10:15 a.m. Contact 822-3136.

Pastels on the Plaza. Art. Contact www.ncsheadstart.org.

8 Sunday

Faculty Artist Concert. Enjoy classical music in honor of Robert Schumann. 8 p.m. Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU. \$3 students/seniors, \$8 general. Available at University Ticket Office.

215 Cafe Benefit. Nucleus and more perform. 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Six Rivers Masonic Lodge, 251 Bayside Road, Arcata.

HSU Club. Lindy Hop Club has swing lessons and more. 3-5 p.m. Forbes Complex 126, HSU. Contact lindyhop@humboldt.edu.

9 Monday

Cultural Event. Attend a rally and hear speakers and singing in celebration of the 11th annual Indigenous Peoples' Week. 12-1 p.m. University Quad, HSU.

Culture Conscious. Attend the lecture "Working Things Out," to understand issues and developments among the Indian Dispute Resolution Service. 12-2 p.m. South Lounge, HSU.

Guest Lecture. Learn the Karuk perspective about issues on the Klamath River. 2-4 p.m. Goodwin Forum, Nelson Hall East, HSU.

Special Tribute. Video and discussion about the profound influential Native scholar, activist and lawyer, Vine Deloria. 4-5:30 p.m. Goodwin Forum, Nelson Hall East, HSU.

10 Tuesday

Movie Night. The Geography Society brings the double feature surf films, "Endless Summer" I and II. 6 p.m. Founders Hall 118, HSU.

Keynote Speaker. Hear from Evon Peter, Executive Director of the Native Movement Organization, and former chief of an Alaskan village, leading the fight against drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. 12-3 p.m. Kate Buchanan Room, HSU.

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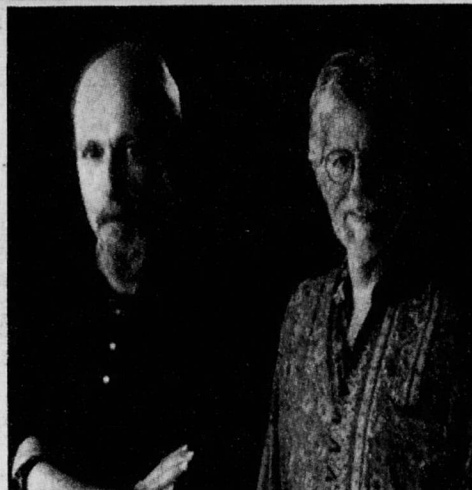
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